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Deferment Steps Described by Taft

is the student's personal responsibility to request a deferment in June or early July," if he attend school next fall, announced Dr. Arthur Taft (Director of Armed Services Affairs) in a release yesterday. The line for filing Selective Service Form 109 is July 23. Requests for deferments as well as requests for appeal of classification should be submitted to the Board in writing. Classification appeals must be made in ten days of the mailing of notice of classification.

Apply in 208 Main
Application for Form 109 should be made to the Armed Services Office, 208 Main. "It is the student's responsibility to request that an additional form 109 be sent to the Local Board in September when he returns for all semester," said Dr. Taft. A Local Board should refer a student into Class 1-A if the established deadline (July 23) for filing Form 109 before the College has had time to submit that form, the student is advised to initiate an appeal immediately calling the attention of the Local Board to the Local Board to Form No. 88 issued by the New York City Director of Selective Service under date of May 14. The report lists procedures regarding deferments.

Local Board Decides
The Local Board will determine whom deferments will be granted for the next academic year. Deferments are made on the basis of the College Qualification Score Report (Form No. 303), the student's class standing for the previous year as furnished by the school on Form No. 109 and other facts that may be pertinent because of the considerable

amount of administrative procedures necessary in preparing Form 109 the Local Boards have been requested to delay until July 23, 1954 the reclassification of undergraduate students and those graduate students who have indicated, in writing, to the Local Board that they plan to continue in graduate study. If the Local Board receives Form 109 before July 23, they can proceed with classification of the applicant before that date.

11 of Faculty Leave College This Semester

Eleven members of the faculty and administration have left the College scene this semester as a result of retirements, resignations and deaths.

Retirements included Prof. John Collier (Sociology), Prof. Owen A. Haley (Government) and Prof. Benjamin Harrow (Chairman, Chemistry). Professor Collier will deliver his farewell address today at 12:30.

Three resignations were tendered this semester by Mr. Lester Nichols (Public Relations), Prof. Wallace Sayre (Chairman, Government) and Prof. Sam Winograd (Hygiene). Mr. Nichols has taken a position with a private publishing firm, and Professor Winograd has left because of ill health.

Death claimed Prof. Oscar Buckvar (Government), Prof. George Edwards (Economics), Prof. Alfred Hawkins (Geology) and Prof. Emil Post (Mathematics).

Prof. Holman Decision Due

A ruling on Prof. Nat Holman's plea for release of the transcripts of the March 3 meeting of the Board of Higher Education is expected within a few days from State Commissioner of Education Lewis A. Wilson.

It was at this meeting that the BHE reversed the decision of its Trial Committee in finding Professor Holman guilty of neglect of duty and of conduct unbecoming a teacher.

At present, two conflicting versions of former President Harry N. Wright's role at the March 3 meeting at which he was present are before the State Commission of Education. BHE Chairman Joseph B. Cavallaro and President Wright have filed affidavits stating that Wright did not talk in any way about the Holman case at the meeting. BHE member Gustave G. Rosenberg has challenged these affidavits recalling that Pres. Wright did participate in discussion of the Holman issue at that meeting.

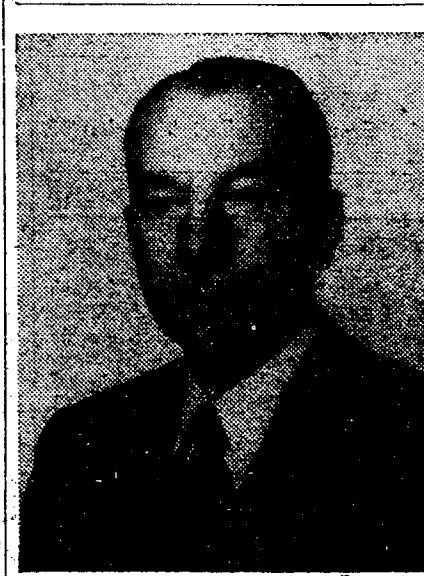
One of the major points in Professor Holman's plea for the transcripts is that President Wright took part in discussions concerning his guilt even though the former president was himself involved in many of the situations for which Nat Holman was charged with wrongdoing.

