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COL. LEWIS DECLARES MANNHEIMER ERRED IN HIS ACCUSATIONS

Military Clubs Back R. O. T. C.
Head: Assert He Made Un-
authorized Contracts

DISCLAIM PROMISES CAMPUS
LETTER STATED THEY MADE

Accusation That Pacifist Articles
Caused Refusal of "Cadet"
Support Repudiated

Grave charges made in a letter to the Campus of September 17 against the Cadet Club and the officers of the Military Science Department, were yesterday categorically denied in statements to the Campus by Colonel Lewis, the Officers Club and the Cadet Club. Mr. Mannheim charged that the officers of the Military Science Department, who helped finance the first issue of the "Lavender Cadet," promised to finance the second issue, but, because of two pacifist articles by former officers of the French and German armies during the World War, these "gentlemen's agreements" were denied.

In a letter to the Campus answering these accusations, Colonel Lewis stated that he did not make any promises to help finance the magazine, and that he did not even know of its publication as he was in Europe at the time. Colonel Lewis also stated that Mannheim's resignation from the advanced course was entirely unnecessary, as Mannheim never had been enrolled in the course either by the Government or by the College.

Mannheimer also charged that the Officers Club promised to contribute money for the issue. The Officers Club denies absolutely any such promise.

The Cadet Club in a letter to the Campus states that Mannheim never was appointed or elected Editor-in-Chief of the magazine, and, in signing a contract with the printer, he acted without any authority and against the advice of the members of the Military Science Department. Mannheim, it was stated, was an associate editor of the first issue of the "Cadet," and during the summer took advantage of the absence of higher authorities for laying his plans.

"MIKE" HOLDS TRYOUTS FOR '32 BUSINESS STAFF

A meeting of candidates for the business and advertising staffs of the '32 Microcosm will be held today at 1:00 p. m. in the Microcosm office, room 424. Work on the advertising and photographs has already begun. Subscriptions from over 300 students have been received. The deadline has been set at Nov. 1 and no further subscriptions will be sold after that date.

The staff at the Microcosm as announced yesterday is Sam Ellman, editor; Aaron Addelston, managing editor; George Schwartz, business manager; Lester Hoening and Ike Bloom, circulation managers; Joe Justman, advertising manager; and Joe Michaels, photographer, all of the class of '32.

The Microcosm, for the first time in college history is not out to make a profit for the staff. Tentative plans have been made to place any profit accumulated, into an extra curricular activity fund to aid students. Those wishing to pay their dollar deposit for subscriptions will find the office open every day after 12.

REAPPOINTED



Albert Weiss, College Benefactor,
Renamed to Board of Higher
Education

Dramatic Club Plans One-Act Play Contest

Prominent Critics to Serve as
Judges in Student
Competition

Continuing the energetic program, started last year the College Dramatic Society will sponsor a one act play-writing contest, open to all students of the Main Centre. Feeling that their organization should do more for the students than merely give them a chance to act, the society decided to hold this contest.

Student play-writers are not to be hampered or restricted by any unnecessary regulations. However, the society will be unable to consider any play whose acting time exceeds forty minutes.

Plays may be on any subject and the dramatis personae is likewise unrestricted. The society suggests that female characters be limited although the number of women in the cast will not influence the judges in their decision.

Prominent Men to Judge

The judges, who will be chosen from a group of authors and dramatic-critics of the Metropolitan Press, will render their decision soon after the contest closes, on the first Thursday after the Christmas vacation. Manuscripts must be typewritten on one side of the page and double spaced.

It is probable that the Dramatic Society will present the winner's play as one of their performances next semester although it does not bind itself to this production. The Dramatic group would also like to receive a complete musical comedy—lyrics, music, and book—for production in the spring although it is not holding any official contest in this field.

No musical comedy has been presented at the College since the spring of 1930, when "Ship Shay" was given in the Pauline Edwards auditorium of the School of Business.

WEISS REAPPOINTED BY MAYOR, SERVES AGAIN AS TRUSTEE

City Head Felicitates Appointee
on Past Record in
Office

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI MEMBER
TENDERS BUSINESS ADVICE

Encourages Collegians; Believes
Present Business Depression
Soon to End

Albert Weiss, a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Higher Education since 1920, has been reappointed by Mayor Walker to serve on the Board for an additional period of nine years. At the time of the confirmation of this designation, shortly before the Mayor's departure for Europe, the latter took occasion to felicitate him upon his past record in office.

Mr. Weiss has had an active and varied career and has had many honors conferred upon him. At present, despite the fact that he never attended school, Mr. Weiss, a retired real estate broker, is an honorary member of Delta Beta Phi, a title which is enjoyed by only five living men. He is also a member of the City College Club and of the Associated Alumni.

Sees Hopeful Outlook

Asked for some advice to the college man who, about to graduate, sees a depressed business world before him with few prospects for the type of position to be expected by one of his preparation, Mr. Weiss intimated that he believed the present depression would not continue much longer. In the meantime, he said, the college graduate should be prepared to accept whatever falls his way although it might appear to be beneath his dignity.

In recognition of his zealous service, Mr. Weiss was commissioned by the late President Mezes to go to Czechoslovakia with a message of greeting to President Masaryk, who later presented him with the "keys to the republic."

An example of Mr. Weiss' generosity was evinced when he presented the college with a precious collection of paper money issued in Germany since the war. This collection is known as the "Alumbblatt" and at that time was described by the College quarterly as "one of the most interesting and valuable gifts the college ever received."

