

"I understand that at your school you teach disrespect for our supreme court decisions."  
—Justice McReynolds at Chicago University.

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"Oh, no, we just let the students read the decisions for themselves."  
—President Hutchins of Chicago University.

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## Feld-McGrath Law Affirmed In Court Test

### Dr. Becker Reinstated At Hunter College By Decision

Although complete victory for tenure was scored in the first test of the Feld-McGrath Law in the State Supreme Court on Tuesday, the Teachers Union has indicated that this was only the first round in what may develop into a long struggle through the higher courts. It is expected that the Board of Higher Education, whose arguments were entirely rejected, will now call on the Appellate Division to reverse the decision.

In order to prepare for a defense of the law in the higher courts and to meet the expenses of attorney already incurred, the Joint Tenure Defense Committee of the City Colleges is carrying on a campaign to raise money. A fund of \$2,000 is "immediately needed," with the College's quota set at \$1,000. Samuel T. Stewart is the financial secretary in charge of collections.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the joint committee declared that in the case of appeal, "it is also recognized that we may require the enactment of amendments to the present law or—if the board succeeds in destroying the present law—the introduction of a new law at the next legislature. We cannot accomplish these things without a huge financial outlay."

Provisions of the Feld-McGrath Law, whose constitutionality was upheld by Justice Isidor Wasservogel, bring teachers in municipal colleges under the provisions of the education laws governing tenure. This means that instructors in city colleges may be dropped only on charges following a hearing if they have served a three-year probationary period. The specific effect of the ruling is to reinstate Dr. Miriam F. Becker as a mathematics instructor at Hunter College. She had been dismissed on August 30, without charges, after having served more than four years. The decision followed a hearing held on November 19, in which Mr. Osmond K. Fraenkel represented the Teachers Union.

When Dr. Becker was first dismissed, her case was taken up with the board by the union, which urged that she be reinstated and that the law be clarified later. In refusing this petition, the board declared that it was "all for tenure", but that it questioned the constitutionality of the law and preferred to get a judicial interpretation of the question at once.

### 'Campus' Appoints 9, Promote 12 on Staff

The following promotions and appointments to the staff of *The Campus* were made last Wednesday:

Paul Kaufman '39, Arthur H. Lucas '39, Sol Goldzweig '40, David Shair '40 were promoted to the Associate Board.

Irving Gellis '39, Gilbert Levy '39, Morris Gordon '40, Ira Rosenthal '40, Marvin Hammerman '41, David B. Hornichter '41, Eugene V. D. Jennings '41, Abraham Karlikow '41 were promoted to the News Board.

Julian Myers '39, Abraham Rothenberg '40, Seymour Stern '40, Irving Dembaum '40, Raymond Friedlander '41, Maurice Maxwell '41, Joseph Rabinovich '41, William Swirsky '41, Victor Tamerlis '41 were appointed to the Associate News Board.

### Dram Soc

Extras are wanted for the mob scenes in *Peace on Earth*, this term's Dramatic Society production, David J. Frae '38, president, announced yesterday. The applicants should report to the office at 3 p. m. in Townsend Harris J. auditorium.

## Frosh-Soph Dance Features Hoopsters

A prom queen these days is nothing unusual, so the freshmen and sophomores will be entertained instead by what promises to be a thriller of a basketball game at the joint Frosh Hop and Soph Strut, tomorrow night in the Exercise Hall. The game is an inter-college affair, the NYU junior varsity vs. the College intramural champs.

Tickets are retailing at thirty-five cents a couple with class cards and fifty cents without. At the door, tickets will sell for sixty-five cents.

The pasteboards may be obtained from agents who threaten to block all entrances to Townsend Harris Hall until the would-be passerby purchases a ticket. Less violent agents will be stationed in the class alcoves.

## Rally for NYA Is Called Off

### 150 Meet Informally; Hear Ackley Talk

Owing to insufficient attendance, the NYA rally, which was to have taken place yesterday in the Great Hall, was called off by Emanuel Bloch '40, chairman. An informal meeting was held instead, with 150 students present.

"This meeting seems to confirm the rumors that City College students are losing their militancy and the entire tradition of fighting for student rights for which they have been known," said Bloch.

Although Recorder John K. Ackley, Professor Arnold J. Malkin and Herbert Witt of the ASU were present as speakers, only Recorder Ackley had the opportunity to speak, since the entire meeting took but twenty minutes.

Discussing methods of organization, Mr. Ackley asserted that the failure of the NYA meeting was due to bad management. "Small committees to organize and carry on such activity should be appointed before a mass meeting to rally the entire student body can be attempted," added Mr. Ackley.

