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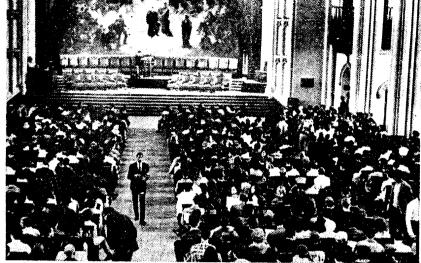
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Parriers Place Fourth in NCAA Championships

Borkowsky 4th in Foil; Messing Takes Epée 6th

By NOAH DAVID GUROCK

DETROIT, March 30 — Two of the College's fencers were named all-Americans today as the 24th annual National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), championships ended its three-day run at Wayne

State University



-OPhotos by Noah David Gurock Bill Borkowsky (right) scores a touch in his shut-out victory over the Air Force Academy's Russell Burnham, during the first day's competition.

The pair, Bill Borkowsky and Arnold Messing, finished in fourth and sixth places in the foil and epée competitions, respectively, and, combined with Steve Liebermann's ninth place finished in the sabre, gave the team fourth place in the meet, the College's best finish since 1948, when Olympian Albert Axelrod led the team to the title by winning the gold medal in foil.

Borkowsky was the more convincing of the two all-Americans. The 20-year-old senior won 32 of 39 bouts, and his victims included silver medalist Jeffrey Kestler of Columbia. Messing won 25 of 36 epée bouts and Liebermann slashed 24 of his 33 opponents.

Borkowsky led the field of 40 foilmen after the first day of competition, winning all 11 duels. The Beaver fencer was precisionperfect as he downed one opponent after another, rarely permitting any of them to score more

SCHEDULE

Two more spring sports debut today as:

- The lacrosse team meets Maritime at Lewisohn Stadium at 3:00 PM.
- The women's softball team plays its only home game of the season on Jasper Oval against Queens at 4:00 PM.

Tennis . . .

The College's tennis team prepared for its league opener at Yeshiva tomorrow by whitewashing Fairleigh Dickinson, 9-0, in a non-conference encounter yesterdav on the Finley Center courts.

Neal Spanier, Alan Marks, Steve Resnick, Bill Bly, Sherwin Rosen and Joe Liggett won the singles matches, while the teams of Spanier-Marks, Resnick-Steve Shaeffer and Eddie Weinstein, Wilson Wong copped the doubles.

than two or three touches against

Messing's showing the first day was almost as strong, as he won 9 of 10 bouts. Liebermann, however, ran into a combination of tough luck and rough opponents and finished the session with a 5-4 won-lost record, putting the team in third place after the

The second day of competition was mentally and physically taxing for all the fencers, but the Beavers came through almost completely unscarred. Four sessions were held yesterday, lasting from 9 in the morning until almost 8 that night, and the foil fencers each compete in 16 bouts

Borkowsky added 12 victories to his first day total, but dropped to third place behind Kestler and Espanda of San Francisco State, the eventual champion. One of Borkowsky's losses came to Espanda, 5-3. Two of his other losses Friday were 5-3 margins.

The second day's epée results were similar. Messing won 11 of 15 bouts, while Liebermann ended the day with a 15-7 record.

Two of 6 bouts were all that the Beavers could manage against the tournament leaders, today. Add to that four additional losses by Messing, two defeats by Liebermann and Todd Makler's per-



(From left): Arnold Messing, Coach Edward Lucia, and Bill Borkowsky, hold all-America awards.

fect day for Penn., and the Beavers fell to fourth place.

Liebermann who had little,if any, trouble disposing of Scott, lost only two during the day, but the final one was the killer. After leading Bill Hube of North Carolina State, 3-0, Liebermann, in his haste to put the southerner away, fell prey to his own overanxiousness and was wiped out 5-3, knocking himself out of the possible all-America citation.

Borkowsky ended the tournament in a tie for third place with Mike Gaylor of NYU, but ties in fencing meets are broken on the basis of touches, and when the officials counted up the touches, the Violets parrier had 60 against him, seven less than Borkowsky had. This put Borkowsky in fourth place and on the second all-America team — but he still had a medal to bring home.

NIMRODS TOP LEAGUE; PLACE HIGH IN NATION

The College's rifle team won the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Rifle League championship on Friday night by defeating St. Peter's, 1098-1008 at Lewisohn Range. The team then ended its season with

the International Sectionals at Lewisohn on Saturday.

In the St. Peter's victory, Paul Kanciruk shot a season high of 283 to greatly increase his chances of achieving the highest individual average in the league.

BEAVERS (1098)				
	Ргопе	Kneel	Stand	Tot.
Kanciruk	001	96	87	283
Yones	96	95	84	275
Feit	98	90	86	274
Buchholz	97	88	81	266

The victory brings the Beavers record to 21-1 in a perfect 18-0 in league competition. The team also retains the trophy for the highest team average as well as placing five shooters among the top ten in the league.

Frank Progl is the fifth Beaver in the top ten, along with the four shooters of the #1 team.

The results on Saturday were not as cheerful as those of the day before. Following the typical form of this year's squad, the nimrods did well in the individual competition of the Sectionals and then not so well in team competition in the afternoon, finishing with a score of 1090. This would have placed them eleventh in country last year, and should be only a little lower this year.

There are sectionals held all over the country with the teams in the area competing. The results are sent to a central tabulating agency in Washington, D.C., where the teams are ranked.

In the individual competition, Kanciruk shot a 282 which would have tied him with ninth high score in the country last year. The other two graduating seniors, Alan Feit and Frank Yones should also rank high in the country as they finished with scores of 278 and 276, respectively.

Summing up the year, Uretzky noted that, "This is the best team we've ever had, but they did the worst. They're all a bunch of chokes."

