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Board of Higher Education Votes to Sustain Faculty On Expulsion of Students

Eisner Advises Hunter Girls To Make Primary Appeal to Colligan

BOARD ISSUES REPORT

Students Were Expelled Because Of Attitude Toward Italian Students

The appeal for reinstatement of the twenty-one students expelled last November 13 was denied and the action taken by the faculty was confirmed by unanimous vote of the Board of Higher Education on Tuesday night. Mark Eisner, chairman of the board, advised the five girls suspended from Hunter College to appeal to President Eugene A. Colligan. In case he denies the appeal, they were told, they can appeal to the board.

In a twenty-two page report issued by the executive committee, it was stated that the students were expelled because they broke College regulations, which they had pledged to keep; because of their insulting attitude and language toward the Italian student visitors, which was studied and deliberate; and because the College was humiliated by displays of rowdiness. Another reason advanced by the board was that "the acts and attitudes of the appellants constituted a gross violation of academic freedom."

A separate concurring memorandum was issued by Eisner in which he stated that the faculty might reinstate a student, except for "those who might be termed 'ring leaders' of the disturbances and fomenters of the troubles preceding, during and after the speech of Edwin Alexander," if he can satisfy the faculty that he regrets his participation and "will in the future discountenance any similar activities and disturbances. Arthur M. Howe, chairman of the Brooklyn College Administrative Committee, Julia van Dernooot, Joseph J. Klein, Marion R. Mack, and Joseph D. McGoldrick, former comptroller, were

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History Is a Process of Changing Mental Patterns, Says Overstreet

Pointing out that "history is a process of change in mental patterns," Professor Henry Allen Overstreet, chairman of the Philosophy Department, outlined the new social attitudes that the American people are beginning to adopt, in an address to the Psychology Society yesterday afternoon. His topic was "The Psychological Patterns of Current Social Change."

He made it clear that economic conditions are a major cause of the intellectual revolution, but added that "the important thing is the new ideology that comes out of changing situations. The most effectual change is the one that comes with new habits of thinking."

The greater part of the lecture was devoted to what Professor Overstreet called the five major patterns in cur-

AMERICAN LEGION OPENS CAMPAIGN TO AID COLLEGE

Fife and Drum Corps Contest This Saturday Will Initiate Campaign

A two-fold program, to improve the social tone of the campus, and to fight against influences harming the reputation of the College in outside circles, was made public this week by the College Post of the American Legion through its commander, Dr. Irving N. Rattner '19. The initial step in this project will take place Saturday evening, May 25, when the Legion will hold a fife and drum corps contest and band exhibition in Lewisohn Stadium. The legion hopes to achieve these aims through financial and moral aid, Dr. Rattner said. Members intend to cooperate with the Employment Bureau by means of their various outside contacts and may also assist the House Plan by a donation, or perhaps by forming new house units, possibly composed of R. O. T. C. men.

When informed of the Legion suggestion, Mr. Mortimer Karpp, adviser to the House Plan, said:

"The House Plan hopes to improve relations among students and between students and teachers, not by setting up divisions based on origin, interests, or beliefs, but by creating groups which break down all factors of provincialism, whether it be a provincialism of race, religion, philosophy, or politics. In accord with this policy we invite all students who are interested in our plan to join as individuals but we do not feel that we ought to accept any organized groups."

"A social program with educational implications (like our House Plan) cannot rest securely on a basis of any single bias. It must be the sincere expression of a truly American point of view, having implicit faith in the

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An Open Letter

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Hon. Frederick B. Robinson
President of The City College:

Dear Sir:

We have learned from unimpeachable sources that the question of censoring The Campus has been under serious consideration at your recent conferences with the several departments.

We were rather reluctant to believe that the employment of such tactics is contemplated, but the corroborative evidence does not permit us to ignore this menacing situation.

Only yesterday the editor-in-chief of The Campus received word from the Joint Faculty-Student Discipline Committee that charges had been preferred against him for convictions expressed in the editorial columns. We hardly think it necessary to point out that a threat of censorship is as effective as an open avowal of censorship.

We feel certain that the Faculty and the undergraduates will not countenance any infringement on free student expression. We would appreciate a clear statement of your position in this matter.

Some time ago while the faculty was considering disciplinary action against the editor of the Student, you said:

"The time might come when it will be clear that a college can not permit its students to publish papers."

We trust that that time has not yet come. We trust that it will never come.

Respectfully yours,

THE EDITORS

S. C. Investigates Dean Gottschall Hits Jacobs Bill

Robinson Assures Committee That He Will Eliminate All Discrimination

Official assurance from President Robinson that any discrimination against negroes in the College will be eliminated as soon as it is uncovered, accompanied the open hearing held yesterday by the Student Council committee investigating "Jim Crowism" at the College.

Students at the hearing testified that some members of the faculty exercise open discrimination against negro students. It was pointed out that negro students have never been employed in certain positions in the College.

Members of the committee declared that they would request the council today to authorize them to continue their activities until next term, in order to permit a complete investigation of these charges.

Although President Robinson declined the invitation to attend the hearing because of another academic function, his secretary, Miss K. C. Brennan, issued the following statement:

"The President is at some pains to request the Student Council or any other competent body which finds any evidence of negro discrimination in the City College to lay it before him" (Continued on Page 2)

Compulsory Meeting Today For All Campus Staffmen

There will be a short meeting of The Campus editorial staff today in room 307 at 4 p. m. Attendance is compulsory for all staffmen, according to an announcement by Seymour Sheriff, editor-in-chief. Failure to attend will result in suspension from the staff.

