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SPEAKING PRIZES TO BE CONTESTED IN CHAPEL FRIDAY

Block, Clancy, Fensterstock, Halpern, Rosenbaum, Spitz in Prose Competition

3 MEN IN POETRY FINALS

Cohen, Rosen and Wechsler Will Deliver Poems—Hatch to Preside

Tomorrow night at 8:15 in the Great Hall of the College, nine men will compete in the finals of the extemporaneous prize speaking and poetry contests. The men entered in the prose competition are Herbert A. Block, John G. Clancy, Barney B. Fensterstock, Robert Halpern, Bernard Rosenbaum and Henry Spitz. Men competing for the Roemer poetry prize are Felix S. Cohen, Edward Rosen and Louis Wechsler. Professor Hatch of the department of Public Speaking will preside.

The prose speakers will talk on some phase of the "United States Supreme Court". The poetry contestants will deliver the following poems: Rosen—"The Revenge" by Tennyson; Cohen—"The Highwayman" by Noyes; Wechsler—"The Congo" by Lindsay.

Three Judges

The judges of the contest are Mr. John Hewitt, Mr. John Hughes and Mr. George Weinberger. Two of the men have served in this capacity before. The policy has been to choose judges from the ranks of competitors for the awards in preference to selecting them from the present professors in the College. The program Friday night will be opened with a selection played by Professor Baldwin on the organ. Following this will come the extemporaneous competition. The contestants will draw lots to determine the order in which they will appear. After another selection by Professor Baldwin, the three men striving for the Roemer prize will appear.

This year the prizes to be awarded will be twice the number of those in former years. This is due to the fact that the contest is now held annually, instead of each semester, as formerly was the case.

Speaking Extempore

The phase of the Supreme Court question upon which the contestant is to speak will be announced one hour before the competition. This system is first being initiated this year. Among the speakers, Henry Spitz is Captain of the debating team, and president of the Politics Club. He was runner up in last year's contest. John Clancy is Captain of the water polo team. Barney Fensterstock is a member of the debating team and editor of Mercury. Halpern is a member of the College debating team. The Roemer prize is a cash award of \$15 dollars offered for the best poetry declamation. The only limitation to the choice of a piece is that it must not have won a prize in the past five years. Felix S. Cohen has been associated with The Campus two years and is at present a member of the editorial board of the paper. Louis Wechsler is a member of Phrenococsmia and took part in the Varsity Show. Edward Rosen is the second member of his family to compete for the Roemer prize, his brother having won it several years ago with Dr. Finley's "Birthnight Candle." Admission to the contest is free. Tickets may be secured at the Public speaking office.

College 78 Years Old Today; Ceremonies Set for May 20

Today, Charter Day, is the 78th anniversary of the granting of the College charter. The actual celebration of this occasion, however, will not take place until May 20, when Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira, the Japanese Ambassador, will be able to be present at the ceremonies. Both he and John H. Finley, ex-president of the College, will be the principal speakers at the morning exercises in the Great Hall.

Exactly 78 years ago, May 7, 1847, the Legislature of the State of New York passed an act authorizing the newly created Board of Education of New York City to establish what was to be known as the New York Free Academy. To Townsend Harris, then a member of the Board of Education, is due the credit of being the real founder of the College, for it was on his motion that a committee was appointed in July, 1846, to report upon a plan. Their report resulted in the subsequent granting of a charter. On the 15th of January, 1849, the doors of the Free Academy, on 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue, were opened, for the first time, to a class of City College freshmen—the class of '53.

The original building, with its curious buttresses and corner turrets, still stands downtown, "a monument to New Yorkers of city frugality which has not been the rule in later years." The cost of the building was actually two thousand dollars less than the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars that the City had at its disposal. With the ground costing but twenty-five thousand dollars the entire structure was put up and furnished at an expense of considerably less than one hundred thousand dollars.

West Point Grad

When in 1848 the Free Academy was about to begin its work, Horace Webster was selected to be its first president. He was educated at West Point and after his graduation in 1818, was appointed assistant professor of mathematics. So marked was his success that in 1826 he was appointed first professor of mathematics and intellectual philosophy at Geneva College. He held that post until he began to serve the city in his new capacity. In 1869 he gave up his active participation in the college work and retired. He died in 1871. Everett P. Wheeler '56 says of him in his reminiscences: "He was the soul of honor and integrity, and he taught his students to feel that their aim should be 'to maintain the honor of the flag'; to scorn everything that was mean, and to do their duty as good citizens and true men."