STUDENT COUNCIL TO ENFORCE PURCHASE OF ACTIVITY FEE CARD

Strict observance of College regulations concerning the purchase of Activity Cards by all student participants in extra-curricular work will be enforced during the present semester, by the Student Council, according to an announcement issued last Wednesday, September 23, by Ike Bloom '32, president of that organization. No student who does not possess one of these cards will be permitted to become a member of any club, society or publication; and no organization will be allowed to function whose members have not all purchased these tickets which sell for 25 cents.

With the co-operation of Dean Daniel W. Redmond all rooms set aside for the purpose of holding club meetings will be closed to any society which cannot show proof of the possession of a card by each member. The cards

COUNCIL WILL RUN CLASS ELECTIONS COMING WEDNESDAY

Nomination Limit for '34 Class
Representative Extended
by Committee

SEVEN CANDIDATES UNITE
IN LEFT WING PLATFORM

Pledge Support to Curriculum Com-
mittee Report Published Last
Semester

Nominations for class and Student Council offices were submitted by more than one hundred students of the main center of the College late yesterday. Although the elections committee had announced that candidates would not be permitted to enroll their names for office after two o'clock yesterday the polls will be kept open for members of the February, 1934 class, who will elect another candidate to fill the unexpired term of Nat Volkell, Student Council representative. Volkell is reported to have left the College.

Candidates for the '34 position are required to present Student Council activity cards and a nominating fee of twenty-five cents. Harold J. Glickman '32, chairman of the elections committee, declared yesterday. Glickman and Milton Rothstein '33, assistant chairman, will accept nominations for February '34 Student Council representative until two o'clock today.

Elections will be held in all classrooms and lecture halls of the uptown center on Wednesday, September 30, at 11 a. m., pending the approval of the Dean, the committee chairman declared. Students who are not in class at that time may cast their ballots at the office of The Campus, room 411.

Seven of the candidates whose names appear below are united on a Left Wing platform pledged to the support of the Curriculum Committee report of June, 1931 which advocated the abolition of all Military Science courses in the College curriculum. This group is composed of Max Kuzmack and Winston Dancis, '32 contenders for the Student Council, Edward M. David '33 and Leon Zitzer, '34, Student Council candidates from their respective classes, Joseph Starrobin '34 nominee for secretary, George Shottenfeld, freshman aspirant for the Council, and Theodore

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VARSAITY GRIDMEN FACE SETON HALL IN OPENER; EXPECT LARGE CROWD

GRID CAPTAIN



Bob Vance, Veteran Linesman Who
Leads Lavender Eleven Into
Seton Hall Fray

Jayvee Gridders Look Promising In Scrimmages

Ambitious Yearlings Strong on De-
fensive Work Against Varsity
Eleven

After but a days of preliminary practice, the junior varsity football squad got in its first contact work of the season in a spirited one hour scrimmage against the varsity Wednesday afternoon. Coach Edward "Red" Dubinsky has been driving his charges relentlessly during the first few days, concentrating on the fundamentals, and the showing made by the yearlings proved more than satisfactory.

While the team failed to make much headway on the offense, due mainly to the superiority of the varsity's forward wall, the defense smeared many promising varsity plays.

Dubinsky, when asked about the prospects of the team refused to comment explaining that it was far too early in the season to make predictions. He added, however, that he was well pleased with the huge turnout and the spirit and willingness of the squad as a whole.

Eighty men were on hand last Thursday in answer to the general call for candidates and of this unusually large turnout 30 men were retained. The squad averages approximately 175 pounds and is a fairly speedy outfit.

Doc Parker to Start Veteran
Backfield With Untried
Line

EXPERIENCED SETON HALL
TEAM APPEARS DANGEROUS

Team Eager to Start Season
Right by Repeating 1930
Victory

They're off! Tomorrow at 2:30 the 1931 model of the Lavender grid machine will line up for the opening kickoff against Seton Hall. Doc Parker has been grooming his disciples since September 7 for this encounter, and has mounded together a small, but a capable group of players. At the present time "Doc" boasts of at least eight fast, shifty backs. Where brawn is lacking, brains, speed, and deception abound galore. Five of the backs are veterans on the squad "Moon" Mondschein, Sid Eisenberg, and "Happy" Hy Kaplowitz have all acted as first string ball carriers. Mac Miller and George Clemons have both participated in several games last year.

Dave Lazarus and Adolph Cooper were former stars on the 1930 J. V., while Jack Diamond, former captain of Morris High School eleven, is a newcomer to the College ranks.

Five New Linemen

It is the line that is the big unknown of the 1931 team. Since Doc Parker has lost through graduation five of his best linemen he has been hard at work attempting to replenish the gaps in the forward wall. Captain Bob Vance, "Mush" Weiner, and Steve Rohdie now are the first-string men back from 1930 in addition to Murray Gerenstein and Ned Schwartz wingmen who earned their letters last year. Ruby Schwartz, another veteran has made his appearance only this week and is not expected to see action tomorrow. However, the newcomers are of such promise that the line may prove as strong, if not stronger, than last year's. Mike Kupperburg, the 210 pound leader of the 1930 J. V. is an almost sure bet to start tomorrow. Dave Hofstein, a member of the jayvee of two years ago has been playing an excellent game during practice sessions, and in all probability will don his helmet for the opening kickoff.

Hy Schulhafter, the lacrosse luminary, has been flanking one end of the line and is hard pressing Ned Schwartz for his position. Some of the other men who may see action on line tomorrow are Jack Stein, Jim Burns, Sol Berlad, Cy Friedman, Bill Amos, Sid Paris, "Joe" Jacone and Sid Isserson. The latter has never played football at the College, but is an aggressive, smart player and may prove to be the find of the season.

