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## Radolf Resigns as Editor Of Commerce Newspaper After Association Inquiry

Administration Objection to  
Editorial Policy Prompts  
"Ticker" Head's Act

LETTER SCORED DEAN

Unsigned Letter Charged Moore  
With Squandering, Spying,  
And Anti-semitism

BULLETIN

Herman Radolf '36, editor-in-chief of "The Ticker," resigned his position as editor, following a meeting of the Ticker Association yesterday. Although Radolf could not be reached for a statement, it was unofficially learned that administrative opposition to his editorial policy forced his resignation.

By Julian Utevsky

Herman Radolf '36, editor-in-chief of "The Ticker," official news publication of the Commerce Center, is under investigation by the Ticker Association for printing a letter signed by the City College Unit of the Communist Party charging Justin H. Moore, Dean of the School of Business Administration, with attacking student rights, meddling in departmental affairs, spying on teachers and students, anti-semitism, and "squandering \$20,000 on comparatively useless registration machines."

The Ticker Association, which is composed of four faculty members appointed by Dean Moore and four students chosen by the Student Council charged Radolf with violating a technicality in printing a letter without a name.

"Teacher and Worker" Makes Charges

The letter, appearing in "The Ticker" last Monday, referred to a previous article in the paper which quoted the October issue of "Teacher and Worker," monthly publication of the Communist Party unit of teachers at City College, wherein the charges against Dean Moore were originally made.

The letter, appeared as a correction of this story. It thanked "The Ticker" for running the story and added other charges to those mentioned. They were "The Dean's attack on student rights, his meddling in departmental rights, his attempts to have people spy on teachers and students" and his "poorly disguised anti-semitism."

It reiterated the charge that Dean Moore "squandered \$20,000 on comparatively useless registration machines," stating that this sum was expended mostly on the "special punch cards" used in the machines.

The letter was signed, "The City College Unit of the Communist Party."

Tremaine's NBC Orchestra  
Will Play at Senior Prom

Paul Tremaine and his NBC orchestra will play at the Senior Prom, to be held in the main ballroom of the Hotel Park Central, 56 Street and Seventh Avenue, on Saturday, December 21.

Tickets for the function, a formal dinner-dance, are on sale in the '36 alcove at \$3.50 per couple, in the orchestra being employed con-

Professor Cohen to Talk  
At Brooklyn Law School

Well over a thousand people will hear Professor Morris R. Cohen analyze "Recent Developments in the Philosophy of Law" at Brooklyn Law School on Tuesday, November 26 at 8:15 p.m.

When the three preceding lecturers in the series, John T. Flynn, Professor Raymond Moley and Jerome Frank spoke, more than two hundred people were turned away because the auditorium accommodations were insufficient. Tuesday, however, a newly installed system of amplifiers will convey Professor Cohen's speech to the adjacent library for those unable to crowd into the main lecture hall.

## Dickson Scores Legion Actions

Charges 'Spying, Loose Talk,  
Wholesale Slander' to  
'Un-American' Group

Retorting to the admission of Norman L. Marks '29, that the College post of the American Legion has no "positive proof of misconduct on the part of any member of the faculty," Professor Arthur Dickson of the English Department this week attacked the post for its un-American activities.

Letter to Rattner

His reply took the form of another letter to Dr. Irving N. Rattner, commander of the post. Extracts from the letter follow:

Dear Sir:  
I take it that the letter I have received from Mr. Norman L. Marks is your reply to the letter I addressed to you on November 9.

Mr. Marks is kind enough to . . . tell me just what he thinks we professors should, and should not teach. He states further that he has "no positive proof" of our misconduct . . . I search the letter in vain, however, for any expression of regret. I note further that, pending the completion of his enquiries into our conduct, Mr. Marks would like us

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## Lasser Urges NYA to Secure Aims by Unity

Leader of Workers Alliance  
Says Present Gains Are  
"Result of Pressure"

DEPLORES \$15.00 WAGE

Sees an Attempt to "Buy Off"  
Youth of Country, and so  
"Smooth over Unrest"

Dave Lasser, president of the Workers Alliance of America, urged united student action to effect increased N.Y.A. appropriations and improved conditions, at a meeting of N.Y.A. students in room 315 yesterday.

"We found from our experience in the unemployed field for over four years that we get absolutely nothing without the pressure of organization," he declared. "The N.Y.A. program clearly was a result of pressure being brought by youth groups throughout the country."

Mr. Lasser then pointed out that the N.Y.A. was instituted only in answer to the youth of the country, who were "sick of six years of depression and saw no future for themselves," as a means to "smooth over this unrest by the appropriation of a few million dollars as a handout . . . in an attempt to buy them off." He regarded the fifteen dollar per month wage as an offer made much as a horse dealer offers half of what he thinks a horse is worth.

Alliance Representatives Elected

Students at the College, he continued, will have to face the same problems and the same difficulties as those who do not have a college education. "Learn the lesson of economic organization. Learn how to combine into groups to improve economic standards," he declared.

He told the students that they "should be able to be represented by the people of their own choosing. Protest the holding up of pay checks so long to people who are obviously needy."

Assuring the assemblage that "since the N.Y.A. was one of the last programs to be started, it will be the first to be put out," Mr. Lasser advised the group to send a representative to the meeting of the Worker's Alliance with Aubrey Williams in Washington on Tuesday. Milton Teitelbaum '38 was elected to accompany this Alliance delegation and present the case of the N.Y.A. in New York.

There will be a meeting of the Student Council N.Y.A. committee at 2:45 p.m. today in room 306. Students with grievances were advised by chairman Leo Rubinstein '37 to attend.