Frosh Elected Editor Of '55 Sr. Yearbook

Maurice Pollock '57, the youngest student ever to be accorded the position, was elected to succeed Edward Swietnicki '54 as Editor-in-Chief of Microcosm, the senior yearbook, by the '55 Class Council last Thursday.

Gloria Stein '57 and Stanley Fuchs '55 were appointed co-Business Managers, while Edward Lipton '55 was chosen Managing Editor.

Report to President Readied by Comm.



Dean Daniel Brophy

The Committee of Five, designated by the General Faculty to implement its recommendations for the revision of student government, is ready to report to Pres. Buell Gallagher, Dean Daniel Brophy (Student Life), Chairman of the Committee, announced yesterday.

It is believed that the Committee of Five will recommend that there be rotation of membership on the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, and that the chairman of the SFCSA be a non-voting member of the Department of Student Life. Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) will probably assume the position of non-voting chairman.

The Committee is also expected to recommend that there be no duplication of membership on the SFCSA and its parent body, the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs.

These recommendations embody the proposals suggested by President Gallagher last March when he spoke in the Great Hall on possible student government revisions. Although the Committee of Five has the power to initiate immediate action, the suggested changes will be submitted to President Gallagher before they are put into effect. It is believed that, if these changes meet with his approval, they will be instituted next semester.

The Presidential Committee, headed by the late Prof. Oscar Buckvar, reported back to the president and its recommendations were sent to the GFCSA. The GFCSA rejected the proposals of the Buckvar Committee, and the President's Great Hall proposals were an attempt to synthesize the opposing recommendation.

President Gallagher's compromise formula was accepted by the General Faculty last April, with two exceptions. It refused to give Student Council sole jurisdictional authority or approve the elimination of the Student Faculty Fee Committee. It was at that time that the General Faculty charged Dean Brophy's Committee of Five with the power to enact the recommendations it did approve.

Boys in Park Attack Three in Two Days

Three students were attacked and one of them robbed in St. Nicholas Park during the last two days.

Yesterday afternoon Gerald Finklestein, a graduate student, was "roughed up" on his way to school through the park. Nothing was stolen from him however.

On Tuesday morning two other students were assaulted by four boys in their late teens. One of the victims ran away as three of the youths grabbed the other, pinning his arm behind his back, and took his wallet.

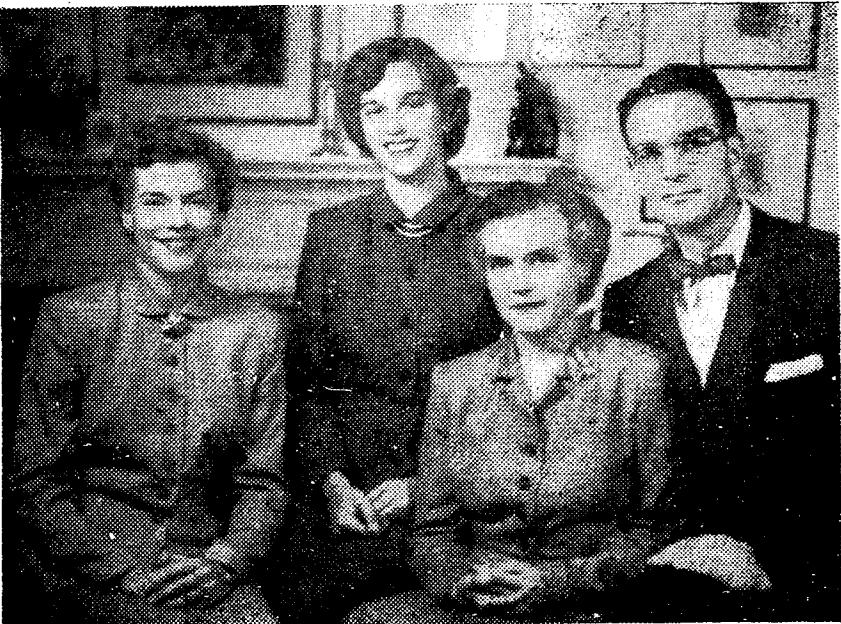
The two male students, who were unidentified, did not know each other, but were walking up the park steps together as they were attacked.

