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CITY COLLEGE

## 'Bad Faith' In Tenure Appointment Denied; BHE Upholds Economics Department Decision

By GENE SHERMAN

The Board of Higher Education (BHE) unanimously dismissed last week the appeal of Dr. Gustav Schachter, a former Assistant Professor at the College who has cited "political involvements" in the Economics Department as the reason why he was denied tenure here two years ago.

"Chairman [Henry H.] Villard didn't want me there; he was quite sure that I wouldn't vote for him," said Schachter during a telephone interview from Boston, where he is now a tenured Professor of Economics at Northeastern University.

"I have no apologies for the decision" to deny tenure, Prof. Villard commented, which he described as "in the best interests of the Department and the College."

[Defense attorneys Stanley Faulkner and Professor Ephraim Cross (Romance Languages) immediately announced they would appeal the decision to State Commissioner of Education James Allen.]

Dissension in the department was suggested by Professor Benjamin J. Klebaner (Economics), who said that President Buell G. Gallagher "came to us" before the departmental elections for chairman in the Spring of 1964 and "indicated that he hoped we would indeed vote to elect the present chairman."

"A very slim majority" appointed Villard chairman, Klebaner added. Schachter did not vote, as only tenured faculty are eligible to participate. New elections for department chairman are to be held in the Spring of 1967.

According to Villard, he received 11 votes for chairman in the departmental elections held May 9, 1964, while three others received single ballots. Four professors abstained, Villard maintained.

"Gallagher simply stated that any other candidate would be unacceptable," Villard said.

By adopting a report issued previously by the Board's Committee on the College, the BHE denied Schachter's contention that Villard acted in "bad faith" when he recommended against Schachter's reappointment with tenure at a meeting of the department's Appointments Committee on May 6, 1965.

After more than a year of closed hearings, the Board ruled that the "bad faith" charge "seems to center" in the fact that Villard voted in favor of Schachter's promotion from Instructor to Assistant Professor in September,

in testimony that his department had "for years" promoted an Instructor to Assistant Professor "without an academic evaluation" when a book or article had been accepted by "a professional journal" or "repu-

denied tenure because a majority of the Appointments Committee felt "he had not demonstrated that professional competence required for appointment."

"The determination was made on the basis of a careful reading of Schachter's book which embodied his thesis by four members of the Department, including those within the Department best qualified to judge," Villard's statement continued.

Professor Peter Wiles, a Visiting Professor of Economics during the year in which the determination was made, concurred with the opinion, Villard noted.

On May 5, 1965, the Board's Committee on the College voided what it termed a "Gentlemen's Agreement" between the uptown and downtown divisions of the Economics Department whereby members of the Appointments Committee would not vote for candidates from another branch.

This action, following an appeal by Schachter, rescinded an earlier decision by the Appointments Committee in December, 1964, which denied Schachter a reappointment with tenure. At that meeting, conducted when

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President Buell G. Gallagher  
Accused of Intervention



Professor Henry H. Villard  
"No Apologies"

1964, but voted against his advancement to tenure the next year.

According to the report, the failure of the Appointments Committee to recommend tenure was grounded in a "bona fide estimate of academic merit" in accordance with the Board's stated policy. Villard explained

table publisher," the report stated.

Villard maintained that tenure, however, was awarded on the basis of departmental evaluation of the quality of the candidate's teaching and research, the report continued.

In a prepared statement, Villard stated that Schachter was

### Courageous HPA Dares The Rain

By MARJORIE LISS

Carnival Courageous boasts not only \$5,000 worth of booths, games, films, skits and labor, but rain insurance and a full-fledged rain dance as well.

The \$2,000 insurance is the newest innovation for the annual House Plan Association activity. Even one tooth of an inch of rain between 6 PM and 10 PM will be compensated for.