Mr. Ackley also commented on the recent activity of the ASU. "Recently," said he, "instead of carrying on a normal trade union activity for NYA, free books and the abolition of lab fees, as it should, the ASU has become lost in factional disputes."

## Corey Speaks On Economics Of War, Peace

### Famed Author Claims Capitalism Is at End of Rope

"Capitalism has come to the end of its rope," Lewis Corey, famous author and editor of the *Marxist Quarterly*, stated yesterday in a lecture before the Economics Society on the economics of war and peace. "It is moving toward repression of democracy, toward international fascism and to a war that threatens to destroy our entire civilization."

Mr. Corey presented his analysis of the forces driving capitalism toward war as a complete flop. It did not fit imperialism and the struggle of national capitalism to break through into international scope," he said. "The second factor is the objective thrust toward socialism that was caused by the creation of monopolistic industries and that had to be averted. The world war was a complete flop. It did not solve any of the problems it was supposed to solve."

Mr. Corey enumerated various methods which, according to him, capitalism utilizes for expansion. He stated that at present all these avenues are closed up and that capitalism cannot exist without expansion. The result, the speaker affirmed, is the decline and decay of capitalism.

"The vested interests of capitalism can no longer raise the level of economic activity. There are only two methods open for accomplishing this." This temporary method Corey proposed is a giant housing program with government subsidy. This, he claimed, will hurt the vested interests, and they will fight against it.

The second method he commented on is a rearmament plan on the European style. "This," Mr. Corey held, "creates all sorts of illusions in the minds of the vested interests. If you get rearmament, you get militarism, and an organization for stifling the discontent of labor and the masses of the people."

The program for rearmament and militarism cannot be stopped, according to Corey, unless the people are mobilized in favor of the housing program to insure its passage. Otherwise, the speaker predicted, war will result.

## Committee Asks Store Grievances

All students who have any complaints concerning the prices of the City College Store were requested to communicate with the student members of the Faculty-Student College Store Committee. All the complaints should be put in the Student Council Box 22 in the Faculty Mail Room, the students announced.

The student members of the committee also requested Wednesday that any news of Japanese or German goods being sold at the College Store be reported to them in room 306.

A meeting of the College chapter of the American Student Union on the City College Store will be held Thursday, December 9, at 3 p. m.

## Board Probes City Colleges

### Flynn Heads Special Examining Group

An investigation of all the city colleges will be undertaken by a special committee of the Board of Higher Education in order to eliminate "existing irritations" from the municipal college system.

The committee of five, which is headed by John T. Flynn, was appointed at the last meeting of the board on November 16, Mark Eisner, acting chairman of the board, announced Tuesday.

Offering an example of "irritating" influences, Mr. Flynn cited the lawsuit brought against the board by the Teachers Union asking the reinstatement of Dr. Miriam F. Becker, tutor at Hunter College, who was not reemployed. Other examples mentioned were the trouble in the cafeteria and the argument between President Robinson and Mr. Flynn at the budget hearing.

### To Examine Administration

The committee, which consists of Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Ruth Shoup, Maurice Deiches, Joseph J. Klein and Orday Tead, will examine administration practices and methods of appointments, teacher tenure, financial expenditure and budgetary planning.

Work on the investigation has already begun, but it will be hindered because of a lack of stenographers and investigators, Mr. Deiches informed *The Campus* Monday.

A provision for such personnel was omitted from the budget, according to Mr. Deiches. Funds for carrying on the work will be taken as much as possible from the regular college budgets.

At present the committee is selecting a staff and preparing plans for conducting the survey. The committee is expected to submit its report early in 1938, Mr. Flynn indicated.

Mr. Flynn expressed his hope that open hearings would be held after the second factor is the objective thrust interested parties could voice their views. From the data which the committee will collect, important changes in the policy of the board may result, it was said.

## Seniors to Promenade Till 2:30 in the Morn

In an effort to provide a more economical and entertaining evening for those who will attend the Senior Prom at the Essex House on the night of Saturday, December 11, the prom committee has arranged to have the Colonnades Room until 2:30 a. m. according to Joseph Sotsky '38, chairman of the committee.

Thus far tickets for 160 couples have been sold, the committee announced. The price of tickets is \$5.50 a couple, exclusive of tips. All pledges must be paid for in full by next Wednesday at the latest, Sotsky announced.

## ASU Week to Start Drive for Members

### Noted Doctor Talks to Club

#### Dr. Jean Broadhurst Describes Measles

Dr. Jean Broadhurst, noted research physician, lectured on "Inclusion Bodies in Measles" with prepared slides showing the development of these bodies to the Bacteriological Society yesterday.

She explained the limitations of measles research. "The only source we have for obtaining an anti-serum is from the blood stream of people who have passed through the point of high fever, but it must be taken within ten days."