Yesterday's assault was the "fifth or sixth" such incident that has been reported this term to the Department of Student Life, according to Dean James Peace (Student Life).

Mr. Phillip Brunstetter (Student Life) said that the assailants usually break the top of a bottle and use it as a weapon. However, it is not known whether such an implement was used Tuesday or yesterday.

Miss Gallagher to Wed in Great Hall

By Phyllis Lampert
The papers and lapboards will be put away from sight next month in the awesome Great Hall, known as the College's large examination room, and stage numerous solemn commencement, dignified speeches and Day Balls, becomes the scene of another memorable ceremony. It will serve as the chapel for the wedding services for his daughter, Maryel Gallagher.



The Gallagher family. From left to right sit Maryel, Barbara, Mrs. June Gallagher, and the President.

Miss Gallagher, 22, will wed Dr. Herman of Washington on June 1, at nine in the evening. Reception in the Faculty Room will follow immediately after the ceremony. In attendance at the ceremony and reception will be the faculty and personal friends. Invitations have not as yet been sent out.

Asked as to the choice of the Great Hall, Mrs. Gallagher said in a matter-of-fact tone: "I feel very close to the College, you know, and the Hall is a great deal to us. Especially," she laughed, "since our home is not big enough to hold even twenty-five persons."

The prospective bride is a senior at Oberlin College where she is majoring in elementary education.

She intends to teach first grade at a Long Island school in September. Mr. Herman is a graduate of Georgetown University where he was a pre-medical student.

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HP to Sponsor 'Final Fling' In Quadrangle After Exams

House Plan is sponsoring a dance-under-the-stars affair to be held the day after final exams in the College Quadrangle. The "Final Fling," set for Tuesday evening, June 8, at 8, is expected to unravel knotted nerves and wash away end-term blues.

Les Block and his orchestra will supply the music for the dance, which is free to all students.

The affair is stag or drag, and will be held in the Main Gym in case of rain. The blue Student Activities Card will admit a couple to the event.

The annual HP Awards Dinner will be held tonight, announced Joan Shaiken '55, president.

Miss Sandra Grossman (House Plan) expressed the hope that the "Fling" will become an annual event.

Blue-Eyed Baby Born To Speech Instructor

An eight-pound, fourteen-ounce blue-eyed girl with a "curly brownish-black crew-cut" was born to Mr. Irving Branman (Speech) and his wife, Elca, last Friday morning in the New York Hospital.

The baby, named Megan, is the first child born to the proud parents after five years of marriage. Professor Branman said he hopes to have six more.

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Congratulations

We extend our heartiest congratulations to President and Mrs. Gallagher on the coming marriage of their daughter, Maryel. That the President has chosen to hold the wedding in the Great Hall is another welcome indication of his willingness to share his life with the College community.

Highwayman's Paradise

The almost continuous reports of robberies in St. Nicholas Park establishes that area as a highwayman's paradise. The park gives easy access to the Eighth Avenue Subway and in a law-and-order society there is no reason why one should not be able to walk through it.

We call upon the Student Council, the Student Life Department and the Administration to prevail upon the Police Department for increased protection to make St. Nicholas Park safe for College students.

The Young Libel Suit

The "news" story in the hot-bed segments of the College press about a libel suit which was to have been initiated against THE CAMPUS has brought us reassuring support from students and faculty.

We would like to assure our well-wishers that firstly, there has been no suit brought against us, and secondly, if there is ever to be a court test, we will easily prove the truth of our editorial comments.

It appears, however, that Young Henry is unwilling to initiate legal action at his own expense, when he can fight his case on the front pages of OP while the student body pays the bill.

**Birnbaum New Chem Head
Harrow To Retire In June**

**Witnessed Atom Blasts
At Bikini, Eniwetok**

By Dave Ratkowsky

Prof. Nathan Birnbaum (Chemistry), who is noted for his work in chemical warfare and radiological safety, is the newly-elected head of the Chemistry Department.

The forty-six-year old professor, who is also a colonel in the Army Reserve, succeeds Prof. Benjamin Harrow as departmental chairman.

