Latin American Studies Center Set Up; Dr. Benitez Lauds American 'Socialism'

Benitez Addresses Celebration

By MICHAEL GERSHLOWITZ

Latin America can wait no longer for a social revolution to align it more closely with the welfare measures of the United States, Dr. Jaime Benitez said yesterday in his Charter Day address.

The Chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico declared that this country already practices some of the most advanced socialism in the non-Marxist sense of the world.

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By BARBARA SCHWARTZBAUM

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Benitez' statement was made during a round-table discussion with student leaders and members of the College's Administration.

End To Hispanic Controversy Seen In New Program

By VIVIAN NEUMANN

The College's solution to the year-old Hispanic-Romance Languages controversy was presented yesterday when President Gallagher announced the creation of a Center For Latin American Studies at the Charter Day ceremony.

The Center, which is to be coordinated by Professor Jose Maria Chavez (Rom. Lang.) will be, according to Dr. Gallagher, "the liaison point for all relations between the Latin American University world and the centers of higher learning on the one hand, and the City College in the other hand.

Rector Denies Ban on Student Govt.

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'Calls For Reform'

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After the pomp and ceremony in the Great Hall was over yesterday, students and faculty members headed for the South Campus Lawn and some old-fashioned fun.

The center of the Lawn activity was a senior-faculty softball contest which had more color and enthusiasm than a Met game at the Polo Grounds.

Concessionaires wandered about the sidelines selling popcorn, soda, cake and other edibles for the benefit of the World University Service.

From Placards To Pitches

Softball

Seventy-five students here commemorated the College's founding on a picket line protesting Dr. Benitez appearance at the Charter Day ceremony.

The protest action was initiated to draw attention to Dr. Benitez' fifteen-year ban on student government and political activity at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), where he is Chancellor.

Pickets

Pres. Buell G. Gallagher

Center to be Liaison interdisciplinary center for Latin-American studies, with Spanish and Portuguese language and literature fully integrated into the complex...

...""
Varying Viewpoints

Reality as well as beauty is frequently relative to the eye of the beholder and Dr. Benitez’ picture of life on the University of Puerto Rico campus; and the information we have received from newspapers, statements from the Puerto Rican Association of University Professors, and the National Student Association simply don’t jive.

At an informal conference with students and administrators yesterday, Dr. Benitez asserted that: there were student councils at his university, where they didn’t exist it was because the students didn’t want them, students and faculty had accepted his ban on political activity and other policies.

Observation Post in past weeks was informed that there is no student government at the University, that it doesn’t exist, that Dr. Benitez was not a wise choice for a Charter Day speaker. Observation Post simply felt that Dr. Benitez was not a wise choice for a Charter Day speaker yesterday, and we are not at all impressed at his Charter Day speech either.

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Letters

UNFORTUNATE

Dear Editor:

Just one year ago Observation Post fought strenuously to have the then current speaker ban rescinded. In view of this, the noncommunist stand expressed in the April 24 "Sensible" editorial of April 24 seems very unfortunate. You claim that Dr. Benitez has not been invited to the College as an ordinary speaker. This implication drawn from this is that you are not against censorship against certain levels. Unfortunately censorship is by its very nature arbitrary—where do you decide what type of speakers should be subject to censorship?

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Pierre Meister,

President Asian Studies Board,

Dian Suffin,

VP Asian Studies Club

VALUES

Dear Editor:

The time has come to expose Dr. Gallagher's dangerous policies toward campus organizations, and towards the student body in general. When Dr. Gallagher invited Dr. Benitez to be the representative speaker of Charter Day, he tried to mislead and deceive students who thought they should be reportedly lost by a handful of votes.

If the faculty is as satisfied as Dr. Benitez indicated, why did the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges issue a statement which said Dr. Benitez' right to speak here. And because of the Chancellor's powers should be curtailed? Those who thought they should be reportedly lost by a handful of votes.

Dr. Benitez made no mention of any of these facts during his remarks, the University of Puerto Rico's Dean of Students yesterday, and we are not at all impressed at his Charter Day speech either. But apparently not enough questions were asked this week about the entire Benitez controversy.

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Chided it for its racial backwash and political and economic advances, he said, "that awful picture a few days ago on the front page of The New York Times... of a young Negro demonstrator being arrested by a Schwarzman policeman enforcing segregation.

President Gallagher disclosed that as he was preparing for the morning's exercises, he received a telegram from the International Union of Students (IUS), "a Soviet-controlled student agency which dishonors the UPR." He also summarily dismissed pressure by several groups at the College which have urged him to withdraw the invitation to Benitez because of Benitez' political record. The President asserted that at the time of the ban on Communist speakers in the Fall of 1961, "the same small student group" claimed for academic freedom.

"The College and its President," he asserted, "have precisely the same right to enjoy academic freedom as do the students. The President refuses to establish a censorship of speakers unless compelled by the law and the courts to do so."

