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### VARSITY TANKMEN FACE TIGER, LION IN SEASON FINALE

Swimmers and Poloists Meet  
Princeton and Columbia  
in Return Meets

### TIGERS HERE TONIGHT

Varsity Has Best Chances in  
Princeton Polo and in  
Columbia Swim

The curtain will fall upon the 1924 swimming season when the College swimming and water polo teams meet the mermen of Princeton tonight in the home pool and Columbia to-morrow night in the 116 Street natatorium.

After the overwhelming defeat by the Princeton swimming team last week, the Lavender has been working hard and expects to cut down the large score made by the Tigers. Some surprises may be seen to-night.

Johnny Balsom, varsity diver, performed well against Princeton and almost succeeded in capturing second honors. Diving on a familiar board may give Johnny the few extra points needed to defeat Anderson of Princeton for the second position. Casper swam well against such a sterling swimmer as Dick Hayes and may come through to-night with a second place in either of the dashes.

Hal Schnurer, water polo captain, explains the recent defeats of his team by the fact that his men have been playing under unfavorable conditions. The Lavender water-polo team is accustomed to playing in a 60 foot area, which is the size of the College court. The other teams of the League are used to 75 feet areas and as a result the City College men are handicapped in throwing goals. The extra distance also tells on the endurance of the Lavender players.

Captain Schnurer and his teammates play host to the Orange and Black to-night and Hal is confident that the Tigers will not score as easily and frequently as they did last week. No C. C. N. Y. team, since December 1920, has been successful in scoring a touch goal against a Princeton sextet and the College seadogs expect to break the jinx tonight.

The Lavender swimming team has a fighting chance for victory over the Columbia swimmers in to-morrow night's affair. With Krissel, star diver for the Blue and White, out of the line-up, and several of the Lavender men much improved since the last meeting with the Lion, chances for victory are entertainable.

The Columbia water polo team, leaders of the League this season, are favored to defeat the College team in their second meeting of the season. The Blue and White recently trounced the U. of P. team by a score of 77 to 18 and are playing better every match.

### '25 ANNOUNCES COMMITTEES

The following committees of the '25 class were announced last Thursday: Dance: M. Nicholas, chairman, P. Weiner, J. Weisberg, I. Witchell, D. Trachman and S. Looker, presidents of both classes, ex-officio members. Alcove: N. Thaler, chairman, A. Barnet, B. Perlman, M. Hamburg, L. Barkan. Athletic: L. Palitz, basketball, M. Brauer, track, P. Match, baseball.

The '25 class dance will be held May 10.

### Queen of Jazz is Seniors' Favorite Actress; Reformers Sharpen Pencils

Gilda Gray, vamping exponent of vibratory dancing, and acknowledged owner of the shapeliest pair of feminine legs in the world, has captured the hearts of the College seniors, it would appear from the results of the annual questionnaire submitted recently to the '24 class. The queen of jazz was elected favorite actress of the senior class by a goodly margin over Jeanne Eagels, who was said in first reports to be the winner.

A checking over of the other answers on the ballots revealed facts which will be even more interesting to the professional reformer with a penchant for denouncing modern college men. Boccaccio was chosen as the favorite classic author of prose, and his "Decameron" the best-liked prose classic. "If Winter Comes" was voted the most popular modern novel, "Jurgen" losing out by the scanty margin of five votes. As to the best play of the year, the general opinion placed "Rain" at the head of the list, with "Artists and Models" taking second place.

In answer to the query, "Did you ever kiss a girl?" 83 came out with a frank affirmative. Fifteen admitted that they had not yet had the experience, and seventeen dodged the question as being too personal. "None of your business!" was the mildest of the retorts from the advocates of personal liberty. There is thought to be more than a slight connection between the number that confessed to having had no osculatory experience with the fair sex and the almost equal number that considered their college course a failure.

The class was evenly divided on the

question of smoking, fifty-four woosers of Lady Nicotine lined up against fifty-four abstainers. Thirty-three men picked up the habit since entering college, and twenty-one had smoked before matriculation. Popular delusions concerning the love of the college man for the hip-flask, and more specifically for its contents, were smashed by the vote on the repeal of the Prohibition amendment. The seniors stood solidly behind the Volsteadian regime, with a majority vote of 61.

The average City College senior, the statistics revealed, is 21 and a half years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, and weighs 154 pounds. He is going to enter one of three professions: law, medicine or teaching. He likes philosophy and history, reads the Times, the Sun, and the Nation. He thinks economics is the easiest subject, but the most useful, and chemistry and physics the most difficult courses.

