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Editorial:

9-33,000 of the Law

"What do you expect from City College Students?"
How many of you heard that remark on Wednesday evening, March 8, at Madison Square Garden, when nine students took it upon themselves to represent the College's more than 33,000 students in a coordinated "protest" to the handling of the cases of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker and William C. Davis?

These students have been "condemned" by the Student Council, and a request has been made for an apology by them to the student body.

That the nine students acted in a stupid, disgraceful manner is a matter of relatively little importance. For this action they may be personally properly ashamed.

That in acting so, they disgraced the College, and

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Tipsy 'Girl Crazy' Offers Mad Eyes

By Marvin Kalb

If there be the slightest indication of lethargy in the actions of the cast of "Girl Crazy," Dramsoc's latest production which opens tomorrow evening at the Pauline Edwards Theater, there's a good reason for it. They're tired.

However, with the help of a shot of adrenalin, the cast should waltz through a show which

has all the potential of being the best ever presented by Dramsoc.

This is what Eli Bloom '50, program director of Dramsoc declared, in between Sucrets last Saturday night, while awaiting the arrival of his troupe for another rehearsal. It was 6 p.m.

The Villains Appear

The first two Dramsocites to appear were Bob Morea and Sy Bogarsky, the two villains of the show. Sy, a tall, chubby, affable fellow, lazily interjected, "Sorry I'm late, Eli, but I just got up." Then he asked Bob, who had collapsed in a hard chair like a deflated balloon, "Got a cigarette?" A broad smile spread over his handsome but worn face as he replied, "No, but I wish I had."

More of the cast followed. Carrie Caldwell, the College songstress with the "voice from out of this world," entered with Howard Caine, who plays the part made famous by the late Willy Howard. Egon Dumer, a tall, good-looking, but very tired comedian, followed.

So Tired

On his heels came John Walsh, who looks like anyone, but the cruel, heartless Lank Sanders. Next, a short, unassuming chap entered carrying a paper bag. "Who's he?" I asked John who had just sat down on a bench. There was no answer. I turned around. John was asleep. "That's our lead, Billy Summers," said Jerry Davidson, who had overheard my query.

"OK. Let's go, kids. Take 14," Eli Bloom yelled.

Few Tix Left

Tickets may still be obtained for the Friday and Sunday night performances of "Girl Crazy," though there are very few remaining. They may be bought at the rear of the cafeteria and at the box office at PET. They are priced at \$85.

Senior Class to Meet To Discuss Term Ball

A Senior class meeting will be held today in the Great Hall, between 12 and 2.

Class dues, the farewell ball, the numeralites dance, the Senior Class Night show, and other class activities will be discussed.

In addition, representatives from the National Advisory Council on Aeronautics will speak on job opportunities in this field. Co-sponsored by the Placement Bureau of the College, this feature is designed primarily for Tech, Chem, and Physics majors.

Jersey Court Decision Aids CORE Members

Another victory was accomplished in the fight against discrimination when a New Jersey Supreme Court decision made a retrial probable in the Palisades Amusement Park case involving three Committee of Racial Equality members. This announcement was made by Al Ettinger, president of the College CORE.

Last summer, Charles Story and Martin Shephard, of the College, and Jack Davis were denied admittance to the Palisades swimming pool because they were Negroes. CORE took legal action claiming violation of the state's civil rights statutes. However, Judge John Lynn of Englewood ruled that the state laws refer to "bathhouses" and not to "swimming pools." On October 8, the Supreme Court of New Jersey revoked a lower court decision on another discrimination case involving the park. It is believed that this will cause a new trial in the Story, Shephard, and Davis case.

SC Motion Condemns Action of 9 at Garden

BHE Officials Protect Knickerbocker—Cross

"The Board of Higher Education and some officials of this school have stooped to plain, ordinary lying," declared Prof. Ephraim Cross (Romance Languages) in an impromptu speech at a meeting last week co-sponsored by the FDR Young Democratic Club and CORE (Congress of Racial Equality).

Al Ettinger '49, President of CORE, was temporary chairman when Professor Cross, active in the fight to oust Prof. William E. Knickerbocker (Chairman, Romance Languages), happened to walk in. A debate was going on at the time as to the ethics of the Madison Square Garden demonstrators, two of whom had announced, "We are proud of taking this action."

Professor Cross was invited to comment on the incident but he declined. However, in referring to the Knickerbocker case, Professor Cross said that "They have called me all sorts of names" but that "the world is waiting—they can't get away with murder."

He alleged that the reason for lack of official action was because "from the BHE down, the spirit of Knickerbocker lives—that's why he's still here."

At the conclusion of Professor Cross' address, Martin Klein '51, president of the FDR Young Democratic Club declared that the remarks did not necessarily reflect the stand of the club.



Prof. William E. Knickerbocker

Asks Apology; No Punishment Set for Group

"Resolved: that the Student Council condemns the action taken at Madison Square Garden concerning the cases of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker and of William C. Davis by nine students at the recent NYU game, as unbecoming students of the College."

"That the Council request an apology from the nine students to the student body."

"That the action taken against the nine students in no way affects Student Council's previous stand on the two cases."

The above resolution was passed after seven hours of prolonged discussion at last Friday's session of Student Council, by a vote of 31½, 30½, 45 in favor; 14½, 18, 1 opposed; with 6, 3½, 6 abstaining. The resolution was divided into three separate votes. There were 22½ absent from Council at the time of the vote.