Dean Gottschall Hits Jacobs Bill

John Thirlwall, President of A. F. A., Urges United Protest Against Measure

Speaking before a mass meeting called by the Student Rights Committee against the Jacobs Bill, Dean Morton Gottschall attacked this proposed legislation yesterday as being "alien to the American tradition of freedom of discussion," stating that, "maintaining discipline is primarily an educational not legal problem."

"The proposed Jacobs ordinance is poorly drawn, unnecessary and unwise, may in practice operate to restrict freedom of discussion and of criticism, and probably would increase, rather than allay, friction between students and authorities," was Dr. Gottschall's criticism.

The bill was also attacked by Meyer Rangel '36, vice-president-elect of the Student Council and John C. Thirlwall Jr., President of the Anti-Fascist Association of the staffs of the City College.

Rangel termed the bill "a fascist measure" and linking it up with other manifestations of fascism in America, he warned the students that they cannot defeat war and fascism unless they ally themselves with the "broad masses of the working class." For this reason he asked them to support and par-

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Phi Beta Delta to Stage Anniversary Celebration

The Gamma chapter of the Phi Beta Delta fraternity will hold a dance May 25, in the Exercise Hall in celebration of its twenty-third anniversary. Harry Chernikoff '36 is chairman of the dance committee. The price will be thirty-five cents per couple.

I.S.R. Triumphs in Landslide As Brown, Rangell, Robinson Capture Leading S. C. Offices

ALUMNI CRITICIZE PAYNE FOR AIDING SECTARIAN PROJECT

Editorial Deplores His Connection With Prejudiced Commercial Group

The current issue of "The City College Alumnus," published by the Associate Alumni, denounced in a scathing editorial this week Dr. Arthur Frank Payne, personnel officer for his association with a sectarian real estate development in upper New York State.

Though the "Alumnus" article mentioned no name, Mr. Donald A. Roberts, editor of the bulletin, admitted that it was Dr. Payne's connection with the Smallwood Company, whose stationery bears the words "an all Christian community", that brought forth the criticism by the alumni monthly.

The editorial declared that "no member of the staff should associate himself with a commercial venture or with any other endeavor that has about it even a suggestion of prejudice against any group of the population." It further said that "the alumni must look with apprehension on such a situation and hope that those whose authority can be exercised in the matter will take prompt steps to erase so serious a blot on the sense of tolerance and social responsibility as the document constitutes from the record of the College and prevent the recurrence of such unseemly happenings."

The matter came to the attention of the Alumni Office several weeks ago, when a circular advertising the sectarian real estate project was mailed to some members of the staff believed to be the Gentile professors. The notice urged the readers to listen to the broadcast of "Dr. Arthur Frank Payne, the eminent psychologist". (Continued on Page 2)

Felix Frazer, Utopian Society Head, Speaks on U.S. Production Resources

Claiming that if the production capacities of the country were utilized to the full extent, each family would have from \$6000 to \$7000 to spend yearly, Felix J. Frazer, assistant director of the National Survey of Potential Productive Capacity and a director of the Utopian Society addressed a meeting yesterday under the joint auspices of the Student Council and the Economics Society in room 306. His subject was the "Implications of the National Survey."

Mr. Frazer explained that two years ago, the National Survey received a commission from the government to compute the real wealth of the United States. An ideal budget, the Survey found, would be the expenditure of 140 billion dollars per annum for consumers' goods. Even in the boom

Progressive Vote Declines Greatly As Lavender Party Runs Second

LAVITT ASKS RECOUNT

Council Committee Accepts Ruling on "Out Robinson" Plank Under Protest

Swept into office by an Independent Students Rights landslide, Robert Brown '36, Meyer Rangell '36 and Herbert Robinson '37 were elected as president, vice-president and secretary respectively of the Student Council.

Oscar Schacter, Joseph Klausner, and Larry Brown, all of the ISR, and Charles Saphirstein, independent, won office as president, vice president, secretary and athletic manager of '36 respectively. Welford Wilson, ISR, defeated Seymour Moses, Progressive, and Gene Luongo, Lavender for S. C. representative.

The Progressive ticket, successful in last term's elections, yielded second place to the conservative Lavender group in a contest fought on a strict party basis.

Although the returns, which were certified by watchers from each party, eliminated Julian Lavitt '36 of the Progressive group on the first ballot for vice-president, Lavitt demanded a recount. His protest was based on the first unofficial tabulation, evidently a miscount, which gave him the lead.

According to Sam Moskowitz '36, co-chairman of the Elections Committee, votes for Rangell and Eugene Berkowitz of the Lavender party were mixed with Lavitt's in this count, giving the incorrect results. The votes were subsequently checked three times with two Progressive watchers present and then certified to.

The official results follow: Meanwhile the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs last Tuesday reaffirmed its position on the use of the "Out Robinson" plank which had been put forward by the Independent (Continued on Page 2)

years of 1929, production reached only 66 per cent of this standard. "When you depend on the technological plant for production," Mr. Frazer stated, "and don't utilize the full capacity, you are poor.... There is only one form of real wealth: goods and services."

Referring to "City College's reputation for radicalism," Mr. Frazer stated that his "radicalism started in the laboratory, being an engineer, rather than from the humanitarian view.... In my profession, everything is being stultified by the ways of doing things."

