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FIRE-WORKS IMMINENT AS CATHOLIC U. CLASH MENACES ST. NICK RUN

Lavender to Attempt to Make It Three Straight Against Southern Team

Varsity in fine condition; prepared for hard game. First team of Davidoff, White, Goldman, Spahn and Wishevitz to start game.

With the sparkling victories over St. Francis and St. Joseph's safely stowed away in the win column, the College Varsity basketball team will attempt to make it three straight, when it takes the floor against the Catholic University quintet tomorrow night, in the Exercising Hall of the Hygiene building.

This battle will be a tougher one for Nat Holman's charges to take than were their two previous clashes, but it is not likely that the Southerners will be powerful enough to interrupt the Lavender winning streak.

In Pink of Condition
The St. Nick courtmen are in the proverbial pink of condition with every man fit and ready for action. Holman drove his men at full speed during the past week, stressing shooting practice and general offensive work.

The entire squad had a day of rest on Monday but the practice sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were featured by intense scrimmages. Robby Siegal and Danny Trupin looked very good in these impromptu games.

Holman to Start Fire Five
It is practically certain that Holman will start his first five tomorrow night. The Catholic University team is an unknown quantity, as yet, the Southerners playing their first game, tonight, against St. John's at Arcadia Hall, in Brooklyn. However, quintets which have previously come north from the Washington school have always been strong, well-coached fives.

With a single exception, the clashes between the Lavender and the Jesuits have always been close, hard-fought affairs, characterized by fire-fights.

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Lavender Boxer Outpointed In Charity Show Feature

George Striker, veteran welterweight who boxes for the Lavender, lost a three-round bout by a decision to John McLain, a student at New York University last night. The match featured a charity card of amateur contests presented at the New Star Casino for the benefit of the East Harlem Christmas and Unemployment Fund.

ACTORS TO GIVE "BOOR" AGAIN

Play Writing Contest of Dramatic Society Still Open

By invitation of the Clark Settlement House, "The Boor" which was successfully presented before the student body in Townsend Harris Hall on Friday November 20, will be again enacted by the same cast at a tea party given for the members of that institution.

In the cast will be Jules Adolph, who will also direct; Leonard Silverman and Miss Beatrice Anker.

Play Contest Still Open

Only three plays have been submitted in the play-writing contest being conducted by the Dramatic Society, it was revealed yesterday. The contest is still open and manuscripts will be accepted until January 7, 1932.

Student playwrights are not hampered by any regulations. However, the Society will be unable to consider any play whose acting time exceeds forty minutes. Lyrics, music, and dialogue for an original musical comedy are also wanted, but not for the contest.

The Society closed its activities for this semester with the presentation of the Varsity Show "Outward Bound." The season's programmes consisted of "The Valiant," "The Rising of the Moon," "The Boor" and "Outward Bound."

SPOOKY, SCARY LIGHT ON FOURTH FLOOR JARS JOURNALISTS WHO DARE DARK DOOR

Two years ago, after the witching hour of eleven when hall lights are turned off, an unsophisticated Campus candidate remained on the famed-in-song-and-story fourth floor of the main building, way up where more stars begin.

He had just begun to traverse the pitch-dark south corridor on his way home, when suddenly a frosted-glass panelled door glowed with a mysterious light. Quaking in every rib and limb, even as you and I, he came abreast of the door. The only illumination in the whole wide world disappeared instantly—and the youth was left in darkness a buzz-saw could not sever. But not for long—he be-took himself from the vicinity.

Tempus fugit, as is its wont. The same two years later, when the hall lights went out as usual, the old timer told his story. A la the New York Times, a Campus South Corridor Expedition was organized, to see whether his-story would repeat itself. It did. All work on this issue was discontinued for the evening.

One intrepid soul determined to follow the thing up or down to the bottom.

By Edward Alsworth Ross
Professor of Sociology, U. of Wisconsin

Said a distinguished Japanese liberal to me two years ago, "Whenever your secretary of the Navy, Mr. Willbur, makes a big-navy speech before his fellow-townsmen, his remarks are cabled under the Pacific and appear next day on the front page of every newspaper in Japan. Within thirty-six hours bills are introduced into our Diet for additional warships."

Thus every stride toward so-called "security" made by one nation is marked and met by a stride by each of its competitors. Such "security" is a will o' the wisp, pursued but never attained.

Dr. Wise Lauds Judge Brandeis

Calls Justice Successor to Lincoln and Herzl

"A constructive statesman whose Jewishness is freer because he is an American, and whose Americanism is the nobler because he is a Jew," was Dr. Stephen S. Wise's characterization of Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, in his address in the Great Hall yesterday. Dr. Wise was introduced to the student body by President Robinson.

Rabbi Wise, who spoke under the auspices of the Avukah Circle of the Menorah Society, declared that Judge Brandeis by his activities in the appeal before the Supreme Court of the Oregon Case in 1903 gave a new interpretation to the legal development of the status of man, woman, and child in industry. All industrial legislation since has arisen on the basis of the decision handed down in this case.

"Brandeis," stated Dr. Wise, "is the greatest servant of Zionism since Theodor Herzl. Brandeis found his soul as a Jew in Zionism. His greatest contribution to Zionism was his practical idealism."

Fourteen To Run For S. C. Office

Three Men Disqualified for Illegal Publicity

The names of fourteen students, running for president, vice-president, and secretary of the Student Council, will be presented to the College at the elections to be held Wednesday morning.

Those running for president are Aaron Adelsoln, Albert Grossman, Hyman Gold, David Hofstein, Abraham Polonsky, and Emanuel S. Warshauer, all members of the class of 1932. Frank J. Kane was disqualified along with George Rosenberg and Joseph H. Flecks, candidates for vice-president and secretary respectively, for illegal publicity by Harold J. Glickman '32, chairman of the Elections Committee.