These four hours are particularly risky because work on the grounds stops at 6 PM, when the workers go home before returning at 10 PM to participate. "If the rain falls before 6 PM, most of the booths can be salvaged and Carnival can be held inside," said Alan Fleishman, a member of the Carnival Committee. "But if it rains after that," he continued, "all the material and effort is drowned."

A Rain Ceremony and Dance on the South Campus Lawn will be held Thursday. The ritual, during which the students pray for rain, has always failed — therefore, it is performed faithfully every year.

Aside from rain, Carnival Courageous is concerned with everything bold, brave and heroic. Three films have been made by various houses, one of which is called "The Lion."

### OPology ...

Observation Post regrets that it may have implied that the Committee to Support Our Soldiers doesn't want opponents of the war in Vietnam to attend. According to an official of the committee, they only don't want critics of the Administration's position to sit in the front 500 seats. We apologize for the mistaken impression some people seem to have drawn.

## Zimbaro Defends Thesis Of Self-Segregation Before Largely Negro Onyx Society Meeting

By LINDA FEUERBERG

Dr. Philip G. Zimbaro defended last Thursday his charges of self-imposed Negro social segregation at the College before 300 students from the newly-formed Onyx Society, a predominantly Negro club.

Prof. Zimbaro, a psychology instructor at New York University (NYU), stated that "ultimately the dominant white society is responsible for prejudice against the Negro, but it is a mutual problem." He added that "the Negro had built-in feelings of difference, although not neces-

## Rally 'To Support Our Soldiers' Planned For Great Hall Thursday

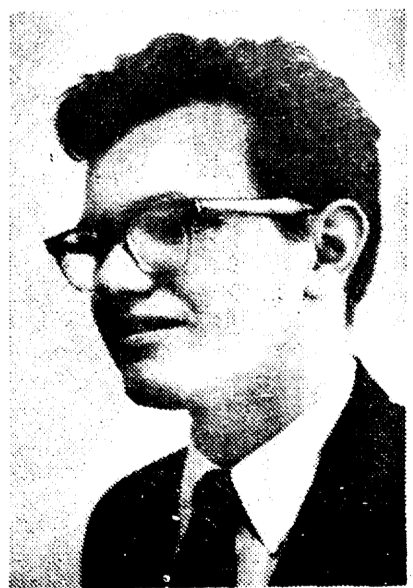
A rally to express "support for our soldiers in Vietnam" will be held Thursday at 12 Noon in Great Hall.

President Buell G. Gallagher, Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, James Nabrit, South Vietnamese Ambassador to the

U.S., Vu Vahn Thei, Father George Ford, honorary chairman of Freedom House, and Rabbi Shalom Rubin, who recently returned from South Vietnam, will address the rally.

It has been emphasized by the rally's organizers that this is not a teach-in, but an expression of

support of the Government's policy. There will be no question and answer period, and no speakers with opposing views will be permitted to take the floor.



Ruben Margules  
Organizer of Rally

Students will need special tickets in order to sit in the front 500 seats in the Great Hall. This policy has been adopted so that speakers would not be distracted by anti-war demonstrators in the front seats.

sarily those of inferiority."

A 10-year research project conducted at NYU that showed physical integration does not lead to social integration was cited by Dr. Zimbaro as the basis for his theories. He had tested his hypotheses visually, observing white and Negro students consistently frequenting specific areas of the cafeteria at Brooklyn College and the Snack Bar at the College.

There are two basic reasons for the existing prejudice, Dr. Zimbaro explained: ignorance of the minority group and lack of contact. He maintains that these

two problems could be eliminated by disseminating more information, and placing both Negro and white students in a common social situation. Both methods would rid the uninformed of his destructive, stereotyped notions, he said.

Because of the Negro's history and cultural background, the professor explained, his response to white society is either withdrawal and isolation, or assimilation with the predominant society. This limits human relations and growth of both groups, he continued. "Negro isolationists deprive white

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# OBSERVATION POST

MICHAEL LAMBERT KNIGHT  
Editor-in-Chief

## For A Student Voice In Tenure

The decision last week by the Board of Higher Education (BHE) to dismiss the appeal of Dr. Gustav Schachter cannot be viewed as "closing the case." It leaves many questions unanswered and raises issues that go to the very root of decision-making at the College.