The resources of the United States are the finest and most replete in the world, he said. "There is plenty of maladjustment, but we suffer principally from the non-production of goods."

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"... IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN"

TUESDAY night's action by the Board of Higher Education brings to a tragic close one of the grossest miscarriages of justice ever committed in the history of the College.

In the name of "discipline and courtesy," a majority of the faculty in all its august and hoary wisdom saw fit to expel twenty-one students for their part in the anti-fascist demonstration in the Great Hall. Again, in the name of "discipline and courtesy," the members of the Board of Higher Education, twenty-two progressive educators steeped in adolescent psychology, thought it only proper that they uphold the action of the College faculty.

What, however, the board failed to realize was that beneath the alleged violations of disciplinary regulations lay a far more important, a far more dominant principle. The sixteen Italian university students who visited the College October 9 were admittedly advance agents of fascist propaganda. Witness an editorial which appeared in the fascist newspaper, "La Stampa," on the delegation's return to the fascist-kissed shores of Italy:

"Hail, returned comrades of the glorious American tour!..... We were all with you spiritually, and like you, we felt the anxiety of the battles awaiting you..... Like you, we profoundly felt the importance of your tour, which was a tremendous and universal affirmation of Italianity.

"You, worthy representatives of the aristocracy of lictoral fashes, smilingly crossed the ocean, as Columbus and Balbo did before you, and there, in the turbulent land of skyscrapers, showed the people of what stuff Mussolini's youths are made.... You, for a few weeks, were heroes and conquerors.... You have fulfilled your mission.

"Today we salute in you the dear comrades in study and faith who, by the duce's will, have marked a brilliant new stage in the triumphant march of fascism over the world!"

The twenty-one students expressed their opposition to fascism and at the same time attempted to arouse the College undergraduate body to do the same. For this, they were expelled.

The case is now quite irrevocably closed. The only avenue of reinstatement left, according to a concurring memorandum signed by Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Arthur M. Howe, Julia Van Dernoot, Joseph J. Klein, Marion Mack, and Joseph D. McGoldrick, is for the students to announce to the faculty their regret for their actions and to promise to "discourage any similar disturbances or activities" in the future. But this again clouds the main issue.

Perhaps the students were guilty of dis-

courtesy and misconduct. Fascism is none too courteous to its opponents. A much more important principle is at stake, a principle which completely submerges any preconceived notions of the incident. The students of the College should feel proud that their College along with several other institutions, including Yale, Princeton, and Columbia, had the gumption to stand up and express its opposition to fascism. Opposition to fascism is nothing to be ashamed of.

It is to be regretted that the Board of Higher Education did not see things in that light.

INVENTORY OF FASCISM

LAST year John L. Spivak, in his memorable series, "Plotting America's Pogroms" in the "New Masses" revealed the extent of anti-semitism in the United States.

Daily it becomes increasingly evident that America is drawing closer and closer to the last stage of a dying capitalist society, fascism.

A forceful reminder of the extent of anti-semitism and fascism in the United States is brought home by an interview in the World-Telegram with Royal Scott Gulden, accused by Spivak of fostering anti-semitism.

Mr. Gulden said, according to the World-Telegram, that he was thoroughly in accord with several anti-semitic pamphlets shown to him.

Mr. Gulden further revealed that no Jews or Negroes are permitted to join his organization, the Order of '76, and that the order receives "contributions from wealthy people." He said that at present the order is forming Vigilante bands, all over the country, and that "these bands will be used to break strikes, and put down riots."

How powerful Mr. Gulden's particular organization is, we do not know. But we do know that there are other forces, influential and powerful, who are hastening the advent of fascism in the United States.

The most influential agent of fascism in the United States is of course, William Randolph Hearst. From time to time we have recounted his open activities in the direction of fascism.

He represents a particularly dangerous force because of the influence and control he exerts over other powerful forces. The American Legion, the Elks, Chambers of Commerce and State Legislatures all pay homage to the Great God Hearst.

State Legislatures have passed Teachers' and Pupils' Loyalty Oath Laws and other gag measures in response to his demand. Alien and sedition laws and the McCormack-Dickstein legislation designed to rid America of subversive activities are but a few instances of the spread of fascist methods.

Hearst's influence is revealed in its fullest extent in California which is almost completely under his domination.

In California Hearst has taken advantage of the San Francisco strike and the Sinclair campaign to unite the vested interests in imposing gags and reaction. He has stopped at nothing—even going so far as to trump up a story of an attack upon an army officer's daughter by a "notorious Communist gang", a story completely denied by the officer and his daughter.

The criminal syndicalism trial in Sacramento, and the introduction of repressive measures into the State Legislature are but further indications of how completely California is under Hearst's domination.

We mention these things to once more impress that the danger of fascism in the United States is not another Dr. Wirt scare.

IT is with deep regret that The Campus announces the death of Nathaniel Bookbinder, member of the business board of The Campus, and assistant manager of the varsity basketball team.

BOWMAN TO TALK AT LAST MEETING OF COLLEGE A. F. A.

"Fascism as a Developing American Institution" is the subject of Leroy Bowman's address, to be delivered before the last meeting for this semester of the Anti-Fascist Association of the Staffs of the City College, on Sunday, May 26, in room 126 at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Bowman is chairman of the New York Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy and a member of the National Bureau of the American League Against War and Fascism. He is chairman of the United Parents Association and was formerly a member of the faculty of the Teachers College at Columbia.

