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Burke to Talk To ASU Group On Expulsion

Columbia Refuses Leader Readmittance After Anti-Nazi Rally

COLUMBIA PAPER, ASU LODGE PROTEST

Robert Burke, expelled from Columbia University, last semester after he led an anti-Nazi demonstration, will address the College Chapter of the American Student Union next Wednesday at 3 p.m. His address will concern aspects of his own case.

Despite protests by the American Student Union and the American Civil Liberties Union, Dean Herbert E. Hawkes of Columbia College, announced he had not changed his decision to refuse to allow Burke to register for the Fall semester.

Burke, president-elect of the junior class, led a demonstration in front of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's home last May, to protest Columbia's participation in the anniversary ceremonies of Heidelberg University. A twenty-page pamphlet was distributed at the academic exercises last Tuesday, relating the history of the case and containing affidavits denying that Burke used obscene or profane language. Wednesday's *Columbia Spectator* carried a statement by Dean Hawkes, denying that the case involved the issue of freedom of speech or expression of opinion. He stated that the demonstration was "a most disgraceful proceeding" and that the demonstrators yelled epithets at Dr. Butler.

Demonstration at Columbia

The Provisional Burke Defense Committee and the American Student Union opened a vigorous campaign for Burke's reinstatement with a demonstration in front of Hamilton Hall yesterday. They asserted that in view of the dean's refusal to reconsider the case they were "compelled to take the issue to students, teachers and all citizens concerned with the right of students to express and act upon their opinions." It was reported that the ASU would call a strike if other attempts failed. Arthur Garfield Hays, announced that the American Civil Liberties Union would start legal action, if

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Library "Poet" Able to Throw It

"Do not spill ink upon the floor,
Nor drop mint gum within this door."

Students entering the History Library are given copies of a "poem," the opening lines of which are given above.

"Nor stick it underneath the chair—
For it will surely fall from there!"
The student groans and goes on . . .
"In baskets near, place trash and litter,
And so avoid hard feelings bitter."
(O tempora, I more!)

In the interests of better journalism, *The Campus* refrains from printing the last four lines.

S. C. Considers Robinson Poll

The Student Council is considering the possibility of continuing its fight to conduct a student-wide referendum on the retention of President Robinson, it was stated yesterday by Herbert Robinson, president of the council. Last semester, an abortive attempt by the S.C. to hold the poll was stymied by the action of the City College Administrative Committee of the Board of Higher Education.

The refusal by the committee to sanction the vote, Robinson pointed out, was accompanied by an announcement that it would reconsider the question at a later date. Retention or reversal of the committee's original stand is believed to be largely dependent on the findings of the Board of Higher Education committee now investigating the president.

Plan Inter-College Action

The S. C. is formulating plans, in collaboration with representatives of the councils of the other city colleges, for the appointment of inter-city college student council representatives. By the proposed arrangement, unofficial delegates from the other colleges will act as advisory members of each Student Council. This will enable city-wide action on books, fees, etc.

At its meeting yesterday, the Faculty-Student Discipline Committee passed the following resolution concerning the S.C.: "Resolved, That as a general principle

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Col. Robinson Called ROTC Men To Recruit Frosh, Letter Shows

Text of ROTC Letter

To members of the Advanced Course:—

I quote in part from a letter from one of the class—
"Every entering student visits the college grounds at least twice before he registers. On these occasions he is hopelessly lost—knowing nothing about the grounds or buildings. To make matters worse, he often meets Smart Alecs who take an inane pleasure in misdirecting him. It is at this time that he gets a lot of misinformation about the military department (Words underscored are mine, O.P.B.). In view of the above facts may I offer the following plan. Since the entering student must make these visits during the week before registration, why not ask for volunteers among the cadet officers to spend a few hours on the campus during which time they could perform the following services:

"Direct freshmen to their respective destinations, give information about the College, show the freshmen around the campus, pointing out the respective points of interest, familiarize him with the important points such as buildings—offices—lunchroom and the tunnels. They could conduct the freshmen to room 306 or Doremus Hall (where his upper classmen will be registering at this time) and show them the intricacies of registration—thereby lessening the harrowing experience for the freshman when he registers—and last but not least the Cadet Officer could answer all questions about the ROTC. I believe that if we do this, never broaching the subject of the ROTC unless asked about it—we will be providing the freshmen with a service that not only will be remembered by him but will also give us the opportunity to disseminate the truth about our unit.*****In view of the fact that the uniform attracts and commands attention, I think it will help. An entering student would recognize the uniform and would go to the officer—because he realizes that the uniform makes the cadet an upper classman—rather than to a student in mufti for his information."

