

# The Campus

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Miss Helene Mayer, enroute to Olympics:—"Things may have changed since I was in Germany."

"The sanctity of human life has sometimes been exaggerated." — General Lawrence, Vickers Gun Works

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### College Board Delays Action On Resolution

#### Education Committee Mute On Robinson Decision; Requires More Time

The City College administrative committee of the Board of Higher Education failed to take action on the Associate Alumni resolution criticizing the regime of President Frederick B. Robinson, at its meeting yesterday afternoon. The group will be unable to report back to the Board, this Wednesday evening, as had been expected. The Associate Alumni had previously planned to present the results of its investigation formally to the trustees at the monthly meeting. But last week the alumni decided to mail copies of the majority and minority reports to the individual members of the Board. According to men on the Board, more time will be needed to wade through the reports before the Board can render a decision.

#### Lacks "Human Qualities"

The graduate majority committee found that President Robinson lacked the "human qualities necessary to achieve the widespread confidence of his faculty and his student body."

Professor Charles P. Barry of New York University, secretary of the Board, declared that only routine matters would be discussed at the conference.

Mark Eisner, attorney and chairman of the Board, returned from California yesterday morning and was unable to comment on recent developments at the College.

The Board of Higher Education constitutes the highest authority in the branches of the College of the City of New York and the preparatory schools.

In the last few months, Mayor La Guardia has appointed several well-known liberals to the Board. Among these are Joseph D. McGoldrick, professor of government at Columbia University; Lewis Mumford, critic; and John J. Flynn, economist.

### ISA Resolution Blames Robinson For Low Wages

The responsibility for unsatisfactory salary conditions at the College was laid at the door of President Frederick B. Robinson by the Instructional Staff Association of the College at its meeting last Thursday night. A resolution adopted by a vote of 69-23 declared that instructors at the College are compensated less for their services than teachers in both Hunter and Brooklyn Colleges.

President Robinson, as well as Dr. Arthur Boylan and Dr. Eugene Colligan, presidents of Brooklyn and Hunter Colleges, is a member of the Board of Higher Education, and in this capacity, the association asserted, should have obtained for the College as much consideration in the matter of salaries as the heads of the other City Colleges did for their institutions.

The purpose of the resolution was to deny that part of the Majority Alumni Report which stated that President Robinson should be given credit for his attempts to provide as good conditions as possible for the instructors in the College.

### Midnight Blaze Sweeps Hunter

#### Four Alarm Fire Destroys Part of Old Building

A four-alarm fire swept the 68 Street Building of Hunter College at 2:30 a.m. last Friday. The central part of the structure was demolished. Only the fact that the conflagration occurred during the early morning prevented widespread loss of life.

Wooden lockers and wainscotings that made the building a veritable firetrap were disclosed to firemen who fought the blaze. Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brophy undertook an investigation early last Friday to ascertain the cause of the fire.

The 68 Street Building is built in the form of an H, with the now demolished section forming a bar connecting two newer and more modern wings. As the blaze was fought under control within two hours, both outer wings were saved, with the exception of part of the third floor in the western wing.

Despite the earliness of the hour, a large, noisy crowd quickly gathered on the scene. Several squads of police were busy keeping spectators out of the way of firemen.

### Turner Refuses To Intervene In Tech. Fight

Dean John R. Turner, last Friday, declared that immediate authority over circulation of The Campus in the Technology Building lay with Dean Frederick Skene and that he could not, in courtesy to Dean Skene as administrative official in the Technology Building, step in on the controversy between the dean and The Campus arising from Dr. Skene's refusal to allow The Campus to circulate in that building.

Dean Turner's withdrawal from the conflict, or refusal to enter the conflict, came last week when a Campus reporter asked him whether his jurisdiction did not extend to the Technology Building. The Dean of Men declined to say or do anything feeling that Dean Skene had a perfect right to do what he wanted in the building which he administers.

#### Declines to Comment

Dr. Turner declined to comment on Dean Skene's action but expressed the vague hope that The Campus be as representative as possible of the whole College and also reach the greatest possible number of students.

### Thousands Jam Negro Congress Held in Chicago

#### Speakers Assail Fascism; Support Nye-Kvale Bill

Five thousand cheering participants jammed the first National Negro Congress at the Eighth Regiment Armory in Chicago, during the three-day session which ended last Sunday.

In an audience 85 per cent Negro, were delegates from trade unions, sharecroppers' organizations, church and youth groups, fraternal and civil bodies, political parties, and cultural and women's associations. The College Douglass Society was represented by Louis Burnham '36.

#### Randolph Sounds Keynote

The keynote of the Congress called for "The end of discrimination in the A.F.L., the defense of Ethiopia, the end of lynching and oppression, and the struggle for the rights of Negro citizens." In an impassioned address, A. Phillip Randolph, president of the national committee, urged an increasing fight against war and fascism, and heralded the alliance of Negro and white in a Farmer-Labor party.

Burnham took an active part in the Student Session of the Congress. According to instructions from the Douglass Society, he proposed as planks the following:

Recognition of the principle of right of Negroes to universal appointment to the Military and Naval Academies; advocacy of the Nye-Kvale bill; more adequate schooling for children in Harlem; elimination of discrimination against Negro athletes; advocacy of inclusion of courses of Negro history and culture in schools and colleges; broadening of appointments of qualified Negroes to faculties; explanation of the new requirement that NYA applicants must state "race" on application blanks; demand that Negroes be admitted to all state-supported educational institutions.

#### MICROCOSM MEETING

Members of the '37 class interested in joining the business staff of Microcosm are asked to report to Sam Moskowitz '36 at the Mike office in room 424, Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Men scheduled to graduate in June should also report to the office at any time to make appointments for their pictures.

### NYA Tenure Uncertain

#### McCloskey, Local Director, Reveals Doubt of Continuation Of Relief Project Before American Youth Congress

Admission that tenure of the NYA is uncertain was contained in an address delivered by Mark McCloskey, local director of the NYA, at a conference held last Saturday under the auspices of the New York Council of the American Youth Congress.

### Mili Sci Course Optional at N.Y.U.

Compulsory military training has been dropped from the curriculum at the arts and engineering colleges of N.Y.U. The course has been made optional. Students may substitute physical training for the military drill if they so desire.

The abolition of compulsory drill was recommended by the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences and endorsed by Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase. "We have this year placed military training, in our two colleges in which it is offered, on an optional instead of a compulsory basis. While this step was not suggested by me, it has my distinct approval," Chase declared.

Acting Dean Arthur Hill, of the College of Arts and Science, declared that there had been "no particular change in policy."

### LIBERTY LEAGUE MAN TO ADDRESS LAWYERS

Dr. Louis F. Carroll, administrative officer of the American Liberty League, will speak on "Recent Attempts to Curb the Power of the Supreme Court to Declare Acts of Congress Unconstitutional" at a meeting of the Law Society this Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Dr. Carroll is an executive on the New York Regional Council of the League.

As a member of the American Bar Association Committee on Public Utility Laws last year, Dr. Carroll came again into public limelight after having been captain in 1929 of the American Debating Team which toured England and defeated, among other universities, Oxford and Cambridge.

### BENNY THE SPERM BACK IN MERC

#### Dun Roman Gives Up Nudes For Social, Political, and Economic Satire

By Leonard L. Beier  
Gentlemen! Benny has returned to the Mercury!

Surrounded by what seems to the reviewer to be the best material that has appeared in Merc in many a moon, the cherubic youngster of many captions returns from his tour of humor magazines just in time to show up in his natal haunts, the pages of Merc. The first issue of Merc is out today, incidentally.

This time our irrepressible comedian appears in an entirely different garb—one of "Booques." He is Christopher Carouse, the "dashing hero" of Hervey Allen's new tome. We suggest you con-

sult page 5 to get the significance of the "dashing hero" in what past Merc editors have called "the race for life."

