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### MACKENZIE PLANS TO REVIVE INDOOR TRACK ATHLETICS

Reorganized Team to Enter A. U. Meets if Men Show Promise

#### 1895 TEAM UNDEFEATED

From 1876 to Banner Year Lavender Ruled Supreme Over All Eastern Colleges

A revival of one of the oldest of all City College sports will be effected Friday afternoon, when Coach Lionel B. MacKenzie will meet candidates for the varsity and freshman indoor track teams. Many men, recruited from the cross country team and last year's track squad, are expected to report for the preliminary meeting of the team.

The long felt need of a regular indoor track team to represent the Lavender on the boards at the numerous winter meets arranged by various athletic organizations will be remedied by the official equipment and management of a varsity team. The general advance of the College in the field of athletics has made necessary the creation of a functioning track squad capable of bringing the Lavender into the limelight of track athletics.

#### College Former Factor

Coach MacKenzie in a statement yesterday said, "If enough men turn out to warrant the entering of a team in the A. A. U. meets, uniforms will be provided, and work will be begun on re-establishing the sport." Mac also affirmed that there is enough material hidden in the student body to turn out a good team, if those men could be found.

The College was once a potent factor in intercollegiate meets, shining in the national championships and the Penn Relays repeatedly. Track was the door of opportunity for the College to break into the intercollegiate athletic world.

During the years from 1876 to 1894 the Lavender held supremacy over such teams as Dartmouth, Amherst, Lafayette, Lehigh, Brown, Cornell, Michigan, Hobart and Bowdoin, but suffered regular defeats, although close, at the hands of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania. In these eighteen years, the College laid a strong foundation for future years.

#### Star Team in 1895

The year 1895 was the greatest year for the College winners. Not a single defeat was suffered. Brown, Union, Rutgers and others fell before the Lavender. Old-timers will remember Bill Oetman '98 who broke the intercollegiate two-mile bicycle record during the same year. Oetman's teammates, who also distinguished themselves were Murry Frank, Fred Martin, George Dixon, Jim Benit and Charlie Gray.

For a while track lapsed but was again revived in 1904, a banner year for the College. The track renaissance witnessed a remarkable turnout of candidates, 125 men reported to Mac for berths on the team. The interest in the sport was at its height.

Mac reaped the rewards of his labor when in 1910 he turned out a team that was the talk of the intercollegiate world. Billy Roberts '11 and Eddy Coyle '10, outstanding stars of the wonder team, became names of great portent in track circles.

But with the graduation of many veterans, interest in indoor track began to wane and as a result victories became fewer. Support and enthusiasm of the student body naturally declined; candidates became fewer in number, the runners failed to practice

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### "College Man Is Most Desired in Politics," Says Secretary of State

Declares Field Offers Chance for Service in Address to Politics Club

"The college man is a most desired element in politics today. Because of his education the entire field is open to him and a chance is offered for altruistic service to the community." These words were the essence of the remarks of Secretary of State James A. Hamilton in his address before the Politics Club Monday at one o'clock in room 126.

The lecture was the first held under the auspices of the Politics Club and brought forth a large audience, attracted by the presence of the well-known and popular speaker. After being introduced by Henry Spitz '25, president of the club, Secretary Hamilton proceeded to give an account of the history of the original thirteen colonies. He pointed out the great discord which existed at that time and the final necessity of uniting under the Constitution. "The constitution, because of its marvelous foresight, is a wonderful piece of work." The speaker emphasized this most important phase of the supreme law of the land because of the easy applicability of its elements in modern times.

Secretary Hamilton then urged that people should take more interest in politics today. He cited the deplorable

condition wherein few voters know even local politics or the numbers of their state assembly and senate districts. In his estimation, local politics are essentially the most important of all. The speaker asked all to become acquainted with their election district captains and to disperse a common feeling that there is too much corruption in politics.

The college man in politics was the next topic of discussion treated by Secretary Hamilton. The superior educational position of the college man causes the field of politics to lie open before him and to welcome him into the fold. "Whatever one puts into a thing one gets out of it" said Mr. Hamilton in reminding the audience of the well-known proverb. Therefore, if the people are to expect honest, good results in politics, they must interest themselves actively in it and instill the spirit of these outcomes themselves.

The speaker's closing remarks were a plea for interest in local politics, for that means interest in the person's own government. Various questions on the workings of local politics were then answered by Secretary Hamilton.

Professor Robinson, in a speech of a few moments, announced that he would supply to all students who desired them, letters of introduction to local political organizations and clubs in the city.

### '26 CLASS BANQUET TO END GALA WEEK

Class Will Attend Maine Game and Then Proceed to Banquet

As concluding affairs of the gala Junior Week, the '26 class will attend the Maine game this Saturday evening and then proceed to the Hamilton Hotel for their annual banquet. At the basketball game the juniors will have a section especially reserved for themselves. Tickets for this special section may be obtained from Al Grossman '26, chairman of the Junior Week Basketball Committee. The price is 50 cents for "U" members. These tickets can only be obtained from Al Grossman. They will have a special stamp on them and will be good for the junior section only. Students buying these tickets should retain their stubs so as to be sure to obtain seats in the section reserved for them. At the conclusion of the basketball game the junior class will proceed in a group to the Hamilton Place Hotel, Broadway and 138th Street to take part in the Junior Banquet. The price of the banquet tickets has been reduced to two dollars per head and may be obtained from the Banquet Committee in the '26 alcoves.

The banquet on Saturday will conclude the Junior Week festivities which started last Saturday evening with the "Prom" at the Hotel Plaza. More than twenty-five couples attended this affair which was a complete success. The next events will be the basketball game this Saturday and the banquet which will be the last affair of the '26 class to be held this term.

### WINTER VACATION STARTS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

To clear up any misunderstanding, the Recorder's Office announces that there will be no college classes next Wednesday. The winter vacation extends from Wednesday, December 24 to Monday, January 5, 1925.