## Brown Accused of Disrespect For Mentioning Oxford Oath; To Face Discipline Committee

Brown Issues Statement

The rules of the Faculty Student Discipline Committee restrain me from publishing any detailed reply to Professor Pedersen's charges before submitting it to the committee. Nevertheless in view of the fact that Professor Pedersen's charges have been made public I feel obliged to state the following:

I believe that the charges indicate a misunderstanding of the facts. I did not break faith by pointing out November 8 that the administration and the Board of Higher Education had prohibited me from submitting the Oxford Pledge to a vote. The agreement which the President reached with representatives of the Faculty-Student Relations Committee, con-

sisting of Dean Gottschall, Irving Neiman, Judah Drob and myself, on Wednesday October 30, only bound me not to present the pledge to a vote, but specifically gave me the privilege of criticizing the ruling forbidding a vote on the Oxford Pledge. In effect, this is all I did. The applause following my expression of the belief that the student body would support the Oxford Pledge if allowed to does not constitute my putting the Oath to a vote.

I might also add, that I still consider myself a good citizen and loyal to the American people and to City College in doing what I can to combat the war makers.

Robert Brown

Prof. Frederick M. Pedersen  
Brings Charges Against  
Council President

TRIAL ON DECEMBER 5

"Disrespect" to Pres. Robinson  
Occurred During Great Hall  
Peace Mobilization

Robert Brown '36, president of the Student Council today faced charges of "breach of faith, disrespect to President Robinson, disloyalty to the country and insubordination." Professor Frederick M. Pedersen of the Mathematics Department, in making these complaints, urged the Faculty-Student Discipline Committee to "vote a punishment commensurate with the seriousness of his offenses."

Brown, it is alleged, committed these offenses during the November 8 Mobilization for Peace in the Great Hall.

The specific charges against him are that he virtually put the Oxford Pledge to vote despite his agreement not to do so, that he refused to stop speaking when told to stop, that he showed disrespect to President Robinson by waving him aside, and that by introducing the Oxford Pledge he advocated a course of conduct incompatible with good citizenship.

Professor Morris Raphael Cohen announced that December 5 has tentatively been set as the date for the trial.

When informed of the charges Wednesday, Brown said "I hope that these charges will not mean the end of faculty-student cooperation for peace. Whether intended as such or not they are in line with the attempts of Hearst and the American Legion to crush the student anti-war movement."

When reached by a Campus reporter, Professor Pedersen declared that he had nothing to say. President Robinson also refused to comment.

At its meeting yesterday, the Interclub Council unanimously voted the following resolution: "In the interests of the faculty-student good will and cooperation shown at the November 8 mobilization, the I. C. C. urges Professor Pedersen to drop all charges against Robert Brown and urges the Faculty-Student Discipline Committee, the faculty, and the president to take no disciplinary action."

Since the meeting on November 8, the question of the legality of Brown's declaration that "I am sure that were we allowed to vote, City College would add its voice to those hundreds of thousands throughout the nation's colleges, who are now thundering to the war-mongers. We refuse to support the United States government in any war it may undertake," has been questioned by various members of the faculty. Dean Gottschall, however, declared that he felt there were no grounds for legal action against Brown, despite the fact that he believed him to have violated the spirit of the agreement with the President.

In the Great Hall a three-minute ovation greeted Brown's reading of the Oxford Pledge, when the applause had subsided, President Robinson stepped to the microphone and said: "It was generally agreed between all students organizing for this meeting, approved by the President and Faculty, that there would be no proposal to do something unconstitutional and illegal."

## Wechsler Urges A.S.U. Support

Former Editor of Spectator  
Condemns R.O.T.C. as "A  
Force of Reaction"

Stressing the vital need for a non-partisan, nation-wide student organization on the American campus, James Wechsler, former editor of the Columbia "Spectator," and more recently author of "Revolt on the Campus," urged students to give full support to the American Student Union in an address before the Society for Student Liberties in room 20 yesterday. He said, "the A.S.U. would crystallize all the vague distinctions in American colleges" and it will protect both students and members of the faculty from the activities of vigilantes.

Mr. Wechsler condemned the R.O.T.C. as "potential American storm-troopers" and "the most sinister force of reaction in the college." He cited as an example of the power of the R.O.T.C. the ordinance at Connecticut State College where criticism of the military training department is forbidden on the campus.

When a test case of that ruling was made, a riot broke out during which those who had organized a social problems club were thrown into the lake. These vigi-

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## Phi Beta Kappa Attacks Legion

Resolution Hits "Red-Hunt"  
As "Direct Assault on  
Academic Freedom"

The College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa condemned the "red-hunt" of the College post of the American Legion as a "direct assault on academic freedom," at its meeting last Tuesday evening, and, in a resolution, asked the faculty to bar the Legion's proposed activities as "inimical to the best interests of the College."

The passage of the resolution concluded a stormy session of three hours, almost all the time being spent on discussion of the Legion plan. Thirty-two graduates of the '35 class were accepted at the start of the meeting.

Before the meeting was called to order, members of the chapter distributed leaflets which said in part: "The heads of the American Legion, would-be leaders of an incipient fascist movement in America, are on the warpath . . . The present drive is a vicious attack upon academic freedom, and a blow, not only to the College, but to our entire educational system."

The Phi Beta Kappa resolution follows:

WHEREAS the City College Post of the American Legion has announced its intention of waging a red-baiting campaign at the College under the slogan "Awake, America," and WHEREAS the details of this campaign, as announced in releases to the press, provide for a system of

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Applications for Admission  
To Lock and Key Due Today

All applications for Lock and Key, senior honorary society, must be submitted today, it was announced last Wednesday. Applications should be left in box 17 in the Faculty Mail Room.