Eligible candidates for vice-president are Eugene Gilhuly, Ed. J. Halprin and Bernard Harkavy, all members of the '33 class.

Victor Feingold '33, Abraham Grossman '34, Jerry Kirshbaum '33, Irving Slonim '33, and Joseph Starobin '34, are those in the field for secretary.

Famished Freshies Fearful for Feed—Callow Cowards Have Truce Decried!

Where? At a downtown night club. What? The Frosh Feed, dope. When? Sh-h-h. That's a typical conversation in the Harris concourse these days.

At any moment, an innocent bystander may be buttonholed by a zealous member of the ticket committee and be forced to buy a ticket. But at two-fifty a throw, one likes to know what it's all about. And that is what makes these zealous salesmen stutter.

"Think of it! First, you get a dinner and a gold class key, at a real night club with thirty-two swell girls

doing a hootchie-kootchie in a ribbon and some beads. Boy, what women! It's the first time in history that any girls are gonna be there.

But specific inquiries don't call forth such voluble gushings and buck-toothed grins.

You'd never think that these glib boys could become such clams when you ask them the address and the date. . . .

The funny thing is that there's a secret truce on, and there won't be any raid . . . by the Sophs at any rate.

Gridiron Insignia Given Yesterday at Meeting

Twelve senior members of the Varsity football team who saw final service on the gridiron in the Haverford game, were awarded major and gratuitous insignia at the meeting of the Athletic Association yesterday. Thirteen men were awarded major insignia alone, with eight receiving minor awards.

Milton Gross '33, was elected manager of the football team, Stanley Pearlman '33, and Norman '33, assistant-managers of track and boxing respectively.

Major and gratuitous awards follow: Babor Berlad, Dulberg, Eisen-

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Chemical Warfare Topic Of Cadet Club Lecture

"Chemical Warfare has come to stay," declared Lieut. Augustus E. Swart '32 in a talk on poison gases before the Cadet Club yesterday in the R. O. T. C. Armory. Mr. Swart, a graduate of the military science advanced course, has attended the Army chemical warfare camp, and intends to enter the field of military chemistry.

"A gas," he explained, "is a material which can be sent through the air to cause injury to an enemy, to harass his morale and vigor, and from this advantage to eke out a victory."

"Although modern chemical war-

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TWO DISCUSS MEANS OF ATTAINING PEACE AT POLL SYMPOSIUM

Student Council Disarmament Poll in '34 Alocve Today

The Student Council poll on disarmament and military training will be held in the '34 alcove at the east end of the concourse today.

Balloting will be held between 8:30 and 2:30 o'clock. Ballots will be issued to all students of the Main Center upon identification, preferably by library stubs.

BOARD CREATED FOR NEW PAPER

Downtown Council to Supervise Independent Paper

An association of nine members for the new paper of the School of Business was created by the Downtown Student Council at a special meeting last Tuesday. Three of the members are undergraduates elected by the Council, three are faculty members appointed by the Faculty Committee on Student Relations, and three are alumni appointed by Dean George W. Edwards.

The association will possess the power to appoint the editor-in-chief and business manager. It consists of Herbert Bruell '32, Moe Stoller '33, and Ivan Stern '32 as student members; Professor George M. Hayes, Professor Canute Hansen, and Dr. Mintz as faculty members; and Max Benko, Solomon Magid, and John Kieran '09 as alumni members. Mr. Kieran is sports editor of The New York Times.

Approval of the plan has been secured from the Student Relations Committee and from Dean Edwards. As soon as the necessary sanction has been secured from President Robinson and the Board of Higher Education, articles of incorporation will be filed at Albany.

PEACE ARTICLE DISCUSSES AND DESCRIBES QUESTION OF WORLD COURT AND PROTOCOL

This is the last article on disarmament, prepared by The Campus in accordance with its announced intention of cooperating with the Student Council in the balloting which is being held today.

Question four on the ballot is, "Do you favor American adherence to the World Court on the basis of the Root Protocols?" This warrants an explanation.

Every civilized country on the globe adheres to the World Court, except Mexico, Russia, Turkey, the United States, and several smaller countries.

Rabbi Sydney Goldstein and Philip Nash Address Con-sidcrable Audience

BOTH SPEAKERS ADVOCATE STRONGER WORLD COURT

National Security League Representative Interviewed by Campus Reporter

Respectively advocating organized draft-resistance and adherence to the League of Nations, Rabbi Sydney E. Goldstein of the Free Synagogue and Philip Nash of the League of Nations Association addressed a large group of students at a symposium in Doremus Hall yesterday in preparation for the disarmament poll being held to-day.

The speakers, representing the extreme left and the center of the question, were presented under the auspices of the Student Forum, the Y. M. C. A. and the International Relations Society. The extreme right was not represented but an interview was obtained by The Campus from John W. Tiederman of the National Security League.

Urges Mass Protest

Rabbi Goldstein presented the most radical view. "I think the time has come," he declared, "for the people to rise in protest, so that never again will governments be able to command the services of their citizens in the slaying of one another."

The League of Nations, the peace pacts and the disarmament conferences—none of these agencies will achieve peace, he argued. "The only way this can be done is to withdraw the manpower without which no war can be fought."

Speaking for the League of Nations Association, Mr. Nash presented the centrist side of the question. Labeling as impractical the arguments of both the extremes, he stated that human nature is a factor that cannot be ignored.

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C. C. N. Y. Delegates Attend Model League Conference With International Experts

Four men were sent by the College, as delegates from Austria, to a Disarmament Conference modelled after the League of Nations Conference, at Bucknell University last week. The four men were: Richard Helbig '32, Harry Merican '32, LeRoy Miller '32 and Clyde Teter '31.