### EVE. AQUATIC TITLE AT STAKE TONIGHT

Four Branches Will Vie for Premier Honors—Main Swimmers Favored

Tonight in the College Hygiene building, students of the Evening Session will witness the biggest and most interesting event on the athletic schedule when the Main, Commerce, Brooklyn, and Queens branches contest for the mythical aquatic title. The swimming meet, which starts promptly at 8:30 p. m. will be followed by a water-polo exhibition. No admission price will be charged.

Dr. Canute Hansen, director of the Evening Session athletic activities, announced yesterday that he had received over 100 entries, signaling the great interest evinced in the meet. In some of the events, entries have been restricted.

Five events are carded for the evening's competition. They are: the 50-yard swim, the 400-foot relay, the plunge for distance, the fancy dive, and a water-polo exhibition match. In the dive for form, each competitor will be allowed three dives, namely, front, back, and optional. In the optional dives great things are expected of the Main divers, for they have had the use of the College pool for many weeks.

The water-polo exhibition will be an innovation, this being the first time that such an event has ever been scheduled. In the exhibition, a combined sextet from the Commerce and Brooklyn branches will oppose the sextet of the Main branch. This unique arrangement resulted from the general belief that the Main mermen were possessed of an advantage over the others by reason of their constant use of the pool.

### PUPIN TO ADDRESS CHAPEL TOMORROW

Noted Columbia Physicist to Speak on "America in Eyes of Foreign Born"

Dr. Michael Idvorsky Pupin, Professor of Physics at Columbia University, will address the student body at tomorrow's chapel on "America in the Eyes of the Foreign Born." Professor Burchard of the Economics department will preside.

Famed mostly for his invention of the "Pupin Relay," Dr. Pupin has done remarkable work in making long distance telephony possible. His invention has resulted in cable connections between London and Paris and New York and San Francisco.

"From Immigrant to Inventor," an autobiography of Dr. Pupin's life, was awarded the first Pulitzer prize in its class for 1923. The book relates his experience as a peasant boy in Serbia and as a scientist in America.

Starting his pedagogical career as an assistant teacher in electrical engineering at Columbia in 1899, Dr. Pupin was gradually elevated in rank until in 1901 he was given a professorship in electro-mechanics.

Born in Idvor, Banat, Hungary on October 4, 1858, Dr. Pupin came to this country when a youth. He entered Columbia and received his A. B. in 1883. The University of Berlin conferred upon him a Ph. D. in 1899, six years after his baccalaureate degree.

In this same year he was assigned his first position at Columbia teaching electrical engineering. His first advancement came in 1890 when he was made an instructor of mathematical physics. Two years later he received the appointment as adjunct professor of mechanics, holding this rank until his promotion in 1901 as professor in electro-mechanics.

Columbia honored him in 1904 with the degree Sc. D. He also received the honorary degree of LL. D. from Johns Hopkins University the same year.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science and the New York Academy of Science both include him among their fellows. He is also connected with the National Academy of Sciences and a member of the executive committee of the National Research Council.

His other affiliations are the American Physical Society, the American Mathematical Society and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

During the past few years Dr. Pupin has been very generous in his praise of City College and the Faculty. It is in appreciation for his interest in the College that he has been invited to address tomorrow's assembly.

### ACTORS TO APPEAR AT GERMAN CLUB MEETING

The Deutscher Verein will hold its Yuletide and last meeting of the term tomorrow at one o'clock in room 308. Mr. Wyt of the German department will preside.

The members of the club will try to make it the most enjoyable one of the term. German songs will be sung and a spirit of glee will permeate the meeting.

The officers of the club are endeavoring to secure either Ulrich Haupt of the Selwyn Players or Franck Reiches of the Equity Players to render a dramatic recital of "From Morn to Midnight." One of them will surely be present tomorrow.

Mr. Reiches is the originator and director of "From Morn to Midnight" which was a big success on Broadway recently.

### F.A.C. TABLES INSIGNIA AND MANHATTAN C. RELATIONS

At the meeting of the Faculty Athletic Committee which took place yesterday, the Insignia Report of the A. A. and athletic relations with Manhattan College were discussed in detail.

The report of the A. A. desiring the varsity insignia changed to a block "C" was tabled until the sentiment of the student and alumni bodies could be ascertained.

The committee declined to act on the severing of athletic relations with Manhattan College until it conferred with the authorities at Manhattan. Dr. Storey promised that if the students were behind the motion to sever relations, it would be done.

### DUGGAN WILL TOUR PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Sociologist to Study Educational Systems Instituted by the United States

Professor Stephen P. Duggan, head of the Department of Government and Sociology, will leave the United States immediately after Christmas on a governmental mission to evaluate the educational system of the Philippine Islands. The investigation will last until April of next year and then Professor Duggan will tour Asia and Europe to study the educational systems of the various nations.

The commission will investigate the pedagogical methods instituted by the United States twenty-five years ago when it took possession of these islands. Whether it has produced good results, whether it ought to be modified, what the effect has been upon a backward people are the questions to be answered.

When the survey is completed Professor Duggan and Professor Monroe of Columbia will go to China to discuss with the educational authorities there the use of the funds returned to China by the United States. The two will then go to Japan for a short conference with the leaders of Japanese education.

A journey over the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Odessa and by boat to Constantinople will take Professor Duggan to the Constantinople College for Women of which he is a trustee. If he arrives in time he will deliver the commencement address. Last year the Turkish government invited Professor Duggan to advise them upon the organization of their educational system, but he was unable to go.

On July 20, Professor Duggan will attend the conference at Edinburgh of the International Federation of National Education Associations, representing the United States. On his way from Constantinople he will stop at most of the national universities of the different countries. His last activity will be to attend the meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva during the first week in September. He will then return home from his eight months of travel and study.

### STOREY TO ADDRESS BIO CLUB TOMORROW

Professor Thomas A. Storey, head of the Hygiene department, will address the Bio Club, tomorrow immediately after Chapel in Room 319 on "The Biological Aspects of Hygiene." The talk will not be of a technical nature.