Using the slides of inclusion body cultures to illustrate her point, Dr. Broadhurst showed the development of these bodies from their first appearance in the mouth until seven to ten days after the outbreak of the rash.

"These bodies can be seen as well in the mouth as in the nose of measles patients. They are present four days before the rash," she continued, "and at least seven to ten days afterward. They cause the cells to disintegrate and become free to pass out of the body with saliva thus spreading the disease."

### Identified Measles Virus

Dr. Broadhurst has been doing research work for thirty-four years. During that time she has been associated with Teachers College. It was seven years ago that inclusion bodies were brought to her attention. The *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, in last month's issue, announced that Dr. Broadhurst had identified the measles virus. Since then there have been newsreel pictures and magazine articles about her.

"If nasal smears were not so difficult to obtain, we might have accomplished much more. What is even more important is that it might not have taken us so long to arrive at our conclusions," she said.

### 'City College Monthly' Will Appear Monday

The second issue of the *City College Monthly* featuring a story by Irwin Shaw, author of *Bury the Dead*, will appear on Monday, Editor Charles Neider '38 announced.

A statement by Jerome Weidman, an article by Kimball Flaccus, fiction, music and book reviews, and editorials are also included in the issue.

## Herlands '25 Is Appointed To Clean Up Kings County

By Richard Stoller

With the appointment of William B. Herlands '25 to the post of Commissioner of Investigation, a City College graduate has stepped into the position which controls the probing of all city departments. Mr. Herlands will succeed Commissioner of Accounts Paul Blanchard, who conducted an investigation of The College Store. He will take over his new office, with increased powers under the new City Charter, on January 1, 1938.

Last semester, *The Campus* obtained an exclusive interview with Mr. Herlands just after he had successfully prosecuted and convicted seven racketeers, accused of shaking down labor unions, restaurants and cafeterias. He had undertaken this case as Chief Assistant to Special Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, a position which he still

### Description of Union, Its Aims to Begin The Activities

The College chapter of the American Student Union will inaugurate an ASU week starting Monday to publicize the coming national convention of the Union, which will be held at Vassar College during the Christmas vacation. The program for the week, which will extend through next Friday, will be begun with the appearance of a six-page rotographed leaflet on the history, activities and program of the ASU, put out by the New York District of the ASU and the College chapter.

A leaflet describing the ASU stand on education will be distributed on Tuesday. On Wednesday there will be an ASU picket line around a store which sells Japanese goods near the College. Cans to collect money to send delegates to the ASU Convention at Vassar will also be circulated around the College next week, and in connection with increasing the number of paid up ASU members to 800 by the convention, membership booths will be set up in the alcoves and in Townsend Harris Hall.

### To Hold Raffle

In conjunction with a two thousand dollar New York District ASU fund drive, raffles at ten cents each will be sold beginning Monday. There will be a first prize of a two hundred dollar scholarship, a second prize of a one hundred dollar scholarship and, in addition to other prizes, a year's subscription to *The Student Advocate*, monthly publication of the ASU, will be given to the holder of a ticket in each raffle book sold.

It was decided at a meeting of the College chapter of the ASU yesterday afternoon that only fully paid up members may be delegates to the coming ASU convention. Applications for nomination of delegates to the convention may be placed in boxes in room 5 or room 8 mezzanine, George Lenchner '39, president of the College chapter of the ASU, announced.

A motion to elect delegates to the convention by proportional representation was defeated. Another motion that each fully paid up member of the ASU be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of delegates to the convention sent by the College chapter was, however, passed.

### Camera Contest

The Camera Club has announced its second annual photo contest. Entries may be left in the Faculty mail room, addressed to the club, or delivered at the club's regular meetings.

## News in Brief

### Traffic

"The driver is the major factor in motor vehicle accidents," declared Charles Harnett, New York State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in an address before the Law Society yesterday on "Changes in Traffic Law."

The Commissioner recommended several changes he considered desirable, including a longer examination for people seeking a driver's license. Driving is safest in the city and most dangerous on rural roads, he asserted. He stressed the fact that 125 people die daily from motor accidents throughout the country.

### New Languages

Courses in Russian and Esperanto may be offered here next term if enough students wish to take them, Dr. Alfred E. Johns of the School of Education announced yesterday.

"Anyone desiring information may see me at the 23rd Street building," he said.

### Orchestra

The City College Orchestra, conducted by Professor William Neidlinger, will present a concert of varied music to be given in the Great Hall on Friday evening, December 17. There is no charge for admission. All fac-

ulty members and the student body were invited to attend by Dr. Neidlinger.

### Heckman to Speak

Dr. Samuel B. Heckman, acting Dean of the School of Education, head of the College Educational Clinic, will discuss "The History and Development of the Educational Clinics" before the Graduate Psychology Group Friday, December 3, at 8:30 p. m. in room 803.5 at the Commerce center.