Inverting the customary procedure, the lecturer will speak first, after which will follow the business meeting. This is to allow all members and guests to be present for the business.

Thirlwall President

The Anti-Fascist Association invites all members of the faculty and the various staffs of the College to attend its meetings. John Thirlwall, of the English department, is the president of the association and John K. Ackley, the Recorder, is secretary.

Meetings of the Association have been held monthly since January, in which time the organization has grown to a body of over one hundred members of the College.

In addition, the Anti-Fascist Association publishes a monthly bulletin publicizing the work of the group and presenting facts that show the advance of fascism in America. The latest issue, released yesterday, lists four events on American campuses of fascist stamp: the riot at the University of Wisconsin at which a meeting of the I. L. D. was raided; the case of Professor Winslow Hallett of Cedar Crest College, who demonstrated on the picket lines and was subsequently dismissed; the case of Leonard Bergel of Rutgers University, dismissed for trying "to combat Nazi propaganda of his department head in the classroom"; and the exhibition on the campus May 17, when an athletic group and members of the R. O. T. C. broke up an orderly Y. C. L. meeting near the College.

'Alumnus' Rebukes Faculty Member

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who publicized the community.

When informed of the alumnus charge at his downtown office, Dr. Payne, asserted that he had terminated the contract of his own volition after five weeks. Many letters reached Station WOR urging the abandonment of the sponsored broadcasts and the station discontinued the series after he left the program, Dr. Payne said. He added that the firm now broadcasts over another station.

He stated that he had no knowledge of the letters mailed to the faculty and expressed confidence in the College's understanding of his stand "on such matters."

At the office of the Affiliated Country Clubs, Inc., owned by the Smallwood family, The Campus was informed that Dr. Payne has owned a house in the district for three years and spends his weekends at the colony.

Dr. Payne has been broadcasting regularly over Station WOR for about seven years on topics of an intimate nature. He comes to the College on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and maintains a private office downtown for consultation on personal problems.

Largest Per Cent Pass German Comprehensives

The German Department flashed through last Wednesday with an average two hundredths of one per cent above the Spaniards in the Comprehensive Examinations. Breezily passing 80.67 per cent of all those who applied for the German test, the Deutschlanders took the lead, flying past the Spanish Department who had previously let 80.65 per cent of aspirants go by them. The percentage separating the two departments threatens to widen however, as the German mark includes the oral examination. Spanish oral marks have not yet been released.

DEAN GOTTSCHALL HITS JACOBS BILL

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ticipate in the United Youth Day Demonstration on May 30. He decried Howard Frisch's and the Student Council's actions in this connection.

Speaking for the A. F. A., Mr. Thirlwall also attacked the bill as "one of the most brazenly open attempts to muzzle free speech and action." As it is worded the bill might make overcutting a class punishable by imprisonment, he went on to say, but in reality the ordinance is designed to "make effective the goose-step in New York educational institutions."

"We must oppose this bill, which contradicts explicitly the principals of American freedom and tolerance. You must oppose it to safeguard the standard of teaching you receive. Your parents must oppose it because its passage will degrade the teaching profession immeasurably."

A resolution, the same as the one passed by the A. F. A., condemning the Jacob's Bill was passed unanimously by the 300 students present. The resolution read in part:

"Whereas the right to criticize public officials in the performance of the duties of their office is a basic privilege of the citizens of all democratic countries, and constitutionally and traditionally enjoyed by the citizens of this country; and

"Whereas the suppression of this right is a definite step in the direction of fascism;

"Be it resolved that we, three hundred students gathered here, condemn the said proposed ordinance, demand its defeat, and call on its members and all other persons and organization interested in preserving the right of free speech to work for the retirement from public office of those responsible for its introduction."

S. C. Investigates Jim-Crow Charges

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and he will promptly see that it ceases. He has deliberately sought to have no discrimination whatsoever at the College on the basis of race, creed or color and he believes that all the persons officially connected with the College have respected the policies of the President and the institution."

Dean Gottschall attended the meeting, and in reply to the questions of Meyer Schwartz, chairman of the committee, declared that he did not recall any instance of racial discrimination in the College. Pressed for an explanation of the fact that there are no negroes on the instructional staffs, he stated that applications by negro instructors for positions in the College are very rare.

Last week, after a Campus reporter had informed President Robinson that negroes are not employed during registration, the President wrote to John K. Ackley, recorder

HISTORY SOCIETY HEARS SALO BARON ON JEWISH POWER

Salo Baron, eminent authority on Jewish History, revealed the gradual recession of Jewish influence on modern capitalism in an address delivered before the History Society yesterday.

Professor Baron is a member of the Columbia faculty. He was librarian of the Jewish Institute of Religion from 1926-30, is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of Vienna and the University of Vienna.

"The Jewish have contributed to capitalism much more than their proportional strength," Dr. Baron declared. He outlined as reasons for this, the fact that in medieval times, up to the dawn of the capitalistic era, Jews were forced to have their whole wealth concentrated in money, the uniformity of law under which Jews operated, their dispersion and international solidarity, and the business establishments founded throughout the Western World by Marranos fleeing from Spain and Portugal.

Jews Lose Control

During the early era of capitalism in each country, the Jews thus had great influence because they had the money that kings and corporations needed. However, the rise of corporations tended to put the majority in control of business and the "Jews have never been the majority."