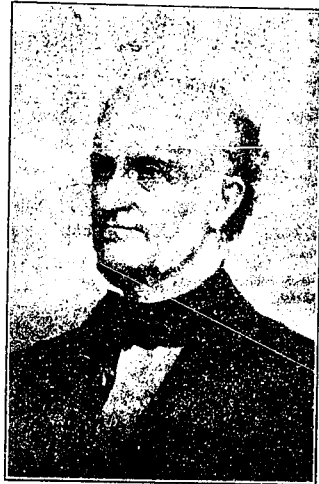
Change Name

During the administration of President Webster in 1866, the Legislature, upon a recommendation of the Board of Education, changed the name of the Free Academy to The College of the City of New York. In 1882, the Legislature repealed so many of the statutes relating to the College as to make attendance at the public schools of the city a requisite for admission, thus opening the College to all young men of the city of proper age and sufficient preparation. An additional act which increased the scope of College activity was the creation, in 1900, of a separate Board of Trustees consisting of nine members appointed by the Mayor and the president of the Board of Education, acting ex-officio, as a tenth.

Following the retirement of Dr. Webster (1869), General Alexander Webb, Civil War hero of Pensacola, Bull Run and the Seven Day's Battle was sought and prevailed upon to contribute his untiring efforts to the cause of the College. By his dramatic appearance on the floor of the State Senate in 1898 he was directly instrumental in having the \$200,000 appropriation bill for a new college site taken out of its course on the last day of the session, thus insuring its successful passage.

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FIRST PRESIDENT



Dr. Horace Webster, Selected To Head Old Free Academy on 23rd Street. Held Office from 1848-1869.

STUDENTS RAISE \$135 IN BIO FUND DRIVE

Committee to Convass Faculty and Alumni During Coming Week

The Biology Scholarship Fund drive was brought to an official close Tuesday evening after the sum of \$135 had been collected by the drive committee from the Bio students. Convassing among the faculty and alumni has been started and will continue until Monday, Stephen J. Martin chairman of the drive committee announced.

The money collected will be added to the interest that has accrued from the \$1800 fund. This amount has been collected annually for 15 years and enables two students of Biology to study at a biological laboratory for the summer.

The laboratory to which the students will be sent this year is the Long Island Laboratories Inc. at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. It is a modern establishment equipped with the best fixtures needed in a biological station.

The students to be awarded the scholarships have not yet been chosen. Professor Goldfarb of the Bio Department will judge the applicants. Several rules have been laid down for entry into the contest. A man must have at least one term of Biology. He must be primarily interested in Biology and not a pre-medical or pre-dental man. All applications should be sent to Professor Goldfarb.

YEAR BOOK REQUESTS COLLEGE SNAPSHOTS

Snapshots of the College building and grounds which may be in the possession of students are requested by Samson Z. Sorkin '25, editor-in-chief of the Year Book. The addition of these pictures to the Year Book cuts will greatly enhance the beauty of the annual, according to the editor.

All the copy except the senior biographies has already been sent to the printer. The editors of the book urge that the seniors submit their biographies by tomorrow at the latest.

VARSITY TRACKMEN MEET FROSH TODAY

College Runners Prepare for Initial Meet with Muhlenberg Saturday

Varsity and freshman track teams will oppose each other today between twelve and two o'clock in the Lewisohn Stadium. This meet will serve as a preliminary to the initial varsity engagement with Muhlenberg College this Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

According to Manager Sidney L. Jacobi '26, every event will be run regardless of the number or quality of the competitors. It is very likely that no freshman will enter the two-mile run, as this event is not on the yearling schedule. The varsity men, however, will not lose the chance for a preliminary workout and final trim as the distance will be run despite the lack of freshman entries. This policy will prevail in all of the events.

College Favored

Although Muhlenberg's track strength is virtually unknown, everything points to a hotly-contested meet with the chances for victory evenly divided. Mac's men have been training steadily for a month, displaying marked improvement and should find little difficulty in facing opposition.

The entries for the Muhlenberg clash have been withheld by Coach MacKenzie for obvious reasons. This afternoon's games will have much to do with the final choice. The favorite varsity entries in the sprints include John McConnell, Hy Sorokoff, last year's freshman star, Captain Douglas W. Willington, Al Pagliaro, veteran, Sam Golubow, and Bernie Mininson. Captain Douglas Willington, Pinkie Sober, Don Valentine, and John McConnell, the four men who comprised the Penn Relay team which defeated the highly-touted Cuban quartet, will all be entered in the quarter mile race. This event will be by far the most interesting on the program, when this sterling team battles "within itself" for premier honors. John Clancy may also enter this event.