Each college, representing a different nation, made a study of the situation in that country and its attitude on the question of disarmament and presented its arguments.

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DEATH AND INJURIES

WE SHOULD LIKE to add our feeble voice to the chorus condemning the number of deaths suffered on the football gridirons this past year. Football may not be "organized murder" as it has been termed by our raving editorial brethren on Morningside Heights. But it certainly is some sort of a crime if college students are killed while engaging in what started out to be a pastime for brain-ured students. Football is a game, and its rules should be corrected in such a way as to maintain the colorful side of the sport and yet minimize any chances of real injury. One way to lessen the number of football injuries, if not deaths, would be to throw out all professional football players, for these players are interested in football, not as a sport, but as a profession. Business men must produce results, and the means are not always the most genteel or gentlemanly. Other ways to lessen the number of injuries would be for the referees strictly to enforce the rules against piling up after the scrimmages and to open up the game by doing away with the penalty for incompleting forward passes. If steps are not taken in the direction of safety for the participants, the game should be abolished.

TO ACHIEVE DISARMAMENT

WITH the present difficult situation in the Far East, any question dealing with international relations broached today is met with hostility and super-nationalistic prejudices. The cause of international disarmament has suffered tremendously therefor. Our last-inch upholders of security point to the Sino-Japanese situation as an adequate reason against disarmament, when it may truthfully be said that the Manchurian crisis is the best proof of the need for drastic reduction in armaments. For, to be a success, disarmament must be entered into by all nations; and if all nations lived up to their Versailles obligations, they would be disarming down to the level of Germany. But what stops nations from disarming? Jealousy, pride, suspicion, fear, selfishness, ignorance. If we are suspicious of the designs of one country, then that country has the same right to be suspicious of our designs. When all countries are suspicious, afraid, and glower across frontiers at one another, peace is but a chimera, unattained and unattainable. For if countries are afraid, they arm. And if one country arms, all countries arm. And if all countries arm, then the arms will inevitably be brought into use. The history of the epoch before the World War shows that world "security" means world chaos.

It is a truism that the great task facing peace-lovers is the creation of an intelligent, informed, and international-minded public opinion. How are we as college students to aid in the formation and crystallization of such an opinion. Are we to depend on discussions, on reading, on attending lectures? Of course. But such proceedings are aimless and haphazard. In order to spread a doctrine we must formalize and institutionalize it. The idea of disarmament, as an important phase of world peace, must be taught directly if any results are to be achieved. The establishment of a Department of Peace at every college and university in the world, teaching disarmament and international cooperation, discussing our present peace machinery and methods of strengthening it, reviewing past attempts toward keeping the peace and reasons for its failure, spreading the idea of the futility of force, is the sanest and most sensible way of approaching this vexing problem. As college students, sincere in our efforts to ward off another and greater disaster, we must agitate for the establishment of such departments. If education is the way out, education must be practiced.

Gargoyles

SYBIL WHISPERS

(In which I out-pulunsy Polonsky)

What of the Communist Raid on Washington! Sing Muse, with accents like to those eminent wielders of the pen of this fair institution.

First tell of it as would Mr. Dick Greenblatt, Sportswriter, were he there to see.

With bared teeth and eyes rolling and stung to a wild frenzy by the words of comrade and coach, Mike Olschansky, that "we cannot go back to our fellow workers unless we have broke through that line of flunkies and planted the ball at the president's bed-chamber," 300 fighting fools in communist uniforms fought the police to a standstill before the White House yesterday.

Beneath the dazzling, insuperable charge of the 300 was the wily strategy of Mike Olschansky who devised the "drop 'em and run" attack and the famous "play-dead" feint. Time and again the capitol police were baffled by these tactics never before seen in these parts. When the police charged, the communists would drop flat on the pavement and when the police had turned their backs, the fighting 300 would creep another 3 paces nearer to the White House only to appear superlatively dead when the police looked that way again.

The one star that we would single out from the melee was comrade, Vladimir Vishnoffsky. Charging wildly, butting 3 senators in the stomach, breaking night-stick after night-stick against his invincible cranium, comrade Vladimir was silenced only when the thirty second club failed to splinter on his brainy skull. Undoubtedly the greatest rush of his career!

The Communists were especially strong on the defense each man averaging three night-sticks per capita.

Next year's contest ought to be a pippin!

Our own dear Faculty Bulletin would present the following biographical sketch. (Go ahead Muse)

Mike Olschansky

Mike Olschansky was born March 17, 1900 at 11th Street, Moscow and parts east.

Mr. Olschansky says that he never had no education to speak of but we feel that it is only his modesty that says so since we know him to have gotten as far as the fourth grade.

Mr. Olschansky will receive an honorary degree of L. L. D. if the worker's revolution is successful.

Mr. Olschansky is socially conscious and has ideas on capital and labor and many other important subjects. Dean Olschansky says that it is only his strong constitution that has enabled him to hold out as a prominent communist for so many years.

Mr. Olschansky never joined a fraternity but he has written on shoes.

Tell O muse, how Mr. Cohen, the Alcovite, would comment on the raid in his nooky column.

The 300 communists who shunned the mere insipidity of banal existence, and the futile gamour of our everyday emotions passed in one dazzling, naked sweep to a plane of life and feeling where all melodrama of feigned existence was cast off and life's deeper and more beautiful harmonies took possession of them as they abandoned their souls into the fantasy of a rhythm which was not of civilization but which bears the most exquisite perfume of all of our rasping and transient moments. Spurning the supercilious cachinnation and natural coarseness of the protective gendarmerie of Washington these 300 men with subtlety of thought and wondrous delicacy of sensibility evinced a true cultural discrimination of the more harmonious from the jangling elements of life when they dared with an ardor quick and intense to make our terrestrial, earth-bound existence rich and replete with meaning, moving swiftly, unequivocally to a dramatic climax beyond the pale where life sinks to a flaccid and effete culmination of triviality and satiety. Culture was the star of their goal.