In banking, the Jews have steadily lost influence since the height of the Rothschild power in the middle of the last century. In the heavy industries the Jewish influence today approaches zero.

At present Jewish representation is greatest in the light industries, especially clothing and the amusement trade, although control remains largely with Jews, the working class is changing from Jews to the newer immigrants.

There is a shift in Jewish labor toward agriculture, the heavy industries and professions. The last, Professor Baron views with alarm dreading the equality that Jews in professional fields will be as disproportionately unequal to their coreligionists as they are in modern Germany.

In concluding, Professor Baron asserted that in case capitalism is drawing to a close, the waning Jewish influence will prove a benefit to the Jews who are being forced out of capitalism.

I.S.R. Party Gains Clear-Cut Victory

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Students Rights party.

Dean Gottschall issued the following statement:

"The Committee on Student Activities has given careful consideration to the resolution of the Student Council. The Committee, however, remains firmly of the opinion that the slogan in question, which certain student groups wish to adopt, is not in good taste. The Committee does not believe that attention to the requirements of courtesy and good taste in this instance involves any substantial restriction upon freedom of discussion. College students should not find it too difficult a task to express themselves adequately and yet remain within the bounds of correctness and propriety. The Committee regrets the disagreeable necessity of speaking of standards of conduct which college students ought to uphold of their own volition, rather than under compulsion. The democratic ideals which we all cherish are best advanced by voluntary adherence to high standards of courtesy, propriety and dignity."

Morton Gottschall

The Executive Student Affairs Committee accepted the ruling Tuesday, "under protest."

Correspondence

To the Editor of the Campus:

As members of the student body of the City College entitled to have our rights and opinions as students respected fully as much as any other student group, we, the undersigned members of the Officers Club, protest the action of the so-called "liberal" Student Council in boycotting the Charter Day exercises and the equally "liberal" policy of the editor of The Campus whose pen drips academic freedom except, unfortunately, where it pertains to students holding views opposing his own.

The Student Council demonstrated clearly during the past few weeks that it does not represent student opinion when it deliberately took measures in defiance of some eight hundred members of the student body who have chosen to wear the uniform of their country, who are proud to do so and who will continue to prepare themselves for the defence of their country, both from internal and external enemies, as long as such is their privilege.

The background of the action by the Student Council in boycotting the Charter Day ceremonies is not known to the majority of the student body. For a period of fifteen years the Officers Club has cherished the honor and privilege of serving as color guard at the Charter Day exercises and at other occasions more remote from and of less importance to the students on our campus. This service has often been rendered at material inconvenience to those concerned.

On Thursday, May 2, Mr. Nachbar '37, director of Junior Week, requested the Officers Club to supply a color guard and to select for this detail, juniors who would serve in uniform. Also he requested members of the Officers Club of the junior class who served as ushers not to appear in uniform as there were other members of the junior class who volunteered to serve as ushers who were not members of the Officers Club. The Officers Club acceded to these requests and accorded 100 per cent cooperation. As soon as this agreement was made known to the Student Council, the council protested the wearing of the uniforms by the color guard, in violation both of the above agreement and of the established custom at the College and the practically universal custom among organizations or institutions having a uniformed branch or group.

Officers' Club Protests

In the light of these facts, the protest of the Student Council at an arrangement arrived at entirely by agreement between representative student bodies was an entirely unmerited affront to the Officers Club and the junior class. Therefore, we, the undersigned members of the Officers Club do protest the action of the Student Council in boycotting the Charter Day ceremonies as an expression of intolerance, bigotry and bias. We condemn the utilization of the Student Council offices as propaganda agencies by any particular group for the furtherance of any one doctrine, political or otherwise.

The Officers Club has adhered to a standard of supporting College activities without regard for its personal interests invariably subordinating these to the major interests of alma mater. The club throughout its existence has subscribed 100% to the Athletic Association and has been, at times, of material aid to both the baseball and football teams.

Pursuant to this policy the club has on several occasions subscribed as a whole to the College newspaper despite the fact that the paper has continually opposed the R. O. T. C., since the members of the club felt a college undergraduate newspaper to be a highly desirable and necessary college function. As long as there was hope that a sincere though misguided editorial staff might be willing to subordinate their personal interests

or opinions to the greater interests of alma mater, if only to the extent of ceasing an agitation which has been conducted to the detriment of College interests, this support was continued.

No Hope of Reform

The current semester, however, has brought repeated demonstrations of the futility of any hope of reform on the part of The Campus staff or the Student Council group. While denouncing Hearst's policy of sensationalism The Campus in its own humble way has energetically gone about setting a new low for journalistic endeavor. In its editorials on military training The Campus quotes the youthful statements of Lieutenant Koehler condemning military drill as if they were the mature conclusions of the great Colonel Koehler who twenty-five years later received world-wide recognition as an exponent of military training.

Further, The Campus quotes as an example of alleged citizenship training at this College an obsolete War Department pamphlet never utilized by this unit or any other senior R. O. T. C. unit. By this device of omitting contents Campus editors have succeeded in giving an entirely perverted meaning to quotations concerning the R. O. T. C.

The Officers Club regards the policy of The Campus and its support of the Charter Day boycott as a proof of unqualified disloyalty to the interests of alma mater and every City College man. A college paper in order to be entitled to the support of all college groups, must be loyal to the interests of the student body as a whole and not cater to the selfish personal ambitions of an editor or support a particular league or fraternity. For both the Student Council and the editor of The Campus the phrases "academic freedom" and "students' rights" seem to mean nothing except as weapons with which to defy all actions of the faculty.

