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Hoopsters Nip Seward In Overtime

Exec Council Alters Representation Plan

By JOE BYCK

The Executive Council voted to institute major changes in its own organization after defeating the plan to create a House of Representatives.

The changes, which must be approved by the Board of Governors and a student referendum, provide for two representatives from each form and one representative from each publication, club and team. Under the present system, teams have three representatives and clubs two, while each form is represented only by its president.

House of Reps Vetoed

At its December 19th meeting, the Council discussed the House of Representatives plan and voted against it by a large majority, on the ground that it would be too unwieldy a body to function properly. On January 25, at the final meeting of the Fall term, it was decided to revamp the Executive Council itself to obtain efficient procedures, broader representation and the elimination of pressure blocs.

Other Motions Voted Down

A motion to include an extra senior representative in addition to the form president and vice-president was voted down on the ground that it would create another pressure bloc. A proposal to create a fourth major G.O. office, a freshman-sophomore representative, was defeated, President Weisband's negative vote breaking the tie.

The House of Representatives, a legislative body composed of one representative from each class, was a major issue in the G.O. elections on January 7. Christopher Pendarvis, Edgar Neiss and Martin Goldstein, the new president, vice-president, and secretary, all supported the creation of the House in their speeches.

Math Team Ends Fourth

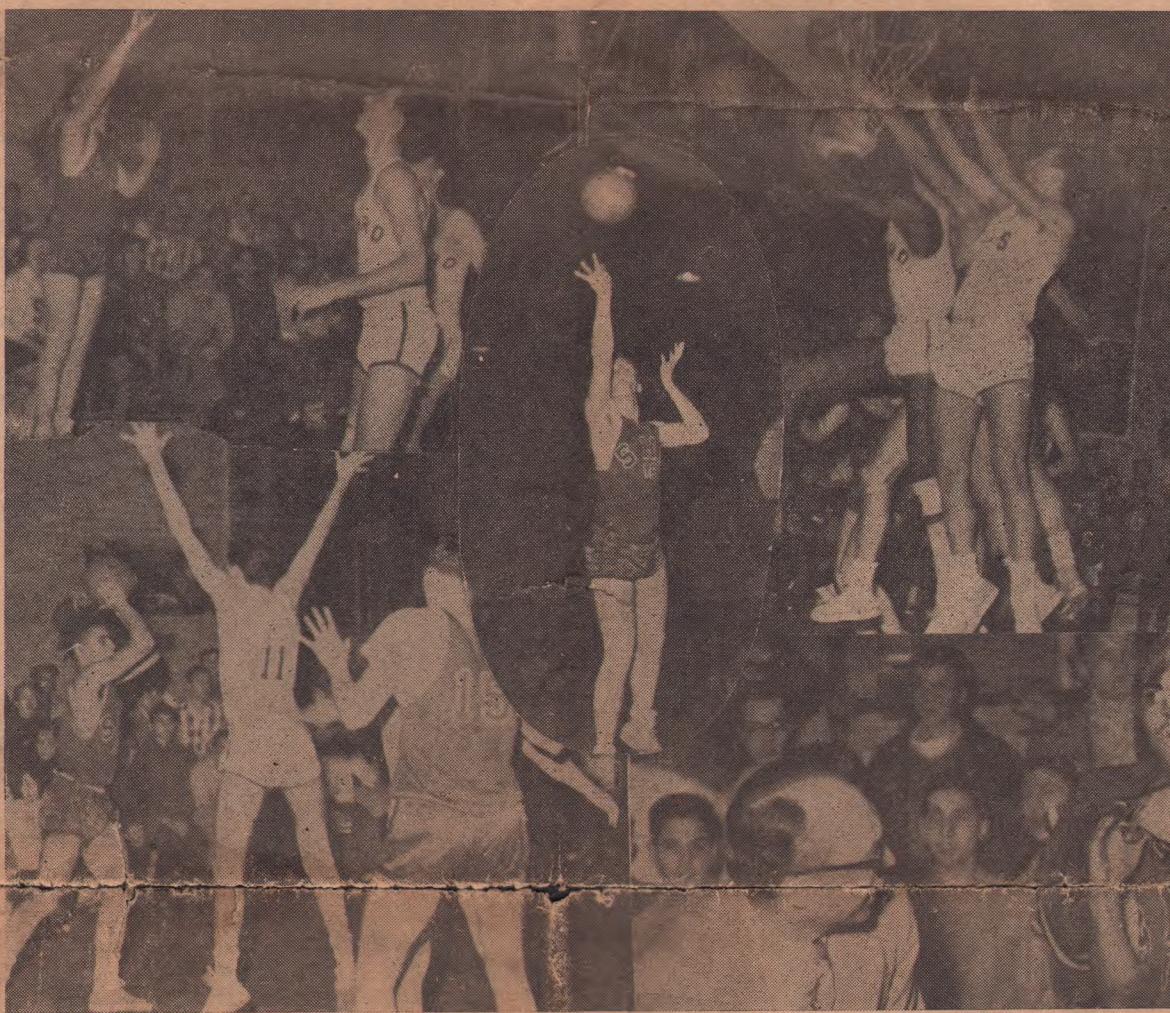
By JONATHAN WEINER

A perfect score in their last meet enabled the Math Team to capture fourth place in the city.

The team wound up its series of five meets against Hunter High School with a victory on Friday, January 4. They solved all thirty problems while the girls did ten. During the season the team accumulated a total of 102 points, 17 less than Lincoln, the city champs.

The two highest scorers were captain Jeff Rubens and Alan Katcher, who were among the seven high scorers of the city. The other members of the senior team were Roger Aarons, Martin Davis, David Konstan, Monroe Rabin, Norman Topf, Mel Wasserman, Ed Weidberg, Bob Weiner, and Saul Zaveler.

Under the guidance of Mr. Greenberg, the coach, the team has hopes of recapturing the city championship they won last spring. The city math league holds a fall and a spring tournament each year.



ACTION AT GAME

Robert Leff's Basket At Buzzer Evens Up Regulation Periods

By LENNY STRICKMAN