Dr. Kligler, of the Department of Public Health in Palestine, will discuss the work done to stamp out malaria in that country.

### HOLMAN GROOMS VARSITY QUINTET FOR MAINE GAME

Coach Stresses Shooting From Under the Basket and Foul-Line

#### TEAM DEFENSE IMPROVES

Lavender Held Dickinson to Mid-Court in Opening Minutes of Game

Nat Holman's quintet is busily engaged preparing for the coming encounter with the University of Maine Saturday evening.

The Lavender went through an exceedingly hard game against Dickinson, and with ten minutes to play and the score 15-14 against them, they let loose an avalanche of speed and power that bewildered and stunned the men from Carlisle. After more or less methodical playing the five came into its own and gave a wonderful exhibition.

The strong five-man defense is as powerful as a Lavender quintet has had. Shooting from under the basket was poor in the last contest, for time and again easy tries from that position were inexcusably spoiled.

#### Varsity-Scrub Scrimmage

It seems that the center problem still is important for although Flattau played well he slowed up the team. The passwork was excellent against a strong defense.

Coach Holman is continuing scrimmages between the first and second team and is endeavoring to effect more coordination among his men. A great deal of attention is being paid to foul-shooting. Dickinson would never have headed the varsity had it not been for their poor passing from the fifteen foot line.

Both Flattau and Josephson are being introduced in the finer points of center play. Flattau seems to be coming along more rapidly and will undoubtedly start against Maine. He is a willing worker, and has gained invaluable experience in the last two games, in both of which he played almost the entire four periods.

In the practice sessions Holman is coaching his men in shooting from scrimmage under the basket. The team exhibited a weakness in this department last Saturday, and Dickinson was quick to take advantage.

#### Strong Lavender Defense

The second team is showing good form against the varsity and may break into the Maine game if the regulars run up a sufficiently large lead. It is Holman's idea to use the scrubs as much as possible to give them confidence as well as experience in varsity contests.

Captain Match and Palitz are devoting a great deal of time to their dribbling game as the brunt of it seems to rest on them. Goldberg and Hodesblatt are being coached in the art of setting and getting loose of their guards. The strength of the team lies in its ability to get near the basket, for long shots have seldom succeeded in winning a court game.

The power of the College defense was evidenced in the last game when Dickinson had the ball in the first few minutes of play and could do no more than pass it among themselves almost under their own basket. Midfield was the nearest the Carlises could get to their goal.

The strength of the New Englanders is not known as yet, but their successes in the past against such opponents as Bowdoin, Bates and Colby point to their bringing down a strong quintet.

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## A QUESTION OF HONOR

Ever since the basketball game with Manhattan there has been persistent discussion throughout the College regarding the question of the complete severance of athletic relations between C. C. N. Y. and the aforementioned institution. The indignation of the students, (particularly those who witnessed the exhibition), aroused by the intolerable treatment accorded both the team and spectators by the Manhattan cohorts, has been made manifest in an unmistakable manner. Everyone who is at all acquainted with the facts of the situation is duly enraged by it. The demand is being heard from many quarters that the College refuse forthwith to have any further connections with an institution whose representatives have clearly demonstrated through repeated offenses that they utterly and blatantly disregard even the first principles of sportsmanship. Worse than that, they lack common decency.

But thus far our resentment has made itself evident only through talk. We have had enough of that in former years and in the present instance. Let's be done with discussing the problem and giving vent to our irritation in that paltrating, yet nevertheless highly unsatisfactory fashion. Let us actually do something about it.

Other colleges — and C. C. N. Y. itself — have broken athletic relations with rivals at far less provocation than that afforded by the present situation.

Why does our Athletic Board demur in following out the one and only honorable course of action open to it? The case against Manhattan could not possibly be clearer. It is not a question of policy, merely. It is a question of duty and necessity. If ever a C. C. N. Y. team again faces a Manhattan aggregation in any sport without that institution having first submitted a formal apology, the College will have so violated its integrity as to deservingly lose the position of high respect it now occupies in collegiate sporting circles.

It is within the power of students to bring the matter to a showdown.

### "THE IMMIGRANT INVENTOR"

As has been previously announced in The Campus, Dr. Michael Pupin, noted scientist, and especially celebrated as the author of the 1923 Pulitzer Prize book "From Immigrant to Inventor" will address the students at to-morrow's assembly. It would seem, therefore, that we are assured of at least one attractive Chapel hour this semester.

Dr. Pupin's talk which will be on the subject of "America in the Eyes of the Foreign Born" should prove enlightening and interesting. We are confident that he will be accorded in full measure the courteous welcome due him, first as a man of great achievement and second as a loyal friend of the College.

## Gargoyles

### THE BARD

#### LOOKS THROUGH THE PANCOAST INDEX

As once I lay in winter's night,  
Ah, what can ail thee, wretched wight.  
Ah, Freedom is a noble thing  
Athlestan King!  
All human things are subject to decay  
As you came from the holy land  
As ships becalmed at eve that lay  
A good sword and trusty hand  
Ah, sun flower, weary of time  
A fond kiss and then we sever  
Ah, who can tell how hard it is to climb  
A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
Cupid and my Campaspe played.

For the few hours of life allotted me,  
Flow down, cold rivulet, to the sea  
From harmony, from heavenly harmony.

It is a beautiful evening, calm and free,  
In the season of summer, when soft was  
the sun

I sprang to the stirrup, and Joris, and he  
In my youth's summer, I did sing of one  
If all the world and love were young

I know a maid in bower bright  
I saw Eternity the other night  
I thought once how Theocritus had sung:  
I sing of brooks, of blossoms,  
birds and bowers,

I bring fresh showers for the thirsting flowers.  
My spirit is too weak—mortality  
Mark when she smiles with amiable cheek,  
Music, when soft voices die  
Man yearneth rimes for to hear  
Make me merry in hall and bower  
Milton, thou shouldn't be living at this hour.

