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## VARSITY CAGERS CONTINUE WITH SCORING SPREE

Have Amassed 183 Points in Their Last Four Contests

POINTS EVENLY DIVIDED

De Phillips, Musicant, Spindell and Liss All Figure in Scoring Column

Six victories in seven starts. Four straight wins. An amassed total in their last four games of 183 points to 83 by their opponents.

This reads the record of the Lavender basketball team for the first half of the 1928 court season. The defeat administered by St. John's early in the year puts the only blemish on the record of a team, which for sheer scoring brilliance and aggressive play has had few equals in the basketball teams turned out in the past ten years on St. Nicholas Terrace. An extravagant statement at first glance, but the totals of 58, 40, 41 and 44 points scored against St. Lawrence, Princeton, Washington and Jefferson, and Bucknell, respectively seem to bear it out.

Quintet Scoring Leader

The distribution of points among the members of the team shows now important a role team work and coordination have played thus far. De Phillips, Liss, Musicant and Spindell are all bunched together on the 51, 47, 47 and 40 points respectively. Incidentally, they are all well up in front in the race for Eastern Intercollegiate scoring honors.

Fast passing, hard cutting, and aggressive following up characterize the Lavender offense, accounting for the preponderance of points scored under the basket, and the comparative scarcity of long range baskets. Another important attribute of the team which has been overlooked is its almost uncanny eye from the foul line. In the Princeton engagement, the Lavender successfully converted 16 out of 17 tries from the foul line. This ability will stand the quintet in good stead in the more difficult games on the schedule when a foul point may sway the balance either way.

Bucknell Outclassed

The Bucknell engagement was merely a repetition of the past few games. The Pennsylvania boys jumped into a six point lead at the beginning of the game, but Liss and his men rallied and held a 20-13 advantage at half time. In the second half, the Lavender attack began functioning efficiently, and the College completely outclassed its opponents, running up an advantage big enough to permit the insertion of the second team.

Captain Liss, with 12 points to his credit, played an excellent game in spite of a leg injury which almost kept him out of the contest. Musicant, Spindell, De Phillips and Sandack all turned in their usual high grade performances, although Sandack seemed to be a little off on his shooting.

In Trupin, Liftin, Weissman, Krugman and Kany, Nat Holman

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## Chemical Society to Hear Dr. R. W. Curtis Tomorrow

Professor Robert W. Curtis will address the Baskerville Chemical Society on "Eminent Scientists I Have Met," at 1 p. m. tomorrow.

Professor Curtis did research work at Harvard and John Hopkins where he came into contact with scientists who are famous in the history of American chemistry. The talk will deal with interesting sidelights on the lives of these men. The Baskerville Chemical Society will meet in Room 201 of the Chem building.

## GRETCH, MASSLER REAPPEAR IN TANK

Leader of Sextet and Sophomore Goalie Strengthen Lavender Polo Lineup

As a result of the even break against Rutgers with which the Lavender opened its I. S. A. campaign, the stock of the water polo sextet which swamped its opponents has been materially boosted while hopes for the mermen who succumbed to the New Jersey team remain none too sanguine.

The return of Paul Gretch to the tank after an absence of more than two weeks due to sinus trouble proved a most fortunate development for Coach Lionel B. McKenzie's charges. The veteran leader of the sextet and sprint mainstay of the swimmers was expected to keep out of the water for at least a month but reappeared in the lineup last Friday with undiminished strength, skill and speed.

He contributed a second place to the Lavender column in the 'fifty' after a close fight with Bostock. Rutgers ace, and later played a fine water polo game, ducking in under the Rutgers defense twice to score touch goals.

The polo encounter also marked the return of Monty Massler into a tank uniform for the first time this season but the soph star wearing in addition an ankle protector. Massler, it will be recalled, broke his ankle at the beginning of the football season and has been nursing it ever since. Despite the fact that he has not fully recovered, he displayed the same ability which marked his guarding on last year's freshman sextet.

Jess Sobel, Massler's team mate on last year's cub aggregation put up the finest exhibition in the tank. The brown sophomore was 'in the swim' every minute of the game, securing the ball on almost every play and scoring three touch and two thrown goals in displaying some remarkable antics.

The only two Lavender firsts in the meet were gained by Mike Steffen in the fancy dive and Julius Karachefsky in the 200 yard breaststroke. The performance of the former has consistently been improving and indicates that his speciality should be in the Lavender.

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## CAMPUS MEETING TOMORROW

The last meeting of the term for all the Campus editorial staffs will be held tomorrow afternoon at 12:30 in the Campus office according to an announcement by Arnold Shukotoff '29, editor-in-chief.

## MERCURY TO MAKE FINAL APPEARANCE

"Old Days" Number Pokes Fun at Fashions of Mauve Decade

The little God of Quip and Jest will make his final appearance to-morrow with the last issue of Mercury for the semester. Fashions and morals of grandmother's day will be the butt of the "winged messenger" in the "Old Days" number, which plans to take all the fun out of the Mauve Decade, and serve it in twenty-eight rollicking pages.