He prefers membership in Phi Beta Kappa to varsity athletic insignia. Wilson, he believes, is the greatest American of the age. John Barrymore is his favorite actor and Shaw and O'Neill his favorite dramatists. His taste in modern literature, besides the books already mentioned, runs to Sinclair Lewis, Robert W. Service, and "Spoon River."

The senior choice for next president was Cal Coolidge, with Al Smith as second choice. The Democratic party had the most adherents. As to the most popular professors, Dr. Harry Allen Overstreet, head of the Department of Philosophy, and Dr. Paul Klapper, dean of the School of Education, were the recipients of the most votes.

### VARSITY SHOW TO BE GIVEN MAY 2 AND 3

Dramatic Society To Produce  
O'Neill's Three Act Play,  
"Beyond the Horizon"

The Dramatic Society's choice for its annual production this term has fallen upon Eugene O'Neill's great drama of present day New England life, "Beyond the Horizon." The play will be given on two successive nights, Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at the Hecksher Foundation Theatre. Tickets will be placed on sale shortly, seats being priced at \$2.00, \$1.50, and \$1.00.

"Beyond the Horizon" is by far the most pretentious play that the Dramatic Society has attempted since it was first organized back in the nineties under "Jimmy" Hackett. It is generally recognized as one of the greatest of the plays written by America's premier playwright, and it took New York by storm when it was first produced three years ago by Arthur Hopkins.

Work on the play is progressing rapidly. The record number of 126 men tried out for parts in the production, which calls for only nine characters. Most of the roles have already been assigned and rehearsals will be started immediately. Dr. Tynan, of the English Department, will again coach the production, Seymour A. Copstein, '25, has been chosen Production Manager, Murray Saiken, House Manager; Michael Nicholas, Stage Manager; and James Corbett, Publicity Manager. Various positions on the staff are still open, and applicants should see any of the fore-mentioned managers immediately.

### NASSAU COURT TEAM DEFEATS C. D. A. FIVE

The Circulo Dante Alighieri basketball team bowed to the Nassau Club last Friday night by a 22-17 score. At the end of the first half the C. D. A. was leading 16 to 4. Lack of condition and team work told in the second half and the Nassau team rapidly drew away. For the C. D. A. Marasco and Trachmani played a sterling game.

### TECH STUDENTS WILL INSPECT DREDGE WORK

The students and faculty of the School of Technology, will journey to Long Beach to observe some dredging and building operations during Easter Week, April 19 to 27 inclusive. The group will make the trip in special busses.

### PRACTICE BEGINS FOR EVENING SESSION MEET

Practice for the second Evening Session indoor track meet to be held on April 1 will begin Monday evening in the gym. Practice will take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Candidates for the sprints and 440 yard run will be coached by David Cohen, formerly a member of the Glencoe Athletic Club.

### SEVEN ARTS BOOKSHOP TO EMPLOY SALESMEN

Salesmen to canvass the College on a commission basis for the Seven Arts bookshop may obtain employment from Richard P. Morris of the registrar's office. The work will be carried on only during the regular curricular hours. The books are sold at a twenty percent reduction off publisher's price.

### PROPOSE BRANCHES IN B'KLYN, BRONX

Legislators Vie with Each Other  
in Introducing Legislation  
for City College Branches

Five bills are now before the legislature at Albany concerning the establishment of branches of the College and of independent colleges in Brooklyn and in the Bronx. Three bills relate to a Brooklyn centre and two to a Bronx university.

A bill for an independent university in Brooklyn was withdrawn in favor of a new Love bill for a University centre of the College. The original Reich bill for an independent college in Brooklyn, is not being pushed, in order to permit the passage of the new measure favored by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. The Shoffel bill for an independent university in the Bronx and the Antin bill for a university center of City College in the Bronx are also to be considered by the legislature.

In 1917 the Evening Session established a branch of the College of the City of New York in the Borough of Brooklyn. It was anticipated that this Evening Session branch would soon grow into a day session of the College to meet the growing demands of the Borough of homes.

Senator William Lathrop Love also introduced a bill for the creation of a University of the County of Kings. The Director of the Evening Session pointed out to the Senator that it was hardly necessary to create a new institution when the College, which was itself substantially a university, was in the picture. The result was the introduction of a new bill.

During the last year the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, under a committee headed by Mr. Louis Pink, had formulated a policy concerning public education in Brooklyn. The Chamber of Commerce petitioned the Trustees of the College to take the necessary steps in connection with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to acquire lands and buildings in the Borough across the river. The Chamber of Commerce therefore, urged upon Senator Love the importance of joining the movement which it had already well in hand and under way.