According to a new ruling of the society, candidates for admission whose applications were rejected in the past may re-apply. All applications must contain the name, address, class, and date of entrance to the College of the applicant.

## Students Go Mad as Varsity Show Preparations Turn Harris Auditorium into Maze of Stairways

Freshmen and such who frequent Townsend Harris (the building with the clock) are gibbering nonsensically today about "Steps, Steps, Steps," as the result of the metamorphosis of Townsend Harris Hall by the Dramatic Society into an endless up-down mass of stairways.

Inquiry reveals that the steps represent a major part of the scenery for the production of "Adam the Creator," which, if you haven't heard, will be given next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at the Pauline Edwards Theatre in the downtown center, with tickets selling at \$.25 and \$.50 for Thursday and Friday evenings' performance and at \$.35 and \$.60 for Saturday show. The aforementioned

steps will represent, according to authoritative sources, anything from mountains to molehills, and probably a bit more.

The crew responsible for the set creation is led by Frank Pearlman '36 and includes John Whitney '37, temporarily a one-armed carpenter and permanently a Son of the American Revolution, Stanley Graze '39, Bernard Berkowitz '39, Marvin Rothenberg '39, Martin Schwartz '39, David J. Fraade '37, Marc Bomse '37 and Benjamin Feld '37.

The energetic lads who constructed the more-than-39-steps described their work in greater detail. There will be three sets in "Adam the Creator": the first being a tenement house scene in 1935, the second the cave of the crea-

tion, and the third the temple to the creators. With difficulty, the crew restrained itself from saying that it expects to see some plain and fancy stepping when the curtain goes up and the sets are unfolded.

Following the production of "Adam the Creator," the Dramatic Society will turn its full attention to "Money." The latter is a one-act play by Michael Gold, which will be presented under the direction of Leonard Schliebstein '36 Thursday, December 5, in one of the lecture halls. There will be no charge for admission. This presentation is in the nature of an experiment, according to E. Lawrence Goodman '36, president of the society, "to see what work can be done without benefit of a good stage or good equipment."

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## "DISLOYALTY"

TWO weeks in their formulation, Dr. Frederick Pedersen's charges against Robert Brown, president of the Student Council, reopen a question generally conceded to be based on a technicality inflated far beyond its significance.

Dr. Pedersen's action must be found entirely reprehensible. Faculty-student relations, whose high was reached in the peace meeting, are now jeopardized by the renewal of the "breach of faith" charge. Fundamental constitutional rights are menaced by the charge of disloyalty with which Dr. Pedersen seeks to bolster up his case. Finally, his action revives the threat of discipline as a censor on future student expression.

The first point charges "Breach of faith and disobedience in virtually putting before the assemblage the 'Oxford Pledge', which he had agreed not to do, and which he was forbidden to do." Whatever "virtually putting before the assembly" may mean, we can only point out that Dr. Pedersen is basing his judgment on what must be, at best, second-hand information. The actual agreement (to which the writer was a party) explicitly forbade the introduction of the Oxford Pledge as a resolution and just as explicitly allowed the discussion of the Pledge, or any other point whatever. "Virtually putting before the assembly," then, must be a sort of hybrid of the proposal of the resolution and its simple discussion. As such it is hardly a sufficient basis for disciplinary charges.

The second point charges "Insubordination in refusing to stop speaking when told to stop by President Robinson." It might be well to consider whether or not the president was within his right as chairman to tell Brown to stop speaking. Although technically the president stopped Brown because of a time-limit, the fact that the speaker was in the middle of a sentence, together with the fact that none of the other speakers who exceeded the time limit were asked to stop, makes it fairly obvious that the interruption was actually occasioned by the subject matter which was being discussed. If this were not so, the President's interruption would have constituted a breach of courtesy, which we do not feel Dr. Pedersen means to infer. In the light of the agreement, Brown was within his right to discuss the Oxford Pledge to his heart's content. The President was not in his capacity as chairman of the meeting, therefore, justified in asking the speaker to stop.

The third point is distinguished with difficulty from the second—"Disrespect to the President in warning him aside in order to finish what he wished to say"—and must be answered similarly. If Brown

waved the president aside, it is because the president tugged at his arm while he was addressing the assembly. Disrespect, by connotation, implies an act which is deliberate and unprovoked. Brown's action was neither.

The fourth point is by all odds the worst. The charge here is "Disloyalty to this country in openly advocating before the College a course of conduct incompatible with good citizenship and clearly contrary to the oath which he took on his admission to this College." Thus blandly Dr. Pedersen denies the right of free speech and discussion, violating the very constitution which he has called to witness against Brown.

"Good citizenship" is a term which must be defined by each individual for himself. The attempt to define it as comprising one rigid set of rules and no other is hardly a democratic measure. It is the first step towards a condition where it is a grave offense not to think according to a prescribed ideology, or to refuse to goose-step.

The invocation of the allegiance oath to prevent the expression of any opinion honestly held is representative of darkest reaction. President Robinson, while condemning what he calls the "slacker's oath," and denying students the right to offer it as a resolution, made no effort to prevent its discussion. He realized that to deny a student the right to discuss any topic whatsoever, from dread Communism to Republicanism, is a violation of the most fundamental principle of civil liberties. Affirmation of Dr. Pedersen's stand commits one to a program which, if it is not fascism, conforms nicely with the principles in operation in Germany and Italy.

