President Charges OP Is Controlled By ‘Communist-Oriented Students’

The Dilemma: An Editorial

President Gallagher has charged that “Communist-oriented students, or possibly Communists” control Observation Post. He cited the past two issues of OP to show that the “OP’s editorial, entitled ‘Wrap-Up,’ which appeared May 17 in the newspaper’s final issue of last term, was ‘an effort to revive Marxism as the basis for student-faculty relations at the College.’

2—news stories in the paper’s first edition this term were ‘biased’;

3—OP’s selection of articles for publication frequently has presented the President in an unfavorable light, while ignoring issues on which Dr. Gallagher has indicated his support.

It must be noted that the President has recognized OP’s ‘perfect right to exist’ and to present the news in any way it deems proper, and that the paper is entitled to express its editorial viewpoints. The CAMPUS similarly acknowledges that these are the inherent privileges of any newspaper, and therefore considers Dr. Gallagher wise in declining to take disciplinary action against OP. However, the President expressed reasons for making the charges, the evidence he has offered in support of them, and some possible effects of the accusations, points several of the students’ interests at the College.

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Electron Cards
Students who expect to attend classes here next term must file election cards, available at the Registrar’s Office, 115 Shepard, no later than Friday, October 2, both required and elective courses for next term must be listed.

A schedule of elective subjects is posted on the Day Session bulletin board in Shepard. Failure to file an election card will result in an hour’s delay at registration.

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Bookstore Bulges
Self-service May Cut Crowds

By Barbara Blumenstein

The student entered the College Bookstore yesterday, lined the long lines and the sulking crowds, and decided to buy his books the next day. When he returned on Monday, he waited on line for fifteen minutes to find that he had won the self-service system. He turned finding that the books he needed had been sold out.

Hundreds of students braved the congested store during the first three days of the term last week. They perspired, grunted and swore.

By Monday the crowds had thinned somewhat, but it still took half an hour to purchase a textbook. A majority of fifteen minutes who were questioned while they were on line, did not offer any suggestions for relieving the situation.

“I dread coming here,” one complained. “During the bus hours, you’re lucky if it takes less than an hour to get through.”

Another young lady quipped, “I wouldn’t want to try to open the store in ten minutes.”

Last week the lines were terrible. The whole situation is aggravating.

“A freshman who had just learned that his books were out of stock, suggested the store might offer advance notice on the availability of the books he needed.

“We have been considering reserving the store so that textbooks will be on open shelves in reading behind the counter, where they are now,” Mr. Garretson said.

He added that the adoption of the plan would depend upon whether a study of the store’s limited size indicates that self-service could succeed.

The manager, who designed the new Berich School bookstore which opened last month, said that the self-service system at the College.

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Khrushchev, Fidel Invited to Partake In Discussion Here

At least one enterprising student is wondering just what you have to do to invite five heads of state—including President Eisenhower and Premiers Khrushchev and Castro—to speak at the College.

Two weeks ago, Rita Goldberg ’62, chairman of the Student Government International Agency, invited the United States, Soviet and Cuban leaders to participate here in a “Plana for Peace” symposium. Letters were also sent to Premier Sukarno of Indonesia and President of Guinea, Miss Goldber, trying to take advantage of the world leaders’ presence in New York for the opening sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

In a letter received by Miss Goldberg last week, the White House expressed Mr. Eisenhower’s regrets that he would be too busy to appear at the College. No other replies have been received.

Miss Goldberg’s troubles, however...
By Fran Pike

The scene was a dark, quiet city street, somewhere in the Soviet Union. It was close to midnight. Two teachers, one an American college professor, the other a Russian, had been speaking together for a few hours.

Prof. Beck, who this summer directed the first tour of the Soviet Union by American teachers sponsored by the National Education Association, then told another grim tale.

It concerned the experiences of a Soviet instructor, who at one time had participated in a discussion group.

"Our teacher had been talking philosophy with other intellectuals and had raised doubts concerning certain Russian practices. I was told there was absolutely no anonymity involved—it was merely an intellectual discussion," Professor Beck said.

"And, of course, a government spy had been planted in the group, and the teacher was imprisoned for having challenged the system for three years, stating his opinion."