The Senator saw the wisdom and desirability of this course and he has now introduced a new bill which authorizes the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in its discretion, to appropriate sufficient funds to establish a center of instruction under the Trustees of the College of the City in Brooklyn.

If this center is sufficiently large to include not only a College of Liberal Arts and Science with day and evening sessions, but also two or more professional schools, it will be known as the University of the Borough of Brooklyn. That is, the College of the City of New York will have, as one of its centers, a Borough University.

In the meantime, Assemblyman Shoffel of the Bronx, introduced a very comprehensive bill asking for the creation of a University of the County of Bronx. Hardly had this bill come from the press, when Senator Antin of the Bronx introduced a bill, which is a companion to the new Love bill, authorizing a University of the Borough of the Bronx which shall be under the direction of the Trustees of the College of the City of New York.

### NEW TRUSTEE



John C. Dyer

### DYER '04 CHOSEN COLLEGE TRUSTEE

Hylan Appoints Trustees To  
Fill Place of Thomas  
Churchill, '82

Mayor John F. Hylan has announced the appointment of former Municipal Court Justice John G. Dyer, '04, to the Board of Trustees of City College to fill the place recently vacated when Thomas W. Churchill was called to the Supreme Court bench. Judge Dyer will serve until July 1, 1927.

When informed of his appointment, Judge Dyer said: "I value this appointment as a grave trust and as an opportunity to advance the interests of the College which offers to every New York school boy a real chance to obtain, through his own efforts, an education that otherwise would be denied him for lack of financial means. I owe much to the College and to its earnest and learned instructors. I hope that in my service as Trustee, I may be able, in a small measure, to repay the debt I owe the College."

John F. Dyer was graduated from the College in 1904. He was president of his class in his Sophomore year and was a member of the varsity track team, the Phreno debating team, and a representative of his Class in the prize speaking contests. He was appointed Deputy Assistant District Attorney in 1916, Secretary to Justice John W. Goff of the Supreme Court in 1918, and Justice of the Municipal Court in 1920.

Mr. Dyer has been connected with many movements for the benefit of Washington Heights. He was chairman of the Committee of Allied Organizations which held the Flag Day celebration in 1923 for the children of the Heights, as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the City of New York. In addition he is chairman of several prominent committees and member of many societies on the Heights.

### MARCH ISSUE OF THE OWL APPEARS MONDAY

The Owl, the regular monthly publication of the evening session, will be placed on sale next Monday in all three of the night school branches of the College. This issue of The Owl is featured by a special contribution from an anonymous faculty member, "Business and the College Man". There is also included a new department "Do You Know", in which prizes are offered. Sale of the magazine will continue throughout the week.

### FACULTY MEMBERS PRAISE SPIRIT OF STUDENT REPORT

Establishment of Esthetics  
Course Favored—Opinion  
Divided on Extra Credit System

### CHANGE HISTORY HOURS

A reduction in the number of hours given to History 1 from four to three, and an increase in History 4 from two to three hours was announced yesterday by Professor Nelson P. Mead, chairman of the history department. The change was approved at the last faculty meeting, and takes effect in the fall.

More praise for the report of the curriculum committee was voiced by faculty members yesterday. Professor J. Salwyn Schapiro, of the history department declared that a course in esthetics is a dire need in the College. He expressed himself as in favor of a course in the history of science. The committee's proposals to exempt "A" men from final examinations and to discontinue the system of extra credits for high grade work were also commended by the professor.

"A college which produces men who can do a piece of work like this," said Professor Erastus Palmer, of the public speaking department, "is one which is accomplishing its purpose. Men should be taught to think at college; this report gives every evidence that this institution has succeeded."

Both the aesthetics and the history of science courses were warmly approved by Professor William Bradley Otis of the English department. "Too often men take elementary subjects," he said, "without seeing any relationship between them and knowledge at large. Such courses as these would serve as lighthouses pointing out a path. They would give a general perspective, far more valuable than mere unrelated knowledge."

Professor Otis declared himself in favor of lengthening the English course, which he called "a sketchy survey as now constituted." An intensive study of the history of English literature, according to Dr. Otis, furnishes a great deal of the background for work in history and philosophy.

Opinion was divided concerning the continuance of the system of extra credits, but the exemption of "A" men from final examinations was favored. According to Professor Schapiro some instructors have had a mistaken idea that students would shirk work if given the chance. This report shows, declares Professor Schapiro, that the undergraduates are seriously interested in gradually revising the curriculum.

### FENCING CLUB ENGAGES IN FIRST COMPETITION

The Fencing Club has arranged a match with the Ethical Culture fencing team to be held on Saturday, March 29. Three foilsmen will represent Lavender. They will in all likelihood be Rosenberg, Blanc, and Rosenblatt.