No Apology

Previous to the vote, a statement by Herman Goldfarb '50, alternate for Students for Wallace, expressed what he represented to be the sentiment of the nine students accused of dropping leaflets and banners from the balcony of the Garden. "If you think that you are going to get an apology from us, you are crazy. You will never get an apology."

In opposition to this statement, Leroy Galperin '50, representative of THE CAMPUS, stated that "these students have not only committed an action which was stupid and disgraceful, which offended both the citizens of the City and disgraced the name of the College and of its students. These students," he said, "have succeeded in alienating support and bringing discredit to the campaign."

Torch in a Closet

"Ignoring other student groups which have not stopped in the fight against bigotry at the College, they have set themselves as the bearers of a small torch in a dark closet. Why," he demanded, "if they have already stated refusal to comply with the request for an apology, has this Council debated so long as to whether to request one or not."

The motion as passed, was presented by Joseph Rosenzweig '50 as a substitute to a resolution by Harvey Karp '49, which included all of the above points.

The original motion contained a provision for punishing the accused individuals in the event that an apology was not forthcoming.

SFW to Hear Michigan State Student Today

Two central figures in the recent academic freedom disputes on the campuses of the University of Washington and Michigan State College will speak at the College today.

James Zarichny, one of three students expelled by Michigan State authorities, and Professor Herbert J. Phillips, formerly of Washington U., will address the Students for Wallace in Townsend Harris Auditorium at 12:30. Their subject will be "Academic Freedom."

Mr. Zarichny, a 24 year old math major who needs but a single semester for graduation, has been on a tour of the nation's colleges since his sudden expulsion from MSC on the grounds that he had attended a civil rights meeting at which a Communist, Carl Winter, spoke. He had previously been on disciplinary probation for having distributed an AYD leaflet.

Professor Phillips was one of two educators fired by the University of Washington in a move that has had wide repercussions. He was accused of being a member of the Communist Party.

Request Return of Guitar Lost in CAMPUS Office

A guitar belonging to Betty Freedman '52, was lost, strayed, or stolen from THE CAMPUS office, 15A Main, last Thursday. Information concerning the missing instrument and its possible return would be appreciated by Miss Freedman, who may be reached in THE CAMPUS office.

College Requests Increased Budget

An estimated increase of \$745,000 over last year's budget of \$7,000,000 will be asked for the maintenance of the College throughout 1949, according to Ira Goldstein '50, chairman of the Budget Committee of Student Council. These additional funds would be apportioned mainly to the Evening Session.

Among the proposed benefits would be ten new fellowships, additional custodial help, the hiring of 20 new clerks, and salary increases to some members of the faculty. Also, 32,000 duplicate copies of books would be added to the Army Hall Library, enabling it to lend books on a basis almost equal to that of the Main Library. Hearings before the Board of Estimate on the Mayor's budget will be held in April.

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every student in the College is a matter of graver importance. For this they have to answer to the scorn and contempt of the student body.

But, that in taking upon themselves the responsibility for their actions, they are wholly responsible for alienating the sincere good will of those citizens who are capable of bringing the anti-discrimination campaign to a successful conclusion, they have by far outdone themselves in irresponsibility and sheer viciousness.

Having set themselves as the torchbearers of justice, having perpetually shouted that they are the only ones who are sincere in their desire to end discrimination at the College and therefore *the only ones responsible if the campaign is successful*, they have now proven themselves corrupt and deceitful in succeeding in alienating student support for this campaign.

This College has not forgotten that there are instructors still teaching here who are accused of discriminating against Jews and Negroes. This College cannot forget that as long as a doubt remains as to the absolute integrity of any member of the faculty, there cannot be any doubt but that the College and the City have failed to keep the College at a level with what should be the nobility of the largest city on the earth.

Organizations and individuals in the College are continuing in their efforts to cleanse the name of the College and its students. If, however, a few people are allowed to discredit any action taken by students here, all efforts will fail. If students interested in bringing these cases to open trial can maintain the respect of those to whom they appeal, then, and only then, may they expect justice. If they continually strive to bring discredit upon themselves, if they continually cover themselves with a label of irresponsibility, then they can only expect contempt.

We do not believe that these few students are interested in bringing this matter to a swift and successful conclusion. As long as they are able to keep alive the shame that is now branded upon the College, so long will they be able to single themselves out as those who are combatting this shame.

We join the students in open condemnation of the irresponsibility which these few have exhibited. An apology from those responsible would at best now be insincere. However, remember who they are. They must not be allowed again to make a mockery of that which so many have proven themselves to desire.

The nine students are: Joseph Burdige, Abraham Dweck, Hal Orbach (evening), Norma Perlman, Beverly Rubin, Bernard Shlasko, Lemmie Strauss, Lola Strauss, and William Vandidos.

Editorial Provokes Comment From Faculty and Students

To the Editor:

It is very disturbing to find in an editorial of a City College student newspaper the statement that "once it is perfectly clear that the teacher is a bona fide Communist, quick and effective steps should be taken to remove him from our schools." I say this although I agree with you that Communist Party discipline may preclude its members from giving to students the fruits of their independent analyses and judgments if these happen to conflict with prevailing Party doctrine. I believe, too, that subordination of faculties of independent thought to authoritarian dogma, whether of the Communist Party or of any other group, betrays the best interests of mankind. Nevertheless, I do not think you should foster the attempt to remove Communist Party teachers from our schools, for the following reasons:

1. "The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market," wrote a distinguished libertarian Justice. And the soundness of this principle, it must be pointed out, does not depend upon the sincerity or lack of sincerity of protagonists. I am not aware of any dearth of competition, in and out of the schools, with Communist ideology.