Dr. Gallagher and Benitez spoke before almost 3000 students, faculty members and officers.

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Beavers Face Wagner
In Twinbill Tomorrow

The 1963 edition of the College's baseball team has won more games so far than in three previous seasons, but Coach Al DiBarnardo claims the team could have won more and still can finish as high as second place in the Metro Conference — if they sweep a doubleheader from Wagner tomorrow.

The Beavers will face the Staten Island team in a twin bill starting at 11 A.M. at Macomb's Dam Park. The Sea Hawks this year have compiled a 3-10 record but the defending champions are the worst record so far this season. The Beavers are Without a doubt the best team in the conference.

DiBarnardo is optimistic and is looking for a sweep of the twinbill. He thinks Wagner is a good team. Despite their record, but he is the Levant. Questions about the effect of the new strike zone on this season, the coach couldn't see any notable difference. “The umpires are just as blind as ever,” he said.

Lacrosse Defense — "Now Let Us Pray"

It’s the “it” time of the year for the College's lacrosse team. The “it” is Harvey Leshnick, the Beaver tough defense-man.

Leshnick has a pulled hamstring muscle and now it’s a pretty important muscle. The stickmen played without Leshnick Saturday and lost to Colgate, 11-7; before that they had won five games in a row, topping Army 13-8 and undefeated Stevens Tech, 15-10.

As it stands now Leshnick has withdrawn from this year and he had to make the trip to Wesleyan, Saturday. This is the first time the Beavers have had any player out in several years. The Beavers will put a 5-2 record on the line while Wesleyan will be out to break even in a 4-4 record.

Wesleyan has a new coach in Al DiBarnardo, who coached MIT for two years before moving to the Bronx school. His top men are attackman Ed Russell, 10 goals and Phil Allen, 7 goals.

Against the Lakers he faced Andy Maller with 25 goals and 6 assists. But Sohr says he may be able to help his coach with his defender Dave Schneider.

Baren knows exactly what he’d do if Leshnick doesn’t get in action. “We’ll do the same thing we did against Colgate and pray,” he said.

Soccer . . .

Soccer coach Harry Karlin is sending the New York State Maritime Academy team to play against the powerful Episcopal Academy. The Mariners have won their last two games.

The Beavers, who beat the New York State Maritime Academy, 12-0, will face the Episcopal Academy at 2:30 this afternoon. The team is the one with the green jackets.

Every term there are a few big news stories. Last year the basketball team beat Fordham. Andy Houkxtemeyer made All-American in soccer and Vito Manino did it in fencing.

So far this year, Manino made All-American again. But the really big sports story of the year will be how Watertown’s Bryant College hockey department will name the new baseball coach. And top level rumors have penciled in the name of Harry L. (Bobby) Sand, the 20-year-old Brooklyn center.

Who are Bobby Sand and Sol Mishkin? Both worked at the College before the biggest athletic scandal since the Black Sox affair rocked the College to its very foundations. Both, in effect, were told to “get lost” after the affair was over. That was 1922.

Their stories are slightly different. Mishkin was coach of the baseball team and rolled up 67-40 record in two years before moving to the College. In addition, he won the only Metro Conference pennant in the history of the College. But the won-lost statistics hide his personality— if they sweep a doubleheader, the Beavers will head for the playoffs.

First, he knows almost all there is to know about baseball. He worked as a Yankee scout, played in the Cooperage League and knows baseball inside out.

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Trackmen Looking For CTC Crown

Several of the College’s usual track rivals will be at the Metropolitan Championships this Saturday, so the Beaver runners have a good chance to capture the Collegiate Track Conference (CTC) crown.

Coach Francisco Castro figures the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) is the only team left to worry about. However, considering that the Lemonade boys have to win the USMMA in this season’s duel meet of the four top track rivals to win the title.

On top of everything else, Owney Masters, the College’s record-breaking sprinter, will be scholastically ineligible. His absence will cost the Beavers at least ten points.

Fred Grospin:

From The Backwoods To All-America

“We were walking along the side of a woods when this skunk suddenly ran out. Well, it was just a question of who’d shoot first, me or him. I got him.”

Fred Grospin, the College’s newest All-American doesn’t think there is much connection between hunting and target-shooting. Yet one wonders whether his hunting background didn’t help just a little bit.

Grospin, who was named to National Rifle Association’s All-American team this week, had an average of 200.1 out of possible 300. This is like hitting .450 and striking .300 at the same time.

20/20 Vision Doesn’t Help

The slightly-bald, sandy-haired junior has 20/20 vision. However, considering that the Leader on the team who wear glasses, and Grospin figures the “eye-dee-eye” lens is a dead. The rifle range marksman has plenty of time to aim, rest his position and shoot.

Although there’s little physical action while shooting (which makes it a very sedentary spectator sport), Grospin nockes