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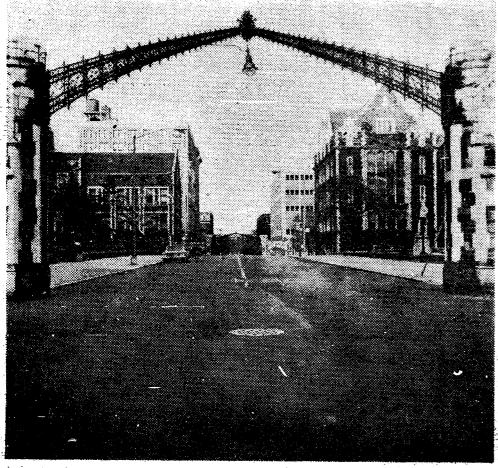
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College Closed To Mourn Kennedy; Memorial Service on Wednesday



The students and faculty were gone from Convent Avenue (shown above) yesterday. Shepard Hall is at the right, Baskerville Hall is the first building

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By Bob Rosenblatt

on the left.

It was Friday afternoon and another week of classes was ending. . . . The topics of conversation: Saturday night dates, mid-term examinations and Student Government elections. The President of the United States had been shot

know any details yet.'

The reaction: "Unbelievable... fantastic . . . it must be a joke."

A minute later, someone ran into the office. "I just heard the radio the President was shot."

By 2, transistor radios blossomed all over the south campus. Clusters of students gathered around in front of the Finley center. Some wisecracked, others were silent as the radios blared further details.

The rumors began immediately. The President and Jackie were both shot-Lyndon Johnson, too. No, Lyndon Johnson had a heart attack when he saw the President

It was 2:35 and everyone knew. The President had been shot and tied in the hospital. Governor Connally of Texas had been shot. Mrs. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson were unharmed.

On north campus, Ira Bleom, SG President, stepped out of President

Gallagher's office. They had been discussing the enrollment crisis we're civilized, and then something and student personal files.

said, "The President's been shot." His first thought: "That's impossible, I was just speaking to him."

Bloom, dazed, walked back to

At 1:40 someone working at the store and Lewisohn Lounge, listen-Herald Tribune called The Campus ing to the Beaver Broadcasting office: "The President's been shot Club's transmission of the news. no, I'm not joking. We don't! The BBC hooked a radio to its throughout the afternoon. Jerry Rockower '64, BBC president, interrupted the broadcast periodically to give brief summaries of the situation.

> President Gallagher heard the news at approximately 2:30. He immediately went up to the Shepard Bell Tower, and, with the help of two men from the College's Department of Puildings and Grounds, began tolling the Great Bell. He rang it 46 times—once for each year of President Kennedy's lifeat 15 second intervals.

> At Hillel House, students spontaneously joined in the reciting of the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for

Recovered now from the initial shock, students and faculty members were able to comment on the to the FBI. tragedy:

an animal world."

happens. What are you going to Someone ran up to Bloom and do? You just feel completely numb, even thinking of the President as a human being."

The Campus office 338 Finley. (Continued on Page 3)

and was going to die, but no Back in the Finley Center, one at the College knew it yet. anxious students filled the book-Begin Files Investigation

Dr. Willard Blaesser, Dean of Students, is expected to main circuit and broadcast meet today with a special committee of student leaders and faculty members to begin reviewing the College's policy on the use of personal student files.

The committee was appointed by Dean Blaesser November 20. On November 15, Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) revealed that all information from student files, including membership in political organizations, is available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation upon request.

Controversy over the files erupted on November 14 when four students at the College charged that they had been approached last spring by FBI agents and asked to become informers on "Communist activity" at 'the College. The students implied that someone at the College had given information about them

Members of the special commit-Allen Isaacman '64: "We live in tec are Ira Bloom '64, Student (Continued on Page 2)



DEAN BLAESSER

Chancellor Orders City U. Closing

By Clyde Haberman

The College was deserted yesterday as students, faculty and administrators stayed home to mourn the death of President Kennedy.

The City University's seven colleges were closed for the day by order of Dr. Albert H. Bowker, Chancellor of the University. Dr. Bowker's order followed President Johnson's proclamation designating Monday as a day of national mourning.

A memorial service in Lewisohn stadium, scheduled for yesterday, will be held tomorrow at 12. Classes will be suspended for one hour.

A memorial ceremony will take place today at 12 at the College's Baruch School of Business and Public Administration.

