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CLASS OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED TODAY AT TEN

System of Universal Voting Indicates New Record Ballot

VOTING IN CLASS ROOMS

Lower Freshmen to Choose Officers in Chapel To- morrow Morning

Class and Student Council officers for the present semester will be elected today during the ten-o'clock hour under a universal voting system. Ballots will be distributed by members of the Election Committee in class and lecture rooms at the beginning of the second period to all students. Upon these the voters will indicate their choices, according to their registered classes.

Special Voting in Great Hall

For students not attending a ten-o'clock class, the Elections Committee has set up a special ballot box, which will enable these students to cast their votes in the Great Hall, between 10:00 and 10:15 A. M. Tardy applicants will not be given consideration, according to a statement issued by Lewis H. Bronstein '29, chairman of the committee.

Freshman elections will occur tomorrow morning, in Chapel. Except for the omission of the office of Student Councillor, the class of Feb. '33 will elect the same officers as will appear on the general student ballots. The six positions sought by the various candidates are: class president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, athletic manager and Student Council representative.

Election to office in the event that more than two candidates are running will be determined by a ten per cent plurality. Should this requirement not be obtained on the first ballot, the two highest candidates will reappear for final election within several days.

No Student Councillor for '33

The office of Student Council representative will be absent from the ballots in the columns of the June '30 and February '33 classes. The representative of the Junior class has one more term to serve; while the Freshman Class does not elect a Council member but sends its president as advisor.

City College Press Bureau Formed Under S.C. Supervision

Publicity for City College will be the object of the Press Bureau now being formed under the direction of Mr. J. Michael O'Connor, college director of publicity.

The Bureau will function as a unit of the Student Council, and will be composed of students in the College who are interested in extending the scope of information concerning Lavender activities to the City newspapers.

Students who desire to become members of the organization will find the work both interesting and valuable, according to Hal Cammer '29, president of the Student Council, whom applicants may see any day between 12 M. and 2 P. M. in the Mike office.

Dean Edwards to Address Business Club Tomorrow

Dean George W. Edwards will address the Business Administration Society tomorrow at 1 P. M. in room 206 concerning plans for the new Business Center of the College on 23rd street and Lexington Ave.

Dr. Edwards has in the past emphasized the need for cooperation between faculty and business students through some such organization as the B. A. S. The latter accordingly requests that students of business and economics attend the meeting.

SYMPOSIUM PLANNED FOR POLITICS CLUB

Two Members of Dewey Com- mission to Lead Discussion on Soviet Russia

A symposium on the "Political and Cultural Aspects of Soviet Russia", conducted by Mr. Anderson, of the 125th Street branch of the Y. M. C. A., and Dr. Kunitz, instructor in Russian literature at the Evening Session of the College, will be held under the auspices of the Politics Club tomorrow at 12:15 P. M. in room 126. The Inter-Club Committee of the Student Council has sanctioned this symposium as the major meeting of the week.

Both Mr. Anderson and Dr. Kunitz recently returned from Russia, where they had been performing their duties as members of the Dewey Commission. It was in Russia that Mr. Anderson and Dr. Kunitz of the College made the other's acquaintance.

"The recent contacts these men have had with Russian life is a guarantee of their qualifications as speakers upon the proposed subject," Meyer Rosenspan '29, president of the Club, declared.

An important feature of the discussion will be the detailed explanation of the government of the individual commune. Questions propounded by the audience will be answered by the two symposium leaders upon the conclusion of their preliminary talks.

Co-op Increases Text Book Sales

With the marked decrease in the number of books supplied to the students by the College Book Room this semester, the business of the Co-op Store has been greatly increased. Similar decreases in the number of books loaned to the students will take place in future semesters, it has been announced in a statement by the Board of Trustees. Eventually, books for all courses, prescribed as well as elective, will have to be bought.

The Co-op Store quarters are too small for the growing number of books and supplies, it is planned by the Board of Trustees to remove the wall between the Book Room and the Co-op Store when the former ceases to function.

The Co-op Store still continues in its sales policy of offering a twenty per cent discount on the publisher's prices for all books, according to the management.

Lunchroom Reform Continues Slowly

Management Installs Latticed Partition Between Kitchen and Grill Proper

Construction of a white enclosure to partition the lunch room from the adjoining kitchen marks the newest development this term in the quietude of the management to the numerous amelioratory suggestions set forth by The Campus and the Student and Faculty Committees last semester.

The move follows the assurance given to the protesting bodies, last term, to remove the cause of "offensive odors" emanating into the Student lunch room. The new latticed partition has succeeded in improving somewhat the general situation of the grill in this respect.