The capacity of the team was tremendous, but they couldn't put it all together at the same time. For example in the Conventional Target Sectionals (using larger targets) held a few weeks ago, the four members of the #1 team all shot over 290 in the individual competition. The four individual scores when added up would have given the Beavers a team score that was the highest in the country last year. But in the team competition held later that afternoon, all four collapsed to a place about 15th in the counWe invite you to investigate the HIGHEST PAYING

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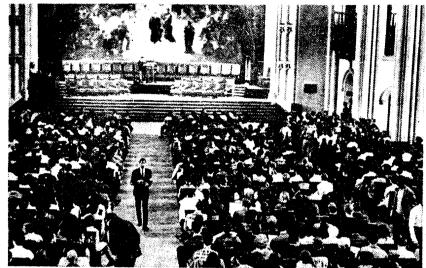
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SDS Rally: Outdoor Argument Over 'Racism'

By STEVE SIMON

William Epton labeled the slain Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "an obstacle to our liberation," condemned capitalism as "the enemy of black people and all people who want to be free," and lashed out at President Buell G. Gallagher for "attempting to use King's death as another weapon to

suppress black people."

But the more than 200 onlookers at a rally sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in the North Campus quadrangle Monday afternoon reserved most of their applause for Joseph Whack, who proclaimed, "He's so full of you know what, Jack."

The rally was often frenzied, significantly contrasting with the somber services across the street in Great Hall that immediately preceded it.

Its first few minutes were marked by a light rain, as well as a torrent of words, as SDS members repeatedly read from a handbill distributed earlier. The statement charged that Dr. Gallagher was trying to hide alleged racism at the College with "the mask of mourning," and that the College's administrators "admit only a token number of black students and refuse to teach the history of black people."

"At City College, as in the rest of America, almost all Black workers are restricted to lowpaying, manual labor jobs," the statement continued.

However, Whack, a black youth who works at the College as a laboratory assistant, quickly challenged the speakers and dominated the rest of the rally. Answering speeches by Epton and Rick Rhoads, president of the College's Progressive Labor Club, he commented, "Their idea of equality is enslaving everybody." Many persons laughed in agreement. A few times, he stated, that the rally was being held at an inopportune moment and that it was not the time to discuss

Epton, a leader of the Progressive Labor Party, began by saying that, "We don't mourn Kindg as a leader," although he praised him as a man who possessed "a lot of courage." Dr. King's nonviolent philosophy "no longer had any validity when the civil rights struggle became the liberation



Rick Rhoads "Phonies" on the Grave

movement," he contended.

He described the late civil rights leader as "a fireman for Kennedy and Johnson," claiming that Dr. King had advised the presidents to use troops to quell ghetto riots. "The ruling class sent King into Memphis to break the strike" of

sanitation workers, he also asserted. Dr. King was in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was murdered last Thursday, to organize a march in support of the striking union members, according to press reports.

Epton, convicted last year of

criminal anarchy for the role he played in the Harlem riots of the summer of 1964, is free on \$25,000 bail while his lawyers the confines of this system appeal the verdict. He is also black.

"There is no solution within the confines of this system for the redress of grievances of black people," Epton maintained in a reply to a question posed by Whack. "The solution is for black people to join with those whites who are advanced to form a united front to kill U.S. imperialism and kill it dead!"

Later in a calm, but pointed exchange with Rhoads, Whack remarked "You're the kind of guy who'd go to his father's burial and discuss communism." The avowed communist, at first startled and a bit hesitant, charged that Dr. Gallagher is "a phony dancing on Martin Luther King's grave" and then retorted, "You're damn right — if there are phonies dancing on his [father's] grave, I'd expose them." Whack answered, "You'd be the phony."

3,000 Mourners Jam Great Hall

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Classes were cancelled during the ceremony, and announcements were made that the College would be closed yesterday, and all exams this week would be postponed until after the Spring recess, which begins Friday.

After an announcement by Prof. Clark of the Student Government-sponsored silent vigil at City Hall yesterday, Prof. Gayle spoke of the "dream that Martin Luther King envisioned, [which] we could not envision with him." Comparing the purpose of the service in Great Hall with Antony's remembrance of Julius Caesar, Gayle said, "We

have come not to praise or bury him, for of all men, he would reject the hypocrisy of those who cry and mourn, and then set up barricades to separate men from men. We are here to bear witness to those words, 'We shall overcome."

The memorial service, marked by its solemnity and controlled emotionalism, proceeded with the reading of a poem dedicated to the memory of Dr. King by the author, a student, Lois Blades.

Edwin Fabré, President of the Onyx Society at the College spoke next. "Rather than adulation and praise," he began, "one might ask, what manner of man . . .?" Fabré went on to say that is not enough to sing "We shall overcome."

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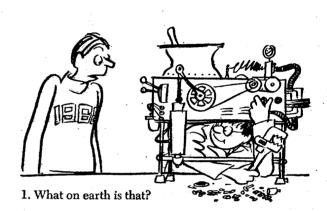
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This nation, this city, this college, each one of us and all of us together have one final moment of decision still open.

We have many previous warnings. As the lynchings of earlier decades were supplanted by selected assassination, we watched with dismay and anger. As organized hatred became resurgent, we watched with dismay and apprehension. When an NAACP worker was killed in Mississippi, and four little girls were crushed in the bombing of a Birmingham church, and three young civil rights workers were buried beneath an earthen dam, and Malcolm X was brutally slaughtered by conspiracy - each time, we had another warning. In the hot summer of Watts, when a whole community for the first time blatantly rejected the non-violent leadership of Martin Luther King, drowning his eloquence in angry shouts for revenge, we had the most foreboding warning of all. But we did not hear. In the agony of the inner city in Newark and Detroit and a score of cities - from Los Angeles to Boston and from Chicago to Jacksonville, from Lenox Avenue and Beale Street, the rising surge of frustration and anger has drowned the voices of hope and replaced faith with doubt in the hearts of many. There are those who say that since we failed to respond to all these other warnings, it is clear that we will fail once again. They say that this latest act of senseless brutality in Memphis has driven us over the brink into national insanity from which there is no return. I disagree as Martin Luther King would have disagreed.

