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Contest...

Alexander Farkas, winner of the 1959 Music Contest will perform at the College Thursday. The piano concert will take place in Aronow Auditorium at 8:40 PM. The admission is \$1; tickets are available in Room 152 Finley.

Fulton Lewis III To Speak Today

Fulton Lewis III, a former investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), will debate Mr. Stanley Feingold (Political Science) at the College today, immediately following a repeat presentation of the film "Operation Abolition."

The program will begin at 4 PM in Room 217 Finley.

Mr. Lewis was invited to speak to the College by the Finley Center Board of Managers. Bernie Becker, Chairman of the Board of Managers, said Friday that although Mr. Lewis is no longer with HUAC, "He is the foremost exponent of the committee. It would be interesting to have him here," he added.

After the film Mr. Feingold will debate with Mr. Lewis on the merits of the existence of HUAC. Following the debate there will be a question and answer period. Mr. Lewis has requested that there be ample time left for this part of the program.

City Univ. Created By Legislature In Closing Hours of 1961 Session

No Funds Allotted For PhD Study

While the establishment of a City University has met with approval, criticism has been voiced over the exclusion of funds to put it into effect.

The graduate program of the City University will not be able to start until funds are allocated by the State legislature at its session next year.

Money Needed

"There are definite plans for the PhD program in the School of Liberal arts and Science," said Dean Morton Gottschall. "We will be able to start a graduate program as soon as we have the funds," he said.

Dean William Allen (Technology), said that the school of Engineering would be able to start a PhD program in September. However, "It takes money," he said, "and the program cannot be started without it."

"The State Legislature did not appropriate any funds for the university in the bill which created it," said President Buell G. Gallagher.



President Buell G. Gallagher Tuition Improbable

"Graduate work will start when we get the money," he said yesterday.

"We requested three million dollars in order to initiate the graduate program next September, but no money was appropriated," he said.

"We can't do anything" without money, he added.

"It is a magnificent thing," said State Assembler Bentley Kasal the availability of professional schools at the City colleges is a "real giant step forward," he said.

Univ. Is Autonomous; Has Final Say

A bill authorizing the formation of a City University was unanimously passed by the State Legislature Friday.

University status will go into effect immediately upon receiving Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's signature. The bill is one of 1196 others awaiting action in the Governor's office while he is vacationing in Puerto Rico.

The City University will be comprised of the four municipal colleges and the four two year community colleges. Each college will maintain its autonomy. However the graduate programs of the schools will be coordinated. Dr. John R. Everett, who is now Chancellor of the Municipal Colleges will become Chancellor of the City University.

Master Plan

The bill provides for the Board of Higher Education to submit a master plan with the Board of Regents every four years.

The City University will be autonomous and not subject to control by the State University. The master plan will be submitted to the Trustees of the State University for their recommendations but final authority rests with the Board of Regents.

The graduate program will not be instituted next semester due to the fact that funds were not provided in the bill.

There will be no change from the present financial arrangement.

The University will receive its monies through the State University Trustees.

President Buell G. Gallagher discounted the probability that a tuition fee on the undergraduate level at the University. Tuition has been made a possibility by a bill passed by the legislature authorizing the Board of Higher Education (BHE) to institute tuition. "There is no reason to worry about tuition in the day session," Dr. Gallagher said.

There will be a tuition charge in the graduate and evening school divisions of the University.

"It is extremely heartening," said Gustave G. Rosenberg, BHE Chairman, "that Gov. Rockefeller and the Senators and Assemblymen who represent the people of the state have seen eye to eye with the Board of Higher Education and with Mayor Wagner; that in the public interest of the people of the city and state, increased opportunity for advanced training must be available."

"It is in the tradition of New York City's public colleges which have met needs of the public for higher education for more than a 100 years, that again they will help meet the social need for highly trained people."