The discipline committee has no alternative but to dismiss these charges as an open attack on student rights.

## A NEW LOYALTY OATH

THE most high-handed bit of demagoguery in the last few months is the new District of Columbia ruling which states that teachers of the national capital schools may not draw pay unless they sign written statements that they have not "taught or advocated Communism."

This law, which will affect about 4,000 employees of Washington schools, easily makes all its "loyalty oath" predecessors look pretty pale. The Ives oath and the Massachusetts State Loyalty Oath which recently caused much alarm among liberal educators have logically enough given way to a more progressive and drastic step in educational puritanism. There is no denying that Comptroller McCarl's economic barrage against instructors will effectively destroy the last vestige of academic freedom in Washington, D. C. This new ruling can not help but instigate a new wave of actual educational fascism.

The only way out for the teachers lies in a united war against loyalty measures and oaths in every part of the country. At this late stage, it is useless to point out to the legislatures the ultimate failure of loyalty declarations; that they indicate the weakness of a government in fearing comparison with other social systems; that where there is an absence of logical conviction, legal or economic compulsion is a total failure. By this time Hearst and his cohorts have succeeded in pronouncing a group of restrictive pledges in many states and the only recourse for educators is a militant struggle against them.

In the past week, President Angell of Yale and Dr. Parkes Cadman have publicly pointed out the menace of loyalty oaths. But is not the duty of individual educators to battle these pledges. It is the duty of the united instructors in all schools and colleges to protest what Dr. Angell denounced as a "long and dangerous step which has been taken toward transforming education into propaganda and toward stifling the freedom of the university."

## Correspondence :-

### AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

To the Editor of The Campus:

A new phase in the development of the student movement will be initiated next month if the proposed merger on a national scale of the National Student League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy is finally achieved.

The National Executive Committees of these organizations have agreed to recommend to their respective conventions the establishment of a new type of student organization, an American Student Union.

The Student Union, contemplated by the two committees, would represent the collective interest of students in high school and college. It would deal with student needs arising out of the inadequacy of the National Youth Administration, the question of the R.O.T.C., the restraints upon academic freedom, insufficient educational opportunities and discrimination against the Negro student. Through action on these issues and others, the new organization would attempt to bring awareness of the larger issues such as war and fascism and the need for a new social order which would not be productive of war, fascism, insecurity and racial antagonism.

The unification of the N.S.L. and the S.L.I.D., which have played the leading roles in all the local campus struggles since their inception, would remove the confusion in the student movement. Joint action by the two has brought with it an increased effectiveness; continued rivalry, however, has tended to destroy this effectiveness.

The conventions of the N.S.L. and the S.L.I.D., which will decide on the proposal for an American Student Union, are scheduled tentatively for Dec. 27 and 28 in Columbus, Ohio. School organizations are urged to discuss the program for the Student Union, and to send sympathetic delegations on record for the A.S.U. to both conventions.

During the next month, the National Student League has arranged for a series of discussions on "What Shall the Program of an American Student Union Be?" These meetings will be held every Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock in St. James Church, 141 Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. Speakers of national prominence will lead these discussions.

All students, of course, are invited.

Robert Brown '36, President

Wilfred Mendelson '37,

Executive Secretary  
City College Chapter  
National Student League.

## CURRICULUM REVISION

To the Editor of The Campus:

We have been concerned with everyone else's troubles to such an extent that we neglected to take care of the troubles in our own household. We are carrying the cares and woes of the world upon our shoulders and minding everyone else's business before poking our noses into our own. Suppose we become a little more selfish for a change and rectify a problem that is staring us right in the face.

The problem is our curriculum. The student is faced by many problems arising out of the many required courses which are not at all essential to his career, but which he is compelled to take before he is allowed to consider electives and specializations. Briefly, there is no reason in the world why a social science major should be compelled to take a year of science, a year of Math, and even three years of Hygiene, when instead he can fill these gaps with more courses in his major field. So too, with a science major. He is limited in his choice of electives in his field because unessential required courses pile up his credits. For him such courses as History and Economics are absolutely unnecessary, and they waste his time. College is no place for prescribed courses for the purpose of giving the student a well-rounded background. That is what high schools are for. College should be mostly specialization and elective, because it is impossible in the short space of four years to take desired courses to your heart's content when it is necessary to complete prescribed courses first.

The committee on curriculum should be requested to make such changes as I have suggested. Many of the prescribed courses are not needed for the enhancement of one's career, and we can do without them knowing that there will be no serious loss to our intellect.

Sincerely,  
Arthur J. Jacobs, L. Jr. 2

## French Society Publication To Feature Barbusse Article

"La Chronique," official organ of the College's French society, Le Cercle Jusserand, will appear Monday, November 25, according to Abraham Krinsky '37, editor-in-chief.

The most prominent article is dedicated to Henri Barbusse, the French writer who died recently and who occupied during his dynamic career a leading position among radical men-of-letters, and is a study of his life and works by Sam Frank '35.

Several short stories will be featured, in addition to articles dealing with topics of vital interest, all by club members.

## '39 Class :-

At this late date in the term, an impartial observer examining the '39 class would come to the conclusion that there is no such thing. No evidences of metabolism exist. As a contemporary has put it: time goes on and on but nothing ever happens.

The class council has met two or three times this semester, nobody seems to know which. The greater part of each council meeting was devoted to a discussion of the value of the class council. Needless to say, nothing of any importance was brought out.