To-morrow's issue will be the last under the regime of "Gitlin-plus L. G." Starting at the beginning of the term with a staff composed entirely of these two, recruits have been gathered until now a competent staff is assured for next term. Meanwhile Max N. Gitlin and Louis Granich have accepted an invitation to contribute jointly to the comic magazine "Life," following their graduation at the end of this month.

Two new contributors to the art board of the magazine have been found during the past term. They are Jack Slonin '30, many of whose cartoons appear to-morrow, and Steve Van Veen '32, who has had several of his shadow drawings published in preceding issues. Bert Cotton '30, Stanley Kaufman '30, and Lawrence Green '30 are recent acquisitions to the editorial board.

The "Old Days" issue of "Merc" to-morrow brings to a close the fiftieth anniversary term of the College comic. It is the oldest College publication, being founded as a newspaper, comic with a literary purpose. In 1907 it abandoned the news field upon the inauguration of The Campus. Again, in 1922, it devoted itself entirely to comedy following the advent of Lavender.

During the past term, four issues have been produced. The first was the "Imbecile Number," devoted to neophyte antics. The second, or "Newspaper Number," dealt with hilarities of journalism. The third was the "Mercury Number" in honor of the "Mercury's" fifty years of existence. And the last is the "Old Days" satire on the Mauve Decade.

## Brownson Praises City College Man As Earnest and Genuine in Interview

The first time we saw Professor Brownson, we were struck by his walrus mustache, so like Bartolomeo Vanzetti's and so ferocious looking, but like Vanzetti his round chubby face neutralized any intimidating effect given off by the mustache and sheds only kindness and warmth.

Professor Brownson belongs to the classical school of Irving Babbitt, Paul Elmer More, men, who in all their writings emphasize the need of standards and traditions. While Professor Brownson does not actually speak of standards, all his opinions have a solidity and logic that is born only of an extensive and lengthy acquaintance with world history and thought.

So Professor Brownson does not see any tendency at present to allow the school of business to overshadow the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and sees no reason why a collegiate institution shouldn't support a school of business. "Our liberal college has never been so full and prosperous as now." Asked whether he had any criticism to of-

## HANDBOOK APPEARS REGISTRATION WEEK

Novel Articles and General Revision to Feature New Lavender Book

"The Handbook will be issued on the first day of registration, January '31, and will be sold during the several weeks following that date," announced George Bronz '29, editor-in-chief.

Costing twenty-five cents, the book will contain all the articles of previous volumes as well as a number of new features, prominent among which will be a summary of college customs and traditions and a general revision of the list of college songs. This will include the removal of old songs that no longer exist and the introduction of many new songs.

Every feature of undergraduate life will receive appropriate treatment. A brief summary of the work of all College organizations including clubs, teams and fraternities will also appear in the Handbook.

The book will be arranged in a brown cover with a gold seal of the College on it instead of the usual drab black. Improvements in the typography and paper will add to the attractiveness of the volume. The staff of the Handbook includes George Bronz, editor-in-chief, Eugene Tuck, managing editor, William Friedman '28, Irving Samuels '30, Abraham Breitbart '30, Philip Delfin '31, Julius Weiss '30 and Abraham Horowitz '30. The business manager is Sylvan Freeman '30.

The staff has been busy at work for the past month and the executives promise a volume which will surpass all previous efforts.

The contract for the printing of the book was granted to the Bugnasco Printing Co., which prints The Campus, Lavender and Mercury. Two thousand copies have been ordered printed and with a concerted circulation campaign it is expected that as many students will purchase the book. The editors have no financial backing for the book and will have to depend entirely on the returns of advertising and the sale of books.

"Red" Novick, frosh center and Offerman, forward, were the other highlights of the Plaut aggregation. The latter unleashed a fast, impeccable defense, holding the highly touted "Dutch" Lancaster to one field goal, while the carrot-peaked tap-off man seconded Liben in scoring prowess with two field goals and two fouls, for a total of six points.

The Frosh quintet is credited with two victories as against four set-backs. Plaut's basketekers have taken the measure of the Boys' High and Evander Childs aggregations, but were, in turn, conquered by the St. John's Frosh, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Stuyvesant quintets.

The Frosh have turned out a strong combination this season, in spite of the somewhat mediocre record. In most of the encounters this season, Plaut's charges have been pitted against larger and more experienced athletes. Their main asset has been their speed, for though lacking in husk, the quintet plays a fast, aggressive brand of basketball which enables it to crush its bigger opponents.

Coach Roy Plaut is drilling his charges in preparation for the en-

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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD TO-DAY

Microcosm Photographs Scheduled for Tomorrow

The following organizations and societies are scheduled to be photographed for the Microcosm, tomorrow, January 10, on the Terrace:

12:00 Officers Club  
12:15 Menorah  
12:30 Deutscher Verein  
12:45 '32 Class  
1:00 Cheer leading squad.