Students Call Themselves Liberal; Show Wide Divergence of Opinion

By GRACE FISCHER and LENA HAHN

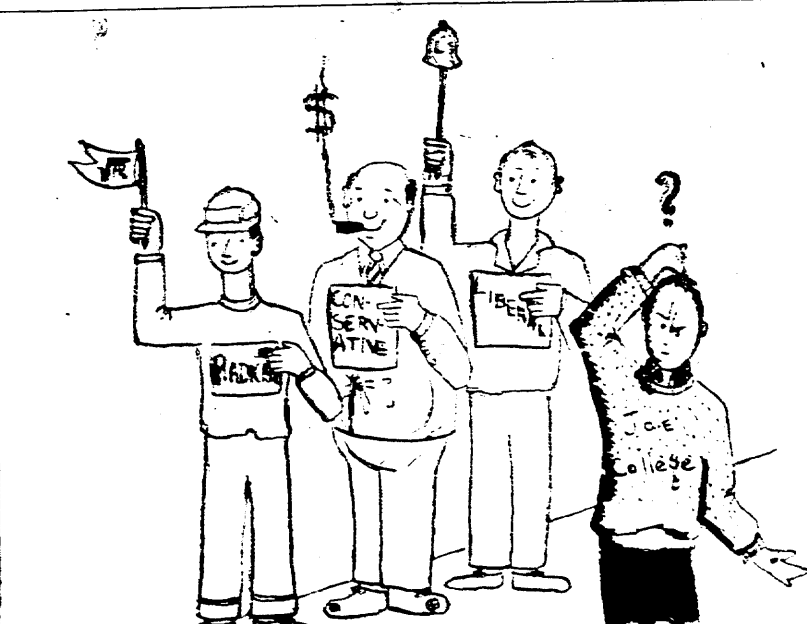
The vast majority of the College's student body calls itself 'liberal' but when it comes down to specific issues, its views run the gamut from conservative to radical, an Observation Post survey revealed last week.

Approximately three percent of the students enrolled in the three major schools at the College; Liberal Arts, Science, and Technology, and four percent of those working towards an Education degree, were called by OP.

The survey revealed that 72% of those questioned consider themselves liberal, 19% conservative and 9% radical. Nearly 80% called the student body at the College more liberal than the United States as a whole.

Results on specific issues are the following:

- The present US policy of non-recognition of Red China was attacked 121-113.
- Abolition of HUAC was rejected 132-107.
- Active participation by the college's student body in anti-segregation demonstrations was favored 140-92.
- Permitting avowed Communists to teach on the college level was opposed 140-92. However the



Joe College, unsure of his place in the world, finds it difficult to decide political role.

School of Liberal Arts and Science members favored this measure. Forbidding Nazi Party Leader George Rockwell to speak in a public place was opposed 141-104. Technology students differed from the majority on this question. (Continued On Page 3)

Aptheker, Rosenberg Dispute Validity Of Marxist Concepts

By BETSY PILAT

A Marxist historian and a lecturer at the College clashed Thursday over the application of Marxist theory in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Herbert Aptheker, a Marxist scholar and Mr. Norman Rosenberg (Political Science) debated on the topic: "Is the Marxist concept of freedom valid in our time?" to an overflow crowd in Room 217 Finley.

Dr. Aptheker said that "the Marxist accepts a socio-economic concept of freedom which seeks to transform ownership of production to effective use."

"Power is not evil in itself. Freedom in a classless society like the Soviet Union is based on knowledge and the ability to use power," Dr. Aptheker asserted.

Mr. Rosenberg characterized "the dialectical process taking place" in the Soviet Union as a "synthesis of Ivan the Terrible

with the technical defects of capitalism."

"Can you imagine the merger of Du Pont and other corporations in the United States?" he queried. This would be analogous to the Soviet state today, he said.

Mr. Rosenberg added that he believed "power to be necessary but not sufficient for freedom. Concentration of power carried to omnipotence means not emancipation but enslavement of man," he said.

Dr. Aptheker noted that lack of individual freedom is among "the four great objections to Marxism" which have been largely invalidated.

"There is a sound economy in the Soviet Union and people don't (Continued On Page 3)

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BARBARA RABINOWITZ
Editor-in-Chief

The Empire State?