From page 5 we urge you to turn immediately to page xvii where a play in three acts and four scenes by the late Fred Hochman '33 is reprinted from the Mercury of December, 1932. Fred died January 3 of this year.

Because he wrote for Mercury before our time, we never got to know him, and our acquaintance is strictly limited to the pages of past Mercs. None the less, on the merits of "Omelette," the aforementioned play in three acts and four scenes, we can say a hearty Amen to the eulogy of Fred written by Joseph H. Flacks '33, editor of the Merc when Fred was in his heyday.

Another feature of the Merc is the culmination of the metamorphosis of

### Students Respond to Call For "Salute" Picket Line

#### Management Displays Poster Announcing That the Film Has Complete Endorsement of American Legion; Demonstrators Label Picture "Slandering"

Fifty students yesterday responded to the call of Student Council and formed a mass picket line in front of the Gotham Theatre in protest against the theatre's presentation of "Red Salute." The film, a United Artists release, is being billed under the name of "Salute."

### Teachers' Union To Initiate Series Of Public Forums

Joseph Schlossberg will address the College section of the Teachers Union on Thursday night, Feb. 20, at the Union Methodist Church. Mr. Schlossberg, member of the Board of Higher Education and secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, will be one of seven speakers to discuss "The College Teacher and the Trade Union."

This public forum, the first sponsored by Local Five, the College unit, proposes to answer the following questions:

Shall college teachers organize in a trade union? What can the college teacher gain from affiliation with organized labor? What has the American Federation of Teachers accomplished for the teaching profession? What are the differences between the American Association of University Professors and the American Federation of Teachers? Shall A.A.U.P. members join the A. F. of T?

Among the speakers are Professor Harold Rugg, Professor of Education at Columbia, Professor Margaret Schlaugh, internationally known medieval scholar and Professor Edwin B. Burgum, president of the New York University Chapter of the A.A.U.P.

This branch of the Teachers Union, which is presenting the public meeting, is solely for the membership of college educational employees. The organization was found in the spring of last year, when it was felt that the Teachers Union proper did not always have the time to give careful attention to the problems of college teachers. Since that date its enrollment has jumped to 286, seventy of these members from the College chapter. And the 3,701 enlisted on the records of the Teachers Union back the college section in its entire legislative program.

As part of its membership drive, the College Section sponsors the forum on Thursday. The admission price is twenty-five cents.

During the picketing, the front of the theatre prominently displayed an eight-foot sign bearing the information that "By Unusual Request We Present 'Salute,' which is 100% AMERICAN, in cooperation with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

The picket line, led by Lawrence Knobel '36, editor of The Campus, and Simon Slavin '37, member of Student Council, soon attracted a crowd of about one hundred students and passersby. The picketers chanted slogans and carried placards labeling "Salute" a "slandering" and "militaristic" film.

#### Manager Still "Missing"

The manager was said to be absent, as he had been on the three previous visits of the Student Council delegation; but the bookkeeper was heard to remark, off the record, that "those kids can't dictate to us what to do."

Upon the arrival of the police, led by Sergeant Julius Goldberg, Shield 1,100, and assisted by one police car, the picket line was reduced to ten to prevent interference with pedestrians.

Picketing continued all through the day and will be resumed today, the leaders of the picket line announced. They requested all students who wanted to picket the theatre to assemble at the Lincoln statue, outside the Main Building at noon.

During the first hour and a half of picketing, twenty-one people entered the theatre, including three R.O.T.C. students in uniform, two repeats, and a man who introduced himself to the picketers as a "Goddamn American."

### Payne Organizes New Job Service To Help Seniors

#### Firms To Receive Records Containing Information About Applicants

A new Employment Service to find seniors "the right job" has been organized at the College by Professor Arthur F. Payne, director of the Personnel Bureau, according to an announcement by President Robinson. The innovation was worked out under the president's supervision.

The function of the service is to get seniors jobs for which they are fitted and which they like. To this end, seniors will fill out Personal Record Sheets which will give all the information an employer would want about a candidate for a job. The Personnel Bureau will add further information about the students' personality traits and aptitudes.

These records will then be duplicated and sent to various firms, who, when interested, will communicate with the students.

At present, the Employment Service will be available only to seniors at the College of Liberal Arts and Science. In the future however, it will be extended to include the seniors at the School of Business and Civic Administration, Technology and Education.

#### Ubiquitous Gamete Appears As Christopher Carouse, Hervey Allen Hero

Dunbar Roman from his far-famed nudes to cartoons of social, political and economic satire. Merc and Dun have gone serious together and let it be recorded that they've done a good job of it."

Recommended to skip-the-pages readers is an article, "Booques" by the editor of Merc, Roger Helgren '36, in which the "autobiography of somebody" and "Christopher Carouse" are reviewed, "Bad Taste," an anonymous piece, Cat-Calls by Ezra Goodman '37, if for no other reason than to reward him for discovery of the name of the Most Beautiful Cashier in New York City Theatres.

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### H. R. 10189

NYA expires in June and approximately 1,000 students in the College will immediately be faced with the problem of continuing school or not.

The American Youth Congress is sponsoring a bill, introduced in Congress by Congressman Amlic to replace the inadequate and undemocratic NYA. The bill is simple:

#### A BILL

To provide vocational training and employment for youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five; to provide for full educational opportunities for high school, college, and post-graduate students; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are authorized and directed to provide for the immediate establishment of a system of vocational training and employment on public enterprises for the purpose of providing regular wages for youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five. These regular wages shall be equal to the prevailing rate of wages for the work performed as established by the recognized organizations of labor in each community. In no case shall wages be less than \$15 per week plus \$3 for each dependent.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are further authorized and directed to provide for full payments of fees plus the average weekly living expenses of needy students in high schools and vocational schools: Provided, That such compensation, exclusive of all fees, shall in no case be less than \$15 per month. These payments shall become effective upon entrance into high school or vocational school and shall be made throughout the entire year.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are further authorized and directed to provide for the immediate establishment of a system of regular employment on college projects for the purpose of providing regular wages for needy undergraduate and graduate students in colleges. These projects shall be of academic nature in accordance with the educational purposes of the institutions of higher learning. These regular wages shall be equal to the prevailing rate of wages for the work performed, determined in the same manner as under the terms of section 1 and/or by the local youth commission as hereinafter provided; but shall in no case be less than \$25 per month. Employment on these projects shall be provided upon entrance into college and shall be continued throughout the entire year.

SEC. 4. The minimum compensation guaranteed by the terms of this Act shall be increased in conformity with the rise in the cost of living.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be administered and controlled, and the minimum compensation and conditions of work shall be adjusted by youth commissions. These commissions shall determine eligibility for benefits under this Act on the principles herein provided. In all administrative boards set up under this Act, not less than one-third of the member-

ship shall consist of the elected representatives of youth organizations, not less than one-third shall consist of the representatives of organized labor, and the remainder shall consist of representatives of local social service, education, and consumers' organizations.

SEC. 6. All works projects authorized under the terms of this Act shall be projects actually beneficial to the community, and no works projects so authorized shall be directly or indirectly of a military character or designed to subsidize any private profit-making enterprise.

SEC. 7. The benefits of all sections of this Act shall be extended to all youth without discriminating because of nativity, sex, race, color, religious, or political opinion or affiliation. No youth shall be disqualified from enjoying the benefits of this Act because of past or present participation in strikes or refusal to work in place of strikers, or refusal to work at less than average local trade-union wages, or under unsafe or unsanitary conditions or where hours are longer than prevailing union standards of a particular trade or locality or at an unreasonable distance from home, or at apprenticeship employment where for work equal to that of adults or other young workers equal wages are not received.

SEC. 8. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, sums as may be necessary for the purposes herein enumerated. Further taxation necessary to provide funds for the purposes of this Act shall be levied on inheritances, gifts, and individual and corporation incomes of \$5,000 a year or over.