VOTING SET FOR 10 A. M.

Hal Cammer and Sandy Rothbart to Compete for Presidency

SEVEN MEN ON BALLOT

Two Run for Vice-presidency and Three for Secretaryship

Balloting for the election of president, vice-president and secretary of the Student Council will take place today in the classrooms at 10 a. m. Students who have no class will assemble in the Great Hall where they will vote. Under the new charter, all students but lower freshmen are enfranchised.

The candidates are Hal Cammer '29 and Sandy Rothbart '29 for president, Sol Cheser '30 and Eli Olshansky '30 for vice-president, and Bert Barron '30, Jimmy Lipsig '30 and Joe Stockhoff '30 for secretary.

Cammer, Rothbart Qualify

Hal Cammer is the business manager of the 1929 Microcosm, as well as the representative of the Class of 1929 to the Student Council. He has also held the positions of chairman of the Election Committee and is a member of both the Lunch Room and By-Laws Committees of the Council.

Sandy Rothbart is president of the Athletic Association, and also Scribe of Soph Skull, the second year honorary society. After having played junior varsity football with the 1925 team, he was graduated to the varsity and played on it for two succeeding years. Among the other extra-curricular activities in which he was engaged were the offices of Student Councillor, secretaryship of the Athletic Association, chairmanship of the Junior Prom, and that of junior adviser of the Class of 1931.

Cheser, Olshansky Compete

Sol Cheser is at present a Student Councillor. At various times during his stay at the College he has served as a member of many class committees. Eli Olshansky is now finishing his first term at the Main Center of the College, coming over from the Brooklyn Branch. In that center he filled the office of president of the student organization.

Bert Barron, one of the candidates for secretaryship, is the junior adviser of the Class of 1932. For two years he was his class representative to the Student Council, besides being the assistant treasurer of the Athletic Association, chairman of the Junior Hop, Soph Strut, and A. A. Soiree of last spring. He also held a position on the business board of the Lavender Handbook.

Jimmy Lipsig is now secretary of the Class of June '30. This is the fourth term that he has held this office. His endeavors are mostly in the field of athletics. He is a member of the varsity wrestling squad, and was on the track team last year as well as the junior varsity football team. Two years ago he played on the freshman tennis squad.

Joe Stockhoff is now serving his third term in the capacity of president of the class of '30. He is a junior adviser of the freshman class and has also acted as chairman of the Frosh Feed and other class committees.

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### The Council Grants Insignia.

Whatever doubts one might have had regarding the Student Council's ability to function efficiently regarding its desire to execute its duties in a righteous fashion, the Council has finally dispelled. Its recent action on the question of insignia places it in a very poor light. For two of the awards which it has made, there can be no more justification under the constitution than for one particular award which, **The Campus** has been able to trace, it has neglected.

In the past, Councils have term after term, illustrated their supreme ability to stretch and constrain the meaning of the clause defining the limits of their granting power. Our present Council proves itself no less adept, when it votes minor insignia to a man who presents such a potent array of extra-curricular activities as president of his class for one year, student counsellor for one term, chairman of two class dance committees, member of the first and second S. C. Movie Committees, and of the S. C. Election Committee. How much more stretching it took to grant minor insignia to a student who was once vice-president of his class and chairman of his Senior Prom Dance Committee, the Council alone can tell.

On the other hand, perhaps it can rationalize its reason for not awarding insignia to the student who presented the following activities: for three years member of the Dramatic Society, rising from Stage Manager to Production Manager and finally to the Presidency; for three years member of the Lavender staff serving in various capacities including the editorship; for three years member of the Press Bureau; one time manager of the Orchestra.

It is peculiar, to say the least, how the interpretation of the clause regulating the granting of insignia can shrink and swell under the magical touch of the Council. Yet such perversion of duty as the Council has shown in this instance is only the grand climax to a term of sluggish activity. The outgoing Council leaves to its successor a depleted treasury from which several hundred dollars which have not yet been collected have already been spent; it leaves to its successor the work of formulating by-laws for its charter, a task which it began and left off without completing and which will have to be begun anew, delaying the new Council in its work. What is most important regarding the legacy to its successor is the none-too-admirable reputation which it leaves to it.

### Science Survey of Thursday at 1

**The Campus** notes with disapproval the repeated scheduling of a freshman Science Survey Lecture on Thursday at one o'clock. The ill done in holding the class at this hour, which has been given exclusively to the extra-curricular activities of the College, was pointed out by **The Campus**, early in the semester in this connection. We repeat that it is unfair to the freshmen as well as detrimental to the life and welfare of the extra-curricular organizations, which are suffering very seriously at present from a lack of interest and application. From the freshman is taken one of the major hours during which he can participate in the extra-curricular affairs of the College; from the societies and organizations, the vigorous spirit, enthusiastic aid and means for perpetuation which the freshman offers to them.