Observation Post applauds the decision of Dr. Schachter's attorneys to carry the case to the State Education Commissioner James Allen. Until several discrepancies in testimony are clarified this controversy cannot be considered settled.

The most crucial question involved in evaluating the 1964 tenure decision, that of the size of Prof. Villard's margin of victory for Chairman of the Economics Department, thus far has two contradictory answers.

One or the other of the estimates, which range from "a slim majority" to a substantial one, must be corroborated before the implications and circumstances of the tenure decision can become evident.

The proceedings of the BHE could hardly be considered in the best traditions of judicial procedure. A person described as a material witness by the defense lawyer was not allowed an opportunity to testify. In a matter of such gravity the exclusion of a witness must be seen as the subordination of justice to expediency.

Finally, although the hearings were expanded from the College's Committee to include the full Board, no statement of inde-

pendent findings was issued. That their "rubber-stamp" left questions unanswered bears evidence to this failure.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of this case is that it need never have materialized. This travesty, from the intervention of Dr. Gallagher to the fact that "political considerations" might even have entered into the tenure decision, cries out for reform. If the College is to approach a truly democratic institution, the faculty and the students must be included in all decisions that affect their education and the Administration must be expelled from the decision-making process. The proper role of the administration should be to administer, to administer only.

As a first step toward this end, we urge Faculty Council to approve Professor Samuel Hendel's proposals for the inclusion of students in determining faculty tenure. The election of department chairmen should, we suggest, lay solely with the respective faculty members. The choice of chairman should reflect the desires and needs of the members of a department and not those of the College's administration.

The outcome of this controversy will indicate the path on which the College is embarking — on the one hand lies the continuation of stagnation as a "knowledge factory;" on the other lies the beginning of progress toward a democratic institution of learning.

## Villard Denies 'Favoritism' Charge

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the "Gentlemen's Agreement" was still extant, three downtown members "felt constrained not to oppose" the vote of the uptown members, the report stated.

In last week's ruling, the Board held that "whatever illegality" may have resided in the "Gentlemen's Agreement" was removed by the annulment of the Appointments Committee's former decision to deny tenure at the direction of the Committee on the College and by the subsequent reconvening of the Appointments Committee on May 6, 1965.

### Decision Re-affirmed

The May 6 meeting, convened one day after the "Gentlemen's Agreement" was struck down, re-affirmed the Committee's earlier decision to withhold tenure, with two downtown members again abstaining. One downtown member, Professor Robert E. Weintraub, broke with his abstention recorded in December, 1964, to vote against Schachter.

Professor Maurice C. Benewitz, who abstained, explained that he had "no personal knowledge of ability as a teacher" of Schachter, and had not read his book. Also abstaining was Professor Jerome B. Cohen, who said he had only "a nodding acquaintance" with Schachter and also had not read his book, according to the report.

President Buell G. Gallagher revealed in testimony that the "Gentlemen's Agreement" was instituted as an "assent of silence" between the two branches "to prevent antagonism from col-

oring the final judgment" in matters of tenure.

"The sharpness of relationships between the uptown and downtown units has been so great to almost guarantee that whichever way one group decided on a personnel issue, the other groups would be in opposition thereto," Gallagher testified further.

Gallagher declined to comment on the circumstances of the departmental election except to say he felt the entire case was "discussed fully" in the report of the Board. He refused to make transcripts of the hearings available because they are "private documents."

Pursuant to BHE action last May, the uptown and downtown Economics Departments were officially separated on August 16, 1965, each with its own Appointments Committee.