Fulfillment of several other recommendations, however, apparently is at present lacking. A promise granted last term by the Lunch Room manager to install a glass front on the salad and pie counter has not as yet materialized. Concerning the reduction of the price of milk, Mr. Hammond also remains non-committal.

The various innovations in the Lunch Room situation that have taken place as a result of student effort are: the substitution of bottled Sheffield Grade-B milk for the "undesirable" loose milk; the introduction of a slightly larger ten-cent sandwich; the retailing of loose ice cream and various drinks at the customary outside price of five cents; and the coating of the formerly dark counters with a bright hue of a durable white lacquer.

The campaign for the improvement of the Lunch Room situation was instituted by The Campus last term in its editorial and quiz columns. Following this action the Student Council, the Faculty Committee, and the Inter-Club Council joined to cooperate in the movement.

LIBERALITY IS FEATURED IN LIBRARY BOOK CHOICE

The intricacies of the College library are many, the worst being the cataloguing system, but what piques the curiosity of most people is the method employed in selecting books from out of the thousands published every year — ranging from *Point Counterpoint* to Henry Ford's *Philosophy of Industry*.

Determined to get the facts, a Campus correspondent approached Professor Newton: "No, we do not censor any books. This is supposed to be a college for mature people. Of course, if some stenographer takes a literature course in the evening and comes in to ask for some spicy book that her friend has recommended and that is not on the outside shelves, we do not give it to her."

"Then there are certain books that we could not give to freshmen unless they could get a statement from an instructor. Further, we could not put Dreiser's *The Genius* into circulation while it was banned by the courts, but once they lifted the ban, why we procured it.

"A book like James Joyce's *Ulysses*," continued Professor Newton, "might be in the library, but it is not catalogued."

Funds available for the purchase of books amount to \$7500 annually. Most of this comes from the library fees, some from private funds. De-

Two A. A. Officers Resign From Board

Sandy Rothbart '29 Elected President—Louis C. Herzig '29 Appointed Secretary

Samuel Goldberg '29 and Louis Spindell '30, president and secretary, respectively, of the Athletic Association resigned from that body at the last meeting of the Executive Board, Friday, February 5; the former due to his leaving school and the latter because of the press of outside circumstances.

Because of the vacancies created, Sandy Rothbart, '29, erstwhile vice-president, was elected to the presidency and Louis C. Herzig '29, former manager of managers, was appointed acting-secretary. The board passed a resolution "regretting the resignations of Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Spindell, and thanking them for their services to the College and to the Board."

Abraham H. Raskin '31 and Harold Schwinger '31 were elected assistant-managers of cross-country and were empowered to assume the managerial duties.

A motion was passed unanimously to the effect that no student of the College "is eligible to participate in any College athletic activity unless he be a member of the C. C. N. Y. Union."

As regards the co-operation of the various member organizations of "U", a motion was carried directing the secretary to write a letter to the chairman of the Union committee informing him that the "Athletic Association will maintain a strict enforcement of the rule that all men engaged in athletic activities of the College be required to be members of the C. C. N. Y. Union, and that the Athletic Association expects and urges the member organizations of the Union to adhere to the same policy."

Campus Staff to Convene To Consider Term Plans

The second formal meeting of the Campus staff this semester will take place tomorrow at one o'clock in the Campus office. Matters of great importance will be discussed.

Inventory of the work of the staff under the new system will be taken by the executives. A final announcement of plans for the current term will also be made. Attendance of the staff is compulsory.

LAVENDER TANKMEN ENCOUNTER N. Y. U.

College Poloists Also Engage Violet in Dual Meet Friday Night

There will be a lapse in I. S. A. competition for the Lavender aquatic representatives this Friday evening when the College swimmers and water poloists engage the N. Y. U. aggregation at the College pool.

The Violet journeys down with a fair swimming team and a not-so-fair water polo sextet. The College water-polo combination seems to have reached the peak of its form, as evidenced by the great battle put up against Yale, and should find the N. Y. U. combination fairly easy opposition. In Irv Barrere, captain and center forward, and Nisslesen, back, the Violet has two competent men, but hardly capable enough to cope with Gretsch, Sobel, Massler, and Kraus. The latter, incidentally has been playing a bang-up game and his play should stand out against N. Y. U.

As to the swimming, the meet can very easily be decided by tossing up a coin. Neither team seems to stand out particularly above the other.

The Violet team's strength lies in the sprints and in a relay team; which can beat the Lavender's best by three or four seconds.

Gretsch will swim in the 50 as usual and in the relay, if necessary. A sterling battle will be witnessed in the breast-stroke when Karachefsky meets Nisslesen, who has won most of his races this year.