**The Campus** respectfully urges upon the administration of the College the desirability and the need of shifting this lecture to another hour in the week.

## Gargoyles

Item, January 5

Being sunk in the mire of a fathomless funk  
I thought a lark it would be to get drunk.

In which I succeeded.

Sufficiently meaded

I swing down the street on the arms of a friend.  
The noises that louden, the colors that blend  
Accord with the new synaesthesia trend;  
The slip-slopping men and the drip-dripping slatterns  
Cavort futuristic on gyrating patterns.  
I ogle a woman, and loudly she slaps me.  
A slut of a cobblestone cleverly traps me,  
And earthward I fall to a bedding of down.

Up late the next morning, a study in brown,  
Eye-ringed, dull-lidded, and down in the mouth  
Is a throat that's inflamed in perpetual drouth,  
Slow legged and dizzy and wobbly and weak—  
Having listened to Counsel with countenance weak,  
I do what a classicist never would write of,  
Or writing indeed, would surely make slight of.

I'm not euphemistic.  
I'm damned realistic.

And begging the pardon of those who rebuke  
The present day freedom in letters: I puke.

Which must be separated from the next by five dashes.

One.

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Five.

For Josephine P.

I'll chort of you no single chortle,  
I'm careful whom I make immortal.

For Josephine P.,

That She Be An Understanding Cuss.  
I much repent the having said it.  
I'd rather leave the thing than lead it.

Scott's "Biology", p. 562, line 22: "Mark Twain was not primarily interested in telling a funny story when he visualized the state of English society in the days of King Arthur."  
Denied.

The Bio gag may have become boring. Not, we wager, to those who take Bio.

Another thing the Bio course teaches one is that Necessity is also the mother of Patience.

### VARSITY ACTORS AMUSE CROWD IN 'ALL FOOLS'

—Campus Headline

Will Professor Tynan settle for one crowd?

### Edwards Addresses Commerce Chamber

—Campus, Ja. 7.

One month ago.

The varsity debate against N.Y.U., scheduled for January 14 over station WNYC, has been cancelled without explanation by the authorities of that station.

This department hereby expresses his indignant protest. This department will continue to express his protest until an explanation is forthcoming.

EPICURUS

## The Alcove

The following discussion was stimulated from both mental and mechanistic standpoints. That is, first, viewing the phenomenon (neither a term of derision nor of modesty) on the basis of the doctrine of cause and effect, we are able to state with great indication of truth that the stimulation of the outburst was the direct result of some animation of the animus, whether it was the effect of a psychological implication, a conditioned visual response....

The above we regard as the mechanical explanation. As for the mental, there the process involved our moralistic taint getting the better of us. Thus, our attention claimed by this two-fold approach, we decided to relieve our thoughts on the subject and thus make this action of ours serve as one example of that type of undertaking which we discuss below.

If, on a pleasant Friday afternoon, with our work for the week done and with nothing more ominous facing us than a lazily progressing week-end, we are to hang around the alcoves and engage in several meaningless but enjoyable discussions, and in addition grasp the poetry and grandeur of the atmosphere, that would be **Campus Dusk**. But if the corps of janitors were suddenly to appear on the scene and commence their cleaning and dusting, thus injecting a certain amount of dirt into our nostrils and

stench into our arguments, that would be **Campus Dust**.

But we will not be so completely hostile and condemn literary compositions in the reading of which we are wafted and whirled along on waves of light and darkness. Enough poetry has been written on that subject to dissuade us from such a contention. And more important, we ourselves have so often been impressed by the utterances of Old Man Wordsworth and his prototypes when they rhapsodize on the "bliss of youth" and the "heaven of the young" as to experience a definite quickening of the emotional tempo. But emotional justification is hardly our province here. In fact, emotional justification, when isolated, when it leaves a clear gap between itself and clear-cut action is a definite obstacle the existence of which we recognize.

So many of us are gripped by alternate outbursts of desire for objective pursuits, by the mania of objectivity, in turn backed by very little substantiality. Some of us will walk down a city street and notice the grime of the surroundings and the laxity of statute enforcement. Others will pick up a newspaper and read the vivid details of unwholesome features of contemporary life. Hence will come resolutions to the general hazy effect that if it is ever within our power we will concern ourselves with the eradication of these evils. Then there are those who undertake such pseudo-scientific experiments as determining the intensity of light inside a black derby on a red headed man. The arguments of the type "What is truth?" have their followers.