New York State's record on higher education is, to say the least, unadmirable. New York is one of the many highly industrialized northeastern states which can best afford low tuition and no tuition public higher education, but which is giving of it least, and relying most on high tuition private institutions.

Here are some embarrassing facts about New York State:

In 1959, New York State was one of the five states which spent the least per capita on higher education. (New York State has the fourth highest per capita income in the country.)

In terms of the percentage of total state education expenditures given to higher education, the five least generous included New York State. (Fiftieth on the list).

In terms of the percentage of personal income given over to state expenditures for higher education, New York State was again among the lowest five.

The battle for a satisfactory system of higher education is not yet won, as evidenced by the confusion in the 1961 New York Legislature over what to do about the embarrassing fiftieth rank in higher education expenditures.

It appears that for every advancing step, there were two steps back.

On the credit side, for the first time there was a start toward full recognition of the future challenge of higher education.

The scholar incentive program will undoubtedly be beneficial in financing student education and represents perhaps the most thorough and advanced scholarship assistance program in the world.

However, its effect will not be to ease student financial burdens, but to counteract rising tuition costs.

The authorization of the formation of a City University was obtained only after a clause maintaining gratuitous undergraduate education was deleted.

While the number of Regents scholarships was increased from 7,100 to 17,000, the science and engineering scholarships were abolished.

Both the State University and the Board of Higher Education were authorized to institute a tuition fee if they so wish—a clear violation of the democratic principles on which these institutions were founded.

Perhaps one of the most useful pieces of legislation passed was the bill increasing the student loan maximum and lowering the rate of interest, for more students are now going to need loans.

By coincidence, the motto of the State University of New York is "Let each become all that he is capable of being." It does not add "If he has the money."

It may do well to remind our legislators that higher education for all is indispensable to a democracy. Like the vote, education must be free and universal, for without either of these features, the other is meaningless.

Watch and Beware

A return engagement of "Operation Abolition" will be played at the College today. We trust the film is not being re-shown because of its qualities, but precisely because of an outstanding lack of quality.

It is important that as many students as possible see this perversion of history. It provides the best possible commentary on the morality and value of the group which supervised its production—the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

We hope that many of those who, in the OPoll printed in this issue, expressed themselves against the abolition of HUAC will take this opportunity to see the Committee, and one of its champions in action.

We only request that those who attend the showing watch and question with intelligence. The results cannot prove beneficial to the Committee.

Letters

HUAC

Dear Editor:

I must take issue with Professor Yervant H. Krikorian and the American Civil Liberties Union concerning their desire to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. According to the March 22, 1961 issue of the *Observation Post* Professor Krikorian said that the House Un-American Activities Committee is operating under an exaggerated claim of the Communist danger in the United States. To fully realize the Communist threat to our way of life I suggest Professor Krikorian read the many speeches of the Communist leaders (both past and present leaders), or delve into the Communist dogma, or just look at Eastern Europe. I suggest that he read any of the following House Un-American Activities Committee publications: Soviet Total War, Communist Economic Warfare, Communist Target-Youth, The Ideology of Freedom versus The Ideology of Communism, Languages as a Communist Weapon, and countless others. All these publications are available from the Committee for the asking.

I must, however, agree with Professor Krikorian that the Committee has, during the performance of its duties, committed several miscarriages of justice, and has at times overstepped its bounds. But, the answer to the problem is not the abolition of the Committee. Rather, the solution is to control its sphere of activity and influence so that it can both continue to uproot those persons whose sole purpose is to overthrow our government, and yet not infringe on individual liberty. While the Committee has committed errors it has done so in attempting to protect us and our way of life. Let us not cut off our nose to spite our face. By closing the door on the House Un-American Activities Committee we will be opening the back door to Communist subversion and aggression. Let us both protect ourselves from within and without.

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DeGaulle Termed France's Saviour

"France today is a dictatorship without a dictator," Professor Emeritus J. Salwyn Schapiro (History) told 125 students here Thursday.

