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Knickerbocker to Resign as Head Of Romance Languages in June

Exit Pleases Opponents In His Dept.

"He still has anti-Jewish feelings," Professor Ephraim Cross (Romance Languages) claimed, commenting on Prof. William E. Knickerbocker's decision Friday not to run for the Chairmanship of the Romance Languages Department after his present term expires in June.

Satisfaction, joy and disbelief epitomized the reaction of the major complainants involved in the five year attempt to remove Professor Knickerbocker from his position:

"I'm not expressing any emotion at this time," Professor Cross continued, "but I still think—and the complainants still think—that there should have been a trial."

Professor Bach-y-Rita, when informed of the news, exclaimed, "I'm glad! Everybody is." Offering an explanation of Professor Knickerbocker's action, he said:

"In America problems are solved slowly; but they are solved. People here don't like noisy complaints. They prefer things to be done in a quiet way." Then he added, "That's how I think it was accomplished."

At his home, Professor Elliot H. Pollinger (Romance Languages) commented tersely. "The action speaks for itself," he said. Professor Pollinger felt if Professor Knickerbocker wanted to continue teaching, it was his business. "However," he added, "there seems to be some contradiction if he can take on a fifteen hour schedule after he declared he was in poor health."

Irwin Schiffres '52, President of Hillel, was reluctant to comment. "It's a step in the right direction," he said. But he refused to comment whether Professor Knickerbocker should be permitted to teach (Continued on Page 2)



Professor William E. Knickerbocker

No Fifth Term

Dr. Harry N. Wright, The City College.

Dear Dr. Wright:

I wish to inform you that I shall not be a candidate for re-election to the chairmanship of the Department of Romance Languages at the end of this term. I have held this position for twelve years and have performed administrative services at the College, in addition to teaching, for twenty-six years, and now feel free to devote myself exclusively to the more usual professional duties, which I have always preferred. I have never sought the chairmanship, and three years ago, at the time of the latest election of chairman, I should not have been a candidate for re-election had I not been morally obliged to continue in this capacity because of the charges that had been brought against me, my last three years of chairmanship having thus been forced upon me by the very ones who were trying to force me out.

Now, however, having been completely exonerated, first by the Faculty, then by the Board of Higher Education, which has sole jurisdiction in the matter, and finally by the opinion of the State Commissioner of Education, the highest educational authority in the State, I am at liberty to follow my own desires.

I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation of the friendly loyalty and the sense of justice displayed by the vast majority of the members of the department, and of the just and honorable treatment I have received from you, from the Faculty, from the Board of Higher Education and from Commissioner Spaulding.

Very sincerely yours,

(sgn.) William E. Knickerbocker

Says 'Complete Exoneration' Enables Him to Step Down

Prof. William E. Knickerbocker, chairman of the Romance Languages Department for twelve years and the center of heated controversy for six of those years, indicated Friday in a letter to President Harry N. Wright that he would "not be a candidate for re-election to the chairmanship of the Department of Romance Languages at the end of this term."

SC Reduces Curbs on Club Appropriations

Opening and adjourning with barely a quorum, Student Council met for the second session this term and completed the procedural business of electing the necessary constitutional committees.

Enlivened by handclapping, disappearing minutes, and frequent attempts to nominate "Joe Doaks" to a committee, Council took the time to reduce drastic limitations on the right of clubs which fail to submit membership lists.

Introduced by Marvin Drucker '52, the passed amendment will only deprive the offending club of representation on its Club Board. "The main reason for the original by-law," Drucker said, "was to hook appropriations to membership. But the lists have been ignored and smaller clubs have received more money than larger ones. Furthermore, clubs should be allowed to exist even though they don't submit their membership rolls."

To bring the four sessions of the College closer together, SC elected the Inter-Council committee. As yet only the uptown evening session has not indicated its position on the value of such a coordinating body. The other sessions have approved it.

Failing in two previous semesters, beginning May, 1949, to have their charter approved, The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians have introduced a charter to Council for the third time.

Stavenitz to Join Art Department

Alexander Raoul Stavenitz, art educator and well-known architectural and industrial designer, has been appointed associate professor of art at the College. A former Guggenheim fellow in Graphic arts, he will teach courses in art teacher education and three-dimensional design.

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Prof. Knickerbocker further explained that he intends to devote himself entirely to "the more usual professorial duties," beginning with the fall semester. Dr. Knickerbocker, who will be sixty-five years old next September 18, still has five active years of teaching potential ahead of him before he reaches the mandatory retirement age of seventy.

"Obliged to Continue"

In the letter, simultaneously delivered to President Wright and Mr. Lester Nichols, College publicity director, at 11:30 A.M. Friday, the departmental chairman explained that he had served in that capacity, not because he wished to, but because he felt "morally obliged to continue in this capacity because of the charges that had been brought against me. . . ."

This latest move in a controversy which was blown up to nation-wide proportions as a result of last year's student strike, came as a complete surprise to the College community. Comments (printed in full on this page) by the faculty complainants show various attitudes, all characterized by complete surprise and amazement at the unexpected action.

Wright Refuses Comment

President Wright accepted the letter with no comment, and refused to make any further pronouncements on the matter.

Prof. Knickerbocker expressed appreciation to "the vast majority of the members of the department," President Wright, the Board of Higher Education and Commissioner Spaulding.

State Commissioner of Education Spaulding's action in upholding Professor Knickerbocker and the Board of Higher Education against a petition filed by Profs. Pollinger and Bach-y-Rita, the American Jewish Congress, and the day session Student Council of the Main Center, was the immediate cause of Prof. Knickerbocker's action.