Witnessed Bikini Tests

During the second World War, Dr. Birnbaum was head of a group conducting studies in radiological research at the Bikini atom bomb tests. He was able to witness the atomic blast from a destroyer, and later received the Navy Commendation Medal for his work at Bikini and the Air Force Commendation Medal for



Photo by Berger
Prof. Nathan Birnbaum

his services at Eniwetok Atoll.

Dr. Birnbaum, an alumnus of the College's class of 1929, returned to the service in 1949 in charge of the Chemical Corps program at Eniwetok. In July, 1952 he became deputy chief of the Research and Development Division of the Chemical Corps.

Thinks Teaching Important

In the fall of 1952, Dr. Birnbaum returned to the College and has been teaching here ever since. Although he believes teaching is the more important job, he "suspects that Army work has aspects that are more dramatic."

The new chairman does not think that his two careers conflict. "In trying to fit them together," he says, "one vocation gains from the experiences of the other. He considers himself very fortunate "to be able to take part in two fields of endeavor."

**Initiated Many Projects
In 26 Years Here**

By Alfred Ettinger

Prof. Benjamin Harrow (Chemistry) is retiring in June after twenty-six years at the College.

Dr. Harrow has initiated many improvements since coming to the College in 1928 from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons where he was instructor in biochemistry.

Initiated Biochem Course

Under his guidance the College was one of the first in the New York area to furnish undergraduate classes in biochemistry. Courses in this subject are a part of the curriculum in college all over the country. "But for lack of a 10,000 dollar grant ten years ago, we should also have a graduate school in biochemistry now," reports Professor Harrow.

He calls the establishment of a course in instrumental analysis the most notable development under his tenure.

His researches include eighty-nine papers and several on organic and biochemistry.

Smell of Smells

"Of all the smells traditionally associated with chemistry," smiled professor Harrow, "the worst have usually come from my lab."

"The most sensational work ever did I suppose was the work with Casimir Funk on the isolation of the male hormone," said the professor. Asked how he felt about his career, Professor Harrow has only one regret: "I'm not a graduate of the College."

Club Activities

American Youth Hostels

AYH will hold its final meeting today in 204 at 12:30 to discuss summer hosteling plans.

Bacteriological Society

The Bacteriology Society will hold an urgent meeting today in 313 Main at 12:30. The five-dollar fee for the dinner must be in.

Charter Ball Pictures

All people who haven't received their Charter Day Ball pictures should come to 20 Main to pick them up.

'56 Class Council

Next term's '56 Council will meet today in 14 Main at noon. Plans for next term's activities, including a Junior Prom, will be discussed.

Economics Society

The Eco Society will hold its elections today in 210 Main at 12:30.

Scientific Phenomena Society

The Scientific Phenomena Society will hold its last meeting of the semester today in 211 Main at 12:30 to elect officers.

Veteran's Club

The Vets will meet today in 126 Main at 12:15. Plans for the fall semester will be discussed.

**600 Social Work Jobs
Open to
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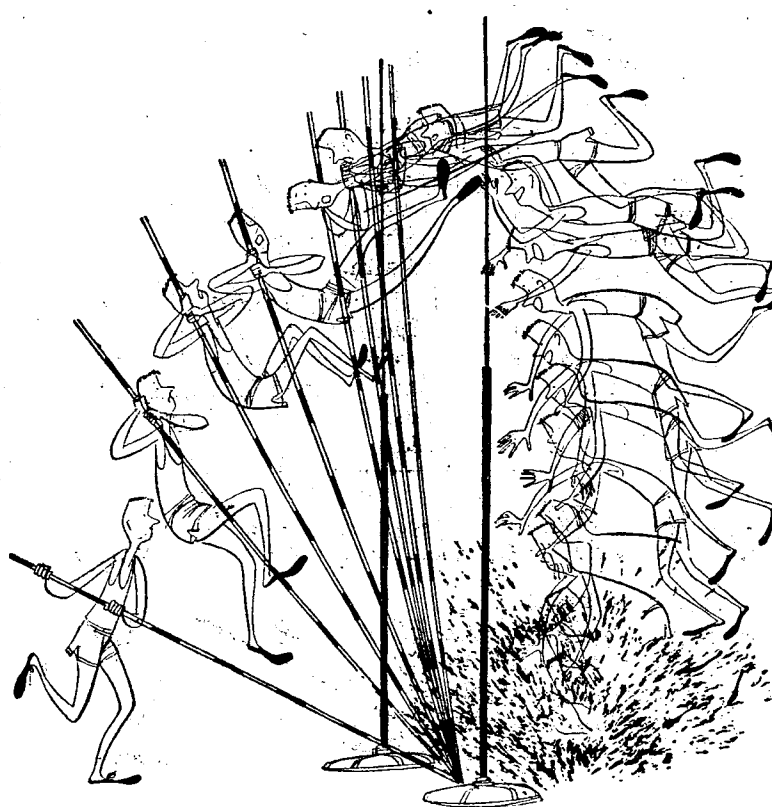
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By Edward Swietnicki