### Misinterprets Charges

Faulkner, Schachter's lawyer, remarked that the Board in its ruling had misinterpreted the charge of "bad faith" as focusing on Villard's denial of tenure after he voted for Schachter's promotion to Assistant Professor. He said that the defense in this case had understood "bad faith" to center on the following contentions:

1) Villard reconvened the Appointments Committee "less than 24 hours" after the "Gentlemen's Agreement" was rescinded, and provided the downtown staff "with no possibility for evaluating the candidate."

"I didn't call the meeting," Villard explained, "President Gallagher did."

2) Villard "did not turn Schachter's book over to the full committee, and three members out of five took the word of Villard," who Faulkner added was not a specialist in economic development, the subject of the book. Villard said that the votes of the two abstaining members "wouldn't have made a difference," since a clear majority was established.

3) Villard had "shown a pattern of great favoritism" in his relations with Professors Elliot Zupnick (Economics) and Henry Sanborn, a former teacher at the College.

### Testimony Refused

No findings were contained in last week's rulings by the BHE in response to these charges other than an argued denial to extend the hearings into June to hear testimony by Sanborn.

The Board approved a statement made in a letter to Faulkner by Charles H. Tuttle, chairman of the BHE's Committee, that "we have nothing whatever before us to show that Prof. Sanborn could give any testimony relevant" to Schachter's charge that "the denial of tenure to him [Schachter] was an act of 'bad faith.'"

### Material Witness

"For God sakes," remarked Tuttle in an interview, "Faulkner had a whole year to produce the witness and it's only one and a half hours to Baltimore," where Sanborn now resides. Tuttle said that Sanborn "could have been had at any time."

Reached by phone in Baltimore, Sanborn was asked to confirm or  
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An OP Review

## Concert Disconcerting

By Linda Feuerberg

Although the performances of both the College's Orchestra and Chorus last weekend in Aronow Auditorium were more than adequate and indicated meticulous training under Professor Fritz Jahoda (Chmn., Music), perhaps the most outstanding feature of the Spring Concert was the choice of selections. It is always refreshing to attend such a concert for the works presented are so obscure that they cannot be heard elsewhere.

As the audience consisted of a fair sampling of the student body and the parents of the performers, it must be assumed that the average listener was not intimately acquainted with classical music. Under these circumstances, a program of virtually unknown music presents a severe drawback to the entire performance.

By virtue of its structure and orchestral color and romanticism, the orchestration of the first selection, Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Opus 11," was bright and dramatic. The virtually unknown and unrecorded symphony is highly structured and easy to follow. The variations in the theme presented in the first movement familiarize the listener with the basic pattern of the piece, and the repetitions enhance the fluidity of Mendelssohn's technique.

The conductor, Prof. Jahoda, coordinated the orchestra to almost mechanical precision. However, the musicians seemed more concerned with the technicalities than the emotional impact of the selection.

Stravinsky's "Danses Concertantes," the second selection, was not as well appreciated. The conductor, Fred Hauptman, detracted from the performance by his excessive motions, half of which could probably be attributed to showmanship.

Stravinsky's music is difficult to follow because it is the embodiment of many and varied styles. The technique vacillated from the classical to the atonal. The woodwinds were much stronger than the strings, especially in the interludes where they played to the background of the pizzicato violins.

Perhaps the more enthusiastic response to Mendelssohn's symphony, with its constant repetitions and variations on the theme, is indicative of the fact that an audience is more appreciative of recognizable music.



The Chorus' rendition of Faure's "Pavane, Opus 50," a court dance of the 16th century, was moving and impressive. Although the chorus was somewhat overbalanced, with too many alto and soprano voices, the tone was clear and lucid. The orchestra, however, tended to overpower the voices, and although the auditorium carried no echo, there were times when the singing was faint.

The impact of the second and last selection of the Chorus and Orchestra together, Britten's powerful "Cantata Academica, Opus 62," was overwhelming. The auditorium was filled with sound, that carried to every corner and was enthusiastically received. This piece was a composite form of vocal music, including passages sung by very talented soloists.