I have not quoted in full but I have herein given enough for all of you to get the idea. I think it a most excellent one. We want all of you that can to spend as much of your time as you can on the campus in uniform between about the 2nd of September and the close of registration.

Let us know whether you can help out make the office your headquarters and get on the job with us. Lets put this thing over with a bang this year.

Best,
O. P. ROBINSON,
Col. Inf. P.M.S. & T.

Communique Sent to Corp Officers Summons Men in Uniform to Tell Entering Students About Mili Sci

Conclusive proof that all ROTC officers had been officially summoned to freshman registration as part of an intensive campaign to induce incoming students to enroll for the Military Science course was in the hands of *The Campus* today. The evidence was in the form of a signed letter by Colonel Oliver P. Robinson summoning all advanced course students to appear at registration in full uniform to "give information about the College" and "answer all questions about the ROTC."

Previously Colonel Robinson had denied that any such message had been sent, although several officers had admitted receipt of a confidential dispatch containing these instructions.

Board to Probe Robinson Rule

Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, appointed five members to the committee which will investigate President Frederick B. Robinson and the College administration, at a meeting of the board Tuesday night.

The new committee includes Lewis Mumford, Professor Charles P. Barry, Maurice Dieches, Dr. Joseph J. Klein, and William P. Larkin. The five men were on the first committee which investigated the President, and which recommended that his authority be strictly curtailed.

Robinson Poll

Professor Barry asserted that although he would not introduce a resolution for a student poll of President Robinson's fitness, "the results of such a poll would be interesting." Professor Barry and Mr. Mumford were two of the three members of the earlier committee who refused to sign its report, charging that an attempt had been made to "whitewash" the President.

The newly-appointed committee, which will meet shortly to choose a chairman, was created "with no limit to the scope of its inquiry." A long investigation is expected, and reports will be made frequently to the Board of Higher Education.

The earlier report, delivered by a committee headed by Charles H. Tuttle, admitted that the President has not always been tactful in handling the student body and "has undoubtedly un-

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Charges Students Misinformed

The communique, which was sent to each of more than one hundred officers of the corps, quoted from a letter allegedly received by Colonel Robinson from a member of the advanced course. The letter charges that the entering student "gets a lot of misinformation about the military department" and suggests that officers appear at registration. "In view of the fact that the uniform attracts and commands attention, I think it would help," the letter suggests.

The colonel endorses this view and urges officers to "put this thing over with a bang this year."

ROTC Sends Out Bulletin

Other steps employed by the ROTC in its campaign to increase freshman enrollment in the military course included a three-page bulletin mailed to all incoming students on July 15. This warned the frosh to "pay no attention to persons who advise you not to take military science or to drop it from your schedule."

It also suggested that they go directly to military science headquarters or visit one of "the friends in your neighborhood" who "can tell you all about the course." The names and addresses of all advanced course students were enclosed in the bulletin.

Freshman Luncheon

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15 and 16, the days of freshman registration, the Officers Club, Cadet Club, and Pershing Rifles jointly sponsored luncheons for freshmen in Lewisohn Stadium. Members of the clubs were in attendance in full uniform both days. Colonel Robinson maintained that they merely assisted in serving the frankfurters and did not "talk military."

Colonel Robinson was out of town yesterday and could not be reached for comment. Department officials said that registration figures were still unavailable.

MANAGING BOARD MAKES PROMOTIONS

Appointments and promotions on *The Campus* were made by the Managing Board at its meeting held last Wednesday.

The men appointed to the Associate Board are Arnold Lerner '37, Seymour Wexler '37, Hobart Rosenberg '38. Promoted to the News Board were Howard Goodman '38, Henry Foner '39, Chester Rapkin '39, William Spinrad '39, Harold Faber '40. Appointees to the Associate News Board are Herbert Levine '36, Samuel Locke '37, Jack Serber '39, Joseph Stoinitz '39 and Oliver Cromwell '40.