SEC. 9. This Act may be cited as "The American Youth Act."

#### What You Can Do to Help Secure the Passage of the American Youth Act

1. Write or wire to Representative Vincent L. Palmisano, Chairman of the Committee on Education, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., and to Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Senate Office Building, urging that the above committees hold immediate JOINT hearings on the American Youth Act.
2. Write your own Congressman and Senators urging them to support the American Youth Act.
3. Ask your organizations to endorse the Act, whether they be trade unions, student councils or clubs, Y's settlements, churches, or city councils.
4. Notify the American Congress, 22 East 17th Street, New York City, for all endorsements for this Act which you secure.

Tomorrow night the Board of Higher Education may consider the Alumni reports on President Robinson. Once again we urge the Board to accept and act upon the Majority Report—to bring a new President to the College, a progressive, liberal, understanding educator.

### TEACHERS UNION?

IS THE College teacher so immersed from the effects of a decaying economic system that he can consider himself above unionization?

The College section of the Teachers Union, A. F. of L., is sponsoring a forum on this subject, "The College Teacher and the Trade Union," at the Union Methodist Church, 229 W. 48 Street, Thursday evening. Among the speakers are Mr. Joseph Schlossberg of the Board of Higher Education and Professor Edwin Berry Burgum, president of the N.Y.U. Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Students long ago learned that they cannot solve their problems by locking themselves in any towers; they learned that organization and struggle alone would defend their interests.

Teachers are first traveling the road to unionization. Salary cuts, Ives oaths, investigations, Red hunts, slow promotions, decreasing educational facilities—all have left their mark on the teacher. It is for these reasons that teachers are coming from their traditional isolation to a socially conscious position.

The Teachers Union forum "The College Teacher and the Trade Union," should be interesting and important to students as well as teachers, because basically they face the same problems, the same enemies.

# THE SOPHIST

October 1  
Comrade:  
This locker was assigned to me by the office. Please vacate it.  
Rightful Owner

October 6  
Dear Sir:  
If you don't vacate my locker by tomorrow, I will have your lock clipped. Remember the Maine.  
Rightful Owner

October 9  
Listen, Rat:  
Have notified Curator to clip your lock. You Communists may not believe in private property, but we have it here. Why don't you go back to Brooklyn, where you came from?  
R. O.

October 9  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:  
Kindly clip the lock on locker 4242 Main. It was assigned to me at registration, but somebody got there first.  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

October 12, 1935  
Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.  
Dear Mr. Cohen:

We have your communication of October 9 at hand and contents noted. Before we can help clip the lock, you must submit evidence that you have given occupant three warning notes. Send us photostatic copies with a sworn affidavit to that effect, countersigned by a notary public.

Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

October 20, 1935  
To Occupant, Locker 4242 Main:  
Kindly vacate at once. This is my locker. (First Warning).

## COLLEGIANA

### "And We Hope You're Satisfied"

The Syracuse Daily Orange exposes the latest advertising racket, in its story of the young bride-to-be who was just graduated from a large Eastern university. Intrigued no end by the ad in a cheap magazine of "What Every Young Woman Should Know", she excitedly posted the necessary remittance of a dollar. Imagine her keen delight and complete satisfaction when she received a twenty-four page cookbook.

#### Tete-a-tete

'Twas in a restaurant they met  
Romeo and Juliet.  
He had no cash to pay the debt,  
So Romeo'd what Juliet.  
—Los Angeles Junior Collegian

#### What Would the W.C.T.U. Say?

At Ward Belont down Tennessee way, the girls know the meaning of liberty and freedom in their extended sense. When they were at a movie the other night, one of those bouncing ball shorts was flashed on the screen to the immense enjoyment of the audience. The girls were simply thrilled to death when the chaperon leaned forward and whispered, "You may sing if you wish, girls."

#### Are You Looking for a Hobby?

The University of North Carolina recently gained country-wide notoriety when the faculty expelled a large number of students for cheating. The inside story of the whole matter is that one student made a tie-up with the printer whereby he was able to distribute the questions before exam time, at a price, of course. He admitted that he made about \$2,400 per year. If the profs who made up the tests had known that there was that much money involved, they would have copyrighted the papers and gone into business themselves.

#### Chem Books, No Doubt

A student at Vanderbilt University received a card which read: "Sir, please send without delay for the case of books addressed to you which is lying at the station and leaking badly."

Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

October 25, 1935  
To Occupant, Locker 4242 Main:  
Kindly vacate at once. This is my locker. (Second Warning).

Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

November 3, 1935  
To Occupant, Locker 4242 Main:  
Kindly vacate at once. This is my locker. (Third Warning).

Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

November 5, 1935  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find photostatic copies of notices, affidavit stamped by notary public. Please take action at once.  
Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

November 10, 1935  
Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.

Sir:

You are occupying Locker 4242 Main, which was assigned to Mr. J. Witherspoon Cohen '36 at registration. You have received three official notarized warnings. Unless you vacate immediately, your lock will be chipped.

Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

November 15, 1935  
Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.

Sir:

You are occupying Locker 4242 Main, which was assigned to Mr. J. Witherspoon Cohen '36 at registration. Your lock will be chipped.

Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

### She Must Be a Stock-Holder

In January the president of a fashionable Connecticut finishing school declared a certain inn out of bounds for the girls. The proprietors immediately protested, claiming that the reputation of their hotel had been grossly and irreparably injured, and threatened suit. Last week the hotel owners completed an annex to the building.

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## SCREEN

### TO ROMAIN ROLLAND

"Three Women" which Soviet Russia has sent to these gilded shores, is distinguished for its realistic character delineation as well as its remarkable ability to present a situation concisely and with dramatic power. I hasten to explain. The film opens with two small children sitting on a fence talking. The boy says to the girl, "When we grow up we'll be married and have a house and we'll always love each other and never fight." Their ridiculous seriousness stamps them as typical children. When they meet a stranger, they ask him what every child seems always to want to know, "Where do you live?" These bits of dialogue are common to every child; the film presents them all, not forgetting to apply the same realism to the adults in the film.

There is no elaborateness in any of the incidents of the film. The director establishes his situation with an incisive shock. For example, when the workers of a factory go on strike and are killed by the employers, we see nothing of the strife. We merely glimpse a woman fortunate enough to get off with her life slumped across a room, put her head in the sink and let the water from the faucet run violently into her mouth and over her face. The desperate eagerness of her drinking establishes the horribleness of the whole situation instantly.

The director and script by L. Arnsham tam the music of Shostakovich, and the acting of Boris Poslawsky, Yanina Jeimo, and Vera Popova make the picture worthy of its dedication to Romain Rolland. Don't let anything keep you away from the Cameo.

S. P.

November 22, 1935

Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.

Sir:  
You are occupying Locker 4242 Main, which was assigned to Mr. J. Witherspoon Cohen '36 at registration. Your lock will be chipped.

Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

November 28, 1935  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:

Three weeks ago I sent you the required data to have the lock on Locker 4242 Main clipped, but it has not been done. I am willing to fill out forms, answer questionnaires, swear out affidavits, and do almost anything to get my locker back. I am growing desperate.

Tearfully,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

December 3, 1935  
Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Since present occupant has been using Locker 4242 Main for over two months, he is now the rightful owner by right of conquest.

Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

December 4, 1935  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:

The past two months have made a physical and mental wreck out of me. I haven't slept for three weeks. Your letter was the last straw. By the time you read this, I shall have taken cyanide.