The Group, an organization of post-graduates majoring in Educational or Clinical Psychology, is planning a city-wide council with similar college organizations which will attempt to solve problems confronting students preparing for a career in the field of psychology.

### 'Mike' Pictures

All College clubs which signed contracts for pages in the 1938 *Microcosm* were asked Wednesday by Ralph Mandel '38, managing editor, to notify him of all their future activities if they wish to have these activities covered by the photographic staff of the *Microcosm*.

All pictures scheduled for yesterday have been postponed until next Thursday, it was announced by Howard Kieval '38, editor of *Microcosm*.

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## How To Lose Money

**THE SENIOR CLASS IS GOING TO** have a prom in a little more than a week—it hopes.

Some while ago, seniors were proceeding blissfully to invite their wenches, with the expectation of a super-colossal ultra-stupendous arena, a breathtaking two-hour floor show hot off the boat, two name orchestras for continuous dancing, and a sumptuous supper—all for the price of \$5.50 per couple, including waiter's gratuity.

Then came the crash.  
The entrepreneurs of that fabulous institution known as the French Casino decided that they could no longer make their bread and butter. So closed that Parisian palace, throwing hundreds of employees out of work and the '38 class council into a dither.

The council tycoons went into emergency hurly-burly. They even called a special class meeting which expressed certain opinions regarding the situation. These were evidently not approved by the council.

The boys have decided to have the Senior Prom at the Essex House, without a two-hour floor show (in fact without any floor show at all), without two big-name bands (in fact with only one no-name band)—all for \$5.50 per couple, not including waiter's gratuity.

As Tante Becky would say, this is not exactly apple strudel and kreplach.  
But this is not at all a joking matter. The boys worked hard and collected a record pledge sale of over 140. We would not like to see that dwindle to half or a fraction under the build-up-to-a-terrific-letdown business that has been going on.

There are two alternatives open to the class council if it doesn't want to lose its shirt, collar, cuffs, etc.: 1) Bend every effort to get a better value and attraction for the price it asks. Or still better; 2) Bend every effort to have a prom without the fancy trimmings of Park Avenue "tone" at a lower price. The prices of both senior and junior proms last year at a well-known hotel were \$3.75 and \$3.50, respectively.

It might very well prove wise to postpone the date, for more time.

In any case, the class council, although it has worked conscientiously and in good faith, should not lose sight of the fact that City boys are neither Rockefellers nor suckers. They want their money's worth.

This editorial was submitted to the class council for possible comment in this issue. The council has declined to comment for publication.

## Caveat Emptor

**JUMBO WAS NOT MUCH OF A MU-**sical show. But there was one scene in it that will be remembered after the revamped Hippodrome, the Billy Rose splendorificousness, and the great big circus all turn to sawdust. That scene is the one in which Jimmy Durante, en-

deavoring to steal a magnificent, tremendous, gigantic elephant, is apprehended by a sheriff who asks belligerently, "Where you going with that elephant?" Durante looks around bewildered. Then, in a small, weak voice, he asks, "What elephant?"

The present attitude of the League of Nations is almost as funny. There can be no doubt that the League is potentially a mighty force for good, an instrument of the collective security that can quarantine an aggressor and halt a war. But today, what has the League done? In China there are bombs, machine guns, advancing armies, starvation, and death. When a starving China and an indignant Soviet demanded that sanctions be invoked to halt the Japanese war-makers, the League looked over to the battlefield and asked, in a very small, very weak voice, "What war?"

What is only a potentiality in the present League can become actual fact if a determined consuming public will it so. Without discontinuing efforts to have the League officially apply sanctions, a boycott of Japanese goods can be immediately undertaken in America. Don't buy silk products or any other goods from the land of the aggressor. This, experienced political observers agree, is the most concrete and immediate means of aid that a peace loving people can give to a China forced to shoulder arms.

Made in Japan is today the brand of a criminal. Shun it.

## The Millenium

**A. F. WHITNEY, PRESIDENT OF** the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, issued a joint announcement yesterday in which they disclosed that exhaustive research had produced a type of seat which would conform to the needs of brakemen who travel in the cabs of locomotives. The announcement was hailed in Wall Street as a rapprochement between management and labor on a fundamental question, but it had no apparent effect marketwise.—Item from the financial department of *The New York Times*.

## Recommended

**Punch**—That literary tyro with the hair on his literary chest, Ernest Hemingway, puts across *To Have and Have Not*, one of his best efforts. This novel of a liquor smuggler in prohibition days sells for \$2.50 under the Scribners imprint.

