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## Morris Heads Charter Day Ceremonies

Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, will be the principal speaker at the ninety-fourth Charter Day ceremonies to be held in the Great Hall, Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

Included among the other speakers will be: Dr. Arthur Gulterman '91, representing his class on its fiftieth anniversary, and Richard Siegel '41, president of the Student Council.

Rabbi William F. Rosenblum '10, of the Temple Israel, will deliver the invocation and benediction. Professor Frederic A. Woll, (chairman, Hygiene Dept.), chief marshal, has announced that classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. for the remainder of the day. All members of the staff will participate in the grand processional march into the Great Hall.

A diploma belonging to a member of the school's first graduating class will be presented to the College by the City College Club. The presentation will be made by Jacob Holman '04, brother of the basketball coach.

Acting-president Harry N. Wright will act as chairman of the exercises. Marshalls in charge are: Professors Edmund Burke (Classical Languages), Warren G. Hubert (Mathematics) and Professor Woll.

Other marshalls include: Professors Herbert Holton (Hygiene), Joseph Tynan (English), Herbert P. Wirth (Mathematics), Joseph Babor (Chemistry), William H. Haskell (Art), Charles A. Corcoran (Physics), and William B. Otis (English).

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## Senior Office Issues Call For Dues, 'Mike' Payments

All upper seniors are requested to pay their dues as soon as possible. The dues have been set at \$3.50. They should also complete their Microcosm payments immediately.

Their Commencement Office is now located on the first floor of the Hygiene Building.

## 'I Am A Man' On May 18; Ann Corio To Entertain

By Arthur Susswein  
Sunday, May 18, is "I Am An American Day" for readers of the *Journal-American*. The same day is "I Am A Man Day" for readers of *The Campus*.

Boatride Publicity Director Herb Sulsky '41 doesn't guarantee anything about this coming-of-age business, but if the weather is good, so are the chances.

Meanwhile, plans for the Boatride Chapel on Tuesday, May 13 in the Great Hall call for plenty of inspiration. Boatride Queens-to-be Amy Arnell and Ann Corio (yes, she's the one), will be crowned at the Chapel and will repay the student body with entertainment.

Not to be outdone by any mere professionals, the same Dram Soc which produced *Skit-sophrenia* and shows of similar ilk, will present some of the

## SC to Hold Elections, Sets Nomination Deadline

Elections for offices in next term's Student Council will be conducted during the 11 o'clock hour on Wednesday, May 21, it was announced by Dave Kalman '42, chairman of the Elections Committee.

Nomination blanks may be obtained in 5 Mezzanine. The blanks should be filled out and dropped into Box 22, Faculty Mail Room, along with the nominating fee of thirty-five cents. Nominations will close at 4 p.m. on May 14.

Tabulation of last term's results, which showed a sweeping victory for Independents, offer encouragement for unaffiliated candidates to beat the deadline and take their whirl.

## Nine Wins, Faces NYU

By Dick Cohen

It'll be Frank Tosa, Beaver right-hander, who scattered three hits in his 4-2 victory over Lafayette last Saturday, or rookie Hal Aronson, who goes to the mound against NYU tomorrow in an attempt to stretch the Lavender's winning streak.

Paced by the return to the lineup of first baseman Al Signorille, winner over Hofstra, Manhattan, and the Wildcats in its last three games, is rated a good bet to beat the Violets and even their season series at one and one. Last time out, the Heights club pounded out a 9-4 triumph over the St. Nicks, but in more recent performances have stopped hitting, as witness their 7-0 shutout loss to Holy Cross over the week-end.

Signorille crashed out a mighty home run to open the first inning against Lafayette and put his mates into the lead, but the Easton team came back on its home diamond with a brace of unearned runs in the third when two men scored on Tosa's wild throw. Then Tosa settled down and allowed but one more hit, a single in the eighth that was promptly erased by a fast double play, Rudko to Petrino to Signorille.

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## Governor Cuts \$72,000 From Rapp-Coudert Funds

## Student-Faculty Discipline Committee Defines Policy

The Faculty-Student Discipline Committee issued a statement of general policy yesterday in regard to all disciplinary action in the future. The Committee now is considering the case of two student leaders of the Peace Assembly, Simon Alpert '41 editor of *The Campus*, and Boris Pritcher '44. The Peace Strike in Lewisohn tadium on April 23.

Stating that its function is "the discovery of appropriate remedies and corrective measures rather than the placement of guilt or the infliction of penalties," the Committee made three main points of policy:

1. "The Committee adheres to the principle that the use of public halls or grounds for the influencing of public opinion involves also the responsibility to use such property in sincere harmony with the purpose for which its use has been granted."

2. "The Committee recognizes the full propriety and right on the part of the student body to express itself by petition and protest. However, demonstrations which are noisy and boisterous, or discourteous are in bad taste and are detrimental to the best interests of the College. They interfere with the regular conduct of College business, they tend to endanger public support, and even invite efforts to remove from the student body those men who bring discredit on the school by resorting to such methods."

3. "The consideration of pro-

propriety becomes incumbent upon responsible student leaders. Such propriety entails, foremost, the seeking of the welfare of the school and the organization concerned in all instances; the adoption of a mode of conduct that will not unnecessarily infringe upon the rights of others and the employment of good faith in all agreements and activities.

## Dr. Yergan Fights BHE

Terming the basis for his non-reappointment as "ridiculously absurd," Dr. Max Yergan, lecturer on Negro History and Culture at the College since September, 1937, charged last week that his contract is not being renewed by the Board of Higher Education because he had "been unwise enough" to interest himself in community affairs.