In January 1950, a rather idealistic youth left the 135th Street entrance of the Independent Subway, climbed the 300-odd steps leading to the Main Building, completed seven hours of registration gamarole and was officially enrolled in the College of the City of New York. He was like the other freshmen, one small difference being that he was a product of twelve years of parochial school teaching. A love for his country and for his God had been drilled to him during these years.

The College, seated sedately on top of a sturdy hill, awaited again the Youth's climb to Education.

In his first class a senior co-ed sat next to him. She was considered a very bright, rather frank, sophisticated type lady who had a mission to fulfill in that German 51 class. The Daily Worker was her constant companion; the defense of innumerable causes, her life; petitions to be signed, her immediate goal. She held Truth and a pencil at the end of her fingertips and sowed the seeds of Truth to all who, out of politeness sake, would listen and sign her petitions.

Our freshman student argued with her, defending his nation. But he could not answer her innumerable charges of discrimination, intolerance and other detailed complaints that she placed at the doorstep of Congress. Our freshman was in for a challenge, he realized. But his parochial school training had left him unprepared for these challenges: for its theory of protecting a student from "evil" was not helping him now. Furthermore, the freshman did not even know what the evils were. That is how well he had been protected.

His sophomore year passed more swiftly, for faced with the pressing challenge of wanting to learn History, Government and Economics in order to defend his beliefs, it was easy to immerse himself in books. His faith in America was not destroyed. He was like a small boy who heard for the first time the whisper from an older and more malicious boy that there is no Santa Claus.

Meanwhile, the Junior had become editor of *The Campus*. Still a searcher for new Values and an observer of Life, he found that his Extra-Curricular Activity had much to give him. He was shy about asking questions in class, but the hesitation was lost when he heard professors and deans for *The Campus*. He now saw life not in pure and cold white light but in its passionate and colored rainbow components.

There was that trip to Bellevue morgue to stare at the nude body of a once living human being, found strangled just off the college campus. What he saw placed on a slab taught him more of the horror of violence than any sermon he had ever listened to.

There was that midnight interview in a shabby Bronx tenement hallway with the parents of one of the Victims of the College's "Basketball is King" philosophy. Even though the door to the basketball player's home was opened only an inch, through its crack he could see the misery, the tears, and the determined search by the law for the bribery money that led to the player's destruction while he was supposedly under the educational wings of the College's Hygiene Department, placed there because someone had "fixed the matter up" in the Registrar's office.

What he saw that night made him ask "Who was responsible? The students who clamored for victory at the Garden? Or the College which nurtured and offered the Arena Spectacles and taught the students to root and appreciate only "Big Time" sports? The anguish of the player's mother made him angry and he wished that some of those who would defend Holman had been there to see, to care and feel his disgust and to ask, "Who was responsible?"

And now the senior finds himself waiting for his June 16 Commencement prepared to play the great game of life. He will leave the College, going down the 300 odd steps for the last time, with a love of his country still in him. Contrary to what the Disparagers say, here is nothing wrong with healthy nationalism. He will praise Democracy now and then because it has been praised too little by those connected with institutions of higher learning. Common sense has taught him that a democracy may and must defend itself.

The senior has come to believe that to subscribe to the present creed of the Intellectual Liberal, the Leftist and the Communist saying that we must be tolerant of everything (including them) is to say that one is intellectually bound to be tolerant of anything that is wrong, evil or stupid. Intolerance is sometimes a virtue. One young editor of *The Campus* once maintained to the Senior that he could not see any reason for rejecting advertisements from anti-negro or anti-Semitic organizations.

