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BASKETBALL STARS RULED INELIGIBLE BY ATHLETIC BOARD

Faculty Athletic Commission Hears Charges of Participation in Professional Games

ADMIT PROFESSIONALISM

No Substantiation Made of Charges Against Moe Spahn, Sopho- more Guard

At a meeting of the Faculty Athletic Committee held on Wednesday afternoon, Frank De Phillips, captain and center of the 1931 basketball team, and Milton Trupin, veteran forward, were declared ineligible for further athletic competition at the College for participation in professional basketball games.

De Phillips and Trupin both admitted that they had been guilty of playing in outside games, and the suspension on the part of the board was automatic.

Moe Spahn, the big sophomore guard, who has been accused of professional charges, is a member in good athletic standing at the College because no substantiation has been made of the charges directed against him. Spahn has denied all charges made.

Farrell Phones Williamson
On Tuesday night, Professor Walter Williamson, College director of athletics, was called on the phone by Jack Farrell, the Daily News writer who has been in charge of the basketball expose conducted by that paper. Farrell wished to know the results of the meeting.

Williamson told him to get his information about the meeting from President Robinson, and asked him whether he could substantiate the charges made in The News against Spahn. Farrell replied that he could not show that Spahn had played in Bayonne, as he had previously stated, but that he could prove that the Lavender player had engaged in games in Newark and Elizabeth.

Farrell Will Offer Proof
When the News reporter was asked to prove this statement he answered that he did not wish to violate the confidence of certain people who had passed the information to him. However, he added that on receipt of a letter from Professor Williamson to the effect that Spahn has been tested and found innocent of all charges, he would print in The News either a story exonerating Spahn or a story substantiating his charges.

GIRLS TO BE GLORIFIED IN NEXT ISSUE OF MERC

Mercury will glorify the American girl in its next issue, the Girl's Number. Merc is seeking contributions from the students, preferably in the form of short articles. The deadline for contributions is Monday, March 30. Until then, they will be accepted daily in room 410, the Mercury office.

Reviewer Reads Small Town Merc; Buys Ticket for Rustic Regions

By Elliott Hechtman
Well, well! Mercury is here again, this time with a hayseed in its hoary hair. And, incidentally, with the usual flock of city slicker and one-horse town wheezes.

In the Mercury in preceding terms one had to wade through yards and yards of junk to come to the point of the joke. Now, however, the shears have been used liberally, to good effect. These smaller articles are really a pleasure to read.

The most ambitious contribution is a miniature smalltown paper which is very realistic—enough so to be numerous. The Emporia Square Deal alone would be worth the price of admission—it is a little Mercury in itself. The cynical might say that it is a better Mercury, but let's not be cynical—oh, no, please, no.

Now, however, I have a complaint to register. Last term, Monsieur A.

J. W. announced that henceforth and thereafter no smut would dirty the glossy pages of the Merc for the vulgar purpose of circulation-getting, or for any other purpose, for that matter. And now what do we find? Traveling salesmen edging out of the range of the shotgun; city slickers running puer leetle farmers' darters; in fact, practically all the earmarks of a good lively bull session appear in print.

The poetry? Well, not so hot, although the easily insulted G. G. has a genial piece about the suppressed desires of a rube from Brooklyn. The art work? All Hatch Steinberg. His cover, though, leaves me cold. In fact, it took me several days before I got the point.

The editorials are very superficial and unsatisfying. Practically every play in New York is reviewed in the theatre section, which makes interesting reading.

A.A. MAKES MAJOR AND MINOR AWARDS

Basketball and Swimming Man- agers Appointed; Water Polo Motion is Dropped

Awards of major and minor letters, and numerals to the members and managers of the basketball and swimming teams, appointments of managers for next year's basketball team and the defeat of the motion to make water-polo a major sport featured the last two meetings of the Athletic Association. Capt. Frankie De Phillips and Manager Murray Smolar were given gratuitous awards. Major letters were received by Milt Trupin, Ben Hochman, Ben Puleo, Joe Davidoff, Moe Spahn, Lou Wisniewitz, Willie Heft, Hy Kranowitz, and Johnny White, as well as by De Phillips and Smolar.

Minor Letter Awards
Minor letters were awarded to Julie Trupin, Rabinowitz, Tasch, and Gilitz. The following received numerals: Deitz and Solins, assistant managers, Halpern, Deitz, Goldman, A. Solomon, B. Solomon, Siegal, B. Horowitz and Noveck of the '32 class, Berenson and Gordon '33, Goldman, Polakoff, Kaufman, Carus and Neuman, '34, Greenblatt, and S. Horowitz '35 and George Clemons, '31.