The Lavender grid supporters who had seen Hy Kaplowitz in the St. John's game and "Moon" Mondschein in the Manhattan fray are sure to see some brilliant football on the part of these players. Jack Diamond is an excellent passer and the pigskin ought to land in friendly hands more often tomorrow than it slid in 1930. Hy Kaplowitz will again maul the leather with his educated toe. Sid Eisenberg will again call the signals.

Last year the Lavender defeated a fighting but an inexperienced Seton Hall team by the score of 44-12.

However, the team from New Jersey
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NO PROOF

THE charges directed by Lothar Mannheim against the College R.O.T.C. have gone up in smoke. No proof has been forthcoming to reinforce Mannheim's statement that he had been given assurances of financial aid for the publication of *The Lavender Cadet*. The Officers' Club and the officials of the Military Science Department have denied any such promise. Until it can be shown that a financial guarantee had been made, one cannot with fairness, charge the College military officials of having stopped the distribution of the magazine because of the two pacifistic articles which appeared therein.

One of the unfortunate outgrowths of the affair has been the abuse heaped on Mannheim. We have heard veiled remarks, for example, about his German ancestry. This has nothing to do with the case. It is known that for the past two years Mannheim has been one of the most enthusiastic workers in the corps.

The fact is that the charges made by Mannheim have not been proved. The Military Science Department therefore comes out of the affair with clean hands, unless additional evidence is produced.

A SUGGESTION

THE Campus would welcome with open arms a faculty newspaper devoted exclusively to faculty news and announcements, and distributed to members of the faculty. Nor could any serious objection be raised if such a publication were to be distributed to the students of the College. It would act as a necessary and much needed link between the faculty and the student body.

But very serious objections can be leveled at *The Faculty Bulletin*, which is a faculty newspaper, carrying student news, and distributed free of charge to the student body. Such a newspaper, we feel, impinges directly on the jurisdiction of *The Campus*, and will seriously delimit its effectiveness and appeal as the undergraduate newspaper of the College.

We feel that there is not room in the College for two publications which print news of student affairs. We therefore, in the name of fairness, ask the editors of *The Faculty Bulletin* to limit their scope hereafter to accounts of faculty affairs.

Gargoyles

A NOTICE

Students are warned not to buy second hand chemical kits for use in their chemical courses. The use of such kits is dangerous and is therefore forbidden. All students must purchase the necessary approved kits available at the Co-operative. Signed, Herbert R. Moody.—The last issue of *The Campus*.

What dire distress from thrifty students spring,
What tragedy from but a trivial thing,
I sing—This verse to Chemistry is due:
This Chem Professors have vouchsafed to view;
Slight is the subject, but not so the dough,
For Chem-Kits cost eleven bucks or so!

Say what rash motive, Reader, could compel
Obedient Ferd to disobey so well?
Or better, say how Second-Hand-Chem-Kits
Can look composed, yet get such nasty fits?
In tasks so bold can little Man presume
To transform H₂S to rare perfume?
Alas! to Ferdie Thrift has been a curse;
To Laws of Chem, his Chem-Kit was perverse!

Sol thru the Alcoves shot a timid beam,
And strangely, Things became not what they seem;
The brilliant Ferd had suddenly become
So dumb a Numskull and numskully Dumb;
Professor Moody issued one loud NAY;
All Used-Chem-Kits prepared to disobey;
And at that fatal instant, gainst command,
Smart Ferdie bought a Chem-Kit second-hand!!

Then all at once the timid beam retired,
Insulated by Ferd's heedless act, and ired.
Swift lightning gashed the trembling sky in two,
While thunder rumbled round with much ado.
As soon as these wild elements grew mild,
Then in the Kit the elements grew wild!
Foul Carbonic Monoxide grew profuse,
While every H or S had broken loose.
And now no longer wedded or confined,
Each Atom in hot ecstasy combined;
For now they whirled with charges loose and free,
And loose, committed free adultery!
But like Society, no drafty word
Or malreport of lewdness was heard;
And similarly, not a fitting name
Was fitted to their deeds to cry their shame.

But Oh! this thinking youth despite his As
Knew nothing of his Chem-Kits naughty ways;
For many students fail as thinkers, hence:
Because their memory's too good for sense.
So he, with his new Used-Kit under arm
Rushed Lab-ward sans a thought of destined harm.
(For when the molecules grow treacherous,
Their treachery becomes quite DANGEROUS.)

So lightly stepping tuned by lighter thought;
Much lighter his light pocket he had wrought;
And for the five bucks which he smartly took
From the Co-op he'd buy a Philo book.
For thirty-five cents he would soon replace
The missing acid, alkaline or base.
And for five cents he'd nicely buy enough
Of Charcoal, Sulphur, Zinc, or any stuff.
But now! Wise Ferdie in the Lab did sit,
And in a second with an open Kit!
Oh Ferdie, what bad Elf brought this to pass?
Why couldn't you take your orders like an Ass?
Economy can not exist with a Co-op;
When It works with your Profs, It has the drop.

A sinister Black Cat has crossed Ferd's path,
The Kit was oped, Alack! the aftermath:
The Nitric and Sulphuric met within;
(At least a quart of Nitro-Glycerine)
And all the H's arrowed to their S;
And each that learned to stink found his address;
And Nitrous Oxide (to you Laughing Gas)
Zig-zagged madly round the room like jazz.