"What does common sense tell you?" was the Senior's mental reply of disgust.

The growing paralysis of fear creeping over the academic world today has been the last force to mold our hero's thinking. And he has come to the conclusion that good has come from this evil.

He remembers the time when all one had to do was stick a pin in the hand of a student with the huge black words of "PROTEST," "DISCRIMINATION," "SIGN" and "OPPOSE" and the poor lovers of academic freedom, of the Underdog and of Protest in general would sign their names to causes, ideals, and organizations—of which they knew nothing about.

The College then, during this Golden Age of Academic Freedom, had the trappings of a Hollywood conception of an Oriental bazaar. Truth was being sold in this Bazaar. Learning had stopped at the college, for Ideas and Truth were no longer exchanged in the free open competition of the market. The emphasis was on Selling.

And our Senior knew that if you had a superior product people would beat a path to your door. And he felt sorry for those who were duped by the High Pressure Salesmen on the campus. And he wondered why the whole College had to bear the stigma that these few salesmen had given it.

But there has been an even greater good to come from the attacks to academic freedom. College students now have Ideals and values to fight for and to believe in. The critics and disparagers of the American way of life arent given the same salaams and kowtows they were once accorded. We now question the motives of those whose sole purpose is to destroy, to tear down and to belittle.

Unlike many other college graduates, the Senior is graduating with a battle-scarred Faith still in him. His Religion has weathered the attacks of Science and the criticisms of those who find it easier to look into their mirror every morning without any Religion. To him, there are still mysteries in Life that Science can never explain. He owes the best years of his life to this college.

Stadium Concerts to Start June 21

By Bob Mosenkis

As thousands of students attend their first classes at the College's Summer Session on June 21, they will listen enviously to a faint background of Beethoven as Sir Adrien Boult leads the Lewisohn Stadium Symphony Orchestra in the opening of the thirty-seventh series of summer concerts.

The Stadium, which houses an average of 15,000 New Yorkers at each performance, will be the scene of thirty concerts this season, to be given at the rate of five per week until July 31.

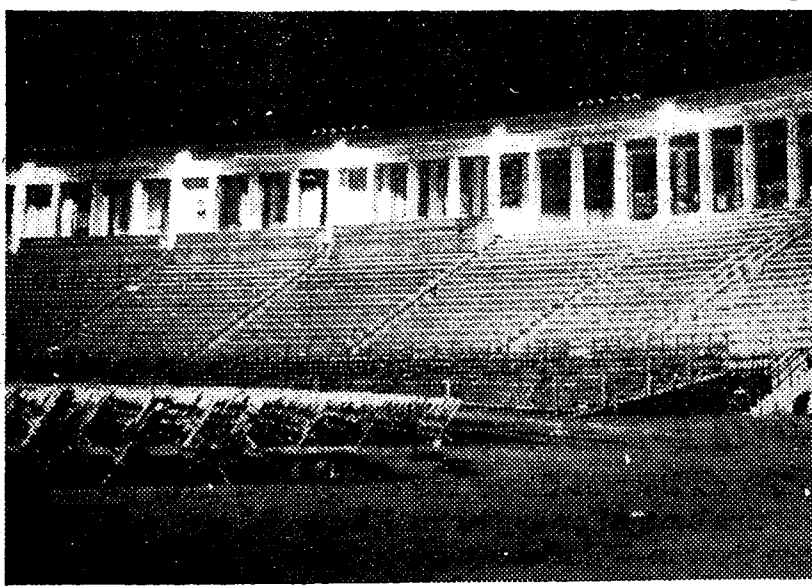
A long list of special programs highlights this year's concert series. Two Beethoven and two Tchaikovsky evenings will be presented.

For the lovers of music in a lighter vein, a program of Jerome Kern's music has been set for July 10, with a concert version of "Show Boat" to be featured. The music of George Gershwin will be presented on July 19, and that of Richard Rodgers on July 31.

In the past, students at the College were allowed discounts on tickets, but this practice has been discontinued for the coming season. Tickets are sold at prices ranging from thirty cents upward, and are on sale at many New York department stores, as well as at the Stadium box-office.