Officers: Seymour Brown, Henry Karlin, Marvin Abramowitz, Anthony T. Araner, Frederick M. Cedall, Leroy Larchvul, Roderick E. White, Robert T. Sellitz, Alfred C. Huse, Louis Margolies, William Farberman, William H. Siegel, William G. Rockwell, Ernest Widmayer, Paul E. Niff, Charles R. Stone, Alvin H. Leller, Harry Ashkinaze, George Belofsky, Edward McKinney, Myron Schwall, Christian Hanburger, Marvin Klasky, Morris Zusman, William M. O'Neill, Robert R. Kenn, George L. Gruber, George Finkelman, J. Caulfield, John W. Stock, Alfred Bohnert, Julius Bassin, Jesse B. Kritzer, Leo McLive, Harold Roussman, Elmer X. Heinbock, William J. Solodow, Fred J. Jaffe, Valentine Russock, Abner Sachs, Fred J. Seugstacke, Milton Starek, Robert J. Shaie.

They say a man is judged by the enemies he makes. If that is true perhaps all is not lost for the present editor of The Campus.

Ten years from now our only claim to fame may be that the Officers Club was not particularly fond of us. Not that the boys are out looking for us with a bayonet (at least we hope not) it is rather clear that we are hardly the object of their affections.

Let us for the moment assume the premise that the Student Council "deliberately took measures in defiance of some eight hundred members of the student body who have chosen to wear the uniform of their country, etc." It requires no skilled logician to realize that the conclusion "The Student Council demonstrated clearly during the past few weeks that it does not represent student opinion" does not follow from the above premise. Nor does it require an astute observer to penetrate such shameless flag waving, for which we substituted "etc." We could, of course, if space permitted, question the truth of the assertion that eight hundred members of the R. O. T. C. unanimously endorsed the Officers Club policy. "The back-

ground of the action taken by the Student Council is not known to the majority of the student body"—nor for that matter to the Officers Club. The document published above seems to indicate that the Junior Class wholeheartedly wished the members of the Officers Club to serve as the color guard be selected from among their the Junior Class from turning down the R. O. T. C. color guard was the fear that the privileges granted it for the Junior Week program might be revoked if they protested against a military color guard. Witness the alacrity with which the '37 Council accepted the order of the Student Council that the class refrain from participating in the Charter Day Exercises.

The members of the Officers Club could have hardly been unaware that Lock and Key, consisting of the leaders of extra-curricular activity, had unanimously requested that the color guard be selected from among their membership. Strange that the Officers Club "acceded to these requests" (those of the chairmen of Junior Week) but ignored that of Lock and Key.

S. C. "Protest"

The Officers Club asserts that "the Student Council protested the wearing of uniforms by the color guard in violation of the above agreement (with the Junior Week chairman) and of the established custom of the College and the practically universal custom among organizations or institutions having a uniformed branch or group." How the Student Council could violate an agreement to which it was not a party is something which only the members of the Officers Club can answer. The inference that a custom, merely because it is established, is sacred, is patently absurd. Examples of customs that have outlived their usefulness abound. Surely the members of the Officers Club who as patriotic Americans are surely in favor of true representative government would not argue that the Electoral College should be continued just because it has been a quaint old American custom to elect a president, for over 150 years. The Officers Club regards the Student Council as unrepresentative of student opinion. On what grounds, then, can it regard the Officers Club and the Junior Class as "representative student bodies?" We are duly appreciative of the unselfish service of the Officers Club in carrying the colors "at material inconvenience." Equally noteworthy is the commendable support of College activities. By way of repaying this unselfish service we hereby award a red, white and blue Gold Star to each member of the Officers Club.

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We fail to see, however, how this unselfish and noble activity bears on the issue in question. Even the "disloyal" editor of The Campus has rendered some slight service to the College, a service which of course does not compare with that rendered by the Officers Club.

We should like to correct several misapprehensions that may arise from the allegation that we have set a new low for journalistic endeavor.

The Officers Club accuses The Campus of willfully employing shoddy journalistic tactics. We should like to point out that it is obviously impractical for us to obtain the quotations such as mentioned in the original. We have for the most part secured them from sources we consider reliable. If the statement the club makes in reference to Col. Koehler is true, we sincerely regret having reprinted it. We might point out that the quotation was contained in an entire article we quoted. Certainly it would be foolish to print it with a guilty knowledge. Evidence as to the uselessness and damage of military training for physical purposes abounds without making it necessary to resort

to distorted quotations.

The quotation about "alleged citizenship training at this college" was contained in an article we quoted by Oswald Garrison Villard. The accusation then is directed at Mr. Villard. We find it hard to believe that he would employ "faked" questions.

At one place the Officers Club refers to the "sincere though misguided editorial staff" and elsewhere to the "selfish personal ambitions of an editor." We wish the club would make up its mind whether we are selfish or sincere. We anxiously await its verdict.

"A college paper in order to be entitled to the support of all college groups must be loyal to the interests of the student body as a whole and not cater to the selfish personal ambitions of an editor or support a particular league or fraternity." Obviously, when the interests of the student body are not the same, a college paper can not be loyal to the student body as a whole if by the whole is meant the entire student body. Our conception of the function of college newspapers is not to merely reflect student opinion, but to lead and direct it. Of course the claim of "support of a particular league or fraternity is analogous to the Hearst cry of "alien agitators."

