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College Accepts NCAA Tourney Bid; To Play First Game in Md., Monday

EDITORIAL:

Wine of Victory

Miracles are rare and many students will rub their eyes and shake their heads today, still unbelieving, still skeptical. If miracles do exist, if the impossible can be realized, if paragement can be forgotten, if losing teams can become champions, then it is true that the College's basketball team play Mount St. Mary's College Monday night in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's post season tournament. This is a moment when the heady wine of victory can cloud memories. But let us remember the abuses and the insults, let us smile this morning, for we can laugh last.

It is not so difficult to recall last season, when the situation appeared hopeless and all remedies seemed futile. Dave Polansky and his athletes proved that the futility was only temporary and that defeat would someday be transformed into victory.

The Beavers' joy must be great today, for their triumph is double one. Not only did they have to win the hard way: without a recruiting program, without preferential registration, without huge expense accounts, but they also had to struggle continuously against the past—a past that some day will be (Continued on Page 2)

Gallagher Selects Mercury Advisers

Pres. Buell G. Gallagher announced yesterday the four members of the Mercury Alumni Advisory Board.

All professional writers, the men chosen from a panel of twelve candidates submitted by the Alumni Association. They are:

Milton Bracker '29, a leading feature and news writer for *The New York Times*, and one of the nation's top war correspondents during World War II. Mr. Bracker is in charge of the Argentine Bureau of *The Times*, and has eight magazine writing at the age.

Robert J. Levin '42, a free-lance writer for national magazines who taught creative writing here.

Sanford Socolow '50, former chief of the Tokyo Bureau of International News Service, now writes for CBS-Television.

Robert Stein '47, managing editor of *Redbook Magazine*, who has written articles for national magazines and taught magazine writing at the College. He is a former editor of the College's alumni magazine.

Mr. Stein and Mr. Socolow will be on the Board for a two year period. Mr. Bracker and Mr. Levin are appointed for one year terms. The Advisory Board will review the Mercury after publication and meet with the editors and faculty advisors of the magazine to evaluate the publication and offer constructive suggestions.

The six-point plan jointly proposed by the editors of Mercury and the Alumni Association was instrumental in bringing about the establishment of the new Advisory Board. The proposal grew out of a Board (Continued on Page 3)



Noted journalist Milton Bracker is a member of the newly appointed Mercury Advisory Board.

Beavers' Receive 'At Large' Invitation— Last Championship Competition Was '50 'Grand Slam'

By Hank Grossman

The College has accepted an invitation to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament.

This will be the first time the College will have participated in a post-season tournament since its double championship seven years ago.

The bid from the NCAA Selections Committee was received early yesterday afternoon. Its approval by coach Dave Polansky and the General Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics followed quickly.

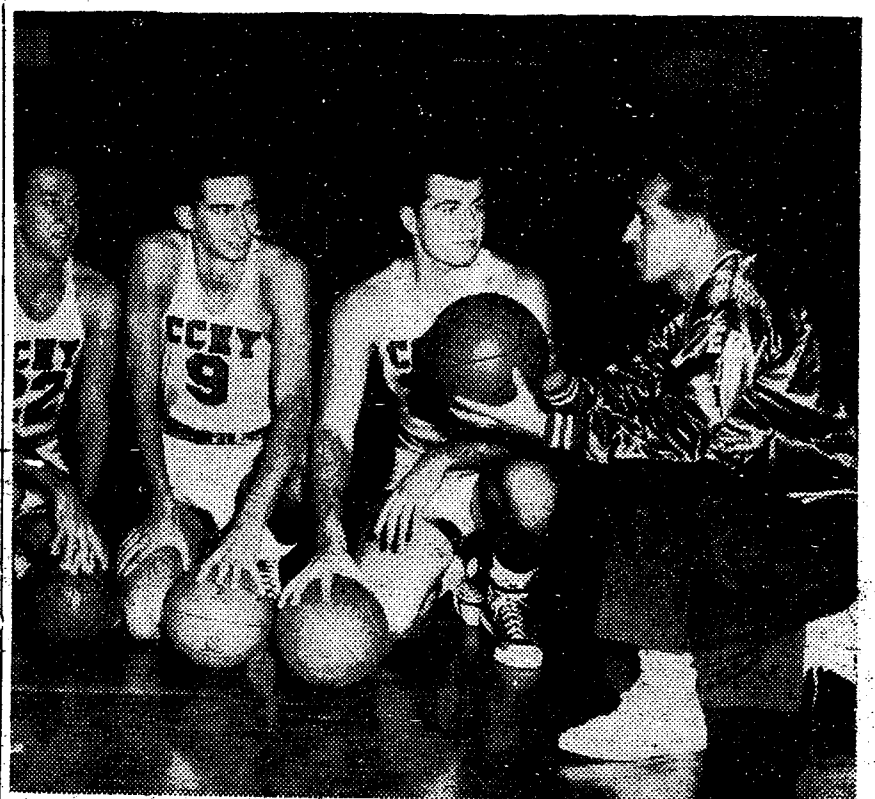
The College was picked as one of the eight "at large" teams in the tournament's College Division.