Sober Entered

Leading the van in the 880 yard entries is Pinkie Sober, who ran this event for the College last year, Don Valentine, and John Clancy. Clancy, however, may be reserved for the mile distance over which he performed so well last year. Another half-mile entry may be Lionel Barrow, star freshman cross country runner last Fall. Barrow is also entered in the mile with his last season's frosh teammate, Mark Matthews, who has been negotiating the distance under 5 minutes repeatedly in practice. John Clancy and Pincus Sober may also try the mile.

For the last track event on the card, Coach MacKenzie will have the services of but two men. These will be Tony Orlando and Jerry Hyman. Both ran varsity last year, and were teammates in cross country in the Fall. From past performances on the track this season it appears that a meeting this afternoon between these two men will be highly interesting. George Schylinski and Sid Vernon will be the lone Lavender entries in the hurdles event. Both these men, under the tutelage of Mac, have shown marked advancement over their early season form, going over the barriers with ease. Bernie Levy, Al Purcell, and Mort Brauer will hurl the javelin. Brauer and Purcell are veterans, while Levy is a promising newcomer. The same athletes, with the addition of Jason Cotten, veteran field man, will be entered in the discus throw.

RALLY IN EIGHTH BREAKS TIE AS NINE BEATS MANHATTAN

FOOTBALL PRACTICE TO BEGIN TODAY AT 12:30

Coach Parker announces that all spring football practice sessions on Thursdays will begin at 12:30 o'clock. The men will meet in the Stadium as previously, but in case of rain or wet grounds, Doc Parker will meet the players in the Special Exercising Room of the gymnasium. All other practice hours remain the same.

"Y" ASKS AID FOR CATHEDRAL FUND

Sale of Tags for St. John the Divine Begins in Concourse

Sale of tags to aid the building fund for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine officially began yesterday in the Concourse. The money that is raised will purchase a stone to be used in building an educational bay in the contemplated nave of the cathedral.

The College Y.M.C.A., which is carrying on the drive, has decided to sell tags at a minimum price of fifteen cents. However, larger contributions will be accepted. Faculty members or students who wish to make donations of one dollar or more may do so by writing to J. Kenneth Ackley '27, chairman of the "Y" committee at 467 West 143rd Street not later than Monday, May 11. He will communicate with such persons immediately upon hearing from them.

When the Cathedral is completed, the bays, of which there will be fourteen representing different fields of activity, will constitute one of the great architectural features of the nave. Each bay will contain a vaulted alcove or chapel with a glass window. Above the alcove will be a triforium, topped in turn by a great clerestory window. The vaulting of the bay will rise to a height of one hundred feet from the floor. The cost of one bay is \$150,000.

The unit to which the Y.M.C.A. intends to make its donation in the name of the College will be known as the educational bay. This part of the cathedral will be marked by the coats of arms or other insignia of the organizations represented, and may be used as the particular chapel of that division of interest. Colleges all over the country are co-operating in building this section.

The Cathedral, which is located at 110th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, obtained its charter over fifty years ago. The cornerstone of the section that has already been completed was laid in 1891. This section contains a group of seven rooms which are known as the Chapels of the Tongues. Each one has been made and furnished in the particular type of architecture and modes of the face it represents. Furthermore, it is dedicated to some patron saint of that group of people.

When the sanctuary is completed it will equal any of the old-world cathedrals in nobility and beauty. It will be surpassed in size by only two cathedrals in the world, and will seat ten thousand people and allow standing room for forty thousand more.

NETTER DESIGNS NEW CUT

Frank Netter '27 designed the new Campus flag cut which appears in this, the Charter Day issue of the paper. Netter has been a member of the art staff of Mercury, the College comic, during the past year.

Lavender Batsmen Win Fifth Victory of Season by 7-4 Score

MORASCO HITS A HOMER

Scores Plaut and Slotkin Before Him—Drexel Visits Stadium Saturday

With the score tied in the eighth inning of the game with Manhattan College, a home run by the redoubtable Tony Morasco brought in three runs and gave the Lavender nine its fifth victory of the season yesterday afternoon in the Stadium. The final score was 7 to 4. The varsity will engage Drexel this Saturday afternoon on the home field.

The College nine, seemingly well out of its slump, scored first in the initial inning. The lead was short-lived, however, when George Smith, pitcher for Manhattan, who made 4 out of 4 hits during the contest, started a 3-run rally with his triple, making the score 3 to 1. In the third inning, the College regained the better side of the score. Plaut singled, Slotkin popped out to Cronin. Raskin singled and Plaut reached third. Morasco singled over short, scoring Plaut and Raskin. Match singled to left field, Morasco going to second. On an error, Match and Morasco advanced. Hodesblatt scored Morasco, making the score 4 to 3 in the College favor.