Because of the success of the efforts of the Lavender water polo aggregation which finished behind Penn, Dartmouth and Navy who were tied for the lead, a resolution was brought up by Phil Chasin to make water-polo a major sport. However, the resolution failed of success by a 4-2 vote.

The water-polo awards will be decided upon at the next meeting of the A. A.

Six Swimming Awards
The swimmers who received gratuitous awards are Capt. Mike Steffen, Manager Phil Chasin, Jesse Sobel, Water Polo leader, Zeke Frank, Milt Feinberg and "Murphy" Gartner.

Besides the aforementioned, major letter were granted to Kramer, Nolan, Seigel, Fawcett and Abelson. Mazimuto, Mortimer and Ness were the recipients of minor letters and Rabinowitz, Richman, Huffert, Schneer, Ratner, Robinson and Delphin and Waxman, assistant managers secured numerals.

DEBATERS ENGAGE BATES AND M.S.C.

Defeat Massachusetts State College by Audience's Vote; No-deci- sion in Bates Contest

Upholding, for the first time during its current season, the negative of the topic Resolved: That the several states adopt systems of unemployment insurance, the undefeated variety debating team engaged Bates College in a no-decision contest, last Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. in the Faculty room. On Thursday, the Lavender contingent defeated, by the audience's verdict, the Massachusetts State College on the same subject.

Resolves Into Questionnaire
Because of the desire of both teams to attack and not offer a constructive plan, the Bates contest resolved itself into a questionnaire with each side attempting to make its opponents answer its questions. The visitors, represented by Norman Mac Donald '32, Randolph Weatherby '32, and Howard Thomas '31, spent the greater part of its allotted time in (Continued on Page 4)

RECENT DOINGS BABES' PLAY TO PRANKS OF OTHER DAY

By Lester Feinstein
The recent kidnapping and undressing party sponsored by the vivacious co-eds are but mild miniatures of the daring deeds of our City College ancestors at the old building on Twenty-third Street. Anyone so presumptuous as to doubt their initiative should read the "Memories of Sixty Years," a book published by old graduates of the College back in 1907, and learn, among other things, how "mili sci" was "fought" 75 years ago.

Instead of resorting to polemics, as is commonly practised nowadays, these old opponents of drilling took physical action against the squad. The original left-wingers formed themselves into a "flying wedge" and charging the army, pierced its center and drove it into full retreat.

But alas, in those days also, College authorities kept a stern and watchful eye on all wrong-doers and the culprits were haled before old Horace Webster. The accused, however, had a ready wit, and told their judge how, having learnt about the "flying wedge" in their ancient his-

DRAMATIC SOCIETY OPENS NEW SERIES WITH FRENCH FARCE

"Pierre Patelin" to Be Presented This Afternoon in Townsend Harris Hall

MAIMMEN DIRECTS PLAY

Series to be Considered for Presen- tation in All-college Play Carnival

The Dramatic Society will inaugurate its spring season today when the curtain rises on "Pierre Patelin" at 1 p. m. in the Townsend Harris Auditorium. The play is the first one-act piece to be staged since the production last term of "The Game of Chess" and "Bound East for Cardiff."

The cast includes George Rabinowitz '31 as Patelin, Hazel Breland, a Columbia graduate, as his wife; Charles G. Spiegler '32 as Foccauline the draper; Morton Liftin '31 as the judge; and John O'Cully '32 as the shepherd.

A Middle Age Comedy

"Pierre Patelin" is a boisterous comedy of Middle Age life in a typical French town and the characters are a mixture of rogues, bourgeois, and rustics. It has been directed by Mr. Edward Maimmen of the Public Speaking Department. The scenic effects have been arranged by Milt Goldstein, '32, Abe Schein '32, and Dave Kadane '34.

Together with the two plays presented last semester, and "The Little Stone House" by George Calderon, now in rehearsal, "Pierre Patelin" will be considered for presentation in the all-college one-act play carnival to be held Saturday evening, May 2, at the 23rd Street auditorium.

Plan Suggested by Robinson

Dramatic groups from four or five branches in the College will each present one play at the carnival. It is planned to make this affair a yearly event. Originally suggested by President Robinson, the establishment of this tradition has been projected with a view towards increasing cooperation between student organization in the different centers.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REQUESTS NEW MATERIAL

All students who have any material relating to the uptown student Curriculum Committee should submit it to the chairman, Samuel S. Ellman '32, not later than Wednesday, April 1, 1931, the latter announced.

Furthermore, any students who have suggestions or recommendations concerning any phase of the Curriculum Committee's activities may submit it to the chairman before the holidays.

Absolutely no new material will be accepted by the committee after the Easter recess.