The next practice of the club will be held in the auxiliary gymnasium, Monday at one o'clock.

Matches with the second teams of West Point, Columbia, N. Y. U., and Fordham will be arranged in the future and a successful campaign will probably result in the formation of a varsity team.

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**TWO OLD FRIENDS RETURN**

The revival of those two dignified and august literary clubs, Clonia and Phrenocosmia is a most gratifying occurrence. These societies are the oldest student organizations in the College. Both of them are steeped in memorable tradition. Time was when a student considered it the highest possible honor to be proffered membership in either of them. There are a number of professors, alumni of the College, who welcome with a peculiar interest the movement to restore them to their former position in the field of student activity. The clubs are especially dear to them, because they call to memory fond recollections of long, heated discussions, continuing sometimes from sunset to sunrise, on all manner of subjects related directly or indirectly to literature. The scene of these blissful hours of intellectual encounter was always an inn or a coffee house where the atmosphere, the companionship and the bacchanalian beverages were stimulating to thought and expression.

We are pleased to learn that the organizers of these societies propose to restore not merely the traditional names, but the original purpose and spirit also. The development of warm friendships and the free, enlightened discussion of worth-while subjects: these are the objects in view.

Groups such as these are more valuable at City College than they would be anywhere else. One vital element in college life is lost by the average student at this institution; that is the opportunity of close companionship with fellow-student and with professor and the candid thrashing out of the multitude of vexing problems which present themselves incessantly at this period of life. It is indeed regrettable that only a very few shall have the privilege of enjoying the benefits of the literary societies. Useless restrictive however, their primary purpose would be defeated. But there is room for more similar organizations.

Along this very line we would like to offer a suggestion to societies, such as the Menorah, comprising a comparatively large membership. Why not adopt the policy which the Y. M. C. A. has been pursuing for the past year or more in regard to discussion groups? Every week the "Y" holds such an open meeting in the alcove, led by some member of the Faculty. The idea is growing in favor and popularity among the students and is proving to be a decidedly beneficial project. It is our opinion that the substitution of such groups in place of some of the lectures would be an advantageous move. Let us encourage this most effective method of sound education.

**AND WE MIGHT ADD—**

It should be of interest to City College men that Mr. James K. Hackett's first American presentation of "Macbeth" in several years, received the high commendation of virtually all of New York's (more or

**Gargoyles**

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SKEPTIC SOCIETY MAKES ANOTHER DISCOVERY

A maid may seem calm and collected  
And quite meek; yet it may be a stall;  
Though decorum is what you expected  
She may not be decorous at all.

Instances of longevity are almost all of them found among persons accustomed to exercise and who have undergone the greatest labor and fatigue. I cannot help citing the following instance on the authority of the English newspapers, as it affords so much room for reflection on this subject. 'One Patrick O'Neale, born in the year 1647, married his seventh wife in 1760. He served in the dragoons in the seventeenth year of the reign of Charles II and in different corps till 1740, when he obtained his discharge. He had made all the campaigns of King William and the Duke of Marlborough. This extraordinary person never drank anything stronger than small beer and lived upon vegetables. His custom was to rise with the sun, and go to bed when it set; except on such urgent occasions as prevented. Notwithstanding his great age, he is well in health, walks without a crutch, is hardly ever unemployed and every Sunday goes to his parish church, accompanied by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.'

—Rousseau.

Now will you be good!

To-night the Campus Scribes will Frolic Wildly in the Webb Room. Watch Gargoyles for another Scoop on Monday!

**ONE MAN KILLED ANOTHER WOUNDED IN PISTOL DUEL**

Old Love Affair Ends in True Western Fashion

SAWTOOTH, ARIZONA, March 21—Daniel McGrew, 46, was instantly killed and Arthur Denkley, 41, probably fatally wounded in a gun fight between the two men, this afternoon, in the Malamuke Cafe, on Main Street and First Avenue. The duel was the culmination of a love affair lasting twelve years.

Denkley entered the Cafe intoxicated and forced the pianist to let him play. He then rendered Hartmann's "Lost Soul" in a truly masterful fashion. Of the crowd that had gathered around, not one failed to understand his portrayal of the happy home, the faithless wife and finally, the revengful spouse.

At the conclusion, the artist suddenly turned and accused McGrew of stealing his wife, simultaneously drawing a gun. In the exchange of shots, McGrew was killed and Denkley wounded. He was removed to St. Mary's Hospital where it is reported, there is little chance for his recovery.  
W. R. Murphy.