The Chem-Kit snorted flames like Grendel had
When Beowulf had fought the Monster mad!
And molten Sulphur streamed a maddened path
Like maddened Aetna puking lava-wrath!!
And then a rousing rumble ground its might
And blasted like raw thunder in the night!!!
And such a nasty stench stunk (it appears)
That not a fly would live nearby for years!!!!

But Ferd, if rumor may secure truth's power:
"Arm stuck in Versaille Window," "Leg found
on Chrysler Tower."
But let it here suffice, no more be said:
(We know no more, we could not find his head)

So learn, ye little Men of lesser might;
(For none except a fool is always right)
That when a Prof commands a loudly NAY
All Used-Chem-Kits prepare to disobey!
So toss eleven bucks without a fuss
To the Co-op, and leave the DANGEROUS.

leonard k. schiff.

THE ALCOVE

The Religious Temperament

Phrenocosmia once came together
to hear a paper advertised as "Es-
sence and Existence." When its
bright-faced, agitated author arose
to read the title, it had become,
"Essence, Existence and Deity." As
he uttered the last word he looked
at us very archly: our reactions
didn't disappoint him, for we made
it apparent that we thought it highly
quixotic of anyone to talk to us
about God. I should have remem-
bered the incident and used my
words more cautiously when I sug-
gested that the best students were
those with a religious temperament.

By a religious person I meant one
to whom ideas have a vivid, inti-
mate reality. These ideas may be
simple, they may ultimately prove
to have been illusions; but for the
time being this person cleaves to
them as he would to a beloved. And
just as unchastity seems sacrilegious
to the lover, so inconsistency and
intellectual hypocrisy repel the re-
ligious man.

Most of us are in varying de-
grees religious. If the material con-
ditions are propitious we group our
loyalties around the cluster of ideas
associated with communism, or in
another locality it might be Chinese
self-determination. We can organ-
ize our lives around the prophecies
these words contain, brood over
them in our lonely hours, and fight
for them. But religious proletari-
ans, once their livelihoods and
pleasures are threatened by the
changes necessitated by shifting con-
ditions, will prefer hypocrisy to in-
convenience. Most people might
feel for instance that society should
be reorganized on the basis of pro-
duction for use and not for profit,
yet their intellectual conscience will
not stir them if their pocketbook
remains intact. That is why I call
them religious proletarians. On the
other hand there is a man like
John Henry Newman whose spirit
for years was in torment because
he suspected that there was no doc-
trinal justification for the Anchi-
cans splitting off from the Roman-
Catholic Church, and his intellec-
tual integrity was such that in the
end he did enter the Catholic
Church.

I would call Baudelaire religious,
though this might seem to take all
meaning from the word, because
ideas affected him so vitally. They
were, to use traditional terminology,
sinful ideas. His poems described
actions that led to nausea, vomit,
lust. He pursued in his poetry the
dunghill aspect of mankind with
saintly persistence because he could
talk of nothing else with conviction.
Could his intellectual conscience
have allowed it I am sure he would
have entered the Catholic Church,
as so many persons, who had found
the spiritual life impossible out-
side of the Church, had done in
previous centuries. The tempera-
ment of John Donne was like that
of Baudelaire's, but in the seven-
teenth century it was still possible
to devote oneself to some church
without reservations. Almost all
poets are religious in this sense of
considering intellectual insincerity
the greatest sin.

There is, I think, one higher type
of religious person. The sincerity
and intensity of the poet shine
through his eyes. We forgive his
logical aberrations because of the
quality of his emotions. But there
is the supreme individual who sub-
ducing emotions attains a calmness
and detachment in reflection that is
as rare as it is beautiful to con-
template.

—J. P. L.

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ings distinguished for what they
say, or the manner of saying.
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than 550 words and can be left
at the Campus office, room 411.

LAVENDER'S PUBLICATION SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR

Lavender, the college literary maga-
zine, will be discontinued this year,
after a financially unsuccessful venture
last term. Prof. Theodore Goodman,
former faculty adviser stated that "if
the student body will not support a lit-
erary magazine, they do not deserve to

have one."
Last year a group of seniors issued
the book on their own accord and with
their own money. Although 600 copies
were sold for 15c each, money was lost
by the students.

American Critic

Joel E. Spingarn, famous American
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FIRST QUARTER

By HAROLD A. WEINSTEIN

The Campus is entering upon its twenty-fifth year of publication as an independent undergraduate newspaper at the College. In celebration of its approaching silver anniversary, The Campus is printing a series of articles, of which this is the second, discussing the past twenty-five years in the history of the College and tracing the rise of the publication, during its first quarter-century, from an obscure weekly pamphlet to a position of prestige in collegiate journalism.

The dim, religious light of the Great Hall grew dimmer, the shadows of an aural vista filtered through the sealed stained frames amidst the novel, auburn-gray mica-chestnut buttresses, and an eloquent, soft-spoken orator held two thousand eyes in rapt attention as his voice rolled smoothly and deliberately from the carmine-covered rostrum to the drab and hazy walls at the rear of the auditorium:

"I hope to have more success in encouraging athletic activity than other college presidents have had in retarding it."

A Lusty Yell

John Huston Finley had pledged his word, and the vicissitudes of twenty-three years speak in eloquent testimony of a word well pledged and a pledge well-warded.

When the president had finished, Raymond S. Thompson '09, "Tommy" to every sturdy son, leaped up and led so lusty a yell that the walls resounded with its volume and an appreciative smile played about the president's lips.

Shortly thereafter, unwelcome rumors were associating the name of Doctor Finley with the presidency of the University of Michigan. School, a contemporary academic organ, remarked editorially that "Dr. Finley's place is in the Presidency of the College of the City of New York. New York has become acquainted with President Finley and ranks him as one of her foremost citizens and speakers."