Ties Score

Manhattan tied the score in the fifth with 1 run. In the eighth, Plaut singled past second base, Slotkin walked and Raskin flied out to Freda. Tony Morasco's homer, his third one of the season, sewed up the game for the College, when he sent Plaut and Slotkin over the plate before him.

Halsey Josephson again pitched fine ball, striking out 10 men, and giving only one base on balls. Steady support enabled Halsey to be at ease throughout the battle. Smith, of Manhattan, yielded 9 hits, struck out 6 men and walked 6. Smith proved to be a versatile player with a triple, two doubles, and a single. Captain Pinkie Match led the Lavender batsmen with 3 out of 4 hits.

The score:—

C. C. N. Y.		Manhattan	
ab	r	h	po
Plaut, cf	4	2	2
Slotkin, ss	3	1	0
Raskin, 1b	4	2	1
Morasco, 3b	4	2	2
Match, lf	4	0	3
Hody, c	2	0	1
Reiser, 2b	4	0	0
Jacobson, rf	3	0	0
Halpern, rf	1	0	0
Josephson, p	3	0	0
Totals	32	7	9

Manhattan		C. C. N. Y.	
ab	r	h	po
Baker, 3b	5	1	1
Cohalan, ss	5	0	0
Cronin, 1b	4	0	1
Smith, p	4	1	4
Steffinn, c	4	1	1
Freda, cf	3	1	1
Sheridan, 2b	4	0	0
Hovan, lf	4	0	1
Hassan, rf	3	0	1
Totals	36	4	10

Errors—Reiser; Sheridan (2); Baker; Cronin.
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C. C. N. Y.: 1 0 3 0 0 0 3 x—7

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FROSH BATSMEN TO OPPOSE CONCORDIA

Nine to Travel to Westchester for Sixth Game—Kushnick Mound Nominee

The freshman baseball squad will take to the road Saturday when it travels up to Concordia Prep to play its sixth game of the season. The team's record at present stands at two victories and three defeats. This contest will give the nine an opportunity to obtain an even break. Doc Parker, who used to coach at Concordia before his services were obtained by the College, is eager to defeat his former charges and will try to place his strongest line-up in the field.

In all probability Fred Kushnick will be Parker's nominee for mound duty. His work in recent games warrants an opportunity to start his second game. Against Erasmus on Saturday he hurled capably, but exhibited signs of inexperience in the tense moments. If Salo gets the call, Kushnick will be seen in the outfield, for his hitting and speed on the bases makes him of value to the team.

The fact that Schwartz's injured finger has been slow in healing may necessitate the use of Chess or Merminsky behind the bat. Chess is an experienced backstop, but scholastic difficulties have made his practice sessions infrequent.

Doc Parker's inner defense will again find Kassof, Starr, Cohen, and Liftin at their old stations. In the outfield, Goldfein and Sussman will hold down left and centerfield, while either Chess, Graber, or Kushnick will be let loose in right field.

The cubs had a brisk workout in a practice match against Gus Packer's soph. Only five innings were played, but these resolved into a pitcher's duel between Kushnick and Schettino. The former allowed only a brace of hits and struck out five men.

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Boyce Leads College Swimming Stars As Water Carnival Ends First Day

Schechter, Eterich and Goldberger Press Boyce for First Honors

In the first day of the Third Annual City College Water Carnival, Dick Boyce, last year's winner and varsity swimming star, jumped into the lead with seven other competitors following close behind. The opening leg of the handicap octathlon was contested on Monday in the College pool.

Boyce, with eight and one-half laps to his credit in three minutes of under-area side-stroke swimming, led Hy Schechter of the varsity and Johnny Eterich, captain of the freshman team, by three quarters of a lap. Emerin Goldberger, captain elect of the polo sextet, secured fourth place in the day's competition by covering seven and one-half laps, one length less than Schechter and Eterich.

Fifth honors of the day were divided among Mulligan Ginsberg, swimming captain-elect, Mac Mc Glinchey, Klein and Jinx Lewis, all members of the varsity outfit. Each of the four covered seven and one-quarter laps during his three minute stay in the pool.

Coach Radford J. Mc Cormick, in commenting upon the results of the opening day of the carnival expressed surprise at the fine exhibitions turned in by many of the participants. "Dick Boyce's performance in particular," he said, "amazed me. Continuing at the same rate for another few yards, Boyce would have completed the 220-yard distance in about 3:04 or 3:05.

which is extraordinarily fast. However, I expect him to encounter much stiff opposition before the end of the meet, and would not be at all surprised if he should be beaten by some other entrant despite the fact that he rules a strong favorite."