Dr. Yergan, it was announced, received a communication from Dr. J. Salwyn Shapiro, Acting Chairman of the History Department, stating that "in order that the students may get the benefit of different personalities . . . your appointment will therefore terminate with the end of this term."

Dr. Shapiro's search for "different personalities" was described in a statement by Dr. Yergan as a "pretext" and "absurd."

Dr. Yergan's course at the College was instituted as the result of an intensive campaign led by the Douglas Society and the College chapter of the College Teachers Union. The course, on the history and culture of the Negroes, is still the only one of its kind in the four municipal colleges of the city. Moreover, Dr. Yergan is the only Negro member of the faculty in these institutions.

## Cut To Hamper School Red Probe, Coudert Asserts

Governor Herbert H. Lehman cut \$72,000 from the appropriation for the Rapp-Coudert Committee this week.

A total of \$247,000 was provided by the State Legislature for the Committee's continuance. Governor Lehman, in vetoing part of the appropriation, declared that the remaining \$175,000 would be sufficient.

Part of the cut, amounting to \$57,000, was earmarked for Paul Windels, counsel to the committee, and his assistants.

Acknowledgment that the cut would seriously hamper the work of the committee was made yesterday by Senator Frederick Coudert, chairman of the sub-committee investigating subversive activities in the city's schools.

Charging that Governor Lehman had sabotaged the committee, Coudert said that he could not understand why "the Governor should want to hamstring, if not fatally cripple, the sub-committee . . . He merely shuts off the funds so as to prevent the committee from completing the task it has started. What are the Governor's motives?"

Criticism of the Governor's action came from other sources which have been active in support of the Coudert Committee's investigation.

The slash in funds will in no way prevent further action being brought to bear against members of the College staff by the Board of Higher Education. Ernest P. Seelman, member of the Board of Higher Education, commenting on the Governor's action, said:

"The Rapp-Coudert Committee should have all the funds it needs. It is doing excellent work, and should be supported by every lover of democracy." The entire Board has gone on record in the past as desirous of complete cooperation with the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

## Chem Open House To Hear Address By Nobel Winner

The Third Annual Chemistry Open House will be held next Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, in the Chemistry Building. Exhibitions, demonstrating the work of City College students over the past year, will highlight the two-day program.

Featured speakers of the Open House will be Enrico Fermi, Professor of Physics at Columbia University and twice winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, who will speak on "The Element Uranium." Professor Fermi will speak Saturday at 2 p.m.

Invitations have been sent to prominent City College alumni and well-known business men in the community. The main purpose of open house is "to introduce the community to the good side of City College and show business men City College men at work."

Among those who have been invited are Alfred Lohenberg '10, vice-president of Barret & Company, and Paul Gross '16, chairman of the Chemistry Department at Duke University.

The exhibitions of students range from a talk on the benefits of sulfanilimide to a dem-

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## SC To Film College Life; Seeks Alumni Backers

By Herbert Tatarsky

If it weren't for a little matter of fifty dollars, they'd be setting up the cameras now—and Eugene Zinberg '44 could be happy. Zinberg sits in the Student Council office and makes plans for a forthcoming documentary film entitled *City College*.

Sponsored by the SC and to be produced through Film and Sprockets, the movie will "show the College's place and its value to the community," the College's life, both curricular and extra-curricular, and the facilities mostly inadequate, with which its work has been accomplished will be treated.

But as we said before, there's that fifty dollars. Plans are afoot to solicit from various

teacher groups, as well as the alumni. Letters, beginning with tactful references to "Alma Mater," and concluding with "Yours for City College" have already been drawn up.

Members of the SC feverishly calculate the possibilities for financial aid. "If we got \$150," they say wistfully, "we could do everything in sound."

Meanwhile, Zinberg, who is the ambitious director of the non-existent documentary, is not idle. He will personally take pictures of the forthcoming boatride, and a week or two after the event will show them at Doremus Hall at a dime admission. The proceeds, such as penses of the documentary.



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## Personality

It was announced last week that the contract of Dr. Maz Yergan of the History Department would not be renewed in the fall. The reason given was that "different personalities" were wanted.

The administration desires the cooperation and good will of the student body. But first it suspends a score of outstanding teachers; and now it dismisses Dr. Yergan—one of the foremost leaders in Negro affairs in America.

The other reason given for Dr. Yergan's dismissal was that "he demonstrated no special scholarship in the field." This is not founded in fact.

Dr. Yergan spent several years in South Africa as director of the International Committee of the YMCA. Previously he had studied in India. He has written several treatises on the Negro problem, among these: "Democracy and the Negro People Today," and "Gold and Poverty in South Africa." He is president of the National Negro Congress. Dr. Yergan has proven his ability in his field. He is a popular teacher.

We call on the administration to reconsider its action. The student body wants Dr. Yergan to remain.  
The Managing Board.

## Houpla . . .

House Plan will contribute to the carnival spirit of Charter Day this Thursday with several dinners, a music recital, and a reception for alumni visitors.

The dinners will be sponsored by individual houses, while the music recital will be a recorded symphonic session with commentary by Milton Aronoff '44, Juillard graduate and HP's leading musical light.

In addition to these festivities, HP will carry on its usual routine in order to give the alumni an idea of its normal activities and show what graduates of the class of '00 and thereabouts missed by not having a House Plan.