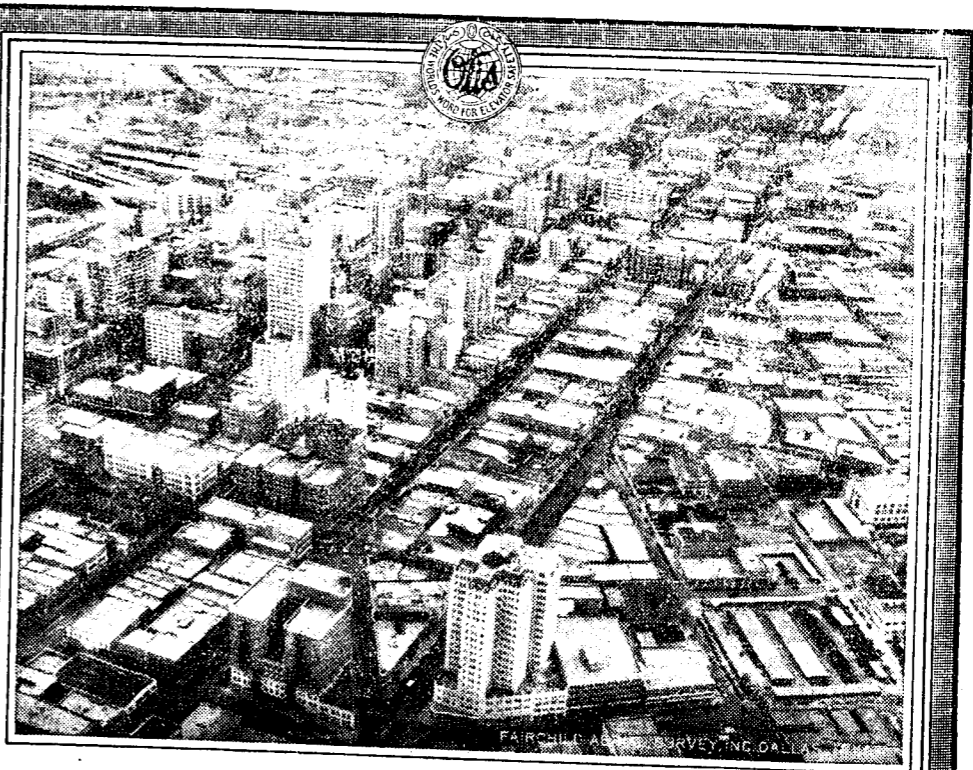
But the reader will notice that above we wrote "alternate outburst". The interspersion between moments of objectivity consists of indulgence in such fancies as are synchronized by **Campus Dusk**. There, in short, is the complete process: mental objectivity, and subjective poetic meanderings resolved into a vicious circle.

We are not, we repeat, inveighing against poetic stimulation. As we see it, even if we must inject personal reminiscences, poetic meanderings are a definite form of refuge from the practical perplexities presented by objectivity. Since we know its tendencies for stifling activity when carried to an excess, we do not look with favor upon its extended application.

This is not an argument for Pelmanism or for mind-building, but rather a desire to see an effective co-ordination, through the application of caution, of **Campus Dusk** and **Campus Dust**. And when in the midst of any form of objectivity we fall upon forms of poetic stimulation, we are not turning to the strongest sort of support for our endeavors.

Unsigned contribution (you can very easily see why) that I got today. It saves me the trouble of writing a column; but if you have the same trouble I had reading it—I yawned perceptibly eight times—then I shall know it was a mistake and apologize for poor editorship and laziness.

Abbey.



Aerial view of Dallas, Texas

### Dallas—A Skyscraper City of the Southwest

A GREAT change in the skylines of this country has taken place in recent years, especially in the West. Where formerly great expanses of open range were the rule, now the West is dotted with rapidly growing cities and towns, and where one and two-story buildings were ample for the commercial needs of these cities, today the tall building is necessary.

More and more, as the center of population moves steadily westward, our cities beyond the Mississippi are growing upward, and Otis equipment and Otis service, instantly available anywhere, are doing their part in the vast development program.

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### LAVENDER WILL MAKE SECOND BOW MONDAY

Lavender, the College literary magazine, makes its second appearance this term on Monday, January 14.

Promised by Irving A. Jacoby '29, editor-in-chief of the periodical, as one of the most sensational denouncements ever issued between its covers, an anonymous article, revealing the corruption behind the scenes of the music situation in New York, will appear. The author is one high in his profession and in a position to speak authoritatively.

For the first time in years, Lavender came through with financial colors flying. Hitherto, the magazine was issued at a loss. The last issue, however, which came out just before the Christmas recess, was a complete sell-out.

Additions to the literary staff are being contemplated by Irving Jacoby, editor.

### MERMEN STRENGTHENED BY VETERAN'S RETURN

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winning column frequently during the season.

This Friday, the aquatic aggregations travel to New Hampshire to meet Dartmouth at Hanover. Coach McKenzie hopes, at least, that the polo sextet will duplicate last year's feat by taking over the Dartmouth poloists. The mermen, however, are conceded little chance against the strong Green team.

### Professor Brownson Lauds Student Spirit

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Brownson's desk are two corncobs and what might be a Dunhill. A humidor of Imperial Cube Cut rests easily in the corner. Only in emergencies will the Professor smoke a cigarette, "when I can't conveniently smoke a pipe."

