

Polansky quits under fire; Kaminer named successor

Basketball coach Dave Polansky resigned last week following a dispute with team members over his coaching style.

Polansky, who had been scheduled to retire from the post at the end of the season, announced his resignation, effective immediately, after a team meeting, Friday.

Co-captain Jay Millstein said Polansky's resignation resulted from a "mutual agreement between coach and team in the best interests of the team."

Polansky declined to comment as did Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Robert Berhman and Prof. Robert LaPlace (Health and Physical Education). A press release issued by the department said that the coach was relinquishing the post for "personal reasons."

Professor LaPlace appointed freshman basketball coach Jack Kaminer as Polansky's replacement.

The dispute between Polansky and team members, according to knowledgeable sources, revolved around the set offense style of bas-

ketball that Polansky advocated.

Many hoopsters apparently considered it old-fashioned. They preferred a running game instead, and the dispute raged all season. Several team members resigned between games, returned, and numerous close losses during the 4-10 season heightened the tensions.

Polansky and hoopster George Covucci engaged in a shoving match at the conclusion of a 71-70 win over Stony Brook at Wingate Gym on January 30. There were rumors of a boycott by team members of the next game, scheduled for Tuesday night.

At the meeting, Millstein, said, it was decided that the coach and the team had a "lack of respect for each other."

"Polansky wasn't strong enough," Millstein remarked. "He didn't discipline them. The team couldn't adjust to his style of playing. He wasn't living up to the expectations of the team."

The coach joined the College's fac-
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Course cards may be harder to come by next term if the Registrar's threats on Election cards materialize.

Fall debut seen for College urban unit

By Henry Joseph

The College's Center for Urban Planning will be established by September 1 and will be expanded to the National Center for Urban Planning (NCUP) as soon as funds are available, President Marshak said Wednesday.

Speaking at a news conference, Dr. Marshak estimated that five new teaching lines would be available to start the Center. These people would be augmented by "an estimated thirty to thirty-five faculty members currently at the College working on urban problems," he said.

As envisioned by Acting Associate Provost Arthur Bierman, the Center would act as an "umbrella organization" to encourage and expand work now being done at the College. Only a few courses, however, will actually be

given at the Center itself.

Talks in the "early stages" are being conducted with Columbia University and other private institutions in the New York area to discuss the feasibility of combining existing facilities. It is also hoped that combining resources will facilitate negotiations with foundations and state and federal agencies for funds.

President Marshak announced plans for the Center last November at the annual Alumni Association dinner. Nathan Glazer,

the noted Harvard urbanologist, was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Committee to (NCUP). Since Dr. Glazer has recently been preoccupied with other functions, most of the basic planning has therefore been done by Dr. Bierman.

The Graduate Center became interested in the Center when the Sadowsky Report was released by the City Council, calling for the development at the City University of the "city's own think tank" that would "replace the present fragmented and questionable involvement of outside firms" in municipal government. The report added that the use of University facilities would save the city millions of dollars.

A joint conference sponsored by the College and the Graduate Center will be held March 5 at Steinman Auditorium, and March 6 at the Graduate Center. At the March 5 meeting, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Maury Weidenbaum will speak on Revenue Sharing in the Urban Area, and Donald Starr, a housing expert, will talk about "Case Studies in Meeting Urban Problems in New York City."

Prof. Stanley Friedlander (Economics), Dean Bernard Spring

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Crackdown on election cards seen

Once again the College is attempting to institute the procedure of making card selections mandatory.

"The major drawback of the system so far has been that even those students who turn them in don't take them seriously," said Registrar Peter Prehn. "The election cards are the closest thing we have to a preregistration, but unless the students cooperate they perform no useful function."

Prehn warns that the registration of students who do not hand their cards into his office by February 18 will be held up until other students scheduled to register at that time have received their registration packets. In addition, individual departments may refuse course cards to stu-

dents who have not elected those courses.

The election cards, which were handed out in the registration packets, are used by the registrar's office and by the departments to estimate the demand for specific courses. If students do not give serious attention to the courses they elect, and most do

not, the course offerings for the next term will not correspond to the number of students wishing to take a course.