With Bob Leff hitting for twenty-two points, the Stuyvesant Basketball Team won a thrilling down-to-the-wire overtime game against Seward, 53-49. The victory increased the Peglegs' hopes of playing in the PSAL tournament at Madison Square Garden.

After Seward broke the ice in the first period with a field goal, George Hejduk countered two points with a basket, and Leff sank four foul shots in a row, giving Stuyvesant a 6-2 advantage. Seward retaliated, however, and at the conclusion of the initial stanza, led by a score of 14-11.

In the second period, the home team pulled out to a nine point advantage. Stuyvesant closed the gap and trailed at the half by 27-22. The Cagers then pulled ahead, but at the end of the third period, the score was tied at 37-37.

The Pirates scored two field goals to start the final stanza. Stuyvesant scored on baskets by Roger Moses, Ray Maccaglie, and two by Leff. With fifty-five seconds remaining, the Dutchmen trailed 47-45. It was our ball out of bounds.

Moses was fouled and went to the free-throw line. He missed his shot, amidst the shouts and stomping of the Seward partisans. A Seward player got the rebound, but was immediately tied up by Leff. Stuyvesant won the tap. With about ten seconds left in the game, Steve Rose took a set shot and missed. On the rebounding play Rose was fouled. Once more the noise proved great and Steve missed the shot. The Pirates had the ball with five seconds left.

They took the ball out from mid-court and Stuyvesant committed a

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Seniors To Graduate Together In Single Carnegie Hall Program

By NORMAN SIMMS

Graduation exercises will be held this year at a single ceremony with the entire senior class participating.

Dr. Fliedner's office, in conjunction with the senior class and the Parents' Association, has announced that the graduation will

take place at Carnegie Hall, June 27. The size of the hall will permit each student to receive three tickets. There will be no reserved seats, and seating arrangements will be on a first come, first served basis.

The Parents' Association has agreed to underwrite the cost of the graduation, estimated to be at least \$600. This figure includes rental costs, transportation for the orchestra to and from rehearsals, and the exercises themselves. Carnegie Hall's cooling system will be in use, this cost also to be paid for with Parents' Association funds.

The Parents' Association had voted to pay the expenses if the graduation were held at Carnegie Hall in a single ceremony. At the organization's Executive Council meeting on Tuesday, February 4, Mr. Lichtigman, president, announced that the graduation would be held as requested, and that the P.A. would fulfill its commitments. The funds will come from the P.A.