"It makes one shudder," the professor added.

As an example of Soviet governmental control over education, Professor Beck cited his experiences in Moscow's Lenin Library.

"I was shocked to find that I had to obtain a pass to get into the library, much less endure the forms to browse a book," he said.

"They ask what purpose you have in the library, how long you intend to stay, and which specific section of books you plan to look through before allowing you to enter."

"They are afraid to read any book for which they might be held to express an opinion. There are officials everywhere snooping over their shoulders," the professor said.

Professor Beck and the 24 other American teachers on the tour were not allowed to travel everywhere in the Soviet Union.

"Our carefully instructed Russian guide permitted us to see only what the government wanted us to see," he said.

"They would not let us visit a collective or state farm. We had to remain in the big cities. The reason for this, I was told by a Russian friend, is that the meat produced on the farms is transported to the cities, and that many of the farmers are starving."

"The professor said it seemed that the people in the Soviet Union are prisoners."

"The Soviet border, as described to him, is equipped with a watch tower, armed guards, rifles, electric wire fences, and electric shock devices."

"I have received pleas from a number of Russians to help them get out of the Soviet Union."

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"Most of the Russian citizens, however, are "naive," he said. "They are very friendly and want to learn more. They cannot understand world problems."

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SG President Dave Bernstein has accepted Dr. Gallagher's views and has been at the back of the College through the year. The events of the past term have not, however, been in line with these views.

The SG Reorganization proposals themselves did not follow this trend. All the proposals for reorganization very definitely acknowledged the student's viewpoint. The SG Reorganization of the Spring of this year, in our opinion, will probably lead to student proposals to reorganize the College along the same lines.

The administration felt that its obligation was to discipline the students. The students knew that it was their obligation as a class to accept whatever consequences came as a result of their actions.

Far and away the greatest conflict, perhaps in many years, came in its first editorial of this term, that no one had bothered to ask.

Civil Rights have undertaken the responsibility of leading the armed struggle against Woolworth's. Dr. Gallagher, in his "Initiation," OP was "picking up where it left off."

The President did Wednesday that no one had bothered to ask him whether his fears were borne out last term. He explained that his fears were "justified in the second semester by the performance of OP's Op-Red." Dr. Gallagher added that his fears of SG were not based upon any Communist influence, but on the political character of the presentation of the SG awards last term.

As Attempt to Revive 'Marxism' Here

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Miss Weiss denounced the government's policy toward the Soviet Union, saying "we decided to junk the summit conference" because a relaxation of tension would undo the building block put in place by the "strange distortion" in its story by not including his reference to the student demonstrations against Woolworth's.

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Dr. Gallagher said he hoped his charges would encourage students "to fight for social justice and to be heard by those in power." However, he did not explain how such a principle would be realized by the President without being "brainwashed" by Communists. It appears doubtful, however, that the President, by his present statements regarding OP will prove to be consistent with his hopes.

When the label of "Communist" is applied to persons by an individual as prominent as President Gallagher, fear of students being tainted with this stigma actually tends to drive them away. Thus, instead of a concerted attempt by non-Communists, and since he has not only to direct his leftist elements, the flow of student traffic will direct itself away from OP and from any other organized action to which the label OP is attached. Thus, the President's action is a student's action to act in accordance with his conscience on the issues of our time. He is not only the student himself, but, to the degree that the President's statement is faulty. We believe, in those cases, and in our society this cannot be a difficult task to overcome.

The OP's hopefully supports the President's proffessed intentions and urges those members of OP who may be considering resignation from the paper because of the recent accusations to remain conscientiously on the job.

The revival of student interest at the College during recent months—as evidenced by last term's demonstrations against segregated Southern lunch-counter civil rights defenses—was a promising sign that the "Silent Generation" at last was beginning to take its own affairs. Three months ago, however, if students did not continue to organize and speak up in this fashion because of the fear that Communists were active in the activity.

The campus does not accept OP's "Wrap-Up" editorial at sufficient proof to indicate that the paper is controlled by Communists. However, the paper is literally a product of the OP's staff—editor and writers. As the President insists. The idea presented in the "Wrap-Up" editorial is that the President's allegations are correct. We believe, however, with the methods employed by both parties to achieve their respective aims.