"In order to make realistic plans for the next term, we must have all the cards in by the 18th, and it is to the students advantage to pay serious attention to choosing the courses that he'll want to register for," Prehn explained.

According to Prehn only ten of the students who failed to complete registration have come to his office to finalize the process. "We now have file clerks comparing who is here and who is not

here," he explained, "this being done by hand, however, and will take some time to complete."

Concerning the lack of security which is apparently responsible for the situation, Prehn added that "we simply lack the effort and manpower to stop them [people who left without completing the process]."

This was the first time since the oxblood incident that people have been allowed to leave the registration area at will. In the spring term of 1969 several anti-ROTC demonstrators poured oxblood over the ROTC course cards as a means of protest.

Sharps, flats and electronics

By Anthony Durniak
Prof. Mario Davidovsky (Music) is adding electronic music to the curriculum with the construction of his own home made version of the Moog Synthesizer.

He originally became interested in electronic music while studying at Columbia University. As a classical composer the idea of a new media fascinated him. He came to the College three years ago especially to continue his work in the field. Through the media of electronic music, a composer can "realize specific musical ideas that couldn't be achieved with conventional instruments," "just as electronic music cannot imitate conventional instruments," he said.

One of the first men to originate this type of "instrument" was

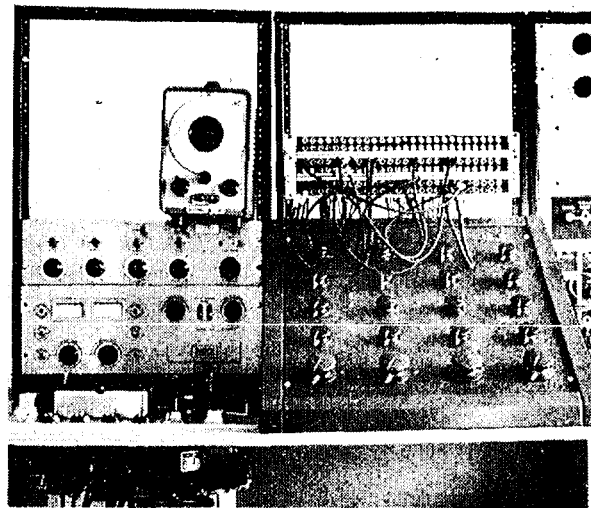
R. A. Moog (pronounced so it rhymes with vogue). His "Moog Synthesizer" is simply a more compact and portable form of Professor Davidovsky's Lab, minus tape recorders.

The actual difference between the two instruments is their design, since each is simply a product of the creator's philosophy and needs. One obvious difference is the lack of a keyboard which "liberates the composer."

The Lab is composed of electronic components which were integrated to enable the composer to control the four elements of music: pitch, duration, dynamics, and timbre. Electronic oscillators, such as pure tone, sine wave, square wave, and saw tooth generators produce the sounds which are then shaped by modulation,

changing the shape of their wave, and reverberation. Finally, the music is amplified and recorded.

Composing electronic music is about as hard as composing "ordinary" music. The budding Moog composer must spend well over a year just familiarizing himself with the different effects the machine is capable of producing. The actual composing process then begins with an outline of desired effects, called a "score." It is not a score in the traditional sense of the word, however, because there is no standardized notation; the music is performed directly by the composer and recorded for future replay. Finally, the composer goes to the Lab and "realizes" or produces the piece.



The College's moog synthesizer

Photo by Paul Korn

We get letters...

To the Editor:

As the elected voice of the Graduate School of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, we feel that we must take a stand regarding the now noticed but always present deplorable conditions in our college.

The article on Miss Moy's misfortune [The Campus, January 25] points out one of these conditions, and has prompted us to write you, but there are many other such incidents and conditions, e.g., the lack of a guard on St. Nicholas Terrace, the fact that cars drive down Convent Ave. without regard for the sign indicating that the street is closed to general traffic, the disrespect all too often shown by the Wackenhut Guards towards the students, etc.

We would be most appreciative if you would print this letter,

for it would inform graduate students that they are represented, that there are people around who wish to do something about these conditions, and, what is more important, that the more we hear from them, and have cooperation, the more possible it will be to change these conditions.