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Rumor hath it (we'll supply his name on receipt of written request and fifteen cents to cover mailing expenses) that Frosh-Soph activities will be non-existent this year. It seems that the more sissyish of the boys flinch at the prospect of struggling up to their knees in blood at the bottom of the large hole on the campus, or impaling themselves on the WPA barbed wire fences. As far as dying for dear old '39—the boys are no realists.

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As is by now common knowledge the I. S. R. ticket swept into office in the recent elections for vice-president and student council reps, electing Isadore Rosenberg, Murray Vidocler and Martin Glauberstein. Melvin Lasky, not an I. S. R. man, was named Athletic Director. There are some malicious ones who would have it that Lasky was elected because the I. S. R. did not enter a candidate.

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Murray Vidocler, who always comes in late to his French class, is angling, for some obscure reason, for a class dance. As head of the Social Functions committee, he emits from time to time pitiful requests for candidates for the committee.

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Rumor, that ubiquitous newshound, also has it that '39 will present one or two free smokers, or perhaps, as Gil Kahn, junior advisor suggests, a beer fest or so. The consensus of opinion seems to be in favor of the smokers. The House Plan will offer its accommodations, and possibly cigarettes, which would seem to eliminate the cash outlay of the class, except as regards certain games of chance oft indulged in at such functions.

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The aforementioned junior advisor, Gil Kahn, insists that frosh-soph activities get under way at once. When he is asked where the activities will be held, he says nothing, but a cryptic smile plays about his lips, which mystifies his observers. To one who has observed this same cryptic smile on Mr. Kahn's pan in a Math 1 class (a very popular class with Mr. Kahn, who has elected it twice), there is no mystery.

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To open the spirit of healthy competition Milt Zaslow, president of '38, has challenged Jack Freeman, president of '39, to a game of chess, the only drawback being that Freeman can't play the game.

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There is a possibility that the class council will cooperate with the faculty in handling future chapels. President Robinson's approval is necessary.

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If anybody knows anything about the mysterious disappearance of the key to the '39 bulletin board let him speak now or later.

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Freshmen wishing to apply for the various class committees, alcove, publications, social functions, intramurals, etc., should be present at the council meeting on Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the House Plan Center.

Arnold

## After the Curtain :-

PORGY AND BESS—George Gershwin's American folk opera. Book by Du Bose Heyward. Presented by the Theatre Guild at the Alvin.

The crap-shootin', booze-guzzlin' chillun of Catfish Row are all back on Broadway, laughing, loving, knifing, and, among other occupations, singing for all they are worth the music of "Porgy and Bess." George Gershwin's latest endeavor. Lovable cherubs they are, these gay, loose-living Negroes Du Bose Heyward has conjured up for the book of the modern master's "American folk opera." Why, the innocent little rascals do not even stop at Demon Rum in their angelic degeneracy, there being a liberal sprinkling of drugs among these just too quaint colored folk down South. But, under the inspired tutelage of the Theatre Guild, their "vice loses half its evil by losing all its grossness."

### Excellent Entertainment

Ignoring, if one is able, the distorted concepts of the Negro people that are presented by Mr. Heyward, "Porgy and Bess" emerges as really excellent entertainment. The music, if not exactly operatic, has swinging rhythms and vivid tunes and the melodramatics of the story are colorful and thrilling. The touching tale of the cripple Porgy who kills his sweetheart's former lover is unbeatable for sheer theatrical pleasure. The artistic direction of Rouben Mamoulian, his mass groupings, the superb scenery and lighting effects, combined with the vitality and warm personalities of the Negroes who act in "Porgy and Bess" make for an effective and absorbing performance. The anguish of the singing in Lerena's room where the inhabitants of Catfish Row have gathered to weep for her murdered husband, the weirdness of the dark, shadowy stage, provide a memorable moment in the theatre.

### Production a Success

Intellectually fraudulent, "Porgy and Bess" depends upon the direction and the production in general for its success, not forgetting, of course, Mr. Gershwin's music and its performance. The not inconsiderable financial resources of the Theatre Guild have cloaked its emptiness in resplendent garments and the net result is what may be termed a hit. But I wonder, it he has seen or read it, whether "Stevodore" doesn't cause Mr. Heyward an occasional nightmare.

## Screen Scraps :-

THE NEW GULLIVER—A Russian film adaptation of Swift's tale. At the Cameo.

The shrewd satire and social condemnation that our schools have been prone to ignore in Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" are brought to their full satire in the ingenious Soviet Russian adaptation of this brilliant tale. In fact, the satiric values have been greatly enhanced by the decision of the producers to present a modernized version of the story, for now the biting irony is unmistakable instead of being clouded in the mist of fantasy that teachers have not been quick to remove in discussing the book with their students.

The idea of having puppets play the roles of the tiny inhabitants of Lilliput has been of great service in creating an amusing and sharply witty film. For the use of puppets permits of an exaggerated comedy that makes the satire more pointed and at the same time infinitely more humorous than any number of human actors could make it. The use of live actors would have necessitated a more realistic character and plot development which would have deflated the tone spirit of Swift's satire.

### Brilliantly Satired

"The New Gulliver," without any further heating about the bush, is great fun and at the risk of becoming dangerously trite, I will call it simply swell. The way it mocks various phases of modern society, scandal-mongering newspapers, crooners, and kings, is a source of joy forever. The king, who, I think, not at all by accident resembles dear Alfonso, is a gent who can only cackle like an imbecile and hope that the victrola he hides under his coat will be properly wound up when he has to make a speech. His parliament consists of munitions makers who want Gulliver killed to spur their business on to prosperity and food dealers who want him kept alive because he eats so much. The crooner's love song, "My Lilliput Lassie" is the most devastating take-off on all the Rudy Valleees that I have ever seen, not to forget the chorus of beautiful and dumb blonds.