DIAMOND-MEN DRILL AS SEASON NEARS

"Lefty" Cohen Shows Up Well in Practice Game Against Frosh

Daily games with the frosh are featuring the practice drills of the Varsity nine. With the approach of the first game on April 1, not even rain and wet grounds could prevent a diamond workout on Wednesday.

With two outfield positions yet open and some of the regulars on his pitching staff still undetermined, Doctor Parker is using the practice contests in order to make his final selections.

"Lefty" Cohen, former Brooklyn hurler, made a fine showing in a short contest with the Frosh on Wednesday. With a fast ball, a good hook, and a fine change of pace, Cohen's only weakness is a tendency toward wildness. This, however, was not at all evident in Wednesday's game. In the three innings he pitched, he allowed only one scratch hit and struck out more than half the men that faced him.

Plethora of Pitchers

The other outstanding hurlers are "Buddy" Nau, Nat Siegel, "Lefty" Goldblatt, Murray' Poss, "Beets" Jacobs, and Abe Grossman. Nau has not done much pitching except in batting drills as yet, but in the few turns he took on the mound, he was very effective. Nat Siegel, the only other pitching veteran, is potentially one of the best hurlers ever to appear on the heights.

Murray Poss, last year's star Frosh hurler, has an effective underhand delivery. "Lefty" Goldblatt is a find whose only weakness is wildness, which will probably be corrected by practice. Abe Grossman possesses a wide hook and fine control.

Hard-Hitting Outfield

Irv Tenzer, Charley Maloney, and Hank Berger will probably get the call in the garden. Tenzer, a veteran is a fine fielder, a heavy hitter, and is the possessor of a fine throwing arm. Charley Maloney has been hitting and fielding equally well. Hank Berger, veteran fielder and catcher, is an ambidexterous hitter.

The team is supplied with capable reserves, including Sid Gladstone, Howard Friedman, Charley Munves and Rube Nemirov.

DOWNTOWN B.A.S. OFFERS PERIODICALS TO LIBRARY

The Downtown Business Administration Society has assembled at the College library various periodicals and pamphlets dealing with current phases of business and finance to provide students with material which is not ordinarily available for reports and theses. The library is under the supervision of David S. Jacobs '33.

COMPTON DELIVERS LECTURES ON LIGHT TO LARGE AUDIENCE

Discusses Atomic Structure and Wave Motion in Series at Downtown Theatre

FINAL LECTURE TONIGHT

Nobel Prize Winner Will Speak on "Do Things Have A Beginning and An End?"

By Eugene Stein

"The Ultimate Units of Nature" and "What is Light?" were the topics of Prof. A. H. Compton's lectures delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings respectively before large audiences in the Pauline S. Edwards Theatre of the Business Center. These constituted the second and third of the series of five lectures on "The Nature of Things" that are being presented this week to the faculty and students of the College.

Prof. Compton continued to delight the audience with the numerous interesting and instructive experiments that he performed to demonstrate the various points of his lecture. He was assisted in performing the experiments by Mr. Simon Sonkin of the Physics department.

In Tuesday's lecture, Prof. Compton described the atoms as the "building stones of nature." However, the atoms are in themselves complex structures, although atom etymologically might imply indisintegrability.

The Inside of the Atom

The question then naturally arises: What are "the ultimate units of nature" which go to make up the complex structure of the atom? In order to answer this question, the scientist resorts to experimentation and observation. He notices that certain minute negatively charged corpuscles, which he calls beta-particles, are expected from the atoms of all samples of matter when x-rays fall upon them. The conclusion arrived at as a result of these and other experiments, is that these beta-particles, now called selections, are common to all atoms, and are therefore part of the structure of the atom.

Further, it is a common fact that atoms in their normal state are neutral. These must therefore be another constituent of the atom which neutralizes the negative charges of the electron to produce the neutral atom. This other constituent was found by experimentation, as illustrated by Prof. Compton, to be a positive particle much smaller than the electron but weighing "about two thousand times as much as the electron." This particle was christened the proton.

Waves and Corpuscles

"What is Light?" was the problem that was investigated by Professor Compton in his lecture on Wednesday evening. Is light a wave motion, or does it consist of the flow of small corpuscles? By "light," Professor Compton wished his audience to understand that he meant not only the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum but also the various other electromagnetic waves, namely, the cosmic, gamma, x-ray, ultra-violet, infra-red, heat and radio waves.

Returning to a consideration of our original question, we find that by means of a diffraction grating we are able to show that visible light possesses the characteristics of waves. Further, it is shown experimentally that x-rays exhibit similar characteristics. We can therefore say that light and x-rays, and for that mat-

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A NOTE OF THANKS

THE CAMPUS takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Holman for his kindness in writing the series of fourteen basketball articles which has just been concluded.