2. Implicitly, you reveal a singular distrust of the capacity of students to think for themselves. "We wonder," wrote Professor Commager, "what can be that 'philosophy of education' which believes that young people can be trained to the duties of citizenship by wrapping their minds in cotton-wool."

3. Most important of all, you fail to recognize that any attempt to oust extremists is bound to affect and silence moderates. And this is true no matter how carefully we try to limit and circumscribe the action taken. Anyone remotely acquainted with the actual situation in our schools knows that the weight of the campaign against Communist teachers has already had a benumbing effect upon many liberals who, whether warranted or not, are fearful about the consequences of voicing any criticism of our government, its institutions or its policies.

It would be tragic, indeed, if, for the sake of rooting out Communist Party teachers in our schools, who have in the first instance been kept down to a tiny segment by a variety of techniques, we should encourage the dead weight of conformity to enshroud our schools. Perhaps we should expect more courage from non-Communist liberals. But it would be unreal not to recognize that we teachers are a pretty timorous lot.

Prof. Samuel Hendel
(Government)

To the Editor:

When I enter a classroom, all I ask of the instructor is that he treat me and my fellow students in an equal, unbiased manner. I also think it reasonable to ask that he doesn't interject an undue amount of material not related to the subject matter into the classroom.

I do not think it necessary to know whether the instructor is a Communist, Ku - Klux - Klanner, Trotskyite, Fabianist, Anti-Semite, Fascist, Socialist, Jim Crowist, atheist, Zionist, Republican, Democrat, etc. I have no doubt that everyone of the above groups

would object to the association with some of the others, if I didn't say that the only connection between them is that a member of any one group could, as a result of his membership, exercise prejudice against somebody else. Discrimination is a matter of the individual, not the group. While some of the associations are founded in prejudice, the others don't preclude it. The possibility of varying degrees of discrimination in the other cases, and many not mentioned, is obvious. Likewise, anyone can put a lot of extra, unnecessary material before his students. To attempt to segregate the members of any one group and remove them from the faculty just for that association is in itself a biased, prejudiced thing to do.

Herbert Soffer '52

To the Editor:

On March 17, you ran an editorial advocating the removal of teachers shown to be Communist Party members. You came to this conclusion after stating that "we expect from teachers ethical honesty and a professional discipline," and then claiming that this is impossible for any party member, as substantiated by the following quote from the 1937 issue of an official CP magazine:

"... Only when teachers have really mastered Marxism-Leninism will they be able to inject it into their teaching at the least risk of exposure..."

You apparently understand the impossibility of having "loyalty probes" safely used to determine Party membership and realize the invalidity of excluding fellow travelers or other "leftists" from our school system if we wish to maintain any sort of free exchange of ideas or any concept of academic freedom. For this we congratulate you, but we do take issue with you on your thesis that CP membership ipso facto warrants dismissal from a teaching job.

Every man must be judged for non-personal purposes such as this, strictly on his individual merits. This must apply even to a person who is a member of one of the

most doctrinaire groups in this country, the Communist Party. We may personally suspect the intellectual honesty of someone because he is a CP member, but the question here is not a personal one, but a legal one.

We must remember, although it is true that in some Communist countries there may be no independent thought in the Party, that there are many deviationists in the CPs in democratic countries. Remember that after every successful Communist coup, there have been purges of independent thinkers.

We realize that anyone, Communist or not, who is unwilling to teach accepted facts and theories, whether or not he personally believes in them, cannot be continued as a teacher. This criterion, though, must be applied strictly on an individual basis.

Lloyd McAnlay '49
For the Executive Committee,
Students for Democratic Action

(The writers of the above letters have made four basic assumptions which we believe to be fallacious.)

First: They assume that the Communist Party member is a free agent and that he can 'deviate' from the party line at will. If a communist should 'deviate', he would be expelled from the party.

Second: There is no free exchange of ideas between a Party member and his students. According to an official Party magazine, as quoted in last week's editorial, "Only when teachers have really mastered Marxism - Leninism, will they be able to skillfully inject it into their teaching at the least risk of exposure..."

Third: They seem to think that the editorial refers only to college students. What was chiefly meant by "school system," are elementary and high schools. It would be naive to believe students at those ages can successfully discriminate between propaganda and frank opinion.

Fourth: We feel that the danger of Communists in the school system is far greater than that to free thought.—Ed.

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Hillel Marks Its 25th Year; Director Talks

Evidences of increased under-
standing between groups found on
American campuses today may
well foreshadow a new hope for
increased understanding between
all men, according to Rabbi Ar-
thur J. Lelyveld, National Hillel
Director. Rabbi Lelyveld spoke at
the Silver Jubilee celebration of
the New York B'nai B'rith Hillel
Foundation at Hunter College last
week.

He pointed out that the Jew has
long been regarded as the baro-
meter of civilization, especially in
times of persecution and periods
of stress. "We find today that
the evidences of understanding
and the will for brotherhood far
outweigh the still existent pre-
judices and the die-hard tenden-
cies toward discrimination.

Happy Future
"We find also," he continued,
that the State of Israel, rapidly
winning the respect and admira-
tion of the world for its courage
and ability, offers a potential link
and source of developing harmony
between East and West."

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French coat, with a "Cravinette"
label. A five dollar reward is of-
fered. Return to Student Life, 120
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To Represent College



Stan Rothman '49, one of the
four students who will repre-
sent Nicaragua for the College
at the UN Model Assembly, to
be held at Rutgers University
March 30 to April 1.

