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New Outbreak Of Robberies Reported Here

A fresh outbreak of robberies arose at the College this week after a brief lull in the theft rate.

Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) revealed yesterday that robberies had increased to the rate of three a day despite the fact that extra policemen are stationed at the College. The thieves have not yet been apprehended.

Since the beginning of the semester, more than thirty wallets and handbags were reported stolen. In addition, cars parked on St. Nicholas Terrace have been broken into almost daily.

Dean James S. Peace declared that the robberies were due in large part to the "incredible naivete" of students. "The word is out that the College is a soft touch for thieves," he added. "In many thefts the students are being fooled by variations of the old decoy setup." He cited the following example:

Two young men put on a wrestling match in the middle of the South Campus lawn one afternoon last week. While a crowd gathered to watch, accomplices made off with books and handbags that had been left abandoned on the grass.

Particularly hard hit by burglars have been the English Department offices located on the fourth floor of Mott Hall. The latest victim was Dr. Marvin Magalaner (English) whose office was robbed. The thief took a set of books.

Interviews

The Campus will interview candidates for election to the Student Faculty Committee on Student Activities today between 1 and 4. Only those interviewed will be eligible for endorsement by The Campus.

Seven Contest SFCSA Posts

By Wally Schwartz

Seven students will compete for three vacant positions on the Student Faculty Committee for Student Activities in Wednesday's special election.

Marvin Adler '59, Ralph Dannheisser '58, Henry Gassner '58, Harold Gotthelf '58, Harold Klein '58, Michael Rizzo '58, and Eli Sadownick '58 are the candidates for the highest policy group at the College on which students have a voice.

The election was originally scheduled for last Wednesday, but lack of sufficient time for publicity forced a postponement.

Adler served as president of the '59 Class Council and is chairman of the Public Affairs Forum. Dannheisser was managing editor of *Observation Post* and vice president of the Class of '58. Gassner is vice president of House Plan and served as co-chairman of the House Plan Leadership Training Program.

Gotthelf was vice president of the Modern Jazz Society and is now a member of Student Council. Klein is president of TIIC and

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Cohen Scored as 'Inconsistent'



PRES. BUELL G. GALLAGHER



BART COHEN

By Eli Sadownick

Pres. Buell G. Gallagher and Student Government President Barton Cohen '58 differed this week over a "possible inconsistency" between Cohen's stand on a Student Government resolution passed last month and Cohen's previous criticism of the United States National Student Association Congress this summer.

Gallagher Hits ACLU Position

By Sue Solet

"Pres. Buell G. Gallagher sharply disagreed Tuesday with a recent statement by the American Civil Liberties Union that Communist Party membership alone was not sufficient grounds for the dismissal of a faculty member.

He charged that "in addition to legal restriction—the Feinberg Law—one who is under Party discipline has disqualified himself from participating in a process of free inquiry."

The statement in question was contained in a report, prepared by the Committee on Academic Freedom of the ACLU, which criticized a declaration made in 1953 by the Association of American Universities on "The Rights of Responsibilities of Universities and Their Faculties," and discussed the dismissals of two professors from the University of Michigan.

The ACLU took exception to the AAU position that teachers were required to be loyal, cooperative with investigating committees, moderate in their statements outside the university, and candid in all matters with their colleagues. The AAU also had asserted that Communist Party membership was adequate grounds for dismissal of a teacher.

Although he agreed with most of the ACLU report, Dr. Gallagher questioned the implication of a statement that a college "has no jurisdiction over the teacher's life as a citizen."

"While we at the College have no legal jurisdiction over off-campus

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Eight to Sign Clubs' Lists; NAACP Stays

By Carole Fried

The College's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People voted yesterday to remain on campus and have eight student leaders sign its membership list.

In an issue of *The Campus* dated Tuesday, September 24, the NAACP had declared that it would go off campus rather than submit a list of its members.

Student Council passed a resolution Wednesday which gave any organization on campus the opportunity to circumvent the lists ruling. The proposal calls for eight students to sign the membership lists of any organization which requests their aid.

The eight students who will sign the lists were selected yesterday from a group of volunteers.