The schools of Liberal Arts and Sciences, of Education, of Engineering, and the Grand Council of Graduate Students will receive mail addressed to each independent council in care of room 152, Finley Student Center, City College of New York, N.Y., 10031.

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Cafeteria attack trials postponed

The trial of four students who were arrested last week by Wackenhut guards after a confrontation in the South Campus cafeteria was postponed Tuesday. A motion was made to drop the charge of interference with gov-

ernmental administration because it wasn't applicable to the case, but the Wackenhut charge of harassment still stands.

The students, three of whom are in Students for a Democratic Society, had participated in de-

monstrations protesting the firing of twenty-two cafeteria workers.

Three of the students — Chuck Dugan, Herb Michael and Charlie Tate— are being brought up on a charges by security guard Arion Barcene. The fourth, Jim Devor, is being tried separately under a complaint filed by another Wackenhut guard, Alvin Long.

In response to the controversy engendered by the incident, two separate inquiries by Dean of Students Bernard Sohmer and faculty ombudsmen Julius Elias have been undertaken.

Dean Sohmer said last night that he had spoken to three witnesses thus far, and has asked for five more to testify. "I have a relatively clear idea of what happened in the cafeteria, but I am still trying to find out what happened in the guard hut," he said.

The Dean of Students said that the College would ask the Wackenhuts to drop the charges if his inquiry definitely proved that the security guards had beaten the students.



Demonstrators march in front of Shepard to protest the firing of 22 cafeteria workers last week.

News briefs

Okay for Humanist Studies

The Policy Council "approved in principle" plans for a separate school of Humanist Studies Tuesday night.

Plans for the new institution, originally formulated by a faculty committee last semester, call for a two track curriculum. One branch of the school will emphasize interdisciplinary studies such as urban affairs, while the other will allow students to pursue their individual interest in an unstructured setting.

According to Prof. Jerome Gold (Student Personnel Services), a member of the Committee on Experiment and Education and Development, the Council will appoint another committee to "work out specifications with the expectation that by Fall '72 there may be a separate school and by Fall '71 there be a preliminary structure so that the school can start functioning, but not in its final form."

College second in doctorates

The College ranks second among the nation's leading sources of scholars who go on to earn doctoral degrees, according to a recent report by the National Academy of Sciences.

Based on a survey of all doctoral fields for the period 1960-66, the report ranked the University of California at Berkeley first, with 1478 Ph.D. recipients who had taken their undergraduate work at Berkeley. The College was second, with 1462; the University of Illinois was third, with 1325.

Other institutions among the first ten were Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1173; Harvard University, 1164; University of Michigan, 1110; University of Minnesota, 1108; University of Wisconsin, 1099; University of California at Los Angeles, 1027; and Brooklyn College, 1019.

Soul food a Finley smash

Encouraged by the response to their first Soul Food dinner, the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held a rerun of the event.

The first dinner served as a means for introducing new members to the sorority and the College, and it was "so successful that we had to turn away 50 people," said Clara Lewis Buggs, a pledge. Lenora Jones, Dean of the pledges, noted that "everyone asked us to have another one."

The sorority sisters each donated money for the food, which consisted of red rice simmered in sauce, potato salad, sweet potatoes, southern-fried chicken, collard greens, string beans and ham hocks, as well as cake, pie and punch.

The first dinner was planned to raise money to establish a cultural project for the Afro-American Policemen's Association. The use of the money raised at yesterday's dinner is, as yet, undecided.

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(Architecture), and Associate Provost Bernard Gifford are heading subcommittees drawing up blueprints on the topics of, respectively, research, teaching and community problems.

President Marshak was unsure of where the Center will actually be housed, but he noted there are a "few spaces" available on campus. He speculated that the Center might be housed temporarily in a downtown office building, but will probably be housed west of the South Campus Complex, scheduled to be built under the Master Plan.

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Jewish Collective blasts Sagarin

The Jewish Campus Collective, a loose coalition of Jewish student groups, will again confront Prof. Edward Sagarin (Sociology) today in an effort to counter what it terms "blatant lies" regarding the nature of Soviet Jewry.