"The editors of School were right: Dr. Finley's place was at the College, and there he remained until he was chosen State Commissioner of Education in 1914.

Six years went by after that student assembly—years in which City College expanded rapidly, and years which saw a new leader ushered into the presidential sanctum at the College—Dr. Sidney Edward Mezes, author, neorealist, educational administrator and scerner of political offices. A product of Californian schools and the University of Harvard, the new president was a practical executive, an urbane scholar, and an industrious cosmopolite.

First among the outstanding improvements under the new administrator was the erection of the Lewisohn Stadium. Two hundred men toiled for eighteen months, excavating 25,000 cubic yards of dirt, and replacing the gigantic chasm with a superstructure that was then described as "one of the most complicated pieces of construction in the entire country."

One of the associates of Arnold W. Brunner, architect of the Stadium, called it the most beautiful example of concrete construction in New York City. "It will have a seating capacity of 10,000 persons and will be sufficient

to accommodate the spectators of any game during the year," he explained.

Cornerstone Laid in 1914
President Finley had broken the ground on the Stadium site in 1913, one year before he became head of the University of the State of New York. The cornerstone was laid in June, 1914. Less than a year later the structure was formally opened.

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THE charges directed by Lothar Mannheimer against the College R.O.T.C. have gone up in smoke. No proof has been forthcoming to reinforce Mannheimer's statement that he had been given assurances of financial aid for the publication of *The Lavender Cadet*. The Officers' Club and the officials of the Military Science Department have denied any such promise. Until it can be shown that a financial guarantee had been made, one cannot with fairness, charge the College military officials of having stopped the distribution of the magazine because of the two pacifistic articles which appeared therein.

One of the unfortunate outgrowths of the affair has been the abuse heaped on Mannheimer. We have heard veiled remarks, for example, about his German ancestry. This has nothing to do with the case. It is known that for the past two years Mannheimer has been one of the most enthusiastic workers in the corps.

The fact is that the charges made by Mannheimer have not been proved. The Military Science Department therefore comes out of the affair with clean hands, unless additional evidence is produced.

A SUGGESTION

THE Campus would welcome with open arms a faculty newspaper devoted exclusively to faculty news and announcements, and distributed to members of the faculty. Nor could any serious objection be raised if such a publication were to be distributed to the students of the College. It would act as a necessary and much needed link between the faculty and the student body.

But very serious objections can be levelled at *The Faculty Bulletin*, which is a faculty newspaper, carrying student news, and distributed free of charge to the student body. Such a newspaper, we feel, impinges directly on the jurisdiction of *The Campus*, and will seriously delimit its effectiveness and appeal as the undergraduate newspaper of the College.

We feel that there is not room in the College for two publications which print news of student affairs. We therefore, in the name of fairness, ask the editors of *The Faculty Bulletin* to limit their scope hereafter to accounts of faculty affairs.

Gargoyles

A NOTICE

Students are warned not to buy second hand chemical kits for use in their chemical courses. The use of such kits is dangerous and is therefore forbidden. All students must purchase the necessary approved kits available at the Co-operative. Signed, Herbert R. Moody.—The last issue of *The Campus*.

What dire distress from thrifty students spring,
What tragedy from but a trivial thing,
I sing—This verse to Chemistry is due:
This Chem Professors have vouchsafed to view;
Slight is the subject, but not so the dough,
For Chem-Kits cost eleven bucks or so!

Say what rash motive, Reader, could compel
Obedient Ferd to disobey so well?
Or better, say how Second-Hand-Chem-Kits
Can 'look composed, yet get such nasty fits?
In tasks so bold can little Man presume
To transform H2S to rare perfume?
Alas! to Ferdie Thrift has been a curse;
To Laws of Chem, his Chem-Kit was perverse!

Sol thru the Alcoves shot a timid beam,
And strangely, Things became not what they seem;
The brilliant Ferd had suddenly become
So dumb a Numskull and numskully Dumb;
Professor Moody issued one loud NAY;
All Used-Chem-Kits prepared to disobey;
And at that fatal instant, 'gainst command,
Smart Ferdie bought a Chem-Kit second-hand!!

Then all at once the timid beam retired,
Insulated by Ferd's heedless act, and ired,
Swift lightning gashed the trembling sky in two,
While thunder rumbled round with much ado.
As soon as these wild elements grew mild,
Then in the Kit the elements grew wild!
Foul Carbonic Monoxide grew profuse,
While ev'ry H or S had broken loose.
And now no longer wedded or confined,
Each Atom in hot ecstasy combined;
For now they whirled with charges 'loose and free,
And loose, committed free adultery!
But like Society, no drafty word
Or malreport of lewdness was heard;
And similarly, not a fitting name
Was fitted to their deeds to cry their shame.

But Oh! this *thinking* youth despite his As
Knew nothing of his Chem-Kits naughty ways;
For many students fail as thinkers, hence:
Because their memory's too good for sense.
So he, with his new Used-Kit under arm
Rushed Lab-ward sans a thought of destined harm.
(For when the molecules grow treacherous,
Their treachery becomes quite DANGEROUS.)

So lightly stepping tuned by lighter thought;
Much lighter his light pocket he had wrought,
And for the five bucks which he smartly took
From the Co-op he'd buy a Philo book.
For thirty-five cents he would soon replace
The missing acid, alkaline or base.
And for five cents he'd nicely buy enough
Of Charcoal, Sulphur, Zinc, or any stuff
But now! Wise Ferdie in the Lab did sit,
And in a second—with an open Kit!
Oh Ferdie, what bad Elf brought this to pass?
Why couldn't you take your orders like an Ass?
Economy can not exist with a Co-op;
When it works with your Profs, It has the drop.