Professor Karsen To Aid Colombia

Prof. Fritz Karsen (German),
announced last week that he
would leave the College tempo-
rarily this May for a three month
stay in Bogota as advisor to Pre-
sident Lopez De Mesa of the Na-
tional University of Colombia.

A recognized authority on uni-
versity organization, the profes-
sor held a similar position at the
Columbia Ministry of Education
during the reorganization of the
University City of Bogota. He re-
turned to this country from Ger-
many last summer.

NIBS

Lock and Key
Lock and Key, the College Honor Service
Society is accepting applications for admis-
sion. Applications should contain the follow-
ing information: name, address, class, type
and duration of extra-curricular activities
participated in at the City College. They
should also include the names of two or three
students and/or faculty members to whom
the organization can address inquiries con-
cerning you. Applications must be upper juni-
ors, or seniors. Applications should be left in
a sealed envelope, in the Student Council
mail box, 20 Main by April 14.

Discrimination
"Discrimination" will come to the Tech
School next Thursday when Elias Kagan, of
B'nai B'rith, former senior employment in-
terviewer for the USES, lectures before a joint
assembly and mass-meeting of all the so-
cieties and fraternities of THC. He will speak
on "Employment Opportunities for Jewish
Engineers" at 12:30 in 304 Main.

Wright Speaks
President Harry N. Wright will speak be-
fore the History Society on the Meaning of
Academic Freedom today in the Faculty
Room 200 Main, at 12:45. The address, sched-
uled for last week was postponed because
of President Wright's illness.

Breakage Insured
An insurance program covering breakage
in the mechanical engineering laboratories
will be instituted for the first time in the
College. It was announced by Vincent At-
tless, president of Pi Tau Sigma, sponsor of
the program.

A student there will pay five cents per
lab course, becoming insured for breakage
up to \$20. If he breaks a piece of laboratory
property, he will replace it and be reim-
bursed by Pi Tau Sigma.

Smoke and Flame
AICHE and Tau-Beta Pi will puff and fume
away at their respective smokers tomorrow
night. All are invited to the Chemie affair
being held at the Knitite Lounge. Its their
semi-annual Induction Smoker.

Crooked Taffet Bank
The Economics Society will present a forum,
"The Growth of Monopolies" today from 12
to 2 at 126 Main. With the aid of faculty
members Cropsay, Bobby Sand and Joe
Taffet.

Fish and Chips
Having gotten a faculty advisor and a
room, the newly formed Ichneological Society
will meet in 305P of Army Hall at 1:15 today
to discuss organizational plans.

New ASME Advisor
Prof. S. J. Tracy (ME) has been elected as
faculty advisor of the College chapter of the
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
to replace Prof. George A. Guerdan (ME)
who resigned for reasons of health, according
to Irwin Krane, '49 ASME president.
He also reported that tickets to the dance
to be held jointly with the American Society
of Automotive Engineers are now on sale
in the Tech crossroads.

'Cowboy' Burt Picks 'Bard' Over Roundups

By Liesa Bing
"I'm just a cowboy who went
wrong."

That is Professor Arthur K.
Burt's explanation of his life in
Idaho, 20 years in Montana, and
his 21 years as a Professor of
English. Instead of riding a bron-
co, he rode on a ship to England
where, as a Rhodes scholar, he
was graduated from Oxford Uni-
versity.

In 1942, Prof. Burt left Shake-
speare, went into the uniform of
the U.S. Navy, but returned to
Shakespeare in 1946 just as the
ghost of Hamlet's father returned.
And although the life of a sailor
didn't add to his knowledge of the
Bard of Avon, Prof. Burt con-
cluded, "I wasn't shot at, so why
shouldn't I have enjoyed the
Navy?"

Shakespeare Sherlock
"The greatest and longest de-
fective story of all time, having
started over 300 years ago, has
always attracted me," "Sherlock"
Burt said, concerning his research
to discover an established text of
William Shakespeare. As an in-
structor of Shakespeare at the
College since 1934, he has attained
a position of esteem and scholar-
ship that most men do not achieve
until a much later age.

Teaching in both Day and Even-
ing sessions here, the Shakesper-
ean scholar claims his purpose is
to create a greater enthusiasm
for the Bard. In attaining this
goal, he finds students at the
College "polite, kindly, helpful"
and "far more interesting and in-
terested" than students at other
colleges. "In fact," he added, "I

wouldn't want to teach anywhere
else."

Avon No Help
It is not surprising that Oxford,
Shakespeare's birthplace; adds lit-
tle to a student's knowledge, for
after spending a few weeks at
Stratford on Avon, he found there
was nothing there for a student
to see which a tourist could not.
Thus he returned to America, to
the University of Wisconsin,
where he did graduate work and
taught English for three years.

Theatre Workshop Presents 'Epicene'

In faith, sirrah, tickets will be
sold, from Monday forth, to the
Theater Workshop's production of
good master Ben Jonson's "Epi-
cene," to be given on May 13, 14,
and 15. Marry, sirrah, of course
'tis a comedy! When also called
by "The Silent Woman" could it
be ought else? Of a surety, sir-
rah, "marry" is the proper word--
but in a ludicrous way--for elder-
ly, miserly Morose (portrayed by
good master Donald Madden, '49),
perchance will marry in the wron-
t sex. Mayhap there be money in-
volved? Methinks there be, and
love, and a man who can endure
no noise, and everything other-
wise included in an Elizabethan
comedy.