### Announcement

Dick Fraternity has suddenly disappeared. He went off with Milt Sportspark last Friday but the latter returned without him Monday morning. Ben is busy with his scholastic stunts and Joe Gish with his job on Mike, so there will be no Fraternity column until Dick returns.

### Personal

Dear Scarlet:  
I admire you and your wit. I worship you. May the shadow of the dean never cross your path.

Oh, by the way. At our last meeting, we decided to give you a vote of thanks for the unselfish space you have given our organization.

Just one more announcement. We have changed our name. Henceforth, flaunt us as the Broken-Hearted Contributors' Club.

Obsequiously,

M. J. B.

Will that sweet gentleman whose fraternity brother is the 'igh mucumac in the Bayonne Evening News report to The Campus for a lesson in paragraph and sentence structure, and, (migod!) in punctuation.

No, he doesn't necessarily have to be a "U" member.

"Ah," one may expect the stumped cross-word puzzler to exclaim one of these flannel-shirt days, "there's the erasure, in three letters."

There's many a fumble in four letters, 'twixt the start and the solution.

Please don't send any cross-word puzzles. A sudden inundation of love letters has swept us off our brogues.

Jason Cotton has demanded an explanation for a misleading statement that appeared thirty-six hours ago.

Reviewers reservations for The Campus dance are not even in the mails.

Al Rose has not come across with that promised job.

And—  
Christmas is coming. Can exams be far behind?

SCARLET

## PHRENO COMMENCES LITERARY ACTIVITY AT INITIAL MEETING

Berall, Tannenbaum and Weiss Read Papers—Next Meeting to Be Held Thursday

Phrenocosmia, one of the two literary societies of the College, held its first meeting last Friday. Nathan Berall '25, presented a paper on "Censorship." He took the position that censorship was not only desirable but necessary if the standard of literature is to be kept up.

Herman Tannenbaum '25 in his paper on "Modern Biology" pointed out that the tendency of present day biologists is to avoid theorizing and to devote their time to the laboratory. Paul Weiss '25 offered a paper on "Alternatives to Mechanism." He pointed out that in the field of science there were no alternatives.

The next meeting of Phrenocosmia will be held Thursday. Abel Meeropol '25 will read a paper on "Sources and Anticipators of Chaucerian Poetry." Sam Sugar will read a paper on "Pre-Renaissance Painters in Northern Holland."

## STUDENT OPINION

### Suggests Army Trip

To the Editor of The Campus:  
According to our basketball schedule, we play Army at West Point on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1925. Three years ago we were scheduled to play Princeton at Princeton, and, in order to show our team that we were behind them, many men accompanied the team to Princeton. Now, this Army game promises to be a hard one, and our team will need the support that can be given by a vigorous cheering-squad. I would suggest, then, that we organize a cheering-squad for the West Point game, and arrange to go up there in a body, to help our boys along. Recalling that in the Princeton game, the bus that was hired for this purpose broke down on the way, and so the rooters arrived only in time to see the closing minutes of play, I think it would be advisable for all those interested in the project to go up there by train, so as to insure an early arrival. If sufficient men are interested, we might get a special car in the train, with special round-trip rates. In this way, we would enjoy a pleasant and inexpensive trip, see a corking game, and show our team that we are backing them up.

Samuel Gallant '26.

### Answers Alcove Charge

To the Editor of The Campus:  
I confess that it was with bitterness not a little justified, that I read your denunciation of the Alcove Committee. Up to yesterday I was unaware that such a committee received its functioning power from the Student Council, but I am and have been for the last year very intimately acquainted with powers and duties of the alcove committees appointed by the several classes. Each class chairman and his associates, being selected by the class council, is required to keep the alcoves of his particular class, clean and free from lunchers. The Chairman is not empowered either to appoint, or suggest the appointment of, any members, whom he knows would not only be able, but ready and willing to aid him in this task. Instead, his "aides" are chosen for him. This condition has proved to be an unfortunate handicap to the chairman.

Moreover, the student body does not cooperate. In fact, it hinders rather than helps the officers, and upon being told that "No Eating in the Alcoves" is permissible, they argue and routine eating until ousted forcibly. Again unfortunately, the committee members are powerless to do anything but request gentlemanly behavior. There is no way of compelling obedience. But most unfortunate, is the fact that City College men must be coerced to perform a duty which speaks the pride in our Alma Mater.

The fault lies not in the Alcove Committee or Committees, but in that body which has all the power in its hands and which has heretofore done nothing to remedy this condition—the students!

Herman Kirshbaum '27,  
Chairman '27 Alcove Comm.

## PLAY OF THE WEEK

"PARASITES": a comedy in four acts by Cosmo Hamilton. Produced by Lee Shubert, at the 39th Street Theatre.

I have been pursuing the drama intently for three months now and I have damned right and left (aisle) every night except on two or three occasions. One of these was a week ago when I managed to sit restfully through "Parasites," a comedy by Cosmo Hamilton.

Now "Parasites" is not fortified with an excellency of construction and is not a rock-bottom play. In fact, it is a far distance from the comic quintessential, if that is possible nowadays when every playwright must resort to silly farce to aid him stretch a twenty-minute vaudeville sketch into a two-hour play. It is not many things, but it is a comedy as swiftly moving, as vigorously done, and as spiritily lined as I have ever hoped to witness. There is in it that dash and gaiety one never encounters and for which I have been at pious prayer for weeks and weeks.

The scene is laid in that second garden of society's divorces—the weekend country house. Mr. and Mrs. W. have grown tired of each other after thirty years of an oppressive existence. Already passed the autumn of their lives, they regard with tragic chill and fear the adventing winter. So they garb themselves in the vestments of their springtime. At their weekend parties, the wife plants herself under the maternal (!) and fawning care of a gallant of the younger set, who loves the poetry of pinochie, bridge, sweetened alcohol and loose and flowing trouserie (magnificent figure!). The husband, yearning for release from his matrimonial and business burdens, becomes the desperate soul, hungering for life in all its terms, the daring intriguer, the flatterer of twenty. But that is only the setting preparatory to the whole play.