The Beavers will play their first game on Monday night against Mount St. Mary's College, winner of the Mason-Dixon Conference championship. The game will be played at Emmitsburg, Maryland.

If the College wins, the site of the second-round contest will shift to New York City. Since Wingate gymnasium is not large enough to accommodate a championship game, some other local court will be used.

If they survive the two elimination rounds, the Beavers will travel to Evansville, Indiana, where the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals are being held on March 13, 14 and 15.

The NCAA tournament is being conducted under a new system this year. Schools are classified according to the competition they face during the regular season and are placed in either the College or



Coach Dave Polansky discusses the strategy to be used in Monday's NCAA contest against Mount St. Mary's College with, left to right, Ralph Schefflan, Syd Levy and Bob Silver.

University Division of the tournament. Thirty-two schools are invited to each. The Beavers fall into the "College" category on the basis of the number of games they have scheduled against major opponents.

The Lavender "five" has a tight program in store for it next week. On Saturday night the Beavers meet St. John's at the Van Buren High School gym in Queens. Then, on Sunday afternoon, a twelve-man squad leaves by bus for Emmitsburg, Maryland, where it will stay overnight and play the championship game the next evening at 8.

The return trip to New York will be made Tuesday morning. On Tuesday night the Beavers take on NYU in the final scheduled game of the season.

Coach Polansky was "very pleased" about the tournament invitation. "We've had to play a high calibre of basketball to get in there (Continued on Page 3)

Return of Newspaper Urged

Peace Favors 2 Papers

By Barbara Ziegler

Renewal of publication by *Observation Post* was strongly urged yesterday by Dean James S. Peace (*Student Life*).

Declaring that two papers are essential for full coverage of an institution the size of the College, the Dean asserted that "all possible means of reviving OP are being explored."

The paper announced in yesterday's issue that it was ceasing publication due to a critical shortage of staff members. This marked the end of the two-newspaper system which had been in existence at the college for the past ten years.

Attempting to analyze causes of the lagging interest in College journalism, Dean Peace declared that campus newspapers catered to a minority of students, and neglected the interests of the majority. (Continued on Page 2)

Students Express Surprise

By Eli Sadownick

A newspaper died yesterday and most of the student body sat around and watched. Some refused to believe what had happened; others accepted it as something that couldn't be helped and probably didn't matter much anyway.

A few offers of assistance were reported by *Observation Post* Editor Michael Spielman '58. He said he was forced to keep them in abeyance pending the outcome of several discussions with members of the Administration and an editorial board meeting today.

Many students stared at the banner headline of the last issue of *Observation Post* yesterday morning in disbelief. Some suspected an "April Fool's" prank.

Arnie Deutchman '58, former Student Government treasurer, wondered if it wasn't some sort of a "trick." "Maybe this is a stunt to get more people," (Continued on Page 2)

Jubilant 'Five' 'Up' for NCAA

To the members of the College's basketball team and their coach, Dave Polansky, the NCAA tournament bid is a "dream come true."