The production will be directed
by good Master Wilson Lehr
(Public Speaking).

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every student in the College is a matter of graver importance. For this they have to answer to the scorn and contempt of the student body.

But, that in taking upon themselves the responsibility for their actions, they are wholly responsible for alienating the sincere good will of those citizens who are capable of bringing the anti-discrimination campaign to a successful conclusion, they have by far outdone themselves in irresponsibility and sheer viciousness.

Having set themselves as the torchbearers of justice, having perpetually shouted that they are the only ones who are sincere in their desire to end discrimination at the College and therefore *the only ones responsible if the campaign is successful*, they have now proven themselves corrupt and deceitful in succeeding in alienating student support for this campaign.

This College has not forgotten that there are instructors still teaching here who are accused of discriminating against Jews and Negroes. This College cannot forget that as long as a doubt remains as to the absolute integrity of any member of the faculty, there cannot be any doubt but that the College and the City have failed to keep the College at a level with what should be the nobility of the largest city on the earth.

Organizations and individuals in the College are continuing in their efforts to cleanse the name of the College and its students. If, however, a few people are allowed to discredit any action taken by students here, all efforts will fail. If students interested in bringing these cases to open trial can maintain the respect of those to whom they appeal, then, and only then, may they expect justice. If they continually strive to bring discredit upon themselves, if they continually cover themselves with a label of irresponsibility, then they can only expect contempt.

We do not believe that these few students are interested in bringing this matter to a swift and successful conclusion. As long as they are able to keep alive the shame that is now branded upon the College, so long will they be able to single themselves out as those who are combatting this shame.

We join the students in open condemnation of the irresponsibility which these few have exhibited. An apology from those responsible would at best now be insincere. However, remember who they are. They must not be allowed again to make a mockery of that which so many have proven themselves to desire.

The nine students are: Joseph Burdige, Abraham Dweck, Hal Orbach (evening), Norma Perlman, Beverly Rubin, Bernard Shlasko, Lennie Strauss, Lola Strauss, and William Vandidos.

Editorial Provokes Comment From Faculty and Students

To the Editor:

It is very disturbing to find in an editorial of a City College student newspaper the statement that "once it is perfectly clear that the teacher is a bona fide Communist, quick and effective steps should be taken to remove him from our schools." I say this although I agree with you that Communist Party discipline may preclude its members from giving to students the fruits of their independent analyses and judgments if these happen to conflict with prevailing Party doctrine. I believe, too, that subordination of faculties of independent thought to authoritarian dogma, whether of the Communist Party or of any other group, betrays the best interests of mankind. Nevertheless, I do not think you should foster the attempt to remove Communist Party teachers from our schools, for the following reasons:

1. "The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market," wrote a distinguished libertarian Justice. And the soundness of this principle, it must be pointed out, does not depend upon the sincerity or lack of sincerity of protagonists. I am not aware of any dearth of competition, in and out of the schools, with Communist ideology.

2. Implicitly, you reveal a singular distrust of the capacity of students to think for themselves. "We wonder," wrote Professor Commager, "what can be that philosophy of education which believes that young people can be trained to the duties of citizenship by wrapping their minds in cotton-wool."

3. Most important of all, you fail to recognize that any attempt to oust extremists is bound to affect and silence moderates. And this is true no matter how carefully we try to limit and circumscribe the action taken. Anyone remotely acquainted with the actual situation in our schools knows that the weight of the campaign against Communist teachers has already had a benumbing effect upon many liberals who, whether warranted or not, are fearful about the consequences of voicing any criticism of our government, its institutions or its policies.

It would be tragic, indeed, if, for the sake of rooting out Communist Party teachers in our schools, who have in the first instance been kept down to a tiny segment by a variety of techniques, we should encourage the dead weight of conformity to enshroud our schools. Perhaps we should expect more courage from non-Communist liberals. But it would be unreal not to recognize that we teachers are a pretty timorous lot.

Prof. Samuel Hendel
(Government)

To the Editor:

When I enter a classroom, all I ask of the instructor is that he treat me and my fellow students in an equal, unbiased manner. I also think it reasonable to ask that he doesn't interject an undue amount of material not related to the subject matter into the classroom.

I do not think it necessary to know whether the instructor is a Communist, Ku - Klux - Klanner, Trotskyite, Fabianist, Anti-Semite, Fascist, Socialist, Jim Crowist, atheist, Zionist, Republican, Democrat, etc. I have no doubt that everyone of the above groups

would object to the association with some of the others, if I didn't say that the only connection between them is that a member of any one group could, as a result of his membership, exercise prejudice against somebody else. Discrimination is a matter of the individual, not the group. While some of the associations are founded in prejudice, the others don't preclude it. The possibility of varying degrees of discrimination in the other cases, and many not mentioned, is obvious. Likewise, anyone can put a lot of extra, unnecessary material before his students. To attempt to segregate the members of any one group and remove them from the faculty just for that association is in itself a biased, prejudiced thing to do.

Herbert Soifer '52

To the Editor:

On March 17, you ran an editorial advocating the removal of teachers shown to be Communist Party members. You came to this conclusion after stating that "we expect from teachers ethical honesty and a professional discipline," and then claiming that this is impossible for any party member, as substantiated by the following quote from the 1937 issue of an official CP magazine:

"... Only when teachers have really mastered Marxism-Leninism will they be able to inject it into their teaching at the least risk of exposure..."