Britten's technique is neither committed to the atonal, nor rigidly structured, and is offbeat in an acceptable fashion. The Chorus and Orchestra were technically well-coordinated under the direction of Prof. Jahoda. The individual members of the Chorus and Orchestra deserve plaudits for a fine performance.

The "Cantata Academica" and the Spring Concert ended on a familiar and pleasing note, singing the praises of free tuition, calling for "a free academy that may thrive in a free community . . . for time immemorial."

## Zimbaro on Segregation

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students of the contact they need to grow. But it is a double process; it goes both ways."

Prof. Zimbaro maintained that the "start of the problem has to do with the white majority, that even the most tolerant whites have an irrational fear of Negroes." The first step in remedying the prejudice, he stated, is to call attention to the problem and to make people aware that it exists; only then can one grasp the situation and begin to eliminate it.

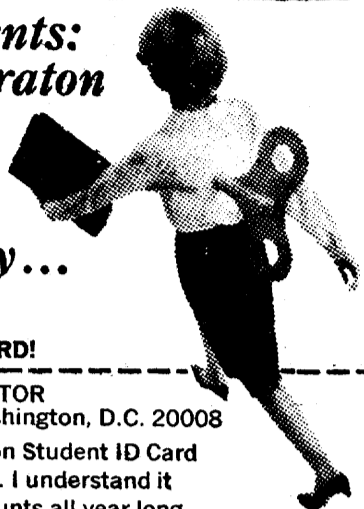
"Assimilation must not be carried to the extent," he added, "where society becomes a melting pot with an oatmeal character." The Negro must retain the important elements of his culture.

Throughout his speech, and in the question and answer period that followed Dr. Zimbaro illustrated his points with current issues. He stated that in Vietnam, the soldiers will integrate in battle and work well together, but they refuse to meet on a social level.



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**Tenure Controversy**

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deny whether Villard had told a meeting of the Appointments Committee on December 19, 1963 that Sanborn preferred a leave of absence to an appointment with tenure, contrary to what Villard knew to be his actual desire. He replied that "I won't say no to that." Villard denied the statement as "factually inaccurate."

"I'll testify if they want me to," Sanborn said in reference to the Board's hearings in the Schachter case.

Schachter said in an interview that he and Sanborn had both left the College "for the same reason."

Cross, the other defense counsel, condemned the Board for its "impatience" in refusing to hear "relevant" testimony by Sanborn. "They're not a court," he continued, "and are not structurally equipped to handle this case so that justice could be done and a full investigation afforded."

**Brushed Aside**

He added that the BHE had "shown a disposition to brush aside for more than 20 or 30 years" matters of tenure.

Faulkner had written a letter to Tuttle last month that he considered the testimony of Sanborn "material on the question of 'bad faith' with respect to the denial of tenure to Dr. Schachter."

According to Faulkner, Schachter had given the galley proof of his book entitled "The Italian South: Economic Development in Mediterranean Europe" to Villard, who "handed the galley over to Zupnick, who at the time was not a member of the Appointments Committee." Villard "relied" on the evaluation of the book made by Zupnick that it did not show sufficient scholarly achievement, Faulkner asserted.

"I made up my own mind," Villard remarked.

**Additional Judgment**

Villard maintained that Zupnick and Professor Abraham Melezn were asked to read Schachter's book "in order to receive the benefit of additional judgment on as serious a matter as a tenure decision."

Neither Zupnick nor Villard were listed as specialists in the field of economic development in the 1964 directory of the American Economic Association, Faulkner said.

At a hearing on November 3, 1965, Zupnick declined to answer when BHE Chairman Gustave G. Rosenberg asked him "did you or did you not recommend or say [to Villard] Prof. Schachter should receive tenure?" He termed his discussion with Villard

about the book an "exploratory conversation."