### Ping Pong Room

However, there is cause for internal celebration as well since HP recently became the proud parent of a new ping pong room. Instead of handing out cigars, HP is celebrating the new arrival by sponsoring a ping pong tournament for its members.

Under the heading of good neighbor policy comes the announcement that members of House Plan Executive Councils from Hunter and the Downtown Center will be guests at a dinner sponsored by the lords and masters of 292-4 Convent Avenue on May 14.

## Merc Lampoons 'News', Unveils Downwind's Face

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS

Dear Ed:  
*Mercury* is going to hit the newsstands at City College tomorrow and is your face going to be red? Wait until you see it. It's all about you and your newspaper. It's got everything you have. Big headlines, gruesome murder pictures, articles about sex and divorce. Everything. And what is more, it is all written in satire. You'll bust a blood vessel laughing, even if your pride is hurt a little, by the many sly digs Arnie Rosen and his cohorts aim at you—with their sledgehammers.

But the articles aren't all. Will you be mad when you see what *Mercury* has done to your cartoons. Orphan Annie finally grows up and Downwind Jackson's face is revealed. Boy oh boy, oh boy! Like Citizen Kane and my girl friend—it's Terrific! Such wit. Such humor. Such subtle innuendo. Arnie Rosen, Mort Levin, Buddy Marcus, Jules Aarons and the other disciples of the pile driver school of satire have really banged into you. They really show you up for what you are.

Seriously, this issue of *Mercury*, under the management of Arnie Rosen, is a very competent production, especially when compared with some of the previous issues. For the first time in several months *Mercury* is actually worth the price of a ride on the Fifth Avenue bus (plus a jit).

Sincerely yours,  
ARIEL MARGULIES.

### Capitalism Under Nazis

The April issue of *Events* is worth reading—if only for Jerome B. Cohen's (Economics Dept.) "Capitalism Under Nazi Rule." Like Brady's *Spirit and Structure of German Fascism* and other works, Cohen's piece presents ample evidence that German capitalism, which put Hitler into power, has very much flourished under Nazism.

## DISC

This column is a roundup. All the stuff we haven't been able to get in, what with all the classic jazz Decca has sent us in the last few weeks, will get a working over now. Not that today's records are bad. They just don't surround our heart like the *Gems of Jazz*, *Kansas City Jazz*, and *Colored Jazz Anthology* albums of recent reviews.

One album comes under consideration. It's called *Small Fry*, an album of songs about "the old days" sung by Bing Crosby. Five nostalgic platters: *Small Fry* (with Johnny Mercer) and *That Sly Old Gentleman*; *Shoe Shine Boy* and *Just A Kid Named Joe*; *An Apple for the Teacher* (with Connie Baswell) and a medley of old Gus Edwards songs (*School Days*, *Sunbonnet Sue*, *Jimmy Valentine*, and *If I Was a Millionaire*); *The Girl with the Pigtails in Her Hair* and *Little Lady Make-Believe*; and *Little Sir Echo* and *Poor Old Rover*. The ever-pleasant Crosby.

We wanted to talk about Art Tatum, the phenomenal blind Negro pianist, but we'll only have room to mention the disc we've got. *Wee Baby Blues* and *Battery Bounce* are real Tatum. Joe Turner shouts the blues on the *Wee Baby*, in his usual terrific manner. The rest of the band doesn't matter when Tatum tickles the keys.

For proof he points to the boom on the German stock exchanges last winter, to the constant expansion of large banks and industrial corporations, to the fact that large concerns are paying out more in dividends today than they were in the peak years of the late 1920's.

On the other hand, although German labor is fully employed, "hours are long, and the great majority of workers are ill-fed, ill-housed, and ill-clothed."

In short "capitalism is very much alive in Germany today."

The rest of the magazine includes interesting material on Mussolini, the Balkans, Tokyo's quest for appeasement, the British economic situation, and some fine book reviews.

S.R.F.

## Campus Column

FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW, the editors of *The Campus* have been using this column to speak openly and subjectively. I intend to follow suit, but I would like to preface my remarks with this: I am not antagonistic to the draft, and when my number is called—it hasn't been drawn yet!—I'll have no kick coming. But the Army is close-mouthed about itself, and many things are going on now that no newspaper prints—and since I felt that the draftee should know what's what, I printed several illuminating letters on this page.

The acting director of the Division of Public Service, Robert Jahrling, passed along to us the letter in the next column. It speaks for itself—make of it what you like.

Perhaps you believe Army life is exactly what every American needs, a sort of lumber camp that will make a man out of a mouse. Or perhaps you believe Army life destroys the mind and brutalizes the senses. Or perhaps both.

In either case, it will pay you to study these sketchy remarks—I hope to get detailed reports later—from a man in the medical corps at Fort Dix.

There have been four suicides of newly-arrived draftees, one slashing his wrists, one leaping off a train headed for Georgia, two who turned into psychopathic cases and then killed themselves. This news is silenced. Not even the soldiers at the fort learn of it.

What does that mean to me? First, that any City College man who is unaccustomed to being away from home and family had better prepare himself for a violently changed environment, had better get a tight hold on his nerves. Second, the Army is not concerned one damn with the individual—and city-bred college students must be prepared for that. This soldier told me that conscientious objectors are dealt with harshly, are kept in what amounts to labor camps, work hard and are paid ten dollars a month.

Thus we see Army discipline in peace time. And in war time? Well, you speculate on your own.

As for me, I like to know what I'm walking into—do you? Drop a note in *The Campus* box and let me know, and if you've received any letters, how about bringing them around?