The Stadium concerts were begun during World War I for servicemen stationed in the New York area, and men and women in Armed Forces uniforms are still admitted free of charge.

Through the years, Stadium Concerts, Incorporated has presented performers ranging from Mischa Elman and Kirsten Flagstad to Benny Goodman and Frank Sinatra.



Lewisohn Stadium prepared for concert.

Photo by Zinn

Mom of Three to Graduate; Celebrates Fiftieth Birthday

By Louise Gross

Next month will be a memorable one for Mrs. Edythe Lutzker '54, because she will be celebrating three events—her graduation from the College, her thirtieth wedding anniversary and her fiftieth birthday.

Mrs. Lutzker, a history major, entered the College with but one desire—"to learn"—a desire she had sublimated for twenty-seven years while she got married and had three sons.

Has Perfect Attendance

The diminutive (4'11") student has maintained a perfect attendance record during her four years at the College, but isn't too sure about her scholastic record. "Marks don't mean much to me," she said. "It's a sad thing to see students directing their efforts toward getting a mark rather than learning as much as possible."

Although she feels that she has gotten "a tremendous amount out of the College," Mrs. Lutzker feels that the science courses offered to non-science students are not geared to their needs. "I sat in on two classes in both Science 1 and Mathematics 61, and still found them extremely difficult," she remarked. Math 61 was the first and only course she ever failed.

To Continue Studies

"My plans for the future include going for my M.A., and, if I live long enough, my Ph.D.," she said. "I also hope to write some books." Her immediate plans however, are just to "catch up on a lot of unfinished business."

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MAZEL TOV

Happy Birthday George, from the Hitchhikers! Elaine, Dottie, Ruth, Abe.

Wedding

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student. He is at present stationed at the Army-Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he is undergoing basic training.

Miss Gallagher's maid-of-honor will be her sister, Barbara, 19. Her three bridesmaids will consist of friends from Oberlin. Best man for the groom-to-be will be Mr. Herman's brother, Max, and there will be three ushers.

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Cutler Has Chance To Win Met League Batting Crown

Larry Cutler, second baseman on the College's baseball team, may wind up the Metropolitan Baseball Conference's batting champion for 1954.

Whether Cutler wins it depends on what Gil Brady, of St. John's, does against Brooklyn on Friday in the final league game of the season. The Redmen's first baseman is currently one percentage point behind Cutler's .420 B.A.

If Brady should have a bad day against Brooklyn, then the batting crown will go to a Beaver batsman for the second consecutive year. Last year Ted Solomon, first baseman on the Lavender's championship club, clouted a league leading .490. Whatever happens, Cutler can't finish worse than second in the batting race.

Form Reversal

Cutler's hitting performance was a complete reversal of his form at the plate in 1952. At that time he was good field-no hit. He didn't play a year ago.

The bespectacled second sacker has been chosen to the league's all star team along with teammate Nat Baretz. Baretz, who patrolled centerfield for the Mishkinmen, was shifted to left to make room for Brooklyn's Chet Jakubowski on the mythical nine.

St. John's, winners of the league championship, placed four men on the all-star team.

The 1954 MCBC All-Stars:

- Gil Brady, St. John's, 1b
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- Matt Sczemy, St. John's, 3b
- Bob Cocodrilli, Manhattan, ss
- Nat Baretz, CCNY, lf
- Chet Jakubowski, Brooklyn, cf
- Marty Satalino, St. John's, rf
- George Lewis, Wagner, c
- Charles Heerlein, St. John's, p
- *Repeaters from last year.

With or Without His Beret Gold Displays Winning Style

The continental flavor has disappeared from the track meets this season; or as Eartha Kitt would say—and please excuse the pun—"Somebody b-a-a-a-d stole the beret!"

Joe Gold, whose main job for track Coach Harold Anson Bruce is broad jumping, has forsaken the wearing of his beret.

All last spring, at every track meet, in all kinds of weather, "Jumping" Joe could be seen wearing his chapeau. He would wear it while practicing, while running, and while broad jumping. The sawdust in the pit would fly as he would make his jump, but not once did the hat leave his head.