College Matmen In Seventh Match

Still undefeated, the College matmen will encounter their toughest opposition this season when the Lavender squad meets the Franklin and Marshall College team this Saturday at Lancaster, Pa. To date Coach Cantor's charges have won six engagements, including matches with the strong Rutgers and Lafayette University teams.

Wrestling at Franklin and Marshall College is a major sport and the Pennsylvanians have one of the strongest college mat teams in the East. Last year the boys from "the steel district of the world," were runners-up for the intercollegiate championship.

Following the match with the Pennsylvanians, the Lavender squad will return home for two matches against M.I.T. and Temple University. The M.I.T. tussle will find the College team wrestling on the home mat for the first time in two years.

An all-veteran team will represent the College in its last three matches and the Lavender's outlook for an undefeated season seems good.

LAVENDER FIVE MEETS CATHOLIC HERE SATURDAY

Quintet Winds Up Home Court Season Against Mediocre Washington Team

COLLEGE WIN PROBABLE

Captain Liss and His Mates Expected to Register Ninth Victory

The Lavender should break into the winning column again and recover some of its fast slipping prestige, when its takes on a weak Catholic University team from Washington, D. C., this Saturday evening in the gym. The game with the Capital City boys marks the last game to be played on the home court, since the game with N. Y. U. which rings down the current court campaign is scheduled for an armory court.

Lavender Romp Prospected

As Catholic U. has at best a mediocre quintet which has to its credit a rather unimposing record, Captain Liss and his men should encounter no great difficulty in taking the out-of-towners into camp, thus bolstering the morale of the team which may have suffered as a result of the crushing Fordham defeat.

In dropping its fourth game of the season, no alibi can be put forth for the varsity. That smoothly functioning Fordham outfit, which dominated the floor of the Fordham Armory for forty minutes of playing time, displayed enough court finesse to establish itself as one of the most powerful, if not the most powerful, of the Eastern teams. Captain Dougherty and his men constitute a team that should be seriously considered when the national champions are selected.

Morale of Team Shaken

The 50-19 beating, the worst one ever administered to a College five in all its basketball history, doubtless warmed the heart of many a rabid Maroon fan, and completely satisfied any thought of revenge that may have rankled in their minds over the sole defeat handed to the Ram by the Lavender last year. That 26-25 defeat spoiled any chances Fordham had of claiming a game with the University of Pittsburgh to decide the national championship. Those same five men who went down to defeat last year more than atoned for that setback last Saturday.

Campus Editor-in-Chief to Give First Lecture for Candidates

Arnold Shukotoff '29, editor of The Campus, will deliver the introductory address to candidates for the Campus staff at the first meeting of the candidates' class, to be held tomorrow, at twelve o'clock in room 307. The attendance of all those desirous of trying out for positions on the staff is mandatory.

This semester, there will be no individual executive directing The Campus classes, but instead weekly lectures will be delivered by the members of the editorial staff.

Classes will be conducted for six weeks, after which period an examination will be given, based on the work of the term. Passing this examination will be one of the requirements for candidates to be appointed to the news board of the Campus.

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The Freshman In The Maze.

ORIENTATING the entering student in the peculiar spirit and atmosphere which pervades life at the College presents a perennial problem to College authorities and student leaders. How to make the freshman understand what it all means, how to cause him to feel the right attitude toward this new existence, how to foster true ideals in him, how to make him aware of all that the College has to offer to him, how to cause him to realize all his potentialities—there is no limit to the problem of orientating the frosh. It is as broad as the Atlantic in the field it covers, and as vital and important as it is broad.

The most serious difficulty which one meets in attempting a solution is the impossibility of defining "the peculiar spirit and atmosphere which pervades this life." The freshman must become imbued with whatever this is. We ourselves, who believe we have it, cannot define it. It is something which we feel and which lives inside of us. All that we can do for the freshman, then, is to offer him a bird's eye view of the span of College existence, noting its high points and low points; acquaint him with the traditions and glory which surround the College; show him what the College has meant to others who have been here before him. The spirit of the College must breathe in these things, and we can but hope that the freshman will be stirred and awakened to it.

The feeling of the spirit must differ with the individual. And on this point the problem of orientation becomes exceedingly involved and complex. At present we disregard individual differences to a great degree. The immense numbers with which we have to deal do not allow for personal attention. But as a result, there are many students who pass through College without ever obtaining even a bedimmed vision of the "soul of the College." It is only natural then that their work is lacking in the spark which makes of any task a happy pursuit.

We meet students who go through College in this dull fashion daily. We see them in

classes where they do their work just for the sake of getting through with it. We encounter them in the field of extra-curricular activities and note how they carry a string of titles born up by no energetic work on their part. We just imagine the numbers in which they exist when we attend a College debate, an orchestral recital, a dramatic production, or an athletic contest. College is lifeless to them.