They are: Marvin Adler '59, SC representative and SG associate vice-president in charge of clubs and organizations; Bart Cohen '58, SG president; Karen Gordon '59, chief justice of the Student Court; Michael Horowitz '59, director of the SG International Agency; Howard Schumann '58, SG secretary; Michael Spielman '58, associate editor of *The Campus*; Diana Turman, associate vice-president in charge of Student Faculty Committees; and Barbara Ziegler '58, managing editor of *The Campus*.

The question of compulsory membership lists is scheduled to come before the General Faculty again this fall. At that time, a fact-finding committee appointed by Dr. Gallagher will make its report. No date has been set for the meeting thus far.

Met League Prom Planned by Genen

The College will act as host at a Five-College Prom, to be attended by students from Brooklyn, Hunter, Queens, and the Baruch School, on November 28 in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Astor hotel.

Arthur Genen '58, chairman of the Student Government Prom Committee, said yesterday he hopes to acquire the services of a big name band.

Under consideration are the bands of Lionel Hampton, Hal Etkin and Ray Eberle. In addition, there will be a complete floor show starting at midnight. The entertainment will be provided by alumni and students of the College.

Tickets, at five dollars per couple, will go on sale within the next two weeks.

Of fifteen hundred tickets, seven hundred are earmarked for sale at the College.

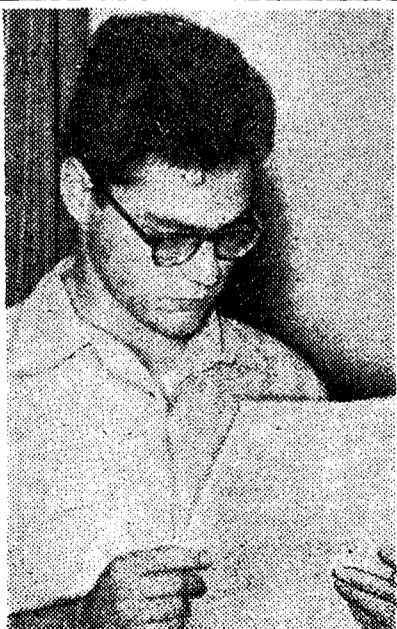
'Campus' Editor Receives Letter From Jacob Rosen in China

A letter from Jacob Rosen '59, one of the young Americans touring Communist China was received Wednesday by an editor of *The Campus*.

It was an answer to a request for articles based upon his travels through China. Rosen said he could send articles "at the earliest possible opportunity" and indicated this would be "in about one month." The letter was dated September 18 and in it Rosen said he was writing from Shanghai.

He said he thought "the shortest, clearest articles can be written in about two or three weeks rather than now." He explained, "At this date the tour is two-thirds completed. We have seen much of the industrial areas and representative samplings of the countryside. Discussions have been held with leading figures in all aspects of Chinese life. However, to get a complete picture of any part of Chinese society it is necessary to see people at all levels . . . in the next few weeks we will be getting just these final impressions."

Rosen was a representative to Student Council and a member of



JACOB ROSEN

of *The Campus*' news staff last semester.

The initial letter was sent to Peiping August 29.

The American visitors were scheduled to stay in China until October 1 to observe the anniversary of the Communist Chinese government.

Promethean

Promethean, the College literary magazine, is now accepting material for its fall edition. Articles may be left in 151 Finley, before Friday, October 18. Short stories, poetry, and critical essays are needed.



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Crime Wave

The wave of robberies that plagued the College earlier in the semester resurged this week after a brief lull. Coeds' wallets and handbags appear to be the chief targets, which thieves have purloined at a rate of three a day.

Most of the thefts have occurred in the cafeteria, snack bar, library, dance lounge and other such areas where students are apt to fling their belongings down carelessly. Dean Peace has urged everyone to take extra precautions and be on the alert for strangers who seem to be loitering about.

All losses should be reported immediately to Dean Peace. In addition, those students who have had keys stolen are advised to change the locks on their doors as quickly as possible. The theft of such items as cleaning tickets and laundry stubs, which can easily be redeemed, should be reported to the stores from which they came.

An intensive investigation of the situation is currently in progress, but College officials have made no headway thus far. Until the thieves are apprehended, it would be advisable for students to carry as little money as possible and to guard their possessions at all times.