Villard's "favoritism" for Zupnick was evidenced, said Faulkner, when Villard "proposed Zupnick for promotion to full professorship" at a meeting of chairmen of the social science departments in April, 1965, "after his own department's Committee had voted against promotion in January, 1965." Zupnick was appointed upon Villard's recommendation, Faulkner said.

**Minority Appeal**

Villard said he exercised his right of "minority appeal" at the meeting. He denied any favoritism to Zupnick because, he said, "I recommended not only Zupnick but four others" who had been unanimously recommended for promotion at a meeting February 16, 1964 of the Promotions Committee.

He also claimed that Zupnick was the "only professor at the College to be given credit by name" by Villard in the preface to his book entitled "Economic Performance: An Introduction to Economics" in use at the College. Credit to Zupnick was given, Villard said, because he was asked to do work on the book "against payment."

Zupnick has refused to comment on any aspect of the case. "I don't think this is a matter to be discussed in the student newspapers," he said.

**Transcripts Unavailable**

Although the transcripts of the June 9, 1965 hearings are not available, the minutes which were sent to Schachter by the recording secretary report that Professor Robert D. Leiter (Economics) "volunteered that he had been at the College 21 years and had seen a lot of things, but that this was the first time he had seen any such unfair and unjust action as that of the Appointments Committee in this case."

An inquiry into Schachter's case was conducted by Professor Bernard Sohmer (Math) for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in 1965. He testified last November that he had heard nothing from the Washington office of the AAUP since the Spring of 1965 when he reported his preliminary investigations, which the office considered confidential.

**AAUP Observer**

Sohmer who attended the hearings as an official AAUP observer, said he had still not heard from the office.

Faulkner assailed as "incredible" the presence of six BHE members at the meeting last week who were on the original Committee on the College which had voted to sustain the Appointments Committee. He charged the six with "audacity" for "putting a rubber stamp on their original report."

During his five years at the College Schachter served as faculty advisor to the evening Economics Society, Foreign Student Advisor, and Coordinator of the Committee on Evaluation of Students Entering with Advanced Standing.

A former concentration camp inmate, Schachter completed his undergraduate work as an evening session student in three years after his discharge from a Displaced Persons camp.

Schachter says he does not wish to return to the College and has made his appeal as a "matter of principle." "I am disgusted," he added.

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# O'Connell Breaks Beaver Record, Finishes Second In Penn Relays

This past Saturday was a big day for Jim O'Connell. It began around eight o'clock in the morning at the Adelphi Hotel in Philadelphia and ended sometime late at night in the Bronx. It was to be a day in which he shattered his own College record of 9:27.6 in the two-mile run with an amazing 9:11 effort, and proved to the people at the Penn Relays that the College does indeed exist.



**Jim O'Connell**  
Runs Two Miles in 9:11

Jim began "psyching up" for the race in the hotel room with a few dozen push-ups. Added determination could be seen sweeping his face as the strategy he was to follow in the race at antiquated Franklin Field went through his mind.

He would run the first mile almost as fast as he could manage and let the second mile take care of itself. It would hurt, but that was the way it had to be done.

The seeded section of the race had just been concluded and the names in the second heat were being announced. There was a mild murmur from the knowledgeable track fans that sounded like "who's he" when the announcer said "Jim O'Connell, IC4A Cross Country Champ."

But that race was at five miles, and Jim really doesn't have the speed to stay with good two-milers, so he had to run the first mile at his best. He had just anchored the distance medley the day before with a 4:27 mile, and it turned out to be a good warm-up.

Jim moved out on the third lap

and held the lead over the large field as he crossed the mile in 4:34. Now came the part that would hurt, but Jim responded with consistent quarter-mile

marks in the high 60's, and the field began to thin out. Only William Ripple of LeMoyn College was close, at five yards back going into the gun lap.

Jim doesn't have the speed to kick in the final lap, and Ripple strode past him. But O'Connell didn't give up. He put on a burst of speed that almost caught Ripple, and his 9:11 clocking left him delighted. It also left the third place runner sixty yards behind.