"Parasites" is a photograph of the calculating cynic, aloof to the other sex, and of the cornered woman before whose tender yet ruthless attack

his stanch impregnability crumbles. Joan Millet is nobody less than a parasite who struggles along by her wits at cards. Winning, she retreats in satisfaction to herself; losing, she retreats of the victor, or a nearby man, to accept herself, offered in payment. Pomeroy plays this very game with her and loses. Defeat is too hard to accept but his sudden love for Joan inundates his bitterness. Spite has stuffed her ears and she refuses to listen to the poundings of his heart. She toys with him pitilessly, flaying him with a lashing tongue and tossing him about mercilessly with her agile wits.

But this is all a mask to hide her love. Respect for his straightforwardness (and his golf) has ripened in her to richest bloom. She is like a little fascinating spider stuck in a corner of the ceiling of the world; he, the menacing watchful brute, gloating in the knowledge of her writhings, yet spellbound by her desperate and hopeless gymnastics to flee the straight jacket of extremity.

Francine Larrimore plays Joan Millet and she does more than Cosmo Hamilton has allowed her. She is enthusiastic and vibrant. Her performance is brilliant and electric. There is some good supporting by Max Figgman as Langdon Pomeroy and by Clifton Webb as the wife's novelty and tonic. The rest of the cast are, well, I don't remember. They are probably some feeble sketches done in hard pencil.

The lead of Helen Hayes in "Dancing Mothers", already reviewed in this department, has been replaced by Dorothy Burgess. I had not the pleasure of seeing the performance of the former, but that of Miss Burgess, whose first essay it is at a prominent role, is interesting and freshening. Except for the third act which is ridiculous, "Dancing Mothers" remains one of the most unusual and amusing of the current comedies.

SCARLET

## Mike Advisors Decry Indifference of Student Body to 1924 Year Book

Goodman and Dickson Denounce Student Body for Not Buying Annual

In a letter to The Campus, Theodore Goodman '15 and Arthur Dickson '09, advisors to the 1924 Microcosm, decry the indifferent attitude of the student body towards the support of the year book. A final sales drive will be instituted tomorrow among the students. The complete letter follows:

To the Editor of The Campus:  
Even in the face of the facts, the undersigned find it well-nigh incredible that the students of the College feel neither interest in the Microcosm nor concern as to its fate. We are therefore authorizing a final sale of copies, to be held Thursday, December 18, in order to afford the entire undergraduate body an opportunity to support and to rescue from extinction one of Alma Mater's oldest and finest institutions.

We are not students. We have been; and as alumni we are happy to acknowledge the gratitude we feel to the college that has done so much for us, and proud that we may at any time serve her in emergency. Likewise, we are proud of those of our old teachers and present colleagues who responded so generously, a fortnight ago, to an appeal similar to this.

We request, of the students, nothing but the occasion of the same sentiment.

Why the vast majority have delayed so long, is hard to understand. Certainly the men whose names, records, and photographs are included in the volume have had ample opportunity, sufficient urgency, to convert obligation into action. Further delay can hardly be dignified with the label of thoughtlessness.

The boys must take the matter to heart. It is ridiculous that of our 2,900 registrants there should not be enough to buy out the remaining vol-

umes, if not in full payment, then in installments. There is absolutely no reason why any of our salesman should return us a single copy unsold on Thursday.

Permit us to say, in closing, that we are not unaware of the tone in which we write. A student activity of which we may feel proud, and one which may yet be crowned with success, is threatened with failure and disgrace. The outstanding element of the danger seems to be lack of student support.

Is this the manner in which the men are to be expected to rally to Alma Mater in the years after graduation? We beg to be spared the chagrin of that disappointment.

We hope that, with the problems stated so emphatically, our younger brothers will rise to the occasion on Thursday.

Buy your Mike, and you've done your share.

Theodore Goodman '15  
Arthur Dickson '09

## CURTMAN FINDS NEW USE FOR ZIRCONIUM

Professor Louis J. Curtman, of the Chemistry department, working in collaboration with Messrs. Margulies and Plechner, has discovered a new use for zirconium in the removal of phosphates from its compounds. The precipitant used is a solution of zirconium oxychloride which, experiment shows, is superior to any other reagent for the removal of phosphates.

This method provides a new use for the element zirconium. Large deposits of this metal have recently been found in Brazil.

An article describing this process recently appeared in the November 14th issue of "Chemical News."

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## STRUCTURE BREAK IMPERILS WORKERS

Training School Construction Work Falls—Narrowly Misses Bystanders and Laborers

With a deafening roar that resounded throughout the College, the steel foundation of the New York Training School which is being constructed at 136 Street and Convent Avenue, collapsed Monday morning.

Tons of steel, built two stories high came thundering down, barely missing scores of workmen. They were only saved by the timely warning of Foreman Axel Larson, who yelled to them when he saw the huge metal frames tottering.

About one hundred workmen were busy at the foundation of one quarter of the proposed structure at this time. A collection of beams were framed together so as to give mutual support and to prevent distortion. Possessing enormous weight, the beams were apparently improperly balanced since with a slight force applied to them by some unknown medium, they came thundering down on the lower part of the steel structure.

The truss, on hitting this structure, knocked a beam from out of the bottom. Consequently the skeleton above tottered and collapsed.

The workmen scattered to all parts of the lot on hearing the foreman's yells just before the crash came. Several narrowly missed being crushed beneath the tons of steel.

The skeleton structure of the Training School consists of four wings. It took one week to construct that section and will probably take twice as long to build it up again.

The Heddon Iron Works are the contractors for the construction of the Training School.

The near catastrophe occurred during the eleven o'clock hour. Much speculation resulted in the class rooms as to the cause of the noise. Many believed it was caused by an accidental discharge of a large quantity of dynamite. The less courageous hearing the windows rattle, thought an earthquake had occurred and were rather uneasy for a moment.