The President, by not naming names, has branded the entire managing board of OP—of nine persons—"as Communist," without regard for the fact that technically it is only a majority vote of the board which determines the paper's editorial policy. Inasmuch as Dr. Gallagher has not offered anything which approximates conclusive evidence of his charges and since he has not sought to direct accusations toward specific individuals, his statements can only do more harm than good.

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Problem of "Communism" Is Not New at College

When President Gallagher, at his press conference last week, he turned to a few reporters who had stayed behind and asked: "Well, did I make things better?"

"That's the least I can do," replied one of the "reporters" before leaving the room. "But I hope you'll try to make things better."
Communism
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ent, non-Communists have come out of hiding. "It is important to me that the non-Communists not be duped by an organized minority," Dr. Gallagher said.
Apparenty the problem has personal significance to the President. He has told reporters that at one time he played up at meetings until the early morning hours to prevent Communists from taking over an organization he belonged to in California.
No one can deny that Dr. Gal­lagher is walking on a moral and political tightrope. On the one hand, he feels it is his duty to point his finger at groups con­trolled by "Communist-oriented" students. Most observers will agree that these accusations usually frighten away uncommitted stu­dents. On the other, the president insists that his only aim is to en­courage non-Communist students to join these organizations in or­der to prevent Communists from taking over.
Last week, calling on his "Lib­eral" record, the President formu­larly asked reporters whether he suddenly had changed. "Am I a different man now?" It is doubt­ful that he is, but when a man is walking a tightrope it is not surprising that he appears now and then to slip off to one side or the other.

Bookstore
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downtown branch has proved faster than the old system.
Several students suggested that the increase in the number of books behind the main book counter to speed service. Mr. Gar­rison noted, however, that when more than five workers are used, they tend to trip over one another.
"There's a point of diminishing returns," he said.
The congestion here is not unique. You go to any store dur­ing the first week of a term and you'll find long lines.
The manager also attributed the unusually large crowds last week to the holidays. Students who nor­mally would have waited until Thursday or Friday of the first week to purchase books, bought them early in the week, so they could have them for the weekend, he said.
Nat Holman Story: The Early Years

Nat Holman was basketball coach at the College for 26 years, the first in 1919, until his resignation last spring. More so any other faculty member, Nat was widely known throughout the world. This is the first in a series of articles on Nat Holman's early life.

By Mike Katz

We are not sure what the future held for Count Osias Bismarck, Nat Holman, when he entered Commerce High School in Germany in 1883. Included among the persecuted were his and Mary Holman's neighbors, the Hulmans and the Nilssons.

Nat Holman was brought up in a religious family. His father, a Protestant, placed high emphasis on religious instruction in the family. However, it was his mother, a Jewess, who brought Nat into the Jewish faith. He was brought up in a neighborhood who overheard the Hulman children praying before meals. The Holman family was one of the few Jewish families in the neighborhood, which, at that time, was 90 percent Catholic.

In his senior year, besides being the captain of the varsity basketball team, Nat was also the captain of the varsity soccer team. In his first year made the first team in basketball, baseball, and soccer. He was unanimously chosen as All-City soccer goalie. In his first year, an honor which was repeated in his succeeding two years at Commerce.

In his second year, he became the captain of the basketball team, but was more than the captain. He was just about the coach. One of his teammates, incidentally, was Howard Cano, former New York University fullback.

In his senior year, besides starting in soccer, basketball, and baseball—he was the leading pitcher on the team, and when he played shortstop—he was urged to try out for the football team.

The team was named All-City left halfback. He was graduated from Commerce High School in 1919. He had entered the Savage School of Physical Training, and continued his all-around athletic career.

It was after he was graduated from Savage in 1917, and only 21 years of age, that Holman assembled the Henry Street Commerce team. His first soccer team here was recognized as the best in the East.

There have been many stories concerning how Holman got his first job at the College. One is that his brother, Morris, captain of the 1916 basketball team, recommended him.