You apparently understand the impossibility of having "loyalty probes" safely used to determine Party membership and realize the invalidity of excluding fellow travelers or other "leftists" from our school system if we wish to maintain any sort of free exchange of ideas or any concept of academic freedom. For this we congratulate you, but we do take issue with you on your thesis that CP membership ipso facto warrants dismissal from a teaching job.

Every man must be judged for non-personal purposes such as this, strictly on his individual merits. This must apply even to a person who is a member of one of the

most doctrinaire groups in this country, the Communist Party. We may personally suspect the intellectual honesty of someone because he is a CP member, but the question here is not a personal one, but a legal one.

We must remember, although it is true that in some Communist countries there may be no independent thought in the Party, that there are many deviationists in the CPs in democratic countries. Remember that after every successful Communist coup, there have been purges of independent thinkers.

We realize that anyone, Communist or not, who is unwilling to teach accepted facts and theories, whether or not he personally believes in them, cannot be continued as a teacher. This criterion, though, must be applied strictly on an individual basis.

Lloyd McAnlay '49
For the Executive Committee,
Students for Democratic Action

(The writers of the above letters have made four basic assumptions which we believe to be fallacious.)

First: They assume that the Communist Party member is a free agent and that he can 'deviate' from the party line at will. If a communist should 'deviate', he would be expelled from the party.

Second: There is no free exchange of ideas between a Party member and his students. According to an official Party magazine, as quoted in last week's editorial, "Only when teachers have really mastered Marxism - Leninism, will they be able to skillfully inject it into their teaching at the least risk of exposure..."

Third: They seem to think that the editorial refers only to college students. What was chiefly meant by "school system," are elementary and high schools. It would be naive to believe students at those ages can successfully discriminate between propaganda and frank opinion.

Fourth: We feel that the danger of Communists in the school system is far greater than that to free thought.—Ed.

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Hillel Marks Its 25th Year; Director Talks

Evidences of increased understanding between groups found on American campuses today may well foreshadow a new hope for increased understanding between all men, according to Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, National Hillel director. Rabbi Lelyveld spoke at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the New York B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Hunter College last week.

He pointed out that the Jew has long been regarded as the barometer of civilization, especially in times of persecution and periods of stress. "We find today that the evidences of understanding and the will for brotherhood far outweigh the still existent prejudices and the die-hard tendencies toward discrimination.

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"We find also," he continued, "that the State of Israel, rapidly winning the respect and admiration of the world for its courage and ability, offers a potential link and source of developing harmony between East and West."

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To Represent College



Stan Rothman '49, one of the four students who will represent Nicaragua for the College at the UN Model Assembly, to be held at Rutgers University March 30 to April 1.

Professor Karsen To Aid Colombia

Prof. Fritz Karsen (German), announced last week that he would leave the College temporarily this May for a three month stay in Bogota as advisor to President Lopez De Mesa of the National University of Colombia.

A recognized authority on university organization, the professor held a similar position at the Columbia Ministry of Education during the reorganization of the University City of Bogota. He returned to this country from Germany last summer.

NIBS

Lock and Key

Lock and Key, the College Honor Service Society is accepting applications for admission. Applications should contain the following information: name, address, class, type and duration of extra-curricular activities participated in at the City College. They should also include the names of two or three students and/or faculty members to whom the organization can address inquiries concerning you. Applicants must be upper juniors, or seniors. Applications should be left, in a sealed envelope, in the Student Council mail box, 25 Main by April 14.

Discrimination

"Discrimination" will come to the Tech School next Thursday when Elias Kagan, of B'nai B'rith, former senior employment interviewer for the USES, lectures before a joint assembly and mass-meeting of all the societies and fraternities of THC. He will speak on "Employment Opportunities for Jewish Engineers" at 12:30 in 304 Main.

Wright Speaks

President Harry N. Wright will speak before the History Society on the Meaning of Academic Freedom today in the Faculty Room 200 Main, at 12:45. The address, scheduled for last week was postponed because of President Wright's illness.

Breakage Insured

An insurance program covering breakage in the mechanical engineering laboratories will be instituted for the first time in the College, it was announced by Vincent Ataloss, president of Pi Tau Sigma, sponsor of the program.

A student there will pay five cents per lab course, becoming insured for breakage up to \$20. If he breaks a piece of laboratory property, he will replace it and be reimbursed by Pi Tau Sigma.

Smoke and Flame

AICHe and Tau-Beta Pi will puff and fume away at their respective smokers tomorrow night. All are invited to the Chemmie affair being held at the Knittle Lounge. Its their semi-annual Induction Smoker.

Crooked Taffet Bank

The Economics Society will present a forum, "The Growth of Monopolies" today from 12 to 2 at 124 Main. With the aid of faculty members Crosey, Bobby Sand and Joe Taffet.

Fish and Chips

Having gotten a faculty advisor and a room, the newly formed Ichthyological Society will meet in 305P Army Hall at 1:15 today to discuss organizational plans.

New ASME Advisor

Prof. S. J. Tracy (ME) has been elected as faculty advisor of the College chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to replace Fritz Gersdorf. Gersdorf (ME) who resigned for reasons of health, according to Irwin Krane, '49 ASME president.

He also reported that tickets to the dance to be held jointly with the American Society of Automotive Engineers are now on sale in the Tech crossroads.

'Cowboy' Burt Picks 'Bard' Over Roundups

By Liesa Bing

"I'm just a cowboy who went wrong."

That is Professor Arthur K. Burt's explanation of his life in Idaho, 20 years in Montana, and his 21 years as a Professor of English. Instead of riding a bronco, he rode on a ship to England where, as a Rhodes scholar, he was graduated from Oxford University.