A major question about the Penn Relays is whether it is growing too big. Over 5,000 athletes competed in that dizzy meet, searching for new records to conquer, and many performances like that of Jim O'Connell's go overlooked.

Back in 1955 Jim Beatty won the championship two-mile in 9:19. In 1962 the winning time was 9:11, while last year it was 9:03. But in 1966 Jim O'Connell was just another face in the crowd.

## Lacrosse Squad Loses, 14-5, To Unbeaten RPI Powerhouse

The College's Lacrosse Team met undefeated Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute at Lewisohn Stadium Saturday. When the game was over and the dust — or rather mud — had cleared, RPI was still undefeated and the Beavers had absorbed a 14-5 setback.

The opening goal was scored by the Beavers, as Jim Pandoliano came around from behind

the RPI goal to whip in the shot. It was now RPI's turn to roll, and it did — with two clean goals in the first quarter.

The Beavers then put on a short spurt as George Grinstein ripped the net. The score was now tied — 2-2.

Later in the half the Lavender scored on a beautiful set-up by Lloyd Smith. From behind the net on one side, Smith caught Jimmy Pandoliano coming around from the other side just at the right moment. The perfectly timed hit was the most exciting goal of the ball game.

The score at the half was 7-4, in favor of the Engineers — and then the rains came. But it wasn't that bad, and the game continued.

The Beavers did not have enough to pull themselves out of this one, however, and Coach George Baron decided to let the bench warmers have a go at it. Grinstein put in his third and last goal and that was the end of the Beavers' scoring.

The game wasn't as gloomy as the rain, however, since the loss was expected anyway.

clinched the meet for the Beavers.

Litow's triumph proved to be the Beaver's margin of victory when the rains came. Had Litow failed to clinch the meet the rained-out doubles matches would have had to be played at a later date. But as it was these matches were recorded as ties and the Beavers were credited with their eighth victory of the season against one defeat.

## Lavender Netmen Dunk NYU In Meet Curtailed By Shower

The College's Tennis Team inundated NYU Saturday 6½-2½ in a meet cut short by rain.

The netmen had won five of six singles matches when the downpour came, shortly after doubles play had started. As the Beavers' five victories had already clinched the meet for them, the doubles matches were cancelled and set into the record as ties.

The meet started off badly for the netmen as Pete Willmann was overwhelmed by NYU's Weinberger in the number one singles match, 6-1, 6-1. However, this did not unduly worry the Beaver team. Three matches are played simultaneously on the Finley Center courts and the Beavers were handily winning the other two.

Neil Spanier, moving well and displaying excellent ground strokes, swamped NYU's Moss 6-1, 6-1. At the same time Alan Marks, after winning a tough first set, 6-4, came on strong to beat the Violets' Degray 6-2 in the second.

In the second round of singles Arnie Garfin outlasted Zimmerman of NYU, 9-7, 6-3 and Charles Mattes knocked off the Violets' Price 6-1, 6-4. Then Joel Litow, who easily handled NYU's Henson 6-0 in the first set, hung on to win the second 7-5 and



## A Questionnaire

By HARVEY WEINBERG

After Red Auerbach puffed his final victory cigar last Thursday, you just had to figure that the basketball season was finally over.

Well the College's favorite winter sport caught twenty-four more hours of life this season as the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity staged a Faculty-Student basketball game with proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

The teachers won the game, the 300 hundred or so people who were there got some laughs, and the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation will receive a check of upwards of \$200.00.

You have to give a pat on the back (and maybe a little oxygen) to the teachers: Prof. John LaPlace, Dr. Harry Meisel, Mr. John Nicholas, Dr. Paul Sevransky, and Mr. Harry R. ("Bobby") Sand. Mr. Edmond Sarfaty served as faculty coach and you'd have to say he ranks up there with the great coaches of all time. Right now, Mr. Sarfaty's won-lost percentage as a coach (1.000) is higher than such great names as Rupp, Holman, Auerbach, Lapchick and Polansky.