The State Commissioner's decision was announced last Thursday, February 9.

APO to Sponsor Club Fair in March

The Club Fair sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega is tentatively scheduled for March 23. In an attempt to arouse student interest in network of clubs at the College, series of exhibits will be arranged about the Great Hall.

Interested societies and organizations should register for space to advertise their own activities by contacting APO in 20 Main.

Editorials

Re: Professor Knickerbocker

Although comment would normally be appropriate on this occasion, everything pertinent we wish to say about the Knickerbocker case was said in last Friday's editorial.

Re: Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

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If THE CAMPUS ever attempted to discredit the Negro or any race of people, my resignation as News Editor of the paper would be unhesitatingly written. But I am convinced that the day will never come.

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Social Life for All at Houpla

"Let's Harmonize"



A group of House Plan members enjoying a pleasant afternoon in the Lewisohn Lounge. The fellow in the background seems to be afraid of being hemmed in by females. Such behavior, it must be pointed out, is not typical of HP.

The old gripe that there is little social life at City College was rendered obsolete by David Newton, director of House Plan, last week when he listed the activities that take place at that organization's buildings on Convent Avenue.

If you're looking for recreation—anything from culture to kibitzing, just walk over to House Plan as ten thousand other students have done in the past and take your choice. Parties, social and square dancing, films, ping pong, billiards, community sings, jam sessions, a classical record library, a blind date bureau, camping trips, lectures, sex discussions and even patch tests—House Plan has them all.

Houpla, as House Plan is affectionately known, was formed in 1936 and is an extension program of the Department of Student Life. The program derives its financial support from three sources: the monies raised by the students from such affairs as Carnival and party nights, donations from private sources and the payment of its professional personnel by the school.

All the organization's uptown activities (there is a downtown branch) take place in the Lewisohn and Shepard buildings, numbers 292 and 294, Convent Avenue. These buildings are one part of House Plan. Just as vital is the plan itself, designed to give the students recreation and a chance to form intimate friendships with each other and with Faculty.

The essence of HP are in the individual groups of from twelve to twenty-five males or females which are called 'houses.' There are 1300 members of the uptown day session House Plan; these are organized into a total of 91 "houses." New houses are formed each semester from the ranks of the entering freshmen.

Many lasting friendships are formed with the result that many Alumni houses still meet, with th members bringing their wives and children to the meetings.

Nibs

Lady Beavers

The Beaverettes, the booster and service organization, will hold its Rush Tea today between 12 and 5:30 at House Plan. All girls interested in joining the club are invited to attend.

Senior Class

Seniors desiring to work on Committees should attend the '50 Council meeting tomorrow in 109 Army Hall between 5 and 6.

History Society

Mr. Wally Sokolsky (History) will speak on "The South African Race Question" before the History Society Thursday at 12:30 in 128 Main.

Job Opportunities

The Senior Council will sponsor a panel discussion on "Job Opportunities" in Townsend Harris Auditorium from 12:30 to 1:30 on Thursday. All Seniors are invited to the meeting at which Prof. Gardner Murphy (Chairman, Psychology) will preside.

Social Studies Journal

The Journal of Social Studies will interview students for staff positions on Thursday at 12 in 207 South Hall. No experience is necessary, but Upper Sophs and Juniors are preferred.

Sociology Society

At the Sociology Society meeting this Thursday at 12:15 in 206 Main articles for the Society's periodical "Prospectus" will be selected.

Claudio Arrau to Play Sunday Night at College

Claudio Arrau, internationally celebrated pianist, will give the fourth in the College Concert series, on Sunday evening, Feb. 26, at 8:40 in Great Hall.



Claudio Arrau

Piano selections from Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Chopin, Liszt and Debussy will be included in the program. Student discount tickets for this performance are available at Main or Commerce Center bookstores, at the Concert Bureau, or the door of Great Hall the evening of the concert.

"Exceptional Mastery"

Mr. Arrau has been recognized as one of the world's half dozen greatest living pianists. As one leading critic puts it, Arrau has an "exceptional mastery of style in all the music he plays ranging from Mozart to Bartok. His musical art escapes the ordinary vocabulary. It is only possible to say that he is the best pianist of our time, and state the countless reasons for such bold assertions."

More Concerts Follow

The Bach Memorial Concert, with Richard Korn, conducting, and Joseph Szegeti, soloist, will be given on Sunday evening, April 2. William Kappel's concert, originally scheduled for February 10, was cancelled because of his illness.

Artists who have previously appeared are Gladys Swarouth, mezzo-soprano, Jan Peerce, tenor, and Ebe Stignani, mezzo-soprano.

Opponents

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until Hillel's governing board meets this coming Wednesday.

President of the Student Council, Philip Scheffler '50, refused to express his feelings. President Scheffler is chairman of a Student Council seven man committee appointed eleven days ago to coordinate a conference to be called this coming Thursday for the purpose of discussing the Knickerbocker-Davis cases.

Houpla Finds A Gold Mine In Patches

Two hundred students learned last week that it pays to be a member of House Plan.

Five dollars apiece, in cash, will be paid to Houpla members who were lucky enough to get the chance to act as guinea pigs for the International Testing Corporation and their "patch test". All that is required of the students is that they wear a patch made of a metallic substance for a few days. This will test the effect the material will have on the human skin.

"Patch tests" are old stuff, having been made three or four times at HP prior to this test. Of the more than 500 students who were subjected to "the treatment" only one showed a negative result and that a slight skin irritation.