Will Barrett

(Subbing for that other Will)

THE ALCOVE

There is a peculiar repugnance associated with the word "rhetoric." The most telling way of deprecating a writer's product is by labeling it "empty rhetoric,"—the "empty" being considered redundant and so itself a rhetorical expression,—while writers themselves shrink apprehensively from being held grandiloquent. Hearn admonishes his Japanese students of the pitfalls of rhetoric or bombast; Huxley wrote his essays on chalk and the method of Zadig with studied care to present what he had to say as lucidly and comprehensively as possible, fearing lest it suffer from literary embellishment; and Arnold Bennett earnestly assures us in his *Literary Taste* that he is "extremely anxious to avoid rhetorical exaggeration" in asserting that "he who has not been 'presented to the freedom' of literature has not been wakened up out of his prenatal sleep."

The derogatory sense connoted by "rhetoric" is "peculiar" in light of its wider signification, that of not merely tautologic *copia verborum* but of the eloquence of living. Life is not lived in terms of nouns alone; it is modified by adjectives all glorious though more or less synonymous. No mind however prosaic is impoverished to the extent that a subway is only a subway—it is either an oppressively fuisome subterranean gloom, or just a damn subway. One's response to a golden sundown may be expressed in nineteenth century platitudes, but there is just as much tacit eloquence restrained within one's breast. And it is hard to imagine love as being but the words male, female, and sex. Even Gargoylians will tell us differently, however crudely. The sternly simple prose of Bjornson is no less rhetorical for its simplicity: his two children nodding to each other in church intimate a world of poetical exuberance. So Bennett, when further in his essay he writes that when you say "she is simply miraculous!" you are in the realms of literature, has fallen into that very rhetorical pitfall of which he has been so circumspect. As he goes on "You were producing literature. You were alive." He plunges more and more deeply into that eloquence that is by no means belied because of verbal succinctness. There are a thousand and one intimations, a richness of suggestiveness lacking only a Pater to endue it with fitting garb. And how much more affluent is Pater when he writes: "Not to discriminate every moment some passionate attitude in those about us, and in the brilliancy of their gifts some tragic dividing of forces on their ways, is, on this short day of frost and sun, to sleep before evening." It would take utter brazenness to disparage that as "mere rhetoric." These lines are full, yet are not complete but suffer an infinitude of inference upon the "passionate attitude," upon the circumambient but unspoken eloquence so effusive in those about us yet pouring forth upon no human ears but rather upon the wind or the sun or the stars or a City College sky.

Verboosity does not exist. Every word repeated in different guise, every phrase balanced by a similar one in varied dress, evidences the writer's outreach for the *no plus ultra*; his brush seeks every shade, every tone blending into a niceness which he yet knows to be full of imperfection, glorying in his incompleteness and aware of life's unpaintable iridescence. Like free verse, rhetoric is an iteration of mood through recurrent cadences, each compassing more of the theme, each paralleled by the other, no one superfluous.

S. C.

"—and comment"

The entire fourth floor is in consternation. Wild rumors have been circulated to the effect that the next MERCURY cover will contain no nude or even semi-nude females.

President Robinson is still in a very weak condition from the effects of the sudden appearance of the '31 Mika. Friends are attempting to keep the news of this latest shock from him.

The Campus will do its best to keep the situation well in hand. If need be, until the students have calmed down, several issues will be put out on green paper with the front page covered with pictures borrowed from the Graphic.

The editor of MERCURY has been hiding for weeks. However, this is no indication of the gravity of the situation since it is a normal activity with him as the date for the issuance of MERCURY approaches.

And speaking of publications, it is said that a possible reason for the withholding of permission for a Student Forum paper is the fact that there is already a radical paper at the College. "You've read a book. Why do you want to read another one?"

We wonder if that other "radical paper" could be the Faculty Bulletin. There's certainly something radically wrong with that sheet.

E. C.

OPERA

A Phonographic Aids

The need of a phonograph to secure a deeper appreciation of the great operas than can be obtained in a yearly hearing of them, is now doubly emphasized by the recording of complete works. While leading excerpts have always been used by famous singers to display their vocal talent over the phonograph, we are now enabled to hear the opera as an artistic entity. These recordings are not meant to supplant the actual performance but to supplement it by giving opportunity for repetitions, score-reading, etc. Too obvious, indeed, is the value of intensive attention to the music (hardly possible in an opera-house).

Admirably suited for such recording is Verdi's "Aida" which the RCA Victor Company has given us in its

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Screen Scraps

A Biblical Revival

BEN HUR, an adaptation from the novel by General Lew Wallace, with Ramon Navarro and May McAvoy. At the Rialto Theatre.

Adding incidental noises to the old silent film, the Rialto Theatre once again presents Ramon Navarro in "Ben Hur."

The acting in general is excellent, although Navarro displays a tendency to overact during the critical moments. May McAvoy is impressive in the role of a virgin.

The picture is a gorgeous, colorful spectacle, with the biblical scenes done especially well. The galley scenes are strangely reminiscent of "The Sea Hawk", but they are much better executed in the Rialto revival.

Our credulity, however, was strained by the sight of eight powerful Romans needed to subdue the slight Navarro. And we do wonder why the producers used painted outdoor back drops when there was so much natural scenery available in California.