I dare to believe that the tombs of the prophets are the ramparts of civilization, that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church, that the death of this great and good man will be redemptive. I am sick and tired of all this killing and hatred. I am sick and tired of racism — white or black or yellow or pink. I am sick and tired of war, whether in Vietnam or on H Street in Washington or in Bedford-Stuyvesant or on Convent Avenue. I am sick and tired of the class war and of the poverty from which it stems. I am sick and tired of snobbery and cynicism among the intellectual elite and of bitterness and despair among the dispossessed. I am sick and tired of anything which sets man against his brother.

But beyond this sickness and weariness there beckons a great hope toward which I move with consuming passion and absolute dedication.

I see this nation finding its way through to the day when the only American presence on foreign soil will be unarmed. I see our streets made safe for the aged and the infirm; our parks happy with children playing — together; our homes purchased or occupied without reference to the accident of birth and heritage; our schools thronged with children who learn well because teachers no longer doubt that they can learn; public office no longer conditioned upon religious or racial background; the City College campus happy with youth and adults of every race, religion, and class, who hold each other in mutual respect and warm affection and who are intolerant only of intolerance — an integrated college as an integral part of an integrated city; the end of violence and hatred and the building of the Beloved Community.

Do not tell me that this is an idle dream: Come up to the mountain. Stand there with the living memory of Martin Luther King. Martin Luther King knew that dreams are never idle; only men are idle, when unmoved by dreams.

Students Voice Their Sadness

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Great Hall, and walked to the cafeteria to buy lunch.

Many students talked happily of the cancelation of classes because of the memorial services. "If I would have known there were no classes at 1 PM, I would not have had to come to school today," one student commented.

Other students expressed joy at the fact that tests had been postponed until after spring recess.

But many students seriously mourned the present condition in America.

"This might very well be the end of us," said a student at the 'black liberation' rally Monday in the quadrangle.

"I'm afraid," a black girl added, starting to cry. "I don't know the solution . . . I just know I'm

sick and tired of listening to this talk. I don't want to wait for freedom in heaven, if there is a heaven. I want it now."

"I Don't Have Hate . . ."

"We might have to kill a few whites to scare them," another girl said. But, looking into the sympathetic and helpless white faces surrounding her, she explained: "I don't have hate; I don't want to kill you. I just want food, clothes, a house without rats. I just want what the white man has."

As the rally quietly broke up, the rain rendering speakers silent, one student mumbled what most people were clearly afraid to think. "The murder of Martin Luther King — the phony one-day reactions of sorrow — all prove only one thing," she said. "We shall not overcome . . . it's too late."

Money Deadline

The filing deadline for National Defense Loans, Educational Opportunity grants, College Work-Study Positions, and other financial aid programs for the academic year 1968-1969 is May 1, 1968. Students may file their applications in Room 116 Shepard.

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Professor Johnson Censured; Faculty Council Scores Letter

The Faculty Council this Thursday passed a resolution censoring Prof. Crane Johnson (Speech) for a "gross breach of manners" in a letter addressed to the faculty.

Prof. Johnson circulated a letter last week questioning the faculty as to why they were allowing themselves to be moved into the huts and allowing the regular building (Shepard) to be used by "the horde of Pre-Baccalaureate trash."

Prof. Alfred Conrad (Chmn., Economics), introduced a substitute motion which would condemn Prof. Johnson in name. This motion was substituted for a motion introduced by Dean Bernard Sommer (Dean of Curricular Guidance) which did not name Johnson. According to Prof. Marvin Magalaner (Eng.), Secretary of the Faculty Council, the Council felt that individual who made the statement "ought to be identified."

"A Surprise..."
Prof. Johnson, when told of his censure by a reporter Monday night, said that it "comes as a surprise to me." He added that his main objections to the Pre-

his main objections to the Pre-Baccalaureate program was that "The Administration is allowing unqualified students into regular classes without consulting the faculty." He scored "space prob-

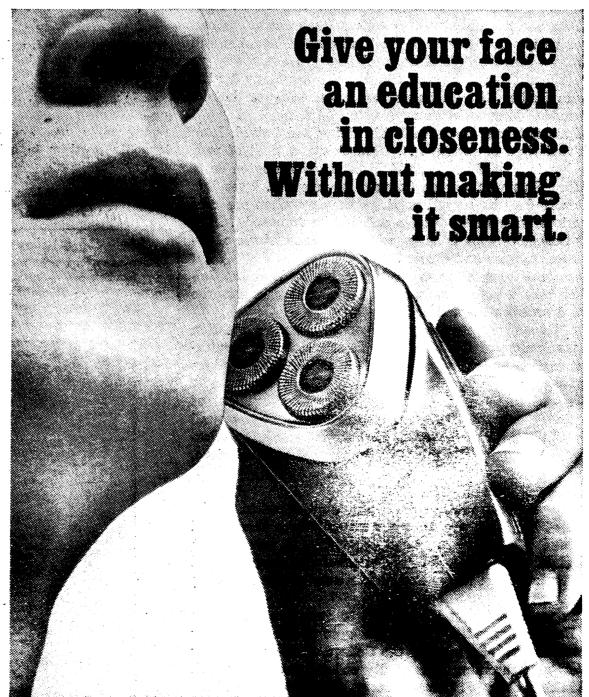
lems" at the College and "preferential treament" accorded Pre-Baccalaureate students at registration.