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William E. Knickerbocker's Story: The Comprehensive Case History

Prof. William E. Knickerbocker's name has grown to almost infamous proportions since the first charges were lodged against him in April, 1945. Since that time he has been under almost constant bombardment and the center of much heat and confusion.

Few students who were present at the beginning are still here; thus, few students have an adequate historical perspective of the case. THE CAMPUS takes this opportunity, in view of Prof. Knickerbocker's decision to drop out of any active administrative role effective next semester, to present a complete review of what actions have been taken in the controversy.

In April, 1945, four Romance Language faculty members, Profs. Ephraim Gross, Otto Muller, Elliot H. Polinger and Pedro Bach-y-Rita, appealed to the Board of Higher Education to investigate the Romance Language Department.

They charged "the opponents of the chairman have for at least seven years been subjected to continual harassment and what looks very much like discrimination and have had their usefulness to the College repeatedly impeded by acts which can be enumerated over a number of years."

The case was referred shortly afterwards to the College's Administrative Committee. The General Faculty set up an investigating committee.

On January 29, 1946, the General Faculty accepted the committee's 125-page report. The report found that the evidence warranted "in some respects the definite conclusion that the conditions alleged do not exist" and that there was no evidence to support the charges of the four professors that the department administration was influenced in appointments and promotions by an "anti-Jewish bias."

A minority of the General Faculty objected to the report on the grounds of the report being inadequate, oversimplified and one-sided. Others in this group felt that they should have a chance to see the full transcript of testimony and proceedings of the committee.

Day session Student Council, American Jewish Congress, National Lawyers' Guild, Committee of Catholics for Human Rights and fifty community groups then demanded that the Board of Higher Education order a new investigation.

On April 23, 1946, a full year after the first charges, the Board of Higher Education, by unanimous vote, set up a three man committee to re-examine the charges.

This sub-committee exonerated Professor Knickerbocker, but noted in its report that "there is some evidence of carelessness and derogatory conversation and anecdotes having been used and heard by some members of the department."

Hillel Foundation then accused Prof. Knickerbocker of discriminating against a Jewish student, Morton Gurewitsch, by denying him the Ward Medal in 1942 and awarding it to a non-Jewish student. Gurewitsch was awarded the medal in absentia in June, 1948. An official reason given for the delay was a clerical error.

In the spring of 1947, two years after the first accusations, the New York City Council announced an investigation, in answer to numerous requests, under a committee headed by Walter R. Hart.

In June, 1948, Councilman Hart's report was accepted unanimously by the City Council. It found Prof. Knickerbocker guilty of anti-Semitic discrimination and recommended that he be dismissed for "reprehensible and unworthy conduct."

College officials maintained that the committee had studied

only "certain remarks" in the 900 pages of testimony.

The Board of Higher Education met to consider the City Council report on September 27, 1948, following a walkout by nineteen students from Prof. Knickerbocker's class. The Board voted to reject the City Council report.

On the 20th, several hundred students staged a mass rally and sit-down strike in Lincoln Corridor. Twenty-six students remained overnight.

A referendum held on October 6 resulted in the sending of a petition to State Commissioner Spaulding. This is the petition the Commissioner ruled on last week, completely exonerating Prof. Knickerbocker.

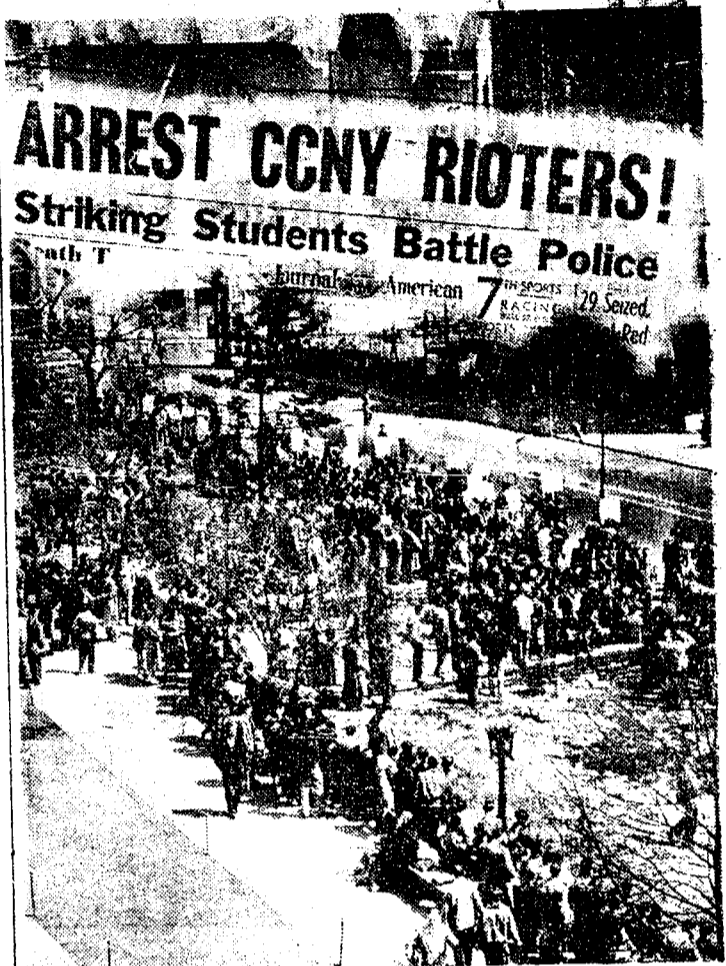
New fuel was added to the fire in March, 1949 when Judge Hubert P. Delaney resigned as chairman of an alumni investigating committee, charging President Wright and members of the committee with deliberately ham-stringing any investigation into discrimination.