"I still can't believe it's true," said smiling Bob Silver, "I was afraid that after that loss to Rutgers the team would be out of the running. I never expected the bid to come so suddenly."

For Syd Levy, the news was his second "shock" of the day. "I've been asked to play for the New York All-Stars against a Jersey team," he explained. "But this tournament bid tops everything."

Manager Seymour Handel could not be contained. "I sweat a season's worth on that bench every game. But it looks like it was worth it." This is Handel's second year as varsity manager. "Last year we won only three games. This year (Continued on Page 4)



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Wine of Victory

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erased by teams such as this one.

This isn't Lawrence, Kansas, or Lexington, Kentucky, and the people of New York will not declare a holiday today. There are no immense fieldhouses and our only sign of emotion will be a rally this afternoon, but the gratification of the ballplayers and the coach is complete. As Dave Polansky said, "This is the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

Perhaps in the immediate periphery of the College community, Syd Levy, Ralph Schefflan, Joe Bennardo and the others will be heroes, but the rest of New York may wonder who these ballplayers are and how far the team has come since 1950.

Ned Irish only a week ago expressed skepticism over whether the College had really disengaged itself from the mistakes of a past generation. We have a suggestion: If Mr. Irish manages to conceal his envy and frustration, maybe Dave Polansky will tell him how athletic de-emphasis and student apathy have not stopped his ballplayers from reaching the heights. It's really a simple enough formula: never-say-die spirit and a liberal sprinkling of talent.

'Thirty'

When a newspaper dies—be it the Boston Post or Observation Post—there is really very little that anyone can say. The mourners can cite financial difficulties or shortage of newsprint or dwindling staff participation, but whatever the cause of death, a voice is lost and the community must inevitably suffer.

Many times during our ten years of competition, THE CAMPUS urged merger of the two newspapers, with its consequent relaxation of deadline tension and avoidance of duplicate coverage.

We felt that one newspaper, publishing three or four times weekly, would be the most efficient and satisfactory arrangement on this campus. The proposal was advanced while both newspapers enjoyed the services of adequate staffs.

Last year, as OP's decline became increasingly apparent to those of us who participate on the newspapers here, the cry for merger was quieted. And when THE CAMPUS was barred from publication for ten days last spring, the benefits of the two-newspaper set-up at the College became obvious to even the most die-hard advocates of merger on our staff.

Yesterday, our decade of rivalry ended—perhaps for good. Once a newspaper shuts up shop its chances of resumption are pitifully slight. Knowing the demands of both time and energy and the demoralization that attends the publication of a mediocre newspaper, it is difficult for us to rebuke the editors of OP for their decision.

Perhaps the newspaper could have carried on as a four-page weekly. It is obvious that they could not have long continued in the exhausting day-to-day competition of a semi-weekly in their present condition.

College activities might be covered adequately by a newspaper publishing three times a week. What is important here is the cessation of Observation Post's editorial voice and the protection afforded each newspaper by the other's publication.

Respect for a newspaper's editorial judgment grows only with time, and it will be sev-

eral years before a successor to OP can command the editorial attention its predecessor received.

Healthy competition between two newspapers can do a great deal toward improving the standards of both. Students, too, benefit from the different way in which stories may be handled.

In the meanwhile, we will do our utmost to maintain facilities for controversy in our editorial, letters and special columns. The College has become a one-paper community, but as long as this newspaper remains—and thankfully we anticipate no abrupt exit—those who differ with our policies will always have an opportunity for their opinions to reach the College public.

This is no time to serve another indictment of chronic disinterest to the students whose lack of participation spelled the doom of our erstwhile sister newspaper. But apathy killed OP as it has destroyed numerous other College organizations. Perhaps the time will come when student activities here are reduced to cafeteria conversation and dance lounge gyrations. Those of us who know what the College was like, but a few years ago, will not remain here long enough for the trend to reach its logical culmination.

In that, if nothing else, we can take heart today.

The Three Questions

In the recent, restrained jubilation over the reprieve extended Mercury by the Board of Higher Education, one phase of the humor magazine's plight seems to have been overlooked.