Obviously the means which are employed for orientating the entering student are at fault. Class conflicts are worthwhile but they impress only the few men who participate in them. Frosh Chapel, on the other hand, reaches the entire entering class and must be stimulating to the freshman in the hours he spends singing songs, shouting College cheers, and listening to stories of College tradition. But Frosh Chapel only partially achieve its purpose if we are to judge by the results. The fault with Chapel must lie in the too-formal aspect of its organization as well as in the compulsory feature of attendance.

Both class conflicts and frosh chapels, then, require supplementary agencies to complete the education of the frosh. The Campus proposes that the student body be levied for this work. Let us have a definite attempt on the part of the upperclassmen to take the frosh in hand, and give him the vision of the "soul of the College."

Inventory of Grill Conditions.

READING while eating, we understand, is unhygienic; but it is our opinion that the evil is mitigated if the reading matter happens to be amusing. So, on an enforced visit to Hammond's, we took with us a report of the Faculty Lunchroom Committee, dated December 20, 1928.

It was just as we set about to devour a very lean sandwich that our editorial eye fell upon:

"From reports of Mr. Hammond, these sandwiches seem to be very popular with the students...."

This produced so violent a fit of coughing that we fell forward upon a wet and grimy table, far from porcelain-white.

Then we sauntered into the lunchroom proper, redolent with odors that seemed concentrated rather than diffused by the lattice affair on the left. ("We have recommended that a wooden grill be installed which will not only separate and screen the kitchen," etc.) The food, we observed in tasting, was far from palatable, and consequently far from cheap. The service was as poor as ever. (Of the "ten regular employees and thirty student assistants" many are apparently on the pension list.) The dishes were cracked and unsightly. ("Mr. Hammond has agreed to discard any unsightly dishes as soon as possible." Question: how soon is "as soon as possible?")

Well, there's no use going on. It is evident to anybody who has eyes to see or nose to smell that Hammond's is no more sanitary or inviting than ever. A report such as the Faculty Recommendations serves, by itemizing a few small defects, to obscure the main issues, which are:

- (a) Is the food satisfactory?
- (b) Are the prices commensurate with the quality of the food?
- (c) Is the place clean, are there no odorous odors, etc.?
- (d) Is the service satisfactory?

In short, how well does the lunchroom meet the very reasonable demands made upon it time and time again by this journal?

To which the answers are:

- (a) The food is NOT satisfactory.
- (b) The prices, which in some cases have risen, are NOT commensurate with the quality of the food.
- (c) The place is NOT clean, the odors have NOT been removed.
- (d) The service is NOT satisfactory.

In short, the very reasonable demands made upon it time and time again by this journal have NOT been met.

Organized for personal profit, and monopolistic in nature, Hammond's must be treated as a public utility which refuses to recognize that its own interests will best be served only as the public interest is best served.

Gargoyles

Annunciamento With One N or Two N's

The Destructive Critics Club will hold its first irregular meeting of the semester tomorrow, February 21, or Friday, February 22, depending on the market value of the franc. Aubrey Shatter has been elected to membership. Arnold Shukotoff has been suspended indefinitely, pending proper investigation of the charge that he has approved something.

Jack Rosenberg appointed to chairmanship of the Committee of Investigation, department of Morality... Herr Professor Kan appointed to chairmanship of the Committee of Ways and Means, the scope of which Committee has been referred to the department of Judicious Interpretation.

Spring, gentlemen, Spring! A toast to Spring, and a verse! A verse by all means! And what a verse:

Proposal, Requiring Projection on the Reader's Part to an Appropriate Time and Place

The hollow earth doth Vulcan shake
With blows that bellow from his smithy:
The heather blooms, and sprouts the brake
A coverlet of flowers. Prithee,
My love that's sweet, my love that's fair,
Whose breasts are young as fits the season,
By Hawthorne hedges that blossoms bear—
Wiltst lose thy Reason?

"Last Friday night Captain Schwablinest and his team had a comparatively easy time in defeating the Bronx Y. M. C. A. in a practice match. Abe Schwartz represented the Lavender in the 118 pound class;... Mac Barish in the 148 pound class;..."

—The Campus

Proving that even in print funny things will happen to a funny guy—if this is the Mac Barish who was last term in Professor Heckman's class, and several terms ago in Mr. Janowsky's class. And exhibited in each a knowledge that was simply phenomenal.

Herr Professor Bronz serves notice on Professor Weiss that the Russian woman in the white hat is exclusively his; that trespass of any description will be dealt with summarily.... Herr Professor Epicurus serves notice on Bronz and Weiss that he purposes to visit the territory on Friday of this week; that against his (Epicurus') charms they (Bronz and Weiss) will avail as little as ——— as an uncompleted simile.