A sinister Black Cat has crossed Ferd's path;
The Kit was open, Alack! the aftermath:
The Nitric and Sulphuric met within;
(At least a quart of Nitro-Glycerine)
And all the Hs arrowed to their S;
And each that learned to stink found his address;
And Nitrous Oxide (to you Laughing Gas)
Zig-zagged madly round the room like jazz.

The Chem-Kit snorted flames like Grendel had
When Beowulf had fought the Monster mad!
And molten Sulphur streamed a maddened path
Like maddened Aetna puking lava-wrath!!
And then a rousing rumble ground its might
And blasted like raw thunder in the night!!!
And such a nasty stench stunk (it appears)
That not a fly would live nearby for years!!!!

But Ferd, if rumor may secure truth's power:
"Arm stuck in Versaille Window," "Leg found
on Chrysler Tower."
But let it here suffice, no more be said;
(We know no more, we could not find his head)

So learn, ye little Men of lesser might;
(For none except a fool is always right)
That when a Prof commands a loudly NAY
All Used-Chem-Kits prepare to disobey!
So toss eleven bucks without a fuss
To the Co-op, and leave the DANGEROUS.

leonard k. schiff.

THE ALCOVE

The Religious Temperament

Phrenocosmia once came together to hear a paper advertised as "Essence and Existence." When its bright-faced, agitated author arose to read the title, it had become, "Essence, Existence and Deity." As he uttered the last word he looked at us very archly: our reactions didn't disappoint him, for we made it apparent that we thought it highly quixotic of anyone to talk to us about God. I should have remembered the incident and used my words more cautiously when I suggested that the best students were those with a religious temperament.

By a religious person I meant one to whom ideas have a vivid, intimate reality. These ideas may be simple, they may ultimately prove to have been illusions; but for the time being this person cleaves to them as he would to a beloved. And just as unchastity seems sacrilegious to the lover, so inconsistency and intellectual hypocrisy repel the religious man.

Most of us are in varying degrees religious. If the material conditions are propitious we group our loyalties around the cluster of ideas associated with communism, or in another locality it might be Chinese self-determination. We can organize our lives around the prophecies these words contain, brood over them in our lonely hours, and fight for them. But religious proletarians, once their livelihoods and pleasures are threatened by the changes necessitated by shifting conditions, will prefer hypocrisy to inconvenience. Most people might feel for instance that society should be reorganized on the basis of production for use and not for profit, yet the intellectual conscience will not stir them if their pocketbook remains intact. That is why I call them religious proletarians. On the other hand there is a man like John Henry Newman whose spirit for years was in torment because he suspected that there was no doctrinal justification for the Anglicans splitting off from the Roman Catholic Church, and his intellectual integrity was such that in the end he did enter the Catholic Church.

I would call Baudelaire religious, though this might seem to take all meaning from the word, because ideas affected him so vitally. They were, to use traditional terminology, sinful ideas. His poems described actions that led to nausea, emu, lust. He pursued in his poetry the doughty aspect of mankind with saintly persistence because he could talk of nothing else with conviction. Could his intellectual conscience have allowed it I am sure he would have entered the Catholic Church, as so many persons, who had found the spiritual life impossible outside of the Church, had done in previous centuries. The temperament of John Donne was like that of Baudelaire's, but in the seventeenth century it was still possible to devote oneself to some church without reservations. Almost all poets are religious in this sense of considering intellectual insincerity the greatest sin.

There is, I think, one higher type of religious person. The sincerity and intensity of the poet shine through his eyes. We forgive his logical aberrations because of the quality of his emotions. But there is the supreme individual who subduing emotions attains a calmness and detachment in reflection that is as rare as it is beautiful to contemplate.

—J. P. L.

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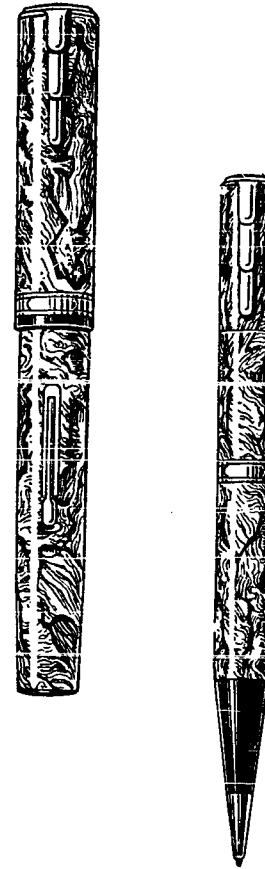
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FIRST QUARTER

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Shortly thereafter, unwelcome rumors were associating the name of Doctor Finley with the presidency of the University of Michigan. *School*, a contemporary academic organ, remarked editorially that "Dr. Finley's place is in the Presidency of the College of the City of New York. New York has become acquainted with President Finley and ranks him as one of her foremost citizens and speakers."

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SETON HALL FACES VARSITY TOMORROW

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will prove a much tougher nut to crack tomorrow. Seton Hall has an excellent coach in "Red" Smith, a former Notre Dame center, and seven first-string men back in the togs. There is no doubt that a year of experience has proven beneficial to the Orange men, and if they still retain their excellent aerial attack, Captain Bob Vance and his mates will have a highly busy afternoon.