The thrilling climax in which the workers seize the government of Lilliput is the highlight. It consists of a bit of a work of art.

S. P.



## Beaver Quintet Set for Game With Terriers

During the past week, the Beaver hoopers have shown up surprisingly well in their practice sessions, and are confidently looking forward to their first win of the season when they tangle with the St. Francis cagemen on November 30. Especially noteworthy was the work of Sol Kopitko, varsity center, who is now rapidly rounding into the form that made him so outstanding last year.

Kopitko, a tall, slightly stoop shouldered fellow, was born in Warsaw, Poland about 23 years ago. His family migrated to America, because of political difficulties, when Sol was but a tender youth of 8 weeks old like a good many other metropolitan cagemen, Kopitko lived most of his life on the East Side.

### Develops under Holman

He first became seriously interested in basketball in his senior year at Seward Park High School. He showed a natural aptitude for the game and played on the varsity there until his graduation. Upon matriculating at Seward, Kopitko entered Jamaica Teachers College, intent upon getting his M.S. in education.

Sol went out for basketball there, and played under Dr. Jacobson for a year. It was here that Kopitko first began to demonstrate the ability which was to prove so outstanding later on. After his first season however, the school closed up due to lack of funds, and Kopitko transferred to the College.

Under Nat Holman, he quickly developed from a promising but nevertheless mediocre player, into an outstanding cageman. He made the varsity in his sophomore year and has been steadily improving all the time. Last year as a junior he was a bulwark of the Beaver attack and a fast headed player all around.

### Nominated for All-American

A top notcher on the tap and one of the most dangerous men in the game off the board, Kopitko was nominated by some newspapers for the all-metropolitan center position. At the close of last season, however, he incurred a leg injury which slowed him up considerably for a while. Although still handicapped to a certain extent by the injury, Sol is rapidly rounding into mid-season form.

Despite the dearth of experienced men, Kopitko expects this year's team to be one of the best in many seasons. Although somewhat reticent on the subject of his personal ambitions, Sol indicated that he intends to take his M.S. degree at Columbia after graduating from the College. Furthermore, he doesn't expect to play pro basketball, and thinks Bennett, Westminster center is the best man he ever faced.

## Professor Dickson Raps American Legion Activity

(Continued from Page 1, Column 2) to attend his meetings. Most interesting of all, the writer of this letter is Chairman of a Committee on Americanism.

Might I suggest, dear Doctor, that perhaps this Committee has been misnamed? Its work should evidently be divided among a number of sub-committees, somewhat as follows: on the Management of Other People's Affairs; on Loose Talk; on Wholesale Slander; on Epistolary Courtesy; on Passing the Buck; on Elementary and Advanced Spying; and perhaps one on the Lower Forms of Life, its membership to be composed of those professors who accept that invitation to attend the meetings. But, dear doctor, if I were you, I should have the name of America out of it.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Dickson

## Intramural Committee Adds Fencing to Sports Program

A Fencing Tournament, which will take place early in December, has been added to the program of intramural sports. Entries may be dropped in locker E-334 (Townsend Harris Hall). Class numerals will be awarded to the winners.

The semi-annual Boxing Tournament will be held Monday, November 25, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the small gym.

## Sport Slants

Frankie Schaffel has signed to play with the Bay Parkways... this brings the College contingent on the Parkways up to four... Mike Kupperberg, captain in '33, Doc Parker's last year, Gene Berkowitz and Dolph Cooper are the other three... from the most authoritative of sources (Mike Kupperberg himself) all are doing well and aren't being paid what they're worth... Sunday afternoon the Parkways play the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field... Paul Riblett, assistant to Friedman plays end for the Dodgers... spectators at the game will see gripping drama as well as a football game... it will be master against pupil... Riblett as end coach had Schaffel under his wing for a period of two years and taught him all he knows about the game... Sunday for the first time, the two will be opposing each other... As ends, Schaffel and Riblett aren't very likely to come into contact with each other... but Berkowitz of the College coaching staff as a tackle will oppose Riblett... The rumor is that Benny Friedman

will conduct practice sessions in the Tech gym all winter... was that why he held that lengthy conference with President Robinson?... Sid Friedlander states he is in possession of a secret scandal that will rock the College to its very foundations... its going to break any day now... The Campus has bought the exclusive rights to the story... Morty Cohen, the scandal slinger of the Campus has been receiving threats of violence lately... he wishes to employ some husky, unemployed deserving football players as body-guards... see Morty in the Campus office... Seymour Sheriff, star hurler on last term's Campus indoor baseball team was not only a great pitcher, but a star student... he was recently elected into Phi Beta as was Les Rosner, All-American lacrosse player... Jerry Horne is managing a professional basketball team up in the Bronx called Doc Siegal's Toothpaste Five... their motto is: you deserve a good paste in the mouth... Irv Mauer was named on Manhattan's all-opponent's eleven... Herbert George

## Three Veterans Aid J.V. Cagers

According to present indications, Coach Moe Spahn is planning to build this year's edition of the College Jayvee basketball team around a nucleus of three veterans and two promising newcomers, both of whom played varsity ball in high school.

The holdovers from last year are "Sonny" Fishman, "Lefty" Adelson, and Bobby Sand. All of them were with the Varsity, but went back to the Jayvee so that they could gain some valuable playing experience, instead of merely watching the others play. The two other members of what, at present, shapes up as the first five are Jarmulnick and Lefkowitz.