For Strumpets Who Request That We Write of Them Verses

When asked for posie
I regularly tell 'em
'T'd rather pay your fee
In money of the realm."

For reasons dialectic
It's wise to be eclectic.

Enforcement of the Frosh Rules has been painfully lax, and upper classmen protest that they are consequently unable to distinguish between Freshmen and intelligent persons. This department is practically omniscient; he has devoted two moments to this absorbing proposition and is now prepared to tell How to Recognize Freshmen Six Times Out of Six or Seven Times Out of Seven as the Case May Be.

The genus Freshman is divided into fifteen phyla:

1. Aristus Stritus—Long, thin, emaciated. Wears pin prominently on left lapel. Always stuck with Latin and Lease. May be observed at odd moments scribbling algebra formulae.
2. Canum Fratemitatum—Lards the lean earth he walks along. Buggy trousers assiduously affected. Horn-rimmed glasses. Says he does no homework. Does homework. Flunked out by the third term.

(Continued)

No, this is not the day for creative work. Spring, and a woman tonight, in despite of Klapper and the gods.

EPICURUS

ON THE CAMPUS

Thursday, Feb. 21, 1929.

BASKERVILLE CHEMISTRY SOCIETY—Meeting in Room 204, Chemistry Building, 12:15 P. M.

BIOLOGY CLUB—Lecture on "The Parathyroids in Relation to Tetany," by Abraham G. Cohen. Room 319. 12 P. M.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY—Address by Dean Edwards on the New Business Center. Room 206. 1 P. M.

CAMPUS CANDIDATES—Introductory address by Arnold Shukotoff, editor-in-chief in Room 307 at 12 M.

CERCLE JUSSERAND—Room 211, 12:30 P. M.

CIRCULO DANTE ALIGHERI—Room 11. 1 P. M.

DEUTSCHE VEREIN—Room 308. 12 M.

DOUGLASS SOCIETY—Room 205. 12 M.

GEOLOGY CLUB—Election of officers. Room 318. 12 M.

MATHEMATICS CLUB—Election of officers. Room 15. 12:15 P. M.

MENORAH—Menorah Alcove.

MICROCOSM—Pictures will be taken on St. Nicholas Terrace at 12 M. of the members of the Officers' Club, Deutsche Verein, Menorah, Campus, and all fraternities who have paid in full.

NEWMAN SOCIETY—Newman alcove.

POLITICS CLUB—Symposium on Soviet Russia. Mr. Anderson of the 125th St. Y. M. C. A. and Dr. Kunitz of the College evening session will speak on the political, social, and cultural aspects of Soviet Russia. Room 126. 12:15 P. M.

RADIO CLUB—Room 2. 12:15 P. M.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS CLUB—Election of officers. Room 203. 12 M.

SPANISH SOCIETY—Room 3. 12 M.

Y. M. C. A.—Y alcove.

COLLEGIANA

Apropos of the excitement over class elections on the Heights we find students at other universities rather perplexed over the value of intramural officialdom. Questionnaires distributed to class council members at Minnesota and Ohio State revealed that without exception the interlocuted officers were unable to clearly define their duties. The editor of the West Virginia Athenaeum estimates that 45.131 14-60 minutes are wasted every semester in class elections at that university.

Cubism to the nth degree is exemplified in the following definition of a girl compiled by a Williamette engineer and relayed to us by the Polytechnic Reporter of Brooklyn: "A girl is a creation of loveliness, overtopped by an inverted hyperbolic paraboloid, and mounted upon a cylindrical figure which is reinforced with chilled stays near the surface of its mid-section, but which rests insecurely upon an inadequate base."

While the College labors under the rigors of its newly-revised curriculum, two really drastic changes are announced at other institutions. At the University of Miami, a novel course of study has been outlined for zoology classes. Students in the subject report in bathing suits and diving helmets to descend to the bottom of the Atlantic where they investigate submarine life. A long felt need has been filled at Texas U. by the inclusion in its curriculum of a course whose avowed purpose is the spending of an hour in sleep. Even more startling is the proposal of Prof. A. E. Heath of Cambridge University to institute a course of lectures on love-making.

—LEGATUS.

The Alcove

AFTER EXPRESSING my opinion of the nature of college spirit, what may be termed a more recent manifestation of this spirit among not a few upper classmen who have discovered the really fine place that the College is and who are desirous of remaining here past their tenures, has come before my consideration. (In this connection I've often wondered about the number of graduate students, but no doubt that, too, is their reason.) But to stay on here requires some excuse to the folks at home, who cannot see into such foolishness, and to oneself as well, for delaying the entry into life.