Debate Team Ties, Loses

By MATTHEW GLUCK

The Stuyvesant Debating Team ended its fall season by tying a debate with Bishop McLoughlin High School, January 18.

They were eliminated in the first round of the New York University Debating Tournament, February 9.

The topic discussed in both debates was: "Resolved, that the Federal Government should support the process of major agricultural products at not less than 90% of parity."

In the Loughlin debate, each team argued both the affirmative and the negative sides of the question. Herbert Adler, captain of the team, and Bill Stern argued the negative for Stuyvesant and were victorious.

In the N.Y.U. Tournament, Stuyvesant's record was 1-5. This score was good enough to tie George Washington, the only other public high school in the meet.

Jobs For Freshmen, Sophs On 'Spec' Staff

Freshmen and sophomores, as well as upperclassmen, now have the opportunity to work for The Spectator.

The Spectator needs students who enjoy doing newspaper work and who will be able to attend meetings regularly.

If you can spend a few minutes after school each day, come to The Spectator office in room B17 at 3:00

treasury, no special collection being needed for the purpose.

Many seniors expressed dissatisfaction with last year's commencement exercises, which were held in the Stuyvesant auditorium. Due to the limited space, each student received only two tickets.

Stuyvesant Seniors Lead United Nations Discussion

By FRED FINKELSTEIN

Martin Davis and Alexander Liebowitz, Stuyvesant seniors, led a panel discussion dealing with the United Nations and the Hungarian crisis as part of the semi-annual United Nations City-wide Discussion Conference on January 29. On January 10 they attended a United Nations press council for high school students, held at the U.N.

The theme of the Discussion Conference, which nine other Stuyvesantians attended, was "How Can The United Nations Best Preserve Peace in 1957?" The topics discussed at the meeting, held at Seward Park High School, were "The U.N. and the Crisis in the Middle East" and "The U.N. and Hungary."

In reviewing both situations the student discussion leaders prepared resolutions that might be proposed by Western European, North American, Arab, Soviet satellite, or neutral Asian nations.

Student representatives of high schools all over the city questioned Ahmed S. Bokari, Under-Secretary for Public Affairs at the U.N. In answering the questions, Mr.

Bokari, from Pakistan, discussed the functions of the United Nations and the problems with which it is confronted in its efforts toward establishment of world peace.

The Discussion Conference opened with greetings from Mr. Saul Israel, Chairman of the Social Studies Department of Seward Park High School. Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Chief of the New York Times United Nations Bureau, spoke on "The U.N. in 1957." He gave the history of the organization and discussed its relation to the Middle East crisis and the Hungarian situation.

Dr. Solomon V. Arnaldo, Assistant Representative of UNESCO to the United Nations, followed with a talk on "UNESCO and Peace in 1957." He related anecdotes and stories which showed the problems facing UNESCO and how they are being solved.

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In Rapport . . .

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs, a subdivision of the Teachers' Interest Committee, has been recently formed to consult with the principal in an effort to resolve problems of the student body. This board, which was proposed and organized by the faculty, indicates the willingness of the school administration to help us settle our differences in a mature and democratic manner.

An incident, such as happened on December 24, need never occur again. If we disapprove of any program which the administration plans, let us not take the matter into our own hands and deal with it in hasty and regrettable indiscretion. Rather, let us go to the Faculty Council on Student Affairs and discuss the situation with this group. The Spectator is confident that if we present sound reasons for our proposal, an agreement mutually acceptable to both the faculty and the students can be devised.

Fair Play . . .

Following a P.S.A.L. athletic event at another school, a Stuyvesant spectator was severely beaten by several students of the home school. This, unfortunately, was not the first time such unprovoked attacks have occurred.

In an effort to boost school spirit and morale, both the faculty and fellow students exhort us to attend team games. However, how can we possibly be expected to "cheer our teams on" when, by doing so, we endanger our personal safety and well-being?

In the name of sportsmanship and fair play, the safety and protection of both the players and spectators of the visiting team should be insured. This can be achieved by having the administration enlist the aid of the Police Department in guaranteeing the peaceable assemblage and dispersal of the students. If this proposal is not feasible, The Spectator suggests that all future athletic events with these "problem" schools be cancelled.