Prof. Schapiro, a specialist in French history, spoke on "France's Multiple Party System Reconsidered," before the History Society in Room 165 Wagner.

"DeGaulle is regarded as a saviour by the French people," Prof. Schapiro pointed out. "Ever since May 13, 1958, the day the French army revolted in Algeria, the multiple party system has not existed in France."

"France's current Parliament is unlike any other in the country's history in that it does not contain representatives of many different parties," the professor went on. "Today there are only the Social Democrats and Christian Democrats, and of course, also the Communists, but they are all rendered insignificant by DeGaulle's personal power."

"Perseus"...

A program of monologues and a one-act play will be presented at the College today. It will include "Perseus," "Silent Monologue for Lefty," and "Helen." The presentation will take place in the Grand Ballroom at 4 PM.

The actors are students from the College who have been performing in an off-Broadway theater for the past ten weeks. They will include in the program some 'instant theater.'



On Campus with Max Shulman

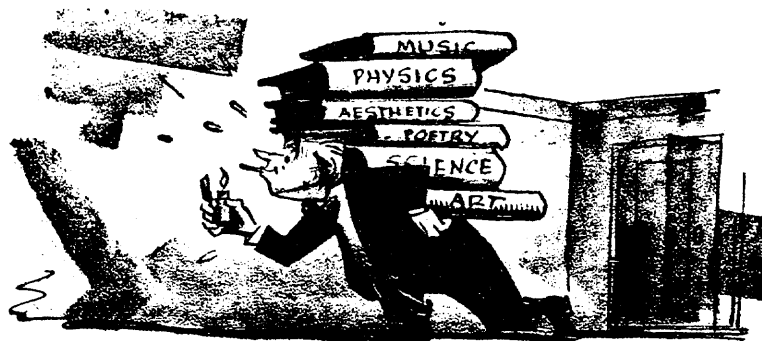
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf", "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.)

I WAS A TEEN-AGE SLIDE RULE

In a recent learned journal (*Mud*) the distinguished board chairman (Ralph "Hot-Lips" Sigafos) of one of our most important American corporations (the Art Mechanical Dog Co.) wrote a trenchant article in which he pinpointed our gravest national problem: the lack of culture among science graduates.

Mr. Sigafos's article, it must be emphasized, was in no sense derogatory. He stated quite clearly that the science student, what with his gruelling curriculum in physics, math, and chemistry, can hardly be expected to find time to study the arts too. What Mr. Sigafos deplores—indeed, what we all deplore—is the lopsided result of today's science courses: graduates who can build a bridge but can't compose a concerto, who know Planck's Constant but not Botticelli's Venus, who are familiar with Fraunhofer's lines but not with Schiller's.

Mr. Sigafos can find no solution to this hideous imbalance. I, however, believe there is one—and a very simple one. It is this: if students of science don't have time to come to the arts, then we must let the arts come to students of science.



He will know that he is a fulfilled man...

For example, it would be a very easy thing to teach *poetry* and *music* right along with *physics*. Students, instead of merely being called upon to recite in physics class, would instead be required to rhyme their answers and set them to familiar tunes—like, for instance, *The Colonel Bogey March*. Thus recitations would not only be chock-full of important facts but would, at the same time, expose the student to the aesthetic delights of great music. Here, try it yourself. You all know *The Colonel Bogey March*. Come, sing along with me:

Physics
Is what we learn in class.
Einstein
Said energy is mass.
Newton
Is highfalutin
And Pascal's aascal. So's Boyle.

Do you see how much more broadening, how much more uplifting to learn physics this way? Of course you do. What? You want another chorus? By all means:

Legden
He made the Legden jar.
Trolley
He made the Trolley car.
Curie
Rode in a surrey,
And Diesel's a diesel. So's Boyle.

Once the student has mastered *The Colonel Bogey March*, he can go on to more complicated melodies like *Death and Transfiguration*, the *Euler*, and *Lucy M. Tunder*.