The College provides just such an excuse—really a perfect one by virtue of the money and position that go with it—in the fellowship. And the current passion for fellowships among Phi Beta Kappa men, specialists, disillusioned pre-meds, grinds, intellectuals, the intelligentsia, untalented, unknown hopefuls (like myself), and young men who do not fit into any of these categories but who have better connections, merits more than passing notice.

It is a passion when you come to know the intensity of desire in these young men. Of course it may be only a dream desire or a forlorn hope that they stubbornly cling to in spite of themselves and assurance to the contrary—and such is the case for the most part—but nevertheless it is a passion and a greater one in these "doomed" men for the very hopelessness of their cases, than in the fortunate ones who have certainty or few doubts. No doubt all these fellows should make excellent Fellows wherever they'd be placed, but unfortunately the need does not even approach the demand—or shall I say desire.

Perhaps, though, if they investigated, they should be less desirous of being appointed Fellow in this or that department. The experienced student knows that in the classroom, the instructor's work varies inversely with his rank, also that the lower the rank, the less the remuneration. But then, our young men yearn even if they do realize this. They must bear the College a deep affection to be willing to stand for a fellowship as the best reward for their scholarship or attainments, or whatever else their claim happens to be. And they must know the value, for character formation and broad experience, etc., of working one's way up from the bottom, and they must have patience if they can accept the prospect calmly.

But I have a suspicion that the desire for a fellowship, and the lingering hope that goes with it, is a less disheartening prospect than wrangling for a position in the City's public school system.

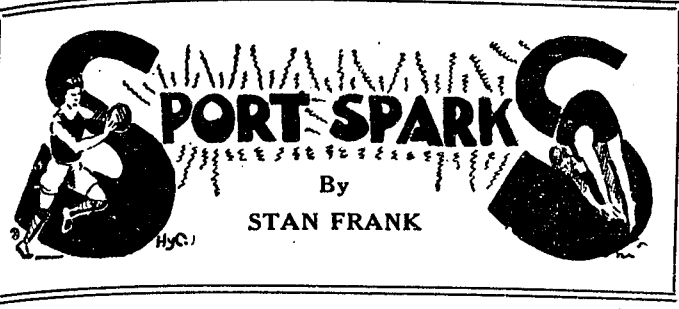
THERE HAVE BEEN complaints that the air-dryers are inefficient in sending forth air of a temperature suitable for drying the hands. Which goes to show that science courses are either forgotten or never applied to real life problems. Now physics assures us that the air from the dryers is not really cold but feels cold because of the very rapid evaporation of the water on the skin.

So let us realize the practical value of required courses and stop kicking about our faithful dryers.

Curriculum Committee Asks Undergraduate Criticism

The Student Council Curriculum Committee is desirous of obtaining suggestions and criticisms concerning the present curriculum and any branch of student affairs. All communications to such effect should be addressed to J. G. Deutsch, locker 1275.

The other members of the committee are: Lewis H. Bronstein, Sylvia Freeman, Irving Friedman, Louis Granich, Samuel Kaiser, Samuel Kan, Arthur Lipsky, Isaac Nordan, all of the '29 class, and Sidney Ratner '30.



The Old Order Changeth

COMES the period when a profusion of wailing and gnashing of teeth is heard when any mention, no matter how insignificant, of the Fordham game is made, in our estimation a most stupid and unprofitable method of passing these balmy afternoons so reminiscent of Indian summer. There is little cause for regret, for our friends in the far reaches of the Bronx had a vastly superior team that fully deserved what the boys are inclined to call the fruits of victory. It is merely unfortunate that the College men chose last Saturday evening to play a brand of ball that was far and away the poorest that the Lavender has turned in for quite some time, while the Ram courtmen were on the very top of their game.

As the Maroon varsity five performed last Saturday, it is without a doubt the outstanding combination in the East, and easily the best collegiate aggregation this writer has ever seen in action. The flawless exhibition put up by Fordham, compensated, in a way, for the humiliating defeat, tacked on to our boys—just another way of stating that it would be best for all those concerned to neatly and efficiently lose all recollection of that deluge of field goals in the Maroon's miniature armory.

It is ever so much more pleasant to think back a few months when this same Fordham five was humbled in our own bailiwick in what must surely be nominated the highlight of the College's athletic achievement within the last decade. When the score was hovering around the 35-10 mark we inevitably had to recall that breath-taking, amazing rally that the '28 quintet put on, an exhibition of sheer guts that stands without precedent in the College's annals. But there was no Hick Rubinstein breaking up the Ram's attack last Saturday in the backcourt, no Teddy Meisel to hold the high-scoring forwards in check, no Jack Goldberg to drive the team with his splendid passing and floor play—there wasn't even Sam Liss or Lou Spindell in there.