**Religion**—Dr. Ralph B. Winn of the evening session Psychology Department discusses "What Religion is About" at the Intercollegiate Forum, Sunday at 8 p. m. Admission is free at 1122 Forest Avenue, the Bronx, and the IRT only charges 5 cents.

**Trumpet**—Bunny Berigan is here again with his rabbit-fire jazz baton. The trumpet prince of swing holds his court on Saturday p. m.s at eight with WJZ providing the ether which usually exhibits plenty animation.

**No Lullaby**—The powerful *Cradle will Rock*, drama of strike and strife in Steel-town, will be presented every Sunday evening by the Mercury Theater. Tickets are so cheap you can get in on what they pay you at Macy's if you work at Macy's for the Xmas rush, which you probably do.

**Dance**—Frosh Hop plus Soph Strut plus a basketball game tomorrow evening in the Exercise Hall (gym). All for a half-dollar.

**Town Hall**—We don't mean Fred Allen's gingervating program, but the Town Meeting of the Air is offering discussions of the question, "Has Science Advanced Human Happiness?" Thursday at 9:30 p. m. Turn to WJZ.

**Vitriol**—That man with hair on his literary chest, dynamite Ernest Hemingway, gives a TNT-type of a prohibition-era smuggler in his gripping *To Have and Have Not*; Scribners do the honors for \$2.50.

## Collegiana

Containing a Poem in Which  
Boy Meets Girl on Sofa

*The davenport held the twain,  
Fair damsel and her arden swain,  
Headshe:  
But then a step upon the stair,  
And Mamma finds them sitting  
there  
He and she.*  
—Silver and Gold

Before-their-timely editorials in several college papers during the week including November 11 referred to the great day as the "twentieth anniversary of Armistice Day".

The *Cincinnati News Record* relays the tale of the paranoiac who went to bed saying, "Well, tomorrow is another day." The next day he got up, looked out of the window and muttered, "Darned if it isn't."

A columnist in the *Commerce Center Ticker* picked Shirley Yarfitz as House Plan Carnival Queen fully a week before the judges reached their decision . . . A University of Minnesota freshman has had to say "Ugh" 97,000 times in the last few weeks. That one word is his entire speaking part in a play.

Other college papers may be slow in printing correspondence, but the *NYU Commerce Bulletin* established some sort of record recently when it published "the following letter, sent to the editors a few years ago . . ."

Everett Wesley (Buck) McCord, Washington, D. C., was elected ciation by the students . . . so-shrdlu president of the All-Students' Association by the students Tuesday.

—Lipscomb College Babler  
Congratulations, Buck!

A physics prof at Northeastern University was explaining a problem involving men rowing a boat across a stream, whereupon one of his shining lights asked if the direction of the current was upstream or downstream.

But this is more than equalled by the classic cracked by a biology major, who asked his mentor whether the humerus is the funny bone.

Leo

## The Dance

Truckin' Down the Ages.

Arthur Mahoney "swung his lady," Thalia Mara, through the ages last Sunday eve at the Guild Theatre. They stepped elegantly through the dignified English court dances of the 16th century; pranced in the regal ornateness of the 18th century French court; stamped their feet in the teasing Spanish gypsy dances and practically rubbed bellies in the frantic frankness of American jazz rhythms.

However, this evening of the social dance did not merely present the sensuousness of sex, but also of the pure joy of graceful and pleasant movement. That a healthy man, performing ancient mincing steps, can capture the full enthusiasm of a contemporary dance audience, is a tribute to Mahoney's complete beauty of movement. But the work of his partner, Thalia Mara, was definitely mediocre and uninspired, particularly in the restrained delicacy of the English Suite, where her earthly qualities were out of place.

Creatively these people have done little. In only one dance, "Le Roi Soleil," was there a mature attempt at creative expression. The easy grandeur of an awesome king is fully communicated.

The American Suite; Trucking, Lindy Hop, etc., was the only false note on the program. The American jazz dance certainly provides richer material than the cheap sensational aspects which Mahoney has emphasized.

Since this paper does not permit the use of profanity, the performance of Carla Bradeley will not be reviewed in full. With much restraint we note that on the night of November 7 the woman lumbered upon the Guild Theater stage, heaved her bosom, waved her arms, struck a dramatic pose and managed to keep her balance!

Nagrin.

GARGOYLES:

## JUST VERSE

Because of the numerous requests for poetry to appear in the Gargoyles column, we have gone through the *Campus* files and come up with the following pieces, which may or may not strike your fancy—

### Thoughts During Philo

Boast not thyself of tomorrow,  
For thou knowest not what a date  
may bring.

Stolen waters are sweet  
And bread eaten in secret is pleasant,  
But Lulu insists upon riding in buses,  
So what can I do?