The beams, in falling, were spread over a large area. Two of the vertical ones tumbled over towards Jasper Oval, falling on the fence and tearing through it. Most of them were heaped up in the center of the pile of steel and it was necessary to assort the beams before reconstruction was begun.

An autoist was driving along St. Nicholas Terrace at the time of the falling of the truss but, as it appeared to observers of the accident from the Main Building windows, he either did not see the skeleton structure totter or failed to realize the danger. The falling steel narrowly missed burying the automobile and driver beneath it.

### LECTURE ON OXYGEN AT NEXT A. S. M. E. MEETING

The local chapter of the A. S. M. E. will hold its next meeting tomorrow in conjunction with the Baskerville Chemical Society. At this meeting a film on "The Commercial Application of Oxygen" will be shown.

Further details concerning the time and place of the meeting will be posted on the Engineering Bulletin Board opposite Room 6.

All students are invited to attend this meeting.

### HUNTER COLLEGE TO HOLD PRIZE DEBATE

Tickets for the prize debate of the Amelia Ottinger Society of Hunter College which is to take place at that college, Lexington Avenue and 68th Street, this Friday evening, December 19, can be secured from Sidney L. Jacobi '26, assistant manager of varsity debate.

"The Place of the United States in the World Problem of China" is the topic of the intramural three cornered debate, which will be followed by an open forum.

### TRACK TEAM TO BE REORGANIZED FRIDAY

Dave Kurke '25, varsity manager of track, announces that there will be a reorganization meeting Friday at 1 o'clock of all men interested in College running. The meeting will be held in the A. A. room, in preparation for the coming indoor track season. All students who have in any way participated or wish to participate in either track or cross-country are urged to attend.

At the meeting Coach MacKenzie will establish rules and time schedules for the practice sessions which are to get under way next week.

### FINAL DRIVE TO DEFRAY MIKE DEBTS TOMORROW

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The entire staff of the Microcosm will put all its efforts to sell copies at a final drive tomorrow immediately after chapel. Each member of the staff together with many volunteers, will appear in the Concourse selling Mikes. Copies will be on display for the students to examine.

The copies may be bought on a part payment plan from any of the salesmen. An initial payment of 50 cents is required and the balance of the amount may be paid at regular intervals.

The financial situation of the year book is still precarious. The only relief in sight is the successful culmination of tomorrow's drive. There is still a deficit and the books are being sold at a very slow rate.

The circulation manager asks all those wishing to sell Mikes to report in the English Library today at one o'clock to Mr. Goodman of the English department or Al Grossman '25, circulation manager. They will work only tomorrow.

## BOUND IN MOROCCO

"SOME DO NOT" by Ford Madox Ford. Thomas Seltzer, 347 pages, \$2.75.

Ford Madox Ford ne Hueffer has always been something of a background in the landscape of English letters. Ex-editor of the English Review, ex-collaborator with Joseph Conrad ("Romance", "Inheritors", "Nature of a Crime"), ex-propagandist for vers libre, ex-many other things, this distinguished Englishman is now the mentor of the younger intelligentsia in Paris, editor of the Transatlantic Review. How much Joseph Conrad learned from him has always been a problem of great interest to me if only because others have categorically dismissed it as of no significance. Whether Conrad's increased grasp of the novel form, whether his development of that peculiar type of novel-interwoven in chronology—with verisimilar carelessness, whether or not these and other interesting changes can be traced to the influence of Mr. Ford is a question partly answered by this novel. At least it shows definitely that there is a strong basis for argument here.

Aside from this point, Mr. Ford himself is an important literary figure. In "Some Do Not..." we see a writer of greater intelligence and sophistication than Conrad, and in some respects a better novelist. Unlike Conrad and indeed most of the other highly touted novelists of our day, Mr. Ford persists in the endeavor to make some of his characters intelligent.

His greatest success is Tietjens, the protagonist, who carries the dead weight of the morality of the English squire and the erudition of the gentleman scholar with an unflinching common sense. He recognizes that while others do and there is nothing inherently wrong in their doing, some do not...—and he is one of them; in this attitude his only concession to sentimentality is an unflinching and quiet pride. A gentlemen according to

## TO REVIVE INDOOR TRACK ATHLETICS

(Continued from page 1)

with the old regularity. But in 1916, a relay team representing the Lavender sprang into athletic fame by winning first place in many A. A. U. meets at the St. John's College games, and at the annual Penn Relay games. This team broke the College and relay class record in this meet.

In 1920, a Lavender relay team, captured three first places in a row winning in the Osceola, Wilco, and 106th Regiment games. Brooklyn Poly was likewise defeated in a special relay race preliminary to the basketball game of that year.

Standing head and shoulders above the host of College runners, George Bisgier, captain of the '20-'21 team, ran himself to the pinnacle of fame when he showed his fleet heels to the highly-touted N. Y. A. C. runner, Bernie Wefers, Jr., in the 100 yard dash. At the Osceola a games, he raced to an impressive victory in the 220. Only Loren Murchison, nationally known sprinter and Eddie Farrell led him to the tape in the Wilco games in the special 50, 60, and 70 yard dashes. Bisgier rounded out the season by winning the Metropolitan title at 300 yards.

Since then interclass meets, fraternity relays and regularly scheduled meets have failed to revive the activities of the Lavender track team. Time and again, inter-collegiate and A. A. U. special college events have gone by without a single Lavender-stripe flashing around the track. But 1924, the year of the football vindication may bring about a similar proof of the Lavender prowess on the indoor track. It may be the year when College runners take to the boards not only to win titles but to prove to the world that the College track team is as good as the basketball combination. The oldest College sport will attempt to come back to life again.

## FROSH OPPOSE SOPHS ON MAT AND IN POOL

Contest for A. A. Banner to Take Place Tomorrow After Chapel

Two fresh-soph clashes, on the mat and in the swimming pool, will take place tomorrow, both counting toward the A. A. banner. The frosh-pool team will meet the '27 aggregation after chapel, while the wrestling teams of each class will fight it out in the auxiliary gymnasium at the same time.