A Critical Period

SOME lost prestige, in a measure, may still be regained by the varsity provided they can take the honors away from Catholic U. and N. Y. U. in the two remaining games on the schedule. It is fortunate that the weak Catholic U. team is listed for this week with the team still suffering from the physical and mental effects of the Fordham landslide. The added week caused by the postponement of the annual battle with the violent Violets will also be helpful in aiding the varsity to regain some of its composure and confidence.

N. Y. U. will by no means be the setups they were figured to be early in the year. Since Christmas Coach Cann's men have come around nicely, and Nat Holman's proteges will have a lively tussle on their hands the evening of March 9.

What should be the most interesting encounter of the metropolitan campaign on the court will be put on tonight with St. John's going into action against Fordham on the Bronx floor. The Ram is leading the procession for the Eastern title at the present time that Pitt held last year, while the Brooklyn Saints have been set back but once in something like eighteen games. Most interesting, but if Buck Freeman's boys succeed in holding Dougherty, Landers, Adams, Sweetman, and Reardon to a ten-point margin they'll be doing exceedingly well.

Just a Matter of Opinion

WHAT with four defeats over the week-end, it might have dawned upon some of our better minds that it was a tough seige for the wearers of the Lavender. But then again those people could not have possibly been sitting in on the fun in the tank last Friday when the polo team goes a truly epic exhibition that contributes a few more pages to the heritage of water sports at St. Nicholas Terrace. Yale's juggernaut in polo, holders of the intercollegiate championship for four years and undefeated since 1925 when King Clancy's St. Nick sextet upset the Blue, ruled the overwhelming favorites to take a rather easy decision by a comfortable margin, but before the title holders hauled their weary bodies out of the tank they knew they had been in for a big night.

Two men who divide the captaincy of the team between them, Lou Kraus and Paul Gretsck, played polo that has seldom been excelled, even in the halcyon days of Menkes, Schnurer, Mintz, Elterich, Greenstein, Shapiro, and the many other gladiators who have done their best to shatter numerous persons. Kraus absorbed an inhuman amount of punishment while holding Yale's vaunted attack down to a minimum, while Gretsck battled his way through a stubborn secondary line of defense to register three highly artistic touch goals in approved All-American manner.

Incidentally, the College has a swell chance to even things up with New York U. this Friday in swimming. Watch young Johnny Kelly in the quarter-mile as he thrashes his way over the distance in form that will surely enable him to shatter the existing standard. Add Captain Jules Karaschewsky, Paul Gretsck, Dave Herman, Mike Steffin, Irv Goldman, Walt Cronan, Sam Gartner, and a few others and you have the nucleus for a neat swimming squad. By the way, the Lavender meets N. Y. U. in polo too. A most enjoyable time should be had by all.

Frosh Basketeers Show Poor Record

The defeat at the hands of the Fordham Frosh Saturday evening put the damper on whatever hopes of a successful season the Lavender yearlings had entertained. The defeat by the Ram brought their total of setbacks up to eight, as against two victories. With possibly one or two games left on the schedule, the outlook is far from bright.

A game with the James Madison quintet was originally scheduled for this Saturday evening, but as the Brooklyn team has disbanded, it has been necessary to cancel the game. No opponent has been selected as yet, but Erasmus Hall may be secured to provide the opposition.

On March 9th the Frosh close their season when they meet the N. Y. U. Frosh at the 102nd Regiment Armory.

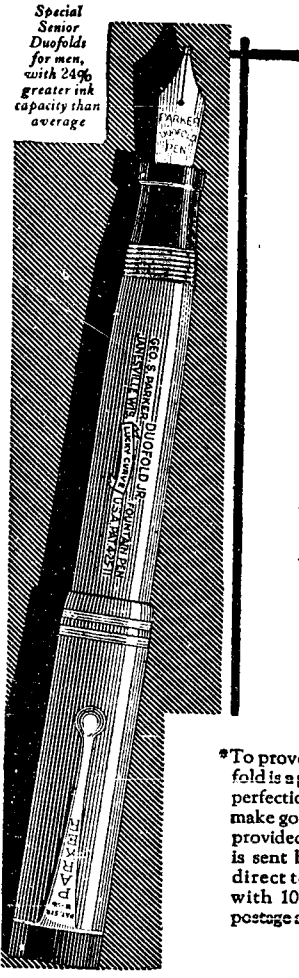
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INITIAL MERCURY TO APPEAR MONDAY

Granich Resumes Position as Editor—Goldman Appointed Business Manager

The initial issue of the Mercury this semester will make its appearance this Monday, February 25. Due to graduation a number of changes have occurred on the staff. Although Max M. Gitlin, former art editor, has been graduated from the College, he will continue to contribute cartoons to the College comic. He has been a member of the Mercury art staff for four years, and is now drawing for Judge, the humor magazine.