R.J.L.

## Army Life

TO THE EDITOR:

Since so many students would like to get a glimpse of Army life, I am sending you, for publication in *The Campus*, a copy of a letter which I recently received from one of my former students.

ROBERT JAHRLING,  
Acting Director, Division  
of Public Service  
Training, The College

"DEAR MR. JAHRLING:

This letter is being written from a hospital cot in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Although I was in excellent condition when I entered the Army twenty-six days ago, I now find myself sick and rather run down with an acute pharyngitis, head and chest cold with accompanying fever. I think a number of factors have contributed towards my illness—a complete change from New York's cool, ocean-sprayed climate to Kentucky's hot, dusty atmosphere—an entirely different diet—and typhoid plus smallpox injections which put me in a weakened state. However, I hope to be up and about in a few days.

Much of the philosophy of Army life and military pedagogy runs contrary to my educational background. I remember, for example, in "Education 61-61" we learned that discipline comes from within the pupil—it should be based upon the voluntary desire of the pupil to learn. Well, in the Army it is just the opposite. I also remember in "Education 21" we learned that one of the fundamental things to keep in mind whenever learning or teaching is: "Whither to?" "What is the goal?" "Why are we learning this or that?" In the Army we learn to disregard this guiding principle. If there is any maxim directing our daily activities here, which I can think of off-hand, it is "Ours not to reason why, ours but to do—or in the guardhouse." We are tiny cogs in a gigantic military machine.



—Woodcut by H. Bauman

But all this is the darker side of life in the Army. There is a brighter picture. We civilians are not fully appreciative of our daily freedom and liberty. Only when these privileges are curtailed can we see the full value of living in a democracy. If I want to look at military life through brightly colored glasses, there is much to be learned here. Neatness and precision are insisted upon for every single act.

Another worthwhile view of the Army: It is said that travel broadens one. Living in the Army is just like travelling. I meet men from all over the country. On one side of my bed is a miner from Alaska; on the other side is a farmer from Georgia. We exchange ideas and experiences and it is all very interesting and enriching. New friendships are made and they are really valuable friendships based upon mutual sharing of things, material and non-material.

So you can see that the Army has both its good and its bad points. I am trying to cultivate the attitude that all of this is a brand new experience for me—new environment, people and manner of living. I am trying to learn as much as I can—things which will prove valuable and useful when I go back to my role as a teacher.

MARK M. COHN, 37

# Sport Slants



## 'Tetched' Trio Invades Stadium, Harass Athletes

By Lou Stein

Lewisohn Stadium is in a perpetual uproar these days. The usually quiet hours from 2 to 5, when the "sturdy sons of City College" are in the habit of taking their sun-baths in company with their fraters, have become instead hours of laughter and noise. And all because of three freshman laddies who in the short space of four months, have, by their antics and the originality of their humor, made of the Stadium one long, hilarious howl.

Nominally, the "Tetched Trio," Leon Spitzer, Dave Habib and Lowell Brody, are assistant managers to Vic Sawicki of the lacrosse team. Actually, however, they have become a school-wide institution and athletes of all teams have fondly adopted them in spirit.

Just to look at them is sufficient cause for a hearty chuckle. They scamper about the field dressed in lavender and black frosh caps, with identical black football jerseys. Since they look somewhat alike, from a distance, they have devised a system whereby "our separate and distinct personalities—ahem—can easily be distinguished." Brody wears a huge number 22 on his back, Habib wears number 32, and Spitzer, as befits the "top man," sports number 42. Thus, as Spitzer explains it, "2 is our common denominator, although in reality you can easily see we are 3."

Among the many characteristic touches which distinguish the trio, is their original way of performing the water-boy duty. They line up in single file, grab the water pails and then "conga" out to the players on the field. You might think the tired, thirsty athletes would set up a howl. Well, they do, but it's a howl of genuine laughter which is ardently seconded by the spectators. Other "trio" stunts include a variety of cheers they have written themselves and which are riotously funny, but which, unfortunately, the dictates of good taste exclude from this column.

Recently, Spitzer, who is a slim, smiling, blue-eyed youngster when he stands still long enough for you to get a good look at him, moved into the Towers with the athletes. The first thing he did when he got there was to take a bugle from his suitcase and practice on it. Despite the protests, he practiced until 2 a.m. and now he has an extremely effective weapon with which to threaten the boys if they "get out of line." His consuming ambition, at the present, is to sharpen up these dull dressers, with whom he rooms. To that end he has transplanted about a hundred snappy ties from his own stock, which he forces the athletes to wear. Before going to class they must stand inspection, and if they are not "sharp" enough—which means "loud" enough—they are not allowed to depart.

## ROTC Stalls Intramurals, Forces Record Schedule

The intramural program was stymied last week by the ROTC Review in Lewisohn Stadium. It seems that so many of the intramural entrants are members of the ROTC Corps that even if the Stadium were not used for the Review, the games wouldn't have been played.

So, with the school out at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the satchels of the Intramural Board decided to set some sort of record for Thursday games with a schedule that will extend well into the late afternoon and encompass six tournaments.

Basketball, handball, and volleyball enter the semi-final round, while softball continues

along its way. In the basketball tourney, the All Stars face the Newman Club. The winner of this game meets the Fraternity division winner.