House Plan Gives Tea For Freshmen

Inaugurating the winter social functions program of the House Plan, four hundred members of the freshman class attended a tea given in honor of Dean Morton Gottschall yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. at the House Plan Center, 292 Convent Avenue. Dean John R. Turner and faculty members of the various houses also attended.

When questioned about the success of the tea, Director Mortimer Karpp '30, said, "The class of '40 has responded admirably. From present indications, it seems to me that all twelve houses for the class will be filled in a few days and new class houses will have to be created. The House Plan will, if it grows numerically, be forced to expand physically also."

Members of the faculty who were present included Professors Dickson, Apfelbaum, Wright, and Babor, and the Messrs. Shaw, Harvey, Thompson, Weisman, Todd, Sonkin, Wardlaw, Edel, and Braunlich.

Tea and refreshments were served, with Miss Beatrice Rosner of the Alumni office and Mrs. S. D. Donson, secretary to Dean Frederick Skene of the School of Technology, doing the pouring. Other lady guests of the House Plan were Mrs. Ralph Wardlaw, Miss Blanche Rosner, and Mrs. Collier.

LAVENDER SPONSORS THREE COMPETITIONS

Lavender is sponsoring three literary competitions, a poetry, short story, and essay contest this semester. Volumes of Li Po, Leonard Merrick, Sheila Kaye Smith, and Arthur Ponsonby will be awarded in each category, Joseph Cole '37, editor, announced yesterday. Manuscripts should be placed in the Faculty Mail Room, Box 13, by October 30.

800 Gaping Freshmen Tour College; See Points of Interest a la Cook

More than 800 gaping and eager freshmen were guided through the College grounds and buildings yesterday afternoon in a tour organized by the Student Council and House Plan to acquaint the class of 1940 with the College and its traditions.

The tour was unique in that it was the first to be conducted entirely by students without faculty help.

The freshmen met at noon in the Great Hall where Herbert Robinson '37, president of the Student Council and "Chick" S. Chaikin '38, president of the House Plan, welcomed them. After brief talks by Dean Turner and Professor Babor, advisor to the class of 1940, the tour guided by seniors, got under way.

The chief point of interest, which all

the freshmen flocked to see, was the House Plan at 292 Convent Avenue. Here they were shown through the rooms and heard the Plan explained by Mortimer Karpp, director.

Visit Library Building

Other stops on the itinerary included the Library Building, the Bell Tower, the laboratories and lecture halls of the various departments, the Lewisohn Stadium, the Hygiene Building and Personnel Bureau. At the Tech and Chem buildings several professors guided the freshmen through the laboratories and explained the facilities and apparatus.

Only one freshman was naive enough to ask when the WPA would complete its renovation of the campus grounds.

Rubinstein '37, Socialist Candidate For State Assembly, Opens Campaign

A ditch of a campus, some city firemen, and perhaps a Republican or three—we have them all at the College. But the latest addition to our collection of novelties is a Socialist nominee for the New York State Assembly—thirteenth electoral district. Leo Rubinstein is the gent.

Rubinstein has long been active on the campus. First, in '34, he was on the Peace Strike Committee. Then, for his membership on the Student Council Anti-fascist Committee and consequent work thereon, our Socialist nominee spent long, long days in suspense, awaiting the decision of his faculty jury. Whereupon suspense was followed by suspension, and one too effervescent member of the proletariat spent a term and a half in close contact with the masses. During which period, he worked eagerly for his party and aided in the campaigning organization of local No. 306, Motion Picture Machine Operators.

In his exclusive interview to *The Campus* between seven-minute-bells and a crowd of Sociology majors, Rub-

instein without too much persuasion divulged the following:
"We believe in a society based on production for use and not for profit. We criticize all the capitalist parties. Landon and the Republicans are openly reactionary, Lemke trades in cheap demagoguery, while Roosevelt is acting as a doctor for sick capitalism, at the same time attempting to keep the workers satisfied with trifling reforms. The Communist Party wavers between support of Roosevelt and independent action . . ."

Bell Interrupts

The bell rang into our ears and the interviewed and interviewer looked very scared, but the former seemed willing to spill on, and so here is the rest.

As to his nomination, Rubinstein explained. "No, I cannot expect to be elected. But the protest vote cast for the Socialist Party is very important . . . Some day I hope to work for the State Labor Department . . . No, my

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S. C. Considers Robinson Poll

(Continued from Page 1, Column 2) The Student Council will refrain from appointing to the Discipline Committee such students who have been disciplined by the committee or have been themselves incapable of maintaining a good scholastic standard. This is not intended to apply to the present personnel of the committee.