If Merc's reprieve is to be anything but a temporary stay of execution by apathy, the four-point rejuvenation plan advanced by the magazine's editor, Saul Sofer, must be an unqualified success.

In the long run, perhaps the most vital of Sofer's proposals is the one concerning the establishment by Mercury of a candidates' training program to give Merc's wan staff a much-needed shot of new blood. The humor magazine is holding a meeting in its office today to outline the training program to interested undergraduates.

Prof. Irwin Stark, Merc's uptown faculty adviser, struck the heart of the magazine's most urgent problem in a letter to THE CAMPUS, which appeared in Tuesday's editions. Professor Stark asked:

Is it possible to publish a competent humor magazine at the College? Are there enough student writers capable of creating funny or witty or satiric stories, articles, verse and cartoons without indulging in the giggly type of exhibitionism which has characterized too many so-called humor magazines on the American campus? Are there enough students who believe that a first-rate humor magazine is worth the time and energy to contribute to the exciting editorial experience which could be theirs as a member of Mercury's staff?

Professor Stark's three questions are far more than academic—on the answers to his queries rest the fate of the College's only humor magazine.

It is easy for anyone cognizant of the abilities of students here to answer Professor Stark's first two questions positively. Certainly there are enough undergraduates to publish a competent, non-exhibitionist humor magazine on this campus of over six thousand students. It cannot be denied that Mercury more than met these criteria on many occasions during its 77 years here.

Professor Stark's third question is the most disturbing, for there is no guarantee that those students with the requisite talents will respond to the call of the beleaguered Mercury editors. The call for added student participation from newspapers, magazines, music and dramatic groups at the College frequently elicits only immobility from those summoned.

Should Merc's plea for help fall on clogged ears, it would be an unfortunate, but nevertheless ironic, postscript to the heated appeal for the magazine's life made by undergraduate leaders, and the magazine's editors and faculty advisors when it seemed the College's name and would be stricken from Mercury's masthead.

It should be evident to even the most dense that more than Administrative endorsement is required to maintain a college humor magazine. For Mercury to disappear for disturbing the aesthetic sensibilities of the Board of Higher Education would be embarrassing. But for the magazine to perish for want of undergraduate participation would be a disgrace.

Students

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he suggested.

Deutchman felt a little cheated that the action was so sudden. "They should have given some notice or made an appeal. I figured the situation was bad, but I never suspected this. I know some of those people feel so strongly about two newspapers that I would think they'd want to continue even if it meant coming out only once a week."

Jerry Schreider '58 hadn't heard the news by the middle of the afternoon, but when shown a copy of OP he was visibly moved. "It's almost like an appeal," he said slowly. "I wonder why nobody joins..." Then he thought of an answer: "Students read something like this and say, 'Too bad.' They figure it's nice to have the papers, but it's nice for someone else to do the work."

Most of the students interviewed deplored the folding of OP as "a shame," but some felt it didn't make much difference because "the papers were duplicating themselves." Nearly all wanted a newspaper several times a week.

Student opinions were reflected by the following:

Sid Israel '57: "I think it's a shame that this has happened. It's true about the apathy. It's too bad students will be deprived of two newspapers. There is a need for two papers in case an important issue comes up."

Tom Rosado '58: "It's kind of sad to see them go. The apathy they speak of is a growing thing which the split in the campus has furthered. I hope they won't stay shut down; it's always better to have two views. This may do something in the way of arousing students."

Mike Margules '57, president of the History Society: "The papers were duplicating themselves. It was a rare occasion when they differed on important issues. A paper is needed on the campus a minimum of three times a week, but one paper coming out four times could do the job as well as two."

Rickie Sue Stamler '58, who was a member of OP several terms ago: "I'm not really sure of how I feel yet. There was such a big fight to get two papers, it's a shame."

"The people on the paper themselves were too apathetic towards it. They didn't make all the effort they could to get stories."

Barbara Seidenstein '58: "I never knew which paper I was reading anyway. But I'd like to have a paper every day."

Peace

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He surmised that "only six one hundred students" are concerned about the quest membership lists, an issue has been given broad coverage campus papers for the past and a half years.

"The majority of students," Dean asserted, "are more interested in obtaining information club activities, scholarships, and various social functions College."