And when the student, loaded with science and culture, leaves the classroom and lights his Marlboro, how much more he will enjoy that filter, that flavor, that pack or box! Because there will no longer be an uneasy gnawing at his soul, no longer a little voice within him repeating that he is culturally a dolt. He will know—know joyously—that he is a fulfilled man, a whole man, and he will bask and revel in the pleasure of his Marlboro as a colt rolls in new grass—content, complete, truly educated—a credit to his college, to himself, and to his tobaccoist!

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And while he is rolling, colt-irise, in the new grass, perhaps he would stop long enough to try a new cigarette from the makers of Marlboro—unfiltered, king-size Philip Morris Commander. Welcome aboard!

Poll....

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Specialized medicine for the and nuclear disarmament were favored by the students surveyed by votes of 151-86, and 156- respectively. (Differences in total number of votes are due to omissions by some students on some questions.)

Following college student governments to represent their studies on national and international questions was supported by a margin of 124-119.



Students from the College march demonstrating desire for civil rights.

A vital draw that resulted in students were queried as to calm in which student governments are justified to act indicates a definite hesitancy to delegate responsibility to undergraduate legislators.

Sampling of Student Council members, on the other hand, showed two to one endorsement of the to allow SG's to voice student opinion on out-of-school issues.

was not the only point on SC and the College's student disagreed. SC favored the of HUAC nine to one. recently passed a resolution

by a 17-2-0 vote urging the abolition of the Congressional Committee. In past terms SC has also endorsed the picketing of business firms that segregate in the South.

Stands on the several questions by members of SC corresponded most closely to those taken by Liberal Arts students. The positions of students in the schools of Education and Technology also correlated closely.

It is evident from the random sampling of students at the College that those who think of themselves as either liberals, conservatives or radicals do not hold

sistent opinions.

For instance, the fifteen self-styled conservatives in the School of Liberal Arts took diverse stands on all the questions, except three.

Twelve 'conservatives' took negative positions concerning socialized medicine and permitting SG's to speak on off campus issues, thirteen agreed with the present US policy of non-recognition of Red China. However, on all three questions at least as many 'liberals' agreed with the 'conservative' view.

It is interesting to note that more than half of the Liberal Arts 'conservatives' supported the abolition of HUAC.

Rosenberg...

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suffer from poor motivation. It has a high scientific and cultural level, and there has been no loss of national feeling," he said.

As for the fourth objection, "individual freedom does need intense investigation, and is in the process of being fully vindicated," Dr. Aptheker added.

Mr. Rosenberg declared that "Soviet unfreedom is not an accident.

"It follows as a necessary and predictable flaw in the socialist edifice of class transformation."

"The men who achieve power are themselves products of corrupt capitalistic institutions, and are subject to its defects," he declared.

"It is the classic vicious circle: to change corrupt institutions there must be virtuous men; but virtuous men arise from virtuous institutions," Mr. Rosenberg said.

"In my writings," Dr. Aptheker returned, "I have urged that limitation of state power be institutionalized. But Mr. Rosenberg has exaggerated the Soviet Union's failure to achieve greater individual freedom."

"The Soviet Union must be considered historically," continued Dr. Aptheker. Since 1919, it has not been free from war nor the threat of war, and the reality of a hostile and belligerent world. Like Great Britain or France or Latin America, the problems of consolidation are clear," Dr. Aptheker rejoined.

"And the vicious circle conundrum can be undercut," he added. "While oppression produces victimization, it does not produce a victim. Instead, courage and conviction arise, from John Brown to Nicolai Lenin to Fidel Castro."

Dr. Aptheker said after the debate that there were "large areas where Mr. Rosenberg and I agree. Although I don't know how happy he is about this announcement."

Disobedience...



A heated discussion of civil disobedience was interrupted by the voice of the law in the South Campus Cafeteria Friday.

A Burns Guard approached the group of six people which included SG President Bob Saginaw, SG Vice-President Ron Sturman, and SC Representative Bernie Becker. "He reminded us about the rule limiting four people to a table from 11 AM to 2 PM," Saginaw explained, "and he said that some of us would have to leave."