Worth Watching

For the past four years the most successful team at the College has been the soccer squad. During this span the booters have played 37 games and lost only three. They have won four straight Metropolitan Conference championships — an unprecedented record—and one New York State title. Individual players have gained local, state, and national honors.

With a fifteen-game home unbeaten streak on the line, the booters will begin another season today, one which may be even "bigger and better than ever." Major soccer powers—finally acknowledging the Beavers as their equals—will invade Lewishohn Stadium for the first time in attempts to dethrone the defending champs. The best collegiate soccer in the country will be on display at the College free of charge. It's worth watching.

President Hits ACLU Stand

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us activities," he said, "it should be obvious that our reactions of pleasure or displeasure over the outside activities of faculty are inevitable and desirable. Any other attitude would mean muzzling of criticism, censoring of discussion, and denial to the colleagues of an offending person of the freedoms which he claims simply because he is offensive," Dr. Gallagher continued.

He noted, however, that "unfavorable judgements outside the university should not be determinative of the teacher's institutional status."

In response to the ACLU argument that Communist Party membership does not automatically put one under Party "discipline," Dr. Gallagher posed this question: "Would the ACLU or anyone else seriously propose that the President of City College conduct a search to find and to employ on the faculty . . . a known anti-Semitic?"

Regarding past membership in the Party as grounds for dismissal, he declared that if an individual had severed his former membership in good faith, "it should not prejudice his standing in the college community."

Letters

HITS EDITORIALS

To the Editor:

The issue of *The Campus* of Tuesday, September 24, contains a number of mistakes that I think the editors should be made aware of. To begin with, the lead article and the editorial "Worse Than Irony." In the article a quote is mistakenly attributed to Thurgood Marshall. I know the quote was correctly attributed to me before it got into the hands of the galley editor, because I read the article as the author typed it.

In the editorial "Worse Than Irony," in paragraph three, the editor states that . . . "the local chapter cited a section of the organization's national charter which opposes compulsory membership lists." This is not true. The national organizations' policy opposes lists in the South. At present, they have no opposition to membership lists in the North. The College chapter, for reasons of principle, stands opposed to membership lists in all parts of the country.

I assume that the majority of the editors of *The Campus* speak English and work with it sufficiently to know its uses. I am therefore very much surprised that the editors display such an amazing lack in the tools of their trade as was exhibited in the issue of *The Campus* in question.

The meaning of a word in context is not necessarily the meaning of a word out of context. Dr. Gallagher in the second issue of *The Campus* also attacked the editors on their use of words in and out of context. I am surprised at his wholehearted endorsement of the "Outside Activities" editorial.

In that editorial, these worthies proceed to rip a word out of a resolution and conduct a long philosophical discussion, with numerous examples on whether the word "desirability" is the correct one for expressing the ideas behind the resolution. The resolution defends the right of Council members to have and express their own opinions. It continues to state that Council will defend any member who exercises the above rights. This is the minimum support and protection that Council can offer its members. It seems from the tone and length of the editorial that the editors disagree with council's principle stand. Unfortunately one can't be sure, because the editors are so busy conducting a tempest in a teapot that they don't have space left to discuss the issues involved. One would think that the editors could appropriate some space to taking a stand on the issues involved.

I believe it is clear now why I condemn the language practices of the editorial staff. Their usage represents either lack of knowledge of the facts or a deliberate falsification of the facts. A person who has knowledge and integrity does not lower himself to the level of misquoting in order to turn out copy. I believe that in these cases it is lack of knowledge. I hope that the editors will act on this criticism and improve and raise their editorial standards.

Paul Perlman '58

(Editorial standards will not be improved by adopting either Mr. Perlman's opinions or his vindictive attitude.)

How can Mr. Perlman claim that the editorial ripped a word out of context when the complete resolution was reprinted in the very same editorial? It is Mr. Perlman who quotes out of context.

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Gallagher Labels Cohen 'Inconsistent'

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tion, wondered why Dr. Gallagher hadn't discussed the question with him before making any statement. "I wouldn't want to say anything against Dr. Gallagher until I meet with him and discuss the matter."

Cohen explained that in his criticism on NSA he asked for an expansion "of the scope of student activities" and a more liberal and wider interpretation of the

student's role as a student."