Stuyvesant Van Veen, who has left College, is still contributing art work to the Merc. The new art editor has, as yet, not been announced.

Louis Granich '29 has been re-appointed editor. Milton R. Goldman '30 has been designated to replace Henry B. Helm '29 as business manager.

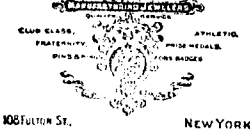
The Mercury will carry forward its ordinary schedule this term. Monday's edition, volume fifty, number five, will be in the nature of a general issue. College atmosphere will be the subject of the cover design, drawn by Jay Slonim '30.

GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT OBTAINS NEW MACHINE

The Geology department has increased its supply of equipment by the addition of a new polishing machine to be used in the study of rocks and minerals.

At present it will be employed chiefly in the study of mineralogy for the recognition of the more common metals. The department is looking forward to introducing a course in petrology to the College curriculum with the aid of this newly acquired machine. This course will deal with the detection of rocks and metals by the microscopic inspection of highly polished surfaces.

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The plays in this volume are miracle plays, ten in number, six of which were revived and produced by the Harvard Dramatic Club in the fine setting provided by the Germanic Museum at Harvard University. The editor of this collection, Donald Fay Robinson, emphasizes the abstract qualities—*austerity, sublimity, solemnity, and simplicity*—as essential to the proper effect of these plays. "These plays are so humble that the state of mind of the producers of them shines through them as a candle light shines through tissue paper. And the professional spirit unknown to early producers of these plays, vulgarizes them to insignificance." The beauty of these plays lies necessarily in the spirit behind them. Few of them have any artistic merit. They are, it is true, crude and artless, but intensely sincere. It is thus essential that in reviving these plays, the amateur spirit must prevail—the spirit that believes utterly in what it does, and does it for the love of the doing.

That recourse is had every year to these mediaeval miracle plays for production during the Christmas and Easter seasons, is most natural. For these embody the simple reverence the occasion requires. They are not too sophisticated or too theatrical. They are genuinely emotional and reverential. They are easy to present because their settings are symbolic. Moreover, since they were shaped through centuries to meet emotional responses of the audience, they always act far better than would be expected with a dramatic structure so crude according to modern standards.

A CRIMINOLOGICAL STUDY

EMOTION AND DELINQUENCY. A Clinical Study of Five Hundred Criminals in the Making. By L. Grimberg, M.D. Published by Brentano's. \$3.00.

AS VIEWED BY an eminent doctor, the legal definition of mental defectiveness and its scientific aspect cannot be easily reconciled. The legal definition of the delinquent is, to a great extent, autocratic. It does not provide and does not even attempt to prescribe the means of arriving at or establishing the fact of mental defectiveness. Under the statute it is only necessary that a certain formula be followed, and thereupon the person in question is declared to be a mental defective.

As a neuropsychiatrist, Dr. Grim-

berg is not interested in delinquency as a social manifestation, nor in the various theories and problems from the standpoint of a sociologist or criminologist. He is primarily the clinician who considers the delinquent to be suffering from a mental disease. Proceeding according to the diagnostic methods of the physician, he emphasizes the importance of the heredity of the delinquent in contrast to the methods employed by many sociologists who consider the environment of the delinquent as the chief basis for the defectiveness. As a result of investigation along these lines, Dr. Grimberg believes that psychopathology has an organic cause; that constitutional inferiority is to be traced as the result of organic inferiority. "What we call emotional instability is, on closer analysis, emotional defectiveness, and the endocrine deficiency represents, in ultimate analysis, an actual organic inferiority." This constitutional inferiority is the fundamental from which delinquency may grow out, as a defective attribute of a defective emotional make-up. Delinquency is not inborn, but is a product of environmental factors upon a faulty constitution. Dr. Grimberg really offers a substantial argument that will prove deeply interesting to psychologists, students, and workers in the field of crime and delinquency.

FAMOUS AMERICAN ATHLETES OF TODAY. By Charles H. L. Johnston. Boston: L. C. Page & Company. \$2.50.

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If weather conditions continue favorable, the Lavender coaches intend to have their candidates take the playing field by March 15. Last year the squads did not start formal diamond practice until March 21, a scant ten days before their opening game. The limited practice before the season's opening was a serious handicap, so that an additional week this year will mean much for the quality of early season play by the men.

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