SOPH SKULL MEETS FRIDAY

Soph Skull will hold a special meeting Friday at 12 o'clock in the Campus office for the purpose of electing members to the honor society. All men who have attended College for two years and have been prominent in extra-curricular activities, are eligible for membership.

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Launches Campaign for
Boat Ride on May 23

Plans have been completed and
tickets have been put on sale for the
annual Varsity Excursion up the Hud-
son to Indian Point on Saturday,
May 23. Final negotiations have been
made with the Hudson River Day
Line to secure the steamship Albany.

With the co-operation of Abraham
Jaffe, manager of the 1925 baseball
squad, arrangements have been finish-
ed to assure a game between the Lav-
ender and the alumni nines. The
graduates will be represented by a
strong combination composed of some
of the most prominent stars who have
played on the diamond for C. C. N. Y.
in recent years. The alumni team and
batting order have not as yet been
formulated but several well-known
batsmen have already signified their
intentions to play.

Competing with the baseball game
for popularity, will be the attraction
of the dancing pavilion and Nat Per-
rin's six piece jazz band. The pavilion
is located a short distance from the
pier and offers ample room for the
large number of dancers who wish to
make use of it. Last year it was a
little overcrowded because the greater
proportion of the pleasure seekers
sought it to avoid the rain. There
was no baseball game to give a second
medium of diversion.

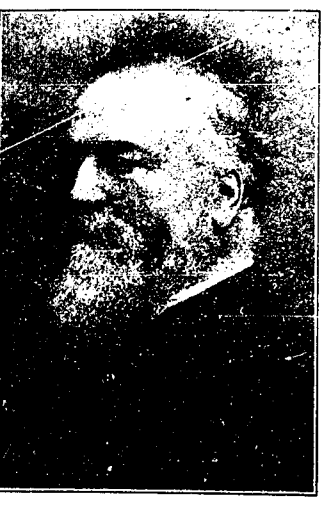

Nat Perlin's orchestra will also en-
tertain the joyriders on the boat. This
group of musicians is composed large-
ly of alumni and undergraduates of
the College. By means of their excel-
lent performances at recent Col-
lege social affairs, these men have
gained the popular favor of a large
part of the student body. They fur-
nished the music for the '26 class
dance, which took place at the Hotel
Alamac before the Easter recess.
They have also played for several
dances in the Hygiene Building.

**YEAR BOOK WILL TAKE
TWENTY PHOTOS TODAY**

The following Year Book pictures
will be taken today on St. Nicholas
Terrace:

12:00	Bio
12:05	Geo
12:15	'25 Class
12:30	Class Council
12:25	Menorah
12:30	Rifle
12:35	Tennis
12:40	Mercury
12:45	Zeta Beta Tau
12:50	Politics Club
12:55	Year Book staff
1:00	A. S. C. E.
1:05	Phi Epsilon Pi
1:10	Ed Club
1:15	Omega Pi Alpha
1:20	Alpha Phi Delta
1:25	Douglass
1:30	'28 Class
1:35	Press Bureau
1:45	Theta Alpha Phi

FORMER EXECUTIVES OF COLLEGE

General Alexander Webb (left) and Dr. John H. Finley, Second and Third
Presidents, Respectively. General Webb Served from 1869-1902. Dr.
Finley, President from 1903-1913, Will Speak at Ceremonies on May 20.

**COLLEGE TO OBSERVE
ANNIVERSARY MAY 20**

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"It would have been gratifying to
General Webb and to his students,"
says Charles E. Lydecker '71 in his
essay on the second president, "if he
could have conducted them to the new
City College, on the Heights, but a
wave of opposition was felt to beat
against the progress of affairs under
the new regime of 1902, which in-
dicated a contest from which gentle-
manly instincts of this high-minded
officer shrank, and he laid down the
office to retire to private life."

A period of one year during which
Professor Alfred George Compton
served as acting president, followed
the resignation of President Webb in
1902. John Huston Finley, formerly
president of Knox College, was in-
augurated third president of City
College in September 1903. On the
very same day the corner-stone of this,
the greater college was laid. Under
incumbency of President Finley, night
and extension courses were added. He
retired in 1913 to accept the leader-
ship of the State Department of Edu-
cation. At present he is connected
with the New York Times.

To succeed Dr. Finley, the trustees
of the College chose Sidney Edward
Mezes, president of the University of
Texas. There immediately resulted a
pronounced impetus in the movement
for student democracy and self-gov-
ernment and an increase in activity
on the part of the administration.

By 1921, the College had
widened its sphere of influence
and justified a virtual university sta-
tus by the introduction of three new
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School of Technology, headed by
Professor F. Skene and the School of
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