**TO A MORON**

You may be vain,  
But my dear, as to brain,  
You're deficient.  
Brains? Not a speck;  
But you goo-goo and neck;  
That's sufficient.

Looks? You are hot.  
But your hat-rack is not  
Over laden.

What will you do  
When they take your I. Q.  
Pretty maiden?

less authoritative) dramatic critics.

We would call the attention of all Freshmen to the letter of Professor Burchard published elsewhere in this issue. It is very possible that some upperclassmen might also gain some benefit from it. In any event, it is worth reading.

The request of The Campus for student expression on the Curriculum Report has met with encouraging response. Numerous letters have been received, a few of which appear in adjacent columns.

ABEL

**Student Report Arouses Interest**

Many letters have been received from the faculty and from the student body discussing the merits and pointing out defects in the proposals contained in the report of the student committee on the curriculum. Several of these communications are printed below:

To the Editor of The Campus:  
My Dear Sir:

I note that the curriculum committee has recommended the abolition of extra credits for "A" and "B" work. This proposal is based on three assumptions:— (1) that there are certain courses that are "easy," (2) that extra credits enable men to graduate in too short a time, and, (3) that the bonus system does not lend itself to the stimulation of good scholarship.

If these basic assumptions were valid the suggested remedy might be warranted. Easiness, however, is not a quality inherent in the material of particular courses. It depends rather upon the interest of the student. A student interested in mathematics will designate the most strenuous session as pleasantly easy, whereas one not interested in the subject will contrarily term the most elementary data as unbearably hard. An instructor that is indolent, that blinks at shirkers, will soon find his courses labelled easy. On the other hand, a professor who tolerates no procrastination, who makes his students toe the mark, is hard. Easiness depends on external circumstances. A set of notes, an essay from a pupil who received "A" in the course last term will cause the most shiftless to smile placidly as he confidently coos—"easy."

More deserving of attention is the second postulate—that students are enabled to leave college in too short a time. If a college were an institution to which one comes for facts, one might agree with the committee that the more courses taken, the more facts acquired et cetera. But a college is not a place to which one comes to learn facts. On the contrary, facts are mere incidents. The important things a college gives a man are first, a radical attitude. It veers the sophisticated primate that enters its portals from the authoritarianism of a scholastic to the scepticism of a modern. The second thing a college teaches a man is a method, a technique of scientific procedure by which starting from tested assumptions we come to tenable conclusions. And thirdly the college imparts habits—habits of industry, stick-to-it-iveness, and so forth. Viewed from this angle a man that can graduate from college in three years (and he can only do this by maintaining an "A" record throughout) is just as well educated as the gentleman who, playing the alcove lizard, manages to hang on for five years.

The third hypothesis—that the bonus system does not lend itself to the stimulation of good scholarship—is likewise unfounded. Let our colleagues on the curriculum committee introspect themselves at those times when, on the border line between being rated as an Upper Junior or Lower Senior, an additional credit or so would have put them ahead a whole half year, and see if they can honestly say that they did not try just a little harder, and spend just a little more time on that history or government essay.

I trust the committee will reconsider its decision relative to the abolition of the bonus system or at least that the faculty will take cognizance of the fact that not all its suggestions have the unanimous support of the student body.

Henry Spitz, '25.

**Discusses B. S. Changes**

The curriculum committee has presented an admirable report which I feel sure will be considered favorably as a whole. It seems the committee has taken infinite pains not only to investigate student opinion here but what has been accomplished in a similar direction elsewhere. It has skillfully crystallized the grievances and desires of a large majority of the students.

(What I mention is to be taken solely from the viewpoint of a student primarily interested in pure science, but with an appreciation of the meaning of a cultural and liberal education; and is no doubt indicative of the feeling of most students taking the B. S.

courses.)  
However, the desirability of dropping the credit system for A's and B's is strictly questionable.

The reapportionment of credits among the advanced science courses is perfectly evident to those who have taken them. The addition of a course in esthetics, giving an appreciation of the classics in art, music, and literature would be very welcome, particularly to those not specializing in such studies. The proposed course in the history of science would be a direct stimulus to further interest, not only inspirational but a highly useful coordinator of these closely related branches of knowledge. In the science entirely too much time is spent on the actual work itself, the history is usually omitted, and sometimes casually mentioned.

I look back with much regret at the time so uselessly spent on descriptive geometry for the supposed purpose of cultivating traits and "faculties" gained in a much more pleasant way in other courses. I say "supposed purpose" because it is easy to recall the words of my instructors, emphasizing the use of Art 1 and 2 for "draftsmen, engineer, architects," but never a word about anything else.