Go to thy aunt, thou sluggard  
Consider her ways and be wise,  
Especially if she has money;  
Think of the will when she dies.  
—Abel (1923)

### Paradox

There are maidens bold, there are  
maidens shy,  
Quite boldly shy and shyly bold  
Which should the wiser man decry?

The shy are bold when bold are nigh.  
The paradox will further hold  
Which should the wiser man decry?

The bold are shy and straightway fly,  
Shrink back when arms seek to  
enfold.

There are maidens bold, there are  
maidens shy.

Some maids are meek and softly sigh,  
Which others have their Onyx rolled.  
Which should the wiser man decry?

The sands of time are slipping by,  
And lips now warm will soon grow  
cold.

There are maidens bold, there are  
maidens shy.  
Choose either one. Both satisfy.  
—Abel (1922).

### Passing Fancy

You walk the streets with lightsome  
tread  
I know not who you be  
But passing by, you turn your head  
And turning look at me.

Your mouth a beacon from afar  
Such Jezebel once bore;  
A moist and vivid crimson sear,  
A wound that feels no more.

What things at heart have you and I  
We cannot stop to tell  
But though I quickly pass you by,  
Sister, I wish you well.  
—Abel (1922)

### Advice to the Younger Degeneration

Carouse at your clubs through the  
night,  
Smoke cigarettes, curse, bob your hair:  
Keep wearing your skirts short and  
tight,

I'll never damn legs that are bare.  
But one deed I hate and will not  
tolerate,  
Tho' other things find me quite lax;  
I hope these words reach you, I  
frankly beseech you,  
Don't murder your Mom with an axe!  
H. W. F. (1926)

### How Sweet It Might Have Been

You vow your presence holds no  
charms for me,  
You think my memory's blanked be-  
cause we sever

You cry 'twas heavy price to set me  
free—  
Do you suppose I could forget you  
ever?

You offer me enmeshment when I'm  
blue,  
You intimate I've found another love,  
And say that should she prove untrue  
You'd welcome me, Good Lord above.

How often I recall that day in Spring,  
When on my lips you poured your  
premier kiss,  
You christened me that day "Eternal  
King"—  
And you'd believe that I'd forgot all  
this?

We've separated, true,—how far apart?  
Fate mocks our feeble try, "How could  
you win?"

In waking hours, I pine and tear  
my heart,  
Just picture dear, how sweet it might  
have been!

—Bernie E.

## Screen

Minority Report Hits 'Stage Door' as Sugary Stuff

In these days when producers and cameramen and hurricane-makers are crowding actor and director in the credit-spotlight, it is gratifying and fitting that the writers are coming in for their share. It is unfortunate, and perhaps inevitable, that only in the infrequent instances of outstanding cinema does the vital quality that script contributes to the general merit become recognizably apparent—in the vigorous beautifully written scenario of a *Zola*, in the crisp and earthy dialogue of an Odets, and lovely cadenced prose of a Behrman. And no more than passing analysis is needed to reveal that almost invariably the good and great film is a happy balance of writing, direction, and performance, each perfectly attuned and solidly fused into a whole. The professional moviegoer can hardly afford to miss one of those rare coordinations. Heralded as such, *Stage Door*, I reasoned, surely shouldn't be passed by. Seen, studied, and assayed, it really pains me to express disappointment. Frankly the film irritated me.

Now I am by no means a rain-or-shine champion of the stage; but it seemed to me that Hollywood, as *Stage Door* put it, has not the slightest case against Broadway. And it is ridiculous to think that the film actually frames one. That's in the first place. In the second, the quarter-of-a-million script of Morrie Ryskind and Tony Veiller did not strike me as being about the last word in anything, in humor, in drama, nor in just sheer sparkle. But do not mistake me. *Stage Door* is eminently satisfying entertainment and just lovely fodder for the best-ten lists. It is buttered with brilliance and honeyed with pathos—but there's no bread underneath. The appealing performances of Hepburn, Rogers, Menjou, and Leeds, to no avail, I do not think there was one actually convincing person in the picture—not a character in six reels with anything but celluloid in her veins. The girls sit around and toss off bright lines like so many Chas. McCarthies. Not one of those boarding-room scenes carried any conviction nor suggestion of depth for me. *Stage Door* to my way of thinking is a show—in the richest and most shallow sense of the word.

Sparkling, glib dialogue can actually mean something. I mentioned a few columns ago Ben Hecht & Charles MacArthur's *The Scoundrel*. Here a bogus imaginative tale of preternatural adventure carries a full burden of brilliance and utilizes it in the most satisfying way. Here the acid of trenchant wit is poured onto a coterie of bourgeois intellectuals, "smug, small, trivial, lying out of ignorance and keeping it up for royalties." Here, too, every character is shallow—but by design, not default.