A. F.

Naughty But Nice

OPERA BALL, A German production with English titles, starring Liane Haid. At the Little Carnegie Playhouse, 57th Street, East of Seventh Avenue.

"The Opera Ball" and "Kaiserliedchen," which was reviewed in a previous issue of The Campus, are in their sixth week at the Little Carnegie playhouse. "The Opera Ball" is a frothy farce which is surprisingly different from the under-the-bed bedroom stuff that usually emanates from Hollywood. Inconsequential as to story, it is nevertheless acted in so spontaneous and good-humored a manner that it elicits a continual chuckle. It is amazing to us how the German directors can instill risqué humor into their comedies without being offensive.

The picture has several charming tunes, the best of which is "In Santa Lucia." The music is not inserted gratuitously, but flows smoothly along with the story.

For those whose German is a bit rusty, (and aren't we all?) there are English subtitles.

Liane Haid has the female lead in both pictures. Ivan Petrovich, who has been seen in American productions, has an effective role.

H. B. S.

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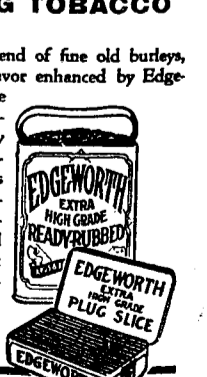
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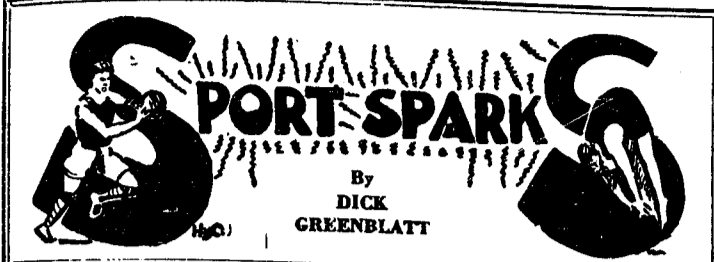
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EDGEWORTH



By
DICK
GREENBLATT

Our old and oft repeated cry has been that it would be better to be defeated in every game on our program by an old established college whose name means something to the outside public than to win every game on our schedule with 104 to 0 scores from colleges whose defeat gives us no prestige.

Our difficulty is not merely a matter of losing games. Much more significant is the fact that although we have been playing varsity football for ten years we have not been able to lift ourselves into a class of competitors that in all other respects are in any way suitable competitors for the College. Throughout the past decade year after year we have had for our opponents institutions entirely reputable but in most cases small, little known to the general public, and, on the face of the matter, less able to provide the means and resources necessary for a successful carrying on of a sports program than the College is.

The above two paragraphs are quoted from an editorial on football in the City College Alumnus. Whether they represent the views of the majority of the alumni I cannot say. But whether they do or not, they certainly evidence a striking ignorance of the difficulties of making up a schedule and an even more striking—in view of the recent number of gridiron deaths,—lack of respect for the welfare of the individuals who play on the Lavender football team.

I don't suppose that it ever occurred to the writer of the editorial that perhaps the larger colleges in the East do not particularly care to schedule games with C. C. N. Y. Perhaps the writer of the editorial never heard that football programs are not made up by simply saying to the managers of any team in the country, "Well, you have a nice bunch of boys at your institution. Your boys can do as well in Latin and Greek as ours. Your library is as big as ours, and even if you have no faculty members interested in oracular mysticism, we are willing to play you at football next season on the 25th of October."

It may be that such a system would be an ideal one, but it does not exist, and, with football played as it is now simply for the entertainment of masses of people who if they had lived in ancient Rome would have paid their two or three denarii to see a couple of gladiators clawed to bits by a tiger, such a system is impossible.

The fact is that most of the major colleges do not want to play City College in football, and those that do only want to play the Lavender as an early season set-up to give their own teams a little confidence. Such early games must be played at the larger college's home field every year. What is more, the publicity value of such games, as far as the lesser college is concerned, is very doubtful. I should be very much surprised if the writer of the editorial could mention, without consulting any records, the opening game opponents of Dartmouth, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Fordham and Holy Cross, just to take the first few names that pop into my mind.

And if he could mention these teams I am afraid that he would find it very difficult to show how their later games with institutions their own size received any more publicity than they would ordinarily have received. Indeed, in the reports of these early season affairs the attention of the newspaper writers is devoted entirely to the major team, its style and power of attack, its defensive strength and its prospects of a successful season. The smaller eleven gets practically no mention at all.

The suggestion is often made that since the larger teams will not meet us in any but early contests we try to arrange to play other colleges such as the members of the "Little Three." Well, attempts have been made to schedule games with such teams, but there is always something cropping up to interfere with the plans. The most serious source of interference here is the matter of guarantees. Although The Alumnus may not be aware of the fact, any college that leaves its home field to play another eleven receives a guarantee of a certain sum of money. When a college has a name with lots of tradition behind it the tendency is for that college to demand very large guarantees whether its drawing power as a football attraction is large or small. And with the Athletic Association treasury in its present rheumatic state the College cannot pay any large guarantees.

But a far more important argument against the plan of scheduling games with opponents outside our class so far as the gridiron is concerned is the welfare of the players. One would think that in view of the great number of fatalities this year among teams playing in their own classes The Alumni would realize the danger of a small team like our own playing against opponents who are far superior to it.

I do not think it fair to the players to expect them to take one or two unmerciful beatings at the beginning of the season just because the City College Alumnus thinks that by so doing they will get more publicity for their later season games with opponents in their own class. As a matter of fact, I know of one small team that follows this policy and finds that the injuries received in the early games prevent it from doing well even against competitors ordinarily no better than itself. And aside from these points, I wonder what pride an alumnus can take in being able to say that his college is annually the first or second set-up on the Harvard or Dartmouth schedule and annually loses by scores of 50 and 60 to 0.