He suggested that campus examine more closely the needs of the student body. "If a number of students found papers were serving their interests," Dean Peace noted, "they might be more willing to contribute to the publications."

Tech Program Set for Today

As part of an intensive recruiting campaign now waged by the New York Department of Personnel, a special meeting for all engineering students has scheduled for today at the Townsend Harris Auditorium.

The principal speaker will be Honorary John J. Theobald, Mayor of the City of New York. Other speakers will be: Mr. C. Riedel, former Chief Engineer for the Board of Estimate, and Philip Brueck, Deputy Chief Engineer for the Transit Authority. "Engineering Problems and Effects of New York City Government" is the topic which the principal speakers are scheduled to discuss.

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Prizes will be awarded at a public meeting, date to be announced at a future time.

The contest is open to all students of the College, day and evening and to all members of the faculty.

Entries and submitted material may be left in the MERCURY mailbox in Room 151 of the Finley Student Center, or delivered in person to the MERCURY office.

Contest closes midnight, March 23, 1957.

College Calendar

AIEE-IRE
City-wide meeting at the Engineering Building, 33 West 39 Street, will be held tomorrow at 7 under the auspices of the General Electric Laboratories.

Amateur Radio Society
Meets today at 12:15 in 13 Shepard.

Architectural Society
Meets today at 12:30 in 104 Wagner.

Baskerville Chemical Society
Meets today at 12:30 in Doremus Hall. Student research papers will be presented.

Camera Club
Will hold a "Slide Session" in 204 Mott at 12:30 today.

Campus Democrats
Meets in 01 Wagner at 12:30 today. A filmed history of the Democratic Party will be shown.

Christian Association
Meets in 424 Finley today at 12. Reverend W. D. Kring will speak on "Foundations of Unitarianism."

Class of '58
Class council meeting today at 12:15 in 337 Finley.

Class of '59
Meets in 320 Finley today at 12.

Dramsoc
Meets in 428 Finley today at 12:30.

Economics and History Societies
Meets today at 12:30 in 107 Wagner. Sidney Ash, New York State Assemblyman, will speak on "Trusts and Monopolies."

Geological Society
Meets today at 12:30 in 310 Shepard. The films "Taconite" and "Packaged Power" will be shown.

Gilbert and Sullivan Society
Auditions and rehearsals for "Iolanthe" today from 12-2 in 234 Finley and 6-9 in 327 Finley, and on Tuesday from 6-9 in 327 Finley.

Government and Law Society
Meets in 201 Wagner today at 12:30. Professor Samuel Hendel (Govt.) will speak on "The Study of Law and the Legal Profession."

Greek Club
Meets tomorrow in 217 Finley at 5.

Hiking Club
Meets today at 12 in 312 Shepard.

Iberoamericano Club
Meets today at 12:30 in 438 Finley. Group singing.

IVCF Christian Fellowship
Meets today at 12:30 in 206 Harris. There will be a Bible study and nominations for officers.

Le Cercle Francais du Jour
Meets today at 12 in 350 Finley. Miss Liliane Bukspan, a native of Egypt, will speak on "Egypt."

Mathematics Society
The Mathematics Journal staff meets today at 12:30 in 125 Shepard.

Mercury
Holds an open meeting today at 12 in 420 Finley.

Meteorological Society
Presents the film "Weather Today" at 12:30 today in 308 Shepard.

Musical Comedy Society
Meets today at 12:15 in 312 Mott. Tony Calabrese '59 will lecture on "Play Directing."

NAACP
Meets today at 12:30 in 111 Elmsner for an organizational meeting.

National Student Association
Delegation meeting today at 12:30 in 322 Finley.

Newman Club
Meets today at 12:30. Sister Rosalia, of the Order of Missionary Helpers, will speak.

Philatelic Society
Meets in 310 Finley at 12:30 today.

Philosophy Society
Meets in 118 Wagner today at 12:30. Discussion of "The Metaphysical Misuse of 'God'."

Rod and Gun Club
Meets in 319 Finley today at 12.

SAME
Will hold a drill in Drill Hall today at 12.