My severest criticism springs no doubt from disappointment and irritation. Perhaps *Stage Door* wasn't after all worth all this. But I can't stand some things. And particularly that sort of wit which thinks only as far as the next wisecrack, that sort of "brilliant stuff" which melts away almost before you hear it.

MELVIN J. LASKY

## 292 Convent

When the Coca-Cola plant is invaded by Briggs '40 tomorrow, somebody ought to put the bottles away. Briggsians only need a spout . . . The ping-pong room will be turned into a swanky (if that's possible) cinema house when Briggs '40 plays host to the Plan. They are going to show that thriller *Electrifying New York*. It's free.

Will Weir waltz? They have a party tomorrow night and from what we've heard, something that is a bit of OK has been planned . . . That Remsen '40 dinner last Monday evening was well worth attending. That is, until it came the cleaning up part of it.

Dean '40 would like their members to show up once in a while . . . for appearances' sake. Bowker '38 will dine at *La Maison Sheppard* (House Plan Center to you) tonight. Briggs is back again! Their tea dance will come off as scheduled—Sunday at 3.

Bowker's "Joe College" party was big success. Those scavenger hunter brought in complaints from the neighbors as well as oddities.

Megaron had its business manager cut stencils. Imagine the degradation!

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## Sport Sparks



### Bouquets for Beavers But Not Too Many; AA Scalpers at Work

By Morton Clurman

It's almost an axiom that when a pitcher is twirling no-hit ball, every man on his team does his best to look glum and pretend not to notice till it's over. A word of comment or jubilation is supposed to bring on the jinx that breaks the spell. That's why I feel sad when I read Tom Meany's column in the World-Telegram and find out that "although the Beavers have played only one game so far, cognoscenti are already beginning to hail them as one of the best basketball teams in the country."

### The Butchers Come Through

Definitely, the Beavers seem like hot stuff. For the first time in many a year, Nat Holman has experienced reserves and plenty of them. And then there's the trio known, for want of a more gruesome appellation, as "The Butchers". The function of the "Butchers" is limited but definite. When the first five has compiled a pleasant lead, the opponents may get rough. So the "Butchers" are sent for, and, after everything is calm and peaceful again, the B team is sent in. Then the A and B teams alternate till things get rough again; then the bugle is blown; the Terrible Trio, Manny Jarmon, Joe Foley and Babe Adler strip for action and soon everything is quiet—like a grave.

And the system works like a charm. At least it did against St. Francis. But that's no reason why anybody should go into convulsions. The season's just begun. So hold your hats, boys, and wait for the fun—if there's going to be any.

The game with St. Francis last week was interesting from another angle. Or rather the preliminaries to the game. It is quite a commentary on the present AA book system, to watch the traffic in them before every home game. Seemingly, millions of guys named Joe who wanted to go to the game and didn't have either a book or a buck, were on the hunt for some individual from whom they might beg, borrow or buy the thing. Conversely, a lot of other guys were doing a rushing business in the books.

Since possession of the book entitles the owner to half-price tickets to all home games, an enterprising retailer can do a prosperous trade in "renting" the things for every home game. I don't suppose you can build up a family fortune that way, but a diligent tradesman working all year round should be able to stick the general student body for quite a tidy sum. For it's the general student body that gets stuck.

### The College's 400

Exactly four hundred books are sold yearly, of which one hundred go to ROTC officers who must buy them. The other 13,600 students, uptown and down suffer, along without them. Whose fault that is it's hard to say, but it must be admitted that the average student here is sharply disinclined to slap down a dollar for such a purpose.

The result is that when any one of the 13,600 gets an inner urge to find out about this newfangled contraption called basketball, he either must pay a dollar for the privilege, rent a book from a hawk for something under fifty cents, or else stay at home. And in any case he's getting gypped. A dollar is too much to pay for a single game, there is no reason in the world why any individual should profit at the expense of others just because of a stupid system, and the stay-at-home is deprived of a chance to enjoy himself. And incidentally, the AA is cheated of a sizeable source of revenue. So on any count the present system is screwy.

As I see it, there is no valid reason in the world, why the substitution of a compulsory twenty-five cent book fee would not be superior to the present mess. The objection is often raised that the introduction of a compulsory athletic fee might pave the way for compulsory tuition fees, etc. I see no reason for this. At the present time library fees are compulsory, and lab fees masquerading under the guise of "optional charges" are also compulsory. If those in charge of such things want to institute a tuition fee no lack of precedent will stop them. And conversely, if students are really determined that tuition fees should never come to the College, why no precedent in the world can stand in the way of a fight against them.