We think rather that the members of the R.O.T.C. are the ones who show "unqualified disloyalty" to the College and all it stands for. We maintain that we have the best interests of the College at heart. We firmly believe that these would best be served by the abolition of the R.O.T.C.—Editors Note.)

To The Editor of the Campus:

This morning, when I read the Campus, I noticed that you mentioned

my name as one of the students who broke up the Communist meeting last Thursday, and that I was to be "severely censured" by the Student Council.

It really grieves me to find out that the Campus a supposedly impartial paper, would print such a thing before it found out the facts. But I'm not surprised to see the Student Council take that action, because I know and many students know that our Student Council unfortunately has a number of members of the young communists on it. Naturally these young communists cannot help but be partial to their point of view, and therefore I can't see how they can possibly be fair judges of our conduct.

Did Not Strike Students

I dare the Student Council to appoint impartial judges to try my case!

There seems no doubt to me, but that these young communists misrepresented the facts to the other members of the Student Council, because I know that the day following the meeting, several students came up to me and asked me whether I had "socked" ten or eleven students. I did not raise my hand against anybody! Nor did I push or pull to tear the platform down! And anybody who says I did is not telling the truth!

Your paper also calls me a vigilante. I demand an apology for that! As I understand it a vigilante is one who goes around denying the right of free speech, and uses force to accomplish his ends. Anybody who knows me in this school and knows my viewpoints will tell you that I've always championed the right of free speech at the College. And, although I feel that the communists don't have

the right solution to the problems they attempt to solve, I believe that they have every right to explain their viewpoints to other people.

At the meeting of the communists, all I did was to get up and express "Gentlemen:

"I'm neither a member of the R. O. T. C. nor a member of the communist party, in other words just an ordinary member of our student body. I feel that it is only right that students of our College be given the right to express their viewpoints at this College. But I don't think it's right for an outside political organization to try to get political control of our College. And I don't like to see the outside agitators of the communist party come down here and start trouble by crying for boycotts against anything they dislike. This school is our City College. It belongs to the students, not to the communist party. As an example of that take the "Anti-War Strike." I was very much in favor of the sentiments against was but I disliked the idea of having girls, fourteenth street reds, down at the meeting raising their raucous voices like hens and agitating the students present. Therefore, I say again, oust the outside agitators."

Oscar Bloom '36

(Mr. Bloom asserts that The Campus called him a vigilante. A careful examination of The Campus will reveal only the report of the Student Council (Continued on Page 4)

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VARSITY BATSMEN BOW TO ST. JOHNS FOR TENTH DEFEAT

In a belated attempt to atone for a decidedly mediocre season, the College nine will meet the Manhattan bunch in Lewisohn Stadium tomorrow. Inasmuch as the Kelly Greens handed the Beavers a 14-1 shellacking in a previous encounter this season, they have been made overwhelming favorites to repeat. Johnny Morris, tall righthander will probably take the mound for the St. Nicks.

Despite some lusty hitting on the part of Marty Lefkowitz and Lester Rosenblum, the St. Nicks managed to even up the series with the St. Johns' nine last Tuesday, when they booted a three run lead in the seventh and ended up on the short end of an 8-7 score. Nat Gainen, peppery little second baseman, was the losing "pitcher" for the Beavers.

The fact that they outthrew their opponents presented no great problem to Doc Parker's stalwarts. By dint of sloppy fielding they managed to blow the game anyway.

With the score tied at four all at the beginning of the seventh, the Lavenders broke the deadlock by chalking up three tallies. But in the second half of the seventh, Dixon, first man up for the Redmen, reached first on Wittkin's bad throw and although Nat Gainen retired the next two batters in a row, the next man doubled to tally Dixon and the St. Johns' scoring spree began. Two more hits, a walk and Rosenblum's fumble in left field accounted for the Redmen's three other runs.

The hard hitting of Lester Rosenblum garnered four safe blows, including a double in five trips to the plate. Another high point was the home run of Marty Lefkowitz, hard hitting first baseman for the Lavender.

Beavers to Meet Alumni Stickmen

Ring down the curtain on an ill-starred season, the Lavender lacrosse team clashes with the alumni ten tomorrow afternoon at Lewisohn Stadium. The contest will go on immediately after the Beaver-Manhattan baseball game is terminated. Admission to the double-header is free to holders of A. A. books.

After dropping six straight the Beavers have come back strong, annexing their last two encounters by lopsided scores, and figure on form to cop the finale without any undue exertion on their part. The traditional formula in the past has been to have the alumni put up a stiff fight in the first half and then peter out as lack of condition begins to tell on them.

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resolution censuring him, and no reference to him by The Campus as a vigilante.

Mr. Bloom's assertion that he has "always championed the right of free speech" seems somewhat empty after his raising the familiar bogey of "outside agitators."

We are very much grieved to find out that we grieve Mr. Bloom. We wish to inform him, however, that The Campus is not an impartial paper. Obviously, we have definite views, and to assert our impartiality would be wilful falsification. We strive, however, to maintain in our news columns an objective attitude. It is inevitable of course that the editorial policy of the paper and the attitude of the individual writer will often, despite all precautions, result in "coloring" a story. In the story Mr. Bloom refers to, however, The Campus merely reported the action of the Student Council—Editor's note).