A complicated student referendum was held by Student Council, and as a result, in April, 1949, a student strike was called in an attempt to hurry Commissioner Spaulding's decision and to let him know where student opinion lay on the matter.

The strike, after causing a great deal of noise, quietly died. The Board of Higher Education submitted an answer to the Student Council petition (submitted in conjunction with American Jewish Congress and Professors Bach-y-Rita and Polinger) in November, 1949.

Commissioner Spaulding ruled on February 9, that "the record indicates that the Board (of Higher Education) exercised its responsibility in this respect with a high degree of conscientiousness, thoughtfulness, and impartiality. I find no basis therefore for disturbing the Board's conclusion."

On February 17 Prof. Knickerbocker indicated he would no longer seek the post of chairman and would devote himself entirely to teaching starting next semester.



ARREST CCNY RIOTERS!
Striking Students Battle Police

This was a familiar scene during the student strike last April. The newspaper headline pictured here is representative of the coverage given the demonstration by much of the metropolitan press.

Associate Alumni Pick Shapiro as President

Jacob Shapiro '11, lawyer and chairman of the board of directors of the Trust Company of North America, was elected president of the City College Associate Alumni on February 2. He will serve for a one year term.

The Centennial Fund, an alumni undertaking to raise three million dollars for a Student War Memorial Building at the College, will be enhanced by the new president. Not only content with "just" being chairman of the Fund's campaign, he also gave the largest contribution to the cause.

Other officers elected at the meeting, held at the Downtown Center, include men who have gone far in their fields. Gabriel R. Mason '03, now principal of Abraham Lincoln High School, became first vice president. The position of second vice-president was filled by David B. Steinman, '06, renowned bridge builder; while a professor of accountancy at the College, Emanuel Saxe '23, was named third vice-president. Prof. Sam Winograd '35, faculty manager of athletics, was chosen secretary and the new treasurer will be Abraham Oberfast '33. Picked as historian was Charles K. Angrist, associate librarian at the College.



Jacob Shapiro

Tuesday Fair Helps Frosh

Continuing its program of aid to entering students, the Freshmen Advisory Committee will present its second semi-annual Club Fair tomorrow during Freshmen Assembly between 11 and 1 in the Great Hall.

The purpose of the Fair will be to acquaint freshman with extra-curricular activities at the College and to stimulate interest in them. To give the students' outlook on frosh problems, the Fair will first outline the work of the FAC and a "bull" session. The Committee can give valuable aid to students since, being semi-official in nature, it can represent the student viewpoint. Next, the Committee will tell of its plans to use the tutomal service of Sigma Alpha in helping troubled frosh. Under this set up, the society would tutor in such subjects as mathematics 61, 41 and physics 3, 4. The portion of the program will consist of a tour of Great Hall booths.

Sociology Magazine To Debut in March

A new College periodical, "Prospectus," will hit the stands (rear of the Cafeteria) early this March, according to Diane Kopperman '52, president of the Sociology Society.

Prepared by the Sociology Society, the initial issue will feature a pictorial study of housing and juvenile delinquency problems by the renowned photographer Miss Marion Palfi. Miss Palfi became famous with her photographic review, "Children in America," a series which was shown throughout the country and exhibited last year in our own Great Hall.

The magazine will also publish the results of undergraduate research of the Social Research Laboratory in the fields of Criminology, Sociology, Social Welfare and other related social sciences.

Commenting on the need for such a magazine, Miss Kopperman stated "We realize that research of worth in the social science field has been conducted by students of the College and that the dissemination of the tech-

niques, experience and examples of this work can best be performed through the medium of a periodical. Contributions for the magazine on the results of projects conducted in the Social Science Laboratory may be submitted to the Sociology Society.

Also included in the Society's plans for this semester are a series of extensive lectures on the various aspects of sex and social problems involved. Profs. Burt Aginsky and John Collier will speak on the "Male and Female in Primitive Societies." The problem of unwed mothers will be dealt with by Dr. Rose Franzblau of the N. Y. Daily Compass. The series will be rounded out by lectures on the divorce problem and the sex education of the child and adolescent.

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"Let's Harmonize"



A group of House Plan members enjoying a pleasant afternoon in the Lewisohn Lounge. The fellow in the background seems to be afraid of being hemmed in by females. Such behavior, it must be pointed out, is not typical of HP.

The old gripe that there is little social life at City College was rendered obsolete by David Newton, director of House Plan, last week when he listed the activities that take place at that organization's buildings on Convent Avenue.

If you're looking for recreation—anything from culture to kibitzing, just walk over to House Plan as ten thousand other students have done in the past and take your choice. Parties, social and square dancing, films, ping pong, billiards, community sings, jam sessions, a classical record library, a blind date bureau, camping trips, lectures, sex discussions and even patch tests—House Plan has them all.

Houpla, as House Plan is affectionately known, was formed in 1936 and is an extension program of the Department of Student Life. The program derives its financial support from three sources: the monies raised by the students from such affairs as Carnival and party nights, donations from private sources and the payment of its professional personnel by the school.

All the organization's uptown activities (there is a downtown branch) take place in the Lewisohn and Shepard buildings, numbers 292 and 294, Convent Avenue. These buildings are one part of House Plan. Just as vital is the plan itself, designed to give the students recreation and a chance to form intimate friendships with each other and with Faculty.