N. F.

FACULTY CLOSEUP

Mr. Brant New 'Spec' Adviser

By JEFF GUTCHEON

Mr. Alfred Brant, a native of New York City, has spent the past 28 years at Stuyvesant teaching



Photo by H. Zuckerman

A. "Brant" New Adviser

New York boys some of the finer points of our language.

Mr. Brant attended Morris High School, later City College of New York, and finally Columbia, always majoring in English. He enjoys teaching because he finds it personally rewarding. "It's nice to know," he comments, "that you

have an influence on so many young people." He uses that influence well, and to his pupils' ultimate advantage.

This is the first term in which Mr. Brant is teaching journalism, a task for which he is more than amply qualified by past experience. Since graduating from college, he has written for many magazines, most recently Sports Illustrated. Some years ago he wrote a radio series called "Know Your Allies." He also edited a book for Harper's entitled "War or Peace," and was engaged for many years in writing, directing, and producing radio programs for the Board of Education. Stuyvesant graduates will recall the assembly programs which he presented here before the reconstruction, with groups of boys interested in dramatics. His latest accomplishment is the play which he wrote and presented at the Waldorf Astoria, called "Runaways," for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Guidance Bureau of the City of New York in the fall of 1956.

Mr. Brant taught the radio class for fifteen years, during which time he advised the Caliper's literary staff for one and one-half years. He was also coach of the tennis team for three years.

Thus, with such a broad literary background, and a marvelous ability to quickly and easily extract a boy's best efforts, Mr. Brant comes to us as the new faculty advisor of The Spectator. We, of the staff, welcome him, and offer our good wishes for any future projects which he may undertake.

New York Agenda

THEATER

BIJOU THEATER, 209 W. 54th St.; Graham Greene's "THE POTTING SHED"; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., (eves.) \$2.90-\$5.25, Fri., and Sat., (eves.) \$3.45-\$5.75, Wed., and Sat., (mats.) \$2.30-\$4.85

ROYALE THEATER, 242 W. 45th St. Field's and De Vries' "THE TUNNEL OF LOVE"; Mon. thru Sat. evenings \$2.50-\$5.75, Wed. and Sat. (mats.) \$2.00-\$4.30.

MUSIC

B'KLYN ACAMEDY OF MUSIC Opera House — Sat., Feb. 23, 8:30 P.M. **ANNA RUSSELL** — lampoons of the musical stage. \$1.50 to \$3.50. Tues., Feb. 19, 8:30 P.M. **MARIAN ANDERSON** — \$1.50 to \$4.00.

MUSEUMS

THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 77th St. and Central Park West — Feb. 23, 2:00 P.M. Film — "Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somaliland," Lecture — Architecture Field trip to Astor Place area, Merchants House, Grace Church, Colonnade Row, and Theodore Roosevelt House — Feb. 22 — 3:00 P.M.

By MONROE RABIN

An electric light that won't break or burn out. Impossible? No. In fact, such a light is already being used commercially and in the faces of Sylvania clock-radios.

This revolutionary light source is based on the condenser, which consists of two oppositely charged plates with a dielectric (insulator) between them to help store electric potential. Between the plates an electric field exists. If A.C. is used, where the current reverses itself 60 times a second, this electric field will be constantly changing.

Assume that located in the dielectric are crystals of a phosphor such as zinc sulphide. As the electric field between the plates changes, it kicks off electrons from the zinc sulphide molecules. These electrons soon return to their proper places. However, in the process they have picked up excess energy which is released in the form of light. This process is called electroluminescence.

Has Special Advantages

This type of lighting has certain advantages. Constructed as a giant condenser of the type mentioned, a whole ceiling may be made to emit light. Also, by varying the frequency of the A.C., you can change the color of the light emitted by the phosphor. This suggests a color control knob for an electronically lit room. In hot weather you adjust the frequency so that your ceiling glows a cool green or blue; in cold gloomy weather you flood the room with a warm yellowish light.

Training Costly For The Future Doctor

By STAN FELDMAN

Although the number of medical doctors in this country has quadrupled in the last 25 years, we are still in great need of trained physicians, particularly in our urban areas.