The usual Monday morning bustle of students preparing for a new school week gave way to a hushed stillness yesterday. The sky was cloudless and sunlight gleamed off the empty build-

ings. Jasper Oval, normally crowded with students engaged in impromptu touch-football games, was empty. Twenty students who had not heard of the cancellation of classes

went to Lewisohn for the scheduled convocation. They were turned away at the gate by a Burns guard. An unidentified stroller stopped in front of Shepard Hall as though

expecting scores of students to pour out on their way to the next class. When it grew apparent that no students were on the campus, he shook his head sadly and continued walking.

'It feels funny with no kids on a weekday," he said. "With the assassination and all, it really feels funny.'

The flags on Shepard Hall and in front of Park Gym will be flown at half mast for the next 30 days.

President Gallagher decided yesterday morning to hold the Lewisohn stadium service tomorrow. He had originally planned to cancel the service "because any act on our part after the funeral would be anti-climactic and redundant."

The service will be similar to the silent vigil held in the north campus quadrangle October 3 to honor the four children killed in the Birmingham bombing.

Dr. Gallagher and Ira Bloom '64, Student Government president, will deliver brief addresses. Several minutes of silent meditation will

Lewisohn stadium has never before been used for a memorial

In his role as a Protestant minister, Dr. Gallagher delivered a eulogy for the late President last night at a United Jewish Appeal rally in Madison Square Garden. The rally, originally set as a fund-

Endorsements

Candidates for SG Office inthe December elections may sign up for endorsement interviews in

Peace Corps Reps Will Visit College In Recruiting Drive

By Joe Berger

Peace Corps representacorps.

The highlight of the week, which will include testing and questioning of potential Peace Corps volunteers, will be a speech by R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Corps, on December 11 at 3 in Aronow Auditorium.

The special representatives will be at the College as part of the city-wide program planned for Peace Corps Week, December 8 through the 14. They will remain at the College until Saturday.

Special booths will be set up opposite Knittle Lounge in Shepard Hall and opposite 152 Finley, where representatives will speak to and recruit potential volunteers. A mobile unit will park at different campus sites.

Placement tests and questionnaires will be given to students who sign up. Rooms for the testing procedure will be announced Monday.

The Peace Corps hopes to recruit 1200 volunteers from across the nation for its training pro-

(Continued on Page 2)

Beavers to Host Lions in Cage Opener

Stein Fund To Receive **Proceeds**

By Ray Corio

The official opening of the College's basketball season will take place Saturday night at 8 when the Lions of Columbia come roaring into Wingate Gym for the annual Stein Fund game.

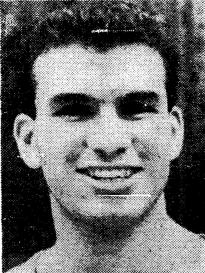
A one dollar admission fee for all spectators, whether they attend the College or not, will be charged at the gym entrance. The money is to be used by the College's Stein Fund to pay for the medical expenses of all injured Beaver athletes.

All future La ender home games, however, will admit students of the College free of charge upon presentation of their I.D.

Veterans Scarce

Youth seems to be the keynote for both teams this season. Columbia has only one senior-captain Roy Bohabov-on the fourteen man roster, while the Beavers will field a starting quintet containing only two starters from last season — co-captain Alex Blatt and center Steve Golden.

Golden figures to have an unusually busy evening trying to stifle the Lions' top rebounder and third leading scorer of a year



CO-CAPTAIN Alex Blatt (left) and center Steve Golden will be the only returning starters in the Beaver lineup on Saturday night.

smooth-working combination of Klink and guard Neil Farber which irritated the Beavers time and time again during last season's Lion rout.

Farber, a junior who also pitches for the Lion baseball team, will be especially tough this season, having tucked one full season of varsity ball under his belt. And what a season it was!

The speedy 6-1 backcourt star bombed the net at a 17.6 pace per game and set a Columbia field goal percentage record with his .493 rating.

Cagers Must Score

But even if the Beavers handcuff the Klink-Farber duo, the fact remains that they must score ago, center Art Klink. It was the some points themselves to win.

Ardent Beaver fans are already familiar with the performances of Blatt, Golden and guard Julie Levine (who appeared in several contests last season as a lategame substitute.) But the Lavender cage case will hinge on the output of a couple of twenty point scorers from a year ago - newcomers Ira Smolev and Mike Schaffer.

The former, a transfer student, averaged better than twenty points at Brooklyn College last season, while the latter did the same for the Beaver freshman. If they can approach these performances again, the Lavender will have a strong chance of improving on last season's 8-10 mark. If they can't it might be a grim year for basketball at the College.