Professor Brownson hasn't much confidence in modern authors. Hardy and Barrie alone occupy his time. Though he is a devoted player, of late he has not seen anything on Broadway. "It is not very often in the New York of the present that I find a worthwhile play, but I see everything of Walter Hampden's". Among the ancients Professor Brownson particularly likes Homer, Plato, Aeschylus, Horace and Catullus.

### FRESHMAN COURTMEN TAKE ON MORRIS HIGH

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counter with the Morris High basketballers, which takes place Saturday, preliminary to the Varsity Rutgers match. The Frosh are determined to finish the current season with an impressive record and will strive hard to take over the Morris quintet.

### COURTMEN CONTINUE WITH SCORING SPREE

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has a capable second team, which showed its ability when it started the Washington and Jefferson encounter and held the Presidents to a 6-6 tie before the entrance of the varsity.

This Saturday evening, Rutgers travels down from New Brunswick in an attempt to revenge last year's defeat, but the boys from the banks of the Rautan will have to do some tall stepping to stop Nat Holman's aggregation at its present rate of speed.

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### FROSH TANKMEN LOSE TO CLINTON BY 33-29

By a score of 33-29 the frosh swimmers lost to the De Witt Clinton tankmen in the college pool last Thursday afternoon. Before the relay which decided the meet the freshmen were leading by a score of 29-25.

After a neck and neck race throughout this event Bassett of Clinton nosed out Rabinowitz of the College to win the meet for his school. In the 50 yard breast stroke event, Bepler of Clinton captured first place in the fast time of 33 seconds. Gall and Goldmark of the frosh team followed in second and third places respectively.

In the dive, Schwartzman was awarded first place and Frascosa, also of the College, gained second place. In the 50 yard dash Bassett sprinted to take first place for Clinton in 24.5 seconds, while Rabinowitz and Baumstone brought up the rear winning second and third place respectively for the Lavender.

### MR. LOVE TO WRITE FOR 1928 YEAR BOOK

The subject of installment selling will be discussed by Mr. Love of the department of economics for the 1928 American Year Book. The exposition will be in the form of a 1500-word article and will endeavor to cover the developments in this field during the past year.

### BIO CLUB HEARS ADDRESSES ON MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Professor Goldfarb and Dr. Gottschall to Advise Pre-medical Students

Professor A. J. Goldfarb and Dr. Morton J. Gottschall will address the pre-medical students of the College on the requirements for medical students, tomorrow at 12:15 in room 315 under the auspices of the Biology Society. This meeting has been sanctioned by the Inter-Club Council as the major meeting of the week.

Professor Goldfarb is chairman of the Medical Schools Recommendations Committee. He will offer suggestions concerning the methods of meeting the entrance requirements of medical schools. Professor Gottschall, the registrar will indicate to the students statistics on the number of students admitted to various schools from the College.

In a statement to the Biology Society, Professor Goldfarb urged that all those at present attending the College, who intend entering a medical school, should attend the meeting, which is being held at a time when it is still possible for students to adjust their schedules of electives for next term in such a way that they may be able to meet medical school entrance requirements.

### WZJH COMMUNICATES WITH BRITISH STATION

WZJH, the broadcasting station of the College Radio Club, is reported to have communicated with an English station on two occasions last week.

The television set, which was recently constructed by the club, reproduced a boxing match from station WRNY.

The British station reported the signals from WZJH to be the loudest it had ever received. The wave-length of the College station is twenty meters, which is equivalent to approximately 10,000 kilocycles.

J. Newman synchronized the rotating disk of the television set with that of WRNY, reproducing the image of two boxers in action.

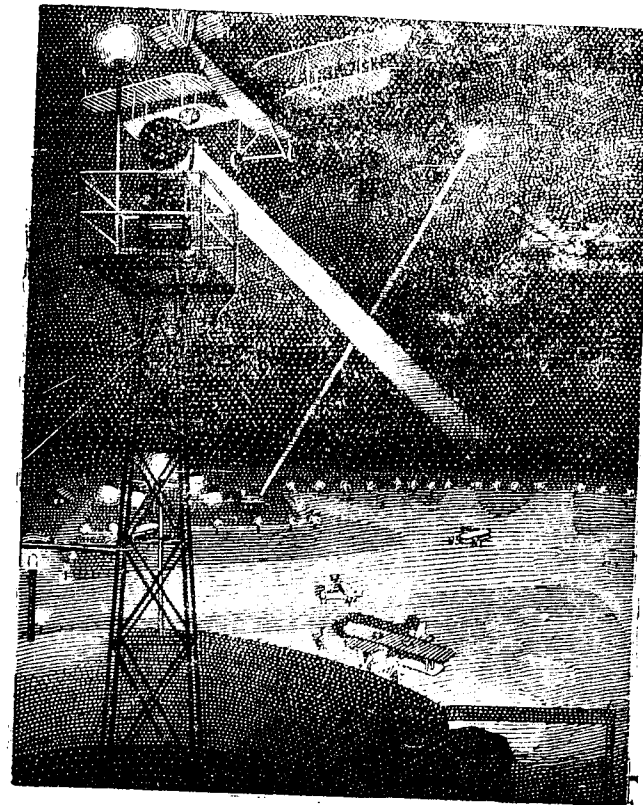
At the last meeting of the Radio Club, Mr. J. G. Uzzman of the Dubilier Condenser Corp. delivered a lecture. He showed slides of present radio and vacuum tubes to illustrate his subject. The meeting of the Radio Club are regularly held in room 2, Thursdays at 12:30 p. m.