SG Cultural Agency
Meets today at 12:30 in 321 Finley.

Student-Faculty Tea
Friday in 131 Finley from 3-5.

SWE
Meets today at 12 in 023 Harris.

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NCAA Bid

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and in most of the games this season, the boys have played up to their capacity.

"It's a good thing for the team and for the College, irrespective of what the outcome may be," he added.

As for the problem presented by the playing of three games in four days, Polansky plans to "take each game as it comes. Right now we're out to get St. John's."

Another person who was "very happy that the boys were invited" was Prof. Nat Holman, now nearing the end of his one-year sabbatical leave. When reached at home, Holman expressed himself as "delighted to hear the College has accepted."

"I know it will mean a lot to the boys, and they should benefit greatly from the added competitive experience."

President Gallagher was also "immensely pleased" about the whole thing. He felt that "the NCAA tournament invitation for the basketball team has supplied a fitting climax to one of the most successful athletic seasons in the College's history."

Latest Film by Richter Opens In World Premiere, March 8



French playwright Jean Cocteau appears with a mannequin in a scene from "8 by 8," a surrealist film written, produced, and directed by Prof. Hans Richter. Dr. Richter retired from the College faculty last semester after serving for ten years as Director of the Institute of Film Techniques.

The 98 minute color film will have its world premiere on March 8 at the Fifth Avenue Cinema. The title is derived from the structure of a chess board, and each of the eight sections of the film starts with a chess game as its point of departure.

Shot over a period of three years, on location in Holland, Venice, the Riviera, New York and Connecticut, the film boasts a cast of internationally known poets, painters, sculptors, and composers. In addition to Cocteau, Alexander Calder, Max Ernst, Marcel Duchamps, Jean Arp, Yves Tanguy, Jose Sert, and Jacqueline Matisse appear in major roles.

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of Higher Education Administrative Committee hearing in January to determine whether Mercury should be permitted to continue to use the name and seal of the College.

The BHE voted unanimously last week to allow Mercury to retain the name and seal of the college for the trial period of one year provided that the conditions of the proposal be implemented.

Dr. Gallagher stressed, however, that the new board would not assume the functions of the magazine's faculty advisers. The latter, according to the plan, will review copy at least fifteen days before it is sent to the printer.

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Cagers' 1st-round Foe Boasts 13-win Streak

NCAA Tourney Invitation Called 'Dream Come True' By Jubilant Beaver Cagers

By Bob Mayer

A blistering Mount St. Mary's basketball team with a thirteen game winning streak will provide the opposition for the Beaver quintet in the opening round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association College Division Tournament at Emmitsburg, Maryland, Monday night.

The Mountaineers, champions of the Mason-Dixon Conference with an impressive 12-1 loop mark, have won eighteen of their last nineteen regular season contests since dropping their first three games of the campaign. They also placed second to the home team in the Quantico basketball tourney last December.

Feature Free-Wheeling Attack

Among the better know teams to fall prey to the free-wheeling attack of the Blue and White are Hofstra, Georgetown and St. Francis of Pennsylvania. The Mountaineers have rolled up a ninety points per game average while limiting their opponents to seventy-five.

The Southerners' powerful offensive attack is led by 6-4 forward Jack Sullivan, one of the finest small-college players in the country. Sullivan has tallied 2238 points in his brilliant career, the all-time Maryland record. Thus far this season he has poured in 724 points for a 32.9 average.

The chunky senior is reputed to have deadly hook and jump shots. Although listed as a forward, he does much of his scoring out of the pivot.

Sullivan holds six individual scoring marks in the Mason-Dixon Conference. He has twice tallied forty-four points in one game, including twenty-seven in one half. His other marks include 100 points, 35 field goals, and 30 fouls in three years of Mason-Dixon tournament play. Mount St. Mary's has been victorious in the annual tourney for the past three years.

Bohlinger Top Rebounder

Three other Mountaineer starters are averaging in double figures. Burt Sheing, 5-11 guard, is second to Sullivan with an eighteen points per game average. Jack Marshall, 6-0 guard, and Bill Williams, 6-6 forward, have been averaging twelve and ten points, respectively.