In 1942, Prof. Burt left Shakespeare, went into the uniform of the U.S. Navy, but returned to Shakespeare in 1946 just as the ghost of Hamlet's father returned. And although the life of a sailor didn't add to his knowledge of the Bard of Avon, Prof. Burt concluded, "I wasn't shot at, so why shouldn't I have enjoyed the Navy?"

Shakespeare Sherlock

"The greatest and longest detective story of all time, having started over 300 years ago, has always attracted me," Sherlock Burt said, concerning his research to discover an established text of William Shakespeare. As an instructor of Shakespeare at the College since 1934, he has attained a position of esteem and scholarship that most men do not achieve until a much later age.

Teaching in both Day and Evening sessions here, the Shakespearian scholar claims his purpose is to create a greater enthusiasm for the Bard. In attaining this goal, he finds students at the College "polite, kindly, helpful" and "far more interesting and interested" than students at other colleges. "In fact," he added, "I

wouldn't want to teach anywhere else."

Avon No Help

It is not surprising that Oxford, Shakespeare's birthplace, adds little to a student's knowledge, for after spending a few weeks at Stratford on Avon, he found there was nothing there for a student to see which a tourist could not. Thus he returned to America, to the University of Wisconsin, where he did graduate work and taught English for three years.

Theatre Workshop Presents 'Epicene'

In faith, sirrah, (tickets will be sold, from Monday forth, to the Theater Workshop's production of good master Ben Jonson's "Epicene," to be given on May 13, 14, and 15. Marry, sirrah, of course 'tis a comedy! When also called by "The Silent Woman" could it be ought else? Of a surety, sirrah, "marry" is the proper word—but in a ludicrous way—for elderly, miserly Morose (portrayed by good master Donald Madden, '49), perchance will marry in the wrong sex. Mayhap there be money involved? Methinks there be, and love, and a man who can endure no noise, and everything otherwise included in an Elizabethan comedy.

The production will be directed by good Master Wilson Lehr (Public Speaking).

Tickets, when available, will sell for fifty cents and will be available in the Theater Workshop Office, 220A Main, in the rear of the cafeteria and in the Beaver Book Shoppe.

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Fencers Base NCAA Hopes on Billadello, Bassin

Beaver Swordsmen Out To Retain National Title At West Point Saturday

By Ray Haller and Mark Maged
In an attempt to retain the Yale trophy, won by the College fencing team last year, Coach James Montague will choose three swordsmen from among Gene Bassin, Gene Natanblut, Frank Kramer, Frank Billadello and Al Goldstein to compete in the classic NCAA Fencing Championships at West Point Saturday and Sunday. Bassin and Billadello, the squad's only specialists in foil, epee and saber, will probably be among those selected.

The NYU in Foil

An experienced College foil team, undefeated in dual competition this season, was one of the few aggregations capable of threatening NYU's monopolistic desires at the Intercollegiate Fencing Association tournament last Friday and Saturday at the Main Gym.

An estimated crowd of 1,500

filled the gym for the two-day tourney.

The trio of Billadello, Kramer and Oscar Price performed the feat by holding the Violet foil team to a 29-29 tie, thereby regaining the Little Iron Man trophy for another six months. Despite their excellence in the foil competition, the College swordsmen were un-

able to place higher than third in the field of 13 schools entered, 13 points behind the tourney-copping NYU and five points behind second place Navy.

Violets Win in Saber

Just as the College had dominated last year's ICFA championships last year, NYU proved its supremacy this year. Besides run-

ning off with the Three-Weapon trophy for the sixth time in 22 years, the Violets attained top honors in the saber. They entered five men in individual competition, in which 6 best fencers in each weapon compete. Navy, with a previous victory this season over the men from University Heights, captured the R.H.E. Grasson trophy

for superiority in epee to become the only member besides NYU to gain complete possession of one trophy.

Natanblut Impressive

Among the Beavers, only Natanblut, Kramer and Billadello were eligible to enter the individuals. Natanblut, completing his first season as a regular, compiled a record of 9-3 in the saber and Kramer and Billadello attained records of 11-1 and 10-3 respectively, in the foil.

The College fencers ineligible for the individuals were Price in the foil (8-4), epeemen Goldstein (5-7), Clarence Rohrer (8-4), and Hal Troupin (4-8) and sabermen Bassin (7-5) and Ken Bassner (5-7).

The Beaverettes and the students of the teacher training division of the Hygiene department served as hosts.

The final scores for three weapons are as follows:

Team	Fts.	Team	Pts.
NYU	80	Yale	77
Navy	77	Columbia	46
CCNY	67	MIT	46
Army	65	Harvard	44
Rutgers	59	Cornell	44
Princeton	54	Penn State	43
		Pennsylvania	33

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1949

Beaver Nine to Battle Queens On April 2 in Opening Contest

By Vincent Harding

Boasting a longevity record almost as great as that of the College itself, Beaver baseball will begin its 1949 campaign when the St. Nick nine faces Queens College Saturday, April 2.

While Stadium repairs are going on, the team, lead by Coach Mishkin, will be playing its home games at opponents' fields.

According to "old timers," the

bat and ball game (probably the first major sport to be played at the Terrace), goes back as far as 1870, when base posts and fielding without mitts were the rage. Last year's additions to the voluminous Lavender baseball history book was a 15-6 over-all record for the team and a terrific .403 batting average for Captain Hilty Shapiro, Down NYU Nine.