CURBING FROSH-SOPH RIOTS

AN AMENDMENT pending before the Downtown Student Council has for its purpose the curbing of freshman-sophomore enthusiasm to a point more in harmony with the architectural limitations of the School of Business. Lacking the facilities for strife afforded by the Uptown campus, the Twenty-third street center can offer only its spacious halls when the lower classes become embued with the urge for combat. Offhand, one would scarcely consider a hall suitable for the type of battle-royal which the virile Downtown freshmen and sophomores engage in when aroused. That they think otherwise is hardly a tribute to their sense of the esthetic and is decidedly not a tribute to their sense of the practical.

The altercation which caused the interposition of the frosh-soph committee provides a significant reason for the enactment of legislation designed to prevent a recurrence. Only by a narrow margin was summary action by the local constabulary averted, for the rioting did not confine itself to the College halls but extended as far as the lobby of the National City Bank across Twenty-third street. Since experience has demonstrated that the gendarmerie and judiciary pursue their sworn duty with almost fanatic diligence when College men commit infractions of city ordinances, it behooves undergraduates to weigh and consider before utilizing the sidewalks of New York as a battle-ground. In addition, the possibility of injury to bystanders demonstrates the need for a progressive piece of legislation which will emphasize the true nature of relations between the second year men and the yearlings—that of organized competition.

The amendment in question has two parts. The first part, limiting the observance of frosh-soph rules to eight weeks of the term, enables those in charge of interclass activities to make a concentrated effort for enforcement. Not only will the newcomers, encouraged by the eight-week provision, prove more amenable, but the committee will give more of its time and effort to insuring obedience. Yet the essential purpose of frosh-soph rules—the awakening of class spirit—is not impaired by the shorter period of rule observance. The second part is designed to curb the practice by both classes of taking a refractory rival for a ride. The importance of this provision can best be appreciated when it is explained that such hazing was directly responsible for last Thursday's outburst. Nothing should stand in the way of the enactment of this timely piece of legislation.

CAMPUS APPOINTMENTS

THE CAMPUS takes pleasure in congratulating Ruth Michlin '33, Sylvia Dulberg '34, Evelyn Kalm '34, May Grudin '35; Morrimer H. Cohen '34, Lester Feinstein '34, David Kadane '34, Lester Dundes '35, Irving London '35, and Irving Novick '35, who were appointed to the news staff today.

Garqoyles

SPRING SONG

Spring is here,
The earth rejoices.

Ah, gentle Spring is here
with gentle breezes,
and gentle March winds bring
their gentle sneezes.

And gentle maidens whom
the Spring has stirred
to love, now use again
the "n-o" word.

And gentle April comes
with gentle rains,
Rheumatic legs awake
with gentle pains.

And all the gentle puddles
which might've froze
two months before,
now splash the clothes.

And May comes once again,
and pollen blows,
And hay-fever once more
attacks the nose.

Ah, gentle Spring is here,
I know the breeze;
it gently taps the snout
and makes me sneeze.

Some older doctor in an attack on the younger ones asserts that they know less—that when asked questions they are visibly perturbed. He ends his philippic with: "Why, then, are young doctors so easily annoyed?" May we suggest that it is simply because they have no patients?

Our Favorite Simile

As grateful as a stomach blowing up after a nifty meal.

We had been reading about thermobottles and unintentionally they reminded us of Physics. Some guy in our class thought a thermocouple was a couple of thermos and that thermopile was a pile of them. Isn't it a shame how little we know when we first study Physics—and how little we know when we get out?

Critique of Pure Reason

I can hear my head knock
While I heave and I pant,
As I circle each thought
Of Immanuel Kant.

He can use pounds of words
In the clumsiest way
For what might be expressed
In a few plain as day.

He can lose his ideas
In a nebulous haze
Of a qualifying thought
Or explanatory phrase.

The empirical Locke
Can expound sans transgressing,
Schopenhauer can explain,
So can Descartes and Lessing.

Well, Spinoza can talk,
Skeptic Hume can enchant—
All philosophers CAN,
But Immanuel Kant.

The Grain of Salt

"I am pleased I worked hard with that little word. I practised saying 'yes' for four or five days, every time I thought about it." So Marlene Detrich naively attributes the secret of her success to enunciation. But it took a sophisticated interviewer to give the innocent public the proper interpretation of these words. "... A very simple word, which for all its slightness always bulks very big in a romance." (Girls, please note).

ANTHOLOGY

By Yours Truly

The automobile accessory man ends his letters with:
Until you tire of me.
The shoemaker closes his passionate love letters with:
Solely yours.
The men's haberdashery proprietor closes his missives:
I clothes with all regards.
The tailor signs this way:
Hoping this suits you.
The talkie manufacturer ends thusly:
With sound wishes.
The jelly manufacturer gets away with this:
May your health be preserved.
The optician signs his letters:
Until you see me again.
And by the way, please enter the hair restorer for closing thus:
Until I hair from you again.
P. S. Locker 1736 will take no more of these under any circumstances.