"Gross Breach of Manners"

The resolution read, "Be it resolved that this body, while defending the right of any of the members of this institution to express his private opinion either within or outside of the College, condemns the gross breach of manners displayed in the following note circulated within the faculty over the name of Professor Crane Johnson: 'Why should professors be dumped into shacks in order to make more room in the regular building for the horde of Pre-Baccalaureate trash multiplying on the CCNY campus?""

In other actions the Faculty Council passed resolutions raising from three to four credits many elective courses in the Departments of Political Science, Art, Slavic and Germanic Languages, Sociology and Anthropology and Psychology.

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In Memoriam

In the past days many white leaders have hailed Dr. Martin Luther King as the great apostle of non-violence. But, out of ignorance or our of fear, they have forgotten the mission that was Dr. King's life: to completely change the social and economic structure of this country.

He was an advocate of confrontation with a sick society. He spent many nights in many jails.

He understood and articulated the aspirations of black people, of poor people. Now he is dead; racism, poverty, hunger persists. Eulogies cannot feed hungry people — only action can.

Non-violence was only Dr. King's tactic. Peace and justice were his aims.

The Challenge

"This nation, this city, this college, each one of us and all of us together have one final moment of decision still open." — [Dr. Buell G. Gallagher.]

President Gallagher spoke Monday at a ceremony for Dr. Martin Luther King in terms that would indicate that he had made his own decision.

"I am sick and tired of all this killing and hatred. I am sick and tired of racism . . . I am sick and tired of war, whether in Viet Nam or on H Street in Washington or in Bedford Stuyvesant or on Convent Avenue . . . I see this nation finding its way through to the day when the only American presence on foreign soil will be unarmed. . . the City College campus is happy with youth and adults of every race, religion and class . . ."

It is gratifying, after so much pleading, to hear Dr. Gallagher take a public position against the war in remarks toward rededication and action.

Dr. Gallagher's new commitment is a proper reaction the martyrdom of Dr. King; had he made such a commitment earlier, he might have marched beside Dr. King in a giant demonstration against the war.

We look forward to a continuation and enlargement of Dr. Gallagher's stand, a part of that "great hope toward which I move with consuming passion and absolute dedication," and that Dr. Gallagher will not repeat the inglorious, silent answers he has made in the past.

But a challenge remains.

Can we expect that Dr. Gallagher's rededication to the ideals of Dr. King will take less general form than it did Monday? Vigorous personal campaigning to prevent the budgetary maining of the Pre-Baccalaureate program? Aid and comfort from the entire campus community in such a campaign?

Can we expect a greater effort to open the campus to the Harlem community? Programs open to the community as well as students here at the College, such as the Onyx Society's forthcoming 'community college' program, which will initiate courses in black history, the black arts and the economics of the ghetto deserve the College's support.

Can we expect a reconsideration of the problem of oncampus recruitment by death-dealing agencies? We suggest as possible solution a plan already in force at Queens College: that upon the request of 10 students or faculty any agency be required to explain their policies and practices in an open forum.

On such action do the sanity, the safety, the moral significance of this College lie.

Or did it, too, die in Memphis . . .

Friday: On The Way To Foley Square

By TOM FRIEDMAN

The demonstrators pushed past 14th St. Lines of cars and trucks stretched down the side-streets, drivers upon their hoods or beside their cars watching the marchers silently with clenched fists.

"Join us, join us for Dr. King," shouted the crowd, heading for a rally at City Hall. A truck driver grinned at the marchers, and left his vehicle to get a better look at the procession. He raised his hand, his fingers formed in the victory sign, to the cheers of those who quickly walked past him.

"Martin Luther King, Martin Luther King," one white man screamed, and the group around him followed his lead, screaming the name of the latest American martyr again—an dagain and again, until their cracked voices were hardly whispers.

The police stood on the corners, their cars impotent against the dense crowds, their night sticks carefully but tensely held by their sides, dormant but ready.

"Hey man, stop screwing around. This isn't one of your damn be-in's, you know. This is for Dr. King," a black student in a Clinton High School jacket said bitterly to a white youth who was running from car to car held up by the march yelling, "Dig it, it's love, the King lives, come with us," all the time jumping up and down, grinning.

The black kid was becoming visibly angry at the long-haired self-proclaimed Yippie, but a few of his friends grabbed his arms, pulling him away from the white kid, who was stunned at the hostility.

Third Street. The cold wind drove the marchers to quicken their pace. Six enraged white men standing outside a bar taunted the crowd. Then a sudden punch, a demonstrator on the ground,

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screams of anger from the marchers near the bar, seizing the starled ears of those who had yet to reach the scene. Hundreds of kids stormed the bar, beating back the men from the tavern; a broken nose, blood. Police-line saw-horses raised in fury by both sides, as they fenced with the huge wooden boards. The male demonstrators outside the bar holding on to their hysterical girlfriends. And then the end, a board thrust through the large plate-glass window of the bar. A cry of victory. The marchers move on, ready for the violence they expect, as the air gets colder.

"The King is dead, the King is dead," a black woman shouts, and the procession again picks up

down and a guy who is on your side? Do you know who to get?" The white teacher tried to catch the eye of his student, but the kid stared straight ahead.

It was getting colder, and the crowd of marchers thinned, as the Municipal Building came into view. At Foley Square, the rally was disorganized, frustrating the keyed-up demonstrators. Then they went home with the news that Chicago was in flames; wondering, with the fear of the future.