Yes, they deserve a pat on the back, but not as hard as Bobby Sand was "patting" my back. I managed to talk my way onto the student team and when I made my debut as a player on the Wingate hardwoods, I found that the man assigned to cover me was Bobby Sand.

Anyone who really knows the basketball scene at the College knows Bobby Sand. He is a knowledgeable man who once served as Nat Holman's right-hand man back when the Beavers won it all in 1950. Sand loves the game of basketball, and although the Faculty-Student game was for fun and for the benefit of some unfortunately crippled kids, Bobby Sand gave the game dignity. He also gave me a stiff pain in the back.

My first move on the court was to take a pass at the head of the key. As the ball hit my hand, Whap!! — Sand hit me. I guess there should have been a foul called but the only thing that ran through my mind was that I wished I could play this guy in one of those patented schoolyard, three-man games.

I love basketball, too. And despite how I might have looked out on the court, I used to play the game seven days a week when I was in high school, foot loose and fancy free. I've gotten rapped many times during a basketball game — almost KO'd twice. Before the Faculty game, I was told that "the teachers were to get the breaks." I was a little disappointed because, to me, basketball is fun without the horsing around that went on last Friday.

But Sand made it a game with dignity. He hit on defense and he hit the cords on offense. He dribbled and passed with one thing in mind, to score and win. Oh, he didn't pass like Oscar Robertson nor did he dribble like Bob Cousy. But you could tell that here was a man who, in his younger days, must have been a fine basketball player. And you realized that a man with the love and the knowledge of the game of Bobby Sand would be a fine teacher and coach.

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Sand is a teacher in the Physical Education Department here at the College. He also coaches the evening session basketball team. Two years ago, Sand had a fellow on his team named Steve Fiske.

Fiske stands 6-3, and can do many things better than the average human being — from playing a guitar and performing in the Musical Comedy Society's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie," to playing basketball. Steve was very young as an entering freshman and began as a night student, happy to take a few credits in order to best gauge his prime field of interest before plunging into a full-time course of study.

He became the star of Sand's night team. The word got around that Fiske's ability matched his love of the game and soon he was being sought after by some colleges who compete on a "big time" scale.

I know the story because Steve is a fraternity brother of mine and I had tried to "recruit" him for the Beaver basketball team. But speaking with Steve one night, I must admit, knowing how I would feel were I him, it was hard to try and sell the College's basketball schedule, when I was competing against New York University.

Fiske had been approached by Lou Rossini, NYU coach, and had been offered a chance to play with the Violets. Steve was in a quandary, one of the reasons being he didn't like the idea of leaving his many friends at the College. But when you love basketball, you dream that someday you will play at Madison Square Garden and maybe compete in a NIT game. So when you get the chance, you take it.

Fiske transferred to NYU a year ago. He has fulfilled the NCAA rule which states that a transfer student must sit out a year before competing in varsity athletics. But he has practiced every day with the NYU team and Rossini was recently quoted in the late World Telegram and Sun as saying that "a transfer student from CCNY, Steve Fiske, will be one of our starting backcourt men next year." Who says the College can't go big time?

I tell the Fiske story to show that good athletic talent DOES come to this College. It would not be a sin to cultivate that talent instead of letting it wither and die, or as in Steve's case actually flee the school.

Right now all male students must take physical education. As part of that course, there should be a questionnaire asking the student what his favorite sports are. In this way the College would have a chance to recruit from its own ranks, for how else can a coach at the College have a chance to make a star out of a boy who has ability yet never takes the opportunity to go out for the team? The College has some very fine coaches who have the knack of not only introducing a boy to a sport for the first time, but also proceeding to turn him into a star.

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and  
**Karen Barbanell**  
on their pinning

And  
**Herman Ovadia**  
and  
**Rebecca Silverman**  
on their Engagement

- The Best of Luck -