Jerry Bohlinger, 6-6 center, is the squad's leading rebounder. He is low scorer on the starting five with an eight point average.

The remainder of the team includes Tom Leonard, 6-5; Ed Calen, 6-3; Bill Morse, 6-5; Tom Mullen, 5-11; Joe Sullivan, 6-3; Jack Hellron and Jack Cunn.

The Mountaineers feature flexible pivot offense, with several men alternating in the post slot. They keep moving all the time, and do much of their scoring on cuts off the pivot man.

The Southerners generally use a man-to-man defense, but have utilized a zone upon occasion.

Rifle Match

The College's rifle team will face Fordham and Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute in a triangular meet today at 5 on the Lewishon Stadium range. The team is having one of its best seasons in recent years under the tutelage of its new coach Sgt. Bernard Kelly. Their record is ten and one thus far.

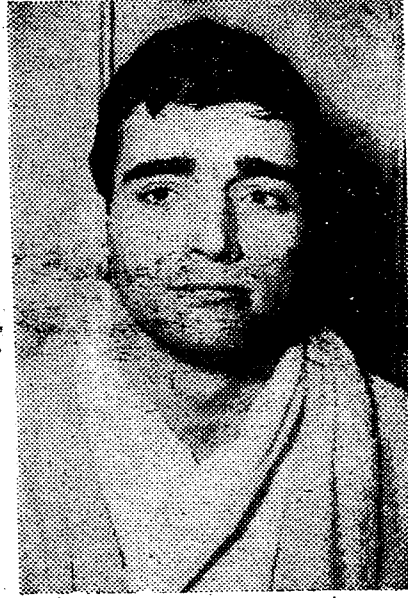
Swimmers Seek Met Title In Championships at NYU



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If the regular season 8-1 record is any indication, the College's swimming team should come away from the Metropolitan Swimming Championships, Saturday night, in the New York University pool, with its third victory in four years.

The Swimmers captured the

championship in 1954 and 1955 but dropped to third place last year behind NYU and Kings Point.

Coach Jack Rider is optimistic about the team's chances. "If all goes well in the qualifying round tomorrow night," the coach said, "I'd give us a good chance of coming in first. The host-team, NYU, is generally considered to be the only

other squad with a winning chance. Although we beat the Violets in a dual meet earlier, there's quite a difference when you have six other teams in there, too," explained the coach.

Kings Point, last year's runner-up, was hard hit when Bob Burn's eligibility was used up after the fall term. Burn's was the Sailor's number one back stroker and was a vital cog on their relay teams.

Coach Rider sees Fordham as the big threat in the free style events. "They've got two boys, Caesar Cirigliano and John Hayman," the coach said, "who will pose quite a problem." The Rams, however, suffer from lack of depth which will hurt their chances.

The tentative slate for the Beavers will be: Larry Premisler and Fred Vicidomini in the 220 and 440 free style events; Steve Kesten and Richie Silverstein in the 50 and 100 free style races; Al Smith in the dive; Dick Fisher in the 200 yard breaststroke, and Sol Stern and Jerry Lopatin in the backstroke. Jim Johnsen, the Met title holder in the 220 and 440 free style, has been competing in the butterfly event this year. Coach Rider is presently undecided about the events in which Johnsen will see action Saturday.

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Tourney-bound Hoopsters To Meet Redmen Saturday

By Bernie Lefkowitz

The College's basketball team is concluding its most successful season in recent years, but past records and previous victories will be forgotten when the Beavers tangle with St. John's University, Saturday, at the Martin Van Buren high school gymnasium.

The Brooklynites are expected to be at their peak when they meet the Lavender in the renewal of one of the oldest metropolitan intercollegiate rivalries. The series started in 1914, and St. John's enjoys a 21-14 lead.

Bill Chrystal, a 6' 5" forward and captain Dick Duckett are tied for the St. John's scoring lead, both

the backcourt starters but if coach Joe Lapchick continues to juggle his lineup Walt Brady, who scored 26 points to lead the Redmen to a 77-69 victory last season, may see action.