Although psychology does play an important part in science, and although many science students take it as an elective, it seems preferable nevertheless not to make it a prescribed subject. The tendency to add too many courses to the prescribed list is admittedly reprehensible.

Bernard Fread, '25.

**Raps Elective Latin**

It was with sincere interest that I read in a recent issue of The Campus the report submitted by the Student Committee on the Curriculum. Most of the suggestions, I believe, are equitable, conservative and expressive of the student body, except one, the unreasonable and partiality of which prompted me to write this letter. I refer to the proposal that Latin be no longer obligatory for the Arts degree.

The committee admits long hesitation before making this proposal, and its absurdity convinces me that the flip of a coin was the determining factor. Latin, to be sure, is a "dead" language in that no living nation speaks it, but fortunately is not extinct.

Since time immemorial it has served as a means of discipline, and has had a most profound humanizing influence upon mankind. Prejudice, no doubt, obscures the vision of the committee from seeing the eventful benefits of a classical training: a knowledge of mythical lore—with which Latin literature is replete—which develops an appreciation of the motives and condition of ancient literature and art; a sympathy with the ancient tongues, thoughts and beliefs of English; a heightened enjoyment of works of literature which have classical characteristics; and lastly, the sharpening of the aesthetic judgement.

The committee claims that a student can learn mythology from a book of myths, apparently unaware of the fact that such a book is an inferior substitute, and, as Bullfinch himself says, "is intended for one who does not learn it through the medium of the languages of Greece and Rome."

It would, doubtless, further recommend that we study the classics thru translations and summaries. Aside from the lack of the above-mentioned advantages, the inadequacy and inaccuracy of such translations are very obvious. Gayley, in "Classical Myths," says, "Such second-hand study must, indeed, be ever a makeshift, for the literature of a people inheres in its language, and loses its seeming and often its characteristic when caparisoned in the trappings of another speech—an utterance totally dissimilar—the outcome of diverse conditions of physical environment, history, social and intellectual tradition."

True it is that Latin is a difficult subject and its preliminary mechanics complex. But should that be a de-

**'POP' ISSUES FROSH OWN GOLDEN RULES**

Prof. Burchard Talks Straight From Shoulder in Chapel Post-Script

To the Men of '27 and '28:

One of the inevitable terrors of impromptu speaking is that the alleged orator—at any rate this one—is apt to forget many items which he had intended to fire off, and to spend a night of insomniac regret over the unjoked jokes and the unpreached preachments which he feels fatuously sure would have crowned his platitudinous address with the one missing flower of success. And therefore, I have begged the indulgent Editor of The Campus to let me send you this postscript of two or three random omissions.

1. Buy, beg or borrow, but own your Emerson's Conduct of Life, and read it once a year for four years. If you find you like Emerson, read the Essays, English Traits, and Representative Men.

2. I recommend Franklin's Autobiography, and Self Help, by Samuel Smiles. Add Arnold Bennett's How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day and C. C. N. Y.—Memories of Sixty Years (to be found in the Library).

3. If you mean to make a success of your life in general or your college life in particular, develop will. Without will, all your accomplishment, learning, ability of mind or body, will be futile—"sounding brass and tinkling cymbal". Therefore, set yourself to-day a stunt—the harder the better—and do it. Let it be debating, writing, football, tennis, class office, the presidency of the Student Council, the Pell Medal, the Phi Beta Kappa Key—what you will,—but set your will to it. Train the will to concentration, as you'd bulge your biceps by a specific exercise in the Gym.

To illustrate, when I was a boy, Tyndall, the English Scientist, delivering a farewell address at a dinner in New York after his memorable lectures, told this story about himself which I still remember well. Describing his student days in Germany he said, "In my room I had a great wooden tub filled with water. Near my lodgings, a church bell tolled the hours. Every morning, when that clock began to strike six, I was in bed, but, before it had struck the sixth note, I was in my tub."

Visualize the blackness of a German winter morning at six, the icy coldness of that tub, and you will get some notion of the indomitable will of young John Tyndall, and, even if you knew nothing of his subsequent career, you would be pretty safe in prophesying that that student would "get" whatever he went after in earnest.

Which reminds me to advise you to read Tyndall's Hours of Exercise in the Alps, and get acquainted with a red-blooded "he-man" scientist and, incidentally, a world of beauty and adventure. Then read how, when he learned that his wife through her blunder had given him poison instead of medicine with sudden death relentlessly upon him, he spoke to her only in tenderness and gentleness—and, as you face the journey of the years ahead of you, add one example in manliness to your pilgrim scrip.

And here, with many apologies, endeth the postscript.

Lewis Sayre Burchard, '77.

termining influence? Was it the purpose of the committee to reduce the rigor of the courses?