Leonard K. Schiff

LAVENDER MATMEN WIN FIVE MATCHES

Wrestlers End Most Successful
Season Under Guidance of
Coach Grossman

The finest record attained by a Lavender mat team in recent years was hung up by the current aggregation which ended its season with its fifth successive victory and incidentally, a smashing win over Temple a week ago.

The St. Nick matmen demonstrated their potentialities in the opening encounter with Columbia when they lost to the strong Blue and White outfit by a 17-13 score. Their next opponent was Lafayette and the Leopards, after amassing an early lead returned to Pennsylvania with a 16-16 deadlock to their credit.

Lose to M.I.T.

A trip to Boston, the following week, resulted in the second and last Lavender defeat of the campaign when M. I. T. eked out an 18-16 victory. The College team was greatly handicapped in this meet because of the absence of several of its warriors, including Capt. Leo Vernon.

The Brooklyn College grapplers, too, were the first to fall before the Lavender onslaught. They put up no struggle and succumbed 36-2. Springfield was the next victim by a 19-15 count.

Trounce Temple

Then came the grand finale—a decisive win over Temple by a 29-5 count.

A grand finale, not only for the 1930-31 aggregation, but also for Captain Leo Vernon who concluded his splendid wrestling career with an easy win. Captain Vernon proved to be an extremely capable grappler in college competition, winning match after match with elan and dispatch.

Senior Lock and Key To Choose Members

Applications for the Senior Lock and Key senior honorary society must be in by April 17, it has been announced. Candidates, who must have entered with the '32 class, are requested to submit a list of extra-curricular activities, athletic and non-athletic, to any member of the society. Samuel Heistein, Bernie Blum, George Bullwinkle, Frank De Phillips, Irwin Smallback, Benjamin N. Nelson, and Abraham H. Raskin, all '31 men, are the present members. Participation in extra-curricular activities will be the basis of the appointments to the society.

DOWNTOWN JUNIOR CLASS ALLOWED TO HOLD DANCE

The Downtown Class of '32 has been granted permission by the Student Council to hold its informal dance on Saturday, April 4, during the spring vacation.

The affair will be held at the City College Club in the Hotel George Washington at 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue. The committee, consisting of Joe Frascosa, chairman, Norman Friedberg, and Ben Berkowitz, has promised to provide the seniors with entertainment in the form of bridge, ping-pong, and billiards.

Intramural Championship Won by '33 Soccer Team

The '33 soccer team won the championship of the intramural soccer tournament by nosing out the '35 booters by a score of 1-0, in the final game of the tournament played yesterday in Jasper Oval.

The lone score of the game came at the opening of the second quarter when Sid Silverman '33, kicked the ball past the freshman goalie.

The '33 and '35 teams played in the finals yesterday by virtue of forfeits on the part of the '32 and '34 men.

Committee Awaits Petitions
The Student Council Microcosm Committee will receive petitions for the offices of editor-in-chief and business manager of the 1932 Microcosm, today at 2 p. m. in room 424.

THE ALCOVE

Flight From the World

YOUNG men spend much of their time in bringing about situations in which they are brought face to face with the more tragic sides of life. They insist on contriving tests which will definitely show them to be neither geniuses, nor archetypes of handsomeness, nor the only and most intimate friend of some noble youth. And an equivalent amount of time is spent in seeking solace and forgetfulness after the tests have registered, as they inevitably do, against their vague hopes and fancies about themselves.

Confession of one's defeat I have found usually to be a sure source of relief; but the wise ones do not employ it, for aspiration is not so easily doused that at the first rebuff it subsides. And too many closetings with one's confessor may result in making the latter suspicious of one's sincerity. Many young men cultivate, on Schopenhauer's recommendation, I suppose, absorption in music which anesthetizes the cunning will and halts the flow of time. One fellow to destroy the pain arising from a disappointment would write about it in rhymed couplets, and then be able blissfully to go to sleep. A very effective way of excluding the world and forgetting that "self" which stumbles along so blindly in space and acts so injuriously in time is to pick out the melodies of old folk songs on the piano and accompany oneself.

It is surprising that more people do not sing these ear-haunting chants of love, patriotism and good fellowship, since music in its more tenuous regions is for many so uncertain a source of enjoyment. The element that all moving experiences have in common is inevitably attendant on the singing of German lieder or the plaintive lyrics of Russia. It leaves one purified and peaceful as the twilight hour of a May day: objects are etched more clearly, emotions felt more profoundly.