He saw no connection between this and the resolution which he said "concerns the fact that one should be able to say what he wants to and, if he is competent, his political views should not have any bearing on his holding a position of responsibility."

Cohen said he would discuss this with the President the next time he saw him.



FOOTBALL THROUGH THE AGES

The football frenzy is upon us. But let us in the midst of this pandemonium call time. Let us pause for a moment of tranquil reflection. What is this great American game called football? What is its history? Its origins?



First of all, to call football an American game is somewhat misleading. True, the game is now played almost exclusively in America, but it comes to us from a land far away and a civilization long dead.

Football was first played in ancient Rome. Introduced by Julius Caesar, it became one of the most popular Roman sports by the time of Nero's reign. The eminent historian, Sigafos, reports a crowd of MMCLDDXVIII people at the Colosseum one Saturday afternoon to see the Christians play the Lions.

With the decline of the Roman empire, football fell into disuse. The barbaric Huns and Visigoths preferred canasta. Not until the fifteenth century A. D. did football emerge from its twilight and rise to its rightful place in the firmament of European sports.

Which brings us to September 29, 1442, a date dear to the hearts of all football fans. It was on this date, according to the eminent historian Sigafos, that a sixteen-year-old lad named Christopher Columbus tried out for the football team at Genoa Tech. He failed to make the team because he was too light. (He weighed at the time only twelve pounds.)

And why, you ask, is this date—September 29, 1442—so dear to the hearts of all football fans? Because young Columbus was so heartbroken at not making the team that he ran away to sea. And if that hadn't happened, he never would have discovered America. And if Columbus hadn't discovered America, the world would never have discovered tobacco. And if the world hadn't discovered tobacco, football fans never would have discovered Marlboro—which, as every fan knows, is the perfect companion to football. And why shouldn't it be? Look what Marlboro's got . . . Filter . . . Flavor . . . Flip-top Box . . . You can't buy a better smoke. You can't smoke a better buy.

The end of football in Europe came with the notorious "Black Sox Scandal" of 1587, in which Ed Machiavelli, one of the Pisa mob, paid off the University of Heidelberg Sabres to throw the championship game to the Chartres A. and M. Gophers. It was a mortal blow to football on the continent.

But the game took hold in the American colonies and thrived as it had never thrived before. Which brings us to another date that remains evergreen in the hearts of football lovers: December 16, 1773.

On that date a British packet loaded with tea sailed into Boston harbor. The colonies had long been smarting under the English king's tax on tea. "Taxation without representation," they called it, and feelings ran high.

When on December 16, 1773, the British ship docked at Boston, a semi-pro football team called the Nonpareil Tigers, coached by Samuel (Swifty) Adams, was scrimmaging near the harbor. "Come, lads," cried Swifty, seeing the ship. "Let's dump the tea in the ocean!"

With many a laugh and cheer the Nonpareil Tigers followed Swifty aboard and proceeded to dump the cargo overboard in a wild, disorganized and abandoned manner. "Here now!" called Swifty sharply. "That's no way to dump tea overboard. Let's get into some kind of formation."

And that, fans, is how the tea formation was born.

Double your pleasure at next Saturday's game by taking along plenty of Marlboros, whose makers bring you this column throughout the school year.

Freshman from Israel Sees American Prestige on Wane

Demolitions Officer Now Tech Student At College

By Don Langer

United States prestige among Israeli university students has waned during the past year according to a freshman student at the College from Israel.

The student, Salpeter Simha, noted that France has replaced the United States as the nation exerting the most dominant influence on undergraduate minds. He attributed the change to the active French support for Israel during the Sinai campaign against Egypt one year ago. Simha participated in the campaign as commander of an Israeli demolitions platoon.

Specializing in the disposal of unexploded bombs, Simha worked with plastic land mines and booby traps. He recalls working for two and a half days in an abandoned weather station searching for booby traps. He was surprised when none were discovered. The intense mental stress which he was subjected to at the time resulted in his losing five pounds.

A year ago Simha applied to the College for admission. His request was granted, and he arrived here a month ago this week. He noted that the College has an excellent reputation in Israel.

The 22-year-old, bearded student is majoring in civil engineering. Upon graduating he will return to Israel, where he was born, to work in his father's building contracting business.