Yours for the Revolution,  
J. W. Cohen

—Arnold

## THE TATTLER

FLASH!—For the first time in many decades a play, now running on Broadway, is required reading for an English course at the College. The play, Winterset. The course: Professor Tynan's English 35 . . . BELIEVE IT OR NOT!—Hy Gold, one of the Phi Betes in the day session office, wears his key INSIDE his vest pocket. This case is unprecedented . . . Murray Bergtraum, former business manager of the Mike, is remaining at the College indefinitely . . . What dean has a weakness for salami sandwiches and tea? . . . J. P. Moses, business manager of The Campus, has acquired a new racoon coat!!! . . . Morton Goldstein, Merc editor in '36, is now colymbing for the Yorkville Advance, which is edited by Lou (Crampus) Guylay '33 . . . Seymour Peck, theatrical aesthete for what tri-weekly, is eloping with Rosie, the leading lady of Jumbo! . . . Who put a pickled lobster from the Bio lab into the Merc mailbox??? . . . "Wimpy" Gerber, he of the streamline haircuts, is publishing a small booklet of original verse—at his own expense! . . . Soph Skull and Lock and Key will probably combine this term . . . Mortimer Karp, adviser of a certain plan, wields a wicked ping-pong racket. He snares his victims at Columbia . . . Several students around the College are growing beards . . . Dun Roman '34, the Merc cartooner, has had two drawings in the New Masses . . . Howard (Scoop) Frisch '34, '35 and '36 was seen snooping around school wearing glasses! . . . Professor Otis declares that he is moving to the Bronx! . . . The College seal, engraved on the two wooden caskets of alumni photos near the faculty mailroom, has an error in it. There is an "s" instead of a "c" in the next to the last letter of "Adspice" . . . Doug Siegel '34, former Merc madman, had his nose fractured by an irate taxpayer to whom he was delivering a summons! . . . Irv Neiman, last term's Campus editor, is being kidded by what professor in what English course??? . . . The coming Varsity Show will lampoon Mr. Saxe, the registrar, and also the public speaking department. The show is being directed by Mr. Davidson—an instructor in the public speaking department!!!

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## Sport Sparks

Someone Sat Down  
And Shocked Us—  
With A Letter!

—by Gil Rothblatt

WELL, I really don't know how to break this news. Perhaps I have not fully recovered from the jolting it gave me. They say that I exhibited all the symptoms of shock when—of all things—someone actually handed me a letter addressed to The Campus Sports Department. The managing board immediately hired seven N.Y.A. boys and sent them poring over the serene and yellow leaves of our back files. After four days of patient poring, one of the hirelings placed a damp forefinger on a paraphrased letter in the middle of the sports page. "Ugh," he said. Somebody grabbed a blow-torch, and shakingly held it up to the date line on top of the page. "September 23, 1918!" Imagine, for seventeen years nobody had been fool enough to write to a Campus sports editor. And all that post-Armistice dolt wanted was a pair of free tickets to an N.Y.U. basketball game.

I don't mean to imply that Bobbie Sand, whose letter I received this past week, is suffering from a mental aberration. Quite the contrary, his seven-page "book" was an earnest, fine gesture, and its thought-provoking contents befitted his accurate acquaintance with sports at City College. Bobbie got a lot off his chest in the first half—told us that in the past, the sports section has secured "the almost universal condemnation of all its readers," that we were uninventive, inaccurate, in all, just lousy!

But then, very fairly, he offered a number of suggestions, some of them very excellent, others impractical because of lack of space. About lack of space, let me hereby publicly protest for the moment, at the treatment we sportsmen have been getting from our tycoon business manager, J. P. "Cutie" Moses. Whenever "Cutie" gets a new ad, he points a manicured finger at page 3, spits a poppy-seed through the sky-light, and says, "Put 'er there!" Consequently out of the first three issues, sports have been twice crowded out of their rightful place, once by Chesterfields and the second time, by the twenty-five steps necessary to give birth to a Ford cylinder. It can't go on! But back to Mr. Sand, left suspended above.

Bobbie stresses the need for an uncensored column to be written by "someone of intelligence and good reportorial ability" which would discuss the sports situations at the College. He mentions several possible fields of investigation—keeping Benny Friedman if our football team can never be big-time, the simon-pure attitude of the administration and Affaires Witold Klimauskas, Bill Book and "Beef" Steiner, and "the need for a better managed athletic policy."

There, Robert, you strike a subject near my heart. For a long time now, I've wanted to "expose" what I consider an unhealthy condition, namely, the willy-nilly manner in which sports are "managed" here at the College. I have heard stories for the past three years of how we book "nameless" teams at fabulous guarantees; how our inflexible, archaic administration forces up to pass up real opportunities; how we get "rooked" by other Colleges on away-from-home receipts and expense accounts. Unfortunately, all I have heard are stories, not unverified, but for my purpose, lacking material substantiation. For that reason, my pen has and will ever be quiescent. It's very easy to say that Professor Williamson is an inept athletic director, but much more difficult to prove such a gross prevarication. Perhaps it will suffice to indicate that something is rotten a lot nearer than Denmark.

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The game was a close one all the way. During the first half, Fordham, using a zone against the Beaver man-for-man defense, held the lead by dint of some finely executed pickoffs, and poor defensive play by Schneiderman, who has yet to learn to guard a man without permitting the man to get between himself and the basket. Ten seconds before the end of the period, the "Turkey" converted a rebound from the Maroon backboard to give the College an 18-16 advantage.

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The early part of the second half, found the Beavers pulling slowly away from the Rams. However, with six minutes of the game left, Fordham staged the rally which gave them a one point lead. Two fouls were called against the Maroon, but neither Kopitko nor Schneiderman could convert, and it looked like the Lavender was blowing another Garden game. Bernie Fliegel, who had had some pretty tough luck in his passing and shooting all night, then broke the ice, when he was successful in a foul attempt. Incidentally, the rangy forward has the best foul-shooting average on the squad for the entire season and did not miss any foul opportunities during the contest. Then came the rally which permitted the Beavers to win their first game in the Garden this year and dispelled all possible thoughts of a Garden "jinx."

## Foilsmen Lose To Navy, 16-11

After an auspicious start, the College fencers faltered in the epee and saber contests to meet a 16-11 defeat at the hands of a strong Navy squad in their initial test of the season at Annapolis last Saturday.

The Beavers eked out a 5-4 triumph with the foils in the opening match. Captain Nat Lubell defeated two opponents as did Sid Kaplan.

With the epee, however, the St. Nick fencers were hopelessly outclassed. Only Nat Lubell, and Bert Diamond saved the Beavers from a complete shut out. At this juncture, Navy gained the upper hand with a 7-2 win. In the final contest, the Sailors, on the strength of performances with the saber by Midshipmen Vance and Woodward, clinched the victory with a 5-4 win.

## Navy Natators Cancel Meet

With one lone victory in the Manhattan meet to their fast-failing credit, the Beaver swimming team was deprived of an opportunity to sink the Navy, when the set-to, scheduled for Saturday at Annapolis, was suddenly cancelled.

Lieutenant J. H. Brown, graduate athletic manager at the academy, phoned Professor Williamson of the College, Friday, attributing the cancellation to a defect in the circulation pump of the pool, which could not be repaired in time for the meet.

By some remarkable trick of fate, the piece of news from Annapolis arrived at a time when rumors regarding discrimination against "Ace" Thomas, colored Lavender natator, were being circulated about the College and voiced in the Amsterdam News.

Professor Williamson, when questioned about the incident, lamented the fact that the announcement came on the heels of talk concerning negro discrimination. Labelling the affair a coincidence, he declared current suspicions groundless.

The Beavers, with the self-descriptive record of one victory and three losses expressed disappointment at the cancellation, entertaining hopes of taking the measure of the midshipmen, who have not fared well all season. The tankmen are training vigorously in preparation for an inevitable defeat Saturday, at the hands of New York University's powerful contingent.

## DEBATE SEASON OPENS

The College Debating Team will open the semester against Dartmouth at Freshman chapel in the Great Hall, Thursday, according to Lester Thonssen of the Public Speaking Department, the team's coach. Clifford Grobstein '36 and Victor Axelroad '37 will uphold the affirmative for the College on the question, "Resolved, that a system of state care should replace the practice of private medicine." Grobstein will deliver the rebuttal. Interested students are invited to attend.