A medical career is a very difficult one to pursue. A student must have a high scholastic record and an equally high character record. Before entering the field of medicine one should be fully aware of the financial obligations. The cost of the education alone is about \$15,000. The cost of setting up a private practice is about \$5,000. Many alumni associations grant scholarships to students on the understanding that the money will be repaid when the student is financially secure.

The four year pre-medical course is followed by four more years in medical school. Of the thousands of students who enter medical schools each year only 6,000 to 7,000 graduate. The annual expense of medical school is approximately \$2,000. During the first two years the curriculum includes: anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, bacteriology, pathology and pharmacology. The remaining two years are devoted almost entirely to clinical work in diagnostics and treatment, surgery and specialties.

Upon graduation the new doctor

English Dept. Starts Play Parties Soon

A series of theater parties is being arranged through the English Theater Class (E6T). All students will be given the opportunity to see a number of classical and contemporary plays at reduced prices. Watch the "Announcer" for further information.

Sketches

By LOU SCHIRANO



Oscar Garfein (remember him?), the commandeering of the cookies by Fantino and Finkelstein, and Bill Hecht's speeches, the annual "Spec" dinner was held at "Garfein's", located at Houston St. and Ave. "A".

INCIDENTALLY, Stuyvesantians have been called on to solve the farm problem, or at least part of it. All we have to do is eat enough Government surplus food in our own cafeteria . . .

UNFORTUNATELY, the life and letters of Jeff Bolotin as written by the famous (or infamous) Al Berkowitz will not be continued, as, sadly, I do not know Jeff Bolotin. IN PACE REQUIESCAT!!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

A recent report issued by a reliable source exposed a serious trouble among the youth of this country. The report dealt, in part, with the reasons such a large number of men are being rejected from the armed forces. It stated that a large percentage of the men rejected are classified as 4-F (rejected because of physical deficiency) for the simple reason that they were so soft and flabby that the Army despised of getting them in shape in the two years it had.

A major factor of this is the shift from participating in sports to spectating. Something must be done to encourage the students to engage in some active sport. Intramurals are not the answer for the simple reason that the fellows who represent the classes are naturally the best. This program does absolutely nothing for the boy who needs to play most.

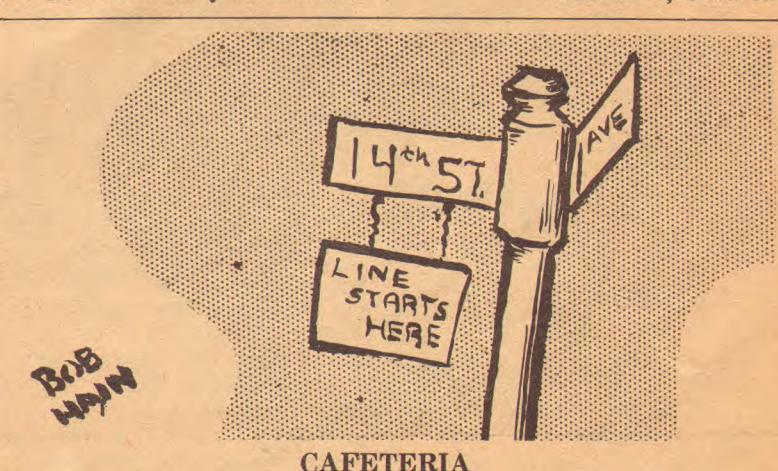
In the opinion of many, a very good solution would be an expanded varsity and JV program; a program in which anyone who goes out for a team makes it. Everyone who tries out for a team is placed on one of the strings according to his ability. The advantages of this program are:

A. Everyone plays under the mentorship of the coach or members of the first string. In this way all will develop and be properly trained, thus getting the most benefit.

B. With the school on single session players can be trained for a year to two before their senior year or league competition. This will be a terrific aid to our winning of league or even city laurels.

Doubtless this suggestion for extension of extra-curricular physical activities will cause complications, but the ends in this case will more than justify the means.

Ed Marston, Class 8B



CAFETERIA

In The

PRESS BOX

With Steve Scollar



"Referee Ray Miller scored it six rounds for DiBiase, three rounds for Christensen, one round even. Judge Mike Davidowitch scored it six rounds for DiBiase, four rounds for Christensen. Judge Charlie Rosen scored it four rounds for DiBiase, four rounds for Christensen and two rounds even, and four points each. The winner by majority decision . . . Tony DiBiase!"