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# Beaver Nine Cops Three, To Face Violets And Temple

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## City Scores in Sixth

The Beavers won the game in the sixth with a three-run outburst. Burt Boyer banged one of his three singles into center-field to score Julie Savino, after Maxie Goldsmith and Mike Rudko, who walked, had come home on an error. Boyer and Signorille, with a single in addition to his homer, led City's eight-hit attack.

Tosa showed plenty of stuff and gave his finest performance of the season, fanning five and walking two, with the Beaver outfielders responsible for just three putouts. Frank, improving with every game, was in command at all times, despite four City errors. "A little control of his optimism and he'll develop into a great college pitcher," says Coach Winograd.

## Manhattan and Hofstra Bow

The Lavender topped Manhattan, 11-9, in a return game last Thursday at the Stadium to square accounts in their home and home series. Hurler Hal Aronson was in plenty of trouble throughout, and went out for Phil Gelfand in the ninth. A big eight-run inning in the fourth kept the home team ahead. Tosa evened another season series against Hofstra the day before, outlasting a trio of Hempstead pitchers to win, 10-7. A four-run rally in the seventh turned things our way.

Winograd's ball club faces Temple the Saturday following NYU. The Philadelphia team dropped an 11-3 decision to Gettysburg in its last outing and crushed NYU, 25-2, the week before.

## Stickmen Rout Teachers; Zmachinsky, McCarty Star

When Chief Miller's varsity lacrosse team scored its third victory of the season last Saturday, it did so with a vengeance, routing Westchester State Teachers College, 13-4, in Lewisohn Stadium.

Sixty-odd spectators watched the Beavers go off to a slow start, coming from behind to pull up to a 3-3 tie in the first quarter. From the second period on, however, they were really unbeatable, both offensively and defensively.

It was a combination of the new Lavender zone defense and the scrappy play of the defense men which held the Teachers to four tallies. When the visitors did manage to get past the defense, Goalie Leonard Barqin was always on the job, making several pretty stops.

Offensively, the winners were paced by co-captains Ed McCarty and Stan Zmachinsky, each of whom scored four goals. On the defense, Bob Boye and Marty Multer checked vigorously, keeping the crease area fairly free from invading attackmen.

The zone defense, used by Chief Miller's team for the second time this season, proved successful.

Next Saturday the Lavender stickmen will make their second visit of the season to Baltimore to meet the Loyola team.

## Matmen Sweep Junior Mets

Five of Coach Joe Sapora's grapplers monopolized the Junior Metropolitan AAU competition at Grover Cleveland High School, Saturday night, and came off with the lion's share of the spoils: the team trophy, four first places, one second place, the award for the second and third most outstanding wrestlers in the tourney.

The Beavers scored twenty-three points, beating out the West Side Y with seventeen. Jake Twersky, City's blind ace, took the 118 pound crown and started the ball rolling. Co-captain Bob Levin took up from there and beat a Brooklyn College wrestler to win the 123-pound title and tie for the third outstanding wrestler award with an ex-City regular, Joe Ginsburg, now representing the West Side Y.

Co-captain Clarence Shapiro (Continued on Page Four)

## Cindermen Bow To Rensselaer

Fresh from precedent-shattering performances at the Penn Relays, a favored City College track squad encountered unexpectedly stiff opposition from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this past Saturday in a meet held at Troy, N. Y. City lost, 70½ to 55½.

Touted as probably the strongest track team in Beaver history, Coach Orlando's boys started out to win the meet in a hurry. The Cliff Goldstein, Dave Polansky, Lou Cantor combination swept through the 440, 880, mile, and two-mile events with the loss of only 2½ points. Polansky took two firsts and a second for individual scoring honors.

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## Personality

It was announced last week that the contract of Dr. Max Yergan of the History Department would not be renewed in the fall. The reason given was that "different personalities" were wanted.

The administration desires the cooperation and good will of the student body. But first it suspends a score of outstanding teachers; and now it dismisses Dr. Yergan—one of the foremost leaders in Negro affairs in America.

The other reason given for Dr. Yergan's dismissal was that "he demonstrated no special scholarship in the field." This is not founded in fact.

Dr. Yergan spent several years in South Africa as director of the International Committee of the YMCA. Previously he had studied in India. He has written several treatises on the Negro problem, among these: "Democracy and the Negro People Today," and "Gold and Poverty in South Africa." He is president of the National Negro Congress. Dr. Yergan has proven his ability in his field. He is a popular teacher.

We call on the administration to reconsider its action. The student body wants Dr. Yergan to remain.  
The Managing Board.

## Houpla . . .

House Plan will contribute to the carnival spirit of Charter Day this Thursday with several dinners, a music recital, and a reception for alumni visitors.

The dinners will be sponsored by individual houses, while the music recital will be a recorded symphonic session with commentary by Milton Aro-noff '44, Juillard graduate and HP's leading musical light.

In addition to these festivities, HP will carry on its usual routine in order to give the alumni an idea of its normal activities and show what graduates of the class of '00 and thereabouts missed by not having a House Plan.

**Ping Pong Room**

However, there is cause for internal celebra-tion as well since HP recently became the proud parent of a new ping pong room. Instead of handing out cigars, HP is celebrating the new arrival by sponsoring a ping pong tournament for its members.

Under the heading of good neighbor policy comes the announcement that members of House Plan Executive Councils from Hunter and the Down-town Center will be guests at a dinner sponsored by the lords and masters of 292-4 Convent Avenue on May 14.