The work of the committee, however, is commendable and ought not to be derogated. It has taken the first big step of presenting the existing curriculum problems before the college. Ought not a second step be taken, that of having the students vote on the problems with which each is directly concerned? The result would be more representative and more forcible and consequently meet with more favor in the eyes of the faculty.

C. I. Freundlich, '26.





Since the start of the spring semester, the College water polo team has not been right. Columbia, Yale, and Princeton have run roughshod over the Lavender. Even the Pennsylvania sextet, which was beaten by Schurer's men last term, defeated the Lavender this semester although the Red and Blue captain, Friedman, had been graduated.

It is difficult to assign a reason for the comparatively poor showing of the Lavender. No one will say that the men are not fighting as hard now as before. No one will say that they are not practicing as often. Yet the team that beat Penn last term and did so well in practice is not as good now as then.

One thing is certain, nevertheless, and that is that when the pool was shut to the team between terms by the College authorities, the team was not benefited. Perhaps the men strained their physical powers too much, when they were forced to meet the strong Columbia poloists with only two days of practice. Maybe that is why Trachman, whose strength is best illustrated by his nickname—"Tarzan," has not been able to play through a whole game.

That's only surmise. But, indubitably, the morale of the men was not bettered by the refusal of the authorities to open the tank.

Everyone has been proud of the C. C. N. Y. aquatic teams. Each season they are confronted by marvellous opponents. Each year they are faced by almost certain and overwhelming defeat. Yet, despite this vision, each year, each match, each event has seen them fighting as hard as before.

In appreciation of their manliness the pool was kept closed to them when they needed it. Does it seem a wonder then, that they are so easily beaten now? Since that time, the watermen it seems, have entered each event morally beaten. How can one expect ordinary teams like the Lavender's to fight against the all-star crack aggregations they meet in the League year in and year out when the authorities give them such encouragement?

With no varsity track men present and without the cheers of their classmates, the men who competed in the interclass track meet performed in fine style. With track at C. C. N. Y. as dead as it was this winter it was indeed a pleasant surprise to see such good performances. That the outdoor season will be successful is now a strong probability. The men who showed their wares at this meet plus the absent varsity veterans and those whom Mac is training in the optional hygiene work assure the College of a strong aggregation.

That track was lifeless at the College this winter was entirely due to the men themselves. No appeals of Mac nor of Manager Berson could induce the trackmen to practice as a group or even as individuals. Yet the men most sought by these appeals—the veterans, the varsity insignia wearers—who never cared to train for the College indoor season did work and train for weeks in order to represent an evening recreation center and so easily win medals.

The rifle men are compiling a record that probably no other first year team will ever equal. Murray, Captain, finished higher than any other collegian in a national prone gallery championship meet. While this does not make him collegiate all-round champion, it does place him in the front rank of the country's indoor shots. The rest of the nimrods are only a few paces back of Murray. Were the colleges ranked now the Lavender shooters would be among the first ten—and this despite their using metal sights as against the telescopic sights of their opponents.

AN OPEN LETTER

Mr. Walter Blum,  
Manager of Basketball,  
College.

Dear Walt,

Last November a reporter of The Campus was sent to you to ascertain the details of the annual interclass basketball tournament. At the time you declared that you would conduct the tourney after the season.

Since March 1st, a reporter of The Campus has been to you at least twice each week. Each time you were interviewed, you were able only to iterate and reiterate the rules of the tourney—rules which are known to everybody. The only thing not of common knowledge is the date. In answer to questions seeking the date of the tournament you replied "Soon," "Next week," or "I don't know."

Need you be reminded that your duty is not only to arrange a schedule, entertain your visitors, keep your score-book, and manage trips but also to look to the future in order to help the basketball teams of that time? Interclass tournaments are prolific sources of players—Pinkie Match, for example, was invited to try for the five after Coach Nat Holman had seen him play in an interclass game. Since the College is eager for the tourney and since it will only be performing your duty, won't you announce the opening of the Tournament immediately?

CHESS TEAM TO MEET  
N. Y. U. IN SIXTH MATCH

The City College Chess Team will engage in its sixth match of the season when it meets the N. Y. U. team on Saturday evening in the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club.

The same team that humbled Columbia, 5-3, will again represent the college. Captain Erling Tholfsen, winner of the Marshall Chess Club championship a few weeks ago will be C. C. N. Y.'s premier entry. A. Pinikus, H. Koslan, J. Rosenbaum, L. Kurty, A. Bengis, M. Hanauer and B. Bass comprise the remainder of the team.

The College aggregation has attained fourth place among the ten clubs entered in the Metropolitan League Tournament, having won three matches, tied one and lost two for a percentage of .583.