These few words, sweet music to a fighter's ears, concluded Tony DiBiase's first ten round bout. The fight, held at St. Nicholas Arena on January 28, has thus far climaxed Tony's climb to ring fame. For Tony, the rise to fame has been the usual slow and tedious process. It started back in 1952 when he was a Stuyvesant Junior. That year Tony won the Metropolitan Golden Gloves championship. In '53 he won the national title and as an award he received an athletic scholarship to the University of Virginia. While there, DiBiase's chief accomplishment was the NCCA Championship, but in 1955 Virginia dropped boxing and Tony returned to NYU.

Simultaneous with his return to New York was the launching of Tony's professional career. He lost his first fight, but then rolled up a string of sixteen bouts in which his record was 15-0-1. With this impressive preliminary record, Tony was signed to fight his first feature against the veteran Chris Christensen.

Many of you will ask, "Who is Christensen?" Well, Chris is the former welterweight champion of Denmark. He holds a decision over the great Billy Graham and in his last start Chris stopped Gene Poirer. Tony really had a tough nut to crack.

Due to a sudden shift of odds, probably heavy betting from his NYU and Astoria friends, Tony entered the ring a slight favorite. Both fighters weighed 148, but Chris had a 4 inch reach advantage. The first three rounds were haphazard affairs with neither fighter doing much of anything. Tony, however, was more impressive and built up an early lead. During the fourth round Chris opened a slight cut under Tony's eye and went on to take the middle rounds. During these rounds, however, a deep gash was opened on Chris's face. This was to bother him the rest of the way. With a frenzied crowd shouting, "Let's go Tony," DiBiase rallied with a furious body attack which carried him to the decision.

Besides winning the fight, Tony gained much prestige. Practically all the veteran ring side observers were impressed, but most thought he would have to improve his defense before fighting any of the top contenders. Tony was also awarded a contract to fight Danny Giovanelli at St. Nick's on Feb. 25. Let's get out and support an athlete who is carrying his old school to even greater athletic prestige than it has already attained. See you at St. Nick's!

Steve's Sparks — A new baseball division has been formed consisting of Stuyvesant, Seward, Hughes, Food Trades, Metropolitan and Printing . . . should increase our chances of reaching the playoffs as perennial powers Franklin, Commerce and Washington have been eliminated . . . Hoopster George Hejduk made N. Y. Post's most underrated list. Congrat.

Congratulations to Bob Leff for his tremendous performance in the Seward game.

Diamondmen Prepare For P. S. A. L. Race; Dave Lieberman, Roger Panetta, Captains

By BILL SELAN

Every February many Americans' trend of thought swings back to baseball. Throughout the nation ball teams on all levels start preparations for the coming season. This is true at Stuyvesant where the Pegleg Nine is working out every morning under the able coaching of Mr. Lee Sharp.

What type of team will represent Stuyvesant in 1957? Stuyvesantians should see the Diamondmen hit the comeback trail after the dismal '56 season which saw us finish with a 4-7 record. This year we hope to see another Manhattan Championship Nine, not a slugging combination like the '54 and '55 teams, but a defensive squad. The infield and pitching departments should be the key to Stuyvesant success. The Pegleg Nine is working out every morning under the able coaching of Mr. Lee Sharp.

DAVE LIEBERMAN — catcher — Dave is the other captain of the team. Like Panetta he is a two-year regular. In '56 Dave gave evidence of having an excellent eye as he led the team in walks with 12. Dave is a good defensive ball player.

RAY MACCAGLI — third base, pitcher — Ray is the most versatile player on the team. Last year he finished second in hitting among the regulars with a .273 average. As a pitcher he had a 2-3 record, but a terrific 1.21 ERA. This included a 3-2 masterpiece over powerful Franklin during which he struck out ten with his blazing fast one.