For two years some of us have tried to make our fraternity smokers aristocratic and substitute for "Samuel Hall" and "Christopher Colombo" some melancholy German songs. But too few could carry the melody and only one knew all the words, and so there arose that destructive awareness of flat tones and irregular time that usually ends in sickly termination. Besides smokers are hardly the place to cultivate that ennui which Mr. B. calls the peculiar quality of the soul.

That is why I prefer to mumble these songs when alone in the house. One forgets one's inefficacy as a singer and there is time to muse on the context in which these ballads arose. Incidentally I have found them to be an excellent stimulus to the writing of poetry, or more accurately, they inspire the emotions which are most congenial to imaginative and melodious writing.

But that many poets have found their country's folk-songs rich sources for poetry is a commonplace. And that I find so much solace in these songs may only be a sign of extreme sentimentality and a warning of the bad poetry that I write.

J.P.L.

Lavender Will Appear After Easter Vacation

Lavender will make its first appearance in April, shortly after the Easter vacation, according to an announcement made by Louis Levy '32, the business manager. Candidates for the business staff may drop their applications in the Lavender box of Lincoln Corridor. Literary contributions may also be left there.

GRAFT COUNSELLORS INCLUDE OLD ALUMNI

Steuer, Untermeyer and Hartman
Actively Concerned in Defence
and Prosecution

The forces for both the prosecution and defense in the graft investigation now going on in New York, include many College alumni, it was announced by Donald A. Roberts '19, secretary of the Associate Alumni. Max D. Steuer '91, Samuel Untermeyer '77, and Siegfried F. Hartman '08 are among those most actively concerned.

Steuer is chief counsel for the prosecution in the Bank of the United States case. Among his assistants are Harry A. Gordon '01, a former trustee of the College, and Charles E. S. Epstein '24.

Untermeyer and Hartman are the two chief counsel defending District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain, who has been accused by the City Club of incompetence and is now being investigated. Hartman is a former editor-in-chief of the College Mercury.

Four graduates of the College are on the Citizen's Union Committee of lawyers to hear complaints of graft. These are Maurice P. Davidson '99, who is chairman of the committee, Abraham L. Gutman '86, Arthur M. Moritz '19, and Jesse F. Raphael '13. Sidney C. Harder '25, who figured prominently in the "ambulance chasing investigation" is one of Commissioner Seabury's assistants in the investigation of Magistrates' Courts.

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Education Abroad

By Thomas Kavanagh
Naumberg Prize Winner, 1930

I advise all prospective exchange students, irrespective of the country they intend to visit, or their particular field of study, not to waive the opportunity of extending their cultural, technical, and social education through foreign travel and study. From my own experience, and that of many foreign and American friends, I believe that credits as to the ability to utilize such education are usually based on irrational foundations. In other words, I am satisfied that my stay has brought forth and will in future bring forth results which I should not have obtained had I declined this most generous offer.

As a student of civil engineering I have chosen for my place of study the well known Technische Hochschule in Berlin-Charlottenburg, Germany. In this report, however, I do not restrict myself to questions concerning purely technical education. The courses at the University of Berlin run fairly parallel to those at the Technische Hochschule, and through my many friends and connections at the University of Berlin, and at other German universities, I am in a position to give advice of a more general nature.

The first problem of importance confronting the exchange student—and one requiring perhaps more attention than usually is accorded it—is the selection of the place of study. The determining factors for this choice are a knowledge of the language spoken in the country visited, and the specific study to be pursued by the student.

Should Know Foreign Language

All students should be equipped with a knowledge of the foreign tongue corresponding at least to the usual intermediate course in the language at an American University. That is, two years of instruction in the language should be a minimum prerequisite. Any previous practical use of the language, be it through family circles, through travel, or through business, cannot be too fully appreciated, inasmuch as it facilitates a more complete understanding of foreign life, customs and educational routine. The student who, though possessing a basic school knowledge of the language, lacks practical preparation is not entirely without help. Many universities, in Germany, for instance, offer summer courses in the German language for foreigners. These language courses are closely connected with daily lectures in art, literature, history, and other topics. The student is therefore given the opportunity of acquainting himself in the shortest possible time with the culture of the country. The summer courses run from four to six weeks, and the tuition fees are fairly moderate.