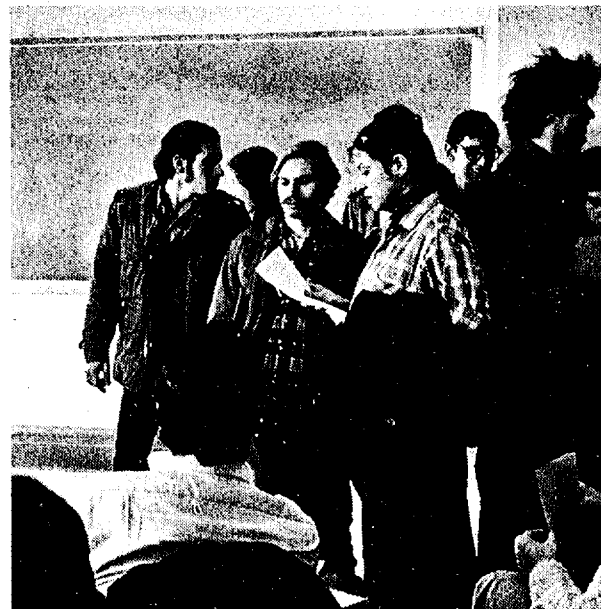
Professor Sagarin allegedly walked into a Soviet Foreign Policy class last week and told the group that "Soviet anti-Semitism is the invention of Tel Aviv." The Collective is demanding that he make a public retraction.

The Collective entered Dr. Sagarin's afternoon class on Wednesday but it was being taught by a guest lecturer. They then distributed "fact sheets" explaining "the facts of Jewish life in the Soviet Union" among the class.

"One wonders if a man of such caliber comes out with such blatantly false statements, if he should be allowed to teach students," one of the demonstrators said. "We're not against academic freedom, we're against lies."

However, Professor Sagarin said yesterday that he "regarded it as a major assault on democracy and the idea of a university that students would issue the type of statement that was made yesterday. I regard this as the central issue, as a matter of fact as the only issue."

The Collective consists of the Jewish Student Union, Hillel, Yavneh, the Jewish Defense League, and the Israeli Club.



Demonstrators show up at Prof. Sagarin's Class Tuesday. Photo by Hans Jung

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POLANSKY, UNDER FIRE, QUILTS AS HOOP COACH

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 ulty in 1947 as Track and Cross Country coach. He took over the basketball team in 1952 after mentor Nat Holman left to face charges emanating from disclosures that four members of his 1951 squad had taken bribes.

Holman was acquitted and he and Polansky alternated in the post until 1955, when Polansky took it over full-time.

Polansky has apparently had a hand in making sure Harold (Bobby) Sand did not replace him. Sand is one of the few people presently at the College considered eligible for the position of coach.

After taking a Sabbatical during 1968-69 academic year for personal reasons, Coach Polansky was expected to retire. The interim coach, Jerry Domersick, however, had compiled a 3-17 record, causing a revolt by the team and guaranteeing his temporary status.

What happened after that is a matter of some controversy. According to a reliable source on the student-faculty athletic committee,

Polansky returned to the College to find out who his replacement would be. Professor Saul Ostrow, who at that time was the Chairman of the Physical Education Department, reputedly replied, "Well Dave, the only other basketball man at the College is Bobby Sand." Polansky, who has never made a secret of his feelings toward Prof Sand, became enraged, and immediately announced his decision to return to coaching.

Professor Ostrow does not recall the meeting as being quite so dramatic. "I would not speculate as to Polansky's state of mind at the time," Ostrow said, but "agitated" was definitely too strong a term. He also stated that Polansky's decision to return to coaching was carefully thought out. Another usually reliable source says Polansky came back at the request of former President Buell Gallagher.

Ralph Bacote was named freshman basketball coach by LaPlace to succeed Kaminer. Bacote, former basketball coach of Music and Art High School, was slated to coach the College's tennis team.



JACK KAMINER



Football at CCNY? Yes, the first gridiron action on South Campus lawn since 1954.