KEN BRATER — pitcher — Last season, appearing primarily in relief, Ken had a 1-0 record



at second, Richie Scharp at short and, when he doesn't pitch, Ray Maccagli at third. The mound mainstays are Maccagli, Ken Brater, Andy Deluise, newcomer John Nardi and Charlie Rosenthal. Holdover catchers are letterman Dave Lieberman and Steve Hurst. Only one outfield spot is secure; that belongs to Al Russo. Junior Charlie Palant is leading in the race for the other outfield spots. Now we will give you a brief rundown of the players who will carry the Pegleg's hopes.

with a 3.65 ERA. Ken's victory was a 3-2 decision over Machine and Metal. He is known for his baffling curve balls.

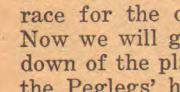
RICHIE SCHARP — shortstop — Rich saw limited action last year. He is a brilliant fielder, has quick hands, strong wrists and is a pullhitter.

JEFF LORIA — second base — Jeff saw just enough action last year to start the PSAL's only triple play. Jeff, a spark plug greatly resembles Billy Martin. He and Scharp form the key to the team's success.



AL RUSSO — outfield — Al is one of the most underrated and least publicized players on the team. He is all of what is expected from an outfielder: a power hitter, a good base runner and a ball hawk.

ANDY DELOUISE — pitcher — Andy is expected to be second or third man on the staff. He has a good curve and a sneaky changeup.



**WE NEED
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—Stuyvesant Teams

SPORTS

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Keglers Dominate Manhattan's Individual Bowling Tournament



Carl Ferrante



Bob Harper

♦Harper Tally Best Average In Borough

BAYSIDE P. S. A. L. KING

McKee Upsets Us In Quarter-Finals

By ED KOHN

The Stuyvesant Keglers rebounded from a disastrous loss to McKee in the quarter-finals of the City Championships, by sweeping the Manhattan Individuals Championships on January 3.

Bob Harper scored the highest average in the borough. He chalked up 527 pins in three games, marking in almost every frame. Harper, of Brooklyn, was followed by Captains Carl Ferrante and Gene Gilligan. Carl tallied a 521, while Gene racked up a torrid 508.

Our team's brilliant performance was particularly heartening after that loss to McKee, the P.S.A.L.'s Richmond Champion. The Staten Islanders were heavy underdogs, however they prevailed in face of Stuyvesant's worst performance of the season. In the words of Gilligan, "It was just one of those bad days."

With an eye towards future seasons, Coach Schonberg is initiating a spring training season on February 19. Mister Schonberg hopes to wrest the City Championship away from Bayside next year. The Long Islanders won the P.S.A.L. title last month for the second successive campaign, against inferior competition.

Bulletin

The Hoopsters crushed New York Vocational 56-32, Thursday, while Franklin whipped Seward 69-49. These victories put Seward and Stuyvesant in a second place tie. If both teams win today, they will clash again sometime this week. The winner will gain a P.S.A.L. playoff berth.

Hejduk And Moses 'Athletes Of Month'

Two of the athletes who are most responsible for the Hoopsters' early season surge are George Hejduk and Roger Moses. George and Roger are being rewarded for this achievement by being designated, "Athletes of the Month," for January.

George Hejduk, a 6 foot 5 inch center, has been the Pegleg's most proficient scorer. George has averaged approximately seventeen points per game, with his high a 24 point outburst for a losing cause against Aviation. Most of Hejduk's points come on his excellent jump shot, while he is also known for his fine passing out of the pivot. George hopes to attend Manhattan College and study business administration.

Roger Moses, a 6 foot forward, is captain of the team. Roger is a solid, all-around ball-player, who is known for his hustle, speed and driving. Moses, a fine team player, has provided the spark for the Pegleg's drive. Roger hopes to follow his brother's footsteps and attend Hamilton College.

He also won this 'Spectator' award last season, and now becomes the first athlete in Pegleg history to win twice.

Basketball

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foul. The foul shot was missed, and Maccaglia got the rebound with two seconds left. The Peglegs called time. Maccaglia passed into Rose, who missed a hurried set shot. Leff, however, put in the rebound at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

The rest was anticlimactic. Steve Rose put Stuyvesant ahead to stay, with a foul shot that made the score 50-49. Moses sank a foul shot and Macaglia sank two to put the icing on the cake."

In late January, the Red and Blue was spilled by Franklin, 39-37, in another overtime thriller. This victory virtually sewed up a playoff berth for the Benjays.