If the injuries which have been haunting the men during the past week do not handicap their playing tomorrow the College should inaugurate the 1931 football campaign with flying colors in spite of Doc Parker's time-honored pessimism before the season opens.

S. C. CLASS ELECTIONS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

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Benjamin, candidate for secretary of the same class.

The list of candidates is printed below in the order it was submitted by the elections committee.

February 1932—president: Sol Berlad, Larry Hirsch, Lou Solomon; vice-president: Bert Miller, Al Grossman, Fred Chait, Milt Cantor; secretary: Abe Tauchner, Sid Anker; treasurer: Irv Goldberg, Joe Justman; athletic manager: Phil Cook, Al Strauss; Student Council representative: Leon Cafafiura, Max Kuzmack, Irv Mishkin.

June 1932—president: Bernie Bloom, Dave Halpern, Red Waxman, George Schwartz; vice-president: Bob Berger, Mac Goldberg, Emanuel E. Sandberg, Danny Reit; secretary: Marcus Schwartz, Abe Friedman; treasurer: Lester Hoening; athletic manager: Sol Davison, Vic Bokinik; Student Council representative: Red Hofstein, Manny Schwartz, Winston Daniels, Dave Reich, Aaron Addlston.

February 1933—president: Hy Gold, vice-president: Mack Wepner, Eddie Halprin; secretary: David Edelstein, Milt Fastenberg; treasurer: Phil Shapiro, Abe Newman; athletic manager: Milt Gross.

June 1933—president: Oscar Grossman, Charles Bloomstein, Roland Small, Eli Horowitz; vice-president: Abe Baum, Bob Rassin, Harry Goldblatt; secretary: Irv Jaffe, Vinnie Gerardi; treasurer: Moe Friedlander; athletic manager: Bob Gardner; Student Council representative: Vic Feingold, Irv Slouin, Edward M. David.

1934—president: Moe Spahn; vice-president: Joe Teperman; secretary: Joseph Starrobin, Bernard Schwartzberg, Harold Kantor; athletic manager: Joe Klepper, Mike Garramoni; Student Council representative (June): Herman Redisch, Leon Zitzer, Alfred Waksman; Student Council representative (February): Abe Grossman.

1935—president: Irving Adler, Sidney Horowitz; vice-president: Mortimer Proaccino, Leonard Rapaport, Hyman Rosenbaum, Albert Goldenberg, Harold Axel, Jacob Levine, Harold S. Halpern, Al Aronowitz, Mitsos Pappas, David Englander, Joseph Hornstein, Morris Grum, Philip Brilliant; secretary: Theodore Benjamin, Leonard Seidenman, Gerald Gold, Meyer Ashman, Arthur Weintraub, Nathan Goldstein, Arthur Neumark, Benjamin Baum; athletic manager: Jack Blume, Joseph Abrams, Student Council representative: Nathaniel Fensterstock, George Shottenfeld, Sidney Lipschutz, Irving Jorisch, Howard Kahn.

COLLEGE PURCHASES NEW SUPPLY OF TEXT-BOOKS

Three thousand dollars worth of new text-books have been bought by the College this term, according to an announcement by Mr. Walter Roberts, manager in charge of the Book Room.

"Naturally, we expect the student to keep these books in good condition," he declared, "as this supply will not be replenished for at least two years.

Correspondence

THE CAMPUS prints all communications which may be of interest to its readers, as space permits, and as timeliness of topic and propriety of expression warrants. Letters must be typewritten on one side of the page and must be accompanied by the writer's full name. Initials or pen name will be used if the writer so requests, but the full name will be furnished on application. Letters are not limited as to length, but short communications are most likely to find space in this column. THE CAMPUS is not necessarily in accord with the views expressed.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CAMPUS:

An article on page 2 of the September 17, 1931 issue of the "Campus" concerning the R. O. T. C. personnel and the Lavender Cadet publications contains statements untrue both as to fact and implication, which doubtless would not have been published had advance inquiries been made of the Military Science Department or responsible student officers of R. O. T. C. clubs. Professional pacifists were able to secure advance information in time to place large orders for copies of this column prior to publication in the Campus and an expertly press-agented campaign in certain metropolitan papers was so timed as to indicate advance information as to the attack. It is therefore significant that Mr. Mannheim was detected placing pacifist propaganda posters at C. C. N. Y. about this time.

Excessive publicity given to student riots or to radical agitation bringing the fair name of the college into disrepute, or to irresponsible attacks on the integrity of C. C. N. Y. officials, is in its ultimate effect a depreciation of the realizable value of every C. C. N. Y. diploma to its owner and a drag on the wheels of the college budget, which in the final analysis reflect the opinions of the employer and the taxpayer.

The increasing number of student requests to the Military Science Department for recommendations to employers and schools is a recognition of the handicap students suffer from false radical publicity and imposes a substantial clerical burden on the department. The responsibility for this condition must be laid in part to misguided and partisan publicity. In view of over 1500 student signatures in opposition to Anti-R. O. T. C. agitation, the advocates of compulsory anti-military training must in the future frankly admit participation in a partisan movement and not claim to represent a student body crusade.

Mr. Mannheim's publicity gesture of resignation from the Advance Course R. O. T. C. must be interpreted in light of the fact that he was not enrolled by the Government nor registered by the college in that course. His pending application to take the course at his own expense was finally disapproved a few hours before his "resignation" on September 11th. Investigation has established that Mr. Mannheim had conclusively shown lack of judgment, self control, and adaptability for duties of an officer while at Plattsburg at his own expense. He had repeatedly engaged in brawls with fellow students in which he was reported to have threatened to use deadly weapons and it had been necessary to place him under medical observation and to transfer him out of the C. C. N. Y. platoon. The unanimous recommendation of the instructors was for Mr. Mannheim's elimination and advance reports showed that his election to the C. C. N. Y. Officers' Club would be almost unanimously opposed by the student members.