Here at the College we have not as yet suffered from over-emphasis of athletics. And the obvious desire of The Alumnus is exactly that over-emphasis. For my part I hope the Alumnus does not get what he wants. I like to

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JAYVEES TO OPPOSE TEXTILE COURTMEN

Quintet to Meet First Real Test Tomorrow

The College junior varsity basketball team will seek its third consecutive victory when it opposes the formidable Textile High School quintet preliminary to the Varsity-Catholic University tilt at the College gym tomorrow night. The Jayvees has had no difficulty in winning its first two games, but tomorrow's encounter should prove to be a real test of its ability.

Will Oppose Strong Team

Textile High annually produces a first-rate quintet. Last year a strong Lavender team could just eke out a precarious 22-17 decision over the Purple and White.

In its victory last Saturday the Lavender showed considerable improvement over its performance in the season's opener. Passing was more accurate, the defense stronger and a general improvement in team play and coordination were very evident. The team seems to have acquired the assurance and self-confidence that comes with experience.

Abundance of Material

Coach Hodesblatt is no troubled by a lack of material this year. He has ten men who are all more or less on a par. Two, however, have stood out in the two games played. Sam Winograd, flashy forward, is high scorer of the squad and should lead the attack tomorrow.

Bill Webb, former Clinton star, has proved to be the closest guard and one of the steadiest men on the team.

Hodesblatt's starting lineup will probably consist of Sam Winograd and Wally Sobol, forwards, Bill Webb at center, Sid Horowitz and Jeff Levine at the guard posts. His very capable reserves, who will undoubtedly see action tomorrow, include Clemens, Goldsmith, Greenblatt and Shindleshein. Ben Goldbaum, who flashed considerable strength in the opener before he was injured, may also play.

Team Impressive in Scrimmages

In the several scrimmages with the Varsity this week, the Jayvee has been unusually impressive. In spite of the very apparent ruggedness of the squad, it displayed considerable speed and sharp cutting.

LAVENDER QUINTET MEETS CATHOLIC U.

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works, with the winning margin never more than two points. The lone easy game came in 1929, when the New Yorkers routed the visitors by a 58-25 score.

In previous games, College fives won in 1924, 1925 and 1928 by 31-29, 18-16 and 31-29 scores, respectively, while Catholic University came out ahead in 1926 and 1927, by counts of 25-23 and 13-12.

This means that Johnny White, Joe

Mat Squad to Oppose Lions in First Match

Will Try to Avenge Defeat of Last Season

The finest wrestling squad ever to step on the mat for the Lavender will be out to tan or fan the Columbia Lion's hide tomorrow afternoon in its own den with three equally potent incentives to drive it on.

The first, naturally enough, is the fact that it is the initial, and therefore a vital, meet of the season. The second lies in Columbia's 17-13 win over a strong Terrace outfit in last year's bout. Many who tasted defeat at that time will have their opportunity to wreak vengeance tomorrow. The third is the knowledge that a triumph over the Blue and White means a good start toward an undefeated season, which no St. Nick wrestling team has achieved in the past.

Coach Grossman's men are a veteran lot, and he counts on winning at least five of the eight bouts, although Columbia boasts four veteran regulars in Captain Quinau, Pitluga, Kinsler, and Johnson. Captain Finkelstein, who will wrestle at 175 pounds, is undoubtedly the finest matman seen here for a long, long time—and the College has had some good wrestlers.

The lineup for the match is pretty well established. "Pinty" Schoenbaum, at 118 pounds; Al Levinsky, at 126 pounds; George Hutchinson or Pete Pitell, at 135 pounds; Irv Gruttman, at 145 pounds; Sid Becker, at 155 pounds; Hy Finkelstein, at 175 pounds; and Lou Mendell, heavy-weight, will perform tomorrow.

Davidoff, Moe Goldman, Lou Wishevitz, and Moe Spahn will be on the floor when the opening whistle blows tomorrow.

Visitors Play Spectacular Game

The Washington quintet plays a spectacular game, relying more on its ability to shoot goals from mid-court than on accurate passing and fast cutting, to score. The visitors used a zone defense against the Lavender in 1923 and 1924, but after that they employed the more modern man-to-man game, and it is likely that they will use that style of play tomorrow evening.

Professor Williamson reports that the advance sale of tickets is vigorous. There is every likelihood that the two teams will play to a full house.

THIRD MERC OUT SOON

That the third issue of Mercury will be placed on sale the week before Christmas, is the promise of the unfortunate editor-in-chief, Stan Lloyd Kaufman himself. The appellation, "Compulsory Union" number, is self-explanatory.

Five hundred copies over and above the usual number have been ordered by Bernard Harkavy, Business Manager, in anticipation of a run on the circulation staff.

JEWISH IDEALISM HINDERS SUCCESS IN PALESTINE

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stacle to the practical success of Zionism. "This idealism prevents the cooperation of the Jews with the Arab society," and he pointed out since there are but eighty thousand Jews in Palestine among an overwhelming majority of Arabs, political and social cooperation is necessary. "To bring that about is the aim of the educator in Palestine."

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Correspondence

A Football Reply
To the Editor of The Campus:

The attention of the writer has been attracted to an editorial of a recent edition of The Campus. Words are chosen in which the thought is manifested that the City College football team is the best amateur football team in the country, the point being obvious that any team capable of beating the City College team is non-amateur.

This is not in concerned with the ethics of prevailing professionalism in football in the scholastic institutions of the country. This communication has not the purpose of denouncing professionalism in amateur sport. The writer feels impelled merely to hint at facts with the purpose of contradicting the statement of the editorial aforementioned.