When he was eighteen he entered compulsory military service and attended an officers school. He explained that had he been a university student he could have enrolled in the Academic Reserve, the Israeli equivalent to ROTC.

Prior to entering the United States, Simha worked as a building designer, and attended Tel Aviv University in the evening where he took courses in economics and law. It was during the school's recess that he was called to the army to active duty in the Sinai campaign. He had previously been in the reserve.

He was active as a member of the Tel Aviv Students Association, which is a counterpart to the College's Student Council. His hobby is piloting gliders, and he is presently acting as the United States



SALPETER SIMHA

representative of the Aero Club of Israel.

Simha has not been at the College long enough to compare Israeli and American universities academically. However, he noted

Says France Wins Student Respect For Sinai Aid

ostensible similarities and differences in other respects.

First, he said, the emphasis placed on higher education, and the enthusiasm of more and more young people for that education is common to both countries. These factors have combined to create the same expansion problems for Israel's four higher educational institutions as now exist in this country.

He found another similarity in the informal relationship between student and instructor. A marked difference is that every undergraduate in an Israeli university in the same class year and with the same major subject, must take the same courses.

Letters to the Editor

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text when he gives his interpretation of the resolution in two sentences, omitting its relevant portions and cites them as a basis for complete endorsement.

—Editor.

FAVORS LISTS

To The Editor:

In a September 18 editorial you give incoming freshmen a "capsule history" of "membership lists" as "an oppressive device," etc.

Before these impressionable young minds become as hard and set as ours, would you mind adding that the following views also are held by many students, alumni, faculty, and citizens at large.

1. We believe that we have the same kind of stake in the good name and reputation of the College that we have in our own, and an equal responsibility to protect both.

2. Not being timid or ungenerous, we are cheerfully willing to

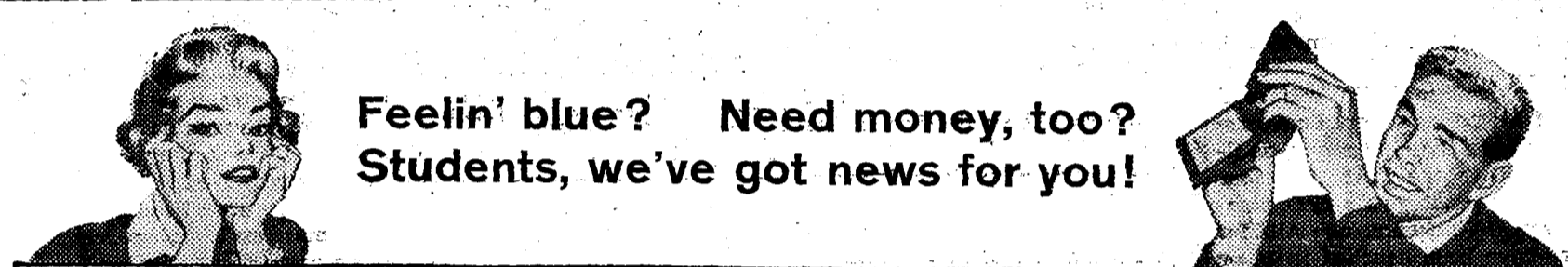
share either good name, etc., with any responsible group of our fellows who have a reasonable claim and who are likewise willing to share their identity with us.

3. But being reasonably prudent, we think it rash to risk the same upon any group which demands collective identity with us while reserving to its own members a privilege of individual anonymity.

4. Moreover — although this is secondary — we know that we are sometimes wont to call for an accounting from those who disburse our funds. Being cantankerous in this way, we feel that officials who have the responsibility for disbursing funds on our behalf are entitled to an accounting from the parties to whom they disburse these funds.

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former managing editor of *The News*. Rizzo was senior class president of the Class of '57. Sadow served as editor-in-chief and managing editor of *The Campus*. This will be the third opportunity for students to choose their own representatives to SFCSA. The committee was organized in 1945, but prior to last year the students on the committee were the leaders of the highest student organizations on campus. Last term's elections were postponed because of a lack of candidates.

Square Dance Caller
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Soccermen Tackle RPI In Opening Tilt Today

Begin Title Defense Against Engineers In Stadium at 1

The College's soccer team begins the defense of its New York State championship today.