The essence of HP are in the individual groups of from twelve to twenty-five males or females which are called "houses." There are 1300 members of the uptown day session House Plan; these are organized into a total of 91 "houses." New houses are formed each semester from the ranks of the entering freshmen.

Many lasting friendships are formed with the result that many Alumni houses still meet, with members bringing their wives and children to the meetings.

Nibs

Lady Beavers

The Beaverettes, the booster and service organization, will hold its Rush Tea today between 12 and 5:30 at House Plan. All girls interested in joining the club are invited to attend.

Senior Class

Seniors desiring to work on Committees should attend the '50 Council meeting tomorrow in 109 Army Hall between 5 and 6.

History Society

Mr. Wally Sokolsky (History) will speak on "The South African Race Question" before the History Society Thursday at 12:30 in 128 Main.

Job Opportunities

The Senior Council will sponsor a panel discussion on "Job Opportunities" in Townsend Harris Auditorium from 12:30 to 1:30 on Thursday. All Seniors are invited to the meeting at which Prof. Gardner Murphy (Chairman, Psychology) will preside.

Social Studies Journal

The Journal of Social Studies will interview students for staff positions on Thursday at 12 in 207 South Hall. No experience is necessary, but Upper Sophs and Juniors are preferred.

Sociology Society

At the Sociology Society meeting this Thursday at 12:15 in 206 Main articles for the Society's periodical "Prospectus" will be selected.

Claudio Arrau to Play Sunday Night at College

Claudio Arrau, internationally celebrated pianist, will give the fourth in the College Concert series, on Sunday evening, Feb. 26, at 8:40 in Great Hall.



Claudio Arrau

Piano selections from Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Chopin, Liszt and Debussy will be included in the program. Student discount tickets for this performance are available at Main or Commerce Center bookstores, at the Concert Bureau, or the door of Great Hall the evening of the concert.

"Exceptional Mastery"

Mr. Arrau has been recognized as one of the world's half dozen greatest living pianists. As one leading critic puts it, Arrau has an "exceptional mastery of style in all the music he plays ranging from Mozart to Bartok. His musical art escapes the ordinary vocabulary. It is only possible to say that he is the best pianist of our time, and state the countless reasons for such bold assertions."

More Concerts Follow

The Bach Memorial Concert, with Richard Korn, conducting, and Joseph Szegeti, soloist, will be given on Sunday evening, April 2. William Kappel's concert, originally scheduled for February 10, was cancelled because of his illness.

Artists who have previously appeared are Gladys Swarthout, mezzo-soprano, Jan Pearce, tenor, and Ebe Stignani, mezzo-soprano.

Opponents

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until Hillel's governing board meets this coming Wednesday.

President of the Student Council, Philip Scheffler '50, refused to express his feelings. President Scheffler is chairman of a Student Council seven man committee appointed eleven days ago to coordinate a conference to be called this coming Thursday for the purpose of discussing the Knickerbocker-Davis cases.

Houpla Finds A Gold Mine In Patches

Two hundred students learned last week that it pays to be a member of House Plan.

Five dollars apiece, in cash, will be paid to Houpla members who were lucky enough to get the chance to act as guinea pigs for the International Testing Corporation and their "patch test". All that is required of the students is that they wear a patch made of a metallic substance for a few days. This will test the effect the material will have on the human skin.

"Patch tests" are old stuff, having, been made three or four times at HP prior to this test. Of the more than 500 students who were subjected to "the treatment" only one showed a negative result and that a slight skin irritation.

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William E. Knickerbocker's Story: The Comprehensive Case History

Prof. William E. Knickerbocker's name has grown to almost infamous proportions since the first charges were lodged against him in April, 1945. Since that time he has been under almost constant bombardment and the center of much heat and confusion.

Few students who were present at the beginning are still here; thus, few students have an adequate historical perspective of the case. THE CAMPUS takes this opportunity, in view of Prof. Knickerbocker's decision to drop out of any active administrative role effective next semester, to present a complete review of what actions have been taken in the controversy.

In April, 1945, four Romance Language faculty members, Prof. Ephraim Gross, Otto Muller, Elliot H. Polinger and Pedro Bach-y-Rita, appealed to the Board of Higher Education to investigate the Romance Language Department.

They charged "the opponents of the chairman have for at least seven years been subjected to continual harassment and what looks very much like discrimination and have had their usefulness to the College repeatedly impeded by acts which can be enumerated over a number of years."

The case was referred shortly afterwards to the College's Administrative Committee. The General Faculty set up an investigating committee.

On January 29, 1946, the General Faculty accepted the committee's 125-page report. The report found that the evidence warranted "in some respects the definite conclusion that the conditions alleged do not exist" and that there was no evidence to support the charges of the four professors that the department administration was influenced in appointments and promotions by an "anti-Jewish bias."

A minority of the General Faculty objected to the report on the grounds of the report being inadequate, oversimplified and one-sided. Others in this group felt that they should have a chance to see the full transcript of testimony and proceedings of the committee.

Day session Student Council, American Jewish Congress, National Lawyers' Guild, Committee of Catholics for Human Rights and fifty community groups then demanded that the Board of Higher Education order a new investigation.

On April 23, 1946, a full year after the first charges, the Board of Higher Education, by unanimous vote, set up a three man committee to re-examine the charges.

This sub-committee exonerated Professor Knickerbocker, but noted in its report that "there is some evidence of carelessness and derogatory conversation and anecdotes having been used and heard by some members of the department."

Hillel Foundation then accused Prof. Knickerbocker of discriminating against a Jewish student, Morton Gurewitch, by denying him the Ward Medal in 1942 and awarding it to a non-Jewish student. Gurewitch was awarded the medal in absentia in June, 1948. An official reason given for the delay was a clerical error.