Sports Slants

SHHH! (Kaminer new coach)

By Alan Schnur

The secret is out. There is no longer a basketball team at City College. It is in reality only a phys. ed. class, with different style uniforms, that has joint meetings with other colleges.

The secret was let out by Prof. John LaPlace (Chairman, Physical and Health Education) when he single-handedly appointed Jack Kaminer coach of the basketball team just as he would appoint a new teacher to any other class. He did not even consult with Prof. Robert Behrman, Director of Athletics at the College, nor President Robert Marshak.

Since the basketball scandals, the president has traditionally passed final judgment on who would be the basketball coach. In this way Buell Gallagher blocked the naming of Bobby Sand as coach. But at his press conference on Wednesday, President Marshak said he had heard of the appointment after it had been made and was not even aware that a new coach was being considered until he read of it in the paper.

Prof. Behrman said yesterday he had not been consulted on the choice of Kaminer. It appears to have been a unilateral choice on the part of Dr. LaPlace, just as he would make any other common appointment.

Curiously, LaPlace did not violate any College procedures with his secretive appointment. It is the chairman's right to appoint the coach of any team from someone in the department. But in the past, chairmen usually conferred with other people before making appointments.

When a reporter went up to check with LaPlace on the criteria he had used to choose the new coach, or if he had considered anyone else, the reporter was escorted out of the chairman's office. "I have no further comment to make other than the statement that was released to the New York Times," he said, "Don't try to pump me, that's all I have to say," he insisted when the reporter continued with what he thought were seemingly innocuous questions.

Besides the curious matter that the chairman refuses to say anything to the press about the appointment there are other issues to be considered, such as the importance of the basketball team and its coach and the matter of how that coach is chosen.

The fact is that interest in basketball and the other sports is dying at the College. Attendance for the 10 basketball games, the premier sport at the College, played in Wingate Gym during the 1968-69 season was 2914, or 291.4 per game. This ridiculously small

figure was topped last year when only 1416 people turned out for the nine home games (an average of 147.4 per game). At one game only 76 students were present in the 700 capacity gym.

The basketball team, which used to contribute money towards the other athletic programs, turned in a deficit of \$4581.18 after the expenses of staffing the game were included. To say that interest in the team at the College was dwindling would be an understatement. One former alumnus of the College remembers when there would be standing room only in Wingate, just seven or eight years ago.

Yet in reaction to this dilemma, the department has done nothing. Not only have they done nothing, but with the secret appointment of Kaminer as coach, an opportunity for publicity and student reaction was missed. Here was an opportunity for college-wide reaction. The most prestigious position in the College's intercollegiate sports program was open for discussion and comment. It was so important that the president of the College saw fit to pass judgment on it. And yet the chairman didn't see it as being that important. He handed down his unilateral decision to the students on who would be their coach. He didn't even see fit to tell the president of the College about it, taking away some of the prestige of the position.

How can the students be expected to get excited and show interest in their teams when the people in charge of those teams don't?

There can be little opposition to the choice of coach. Kaminer, who led Wingate High School to an undefeated season and the PSAL championship, is a very talented man, and liked by the team. It is just the secretive way he was named, that must be criticized. How can students be expected to turn out and cheer a gym class?

More about the procedure of choosing a coach at a later time.

Swimmers slip by Lehman, 54-50

Swimming

After the unexpected defeat of the aquamen by Queens College last week and the three day mourning period which followed, the team bounced back beating Lehman 54-50 in a very close contest.

The Lancers, who were favored, lead until the last relay, when anchorman Francis Hindlet, who also won the 50 yard free style and the 200-yard breast stroke, won the race and the meet. This gives the team a 7-4 record.

Wrestling

The fighting Wrestlers of the J. V. under the coaching of Robert Stali, rumbled over a weak Queensboro Community College team, and defeated them by the humiliating score of 33-5.

The J. V. which is composed mainly of new wrestlers, has in its midst a number of good looking prospects for the varsity. One such "rising star" is Joe Peneda, who already has two pins and a number of decisions under his belt. Joe "Rocky" Rochio is another fine prospect, and proved it by pinning his opponent from Queensboro early in the first period of their match.