A white couple from Music and Art High School sat on an iron railing at the square, watching the last few demonstrators go home. Shredded newspaper, cought by the wind, blew across the



the cry. Anticipation tightens the lips of the marchers, as they approach City Hall.

One black student turned to his companions, and said, "Man, it's time we got whitey. There is just too much shit floating around." The whites near him decame nervous, concentrating on that would be said next. The black kids' teacher who had brought them down to the march turned to the youth, who had forgotten he was there. The teacher was white, in his twenties, with a peace button on his sport jacket.

"Do know which whites to get, Ronnie? Can you tell the difference between those who keep you streets. The girl reached out and grabbed a page of the New York Post floating in the air. She read about Martin Luther King, with her boyfriend looking over her shoulder.

Another couple joined them, and they sat there, the eeriness of the deserted civic complex isolating them in the night. Across the street, a small elderly black man, stared at them. He viewed the four kids with astonishment, wondering at their energy in a struggle which is not really theirs, questioning them in their commitment. He would return to Harlem, and they would sleep in



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SEEK Students Want

By JON PENZNER

"They think we're dumb, that we're stupid, that we can't do the work. They call us trash, but maybe they really mean nigger or spic. Yeah, we didn't get the education you did, yeah, we aren't as ready for college as you. Sure, that's all true, but I wasn't born that way. My father has been an elevator operator for the last 20 years. My mother works in a factory. It was the environment that gave that 'education.' Now that I've got a chance, I'm not going to give it up."

There are now 490 students enrolled in the College's Pre-Baccalaureate Program. 50% of the students are black, 40% are Puerto Rican. Less than 10% are white.

The idea behind the "Pre-Bac calaureate Program," part of the SEEK program (Search Education Slevation and Knowledge) is that students be given remedial work in those areas that the last twelve years of "education" in the ghetto schools failed to supply, or supplied in ways detrimental to the students. In this way, the student is both taught subject matter and also, the organization of college life.

To this purpose, there are special Pre-Bac classes set up in most liberal arts courses and some sciences. There are usually twelve students in a class that meets more times a week than a parallel matriculated course. Some of these classes are not for credit but must be taken if the student is deficient in that area.

In most of these classes, students and teachers have pressured for and received curricula which are, in the student power jargon, "relevant" to what is happening in the world today. This was done to capture the interests of the student in order to teach them the organization of college life.

In the Social Science division of the program, the term's curriculum is divided up into three parts: 1) urban crisis, 2) Vietnam, 3) black nationalism. The point is to involve the students so that they might learn to take notes, listen to lectures and learn how to study.

In the Pre-Bac English classes the students read literature of black and Puerto Rican_authors. The students read a great deal, study grammar, and become prepared for the regular classes in which they will read Anglo-Saxon or Elizabethan literature.

In this sense, the Pre-Bac student receives preferential treatment — but only to make up the losses that were incurred while the majority of students were learning to do the same thing in better high schools.

Nine Counselors

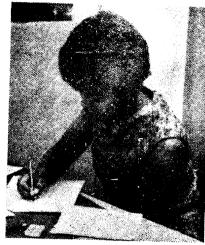
Another aspect of the program which is unique to the college in the counseling service to which every student has recourse.

When a Pre-Bac student first enters the college, he is assigned to one of the nine counselors on the staff. Each counselor has either a psychology or a sociology background. The counselor handles "every significant aspect" of the students first few years at the college.

During his first year at the college, the Pre-Bac student meets once a week, either in a

group of six, or alone, with his counselor. During these meetings, the counselor works with the student to smooth out any academic problems the student might be having, getting used to the college environment and life, situations at home, in the community, or with personal problems. The counselor, at the beginning of each term, works with the student to figure out his schedule.

In effect, the Pre-Bac counse-



Toni Cade N May Still Be a Buy Off

lor is all the diverse counseling services offered to regular students at the college, in one place, available at any time to the Pre-Bac student. In addition to this advantage over the regular counseling services, each counselor

er's Day as a possibility. A black student in the class suggested more dangerous subjects. "How about black nationalism, urban crisis or abortion?" "Yes," the professor said, "Abortion is close to you people isn't it?"

The Pre-Bac program was begun at the College by former Dean of the Evening Division, Robert Levy and Dr. Leslie Berger, Associate Professor of Psychology, to bring students who have been miseducated, into a college atmosphere — a chance to recoup their losses.

In September 1965, 115 students began as the first "Pre-Bacs" at the College. There were diverse reactions to the program's goals and methods.

Many voiced protest over the "lowering of standards." The complaint still exists. But this complaint is based on a misunderstanding of the program.

It is true that any student is accepted into the program who finished high school, either correspondence course, vocational or liberal arts, in the last eight years who is under thirty, and who has an average of 65 or better. The average high school average of entrees is 74 or 75; the College's normal entrance requirement is 83.

In addition to these requirements, however, each student is tested and screened to determine



Pre-Bac theater workshop offers new modes of expression.

But Miss Cade decided to stay. She said that when she met the students, her ideas changed. "It may still be a buy off," she said, "but the students are getting something out of the program.

"Just Another Farce"

Sylvester Eugene Hayes, a student who entered the program in its second year, also questioned the program.

"I thought it was just another farce, but I thought I might just as well try it."

Whatever were the motives for starting the program, whether the State Legislature supported the program to placate the community, or whether they thought the program would fail, is now a moot question. The students in the program take their opportunity for a college education seriously.

Early reactions to the program, from within, were both favorable and unfavorable. Students in the program were afraid to let it be known that they were, "Pre-Bacs." "It was like a curse word," said one student.