A debate with Princeton, on the question of curtailing the Supreme Court's power is scheduled here for March 5. This subject was chosen by the team as their main topic for debate, and was featured last semester in both symposia and straight debates with other colleges. The Lavender debaters will defend the Supreme Court against Princeton.

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## Matmen, Boxers Down Owl Teams In Dual Meet

In their eighth successive win and their second this season, the St. Nick mat squad outmauled a strong Temple University outfit 17-13, while their brethren the Lavender ringmen, easily outslugged the Temple boxers 7-1, last Friday night.

On the mat Manny Maier, Beaver captain, pinned his 118 lb. opponent for the only fall of the evening in 4:23, while Jimmy Auteri, 126 lbs. won out an eight minute time advantage.

At 135 lbs., Benny Taublich, Beaver matman earned a time decision in 6:04. In a gruelling overtime match, Sam Charney, 145 lbs. College veteran, lost a slim time advantage to his Temple opponent, while Wittenberg wrestling at 155 lbs. for the first time won on a time advantage while Sam Sharko at 165 lbs. did the same.

At 175 lbs. George Sklar was pinned by his heavier Temple opponent while Bill Lauter College heavy-weight suffered the same fate.

In the ring the Beavers fared even better, winning seven out of the eight bouts, four of them on knockouts. At 118 lbs., Dick Schwitt lost the only St. Nick bout when he was outpointed in a grueling three round match. Joe Ladenheim 126 lbs. scored on a technical knockout in the third session of an old fashioned slug-fest.

At 135 lbs. co-captain Tony Caserta outboxed his opponent while at 145 and 155 lbs. respectively, Jack Siegal and Amadeo Rea scored on decisions.

Bernie Rappaport, 165 lbs. won on a technical K.O. after a hard left hook opened a cut on his opponents eye in the second round. Sy Zamos, hard hitting light heavyweight recovered from a first round knockdown to score a technical K.O. in the second session. In the last bout of the evening, Bill Silverman College heavyweight scored a clean one round knockout over his much heavier opponent.

## OVERSTREET ON LEAVE

Professor Harry A. Overstreet, Chairman of the Philosophy department, left on sabbatical leave this month. The leave will extend for six months. Professor Morris R. Cohen will be acting head until the return of Professor Overstreet.

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## Baseball Season Opens March 28

### Beavers Face Tough Season Under Spanier, New Coach

Irv Spanier's first season as varsity baseball coach will find the Beaver squad undergoing an eighteen game regimen featuring some of the best teams in the East. The College opens the season on March 28 against L.I.U. and closes on May 27 at Manhattan.

The Beavers will meet L.I.U., N.Y.U., St. John's, Fordham, and Manhattan with each in home and home series, and will also face the Columbia and Brooklyn College nines, assuring a standard of comparison of metropolitan honors.

Providence College, the only team to defeat Holy Cross, eastern champions, last season, will play at the College on April 18. The Beavers will also meet Princeton and Temple Universities. Temple was the only team to hold the College nine hitless last season, winning 17-1.

Spanier, who replaced "Doc" Parker at the close of last season, is confident that this year's squad will better last season's record, when the Beavers won only six out of fifteen.

## ECONOMISTS TO HOLD TEA AT HOUSE CENTER

The Economics Society will enter the hoi-polo among the College clubs when it, too, tenders a tea at the House Center at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The group will hear Alvin Johnson of the Rand School of Social Science and Emil Lederer of the New School for Social Research, on social and economic trends. Members of the faculty are also scheduled to speak.

Dr. H. C. Morilton, head of the Brookings Institute of Washington will speak.

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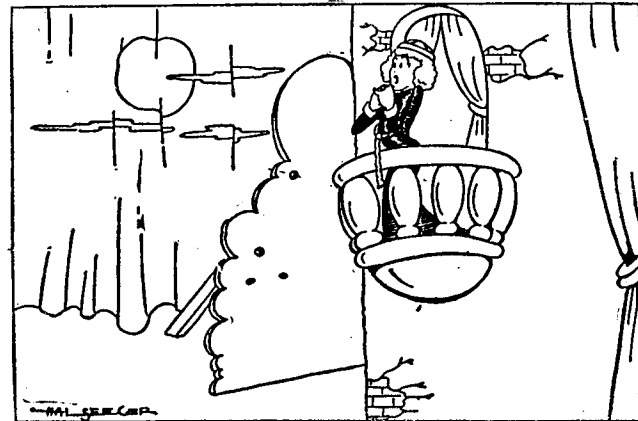
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### H. R. 10189

NYA expires in June and approximately 1,000 students in the College will immediately be faced with the problem of continuing school or not.

The American Youth Congress is sponsoring a bill, introduced in Congress by Congressman Amlie to replace the inadequate and undemocratic NYA. The bill is simple:

#### A BILL

To provide vocational training and employment for youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five; to provide for full educational opportunities for high school, college, and post-graduate students; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are authorized and directed to provide for the immediate establishment of a system of vocational training and employment on public enterprises for the purpose of providing regular wages for youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five. These regular wages shall be equal to the prevailing rate of wages for the work performed as established by the recognized organizations of labor in each community. In no case shall wages be less than \$15 per week plus \$3 for each dependent.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are further authorized and directed to provide for full payments of fees plus the average weekly living expenses of needy students in high schools and vocational schools: *Provided*, That such compensation, exclusive of all fees, shall in no case be less than \$15 per month. These payments shall become effective upon entrance into high school or vocational school and shall be made throughout the entire year.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are further authorized and directed to provide for the immediate establishment of a system of regular employment on college projects for the purpose of providing regular wages for needy undergraduate and graduate students in colleges. These projects shall be of academic nature in accordance with the educational purposes of the institutions of higher learning. These regular wages shall be equal to the prevailing rate of wages for the work performed, determined in the same manner as under the terms of section 1 and/or by the local youth commission as hereinafter provided; but shall in no case be less than \$25 per month. Employment on these projects shall be provided upon entrance into college and shall be continued throughout the entire year.

SEC. 4. The minimum compensation guaranteed by the terms of this Act shall be increased in conformity with the rise in the cost of living.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be administered and controlled, and the minimum compensation and conditions of work shall be adjusted by youth commissions. These commissions shall determine eligibility for benefits under this Act on the principles herein provided. In all administrative boards set up under this Act, not less than one-third of the member-

ship shall consist of the elected representatives of youth organizations, not less than one-third shall consist of the representatives of organized labor, and the remainder shall consist of representatives of local social service, education, and consumers' organizations.

SEC. 6. All works projects authorized under the terms of this Act shall be projects actually beneficial to the community, and no works projects so authorized shall be directly or indirectly of a military character or designed to subsidize any private profit-making enterprise.

SEC. 7. The benefits of all sections of this Act shall be extended to all youth without discriminating because of nativity, sex, race, color, religious, or political opinion or affiliation. No youth shall be disqualified from enjoying the benefits of this Act because of past or present participation in strikes or refusal to work in place of strikers, or refusal to work at less than average local trade-union wages, or under unsafe or unsanitary conditions or where hours are longer than prevailing union standards of a particular trade or locality or at an unreasonable distance from home, or at apprenticeship employment where for work equal to that of adults or other young workers equal wages are not received.

SEC. 8. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, sums as may be necessary for the purposes herein enumerated. Further taxation necessary to provide funds for the purposes of this Act shall be levied on inheritances, gifts, and individual and corporation incomes of \$5,000 a year or over.

SEC. 9. This Act may be cited as "The American Youth Act."