In the spring of 1947, two years after the first accusations, the New York City Council announced an investigation, in answer to numerous requests, under a committee headed by Walter R. Hart.

In June, 1948, Councilman Hart's report was accepted unanimously by the City Council. It found Prof. Knickerbocker guilty of anti-Semitic discrimination and recommended that he be dismissed for "reprehensible and unworthy conduct."

College officials maintained that the committee had studied

only "certain remarks" in the 900 pages of testimony.

The Board of Higher Education met to consider the City Council report on September 27, 1948, following a walkout by nineteen students from Prof. Knickerbocker's class. The Board voted to reject the City Council report.

On the 20th, several hundred students staged a mass rally and sit-down strike in Lincoln Corridor. Twenty-six students remained overnight.

A referendum held on October 6 resulted in the sending of a petition to State Commissioner Spaulding. This is the petition the Commissioner ruled on last week, completely exonerating Prof. Knickerbocker.

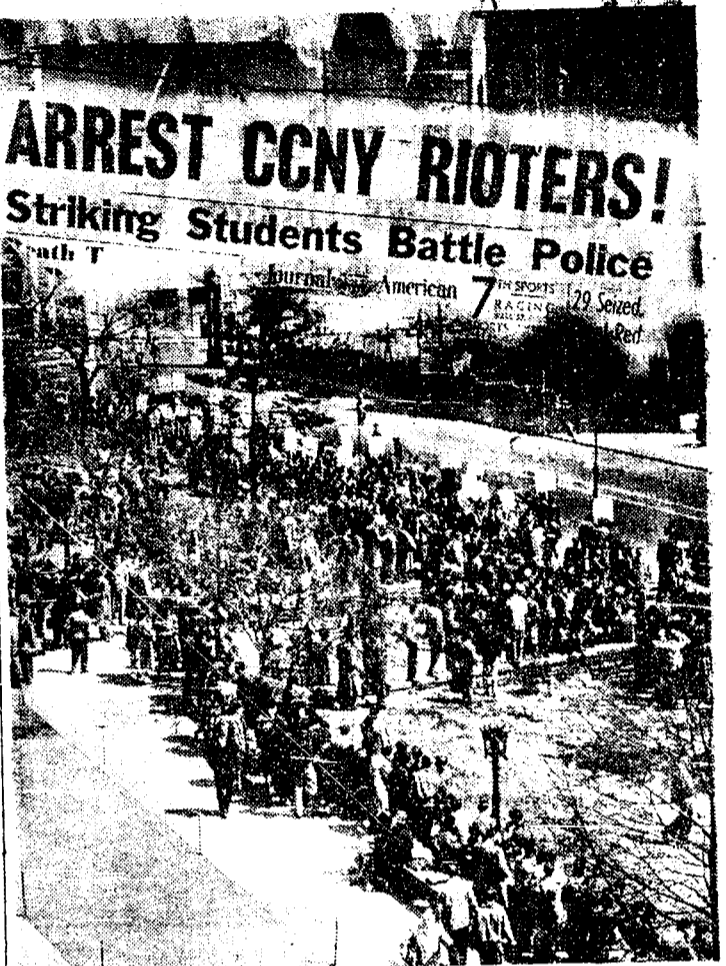
New fuel was added to the fire in March, 1949 when Judge Hubert P. Delaney resigned as chairman of an alumni investigating committee, charging President Wright and members of the committee with deliberately ham-stringing any investigation into discrimination.

A complicated student referendum was held by Student Council, and as a result, in April, 1949, a student strike was called in an attempt to hurry Commissioner Spaulding's decision and to let him know where student opinion lay on the matter.

The strike, after causing a great deal of noise, quietly died. The Board of Higher Education submitted an answer to the Student Council petition (submitted in conjunction with American Jewish Congress and Professors Bach-y-Rita and Polinger) in November, 1949.

Commissioner Spaulding ruled on February 9, that "the record indicates that the Board (of Higher Education) exercised its responsibility in this respect with a high degree of conscientiousness, thoughtfulness, and impartiality. I find no basis therefore for disturbing the Board's conclusion."

On February 17 Prof. Knickerbocker indicated he would no longer seek the post of chairman and would devote himself entirely to teaching starting next semester.



ARREST CCNY RIOTERS!
Striking Students Battle Police

This was a familiar scene during the student strike last April. The newspaper headline pictured here is representative of the coverage given the demonstration by much of the metropolitan press.

Associate Alumni Pick Shapiro as President

Jacob Shapiro '11, lawyer and chairman of the board of directors of the Trust Company of North America, was elected president of the City College Associate Alumni on February 2. He will serve for a one year term.

The Centennial Fund, an alumni undertaking to raise three million dollars for a Student War Memorial Building at the College, will be enhanced by the new president. Not only content with "just" being chairman of the Fund's campaign, he also gave the largest contribution to the cause.

Other officers elected at the meeting, held at the Downtown Center, include men who have gone far in their fields. Gabriel R. Mason '03, now principal of Abraham Lincoln High School, became first vice president. The position of second vice-president was filled by David B. Steinman, '06, renowned bridge builder; while a professor of accountancy at the College, Emmanuel Saxe '23, was named third vice-president. Prof. Sam Winograd '35, faculty manager of athletics, was chosen secretary and the new treasurer will be Abraham Oberfast '33. Picked as historian was Charles K. Angrist, associate librarian at the College.