## Merc Lampoons 'News', Unveils Downwind's Face

TO THE EDITOR OF THE  
DAILY NEWS:

Dear Ed:  
*Mercury* is going to hit the newsstands at City College to-morrow and is your face going to be red! Wait until you see it. It's all about you and your newspaper. It's got everything you have. Big headlines, gruesome murder pictures, articles about sex and divorce. Every-thing. And what is more, it is all written in satire. You'll bust a blood vessel laughing, even if your pride is hurt a little, by the many sly digs Arnie Rosen and his cohorts aim at you—with their sledgehammers.

But the articles aren't all. Will you be mad when you see what *Mercury* has done to your cartoons. Orphan Annie finally grows up and Downwind Jack-son's face is revealed. Boy oh boy, oh boy! Like Citizen Kane and my girl friend—It's Terrific! Such wit. Such humor. Such subtle innuendo. Arnie Rosen, Mort Levin, Buddy Mar-cus, Jules Aarons and the other disciples of the pile driver school of satire have really banged into you. They really show you up for what you are.

Seriously, this issue of *Mer-cury*, under the management of Arnie Rosen, is a very competent production, especially when com-pared with some of the pre-vious issues. For the first time in several months *Mercury* is actually worth the price of a ride on the Fifth Avenue bus (plus a jit).

Sincerely yours,  
ARIEL MARGULIES.

**Capitalism Under Nazis**

The April issue of *Events* is worth reading—if only for Jer-ome B. Cohen's (Economics Dept.) "Capitalism Under Nazi Rule." Like Brady's *Spirit and Structure of German Fascism* and other works, Cohen's piece presents ample evidence that German capitalism, which put Hitler into power, has very much flourished under Nazism.

## DISC

This column is a roundup. All the stuff we haven't been able to get in, what with all the classic jazz Decca has sent us in the last few weeks, will get a working over now. Not that today's records are bad. They just don't surround our heart like the *Gems of Jazz*, *Kansas City Jazz*, and *Colored Jazz An-thology* albums of recent re-views.

One album comes under con-sideration. It's called *Small Fry*, an album of songs about "the old days" sung by Bing Crosby. Five nostalgic platters: *Small Fry* (with Johnny Mercer) and *That Sly Old Gentleman*; *Shoe Shine Boy* and *Just A Kid Named Joe*; *An Apple for the Teacher* (with Connie Baswell) and a medley of old Gus Ed-wards songs (*School Days*, *Sun-bonnet Sue*, *Jimmy Valentine*, and *If I Was a Millionaire*); *The Girl with the Pigtails in Her Hair* and *Little Lady Make-Believe*; and *Little Sir Echo* and *Poor Old Rover*. The ever-pleas-ant Crosby.

We wanted to talk about Art Tatum, the phenomenal blind Negro pianist, but we'll only have room to mention the disc we've got. *Wee Baby Blues* and *Battery Bounce* are real Tatum. Joe Turner shouts the blues on the *Wee Baby*, in his usual ter-rific manner. The rest of the band doesn't matter when Tat-um tickles the keys.

For proof he points to the boom on the German stock ex-changes last winter, to the con-stant expansion of large banks and industrial corporations, to the fact that large concerns are paying out more in dividends today than they were in the peak years of the late 1920's.

On the other hand, although German labor is fully em-ployed, "hours are long, and the great majority of workers are ill-fed, ill-housed, and ill-clothed."

In short, "capitalism is very much alive in Germany today."

The rest of the magazine in-cludes interesting material on Mussolini, the Balkans, Tokyo's quest for appeasement, the Brit-ish economic situation, and some fine book reviews.

S.R.F.

## Campus Column

FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW, the editors of *The Campus* have been using this column to speak openly and subjectively. I intend to follow suit, but I would like to preface my re-marks with this: I am not an-tagonistic to the draft, and when my number is called—it hasn't been drawn yet! — I'll have no kick coming. But the Army is close-mouthed about itself, and many things are go-ing on now that no newspaper prints—and since I felt that the draftee should know what's what, I printed several illumi-nating letters on this page.

The acting director of the Di- vision of Public Service, Robert Jahrling, passed along to us the letter in the next column. It speaks for itself—make of it what you like.

Perhaps you believe Army life is exactly what every American needs, a sort of lumber camp that will make a man out of a mouse. Or perhaps you believe Army life destroys the mind and brutalizes the senses. Or per-haps both.

In either case, it will pay you to study these sketchy remarks —I hope to get detailed reports later—from a man in the med-ical corps at Fort Dix.

There have been four suicides of newly-arrived draftees, one slashing his wrists, one leaping off a train headed for Georgia, two who turned into psycho-pathic cases and then killed themselves. This news is sil-enced. Not even the soldiers at the fort learn of it.

What does that mean to me? First, that any City College man who is unaccustomed to being away from home and family had better prepare himself for a vio-lently changed environment, had better get a tight hold on his nerves. Second, the Army is not concerned one damn with the individual — and city-bred college students must be pre-pared for that. This soldier told me that conscientious ob-jectors are dealt with harshly, are kept in what amounts to labor camps, work hard and are paid ten dollars a month.

Thus we see Army discipline in peace time. And in war time? Well, you speculate on your own.

As for me, I like to know what I'm walking into—do you? Drop a note in *The Campus* box and let me know, and if you've received any letters, how about bringing them around?

R.J.L.

## Army Life

TO THE EDITOR:

Since so many students would like to get a glimpse of Army life, I am sending you, for pub-lication in *The Campus*, a copy of a letter which I recently re-ceived from one of my former students.

ROBERT JAHRLING,  
Acting Director, Division  
of Public Service  
Training, The College.