Mr. Mannheim won a gold medal at C. C. N. Y. (NOT Plattsburg) for excellence in competitive drill as an enlisted man. He had the advantage over his class mates of several years training in the German Army. He clearly won the competition and is entitled to the credit. Such a winning would not alone justify admission to the Advance Course nor establish fitness to exercise the responsibilities of an officer.

I could have exercised no censorship over the contents of the Lavender Cadet as it was printed while I was in Europe. I have not expressed myself nor have I heard any other person express a suggestion to censor or restrict the circulation of the Lavender Cadet because

of any article therein, as alleged by Mr. Mannheim. While I do not personally fully endorse portions of the articles "Feldgrau" and "Poilu," I see no objection to their publication.

The statement that the first (May 1931) issue of the "Student Cadet" was financed by this department has a partial basis of fact. I admired the enthusiasm and patriotic spirit of the young editors, who had worked all night and gladly contributed towards the expense for paper and ink not covered by sales. My opinion was that Mr. Mannheim had shown amazing energy and very poor business judgment in the transaction and I strongly recommended that a business manager be named. I was dumfounded on my return from Europe to learn that Mr. Mannheim had assumed the functions of editor and business manager of the club during the vacation period.

The statement that there was a guarantee or gentleman's agreement by myself to finance the September 1931 issue of the Lavender Cadet is untrue. Investigation shows positively no such agreement by any member of the department prior to the actual printing. I had personally warned Mr. Mannheim and other club members in June that there was in prospect only enough alumni contributions to pay for paper and that no obligation must be incurred until after actual funds were in the treasury.

A letter from the department to Mr. Mannheim on August 19th specifically refused to underwrite the September issue.

I note with approbation the loyal spirit shown by the Cadet Club members in protecting the name of the Club and the reputation of the College by assuming a debt thrust upon them by the unauthorized action and misguided zeal of a former member. They have shown commendable restraint under the provocation of surreptitious removal of property for which they are asked to pay and of interference with program of sales of copies which would help pay the debt. I shall be glad to help them.

GEORGE CHASE LEWIS,
Colonel Infantry U. S. Army.
Professor of Military Science & Tactics

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CAMPUS:

This is a denial of the grave accusations made by Mr. Lothar Mannheim in a previous issue of The Campus. So many of the charges require refutation that a systematic rebuttal will be clearer and more inclusive than a haphazard denial. Therefore I shall take up the statements of Mr. Mannheim.

First, Mr. Mannheim was not "the" organizer of the Cadet Club. That honor is justly attributed to Messrs. Charney, Slouin, Kates, and Solins. In all fairness to Mr. Mannheim we should say that he worked energetically and efficiently in rounding the Club into shape.

Second, the office of Editor-in-Chief of the "Lavender Cadet" was officially conferred on myself. Mr. Mannheim was merely to act in an advisory capacity and had no authority to incur either financial or editorial responsibilities. He (Mannheim) took advantage of the summer vacation and the consequent absence of the officials of the Club to issue the paper without the proper authorization.

Third, there were no promises made by either the Officers' Club or the officers of the Military Science Department to finance the publication. On the contrary, a letter on file dated Aug. 19, 1931 states, "... therefore I am in no position to underwrite the issue of the Cadet." To my knowledge (as Editor) there was no agreement by which the Military Science Department was to finance the "Lavender Cadet."

Fourth, the charge, made by Mr. Mannheim, that the distribution of the "Lavender Cadet" was opposed by the Military Science Department because of the alleged pacifistic articles—"Feldgrau" and "Poilu"—is entirely without foundation. No attempt was made either to censor or prevent the distribution of the issue because of its con-

Campus Circulation Staff To Accept New Members

Several positions on the Campus circulation and business staffs are now open to members of the freshman class. Applications will be made to William Zahm '32, business manager of the Campus today at 12 o'clock in the Campus office, room 411, at 12 o'clock and also every day next week at the same hour. Preference will be given to men who have some experience in Advertising or poster drawing.

X-Country Candidates to Meet

Candidates for positions on the frosh and varsity cross country team will meet with Coach MacKenzie in the stadium on Monday from 12 to 2.

Former Campus Editor to Marry

It has been announced that Dr. Felix S. Cohen '26 will be married shortly to Miss Lucy Kramer of Brooklyn. Dr. Cohen was the editor of The Campus during the campaign for the abolition of compulsory military training.

The temporary suspension of the distribution of the paper was caused by the necessity of abandoning the original plan of issuing the paper gratis, and the need for adopting the plan of selling the copies in order to pay for the unauthorized debt incurred by Mr. Mannheim in publishing the paper.

Lastly, Mr. Mannheim's active membership in the Cadet Club terminated with his completion of the Basic Course in June 1931.

In conclusion, the members of the Cadet Club regret that a former member of the Club could have acted so ungenerously not only in making false statements to the Campus but also in having taken a large number of copies of the "Lavender Cadet" without authorization or compensation.

IRVING JAFFE.

PROFESSOR MacDOUGALL DIES OF HEART DISEASE

Dr. Robert Bruce MacDougall, former Associate Professor of Art at the

College, died of heart disease last Tuesday at the home of a friend. Coming from a family of artists, Dr. MacDougall pursued an artistic career, studying at Cooper Union and the National Academy of Design.

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