#### What You Can Do to Help Secure the Passage of the American Youth Act

1. Write or wire to Representative Vincent L. Palmisano, Chairman of the Committee on Education, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., and to Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Senate Office Building, urging that the above committees hold immediate JOINT hearings on the American Youth Act.
2. Write your own Congressman and Senators urging them to support the American Youth Act.
3. Ask your organizations to endorse the Act, whether they be trade unions, student councils or clubs, Y's settlements, churches, or city councils.
4. Notify the American Congress, 22 East 17th Street, New York City, for all endorsements for this Act which you secure.

Tomorrow night the Board of Higher Education may consider the Alumni reports on President Robinson. Once again we urge the Board to accept and act upon the Majority Report—to bring a new President to the College, a progressive, liberal, understanding educator.

### TEACHERS UNION?

IS THE College teacher so immersed from the effects of a decaying economic system that he can consider himself above unionization?

The College section of the Teachers Union, A. F. of L., is sponsoring a forum on this subject, "The College Teacher and the Trade Union," at the Union Methodist Church, 229 W. 48 Street, Thursday evening. Among the speakers are Mr. Joseph Schlossberg of the Board of Higher Education and Professor Edwin Berry Burgum, president of the N.Y.U. Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Students long ago learned that they cannot solve their problems by locking themselves in any towers; they learned that organization and struggle alone would defend their interests.

Teachers are first traveling the road to unionization. Salary cuts, Ives oaths, investigations, Red hunts, slow promotions, decreasing educational facilities—all have left their mark on the teacher. It is for these reasons that teachers are coming from their traditional isolation to a socially conscious position.

The Teachers Union forum "The College Teacher and the Trade Union," should be interesting and important to students as well as teachers, because basically they face the same problems, the same enemies.

# THE SOPHIST

October 1  
Comrade:  
This locker was assigned to me by the office. Please vacate it.  
Rightful Owner

October 6  
Dear Sir:  
If you don't vacate my locker by tomorrow, I will have your lock clipped. Remember the Maine.  
Rightful Owner

October 9  
Listen, Rat:  
Have notified Curator to clip your lock. You Communists may not believe in private property, but we have it here. Why don't you go back to Brooklyn, where you came from?  
R. O.

October 9  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:  
Kindly clip the lock on locker 4242 Main. It was assigned to me at registration, but somebody got there first.  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

October 12, 1935  
Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.  
Dear Mr. Cohen:  
We have your communication of October 9 at hand and contents noted. Before we can help clip the lock, you must submit evidence that you have given occupant three warning notes. Send us photostatic copies with a sworn affidavit to that effect, countersigned by a notary public.  
Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

October 20, 1935  
To Occupant, Locker 4242 Main:  
Kindly vacate at once. This is my locker. (First Warning).

Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36  
October 25, 1935  
To Occupant, Locker 4242 Main:  
Kindly vacate at once. This is my locker. (Second Warning).

Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36  
November 3, 1935  
To Occupant, Locker 4242 Main:  
Kindly vacate at once. This is my locker. (Third Warning).

Sincerely yours,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36  
November 5, 1935  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find photostatic copies of notices, affidavits stamped by notary public. Please take action at once.  
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Curator's Office  
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Gentlemen:

Three weeks ago I sent you the required data to have the lock on Locker 4242 Main clipped, but it has not been done. I am willing to fill out forms, answer questionnaires, swear out affidavits, and do almost anything to get my locker back. I am growing desperate.  
Tearfully,  
J. Witherspoon Cohen '36

December 3, 1935  
Office of the Curator  
138 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.  
Dear Mr. Cohen:

Since present occupant has been using Locker 4242 Main for over two months, he is now the rightful owner by right of conquest.  
Sincerely yours,  
G. Smith, Sec'y.

December 4, 1935  
Curator's Office  
Room 218 Main  
Gentlemen:

The past two months have made a physical and mental wreck out of me. I haven't slept for three weeks. Your letter was the last straw. By the time you read this, I shall have taken cyanide.  
Yours for the Revolution,  
J. W. Cohen  
—Arnold

## COLLEGIANA

"And We Hope You're Satisfied"  
The Syracuse Daily Orange exposes the latest advertising racket, in its story of the young bride-to-be who was just graduated from a large Eastern university. Intrigued no end by the ad in a cheap magazine of "What Every Young Woman Should Know", she excitedly posted the necessary remittance of a dollar. Imagine her keen delight and complete satisfaction when she received a twenty-four page cookbook.

Tete-a-tete  
"Twas in a restaurant they met  
Romeo and Juliet.  
He had no cash to pay the debt,  
So Romeo'd what Juliet.  
—Los Angeles Junior Collegian

What Would the W.C.T.U. Say?  
At Ward Belont down Tennessee way, the girls know the meaning of liberty and freedom in their extended sense. When they were at a movie the other night, one of those bouncing ball shorts was flashed on the screen to the immense enjoyment of the audience. The girls were simply thrilled to death when the chaperon leaned forward and whispered, "You may sing if you wish, girls."

Are You Looking for a Hobby?  
The University of North Carolina recently gained country-wide notoriety when the faculty expelled a large number of students for cheating. The inside story of the whole matter is that one student made a tie-up with the printer whereby he was able to distribute the questions before exam time, at a price, of course. He admitted that he made about \$2,400 per year. If the profs who made up the tests had known that there was that much money involved, they would have copyrighted the papers and gone into business themselves.

Chem Books, No Doubt  
A student at Vanderbilt University received a card which read: "Sir, please send without delay for the case of books addressed to you which is lying at the station and leaking badly."

### She Must Be a Stock-Holder

In January the president of a fashionable Connecticut finishing school declared a certain inn out of bounds for the girls. The proprietors immediately protested, claiming that the reputation of their hotel had been grossly and irreparably injured, and threatened suit. Last week the hotel owners completed an annex to the building.  
Mort

## SCREEN

TO ROMAIN ROLLAND

"Three Women" which Soviet Russia has sent to these gilded shores, is distinguished for its realistic character delineation as well as its remarkable ability to present a situation concisely and with dramatic power. I hasten to explain. The film opens with two small children sitting on a fence talking. The boy says to the girl, "When we grow up we'll be married and have a house and we'll always love each other and never fight." Their ridiculous seriousness stamps them as typical children. When they meet a stranger, they ask him what every child seems always to want to know, "Where do you live?" These bits of dialogue are common to every child; the film presents them all, not forgetting to apply the same realism to the adults in the film.

There is no elaborateness in any of the incidents of the film. The director establishes his situation with an incisive shock. For example, when the workers of a factory go on strike and are killed by the employers, we see nothing of the strife. We merely glimpse a woman fortunate enough to get off with her life slumped across a room, put her head in the sink and let the water from the faucet run violently into her mouth and over her face. The desperate eagerness of her drinking establishes the horribleness of the whole situation instantly.

The director and script by L. Arnsham the music of Shostakovich, and the acting of Boris Poslawsky, Yanina Jeimo, and Vera Popova make the picture worthy of its dedication to Romain Rolland. Don't let anything keep you away from the Cameo.  
S. P.