Joe wore the hat to keep the sawdust out of his hair when he was broad jumping.

"Jumping" Joe's explanation didn't seem to do much good, for people continued to ask him about the beret, often making wise-cracks about it. The result is that he decided that this season he would forego wearing the

chapeau. "I had to stop wearing the beret," he explained. "Too many people started to ask me the reason why I wore it. It got to be a pain in the neck, always answering the same question and listening to the same jokes about the hat."

A Flushing High School graduate, the Beavers' best broad jumper seems to be unhampered by the loss of his trade mark. This year, Gold has been considered one of Coach Bruce's most dependable men. Only this past Saturday it was Gold's win against Brooklyn in the broad jump that clinched a Beaver victory.

Thirty

By Aaron Schindler

Four years is a long time in a span of twenty-one. A lot of things happen in that time—some good, some bad, some indifferent. Some you'd like to recall; others you'd rather not. In those years while you were struggling with chem and math and the rest, a lot of guys your own age were struggling a couple thousand miles away with a lot more at stake. It made you feel a little funny—this college stuff. Why were you here, and they were there? You've listened to a lot of talk the last four years from a lot of people—and damn if you still don't know the answer, and you wish you did.

"Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking..." A guy named Roman was speaking to a crowd of students packed into the area around the flagpole. They were heroes. They were "Nat's boys," and they'd won a championship. The crowd laughed and they cheered as the players in turn spoke to the mob. You were in that crowd, and you laughed and you cheered. The next week they won again, and they laughed and they cheered again... yea, Lavender... Alle-garooooo...

... and then they cried. There was a guy named Jacobson. He was sports ed. of the "Campus" at that time. When he heard the news of the dumps, he sat down and cried. I was a freshman then, but I can still remember the picture of this guy, well over six feet, slumped over a desk in the office. "I don't believe it," he moaned. "It's not true."

It was true.

"He'll freeze before they win one. That's for sure."

It was in the fall of '50 when a guy named Luchan announced that he would pitch a tent on the grass in front of the Hygiene Building, and announced that he would remain there until the football team won a game that season. "Laughing Boy" Luchan, who went on to form a thing called the Laugh Society, would undoubtedly have frozen to death that bitter autumn if some gentle soul in the administration hadn't called an official halt to his noble, but futile effort.

There were three guys on the frosh football squad at that time—Greenberg, Levinson, and McMahon by name. When the sport was mercifully dropped, they switched to lacrosse. They graduate in June. They're the last.

"But it's not cricket."

A couple of guys were sitting at a table in the college cafeteria one lazy Friday afternoon. One of them was cautiously spooning a bowl of puree of mongol soup, a bit wary of the name. "Cricket," he bellowed suddenly looking up. "That's the one sport we haven't got."

"So. Who needs it?" the other groaned.

"Well," the first shot back, spooning a bit faster, "we've got boxing, and wrestling, lacrosse and a lot more. In fact, we've got everything except..."

"Cricket."

The duo rounded up additional conspirators, whereupon the group confronted the beleaguered sports ed. of the "Campus."

"We're organizing a cricket team at the College. How about giving us a plug?"

He did, and now you're the father of City College Cricket.

"I can't see a thing."

The car had just past through the tunnel and into Jersey. It was proceeding due west in the face of a driving rainstorm. In the front seat three hefty guys were squeezed uncomfortably. In the back, four more people, of assorted sexes, were squeezed much more comfortably.

"We'll never make it," the driver wailed. "I can't keep this damn car on the road. I've got to slow down."

"No. There's no time to lose. The game starts in less than an hour, and we can't miss it," one of the others yelled back.

The car skidded and swerved, and finally, after two and a half hectic hours, the brave little band arrived at its destination—Easton, Pa.

City College lost to Lafayette by thirty points.

And there's more. There's some things that you just don't know how to say, and others that are better off unsaid. Anyway, you're through with it all. With the Beavers and the St. Nicks and the Lavender; and the Five and the Nine and the Ten and Eleven; and the Hoopsters and the Netmen and the Trackmen and the Stickmen. You're through with the teams that have been ripped and mauled and slaughtered and trounced. Let's face it, bub. You've had it.

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