The squad's 9-5 record in Metropolitan Baseball Conference play gained for them a second-place tie with St. Johns, behind the high-flying Violets of NYU. The Beavers were the only team to beat the Palisaders last year, upsetting them, 7-4.

Queens, the first rival to be met this season, suffered two pastings handed out by Sol Mishkin's Beavers in 1948, 14-8 and 5-1.

Shapiro Stars

Shapiro, who along with Sonny Jameson, is behind in training because of his basketball chores, will be the mainstay of this year's team. Last season he not only led the squad in batting, but was high man in two other departments. His 29 hits, including three homers, helped drive in 24 runs, tops for the team.

Lacrosse Team to Inaugurate Sixtieth Season Against RPI

By Murray Liebowitz

The 60th season of lacrosse at the College will commence April 9 when Coach Leon Miller sends his outfit against RPI in Troy, N. Y.

The Engineers, who triumphed in fifteen consecutive contests last year, will provide the opening competition in a nine game schedule termed "very tough" by Coach Miller. As a reward for their brilliant play last season, the men from Troy went on a tour of Europe, during which they performed commendably against top-flight foreign competition.

"May Start Slow"

The College squad, hampered by unpredictable weather and without a suitable playing area since the Stadium is being renovated, "may be slow getting started this year," Coach Miller added, "but after the second or third game we'll really get going."

Five returning varsity lettermen, Co-Captains Bob Rattner and Seneca Erman, Irving and Joe Schwartz, and Joe Galiber are expected to do the heavy duty work for the stick-wielders in the coming season. From this quintet and a large group of last year's J.V., Coach Miller eventually hopes to form a well-balanced, cohesive unit of ten starters.

The schedule:

April 9—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Away; 15—Syracuse University, 19—Stevens Institute, Away; 23—Yale University, 30—U.S. Military Academy J. V., Away.
May 7—Springfield College, Away; 11—Rutgers University, Away; 14—Adelphi College, 21—Drexel Institute, Away.

Beaver Sextette to Face Evening Session Tonight

Margarite Wulfurs' women's basketball team will wind up its season when they meet the evening session gal's outfit tonight at 7:30 in the Main Gym.

The unsuccessful sextette, having dropped six consecutive games, suffered its latest setback when a Brooklyn College squad put on a last-minute drive last Friday evening to carry the Kingswomen to a 24-20 decision.

Norma Jean Fagin, the leading scorer this season with an average of 13 points per game, will end her career with tonight's game. The improving work of Irene Fagelson should serve to offset Miss Fagin's loss.

INS Reports Wyoming May Return to Garden

According to an article that appeared in a Laramie, Wyoming newspaper on March 15, also carried by the International News Service, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees was reported to have given "the go ahead sign" regarding a possible return to Madison Square Garden next year.

The Cowboys have been unofficially barred from the Garden since the winter of 1947 after their coach and individual players heaped abusive racial remarks upon the Beaver basketball team during a heated contest.

Sport Slants: It Might As Well Be Autumn

By David Futornick

People are talking of, poems are being written about, and editorials (of all things), are being devoted to the subject of "The Late Spring." While, generally speaking, folks favor the mild weather, it would not surprise us in the least if the College's athletic administrators were putting in a requisition to the weatherman for a few snowy afternoons.

Another white session such as we had last week and the boss-men can relax. Then they will no longer have to worry about those guys dressed up in baseball uniforms working out daily in the Tech Gym. A few billion flakes will provide all the excuse they need as to why Sol Mishkin and his prodigies will do approximately 98 per cent of their spring training in a place that could be condemned for use as a basketball court.

Ordinarily, the baseball team practices on the rocky landscape of Lewisohn Stadium

each year. But with the home field being ripped up for the installation of a permanent stage somewhere in right centerfield, the team must look elsewhere for the outside work so necessary for pre-season conditioning. But here again, it could be argued that Mishkin's men will be spared the hazardous experience of getting behind baseballs that bounce along the terrain as if the cork inside was spiked with Southern Comfort (a problem akin to that which annually faces the football team).

Fortunately, though, only 98 per cent gymnasium work will probably be involved. The other two per cent will be had in the untamed regions of Van Courtlandt Park. And when the team is scheduled to meet in the Riverdale section, it must get to the destination on its own. Not even the courtesy of providing a bus is extended. And can you think of anything more inviting to a guy than to travel home to Brooklyn or Long Island after a morning's classes and an afternoon's workout?

Basic courtesy should dictate that the least the College could do would be to provide a field within reasonable distance from the campus. Or if the diamond is located in some wilderness, then steps should be taken to

supply the conveyance to and from the ballpark. It is not much to ask.

It is one of the strongest arguments against College Baseball that it doesn't pay to see amateurs when for a buck and a quarter one can see major leaguers perform. Last year, when the Beavers upset NYU in their final game of the season, 6-4, they showed that a collegiate squad is capable of producing Grade A playing.

It will be an interesting season. The first game is but ten days away, on April 2, opposite Queens College. But, judging by the way things shape up at the moment, it might as well be autumn.

Fencing may not be regarded as a popular spectator sport, but the 1500 people who turned out for the Eastern Intercollegiate Fencing Association Tourney at the Main Gym last Friday and Saturday can attest differently. No other sport, with the exception of basketball team, has won as much recognition for the college in the nation's press.

Coach James Montague and his swordsmen performed brilliantly this season despite the loss of three of their top men from last year's championship squad, Al Axelrod, Abe Cohen, and Bert Gedzelman.

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