In the first place, it can be thought quite unsportsmanlike to insinuate that the teams which did beat ours did because they were professionals. Such a statement savors of a rotter, a poor loser, a hunter after alibis hardly a credit as a representative of the institution become famous as the descendant of the New York City Free Academy of bygone days.

Secondly, amateur football teams exist which have the ability to triumph over the gridiron wearers of the Lavender. An investigating individual might experience difficulty in locating such a club, but when he actually does come across one, he will have become no richer in his experiences than he would had he referred himself to the data made available by the then startling Carnegie Report in regard to athletics some years ago.

But it is not the writer's purpose to relapse the tainted meat that the Carnegie people fished from the garbage barrel's depths.

He states that despite the editorial writer's claims, the City College team is itself non-amateur. It is common knowledge that the various clerical stunts of the college have an undue proportion of young men, undergraduates, who are connected with our athletic teams. It is not to be said that this situation is to be particularly deplored, but rather that, if the flavor of professionalism is to characterize our teams, at least claims be unproposed whereby a poor squad of stalwarts is made to blossom and shine despite trappings by opponents whose bids to amateurism are not brazen, opponents whose rank rivals our own, who secure teams with no intention of alibiing for defeat.

It may seem laughable that an individual of any degree of intelligence point to the use of athletics as clerks to an ordinate degree by the college in his effort to make the map clear in regard to professionalism. Which brings up a good point. If we are to stain our escutcheon, let's do it wholehog. Mayhap, a team might thus be produced that would make superfluous such alibiing propaganda as was editorially published by The Campus, and which led to the conception of this crank note.

WALTER YEDLIN '33

(All we meant by the above-mentioned editorial — although it may have been ambiguous in the mentioning — was that there are very few amateur football teams in the country. Our correspondent agrees with us in this. We had not the slightest idea of creating alibis for our football team, since we have already stated that the winning of a football game is hardly of transcendental importance. We certainly would not impugn the amateur standing of any of our gridiron opponents. We know nothing of their standing in this respect.—Ed. Note.)

The Disarmament Poll
To the Editor of The Campus:
Today there will be held in the Col-

lege a referendum to determine what are the attitudes of students on a series of questions relating to disarmament. To ensure an honest balloting, a bi-partisan committee has been nominated to handle the poll. May I interpose a word of caution as to the interpretation of whatever "results" are found?

The appointment of a bi-partisan committee to tally the responses to the questions proposed on the ballot is not a sufficient argument for the dependability of the response. I have no doubt that the balloting will be conducted in an honorable manner, but I do maintain that the fairness of the tallying is not alone a fair criterion of the validity of the questionnaire.

At least two questions require solution before the Council, or any student, ventures upon an interpretation of the results. Do the items proposed afford the student adequate means of expression to indicate his views on the entire disarmament question? And second, if not every student votes, was the referendum based on a truly random sampling of students, or were there any factors of selectivity influencing that portion of students who were moved to vote?

Anyone who has taken the pains to observe the list of organizations sponsoring the questionnaire to be used will at once be struck by their homogeneity of viewpoint on disarmament problems. The disposition of these organizations is such that even the casual reader of the list (on the back of the pink referendum sheets which have been posted in the alcoves) will more than suspect that the questions have not sprung out of a need for illumination on the armaments question itself, but out of a deliberate attempt to substantiate a predetermined sequence of arguments.

Some of the questions given are isolated phases of many-faceted variables. The attempt of the organizers of the questionnaire to limit the number of qualifying arguments and so evolve a linear function yielding to measurement through categorical answers, becomes a subliminal influence restricting the thinking of voters, giving the naive a mind-set of unproved merit and rendering the questions invalid as a measure of real attitude. In short the items become nothing more than leading questions.

Further, it is altogether possible, and probable as well, that in a student body of our enormity, the armament question is not today equally motivating to all groups. Yet in attitude measurement the attitude of each group, regardless of interest or motivation, is equally important with that of every other group. Since Friday's referendum depends on Alcove volunteers, we have no way of knowing whether subconscious factors of selectivity operate. Our ignorance of their exact nature is not a sufficient warrant for a presumption of their absence. The burden of proving their absence rests upon those who would interpret the results. Otherwise the referendum cannot be hailed as valid.

The only way known at City College to afford every student an equal incentive to cast a ballot is by means of a universal classroom poll. No other method is cogent, no other method should be undertaken.

CHARLES A. ULLMAN '32

Ira I. Kaplan '10, Director of the Division of Cancer of the Department of Hospitals, will be the next contributor in the series of alumni articles. His evaluation of undergraduate days will appear in Monday's issue of The Campus.

CADETS HEAR TALK ON WAR CHEMICALS

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fare involving toxic gases originated in the World War," Swart pointed out, "it had its birth in the 'Greek Fire' of the middle ages, invented during the reign of Leo the Isaurian, in the early eighth century, by a Greek officer at the siege of Constantinople."

"Chemical warfare," declared the speaker, "is the latest advance in the science of warfare and has come to stay."

OPERA

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entirely as Album No. 54 of the *Musica Austriaca* series. This set consists of 19 double-faced records, performed by leading soloists, chorus and orchestra of La Scala, Milan, and conducted by Carlo Sabajno, while all the worth-while music of an opera such as "Lucia" is exhausted by the seven excerpts found in Victor's catalogue, Verdi's Egyptian work is a masterpiece throughout and all its parts deserving of a permanent place in our library. A recording made by the famous institution which gave the first European performance of an opera of the magnitude of "Aida" is bound to be distinguished by its authenticity, particularly in the orchestral and choral sections. The soloists, who are also well schooled in the Italian tradition, include the American soprano, Dusolina Giannini as *Aida*, Mme. Menghini-Cattaeno as *Amneris*, Sr. Pertiles as *Rhadames* and Sr. Inghillieri as *Amonaro*. They all have learned the basic operatic art of expressing emotion through the voice, as is so excellently demonstrated in the duet of the *prime donne*, where one needs no visual aid to realize the conflicting emotions of two women. It is indeed fortunate that such an opportunity is at hand for us to enjoy as frequently as we like one of the world's supreme operas.