Good Summer Courses

The German Institute for Foreigners (Deutsches Institut für Ausländer) at the University of Berlin offers a good summer course from the tenth of July to the twentieth of August. I have found these lectures most interesting and well arranged, and I can assert that the course offers the best introduction to German University study. There are five graded language courses, ranging from a beginners' course to a teachers' course on university level. Students completing the advanced course (Oberkursus) receive a language certificate (Sprachzeugnis), which states that the student has a sufficient working knowledge of the language to hear and understand lectures at any German University. Such certificates are usually demanded by the University authorities as a requirement for admission. This requirement may also be fulfilled by presentation of a signed statement from a professor of the German language at the American university attended by the student. The language courses are supplemented by others (in German) on literature, art, history, philosophy, pedagogy,

and sociology. The lecturing professors change from day to day, so that the viewpoints expressed are not confined within narrow limits. Excursions are arranged every week, so that the student has the opportunity of visiting neighboring cities and places of interest. Social gatherings and afternoon teas are frequent. The cost of the summer course is 120 Marks.

Plenty of Free Time

This summer course really did begin too early, inasmuch as the regular lectures start at the university early in November. The student, therefore, who has no relatives in Germany will find the time very heavy on his hands, especially if his financial standing does not permit traveling. I do think, too, that the summer courses would be further appreciated by the students if several scientific lectures were included.

It is very desirable for a student wishing to learn German to have relatives in Germany. The best place to learn the language is in family circles, and such family circles are not found in the ordinary Pension or boarding house life.

The second factor governing choice of a place of study is the particular field of study which interests the exchange student. The medical student might choose Austria, Germany, England or Scotland. The arts student might choose France, Italy or England. But the choice of the country is not the real question. Such choice usually is determined by the knowledge of the language concerned. Once having chosen the country, the student must select a particular university. There is where his troubles begin. In my case I had little guidance. It may possibly be explained by the fact that I am an engineering student. It is true that inquiries for information on my behalf were made, but apparently nobody had ever heard of a technical school in Germany. At all events, the only information I had was the location of the different technical schools—which, of course, gave no advice about the subjects in which I was interested. If another student should find himself in such a position, I advise him not to think, as I did, that the large city is probably the best place of study. The large city is usually not the typical representative of German life, and does not necessarily offer the best educational institutions. Smaller university towns, moreover, offer a particular close social relationship among students, which is surprisingly absent in the larger city educational circles. In selecting a German university, the student will find particularly helpful the book "Die Hochschulen Deutschlands" by Prof. Karl Remme, and the pamphlet "The German Universities" issued by the Deutsche Akademische Auslandsstelle. Of valuable assistance, too, are the catalogues of the respective universities.

Large Schools Overcrowded

The technical schools best suited for the engineering student are those of Berlin-Charlottenburg and Munchen. From my own observations I find that Berlin Technical School has a particularly good list of subjects in all branches of engineering. The faculty consists of well known men in every field. The technical school in Munchen, I am told, has an equally good faculty and an assortment of subjects. The city offers further advantages in its beautiful geographical situation, and is excellently placed for winter sport. My friends recommend the technical schools of Darmstadt, Dresden and Hannover, but for information concerning this list of schools I would recommend the respective catalogues. The technical schools have lately become overfilled, especially in such branches of study as Mechanical Engineering. This is, of course, more true of the larger technical

schools than of the smaller ones, but such overfilling may prove a hindrance to prospective students here. . . .

Three Classes of Students

Students in German universities are divided into three classes: Studierende, Horer, and Gastteilnehmer. All three types have equal privileges of choice of program of study, the distinction lying in the fact that only the first named, the Studierende, can undergo the examination for the degree. Studierende and Horer pay like amounts for tuition fees: Gastteilnehmer, however, have a considerable reduction. To offset this reduction, the Gastteilnehmer have certain privileges omitted, such as sickness insurance (Krankenversicherung), and social service benefits (Fürsorgeamt). It is to be noted, however, that the ordinary student seldom uses these latter conveniences.

Under the advice of Dr. Hans L. Menzel of the Akademische Auslandsstelle at the Technische Hochschule, I am registered as a Gastteilnehmer. Several reasons are to be advanced for this choice: first, there results a saving of approximately one hundred Marks each semester in tuition fees; second, for a one year exchange student who has no intention of undergoing the examinations for a degree, the difference between the Studierende and Gastteilnehmer is irrelevant; third, the privileges lost by the Gastteilnehmer are few and unimportant, inasmuch as he still retains the right to theatre ticket reductions, and the right to the use of the student self help organizations (Barber, laundry, library, etc.); and fourth, in the ordinary every day life of the student no distinction is made between the different types of students, all hearing the same lectures and doing the same work. The only good privilege lost is that of fare reduction. This is of little concern to me, however, inasmuch as I live within walking distance of the university. Tuition fees for my first semester amounted to 130 Marks, whereas the Studierende with like amount of hours pays 250 Marks. There is no doubt that students of engineering with the recommendation of the Austauschdienst can obtain admission as Studierende, but where the practical distinctions are those in name only, such choice is unnecessary. The saving in money makes the registration as Gastteilnehmer of considerable advantage. . . .