Saginaw and the Dean met with President Buell G. Gallagher and the College's Business Manager, Aaron Zweifach, yesterday and requested them to review the regulations and change them "so they [the regulations] will have some sense," Saginaw added.

Study of Cafeteria Changes Approved by Business Mgr.

By TIM BROWN

Mr. Aaron Zweifach, Business Manager of the College, said Thursday that he had "no objection" to exploring the possibility of establishing, on an experimental basis, changes in Cafeteria policy, recommended to him by the Student-Faculty Cafeteria Committee (SFCC).

- The changes include:
- The installation of clear plastic covers over the steam table containers.
 - The installation of tray racks

in the west wing of the South Campus Cafeteria.

- The installation of ash trays and condiments on every table in the North Campus Cafeteria.
- The installation of signs to read: "The Management welcomes your comments. Please report all complaints promptly."

Mr. Zweifach also said that the Committee's request that he order the management to refrain from using bottom round roast as roast beef had already been carried out, and that "the order has been implemented to the best of my knowledge."

An SFCC request, made last week for a policy statement from the Cafeteria management, and the establishment of a committee to verify the accuracy of this statement, was rejected in part by Mr. Zweifach.

In stating his opposition to the establishment of the investigating committee, Mr. Zweifach said: "The intent of this Committee [SFCC] is to be advisory. This would be interfering with the operation of the Cafeteria."

In response to a Committee request to have a minimum of four choices of main dishes each day, Mr. Zweifach said that he would try to increase the variety, but could not guarantee a minimum of four.

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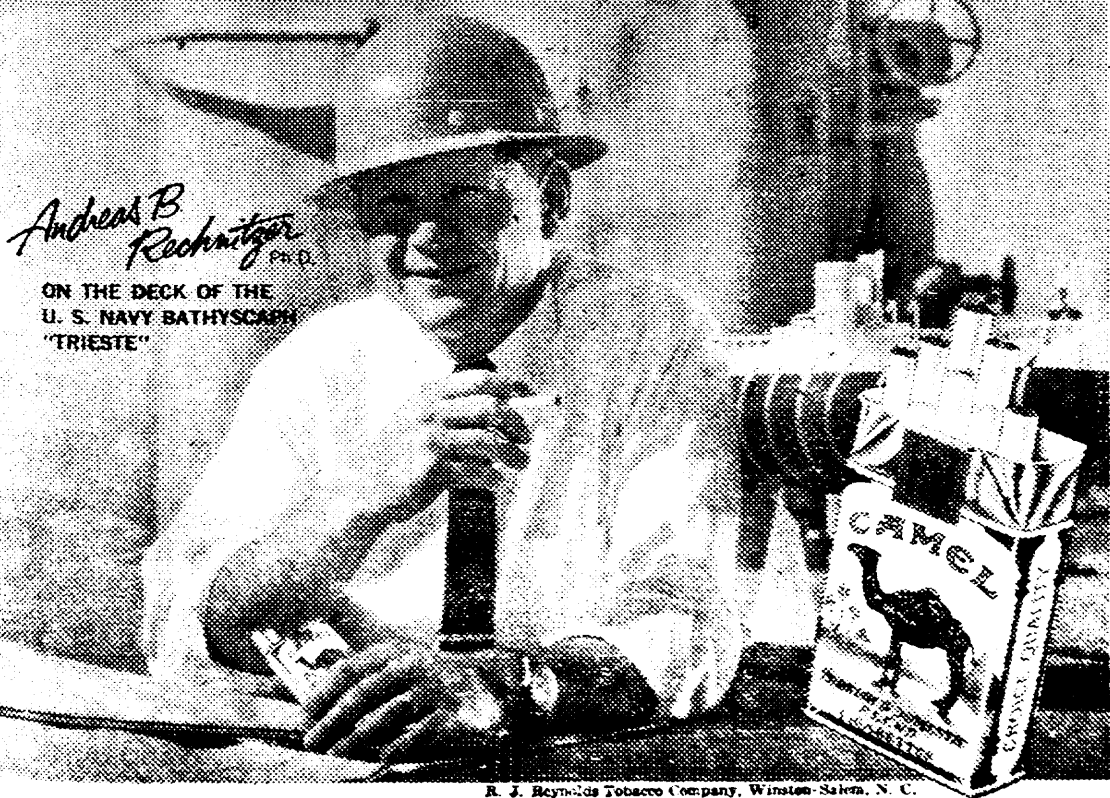
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Two Sophomore Parriers in NCAA, But Senior Foilsman Steals Spotlight