The booters will meet Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Lewisohn Stadium at 1 in the opener of the 1957 campaign.

With a fifteen-game home unbeaten streak on the line, the Beavers will be facing the stiffest competition to invade the Stadium in four years. Since October of 1953, Stadium play has been limited to Metropolitan Conference games, and the Lavender eleven has not lost during that span.

The Engineers from Troy, New York, are one of the four non-league teams on the College's schedule. The Beavers will meet Army, Brockport, and Temple later in the season, in addition to five Met opponents.

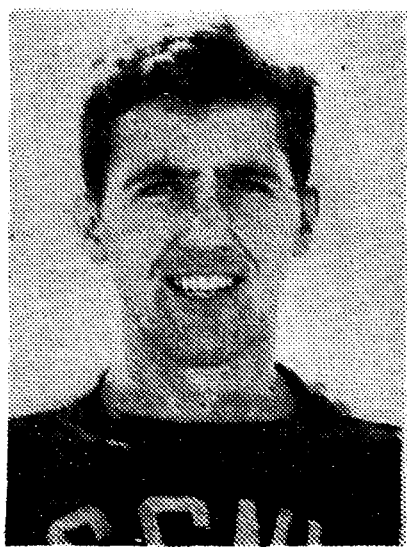
Coach Harry Karlin will send one of his strongest opening-game lineups onto the field today, as illustrated by the fact that four regulars on last year's championship squad—including one All-Met pick—have been benched in favor of new men.

Manfred Munters, All-Met fullback, will be on the sidelines at the opening whistle, as will Danny McErlain, Stan Dawkins and Eric Bienstock, all of whom saw much action last season.

Six newcomers will be in the Lavender lineup, evenly divided between the front line and the defense. The new offense men are Gabe Schlisser, a transfer from Hunter College, at inside left; Heinz Minnerop, a sophomore, center forward; and Marco Wachter, outside left.

The two remaining attackmen are co-captain Billy Sund, inside right, and Fred Bonnet, outside right.

Despite the loss of last year's



Sophomore Heinz Minnerop will start at center-forward in today's game against RPI.

two top scorers, Dr. Karlin feels that the offense will be more than adequate, and has spent most of the squad's practice sessions preparing the defense for its stiff task. The results of this extra week have prompted Karlin to call the unit "the best defense in the College's history."

The defensive platoon includes Leon Manfredi, goalie; co-captain Saul Fein and newcomer Les Solney, fullbacks; and John Paranos, George Birutis and sophomore Savio D'Agastino, halfbacks.

The visitors—who posted a 4-3 record last year against some of the leading Eastern powers—boast one of their strongest squads in years, according to their coach,

Jack Corkery. The Engineers have ten returning lettermen, including their high scorer of last season, center forward Sandy Csobaji.

"Csobaji is one of the best center forwards at RPI in the past six years," Corkery said.

Other Techmen slated to play most of the game include defensemen Chuck Frey, Roger Mazlen, and Charles Schlesinger, and forward Simon Nuchtern.

Dean Leslie W. Engler (Administration) will make the opening of the season "official" by kicking out the first ball.

Team Rosters

GOALIES
CCNY—Manfredi (40), Wolke (30).
RPI—Leger (1).

BACKS
CCNY—Fein (20), Solney (33), D'Agastino (12), Paranos (13), Birutis (38), Spinosa (44), Munters (26), Dawkins (21).
RPI—Anderson (6), Ballard (27), Bauer (22), Dessel (31), Frey (21), Mazlen (17), McEwan (9), Packer (11), Pryde (33), Smith (12), Schlesinger (7), Touhill (25).

FORWARDS
CCNY—Bonnet (19), Sund (9), Minnerop (6), Schlisser (3), Wachter (14), Clark (31), Bienstock (15), Lobel (17), Garbo (22), Papa (36), McErlain (25).
RPI—Csobaji (5), Dincer (14), Dormer (35), Gallichio (20), Hoffman (30), Nuchtern (15), Obrochta (4), Sissmiller (10), Roberts (3), Sarmiento (8), Scanlon (34).
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Sport Slants

By Bob Mayer

The invasion of Lewisohn Stadium today by the RPI soccer squad is a milestone in the College's athletic history, and a triumph for Coach Harry Karlin and his men. For despite the Beavers' consistently fine records, never before in Karlin's four-year reign has a team from outside the Metropolitan area consented to play in the Convent Avenue palestra.