His brother Jacob reported that in early spring, 1917, he happened to be on the College staff as varsity soccer player. Holman was named the varsity soccer goalie. Holman's career at College was interrupted shortly after he began with the Navy. In 1918, he went into the Navy and served sixteen months, only to return to his College to take control of the varsity basketball team. Two years later, he joined the Original Celtics. Next: "The Golden Age."
Fall '9 Impressiveness
In Loss to Redmen

By Mike Katz

The College's newest team, the fall baseball squad, made an auspicious debut Saturday, even though it lost to St. John's, 4-3, at Van Courtlandt Park.

The Beavers had the first-season in history last spring with a 2-16 record. But Al DiBernardo, who has replaced Dr. John LaPlace as head coach, is pleased with what he saw in his first game.

For the Beavers, consistent losers over the last few seasons, didn't play like losers against St. John's, which has 17 lettermen back from the team ranked fifth in the nation.

The Beavers, who have only five veterans on their current roster, are counting upon their sophomores more than any team would care to.

But, judging from one performance, DiBernardo has the makings of a good team, if not for this spring, then for next.

Left-hander Howie Friedman, who is the only veteran on the Beavers, showed a fine mixture of curve and fast balls. His control could have been better, but this is at least in part explained by his obvious nervousness.

Leftfielder Bill Lage also was impressive in his first season in a varsity uniform. The tall sophomore was the only Beaver to collect more than one hit, getting two solid singles.

The team at first looked like it had more hitting ability than last season's, but after the first three innings, again striking out with amazing monotony.

The Beavers just couldn't get together. Only one Redman starter Jim Volkland in the first three innings, getting five hits and three runs. Thereafter, though, Joe McGrath pitched three-hit ball over the last six innings, striking out 11 Beavers.

Meanwhile, the Redmen were slowly narrowing the score. They scored their first run off Friedman in the fourth inning with three singles after two were out. Errors by George Loss, the College's ubiquitous shortstop, set up unearned runs in the fifth and seventh.

When Friedman walked the first batter in the eighth inning, DiBernardo took him out in favor of Murray Steinfield, the part-time junior who made the Most Conference All-Star team last season.

Six Good Newcomers + Six Lettermen Equal One Pessimistic Soccer Coach

By Vic Grossfeld

At the beginning of last season soccer coach Harry Karlin was pessimistic because six of the starters on his team would have to be newcomers.

This season Harry Karlin is pessimistic because six of his starters are newcomers.

Last year the booters finished third in the post-season NCAA soccer tournament. But this year Karlin is still pessimistic.

"Oh, I have a pretty good defense," he said, "but only one man on my forward line is back from last year. How am I going to score goals," Karlin asked.

The returning lettermen on the Beavers' forward line is right wing Nik Wohlgenuth. There are four new backs, Gamberdella, Leif, Pozzolineo, Earle Scarlett and Nick Kokkinis will be counted upon heavily.

On defense the newcomers are fullback Bill Petratos and halfback Wolfgang Scherer.

"It's not just a question of how good such man is," Karlin said, "it's also a question of how they play as a team.

"Among the four newcomers on the offensive line Karlin is most impressed with Gamberdella, Gamberdella, who is barely five feet tall, is a good ball handler and is very fast.

Karlin feels that he's "just terrible. The only reason, he wasn't on the team last year was because of financial problems."

He bought himself a car a few years ago and had to get a job to support it," Karlin explained.

Another of Karlin's highly thought of newcomers is Earle Scarlett.

"I think I've got a possible American in him," Karlin said. "He's got the skill, the know-how, the speed and the guts to make it."

Scarlett also has the makings of a team leader. On offense pattern plays of center forward in the way that it centered around Heinz Minnepol last season.

The new center forward for the Beavers this year will be Victor Liano. He is a senior who has been trying to break into the lineup the past two years.

Nick Kokkinis at left wing will fill out the forward line. Karlin hasn't seen too much of him. He's a senior who is trying to make the starting lineup as he goes.

On defense Karlin feels he has two able newcomers in Petratos and Scherer.

"Right now Petratos may be as good as Les Soloy. Beavers all-American full-back last year but in a few years he may be," Karlin said. "And Scherer has been looking pretty good, also," he added.

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