## THE TATTLER

FLASH!—For the first time in many decades a play, now running on Broadway, is required reading for an English course at the College. The play: Winterstet. The course: Professor Tynan's English 35 . . . BELIEVE IT OR NOT!—Hy Gold, one of the Phi Betas in the day session office, wears his key INSIDE his vest pocket. This case is unprecedented . . . Murray Bergtraum, former business manager of the Mike, is remaining at the College indefinitely . . . What dean has a weakness for salami sandwiches and tea? . . . J. P. Moses, business manager of The Campus, has acquired a new racoon coat!!! . . . Morton Goldstein, Merc editor in '36, is now colymbing for the Yorkville Advance, which is edited by Lou (Crampus) Guylay '33 . . . Seymour Peck, theatrical aesthete for what tri-weekly, is eloping with Rosie, the leading lady of Jumbo! . . . Who put a pickled lobster from the Bio lab into the Merc mailbox??? . . . "Wimpy" Gerber, he of the streamline haircuts, is publishing a small booklet of original verse—at his own expense! . . . Soph Skull and Lock and Key will probably combine this term . . . Mortimer Karpp, adviser of a certain plan, wields a wicked ping-pong racket. He snares his victims at Columbia . . . Several students around the College are growing beards . . . Dun Roman '34, the Merc cartooner, has had two drawings in the New Masses . . . Howard (Scoop) Frisch '34, '35 and '36 was seen snooping around school wearing glasses! . . . Professor Otis denies that he is moving to the Bronx! . . . The College seal, engraved on the two wooden caskets of alumni photos near the faculty mailroom, has an error in it. There is an "s" instead of a "c" in the next to the last letter of "Adspice" . . . Doug Siegel '34, former Merc madman, had his nose fractured by an irate taxpayer to whom he was delivering a summons! . . . Irv Neiman, last term's Campus editor, is being kidded by what professor in what English course??? . . . The coming Varsity Show will lampoon Mr. Sass, the registrar, and also the public speaking department. The show is being directed by Mr. Davidson—an instructor in the public speaking department!!  
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Someone Sat Down And Shocked Us— With A Letter!

by Gil Rothblatt

WELL, I really don't know how to break this news. Perhaps I have not fully recovered from the jolting it gave me. They say that I exhibited all the symptoms of shock when—of all things—someone actually handed me a letter addressed to The Campus Sports Department.

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Beavers Break "Jinx"

The early part of the second half, found the Beavers pulling slowly away from the Rams. However, with six minutes of the game left, Fordham staged the rally which gave them a one point lead. Two fouls were called against the Maroon, but neither Kopitko nor Schneiderman could convert, and it looked like the Lavender was blowing another Garden game.

Foilsmen Lose To Navy, 16-11

After an auspicious start, the College fencers faltered in the epee and saber contests to meet a 16-11 defeat at the hands of a strong Navy squad in their initial test of the season at Annapolis last Saturday.

The Beavers eked out a 5-4 triumph with the foils in the opening match. Captain Nat Lubell defeated two opponents as did Sid Kaplan.

At this juncture, Navy joined the upper hand with a 7-2 win. In the final contest, the Sailors, on the strength of performances with the saber by Midshipmen Vance and Woodward, clinched the victory with a 5-4 win.

Navy Natators Cancel Meet

With one lone victory in the Manhattan meet to their fast-failing credit, the Beaver swimming team was deprived of an opportunity to sink the Navy, when the set-to, scheduled for Saturday at Annapolis, was suddenly cancelled.

Lieutenant J. H. Brown, graduate athletic manager at the academy, phoned Professor Williamson of the College, Friday, attributing the cancellation to a defect in the circulation pump of the pool, which could not be repaired in time for the meet.

By some remarkable trick of fate, the piece of news from Annapolis arrived at a time when rumors regarding discrimination against "Ace" Thomas, colored Lavender natator, were being circulated about the College and voiced in the Amsterdam News.

Professor Williamson, when questioned about the incident, lamented the fact that the announcement came on the heels of talk concerning negro discrimination. Labelling the affair a coincidence, he declared current suspicions groundless.

The Beavers, with the self-descriptive record of one victory and three losses expressed disappointment at the cancellation, entertaining hopes of taking the measure of the midshipmen, who have not fared well all season. The tankmen are training vigorously in preparation for an inevitable defeat Saturday, at the hands of New York University's powerful contingent.

DEBATE SEASON OPENS

The College Debating Team will open the semester against Dartmouth at Freshman chapel in the Great Hall, Thursday, according to Lester Thonssen of the Public Speaking Department, the team's coach. Clifford Grobstein '36 and Victor Axelroad '37 will uphold the affirmative for the College on the question, "Resolved, that a system of state care should replace the practice of private medicine."

A debate with Princeton, on the question of curtailing the Supreme Court's power is scheduled here for March 5. This subject was chosen by the team as their main topic for debate, and was featured last semester in both symposia and straight debates with other colleges. The Lavender debaters will defend the Supreme Court against Princeton.

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Matmen, Boxers Down Owl Teams In Dual Meet

In their eighth successive win and their second this season, the St. Nick mat squad outtauled a strong Temple University outfit 17-13, while their brethren the Lavender ringmen, easily outslugged the Temple boxers 7-1, last Friday night.

On the mat Manny Maier, Beaver captain, pinned his 118 lb. opponent for the only fall of the evening in 4:23, while Jimmy Auteri, 126 lbs. won on an eight minute time advantage.

At 135 lbs., Benny Taublich, Beaver matman earned a time decision in 6:04. In a gruelling overtime match, Sam Charney, 145 lbs. College veteran, lost a slim time advantage to his Temple opponent, while Wittenberg wrestling at 155 lbs. for the first time won on a time advantage while Sam Sharko at 165 lbs. did the same.

At 175 lbs. George Sklar was pinned by his heavier Temple opponent while Bill Lauter College heavy-weight suffered the same fate.

In the ring the Beavers fared even better, winning seven out of the eight bouts, four of them on knockouts. At 118 lbs., Dick Schwitt lost the only St. Nick bout when he was outpointed in a grueling three round match. Joe Ladenheim 126 lbs. scored on a technical knockout in the third session of an old fashioned slug-test.

At 135 lbs. co-captain Tony Caserta outboxed his opponent while at 145 and 155 lbs. respectively, Jack Siegal and Amadeo Rea scored on decisions.

Bernie Rappaport-165 lbs. won on a technical K.O. after a hard left hook opened a cut on his opponents eye in the second round. Sy Zamos, hard hitting light heavyweight recovered from a first round knockdown to score a technical K.O. in the second session. In the last bout of the evening, Bill Silverman College heavyweight scored a clean one round knockout over his much heavier opponent.

OVERSTREET ON LEAVE

Professor Harry A. Overstreet, Chairman of the Philosophy department, left on sabbatical leave this month. The leave will extend for six months. Professor Morris R. Cohen will be acting head until the return of Professor Overstreet.

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Baseball Season Opens March 28

Beavers Face Tough Season Under Spanier, New Coach

Irv Spanier's first season as varsity baseball coach will find the Beaver squad undergoing an eighteen game regimen featuring some of the best teams in the East. The College opens the season on March 28 against L.I.U. and closes on May 27 at Manhattan.

The Beavers will meet L.I.U., N.Y.U., St. John's, Fordham, and Manhattan with each in home and home series, and will also face the Columbia and Brooklyn College nines, assuring a standard of comparison of metropolitan honors.

Providence College, the only team to defeat Holy Cross, eastern champions, last season, will play at the College on April 18. The Beavers will also meet Princeton and Temple Universities. Temple was the only team to hold the College nine hitless last season, winning 17-1.

Spanier, who replaced "Doc" Parker at the close of last season, is confident that this year's squad will better last season's record, when the Beavers won only six out of fifteen.

ECONOMISTS TO HOLD TEA AT HOUSE CENTER

The Economics Society will enter the hoi-polo among the College clubs when it, too, tenders a tea at the House Center at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The group will hear Alvin Johnson of the Rand School of Social Science and Emil Lederer of the New School for Social Research, on social and economic trends. Members of the faculty are also scheduled to speak.

Dr. H. C. Moulton, head of the Brookings Institute of Washington will speak.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The Campus invited President Robinson to reply to Mr. Scherer's letter. The president referred us to Mr. Bohlin, who wrote the letter which follows.—Editor's Note.)

## LABOR AND ROBINSON

To the Editor:

On January 10, 1936, Mr. Victor F. Ridder, Works Progress Administrator, visited the City College to determine for himself the working conditions of the WPA Architectural Service at the City College as well as the progress of the various works under construction.

The College authorities and in particular, President Robinson were not informed in advance of this visit. Mr. DeMartino, a WPA architectural draftsman and a member of the Architects Federation met Mr. Ridder in the Lincoln Corridor at the appointed time of the morning in question.