Jacob Shapiro

Tuesday Fair Helps Frosh

Continuing its program of aid to entering students, the Freshmen Advisory Committee will present its second semi-annual Club Fair tomorrow during Freshmen Assembly between 11 and 1 in the Great Hall.

The purpose of the Fair will be to acquaint freshman with extra-curricular activities at the College and to stimulate interest in them. To give the students' outlook on frosh problems, the Fair will first outline the work of the FAC and a "bull" session. The Committee can give valuable aid to students since, being semi-official in nature, it can represent the student viewpoint. Next, the Committee will tell of its plans to use the tutomal service of Sigma Alpha in helping troubled frosh. Under this set up, the society would tutor in such subjects as mathematics 61, 41 and physics 3, 4. The portion of the program will consist of a tour of Great Hall booths.

Sociology Magazine To Debut in March

A new College periodical, "Prospectus," will hit the stands (rear of the Cafeteria) early this March, according to Diane Kopperman '52, president of the Sociology Society.

Prepared by the Sociology Society, the initial issue will feature a pictorial study of housing and juvenile delinquency problems by the renowned photographer Miss Marion Palfi. Miss Palfi became famous with her photographic review, "Children in America," a series which was shown throughout the country and exhibited last year in our own Great Hall.

The magazine will also publish the results of undergraduate research of the Social Research Laboratory in the fields of Criminology, Sociology, Social Welfare and other related social sciences.

Commenting on the need for such a magazine, Miss Kopperman stated "We realize that research of worth in the social science field has been conducted by students of the College and that the dissemination of the tech-

niques, experience and examples of this work can best be performed through the medium of a periodical. Contributions for the magazine on the results of projects conducted in the Social Science Laboratory may be submitted to the Sociology Society. Also included in the Society's plans for this semester are a series of extensive lectures on the various aspects of sex and social problems involved. Profs. Burt Aginsky and John Collier will speak on the "Male and Female in Primitive Societies." The problem of unwed mothers will be dealt with by Dr. Rose Franzblau of the N. Y. Daily Compass. The series will be rounded out by lectures on the divorce problem and the sex education of the child and adolescent.

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Roman, Warner Pace Lavender As Team Shows Hustle, Finesse

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Considering the coal shortage, whatever put tonight's fire under the Beavers must have used a special fuel, because the Beavers were red-hot. Reversing the spiritless play of their two previous losses, the Beavers turned around tonight and plastered a 75-59 defeat on a small but hustling St. Joseph's squad.

Before a crowd of 4,102 at Convention Hall, the Lavender five flashed some of the sparkling form and precision they exhibited against Muhlenberg. In contrast to the Canisius and Niagara Waterloos, the team finally fought hard, passed sharply and shot well.

Paced by the Lavender's one-two punch—Roman, who scored 16



Syracuse Tix

Tickets for the Beaver-Syracuse tilt to be played Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Garden, will be sold outside the Army Hall Canteen on Monday, Feb. 20, from 12 to 4. Tickets cost 50 cents with an AA card; \$1.00 without.

points, and Warner, who followed with 14—the Beavers moved from a 32-29 half-time lead to a 15 point edge at 8:40 of the second half.

From that point on, it was smooth sailing and the Lavender squad, with third-stringers in the line-up, nailed down its fourteenth win as against four defeats.

High scorer in this contest, which was the Hawks' thirteenth loss as against eight wins, was 5-10 Paul McDermitt, who rifled nine goals through the hoop. For the second time this year, Paul Senesky, St. Joe's sharp-shooter, was not the game's high scorer. His total for the night was fifteen.

Ed Roman				
BOX SCORE				
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CCNY				
Dambrot, lf.	4	1	9	
Warner, rf.	5	4	14	
Roman, c.	7	2	16	
Roth, rg.	2	4	8	
Layne, lg.	2	3	7	
Gallber	3	1	7	
Nadell	4	0	8	
Mager	1	0	2	
Smith	0	1	1	
Myer	1	1	3	
Totals	29	17	75	
ST. JOE				
Hughes, lf.	3	4	10	
McDermitt, rf.	9	0	18	
Senesky, c.	5	5	15	
Freln, rg.	4	3	11	
Brady, lg.	1	0	2	
Daly	1	1	3	
Totals	23	13	59	

Take a Tip from Taffet:

Ram Game Tonight 'Crucial' As History Repeats for 'Five'

By Dave Futornick

"We learn from history that we learn nothing from history." Not Shakespeare, but Taffet — Joe Taffet, that is — made the remark and if any of his students failed to grab the meaning of it, economically, then basketball-ically speaking, it should be plain by now.

Last year, the intercession, instead of providing an adequate period of rejuvenation for the team, merely served to derail them for the rest of the season. Going into the Fordham game in 1949, the Beavers had the skids fastened onto the soles of their sneakers and before the season was over, lost two pride-pricking upsets to Manhattan and NYU.

What lies ahead is anyone's conjecture, but the prologue to Tournament Time looks like the old script. With the Fordham game looming in the 69th Reg. Armory tonight, the Lavender once more has exhibited signs of faltering.

Drop Three Straight

To the mystification and consternation of their followers, the College five, after a perfect performance against a hot Muhlenberg team on January 28 and subsequent victories over Boston College, Princeton and St. Francis, reversed their field and now have dropped two consecutive decisions to Canisius and Niagara, the latter having been swamped in Buffalo by St. Johns.

And now, associated pollsters notwithstanding, comes the Fordham game, once more falling into the category as "crucial."