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**MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY.** By Benito Mussolini. With a foreword by Richard Washburn Child, former U. S. Ambassador to Italy. Charles Scribner's Sons. \$3.50.

THE most supreme egoist and adroit politician of this age has written an autobiography of himself after persistent persuasion by Richard Washburn Child, former United States Ambassador to Rome. It is only natural not to expect a politician to expose of his own free will the state secrets of government. Mussolini has taken good care to avoid any reference to the controversial and questionable affairs of his career, except in so far as such allusion is beneficial to his political reputation.

Not familiar with much of current Italian history, we are not competent, therefore, to pass judgment on the value of many of the statements on public finance and foreign policy which Mussolini sets down. Nevertheless, already guilty of willfully omitting requisite parts of the truth, which would have made his autobiography of more permanent value to the historian, it is probable that Mussolini's assertions will not pass by the criticism of more well-informed readers.

This book, however, serves to bring out in more bold relief the quality of the man. He is the supreme egoist. In countless phrases throughout his dictated account of himself, he flaunts his conviction, his energy and will power. It is always: "I had to decide everything, and I had a will firm enough to summon up all the political postulates that I had enunciated and sustained with pen and paper." "I have shown myself to be inexorable." "I have insisted upon being strong, but I have labored to be generous." "I was indispensable to my devoted people." "I was the leader of the revolution and champion of the government at thirty-nine." This is the talk of a man who surely thinks much of himself and desires to impress his name on a high plane in history.

Still another element of his character here so clearly exposed is his hatred of those who oppose or criticize him. (He has thirteen times escaped death and has thirteen times escaped to carry on his work.) He asserts: "I cover with my contempt dishonest and lying opponents." They are "soft-brained cowards," "swelled frogs," a "base and pernicious crew." His contempt has even gone so far as to restore the death penalty for such crimes as attempts at his life.

But Mussolini's life is not yet complete. He says: "Some readers of my autobiographic record may attribute to these pages of mine the character of a completed life story. If they have believed that story completed they are mistaken. It is absurd to believe that one can conclude a life of battles at the age of forty-five." "My objective is simple: I want to make Italy great, united, and feared; I want to render my nation worthy of her noble and ancient traditions...." Then there follows a projected program expressed in such convincing statements that we can only hope it is more than a mere rhetorical flourish.

**VOLTAIRE, Genius of Mockery.** By Victor Thaddaus. Brentano's Publishers. \$5.00.

GOETHE has said, "Voltaire will be always regarded as the most astonishing creation of the Father of Nature, a creation in which He pleased Himself to assemble, once, in the frail and perishable organization of a man, all the variety of talent, all the glories of genius, all the powers of thought." Never has a human being had a wider range of interest than Voltaire, never such a record of accomplishments: few there are who can boast more vivid or excit-

ing lives than he. And to top it all, he was one of the most paradoxical of men. Surely a biography of this man should be at least as interesting as the events of his life have been. Voltaire walked with kings and more than once fled the country to save his neck; he languished in the Bastille and was the idol of the salons; he was a liar and a forger, yet he risked his shriveled body and his immortal soul for human liberty. From such a fascinating array of events to choose from, Victor Thaddaus has produced, however, a biography which is dull and inaccurate. His labors, then, are really fruitless and merely serve to obscure the real analysis of the many-sided Voltaire.

Most judgments of Voltaire have been unduly coloured by sympathy with or dislike of his polemical side. That he never, as Carlyle complains, gave utterance to one great thought is strictly true. That his characteristic is for the most part an almost superhuman cleverness rather than a positive genius is also true. But that he was merely a "genius of mockery," as Mr. Thaddaus asserts, is not strictly true or fair. In politics he seems to have been quite reckless of the fact that his attacks were destroying a state of things for which he apparently wished to have no substitute. Both here and elsewhere his great fault was an inveterate superficiality. But this superficiality was accompanied by wonderful acuteness, by untiring energy and versatility in enterprise.

Falling in a certain range to adequately analyze Voltaire's complexity, the author is in addition guilty of numerous errors of fact. It is well known that Voltaire's extraordinary thinness is commemorated by the epigram attributed to the poet Young, and identifying him at once with "Satan, Death, and Sin." Yet Mr. Thaddaus seems to forget this (or does not know?), and attributes it to Voltaire. This laxity on the author's part is perhaps due to his use of references which have already been superseded by more complete and accurate works. Yet this cannot be taken as an excuse for misconception and error in a biography professing to be an accurate work of historical detail.