Beaver coach, Dave Polansky feels that the Redmen's record is not indicative of their true scoring ability. "Both teams will be up for this game. We have had two rough ones behind us and St. John's has the potential to upset any squad in the country on a given night," he commented.

"Considering last season's game in which we shot only 28 percent and lost by eight points, I think we have improved enough to give them a real close contest," the coach continued.

Polansky indicated the he may change his starting lineup. Hector Lewis, after a good performance against Rutgers, is expected to counteract some of the Redmen rebounding power, and might start instead of Jim Mazzaferro.

St. John's Route

Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village is the site of the Beaver-St. John's Basketball game. Directions by train: Eighth Avenue line, E or F train to 179th St. (last stop). From there, board the Q43 bus which stops in front of the school at 232nd Street. By car: Grand Central Parkway to Springfield Boulevard exit. Then, Hillside Avenue, turn left to 232nd Street.



Coach Dave Polansky expects a "close game" against St. John's University, Saturday.

players averaging better than 12 points a game. Mike Parenti is holding down the center post for the third year in a row.

Al Seiden and Bernie Pascal are

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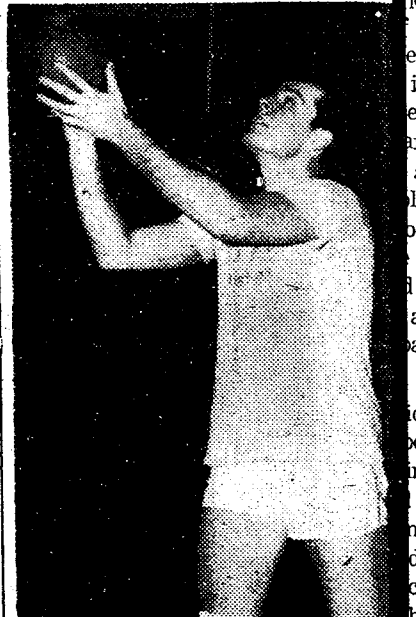
we're in the NCAA. How's that for a comeback?"

Guards Joe Bernardo and Ralph Schefflan were obviously elated. "This is probably the greatest thing that could happen," said Schefflan. Bernardo echoed his team-mate's sentiments and added, "A thing like this really makes you feel good."

The players who were gathered in the Wingate gym for the daily practice session wore grins the size of watermelons. They kidded each other about the classes they'd miss and co-captain Bill Lewis was mourning the job interviews which he had scheduled for Monday afternoon. "Broke but happy!" smiled Lewis.

Coach Polansky had his boys relax and he began to talk. "No doubt you have heard by this time that we have accepted a bid." "What bid?" cracked Levy. And the whole team broke into peals of laughter.

The coach then turned to Levy. "I hear you're going to be on the New York All-stars late this month. I hope we're back from the final



Forward Bob Silver, shown here in practice, was overwhelmed by the NCAA bid.

by then." The remark was followed by loud applause.

When the team was back on the court taking practice shots, Harry Bauman turned to Schefflan and said, "Sink a jump shot, Ralph, we'll win it all." Schefflan leapt high in the air and let the ball swish cleanly through the twines.

"You never know," said Bauman. "You just never know!"

NCAA Bid Revives Excitement Rally Planned for Today at 1

A sense of excitement unparalleled since the "Grand Slam" year of 1950 is sweeping the College as a result of the NCAA tournament bid.

A giant "NCAA All the Way" rally has been scheduled by Student Government in conjunction with the Varsity Club for today at 12 on the South Campus lawn. The entire basketball team and coach Dave Polansky will attend.

The meeting will also be a booster rally for the team's encounter with St. John's University, Saturday.

According to Steve Nagler '58, organizer of the rally, this is the first event of this sort since similar bids were extended to the basket-

ball team in 1950 by the NCAA and the NIT.

On hand to lead the rally will be Larry Cohen '58, and Mr. Sheldon Podolsky '56. Cohen is a professional comedian who has considerable experience in "Borsht Circuit." Mr. Podolsky is a free-lance sportswriter whose articles have appeared in all metropolitan daily newspapers.

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