### Jarmulnick Tricky on Offense

Jarmulnick is a protegee of "Red" Cohen of this year's Varsity squad and succeeded him as captain of the Boys High quintet. He is tricky on the offense, can keep the ball moving, and has a general knowledge of what to do and what not to do on a basketball court.

Lefkowitz played at Eastern District High School. He is a forward at present, but jumps center when Fishman isn't in the game. Lefkowitz was rather short in high school, but has grown amazingly in the last year or so. He is a good ball handler and has a fair knowledge of the game. He is coming along rather slowly.

The Jayvee reserves include Rosenberg, who is pressing Lefkowitz for the fifth berth on the starting five, Lou Daniels of last year's Jayvee, Carpien,

## College Booters to Face Brooklyn Team Tomorrow

The College booters will attempt to annex their fifth victory in six starts when they do battle with Brooklyn College at Van Cortlandt Park tomorrow. Last week the soccer team swamped St. John's under a 5-0 score.

In that contest it was apparent almost immediately that the Red and White was no match for the high powered Beaver machine, and the contest degenerated into a race for scoring honors between Grossman, Schneider and Captain Birnbach. While Grossman tallied once, to a pair of goals apiece for his teammates, his passwork established him as the outstanding performer of the afternoon.

## Actor in "Adam the Creator" Suffers Severe Leg Injury

Mason Abrams '39, who has been rehearsing for the part of Alter Ego in the Dramatic Society's production of "Adam the Creator," is temporarily out of the cast today as the result of a severe injury to his leg. The society is grooming an understudy to take Abram's place in case his leg does not heal by the opening night.

## Harriers Make Poor Showing In Final Meet

Running against the cream of the national cross-country crop in the I. C. 4-A championships, the College harriers met with little success last Monday, when they finished fifth from last in the annual event at Van Cortlandt Park.

Frank Devlin, running the last race of his college career, was the first Beaver to finish. Although no College harrier placed in the first twenty-five, the Lavender representatives all ended the race in an approximately compact mass. The performance of the St. Nicks in this meet evidenced a distinct improvement over last year, when the leatherlungs finished next to last.

The I. C. 4-A meet marked the end of the 1935 campaign for the Beavers, who turned in one of the best records for cross-country teams at the College in recent years. In the opening test of the season, the harriers bested a strong Lafayette squad by a 24-31 count. Carlos Bermeo led the Beavers across the finish line with Captain Frank Devlin close behind him. In the meet, the Lavender was minus the services of Rudolph Schlechtiger, who has been elected captain of the 1936 unit in recognition of his fine work throughout the cross-country season.

Against Fordham, the College eked out a close 27-28 decision, keeping its undefeated record intact. Schlechtiger, back for this meet, paced the St. Nicks runners.

N.Y.U., one of the standout teams of the East, administered a 31-24 defeat to the College harriers in the final dual meet of the season. Once again Schlechtiger was the first Lavender runner to breach the tape and again Devlin was the second Beaver.

## Former College Court Luminaries Shine in Professional Competition

A team composed of former College players would probably run rough-shod over all opposition if they could be taken from all the teams in the pro circuit and united to play as a unit. Such a team was actually formed last winter, but was broken up after one game, because the boys were so busy playing for other teams that they couldn't show up to fill half their engagements.

That was too bad. A team which included such College luminaries as Lou Spindell, Pete Berenson, Moe Goldman, Moe Spahn, Milt Trupin, Arty Kaufman, and Joe Davidoff would have been a terror for any and all opposition. Perhaps some day, some smart owner of a franchise in the pro league will gather our distinguished basketball alumni on one team. Such an outfit would have a large and loyal following, well versed in the intricacies of the indoor court game. The College would keep on supplying talent and meanwhile would be getting plenty of publicity, gratis.

### Courtmen Successful Pros

Nat Holman has called Lou Spindell the greatest player that he ever developed at the College. Pete Berenson made a sensational debut into the ranks of the money players by pacing the Visitations to the world championship. He is one of the cleverest performers in the pro circuit. Moe Goldman, who captained the


team on which Berenson played is now the classy center of the Philadelphia Hebrews.

Now comes the rumor that Georgie Goldsmith, the fellow that scored 14 points in last year's N.Y.U. game received an offer to use his "eagle eye" in the cause of the Kingston team. The hitch to that deal was that George would have to move to Kingston. Since George loves the City and the College, he couldn't bear to leave them even in the face of such a heavy temptation.

### Winograd a Diamond Star

Even more amazing is the story told of Sam "Apple Annie" Winograd. The poor boy has had to refuse all pro offers because he thinks that his basketball talents are more valuable and that the risk of injury in the basketball arena is too great. Sam practiced with the Giants last spring and was farmed out at Talahassee. He was hitting at a .315 clip, when he was spiked in the leg and was forced out of the game. When the injury healed, Sam finished the season playing semi-pro ball in Poughkeepsie. This year, Winograd expects to go to the Giant spring training camp. There are rumors that he will be converted into an outfielder, but Sam doesn't know anything about it.

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## Phi Beta Kappa Attacks Legion For 'Red-Hunt'

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5) spying on students and teachers at the College, and

WHEREAS the Legion has announced that it is investigating a faculty member alleged to be carrying on "improper and subversive activities" in the school, and

WHEREAS President Robinson has issued a statement declaring that he sees no cause for objection to the activities of the Legion at the College, and

WHEREAS the spying of the American Legion red-hunt constitutes a direct assault on academic freedom of all progressive forces at the College, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa protest the anti-radical drive of the American Legion at the College, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gamma Chapter requests the faculty to bar the proposed activities of the Legion Post as inimical to the best interests of the College, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the City College Faculty, the Board of Higher Education, the City College Post of the American Legion, The Campus, The Ticker, Main Events, and the metropolitan press.