Advice for Engineers

A few words of advice for a junior year student in engineering might be called for here, inasmuch as I myself am studying under that plan. Assuming that the student has completed two years of engineering study in an American university, I believe that he would not over-rate himself by entering as a fourth semester student. I myself work on the average of fifth and sixth semesters, although, to be true, I have courses in the first, third, fifth, seventh and eighth semesters. It depends too upon the type of study the student has been pursuing in America. If a junior year scholar has been studying upon the plan of "two years cultural training followed by three years of technical training," which is popular in some universities, he will find himself poorly equipped for the higher courses in engineering here. Anyone with aptitude, however, can complete with success several of the higher semester courses, which in general are more interesting, and are the specialties of the particular field of study. The technical language used for the engineer is very easy to grasp, provided he has previously acquired the fundamentals of every day speech.

Wide Field for Civil Engineers

For the civil engineer in a German university (Technische Hochschule) there are several fields of specialization which can be selected.

A general engineering training is always possible. Hydraulic engineering is well developed, notably in Berlin, Munchen, and Danzi. Structural engineering is also advanced here, especially along theoretical lines. (It should be noted that German structural practise differs from that of America.) Railroad engineering and public works engineering are the two remaining large divisions, both having well represented faculties at the Technische Hochschule in Berlin. For me, as a structural engineer, courses in statics, concrete, iron and bridge construction, materials testing, and hydraulics come mostly to the fore. Strange to say, the technical student does not choose many cultural studies, as is witnessed in my philosophy and foreign language courses, in each of which only ten students are registered. . . .

Social Life Subordinated

Social life at the German big city university is far in the background as compared to the American life as observed by Dr. Klaus Mehnert, in his recent book. In the bigger cities less than 25 per cent of the students belong to fraternities (Korporationen), and those fraternities which do thrive seldom approach a definite ideal. The student is, as a consequence, generally left alone to seek his own acquaintances. Indeed, he is often isolated. It is an actual possibility to go through an eight hour school day without ever saying a word to anyone. Sitting in a lecture hall with no chance of personal expression (as under the American recitation system), and surrounded by unknown students, the American student has less opportunity to make the acquaintance of his classmates. The average German student is specially prompt and courteous. He will answer or fulfill your every request, but seldom will he respond to attempts of a friendship formation. The students, too, are never brought together by the customary American "Smokers," class dances, or sport activities. As a result, a general feeling of unity is absent. The only social affairs which were partly attended by students were the balls, but it was often noticeable that only a separate and distinct group of students were present, while the majority of students (particularly of the average type) were absent. I must say, however, that those students with whom acquaintanceships are formed turn out to be loyal and true friends.

Teas and Other Affairs

The Humbolt Haus, in Berlin, the Akademischer Austauschdienst, the Institut für Ausländer, and the foreign student societies generally attempt to bring the "Auslandische" guests in touch with German students through teas, and other social affairs. From my observations and those of friends, the attempt does not seem very successful because the affairs are mostly attended by Americans, whereas few German students are to be seen. To very German student I meet there, I obtain three new American friends.

The Professors and teaching staff at the university are equally unsocial in that they never come into real personal contact with the student. It often happens that the first time one meets the professor personally is at the diploma examination. This is obviously an unfortunate and unpreventable outgrowth of the system of Academic Freedom.

Best Friends in Groups

Relationships with people outside of school circles are generally more successful, and it is often that one's best friends are found in these groups. Sport groups, dance clubs, and social gatherings usually welcome the participation of the American student. I may at this point note that opportunities of cultural relationships are abundant, due to the presence of the many theatres, operas, music concerts, art exhibitions, and museums.

As a conclusion, I advise the student not to worry too much about the studies he will do here. For the first half year the school work will be a matter of little concern to him. The student will be looking about him—he will be studying German.

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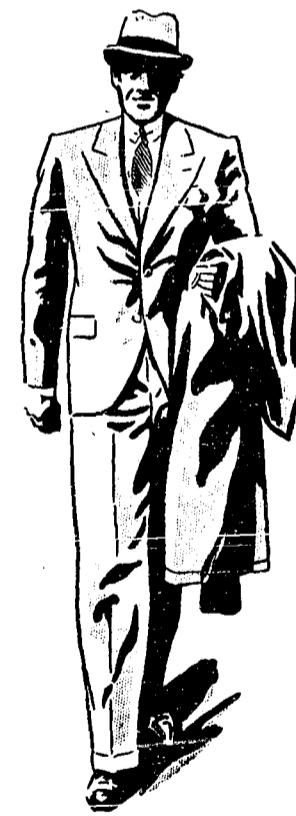
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