Black and Puerto Rican students would go into an involved discourse to find out if the other were a Pre-Bac student. In the regular classrooms, up until last year, some teachers, noting the "Pre-Baccalaureate student" written on the backs of the course card, would ask the Pre-Bac students to stand up. For some, this was a traumatic experience. There they were, singled out. The "Pre-Baccalaureate Student" is no longer written on the backs of the course cards.

The accusation of "pre-registration," which Johnson leveled against the Pre-Bac system, is a misconception.

The pre-registration is a kind of compromise between the Pre-Bac program and the departments at the college. Each student goes to his counselor to decide on which courses he wants for the coming term. The counselor then draws up a list of total courses requested from each department and presents that list to the department. The department then distributes two or three seats in each section to the Pre-Bac students. In return, the Pre-Bac program pays for the expense of another professor in each class requested. In this way, the program is actually paying for the students it introduces into the Department's courses.

Another point is that the program does not always get the total number of places that it desires. In no way do the SEEK students get an edge over the regular students. Except perhaps, in that he misses the opportunity to run around and register in the Great Hall. In all other ways, the results are the

By the same process, the Pre-Bac students, in the regular classes, are not forcing any student out of any class.

One of the facts that make the Pre-Bac students fiercely proud of the program, is that they have so much at stake in the program. Some students left jobs which paid much more money a week than they receive in the weekly stipends.

The State Legislature is now considering a cut of \$1 million dollars in the budget for next year. The SEEK program in the City University System had planned to double the enrollment to 3,000 next year with a requested \$7.5 million increase in the budget. Next year's budget, if the Legislature has its way, will allow no more additional students into the program.

The stipends are essential to success of the program, since the students could not afford to live without them. Unfortunately, the weekly checks are sometimes very low, and students who wish to work must take a drop in the stipend equal to the amount of the pay check. The students are thus persuaded to spend all their time on school work.

This would be an admirable motive on the part of the administrators, except that the student who receives \$13 a week hardly has enough money to make it to and from school a week. "While everybody else is eating



Dean Allan Ballard Pre-Bac Head

lunch, I'm stuck with a doughnut and a cup of coffee," said one student. "If I take my shirt and pants out of the laundry, I'm busted for the rest of the week."

The most a student in the program can hope for is \$50. This sum, however, is only for the married student and unique cases.

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"Pre-Bac Trash"

Last Thursday, the Pre-Bac that there were three ways to get Council sponsored a meeting of all Pre-Bac students to discuss what to do about Crane Johnson's letter to department Chair-

The letter complained of the "horders of Pre-Bac trash" that were "multiplying of the CCNY campus," forcing the College into "tin shacks."

The meeting began by students calling for direct action against Johnson, ranging in suggestions from pickets outside his classes, boycotting his classes, protesting in front of his home, and pressuring for the dismissal of the Professor.

Dean Allan Ballard, who administers the program at the College now, said at the meeting that Johnson wasn't worth getting excited ov

"My attitude is that he doesn't matter," said Ballard. He went on to point out that the plans to enter into a debate with the man, "assumed some rationality on his part."

The students at the meeting came to the general conclusion

at Johnson and his statements.

First, the students note that by continuing their studies, by showing the academic community that the Pre-Bac students were capable of doing college level work as well as the students at the College, that the program was worth while.

"You do your school work, that's your pressure point," said one student.

The students also pointed out that through the Pre-Bac Council and the forthcoming newspaper, the students are able to communicate within themselves and to the College at large just what the Pre-Bac program is doing for the students.

"We're here to get our degree, period. You do your school work, tnat's your pressure point." "That's all we gotta do, stick to our books."

"One of the things that makes it interesting to teach Pre-Bac students is that they do not play games," said Miss Cade. "It was not preordained that they were to go to college."

knows each of his 50-odd students by sight and by first name. In many ways, the counselor, who represents the administration, aiding the student as he progresses through college, is the touchstone of the first year in the pro-

Students Determined

The students in the program, who have recently come under sharp attack from Prof. Crane Johnson (Speech) have reacted with determination and anger. But there has been other opposition to the program, more subtle and sometimes more lethal.

For example, one English Professor asked for a paper on a controversial issue, citing Moth-

"potential." The program then offers remedial work to train the students for College.

The program does, then, accept students with below average grades. But as non-matriculated students, they are given special courses until they can become matriculated and do college work.

The program was met with some skepticism on the part of black teachers and students.

Toni Cade, who was one of the first English teachers in the program, originally thought the program was going to be another bone thrown to the community: "When I first heard about it I thought it would be just another



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Hall, a guest of the Communist Forum, a student organization, was to have spoken at the College last year, but was unable to attend due to illness.

Dear Monica,

Merry Christmas! Love,

US

SEEK Students Find New Forms of Expression...

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For a couple, this is often not enough to live on.

The Pre-Baccalaureate student's eventual goal in the program is to matriculate. If SEEK program were to be killed off in the State Legislature tomorrow (and this threat always hangs above the heads of the students), then those students who have matriculated already would be safe. They would still have the chance to finish their college education, although their stipends would be cut. For those who have not matriculated, this would be the end.

In order for a student to ma-

triculate, the number of credits that must be attained depends on his index. If the student has an "A" average, he can matriculate after 15 credits; at a "B" average, he will matriculate after 30 credits; at a "C" average, 60 credits. At this time, 14 students from the original 115 that enrolled in 1965, have matriculated. There will be more matriculating at the end of this term.

One of the problems that the Pre-Bacs confront is that, as non-matriculated members of the college community, they are not members of any graduating class. It was not until last September that they could join clubs. They cannot legally vote in Student Government elections.