Board of Higher Education Votes To Sustain Ousting of 21 Students

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the other signers of the memorandum. After holding a short mass-meeting outside the Board of Education building at 59th Street and Park Avenue, about sixty students of various metropolitan colleges, including the College, Brooklyn College, Hunter College and Barnard and representing radical organizations there, formed a picket line in front of the building. They carried placards demanding, "Reinstate Suspended Students," "Keep Dicks Off the Campus." As they marched, the pickets shouted, "No suppression of academic freedom," "Reinstate suspended Hunter College students," "Oust Robinson and Colligan," and "No more battle-ships; we want schools." There were also a few shouts of "Down with the R. O. T. C." The meeting and picketing lasted for about two and a half hours.

Only four of the five girls suspended from Hunter after the April 12 strike against war were present at the meeting. They were Jean Horie, Margaret Wechsler, Theresa Levin and Lillian Dropkin. The students were represented by only two of their three attorneys, Mr. Osmond K. Fraenkel and Mr. Abraham Unger; Mr. Mendel Lurie was absent.

The decision of the board was based upon the report issued by the executive committee, whose chairman

is Charles H. Tuttle.

The expelled students are: Alex Rosen, Harry Kulansky, George Rubinstein, Oscar Jaffe, Morris Milgram, Charles Goodwin, Murray Sawits, Edward Kuntz, Jr., Bernard Klibanoff, Edward Selikson, Henry Gilerowitz, Lawrence Cohn, George Krubitzky, Leonard Gutkin, Matthew Amberg, Zenas Block, Joseph Ballam, Jerome Lipchitz, Edwin Alexander Jr., and Albert Ziegler.

Another recommendation made to the board, which was also adopted by a unanimous vote was:

"In view of the statements made by some of the student spokesmen before the executive committee and the dean, this committee recommends that the board make it clear that it cannot and will not tolerate organized insubordination against the rules and regulations of the board and the faculty and against good order and decent behavior at the City College or at any college under the jurisdiction of the Board of Higher Education; and that the board will not permit free higher education, so generously extended by the tax-payers of this city, to be made an instrument in the hands of students in the interest of outside organizations and groups for the propagation of organized disorder or for the subversion of the orderly and lawful processes of administering the College."

VARSITY NETMEN CRUSH FORDHAM FOR EIGHTH WIN

The College tennis team scored a decisive victory, Thursday, on their opponents' court when they journeyed uptown to defeat a Fordham aggregation by the topheavy score of 7 to 0. It was the eighth victory of the season for the racquet-wielders who, led by Capt. Fred Neubling, swept all the singles and doubles matches. Bernie Freedman, Captain Fred Neubling, Abe Shapiro, Fred Kaplan and Jesse Greenberg swept the singles matches while the doubles teams of Freedman and Neubling, and Jack Chwast and Irwin Taylor were winning their sets to make it a clean sweep.

The tennis aggregation under the expert guidance of Coach Wisan has been extremely successful in its engagements this season. Bernie Freedman, number one man and veteran of last year's varsity, has played consistently good tennis all season and is now at top form. Capt. Fred Neubling, also of last year's varsity, has developed his game to the point at which he once again establishes himself as one of the best players turned out by a College tennis team in recent years.

Led by these two able men the team will travel down to Moravian, Pennsylvania this Saturday.

Rattner '19 Publishes Legion Plan To Rid College of Harmful Groups

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ability of a good idea to withstand open discussion, if orderly and logical.

"These matters of the building and free discussion are only one phase of the House Plan program. It hopes to achieve, among other things, a new contentment on the campus, not a kind of contented coddling, but the general satisfaction that comes to a group of sincere scholars pursuing the truth in a variety of ways, each in his own best light.

"The House Plan, is raising a body of students whose loyalty is a genuine and constant display of 'devotion with service.' If at times, their loyalty takes the form of criticism of a person, program, or policy, it will be because their loyalty to the idea of the college is higher than any of these lesser loyalties."

Unaware of the House Plan as it existed at the College, the Legion had developed a similar system for sectioning of the students for social purposes, only to be informed that such a plan was already in operation. Though Dr. Rattner expressed himself as an enthusiastic supporter of the House Plan, he did not make clear how the club system as formulated by the Legion would jibe with the present plan and how it would fit into the College scheme of affairs in general. The post has not decided, as yet, to relinquish its proposal in favor of the House Plan though Dr. Rattner insisted that

the two would not conflict.

Before the plan goes into effect, Dr. Rattner asserted, students, alumni and members of the faculty will be consulted in order to seek out their viewpoints and suggestions. On these opinions will depend the continuance of the still nebulous plan next semester.

In a statement to the New York Evening Journal in regard to what has been termed the "Americanizing" of the College by the Legion, Professor Herbert M. Holton, Welfare officer of the Legion, declared: "Our students are just normal, healthy boys with a natural tendency for excitement. Like other boys their age, they crave an opportunity to express themselves. But the congestion at a city institution denies them this, and they become dissatisfied. They thus are perfect prey for radical agitators."

The seventy-five members of the Legion are "advocating peace through preparedness" and thus favor the R. O. T. C., Dr. Rattner averred. When asked if he read the Hearst papers, he replied, "That's not a fair question." However, the post will not raise any R.O.T.C. issue on the campus, he emphasized.

Investigation by the Legion has already begun at the College to obtain the names and salaries of some of the College correspondents to metropolitan newspapers, and find out the "status" of some of the people at the College.

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