By PAUL ASEN

All was neither rich ore nor fools gold for the College's parriers in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships which were held over the weekend at Princeton University.

The Beavers placed thirteenth in a field of thirty-one national powers. NYU's defending national champions, swept the two-day event with Princeton second and Columbia third.

Coach Edward Lucia derived a good deal of consolation from a superlative performance by foilsman Jerry Mouldovan. The senior campaigner, competing for the final time as a Beaver, won twenty of twenty-seven bouts and tied for seventh place. The first six finishers in each event earn All-American ratings.

Sabreman Ray Fields, who qualified for the finals last week in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships by winning eight of ten preliminary bouts, copped fourteen of twenty-seven matches at Princeton. The potent sophomore was considered the fencers' leading aspiration for All-American honors.

In the epee competition Coach Lucia sacrificed experience and past performances for potential when he selected giant sophomore Bernie Eichenbaum. Eichenbaum, who exhibited vast potential, finished below .500, winning thirteen of thirty bouts.

The Lavender total of forty-seven points equalled Notre Dame's score and was one point shy of the twelfth-place Air Force Academy.

The NCAA results proved two things conclusively—NYU is undisputedly the nation's outstanding fencing aggregation, and the College's fencing team has the most difficult schedule in the land.

The Violets placed first in every event, totaled an unbelievable seventy-nine points out of a possible eighty-six, and left two members of last year's championship team at home.

NYU's win marked the first time in the tournament's history that a team has won the three-weapon title for two successive years.

Herb Cohen was 28-1 in the foil competition losing only to Jan Gray of VMI while teammate Jerry Halpern won twenty-eight of his thirty epee bouts. Israel Colon brought up the rear with a fine



Coach Edward Lucia
Only Tough Foes

23-4 sabre performance.

The Beaver schedule this season was undoubtedly the nation's roughest. The first four finishers in the NCAA tournament and seven of the first ten were Lavender rivals. Perhaps next year Coach Lucia will sign the others up.

The Lavender triumphed over eighth-place Harvard twice during the season, but the Crimson made a powerful showing in Tigertown because only three fencers from each squad were used.

The Beavers completed their season several weeks ago with a disappointing 3-6 record, but Coach Lucia's theory of experience seems to have paid dividends.

Lucia knew the season looked bleak from the start. Now at least he knows it served a purpose.

Freshman Track...

New freshman-track coach Al Paullay is seeking candidates for the outdoor season slated to get under way in two weeks. He feels that everyone should "at least give it a try."

Paullay is especially seeking men for the field events. His is that any boy who is about 5-10 and weighs in the neighborhood of 185 pounds can be trained for the field events.

Riflers Shoot 1145—But What's Next?

The College's rifle team posted an 1145—of a possible total—at Kings Point's National Championship Shoot Saturday and now the pressure is all on them, but they have to take it sitting down.

Their 1145 was good enough to win their own sectional, but the scores from the rest of the country have yet to come in.

The national champion is determined largely on the basis of the showing made in the sectionals around the country, and it is possible for a virtual unknown to suddenly get hot and take it all. Oregon State surprised by winning last year, with West Virginia second.

The College's marksmen were third last year, and again will

have to contend with us as well as the usual potent

Bernie Renois paced the B 1448 showing—best of the with a brilliant 295 total. Hirth had a 291 and Don 290.

At Kings Point all slipped. But Renois still managed. Nunns 289, and Hirth 288. Picunko rounded out the four-man entry with a 280.

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