To Seek S. C. Approval

Student members of the Discipline Committee indicated yesterday that they would attempt to get Student Council approval of the resolution. The student members of the committee are Robinson '37, secretary; Slavin '37, Kugler '38, Kugler was recently appointed by the Executive Student Affairs Committee.

The Student Council did not hold a meeting yesterday, because it lacked a quorum. Seven members from various groups have not yet been appointed. The council is co-sponsor of a dance on Oct. 10, in the Exercising Hall. Thirty-five cents a couple is the "subscription." In the future, the council will meet on Friday at 2 p.m. in room 306. Applications for the various committees will be accepted by all members.

Board to Probe Robinson Regime

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5) undertaken to do too many things." It claimed, however, that "radical organizations have attempted to encourage propaganda" against him.

The question of the recognition of the American Student Union and other student organizations without official charters was introduced at the meeting of the Board, and was referred to the committee on curriculum and by-laws headed by Professor Joseph D. McGoldrick. The committee will report in about three weeks and will present its conclusions at a special meeting of the Board.

Mr. Eisner said he would try to get "professional and technical assistance" for the investigators, who will start their inquiry immediately after choosing a chairman.

Expelled Columbia Student To Speak On Wednesday

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James A. Wechsler, former editor of the *Columbia Spectator*, and present editor of the *Student Advocate* declared at today's meeting that "this is an attempt by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler to smash the American Student Union at Columbia. Bob came here from Youngstown to see this fight through, and we're going to have him reinstated before we quit."

A torchlight parade urging Burke's reinstatement will be held on the Columbia campus next Wednesday night.

SOPHS PUBLISH FIRST "39 STEPS"

The '39 Class inaugurated the term's activities with the publication of the first issue of the *39 Steps* yesterday under the editorship of Jack Fernbach. The paper, a four page photo-offset printed sheet boasts, among other things, a sports page.

The program of events for the coming term was outlined. It includes a smoker and lunch for all class members at the Hotel Claridge, and at least one dance similar to the '39 affair of last spring.

Although primarily "a class paper" the editors believe that they should take a definite stand on certain issues that confront the student body, and in accordance with this policy endorsed the ASU.

RUBINSTEIN RUNS

(Continued from Page 1, Column 2) parents don't object to my political activities. My father ran for a judgeship on the Socialist ticket in 1914. . . Nothing else? Well, I guess I better get back to class."

And then, he detailed the interview with, "Oh yes! I'm speaking at the Community Church Auditorium, 550 W. 110 Street on Tuesday at 8:15 p.m." Put it in your story." O.K. It's in. You're welcome.

Co-eds Return to Business Center While Students Cavort With Glee

By Bert Briller

Oscar says strange things are happening at the School of Business and Civics.

Oscar says they are all smiling in the once gloomy halls of that institution. They come to class cavorting in childish glee, while cuts have slumped to an all time low. And all because the Co-ed spirit has returned—to stay. To be specific, for the first time since 1933, the Business Center has admitted women as freshmen.

Oscar tells me that the girls will be out-numbered by the boys in the ratio of three to one. He imagines they will rather like that. The law of supply and demand, he explains—value varying immensely with supply and directly with demand.

Oscar reveals that the senior girls,

who since 1933 have had the pick of the school crop of masculinity, may resent the coming of this competition no little. Nevertheless, the Big Sisters Committee, comprising seniors, was conspicuously present to welcome a group of seventy-five newcomers. The official greeter celebrated the occasion with appropriate diplomatic phrases, which as Oscar remarks, can easily conceal one's true sentiments.

"Welcome to our school," she began, forcing a smile. "For three years we have struggled against this numerical disparity. We have had a difficult time."

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Snickers of "You must have hated it" snook through the audience.

The soph boys also had a welcoming delegation. Freely translated into English, their remarks were, "It's gonna be nice to have our own girls now."

Last year we had to import them from Hunter. They were nice but—"

Oscar reports that the ASU claimed credit for getting the school to admit girls again. They distributed leaflets to the newcomers showing how strong-

ly they are opposed to this discrimination between sexes.

Oscar says that everybody is happy at the College now—everybody but Oscar. He HATES women!

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