When several black students were running for Council last term, the Pre-Bac students were barred from voting on North Campus, because of their lack of matriculation. On South Campus, they were allowed to vote, although it was technically ille-

There are two other avenues for expression available to the Pre-Bac students. The first is the Onyx Society and the second is the Pre-Bac Theater Workshop. The Onyx Society has aided the Pre-Bac program recently by drawing up a letter in conjunction with Student Government. urging the State Legislature not to cut the budget, but increase and continue the SEEK program.

Working Together

The Onyx Society does not discriminate between "Pre-Bacs" and other black students. The organization works with all black students who come to the group on matters concerning black people. As a result, many times, the Onyx Society and the Pre-Bac Council have worked together for common goals.

The Pre-Bac students are also barred from Varsity Athletics. They are eligible for Intramurals, but the Intercollegiate requirements are that team members must be matriculated students with a "C" average. This counts the Pre-Bac out. This is ironic, since some of the best basketball players in the college

are Pre-Bac, non-matriculated students.)

In the wake of these barriers, the most important of which is perhaps that the Pre-Bacs have no direct representation in SG, the SEEK students have sought other means of organization and expression.

Instead of SG

The Pre-Bac Council, which was formed over last summer, went into effect in September. The Council represents the voice of the 490 students. The Pre-Bac Council has no control over the budgets of any clubs. The Council has less effect on its administration than the regular SG has over the administration. But the Council has done several things to help the community of Pre-Bac students become aware of it-

Perhaps one of the most exciting and important things is the creation of a newspaper. (The campus newspapers have done almost nothing to investigate and publicize the activities of the program, its teachers and students.)

The newspaper will be aimed directly at the Pre-Bac students and will be able to amalgamate the group into a more effective unit. It will appear within three

Several other important actions of the Council are, the elimination of the class standing requirement for clubs, the summer jobs program, and most recently, the meeting discussing Prof. Johnson.

How successful is the program?

The answer is not simple. It is possible to cite statistics: that 14 students have thus far been matriculated into the regular college. But among those students who have not matriculated, success is also evident. In spite of poor elementary and high school educations, many students are doing well in the pro-

One of the counselors in the program, Richard Soll, said, "There is no reason to be pessimistic about the program. A pessimist could not find it a failure."

The students themselves are

optimistic about the program's future and their own potentials. Several students are very hopeful for their future work, which would have been impossible without the program.

"I want to be a teacher, preferably in Harlem," said Ruben Cook.

"I want to go into law and economics," Sylvester Eugene Hayes said. "I see the only real way to help the black community, to really gain any proper achievements, as economically."

Larry Welch said, "If I get my mechanical engineering degree, I would like to go into the airforce and go into the aerospace field. If I can get enough flying time, maybe I can become an astronaut. Well, all you can do is try."

Perhaps the real tragedy about the program is that it should be unnecessary.

"This program ought not to exist in a socially just society," Soll said. Not like the rest of the College, if you made the wrong decision at age 14, "and you have no money, you blew your chance."

But it is necessary, and should be expanded.

The stipends should be increased so that the students will be able to live a little more easily. The counseling program should be expanded as more students enter the college. The administrative staff, as well as the number of teachers, should be expanded.

And the college at large should realize the potential of the experimentation in the Pre-Bac program. The questions of "irrelevance" that students have been voicing are being met and answered as the Pre-Bac program continues to learn the most effective ways to teach.

Strike . . .

The steering committee which will plan the College's participation in the April 26th Strike against the war, racism, and the draft will meet and decide its final plans today in Room 417 Finley at 4 PM.

Dancers . . .

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a possible cultural exchange.

Most of the striking sanitation men are black.

Some of Thursday night's audience was black, too, and when they heard the news and the announcement that the show would go on ("We think he would have wanted it that way") many of them walked out.

But much of the audience remained, listening and watching, stomping their feet, not realizing yet that Dr. King was dead. Then Serge Mullery, one of those who had led the walk-out, returned to take the microphone and plead that the performance be ended.

President Buell G. Gallagher arrived, at first to say that he admired the dancers for obeying the philosophic axiom of show business -

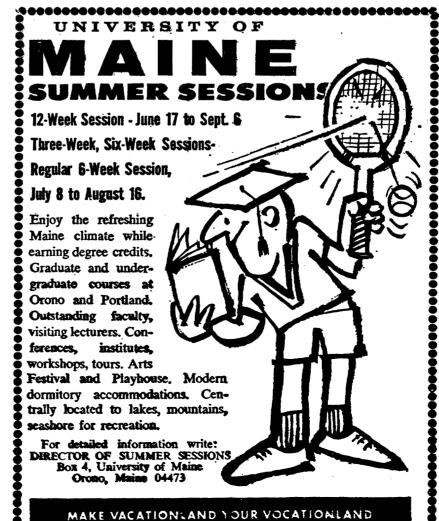
"How can you stand there and say that now?" screamed a woman in the rear . . . "My son is dead, my son is dead!" chanted a man.

But Dr. Gallagher had come to close the show, and he did. "I am sure every member of the audience sends condolence to the fam-

And that, in part, was how the news came.







The track team absorbed

a worse than expected shel-

lacking from powerful Fair-

leigh Dickinson at Teaneck,

New Jersey on Saturday as

they lost by a score of 103-

One of the few Beaver bright-

spots was the record breaking

performance of sophomore Nay-

vin Gordon in the pole vault.

Gordon's vault of 12 feet 6 in-

ches bettered the school record

set in 1955 by exactly one foot.

1 inch. Andy Ferrara also took a

first in the 3-mile run with a

time of 16 minutes 2 seconds.