JULIAN M. MOSES

ARTICLE DISCUSSES COURT AND PROTOCOL

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come was the "Root Formula," which was embodied in a protocol not yet ratified by the Senate.

The protocol includes these points:
1. The United States shall accept no obligations of the Treaty of Versailles, or legal relation to the League of Nations.

2. The Court statute shall be changed only by unanimous consent.
3. The United States shall have the right to withdraw from the Court, the other nations having the right to withdraw their acceptance of the protocol, if two-thirds of them so decide.

4. The United States shall pay its share toward the expenses of the Court, and shall participate on terms of equality with the other nations, in the election of judges.

SPORTS SPARKS

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see the College win on the playing field, but I always like to think that athletes at the College are no different from any other students when they walk into the classroom.

Speaking of over-emphasis of college football and the huge sums of money that accompany it I'm afraid that this criticism applies to a condition extant off the gridiron also. I refer specifically to that great bridge contest between two fellows named Lenz and Culbertson. It seems as if these two are the Rockne and Warner of bridge, and are trying to settle whether the double-king-back-to-back style of play is better than the shifting queens system with all its attendant deception and power.

Coach Culbertson says that a defeat will cost him \$500,000 in royalties. (In football these are known as gratuities from alumni.) And it's against the law to play penny ante in New York!

SPEAKERS DEBATE ROUTES TO PEACE

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He cited the Graeco-Bulgarian flare-up which occurred several years ago, as an instance in which the League had prevented a war. The recent League proposal which halted the Japanese march on Chin-Chow, he believes will come to be called the turning point of the Sino-Japanese crisis, and the beginning of new power to the League.

Mr. Joseph T. Cushman of the National Security League, who was to represent the conservative side, was unable to attend. An interview was secured with Mr. John W. Tiederman, national secretary of that organization. In his statement to a Campus reporter, Mr. Tiederman stated that his organization stands for adequate land and naval forces, so that no enemy can land on American soil.

"The theory that war may be prevented under the Einstein formula of refusal of 2 percent of the citizens to fight, ignores basic principles," he contended. "If all the sheep in a flock refused to fight, it would not stop one wolf from fighting. In addition, advocating refusal to obey the draft law in war, seems to me to be dangerously near treason."

"The United States," he declared, "ranks thirteenth in land forces of the fourteen leading countries of the world, even lagging behind Germany."

Rabbi Goldstein, commenting on the World Court, agreed with Mr. Nash that it was a worthwhile instrument for preserving peace. "We should try to strengthen it and make it a real power in the world," he said. Nash predicted that as time goes on, it will become stronger, likening it to the Supreme Court of the United States, which began as an unimportant branch of the government.

NIGHT LIGHT FRIGHT

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bitter end, spirits and phantoms that roam at night notwithstanding. So he did, and nerving himself for an encounter with a Phantom of the Opera or a Dracula, he hid him to Dr. Johnson of the Bio department whose name is inscribed on the fateful door.

Crestfallen, he learned that the frosted glass hid an innocent incubating experiment, and a stream of scientific names. The light was connected to a thermowatchamacallit, which, switching it on and off, regulated the heat in the room.

SPORTS INSIGNIA GIVEN

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berg, Hoffstein, Kaplowitz, Miller, Rohdie, N. Schwartz, R. Schwartz, Tatarsky, Vance, captain, Greenblatt, manager, and Neidorff, assistant-manager.

Major awards: Amos, Clemens, Cooper, Diamond, Friedman, Gerstein, Horowitz, Isserson, Kupperberg, Lazarus, Mondschein, Schulhafter, and Weiner.

News in Brief

An appeal for closer class union by Prof. Wohl, faculty advisor, marked the '34 class rally yesterday. He held that a revival of class spirit would mean the reestablishment of many traditions which have been forgotten in a now "pretty dead" College.

A plan to produce more interest in class affairs, was presented by the Class Council officers. It proposes the appointment by the '34 Council of 25 students, who will each represent a group of about fifty class members.

The Junior Varsity Debating team will open its season, this evening at eight o'clock in the Faculty Room, when it meets the University Heights N. Y. U. freshman debaters. The subject of discussion will be: Resolved that these United States adopt a compulsory unemployment insurance.

The Lavender team, consisting of Kurt Lehmann, Jr. '35, Isador Horowitz '35, and David Kadane '33, which will take the negative of the question, will have to put up a hard fight against the strong Violet team.

That "the world depression wrought the same effects on practically all the European nations but in varying degrees" was the keynote of a talk on "the effects of the depression on European countries" by Dean Edwards before the City College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors last Thursday.

Pictures of the Senior celebrities for the '32 Microcosm will be taken today on the campus between 1 P. M. and 3 P. M. Today is also the last day to take senior individual pictures, and to hand in the questionnaire blanks.

The Frosh-Soph swimming meet, originally scheduled for yesterday, was postponed until after the Christmas recess. The next event on the small gym next Thursday at noon.

"Love's Joy and Sorrow," three one-act plays in German, will be presented by Dr. Otto Peterson of the German department and his students at the Commerce Center Theatre tomorrow night. Proceeds of the performance will go to erect a monument to Friedrich Schiller, the German genius of freedom, in the capital of Estonia.

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