The sophomores are now in the lead in the athletic race, having won from the yearlings in baseball, tennis, captured the basketball game and the rifle and handball. The freshmen cross-country meet. In soccer the two classes fought to a scoreless tie. The score stands 4 3/4 for '27 to 3 3/4 for the cubs.

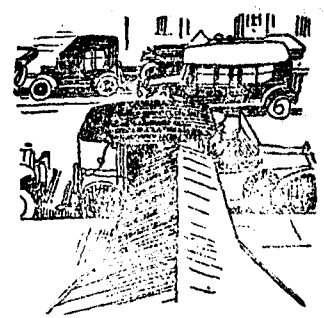
Both contests should be closely contested, the frosh poloists having gained much experience from scrimmages with the Varsity. This advantage, however, will be offset by the presence of men from the latter team in the ranks of the sophs.

## PLAY 17 GAMES IN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Seventeen games in the round-robin chess tournament have already been played. Five more remain to be contested, the results of which will determine the varsity chess team.

Fajans '27 won three of his five matches. In the remaining series Bengis '26 was victorious in two out of three games, Bronstein '27 in two out of three, Hananer '27 in one out of three; and Smith '28 in one out of two. Atlas '27 lost his game to Fajans '27.

The remaining games will be played next week. The two men highest in standing will form the varsity chess team together with Koslan '26 and Santasiere '26, last term's members.



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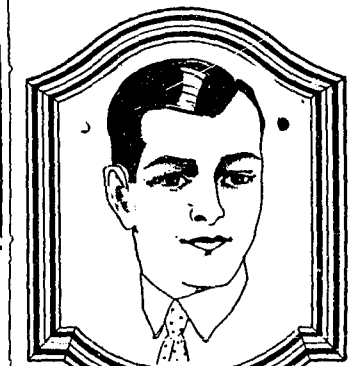
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# Upsala and Lund Universities Seat of Sweden's Scholars; Athletics Play Small Part, Music Furnishing Diversion; No Compulsory Chapel or Classes; Women in Minority

By C. H. Brillioth  
Director American-Swedish News Exchange.

(This is another of a series of articles treating of the great schools of the world. They have been gathered by the Yale Daily News and are appearing in college papers throughout the country.)

If a student from an American college were to spend a year at the Swedish universities of Upsala or Lund he would experience a series of surprises, some of them mystifying, most of them delightful. He would be encouraged to a life of personal freedom there which, if attempted in America, would surely result in a speedy expulsion. He would find little bustle and show of work and yet when the days of examination came around, he would be amazed at the store of learning which the Swedish student had somehow been able to accumulate. He would hardly sense the deep and inward significance of century-old customs, and he might doubt the practical value of pursuing some of the ideals which inspire the Swedish university men. He would find them driven almost to sentimentality by their devotion to music, yet between times uproarious in their rollicking humor. Swedish students are fond of outdoor sports, yet there is never any danger that organized athletics will interfere with their studies. The graduates are always looked upon as men of achievement and through all their years, whether rich or poor, constitute a solid aristocracy.

In Sweden, as in other countries of Europe, the universities are named from the towns in which they are situated. Thus at Upsala, a quaint old town of 30,000 inhabitants, about forty miles northward from Stockholm, so old that it was once famous as the seat of the heathen gods, is the University of Upsala, founded in 1477. Down at Lund, a town of only 24,000 inhabitants, almost in the southern tip of Sweden, in a region that has seen much stress of war and changing political fate, is the University of Lund, founded in 1688, smaller and younger than the sister of the north, yet of an equally brilliant career. Besides the two older institutions are two so-called private universities at Stockholm and Gothenburg, founded in the years 1878 and 1891, respectively. College Divided Into "Nations"—the Basic Student Organization

When a young Swede is ready to enter Upsala or Lund he is at first concerned not so much with what courses to select, or what sports to try out for, as he is with the question of what "nation" to join. The whole college is divided up into "nations," which constitutes the fundamental organization of the student body. Every "nation" is a sort of club which is the academic and social home of the members as long as they are at college; where the most intense fraternal spirit is fostered. And, in after years, when graduates are introduced to each other the names of their respective "nations" are invariably mentioned in the first breath. It is extremely important, therefore, to choose the right crowd upon entering the university. The "nations" (thirteen at Upsala and twelve at Lund) are named after Swedish provinces, and the student may choose one that corresponds to the province of his birth, or later residence, or "prep" school, or, if he is the son of a university man, he may choose the one to which his father belonged. There is no "hazing," and no ceremony of election. He is admitted immediately to all the privileges of the club-house. During the first year he is known at Upsala as a "recontior" and at Lund as a "novis," after which he may be a "junior" during all the rest of his years at the university, unless he is lucky enough to be elected to the group of potentates known as "seniors."

In days gone by the men of the "nations" wore uniforms and went about armed with swords. Bloody combats sometimes arose between the rival organizations, and men were

even killed in defending the honor of their group. To-day the sharpest weapons used are pungent wit and biting sarcasm in the May Day harangues that each "nation" visits formally on its most friendly foe. Then following drinking many a "skat" ("To your health"), song, and general merriment.

Great Academic Freedom—Cuts Never Recorded and No "Chapel"

At Swedish universities there are no separate "quadrangles," "yards," or "campuses." Rather the entire town is the "campus." The fresh "recontior" seeks out a room or a boarding house anywhere in town, just as though he were any other private citizen. There are no college dormitories, and no separate dining-rooms. Meals are usually taken in public restaurants, where the students naturally take pretty complete possession.

At night the student may rest, if he wishes, like any gentleman of leisure. He rises when he is no longer sleepy. Alarm clocks are rare. One does not have to get up for "chapel," because there is no chapel. There are lectures some time during the day, of course, but no one has to attend them unless he wishes to do so. There is somewhere in town a university officer called a "dean," who is to be honored, but never feared, for no one in his office keeps any record of absences from lectures. This is academic freedom indeed.