In previous years there were two obstacles to such play, but both were overcome last season in the booters' brilliant drive to the State championship. The first hindrance was the scheduling straight-jacket of the Metropolitan Conference. By defeating Met foes with monotonous regularity, the Beavers convinced the loop that all members would benefit by a division of the league into two groups. Thus, only four Met teams must face the dreaded Lavender juggernaut this year, while the Beavers are free to tackle bigger game.

The second obstacle in the way of non-league play at the College was the grit 'n' gravel turf of the Stadium. While this quaint underfooting still exists, its importance in the eyes of possible foes apparently has been diminished by the sparkle of the crown on the Beaver brow. Under the old league set-up the College could schedule only one non-conference game each season, and for the past three campaigns the foe was Army. The Cadets, however, refused to play in the Stadium, humanely preferring to trip up their opponents on the softer grasslands of the upper Hudson Valley, so that the annual war games with the Black Knights were all staged at West Point. Army has not overcome its aversion to St. Nicholas Heights, but the chance for a shot at the State champions has been enough to lure RPI into the Stadium, grit and gravel notwithstanding.

Far more important than this geographic triumph, however, would be a victory on the playing field today. For the warriors from Troy, New York, are the most serious threat to the Lavender home unbeaten streak to come along in years.

The Beavers have not lost a contest in the Stadium since October 21, 1953, when they dropped a 1-0 decision to Brooklyn. Since then they have played fifteen home games without a defeat.

There have been many close calls in that string, the most recent and most exciting occurring on Election Day two years ago. Brooklyn was again the Lavender foe that day, and the Kingsmen were giving their all to prevent a third straight Met title for the College. The squads battled to a ferocious standstill, and at halftime there was still no score.

The Kingsmen broke through for a goal at the start of the third period, and as the tempo of play increased, the Brooklynites went into a defensive cocoon to protect their slim margin. As the seconds ticked by, the Brooklyn goalie shouted encouragement to his teammates: "We've got these guys now. Only six more minutes!" Then four; then two. A last-ditch City offensive was broken up when a Brooklyn defenseman kicked the ball out of bounds with seventeen seconds remaining.

Eleven Kingsmen and ten Beavers were bunched in front of the goalmouth as a Lavender halfback put the ball in play with a high inbounds kick. Twenty men rushed to intercept the ball in its flight, with only the Brooklyn goalie standing his ground. As the sphere sank in its arc yards in front of the goal, one figure emerged from the scrambling melee—little Johnny Koutsantanou, the tiny center who was to become the highest scorer in the College's history. "Kouts" headed the ball in a gentle arc toward the crossbar, and as the goalie leaped high in the air, the ball grazed his fingertips and settled softly into the nets.

The scene that ensued was memorable. As the Lavender squad danced with glee and the downcast Kingsmen drew circles in the sand with their spikes, the Brooklyn goalie—nameless and faceless now—sat slumped against the goalpost, his head between his knees, fighting to hold back the tears, unable to hide the despair. To all who saw him that day he was the universal beaten athlete.

When play was resumed the Beavers scored an easy overtime victory. They haven't come close to losing at the Stadium since

The College's home unbeaten string, like the geographic factor adds spice to today's contest. But the significant aspect of the game is that it will offer the first indication of the true strength of the Beaver eleven. Can the squad climb to national recognition, repeat as State champions, gain a fifth straight Met title, or merely hold its own in the Met Conference?

That the booters can achieve the last two feats is fairly certain because win or lose today, they out-class all Met foes. An impartial observer, Hofstra coach Paul Lynner, said not long ago that "City has more finesse and ball-control than any team in the East." The was not baseless chatter, because Lynner's squad faces some of the top Eastern teams, including Springfield and Temple.

State and national ranking, however, are other matters. This year's team figures to have as solid a defense as the 1956 squad, and a stronger bench, but the scoring punch is doubtful. The two top scorers of last season have departed, and only time will tell if they can be effectively replaced. Time begins talking at 1 today.

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