"DEAR MR. JAHRLING:

This letter is being written from a hospital cot in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Although I was in excellent condition when I entered the Army twenty-six days ago, I now find myself sick and rather run down with an acute pharyngitis, head and chest cold with accompanying fever. I think a number of fac-tors have contributed towards my illness—a complete change from New York's cool, ocean-sprayed climate to Kentucky's hot, dusty atmosphere—an en-tirely different diet—and ty-phoid plus smallpox injections which put me in a weakened state. However, I hope to be up and about in a few days.

Much of the philosophy of Army life and military peda-gogy runs contrary to my edu-cational background. I remem-ber, for example, in "Education 61-61" we learned that disci-pline comes from within the pupil—it should be based upon the voluntary desire of the pu-pil to learn. Well, in the Army it is just the opposite. I also remember in "Education 21" we learned that one of the funda-mental things to keep in mind whenever learning or teaching is: "Whither to?" "What is the goal?" "Why are we learning this or that?" In the Army we learn to disregard this guiding principle. If there is any maxim directing our daily activities here, which I can think of off-hand, it is "Ours not to reason why, ours but to do—or in the guardhouse." We are tiny cogs in a gigantic military machine.



—Woodcut by H. Bauman

But all this is the darker side of life in the Army. There is a brighter picture. We civilians are not fully appreciative of our daily freedom and liberty. Only when these privileges are cur-tailed can we see the full value of living in a democracy. If I want to look at military life through brightly colored glasses, there is much to be learned here. Neatness and precision are insisted upon for every sin-gle act.

Another worthwhile view of the Army: It is said that travel broadens one. Living in the Army is just like travelling. I meet men from all over the country. On one side of my bed is a miner from Alaska; on the other side is a farmer from Georgia. We exchange ideas and experiences and it is all very interesting and enriching. New friendships are made and they are really valuable friend-ships based upon mutual shar-ing of things, material and non-material.

So you can see that the Army has both its good and its bad points. I am trying to culti-vate the attitude that all of this is a brand new experience for me—new environment, peo-ple and manner of living. I am trying to learn as much as I can—things which will prove valuable and useful when I go back to my role as a teacher.

MARK M. COHN, '37

# Sport Slants



## 'Tetched' Trio Invades Stadium, Harass Athletes

By Lou Stein

Lewisohn Stadium is in a perpetual uproar these days. The usually quiet hours from 2 to 5, when the "sturdy sons of City College" are in the habit of taking their sun-baths in company with their fraters, have become instead hours of laughter and noise. And all because of three freshman laddies who in the short space of four months, have, by their antics and the originality of their humor, made of the Stadium one long, hilarious howl.

Nominally, the "Tetched Trio," Leon Spitzer, Dave Habib and Lowell Brody, are assistant managers to Vic Sawicki of the lacrosse team. Actually, however, they have become a school-wide institution and athletes of all teams have fondly adopted them in spirit.

Just to look at them is sufficient cause for a hearty chuckle. They scamper about the field dressed in lavender and black frosh caps, with identical black football jerseys. Since they look somewhat alike, from a distance, they have devised a system whereby "our separate and distinct personalities—ahem—can easily be distinguished." Brody wears a huge number 22 on his back, Habib wears number 32, and Spitzer, as befits the "top man," sports number 42. Thus, as Spitzer explains it, "2 is our common denominator, although in reality you can easily see we are 3."

Among the many characteristic touches which distinguish the trio, is their original way of performing the water-boy duty. They line up in single file, grab the water pails and then "conga" out to the players on the field. You might think the tired, thirsty athletes would set up a howl. Well, they do, but it's a howl of genuine laughter which is ardently seconded by the spectators. Other "trio" stunts include a variety of cheers they have written themselves and which are riotously funny, but which, unfortunately, the dictates of good taste exclude from this column.

Recently, Spitzer, who is a slim, smiling, blue-eyed youngster when he stands still long enough for you to get a good look at him, moved into the Towers with the athletes. The first thing he did when he got there was to take a bugle from his suitcase and practice on it. Despite the protests, he practiced until 2 a.m. and now he has an extremely effective weapon with which to threaten the boys if they "get out of line." His consuming ambition, at the present, is to sharpen up these dull dressers, with whom he rooms. To that end he has transplanted about a hundred snappy ties from his own stock, which he forces the athletes to wear. Before going to class they must stand inspection, and if they are not "sharp" enough—which means "loud" enough—they are not allowed to depart.

## ROTC Stalls Intramurals, Forces Record Schedule

The intramural program was stymied last week by the ROTC Review in Lewisohn Stadium. It seems that so many of the intramural entrants are members of the ROTC Corps that even if the Stadium were not used for the Review, the games wouldn't have been played.

So, with the school out at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the satchels of the Intramural Board decided to set some sort of record for Thursday games with a schedule that will extend well into the late afternoon and encompass six tournaments. Basketball, handball, and volleyball enter the semi-final round, while softball continues

along its way. In the basketball tourney, the All Stars face the Newman Club. The winner of this game meets the Fraternity division winner.

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# Beaver Nine Cops Three, To Face Violets And Temple

## Stickmen Rout Teachers; Zmachinsky, McCarty Star

When Chief Miller's varsity lacrosse team scored its third victory of the season last Saturday, it did so with a vengeance, routing Westchester State Teachers College, 13-4, in Lewisohn Stadium.

Sixty-odd spectators watched the Beavers go off to a slow start, coming from behind to pull up to a 3-3 tie in the first quarter. From the second period on, however, they were really unbeatable, both offensively and defensively.