It so happened that President Robinson who was on his way to his office, entirely by accident, met Messrs. Ridder and DeMartino as they were leaving the building. Mr. DeMartino was greeted by the President in a most cordial and affectionate manner and the party was invited into the office of the President. The President was not even aware that Mr. DeMartino was a WPA worker.

During the ensuing conversation, the President was informed of the following complaints against the College by Mr. DeMartino. Namely: 1. The lack of adequate working space. 2. The poor lighting conditions.

President Robinson thought it strange that Mr. DeMartino, a graduate of the College and therefore familiar with the proper procedure, should have brought Mr. Ridder up to investigate our crowded conditions without first consulting either the President himself or the Curator. He was indignant at this and also at the complaint in view of the personal efforts he had made to help the WPA men in all ways possible. At this point in the conversation Mr. Ridder informed the President that the complaint was transmitted to him thru the organization known as the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians. This was the first intimation to the College authorities of the existence of any organization of WPA workers at the College. On learning it, however, the President rightly took the position that the matter could properly be discussed between Mr. Ridder and the representatives of the labor organization or committee he had recognized.

At no time were any anti-labor or Federation sentiments expressed either by the President or the other members of the staff. In fact, it was brought out that the President had done all in his power to not only improve the working conditions but also to secure re-ratings and increases in pay for various members of the WPA at the College. The President is in no way responsible for either the hours of work or the rate of pay of the WPA workers at the City College. These are matters solely under the jurisdiction of the WPA authorities.

Howard G. Bohlin

## ROBINSON AND LABOR

To the Editor:

The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians of 119 East 18 Street, New York City, was very much interested in the report of the Associate Alumni of C. C. N. Y., characterizing Dr. Frederick B. Robinson as unfit for his position.

There is another phase of the question which we are acquainted with and which we wish to call to the attention of the students of the College and to the Alumni. This is the question of Dr. Robinson's attitude towards organized labor.

Our experience with him has shown that he is anti-labor and has made threats against workers who have organized to improve their economic conditions. At the present time, there is a project of the WPA in City College which is working on the new library building. Most of the workers are engineers and draftsmen and many of them are graduates of C.C.N.Y.

Because of mass unemployment in

the engineering professions, these men have been compelled to take work of an important engineering nature at very low salaries and under very unsatisfactory working conditions. The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians has been organizing these men, together with the Architectural Guild of America, in order to right their grievances and to see to it that the salaries paid are increased over the present levels.

At the suggestion of the Organizer of the Federation, Marcel Scherer, who is a graduate of C.C.N.Y., class of February, 1919, and Mr. DeMartino of the Architectural Guild (also a City College graduate), Mr. Victor F. Ridder, Works Project Administrator, visited City College on January 10 to look into the grievances that we had filed.

A meeting was held in the office of Dr. Robinson; and Dr. Robinson quickly revealed himself as one opposed to organized labor. He wanted to know, in a very threatening manner, who of the employees had been so presumptuous as to express dissatisfaction with the pay given them. His attitude is worthy of a slave master. His tone indicated that he would fix these men. Dr. Robinson was informed that this was not a personal matter and that the two economic organizations of engineers and draftsmen—the Federation and the Architectural Guild jointly—had made their protest to Mr. Ridder and Mr. Ridder had decided to personally investigate the matter because of his interest in this project.

Mr. Ridder, himself had to inform Dr. Robinson that he was wrong in his approach and that the men working on the WPA had a perfect right to organize and present their grievances through representatives of their own choosing.

This attitude of Dr. Robinson very definitely shows that he lines up with reactionaries who are vicious in their treatment of organized labor groups and who follow the call of William Randolph Hearst. This is all the more regrettable due to the fact that the men making the protest are technical professionals who are organizing because of the extreme hardships that they have had to face during the past few years. Many of them have been unemployed since graduation. Many have had to accept jobs in offices which were of a temporary nature and which paid them less than a living wage.

It is a paradox to find engineers and draftsmen who have qualified themselves for these important professions to be bossed and threatened by the President of a college which is training and educating these men for the important work of engineering. The President of such a college should be one who is given over fully to the advancement of science and progress and who is a champion of academic freedom and the right of employees to organize.

Marcel Scherer,  
General Organizer

## CAMPUS WRONG AGAIN

To the Editor:

May I suggest a correction. In your issue of this morning, under the heading "ROTC DOWNTOWN," you give the impression that a new unit of the ROTC has been established at the downtown center of the College. This is an error. We have made arrangements to have two classes per

## Tenure of NYA At the College Held Uncertain

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try to make demands for themselves, they are frowned upon," Hendley declared. "Let us take the American Student Union for an example. The officials are now trying to class this as a political organization and so keep it from getting recognition in the schools. The American Student Union should be welcomed into all the schools but the contrary is true."

Hendley called for a fundamental economic change that would go beyond isolated acts. "It is well enough to get what we can out of the NYA and it is well to fight for the American Youth Act that is now before Congress," he stated, "but we must at the same time, recognize that we must make a fundamental change, we must change the economic basis."

### AYA Compared with NYA

Janet Feder, who delivered the report of the New York Council of the Youth Congress, compared the proposed governing board for the AYA with the present National Youth Administration. "Under the AYA, one-third of the board will be composed of delegates representing youth, one-third of labor, and one-third of social workers and experts in the field. Compare this with the situation under the NYA where prominent members of the Board are Bernard MacFadden, publisher of the degenerate press, Owen D. Young, intimately connected with munitions firms, and Hiram Percy Maxim, whose chief contribution to civilization is the Maxim silencer."

William Spinrad '39, Gerald Gross '36, and Lawrence White of the evening session were appointed to a permanent student problems committee composed of delegates to the conference.

week downtown, Tuesday and Thursday morning, to accommodate those young men of the ROTC who heretofore have been compelled to come to the Main Center for these early classes. Other classes remain as they are at present, in other words—those taking military science and who are enrolled at the downtown center come to the main center for their classes. Advanced Course students, ROTC, have had classes downtown for some six or seven years.

I am sure you know that I rarely take issue with the Press or attempt to correct, but in this case I thought you would like to know just what we are doing and I am sure others would like to know.

Very sincerely yours,

O. P. Robinson,  
Colonel, Infantry

### A CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Campus it was erroneously stated that the NYA program paid eighty cents an hour for a thirty hour week. The correct statement should be fifty cents an hour for thirty hours per month.

### COUNCIL MEETS

Leo Rubinstein '36 was retained as chairman of the Inter-Club Council at its first meeting of the semester last Thursday. At the same meeting, Simon Slavin '37 and Harold Basden '36 were elected delegates to the Student Council.

# ON OUR CAMPUS

Clubs Meeting Thursday, February 20  
Caduceus Society—room 306, 12:30 p.m.; Dr. Munkenfuss, Director of the Public Health, will speak on "The Function of the Public Health Laboratory."

Economics Society—room 203, Dr. H. G. Moulton, head of the Brookings Institute, will speak.

Law Society—Doremus Hall; 12:30 p.m.

History Society—Mandell's Lunch-room, 144 Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Literary Workshop—room 112, 12

noon; Charles Neider '38 will read an original poem "Williamsburg Bridge" followed by the second act of "Washington Heights" a play by Joseph Cole '36.

Moot Court Club—room 205, 1 p.m.; initial meeting of club intended for law students, will feature mock trials and pleading of jury cases.

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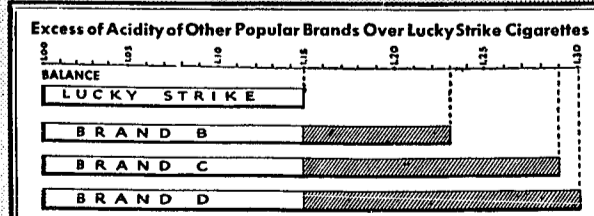
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