**THE WANDERER.** By Alain Fournier. Translated from the French by Francoise de Lisle. With an introduction by Havelock Ellis. Houghton Mifflin Co. \$2.50.

FROM the simple and minor episodes of an uneventful boyhood in the country Alain Fournier has constructed a novel which develops serenely and slowly in a crescendo of increasing interest and greatness. So very little happens in this story that one must search in the life of the author for the qualities which make *The Wanderer* such an exquisite novel. These qualities are the "rich treasury of accumulated lives the author held within him in the form of a moving dream" to which he gives expression in the tangible lives of the school-boys of the story.

The wanderer is the record of Alain Fournier's own youth. He finds in this novel expression for the restlessness of soul which is in the artist's spirit. Fournier, the man, still retained the vision of adolescence when he wrote his novel and accurately revives its spirit here, so that there results a wistful, haunting tale impenetrated with much of his dream life. The theme of *Le Grand Meaulnes* is however more than an expression of the author's spirit. It is universal in its philosophic perception. "Admiral Meaulnes is the wanderer searching for the girl of the mysterious manor whom he encountered and loved and lost. She is his ideal; and to this search for the ideal can be compared all humanity's striving after their own ideals.

## EVENING SESSION ISSUES TRANSFERS AND PERMITS

Office of Day Session Receives Applications With Evening Session Registering Soon

Provisional transfers and permits for the Evening Session are now being issued by the office of the Day Session on application of the students.

Transfers are issued to those students in attendance at the Day Session who intend to take all their work in the Evening Session next term. These transfers are subject to cancellation if the student is not eligible to continue on the rolls as a result of the present term's work, or if the student does not submit a clearance card to the Day Session office at the close of the term. Clearance cards may be obtained at the office and should be filed immediately at the end of the term.

Provisional permits are issued to students to allow them to take individual subjects in the evening session, the rest of the students' work to be taken in the Day Session for the coming term. Such permits likewise are subject to cancellation if the student is not eligible to continue on the rolls as a result of the present term's work or is otherwise ineligible (either because of failure in a prerequisite course or because of reduction of program to 12 1-2 credits) to take the particular subject for which he has enrolled in the Evening Session.

It is necessary that students desiring to transfer or take individual courses in the Evening Session apply as soon as possible since the Evening Session registration begins before the close of the current semester.

## FROSH TO DEBATE SOPHS TOMORROW

To Argue Question of Governmental Control and Operation of Water Power

Opening their schedule for the present semester the freshmen debaters will encounter the sophomore squad tomorrow at 12 noon in room 126, on the question, "Resolved: That the Federal Government Own and Control Water Power Facilities." Professor Francis X. Healy of the Public Speaking Department will judge the event.

The freshman squad which will uphold the negative side of the issue will be composed of Harry Rosenfeld, George Schwartz, Julian Moses, Jack Maulner and Irving Levy, under the advisement of Mr. Pennington of the Public Speaking Department. The Sophomore squad will include Leo Bradspies, John Porter, and Cyrus Gerekstein. Ten minutes will be allotted for each presentation while five will be allowed for subsequent rebuttals.

An extensive schedule has been arranged for the freshman forensic squad next term, according to an announcement by Ben Nelson '31, manager of Frosh debate. The team will oppose the N.Y.U. freshmen at Washington Square on March 1, and on the fifteenth of the same month will meet the Rutgers yearlings at New Brunswick, on the question, "Resolved: That the Present Jury System in America Be Abolished." Negotiations are now under way in preparation for debates with Brooklyn Center, Upsala, and Seth Low.

Under the supervision of Mr. Pennington and Ben Nelson '31 the freshmen squad has been drilling regularly every Tuesday and Thurs-

## SING SING PRISON VIEWED BY POLITICS CLUB MEMBERS

Make Trip in Conjunction With Evening Session and Hunter College Students

One hundred and forty students, including the members of the Politics club, a scattering of Evening Session students and a contingent from Hunter College, viewed the death house, the new tri-focal theatre, cells and new buildings of Sing Sing prison at Ossining, New York, last Thursday. The students were accompanied by Warden Lawes' assistant.

The party made the trip by bus in two sections from the Willoughby branch and the other from St. Nicholas Heights. Pleasant weather lasted throughout the entire day from the time the buses left at 9:30 a. m. until they returned home at 7 p. m. During their stay at the prison, from noon till 4 p. m. the students reviewed the salient points of interest and were informed of the conditions under which the prisoners lived.

The modern aspect of the new buildings in comparison to the old ones, the presence of home-made radio sets and books, the new theatre, comfortable workshops, and increased sanitation attested to the humane manner in which the prisoners were treated.

Of the faculty, Professor Wm. B. Guthrie, Dr. Louis I. Worsoff and Mr. Oscar Janowsky were present.

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