### New Fraternity Members

The fraternity accepted the following new members:

Irving Abelow, Albert M. Aronowitz, John Ashhurst, Irving M. Atkin, Paul W. Bergelt, Abraham Cooper, Irving L. Ellowitz, Harry A. Essmuller, Morris Ettenberg, Julian Feldman, Irving Gollin, Charles Nathan Jacobson, Meyer Kimmel, William E. Kirkpatrick, Julius J. Leichter, Everett T. Lloyd, Leo Miller, Max Newman, Sol Potolsky, Harold Prince, Lester Rosner, Marvin H. Scherer, Louis Schneider, Jacob E. Segal, Louis Shapiro, Seymour Sheriff, Harold Sherman, Max Shiffman, A. Alan Siegel, Frederick B. Sussman, Samuel H. Trichter, and John Yehannon.

Shapiro completed his work for the degree in February, 1935; all the others completed their work in June, 1935.

## Dr. Pinson Speaks To History Society

The excessive nationalism which now exists in Italy and Germany is the result of the delay in establishing the centralized state in these countries before the nineteenth century, Dr. Pinson, of the History Department, declared yesterday before the History Society in room 126.

Dr. Pinson separated the factors that make for nationalism into four parts. The first of these factors, he averred, is the distinction of feudal institutions, and the establishment of the centralized states. The countries which did not experience this, he declared, are Germany and Italy.

The rise of the money economy, with the emergence of modern capitalism, and democracy, is the second factor, he stated. The third factor is the secularization of modern life, which emerged first during the Renaissance and the Age of Reason. It was during these periods, Dr. Pinson declared, that man turned from the transcendent to the natural.

Individualism is the final element that causes nationalism. Individualism is primarily a modern phenomenon, he said.

### Dance to Climax Celebration Of House Plan Anniversary

The House Plan Anniversary Dance, to be held tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the College gym will conclude and climax this week's celebration of the first anniversary of the founding of the Plan.

Teas, smokers, suppers, lectures, and other social affairs held under the auspices of the various houses have combined to make this week the most intensive one in the history of the Plan.

The organization of a new house, Dean '38, was an outstanding feature of the week's activity.

## Club Clippings

### Debaters Open Season

The Varsity Debating Team opened its season last night with an open forum, no-decision debate against New York University. The College team, consisting of Stanley Rose '37 and Victor Axelrad '37, upheld the negative of the proposition: Resolved, That Congress have the power to override decisions of the Supreme Court by a two-third vote.

Debates have been scheduled for the near future with Princeton, Swarthmore, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of North Carolina, and Albright.

### Literary Workshop Formed

Workshop 77, a newly-organized club, has been formed to afford students at the College an opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas in writing, Charles Neider '38, president, announced. He emphasized the fact that it will not be a discussion group.

Under the advisement of Professor Keiley, the society will meet in room 110 every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

### Campus Business Meeting

There will be a meeting of the business staff of The Campus today at 4 p.m., according to an announcement by Benjamin Feld '37, assistant business manager.

The meeting, which is called for purposes of reorganization, will be held in room 412. Attendance is mandatory.

### Miyakowa at Y.M.C.A.

Mr. F. Scott Miyakowa will be the guest speaker at the Y.M.C.A. Forum-Smoker tonight at the House Plan Center, 292 Convent Avenue. "Japan's Stake and Goal on the Continent of Asia" is the subject for discussion. Mr. Miyakowa is an engineer for the South Manchurian Railroad and at one time was imprisoned on charges of being a spy.

### Orchestra Gives Concert

The College's symphony orchestra, conducted by Professor Neidlinger of the Music Department, presented its first public concert of the semester at Freshman Chapel yesterday at 12 noon.

### Soph Skull Interviews

There will be a meeting of Soph Skull at the House, 292 Convent Ave., at 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 26 in order to interview candidates. According to an announcement by Theodore Tolces '36.

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## Wechsler Praises New Student Union

(Continued from Page 1, Column 4) late activities were tacitly condoned by the president of the college, the speaker asserted.

Mr. Wechsler discussed similar instances at other colleges where the administration opposed attempts to form student rights and anti-war groups. "We have been too hard on some administrations," he said, "though not on the City College administration. I don't believe that Nicholas Murray Butler or Frederick B. Robinson are going to support any student organization in the college. They try to wipe out discontent on the campus by wiping out the discontented."

By a unanimous vote the audience demanded that Doctor Pedersen of the Mathematics Department drop the charges passed against Robert Brown '36, president of the Student Council.

## College Representatives to Attend Model League of Nations Meeting

The College will send six delegates to the Middle Atlantic Division Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Mr. Westphal of the History Department revealed yesterday. The assembly will be held at Vassar College next March 5, 6, and 7.

Grouped on the agenda of the assembly are an amendment to the covenant for the purpose of increasing the efficacy of economic sanctions, redistribution of the natural resources of the world and league aid to undeveloped countries. Officers for the session will be elected.

The History Department will pay the institutional fee of thirty-five dollars Mr. Westphal announced, and will also pay the registration fee required of the individual delegates. All ex-

penses of delegates, probably exclusive of carfare, will also be covered by the department.

Delegates are required to have an intimate knowledge of the workings of the League of Nations. Students desiring to represent the College at the assembly, should see Mr. Westphal, who will lead the delegation, in the History Office before the Thanksgiving holiday.

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