This element of importance was reemphasized all the more strongly last Friday night when the Rams, fresh from two consecutive victories over St. Bonaventure and

Army, came into the 69th Reg. Armory and created the greatest upset this season in collegiate ranks. They bumped off 4th seeded St. Johns in overtime, 70-64.

6-9 Johnny Carlson, soph Ram center, scored 17 points and tied highly-regarded Zeke Zawulok into knots.

Must Take Rams

The rest of the starting five for Fordham, whose won-lost record is now 12-10, is Jim Woods, Fred Christ, Gerry Rooney, and Joe Di Gilio. They're fast and strong, and should extend the Beavers all the way.

Last year, the Rams made it

rugged for a highly favored Holman team that had been worn out by a 3000-mile trip to the West Coast and back.

It isn't Fordham that will be the important factor tonight. Referring to Joe Taffet's remark, it will be interesting to note how much more nothing we continue to learn.

The line-ups:

CCNY	FORDHAM
Dambrot, lf.	Woods, lf.
Warner, rf.	Christ, rf.
Roman, c	Carlson, c.
Roth, lg.	G. Rooney, lg.
Layne, rg.	Di Gilio, rg.

Sports' Slants



By Marvin Kalb

Boy, Do They Read!

Perhaps, it would be better if basketball players couldn't read! Maybe in that way, all the ten-foot deep stacks of rave press reports wouldn't have gone to their collective heads.

The Beaver basketball team this year is potentially the greatest unit in the country. Indeed, they are, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the finest assortment of talent to hit our campus in many moons. Yet, they have just completed, as of this writing, the blowing of two games to opposition they should easily have taken in stride.

Why? Why? Why?

To the minds of some, the answers to this omnipresent question are too easily supplied by saying that the press clippings have gone to their heads. They say there are more basic reasons, such as personal animosities, dislike of faculty bigwigs, etc. But to the minds of those writers who have seen the Beavers right through the season, the answer is too simple.

Cock-sure

They're just too darn cock-sure! For example, during the Niagara game — though we do not wish to detract an iota of admiration for the Purple Eagles' performance — the Beavers didn't hustle. They went up for rebounds as though preoccupied with the next day's newspaper. No aggressiveness; just ballet-like leaps. Who were they trying to impress, you had to wonder. Their stage managers?

Just what's going on?

Boys who should have been taking the rebounds played "potsy." The shooters shot. Sure. But you had to wonder if they were aiming at the basket. The playmakers threw innumerable passes away; at times, in fact, throwing the ball through the legs of their own men. Just what's going on!

Fight and Hustle

Clubs don't get into tournaments by sitting home nights reading about how great they are. They get into tournaments by fighting, hustling, yes, and even fouling if necessary. It's no crime to foul out! There are few schools in the country who can boast of the basketball personnel on the Lavender campus. There are few schools as consistently loyal to a team as the College's rooters are to the Beavers. Every member of the hoop squad owes it to the Lavender student body to get out on the court and fight, fight, fight!

Herb Cohen fractured a finger during the Niagara game and may not be able to play for about three or four games. That could be very disastrous to Beaver tourney hopes.

Athletic Roundup

Fencing

For the first time in many years, Main Center students will see the College fencing team perform in their own back yard. The squad will face Yale University next Wednesday, March 1, in the Tech Gym.

Coach James Montague's men were ready to contact Robert Ripley when they faced Fordham last Saturday at the Commerce Center Gym. Until that day, the Beavers' three opponents, Columbia, Princeton, and Army, had fallen to them by identical scores of 16-11. It was doubtful, however, that the Rose Hill invaders could muster even that strength. The score was unavailable as THE CAMPUS went to press.

The College's only remaining meet before the Eastern Championships on March 17 and 18 is N.Y.U., top team in the country last season. The Violets inflicted one of the two Beaver defeats last year, 14-13.

Thus far this year, saberman Gene Natanblut has gone undefeated in nine straight bouts.

NYU Dance

In anticipation of the traditional intra-city battle between the Beavers and the Violet of NYU to be staged March 7 in the Garden, a "Beat NYU Dance and Rally," co-sponsored by the Allegarooters and Alpha-Phi-Omega, will be staged Thursday evening, March 3rd, at the Army Hall Lounge. The proceeds of the rally will be donated to the Cancer Fund.

Tickets for the affair can be obtained in the cafeteria at 50 cents apiece from any member of the Allegarooters or at the CAMPUS office at 3:00 P.M. daily. A free chance stub will be attached to each ticket and will entitle the holder of the ticket to compete for the grand prize of a pair of ducats to the annual boatride.

The entertainment will consist of dancing—with the music, believe it or not, of a real band—and refreshments. Beaver hoopsters and cheer leaders will also be on hand for the gala festivities. Incidentally, the band is Mel Stuart's.

Wrestling

The College matmen will meet a formidable Adelphi aggregation at the Commerce Center gym this coming Saturday at 2. The Beaver grapplers took last year's meet with the Long Islanders.

This year, Coach Joe Sapora is counting on undefeated Tommy Woods in the 121 lb. class; Captain Hank Heller in the 128 lb. class; Chick Markowitz in the 165 lb. class; and Jerry Steinberg, a 175 pounder, to make it two in a row. Al Ruskind in the heavy-weight division should also contribute to the victory. The men in the other classes are still quite inexperienced, according to Sapora.

The grapplers have a 1-2 record to date, having lost close ones to Hofstra and Westchester. The win was against Brooklyn Polytech.

The matmen met the Long Island Aggies in a tussle in the Main gym last Saturday. Results of the meet were not available when THE CAMPUS went to press.

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