SPRING GRID TRAINING  
PLANNED BY PARKER

Indoor spring practice for next season's football squad is being planned by Doc Parker. All candidates for next fall's team meet in Wrestling Room 2, of the Hygiene Building next Monday at 2 o'clock. Men now taking hygiene courses will be excused if chosen for the squad.

RABINOVICH IS TO  
MANAGE 1925 QUINTET

Mortimer Rabinovich, '25, was elected manager of the varsity basketball team for the 1924-1925 season, at a meeting of the A. A. Board, held Wednesday afternoon. Maurice Pepper, '26, was elected assistant-manager. The freshman quintet is handled by the assistant manager.

Leo Meyers, '26, was chosen mana-

ger of the varsity wrestling team. The assistant manager of the sport will be elected next week.

Rabinovich served as manager of the '27 freshman quintet during the past season, and was a junior-assistant the season before. Pepper acted as junior assistant to manager Blum during the past season.

Meyers served as a junior assistant in track and is former president of the '26 class.

A. S. C. E. WILL MEET TODAY

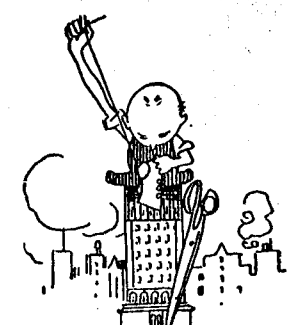
There will be a meeting of the A. S. C. E. in the drafting room of Compton Hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The discussion of the Van Cortland Park plan will be continued.



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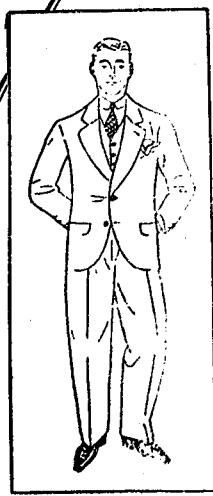
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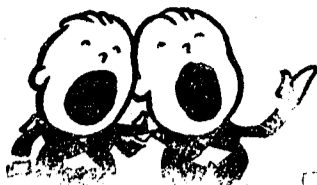
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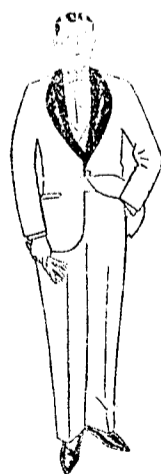
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BASEBALL SQUADS TAKE TO THE TURF

Coach Holman Takes Charge Thursday—Four Veterans Are on Tap

BY JACK A. NADEL

The varsity baseball team had its first outdoor practice of the year Wednesday. Due to the muddy condition of the grounds in the stadium, the practice was held in Jasper Oval. Coach Parker took charge Wednesday, and Nat Holman, varsity coach, relieved the fresh mentor yesterday. He had the men throwing the ball around to take it easy in order to avoid the number of sore arms that usually results from initial outdoor workouts. At five o'clock the candidates adjourned to the gym where they were instructed in the art of bunting.

With only four regulars left from last year's baseball team, prospects for the coming season apparently are somewhat gloomy. The five graduating members, Axtell, Hahn, Salz, Nadel, and Bongiorno were the mainstays of the team and supplied most of the hitting power.

However, in looking over the candidates, much encouragement is derived. Eight members of the crack freshman team are back and Coach Holman will look to these men to fill the vacancies.

The regulars remaining from last year, are Trulio, Match, Weisberg and Wigderson. The members of the freshmen team are Hodesblatt, Moder, Slatkin, Plant, Goldberg, Raskin, Halpern and Kaufman.

The infield seems to be the weakest cog in the team. The only veteran left is Weisberg at second base. Jack is only a fair fielder and only a .275 hitter. Slatkin, the Freshman infielder is certain of clinching the shortstop position. He is one of the most graceful infielders City College ever had. Besides he is a fairly good batsman.

Another infield aspirant is Lynch, a former Naval Academy student. He played ball at T. H. H. and at the Academy. He showed good form in the early practice.

There are two veterans left from last year's crack outfield. Capt. Trulio was the leading batter of the team with an average of .342. He is also one of the best fielders at the college in a long time. "Pinkie" Match, varsity basketball captain, although somewhat weak in batting is a good fielder. He shows the same qualities on the diamond as he does on the basketball court.

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CLUB HEARS OTIS TODAY

The Social Problems Club, which yesterday conducted an open forum meeting to discuss the first report of the Curriculum Committee, will hear Professor Otis on "Woodrow Wilson" in Room 126 at one o'clock today.

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