Artie Dickinson placed second in

the 440 yard intermediate hurd-

les in a time of 57.5 seconds. Don

Davis began his assault on the

College's quarter-mile record with

a second place finish in a time of

50.4. Francisco Calderon became

the first half-miler of the season

to finish in under 2 minutes as

he took second place in a time

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Harold Sharps took first in the triple jump by covering 41 feet

Sports Curtailed In Wake of Tragedy

The first spring weekend for the College's athletic teams was greatly reduced after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Many of the scheduled events were postponed while a few others were played in the shadow of the tragedy. TRACK

TENNIS

The tennis team swept its second match in a row by crushing Yeshiva, 9-0, on Thursday at the loser's home courts in the Bronx.

The Beavers were handicapped by the loss of Neal Spanier, the number one player, who couldn't make the meet because of classes. This moved Alan Marks up to the number one position, and everyone else up a notch. Even with this handicap, the Beavers ran over Yeshiva without losing

Marks, Steve Resnick, Joe Liggett, Peter Shaffer, Bill Bly, and Wilson Wong swept the singles against the weak Minimites to clinch the victory after which the doubles were inconsequential.

Coach Robert Cire has been most impressed with the play of Liggett who stepped in to the vital number four spot.

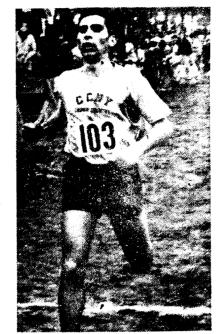
The victory was the netmen's first league triumph, and second overall win without a loss. So far they have yet to lose a match with a record of 18-0.

BASEBALL

The diamondmen started off the season with a continuation of play from last spring as they were routed by New York University, 12-1 at Ohio Field in the Bronx on Saturday.

Once again the usual Beaver ailments of poor pitching, errors, and lack of offense plagued the diamond men as they were totally outclassed by the Violets.

The Violets romped to an 11-0 lead in the first five innings off pitchers Barry Poris and Andy Sebor. Danny Collins held NYU to one run on a sloppy fielding



Andy Ferrara Finished First in 3-Mile

play for three innings before Bob Derector finished the game in the

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Batteries - Jones, Peterson (7), and Casteleiro and Lindlau; Poris, Sebor (5), Collins (5), Derector (9), and Kolenik, Winning Pitches - Jones, Losing Pitcher -

LACROSSE

The stickmen journeyed to Philadelphia on Saturday to defeat a strong Drexel squad by a score of 13-4, and bring their record to two wins and no losses.

George Curtin and Richard Ravner tallied six points apiece. Also turning in good performances were Bill Mueller, Steve Leiterstein, and Neil Goldstein.

Bernie Halper, team captain and goalie cited a much improved defense over the first game against Maritime.

LINE SCORE

of 1:58.7. Gary Ramer finished second in the 100 and 220 yard

The Beaverettes managed to pull out a late-inning 5-4 victory over Queens on Thursday at Jasper Oval in their season opener.

...And Some Were Cancelled

In honor of Dr. King many sports activities at the College were postponed or cancelled. All team practice sessions were called off Monday and Tuesday. The following is a list of the changes:

TENNIS

The matches against Brooklyn Polytech on Saturday and Iona on Tuesday were postponed. The BPI contest will be made up on April 18 at 11 AM at Brooklyn. No new date has been set for the Iona match.

BASEBALL

The varsity baseball game against St. John's on Tuesday was postponed until April 28 at 1 PM at Jamaica.

LACROSSE

The varsity lacrosse game scheduled to be played at Lewisohn Stadium on Monday against New Hampshire was cancelled and will probably not be rescheduled. The game at C. W. Post on Wednesday will be held. The freshman lacrosse game against BPI on Saturday was

Four New Mentors Assigned; Lazar to Instruct Parrierettes

Professor Robert Behrman, faculty-manager of athletics at the College, announced a few changes in the coaching staff to be initiated next year.

Neil Lazar, currently coach of the freshman fencing team, will become coach of the varsity women's fencing team next year, replacing Allan Kwartler. Al Peredo, currently an assistant professor at New York University, will become the new freshman coach. Mr. Kwartler will be leaving because of other commitments.

Prof. Behrman considers Peredo to be "one of the best coaches in the country" and is "extremely pleased" to add him to the College's roster.

Al Oglio has been appointed coach of the new varsity golf team. Oglio is a graduate of the College and played on the baseball team. He is current a dean at Columbus High School. The golf team will begin its first campaign next year.

William Loughlin, the freshman wrestling coach at the College for many years, will be replaced next year by Robert Stahli. Stahli is a recent graduate of the College and is currently teaching at DeWitt Clinton High School.

Miss Latham Is Second Best: Parrierette Shines In National

Nelda Latham led the College's women's fencing team in the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association National Championship at Rutherford, New Jersey over the weekend.

Miss Latham was the first College fencer to ever take a medal in the big event as she finished behind only Karen Denton of Cornell, and ahead of 73 other fencers.

Miss Latham reached the individual finals with a record of 32-3 in the preliminary team bouts. This qualified her for second place behind Miss Dentron, who finished the team bouts with a 33-2 slate.

In the finals Miss Latham compiled a 3-2 record against the top six finishers in the preliminaries to take second to the 4-1 record of Miss Denton. Also finishing with a 3-2 slate was Anne O'-Donnell of Jersey City State College, but she finished third on touches.

As a team the College finished seventh in the 17-college event, the same as last year. They defeated five of the eight teams they faced in their pool to finish fourth, one place below qualifying for the finals. They took seventh by beating Jersey City, the fourth place winner in

the other pool for the first time

Also fencing well for the Parrierettes was Carol Marcus, who

in the team's history in a play-

finished with a 26-9 record. This ends the season for the Parrierettes with a 4-4 record, the same as last year. But next year when Neil Lazar takes over from Allan Kwartler he will have to do without Miss Latham and Miss Marcus, who will have been graduated.

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