Rifle Meet at Lewisohn Is Postponed by College

In keeping with the mass postponement and cancellation of weekend athletic activities caused by the tragic death of President Kennedy, the College's rifle team postponed last Friday night's meet at the Lewisohn range.

Athletic Department, the nimrods them with one of the best teams and their opponents, Stevens Tech and Brooklyn Poly, asked officials of the Metropolitan Rifle League for permission to postpone the triangular meet. The league willingly assented. No definite rescheduling date was announced.

to show up at their next meet, Varsity Club However, the nimrods will have which just so happens to be tomorrow evening at St. Peters.

Two things are important about

Mat Opener

Another season of grunts and groans will begin Saturday afternoon at 2 when the College's wrestling team grapples with the musclemen from Newark of Rutgers in Goethals Gym.

Beaver coach Joe Sapora will send five of last season's mat stalwarts (who helped post a 6-3-1 mark) to the huge Lavender canvas in the hope of starting the season off on the right foot.

that they will fire against this season.

In fact, St. Peters pinned a defeat on the College's record a couple of seasons back, something that hasn't been done too often in recent years.

Will Select road meet of the year, and it pits Monthly Star

The College's Varsity Club will select the term's second Beaver athlete-of-the-month at a meeting tomorrow afternoon

The club will choose the winner from among members of the soeder and cross-country teams. Indications are that soecer stars Walter Kopczuk, Cliff Soas and Tom Sieberg, along with harrier Mike Didyk, are strong possibilities for the award.

Cross-country star Lenny Zane won the club's athlete-of-the-month title last month.

SWIMMING

• Winter Sports Preview •

Mermen Set to Plunge Into Season; Lack of Depth Will Hamper Squad

By Bruce Freund

Wingate Pool is a happy place these days, as the College's swimming team prepares for a new season. Unfortunately, it is the freshman team and not the varsity which is responsible for most of swimming coach Jack Rider's smiles.

"We have twenty-one men on the freshman team and only thirteen on the varsity," Rider said. "The outlook for the future is great." The outlook for this

Mermen's Outlook

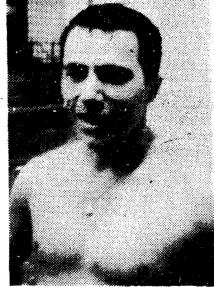
PROSPECTS-Another dismal season with little improvement foreseen over last year's woeful

CHIEF ASSETS - Return of freestyler Dennis Mora and solid diving cembination of Al Carter and Richard Woska.

CHIEF PROBLEMS - Extreme lack of depth in nearly all events caused by loss of some of the last season's leading performers.

year, alas, is far less optimistic. In fact, it's downright dismal.

The reason for this gloom is that the Beavers' lack depth. "We have no backstrokers to speak of, and consequently we don't have a medley relay team," Rider remarked. The leading backstroker on last year's team, co-captain Bob Wohlleber, has graduated, along with another



DIVER Al Carter will be given strong support this year from Queens transfer Richard Woska.

member of last season's medley relay team — co-captain Morris Levene

Another reason for Rider's dismay is the absence of Jim Stehler, the most versatile member of the Lavender squad, due to academic ineligibility. Stehler had been counted on for the backstroke and freestyle events, as well as the relays.

The Beavers' lack of depth manifests itself in other events too. Save for Dennis Mora, the mermen have no experienced free-stylers, and Girard Pessis is the only certain entry in the butterfly.

But there, of course, are some bright spots! Mora, the College's entry in the 50-yard and 100yard freestyle events can be counted on for points as can the diving duo of Al Carter and a transfer student from Queens, Richard Woska. In fact, Woska and Carter are not new to one another, the former Queens star having beaten Carter in last year's Municipals. There is hope also for the breastroking team of Richard Gedzelman and Ron Greger, both of whom are veterans of last season's squad.

Beyond this point, though, the pictures darkens considerably The Beavers open their season against Manhattan on December 4, hoping to improve on last year's 1-8 record which included four straight dunkings in the last four meets. Their prospects for doing so are slim. But coach Rider constantly reminds himself to just "wait 'til next vear!"

Mermen's Slate Date Opponent Dec. 4 Manhattan H Dec. 7 Eastern Col. Carnival A Dec. 18 Columbia A Dec. 20 Adelphi A Dec. 28 Holiday Tournament A

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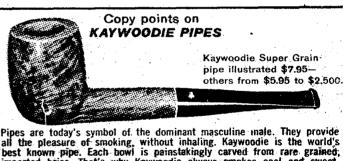
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