The instruction at Upsala or Lund falls under the four faculties of Theology, Law, Medicine, and Philosophy. The latter faculty comprises literature, languages, sciences, and, in fact, all academic studies not obviously classified under the first three faculties. The permanent staff of instruction consists of professors, who give lectures and conduct examinations for the higher degrees. No tuition fee is charged for attending their lectures. Besides the professors there are "doctors," chosen from among those who have just taken their degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Doctors are remunerated by Fellowships, by fees from their courses, and from private tutoring.

Examinations Given Only to Those Who Desire to Take Them

Courses are usually elected in related groups and so as to allow continuity from one year to the next. After a student has planned a schedule he attends lectures and takes notes, whenever he feels inclined to do so. He attends "seminars," i. e., group discussions led by a professor or doctor which usually end up in "post-seminars" around some restaurant table. During fixed periods of the year professors give examinations to those who desire to take them. These examinations are oral, given in the professor's home, and usually last two hours or more. There is only one examination for each subject.

After about three years of residence at the university the student who has passed his examinations is certified as a "kandidat," i. e. Candidate of Philosophy. This degree indicates more advanced study than the degree of Bachelor of Arts at American colleges. The "Kandidat," indeed, receives his degree at the average age of twenty-three, while the average age for the Bachelor of Arts degree is twenty-one. Those who intend to become teachers in the civil service must take the degree of "magister," i. e., Master of Philosophy, for which the requirements are somewhat more rigorous than for the "kandidat" degree, and the average time of study is one-half year longer.

The next degree taken by a "kandidat" or a "magister" is "licentiat," which requires about three or four years of study in the Faculty of Philosophy or of Medicine. An original thesis must be written as part of the required work.

There are no commencement exercises except for those who are receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, but the doctoral "promotions" are unique and thrilling. Those who are working toward this degree must prepare and publish an original dissertation, usually an elaboration of

their "licentiat" thesis. According to old tradition this dissertation must be "hung" in the lobby of the main university building where all who are curious may examine it. The author, who is now twenty-seven or twenty-eight years of age, must defend his book publicly, against a searching examination by a faculty opponent. There is also a second opponent whom the author has himself chosen from among the graduate students. His examination is less severe and usually gives the defender more opportunity to display his knowledge. But everyone in the audience is eager for the examination by the "third opponent," who is also a student. He is the fun maker of the occasion, and indulges his wit and humor in turning the whole previous proceeding into a laughable farce.

Singing Leading Activity of Students—Many Musical Societies

Early in May comes the festive promotion ceremony. Relatives and friends of the "promovend" assemble from far and near. The students, all wearing their white caps, march in a body to the university auditorium, while a battery of artillery takes its position outside. The "rector magnificus," i. e., the university president and the university officials are present. The official "promoter" makes a speech in Latin. This dignitary then calls each new doctor up separately and places a laurel wreath upon his brow, and at that very instant a gun is fired, and flourishes are played by the orchestra. The doctor receives a large parchment diploma. The rest of the day is given to festivity, with the new doctors conspicuous as they stroll about the town, continuing to wear their laurel wreaths. They now provide themselves with gold rings emblematic of their degrees, and in time they frame the diploma together with the laurel wreath. No degree or title acquired after life is more highly prized than this one.

Aside from lectures and studies the most conspicuous feature of the student life is the singing. Swedes are naturally fond of music, and among them have been developed some of the greatest singers of the world; witness Jenny Lind and Christine Nilsson, not to mention some of the prima-donnas of the Metropolitan Opera of to-day. Any one who was fortunate enough to hear the male chorus of Lund students on their American tour in 1904, which included Yale, can testify to a memorable musical event. At Upsala there are several limited singing societies and one general society, which is open to all. The general society meets once a week for practice, and after the rehearsal indoors, it is the invariable custom for the singers to assemble on the town

market place and give a concert to the public. A curious and pleasant feature of this performance is the pause at nine o'clock in order to listen to the silver-toned singing of Queen Christina's Bell. This bell presented by Queen Christina, the famous daughter of Gustave Adolphus, has been ringing for centuries every morning at six and every evening at nine, and its music notes evoke untold associations of days gone by.

From the ranks of the General Singing Society are recruited the best singers for the "Orphei Drangar" (Servants of Orpheus) familiarly known as "O. D." The "O. D." has made frequent concert tours to most of the European capitals and has carried off many prizes from singing contests. These fine traditions and high ideals naturally influence the daily life of the students. Songs are always in order, wherever two or more are assembled, and whether the occasion be gay or grave. In "nation's house," restaurant, home or out upon the street one may almost any time hear the bright melodious voices of eager youth. Often of a calm spring night one may hear the sweet strains of a quartet—which is serenading some lady, who comes to the window to acknowledge the fine tribute arranged for her by her sweetheart, perhaps himself among the singers.

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## WRESTLERS POINT TO B'KLYN POLY MATCH

The varsity wrestlers, with increased confidence gained from their excellent showing against Columbia, are now pointing towards a victory over Brooklyn Poly next Saturday. The engineers do not boast as strong a team as Columbia, and the Lavender should have a better chance to win.

Against the Blue and White, the College grapplers displayed great ability. Every bout was in doubt until the referee's whistle brought it to a close and the timer declared which man had the advantage. Only one match went to the Lion on a fail, Captain Tim Brennan achieving such a victory over Tubridy, who lacked sufficient practice.

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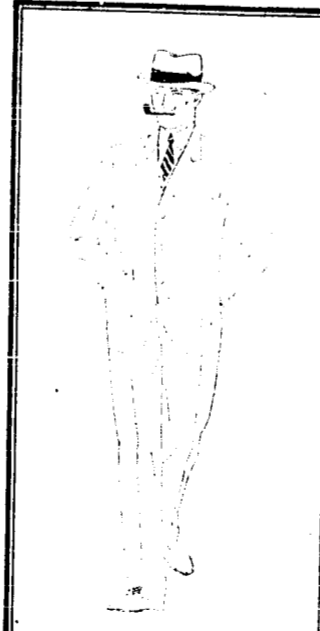


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