It was a combination of the new Lavender zone defense and the scrappy play of the defense men which held the Teachers to four tallies. When the visitors did manage to get past the defense, Goalie Leonard Barqin was always on the job, making several pretty stops.

Offensively, the winners were paced by co-captains Ed McCarty and Stan Zmachinsky, each of whom scored four goals. On the defense, Bob Boye and Marty Multer checked vigorously, keeping the crease area fairly free from invading attackmen.

## Cindermen Bow To Rensselaer

Fresh from precedent-shattering performances at the Penn Relays, a favored City College track squad encountered unexpectedly stiff opposition from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this past Saturday in a meet held at Troy, N. Y. City lost, 70½ to 55½.

Touted as probably the strongest track team in Beaver history, Coach Orlando's boys started out to win the meet in a hurry. The Cliff Goldstein, Dave Polansky, Lou Cantor combination swept through the 440, 880, mile, and two-mile events with the loss of only 2½ points. Polansky took two firsts and a second for individual scoring honors.

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The zone defense, used by Chief Miller's team for the second time this season, proved successful.

Next Saturday the Lavender stickmen will make their second visit of the season to Baltimore to meet the Loyola team.

## Matmen Sweep Junior Mets

Five of Coach Joe Sapor's grapplers monopolized the Junior Metropolitan AAU competition at Grover Cleveland High School, Saturday night, and came off with the lion's share of the spoils: the team trophy, four first places, one second place, the award for the second and third most outstanding wrestlers in the tourney.

The Beavers scored twenty-three points, beating out the West Side Y with seventeen. Jake Twersky, City's blind ace, took the 118 pound crown and started the ball rolling. Co-captain Bob Levin took up from there an abeat a Brooklyn College wrestler to win the 123-pound title and tie for the third outstanding wrestler award with an ex-City regular, Joe Ginsburg, now representing the West Side Y.

Co-captain Clarence Shapiro  
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### City Scores in Sixth

The Beavers won the game in the sixth with a three-run outburst. Burt Boyer banded one of his three singles into center-field to score Julie Savino, after Maxie Goldsmith and Mike Rudko, who walked, had come home on an error. Boyer and Signorille, with a single in addition to his homer, led City's eight-hit attack.

Tosa showed plenty of stuff and gave his finest performance of the season, fanning five and walking two, with the Beaver outfielders responsible for just three putouts. Frank, improving with every game, was in command at all times, despite four City errors. "A little control of his optimism and he'll develop into a great college pitcher," says Coach Winograd. **Manhattan and Hofstra Bow**

The Lavender topped Manhattan, 11-9, in a return game last Thursday at the Stadium to square accounts in their home and home series. Hurler Hal Aronson was in plenty of trouble throughout, and went out for Phil Gelfand in the ninth. A big eight-run inning in the fourth kept the home team ahead. Tosa evened another season series against Hofstra the day before, outlasting a trio of Hempstead pitchers to win, 10-7. A four-run rally in the seventh turned things our way.

Winograd's ball club faces Temple the Saturday following NYU. The Philadelphia team dropped an 11-3 decision to Gettysburg in its last outing and crushed NYU, 25-2, the week before.

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## NIBS

*Pulse*, the new literary magazine put out by the Evening Session Writers' Club, will go on sale May 15, at fifteen cents per copy.

The Division of Public Service Training is now receiving applications for September admissions. Information may be secured from acting director Robert Jahrling in 113A, THH.

Julius Cahn '42, of the College debating team, won first place and a fifty dollar award in the Intercollegiate Peace Association at Brooklyn College last Friday. Cahn spoke on "The Grand Illusion of Peace."

A free concert of classical music will be presented by the City College orchestra this Thursday evening, May 8, at 8:30 o'clock in the Great Hall. Professor William Neldinger will act as conductor.

## Matmen Win

(Continued from Page Three) had the best evening of his career, wrestling four bouts in five hours, pinning one man, and shellacking the others badly, annexing the 134-pound championship and being named the second best grappler in the tournament.

In the 174-pound division, two Beavers, Saul Sahner and Herb Greenfield, entered and, knocking over all competitors, came together in the finals. Greenfield, with a 2-1 point margin, won the gold award and Sahner the silver, giving the Beavers the eight points that carried the team trophy with it.

This marks the first time City has ever won an AAU team award, and Coach Sapora and Mr. Norman Oberhofer are deservedly proud of the trophy which they will present to the College at the Varsity Club dinner.

## Tech Notes

Placement of Tech School graduates, under the guidance of Millard H. Gibson, director of the Graduate Placement Bureau, is the best in years. Civil Service, the Army and Navy, and private industry are demanding mechanical engineers and City graduates are taking advantage of this demand.

Tau Beta Pi, the Tech honor fraternity, has inducted twenty-six new members into the soci-

ety. This semester marks its first term as a national organization... *Vector*, Tech School magazine, will appear soon with a special parody issue on *Life*.

Dr. Erich Gross has recently been appointed to the Tech faculty. Dr. Gross was formerly chief electrical engineer of the Austrian General Electric Company. His specialty is high voltage power transmission.

## Charter Day

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Starting at 11:45 a.m., the College bell will be sounded for fifteen minutes in commemoration of the occasion.

Due to the Charter Day exercises no rooms will be assigned for extra-curricular activities on Thursday, it was announced by Miss Genevieve Brennan, secretary to Dean Turner.

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