## Sport Slants

Benny Friedman and modest Sally Rand of fan dancing fame co-guest starred on WHN's "For Men Only" program last Monday night. . . nice work if you can get it. . . didja ever wonder about the mysterious "little man in the blue suit" immortalized by the New York Post? . . . Sammy Goldberg, Lavender publicity demon, is the guy. . . Sammy didn't know it himself until somebody tipped him off. . . those confident ex-gridders who turned out for the Jayvee basketball team have handed in their "resignations" . . . seems like the court game was too rough for them. . . The hoopsters who will try to help inaugurate the new Brooklyn College gym by playing a merry tune on the Kingsmen's backboard and basket, took possession of the Stadium dorms last week. . . and a WPA worker topped off the moving week. . . he dumped two occupants of the tower out of bed one midnight and demanded the way out of the labyrinth. . . keep your eyes peeled for Manny Jarmon. . . the husky junior will probably break into the starting line-up any one of these days. . . Sachem Chief Miller is still turning the town upside down. . . the St. Nick lacrosse coach left the Varsity Club smoker early last week. . . to meet his "mother-in-law" . . . the passing years don't seem to bother the chief. . . nor the varsity club. . . which went through the usual routine and also played the ivories. . . Yale Laiten's Stella, chorus girl in Babes in Arms is burned up. Reade M. Kolum.

### Beavers Face Kingsmen '5' At Brooklyn

### Hol-men Set to Gain Another Victory Tomorrow

By all signs the Beaver basketball team is all set to dedicate Brooklyn College's nice new gym by trouncing the Kingsmen five tomorrow night. The Maroon and Gold have only two varsity men left from last year but the jinx-bug contrived to take care of these two worthies via the gripe and dislocated elbow route.

As a result, the Brooklynites will make their first appearance on their virgin court with three reclaimed jayvee men and two freshmen to attempt a proper christening. All of which hasn't changed the one-at-a-time attitude of the healthy, happy Lavenders. "Any player or coach who worries about any game as far away as those against Stanford, NYU, etc., is getting set for a padded cell," says Nat Holman.

### Veterans Start

Captain Bernie Fliegel, Ace Goldstein, Whitey Katz, Red Paris, Lou Lefkowitz will again be the starting College quintet. Waiting to continue the starters' good work will be Sand Jarmon, Adler and Foley. The squad worked out against Columbia's five at the Morningside gym yesterday just by way of getting the feel of a larger court, as well as polishing off some Brooklyn game strategy.

Speaking of larger courts, the College gym floor measures seventy-five feet by forty feet. Madison Square Garden basketball set-up is ten feet longer and wider. Some Western College Conference courts run as high as ninety-five feet long and fifty feet wide.

According to a new Athletic Association ruling, the regulation requiring presentation of student tickets twenty-four hours before each home game has been postponed until the current book expires.

### Sim '38 Champs; Beats Sim '39

In a tight pitchers' battle which went into extra innings, Sim '38 beat Shep '39 5-2 yesterday to win the House Plan football championship. Neither team could score, even when an extra period was added, so Sim was declared the winner, since they had five first downs to Shep's two. Speaking about the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl (not that we were), the Rockaway All-Stars have "invited" Shep '39 to play them a post-season game this Thursday for the Wash Bowl championship. The All-Stars, otherwise known as the "Unwashed", admitted they were good and said it ought to be a whale of a battle.

Lambert beat the Officer's Club by 19-0 to win the Independent Championship. "Whitey" Kramer was the star for the victors, scoring two touch-downs. He ran back a punt seventy yards for one score and made the other on a twenty yard end run.

In basketball, Team O nosed out the Murals 8-6. Sim '40 took Bowker '41 without much trouble, 13-5. The Butchers gained the semi-finals by making mince-meat of the Pros to the tune of 12-6. They meet the winner of the Team O-Tau Delta Phi game.

This Saturday night at 9:20, Team O, last year's winner, meets the NYU Physical Ed team as a feature of the Soph-Frosh Dance. They are seeking to avenge a defeat the NYU men inflicted last year.

Entries are now being accepted in the Intramural office for the swimming tournament which starts on or about Thursday, Dec. 9. The following week a volley ball tournament for six-man teams gets under way. More tournaments are coming up in the near future.

### J. V. Basketball

After starting out on the right foot by trimming a speedy St. Francis jayvee team last week-end, the Beaver Jayvee basketballers are looking forward to their continued success when they meet an aggressive College Evening Session squad in the second tilt of the season this Monday evening, December 6, in the Main Gym at 9 p. m. Coach Sam Winograd, is confident his charges can get the decision.

### Profiles

Paris to Cohen to Paris. . . Not a famous combination like Tinkers to Evers to Chance, but merely the changes in the life of one man. . . Dave "Red" Paris, varsity basketball ace. . . Height 6 feet, weight 175, age 20. . . Captain of basketball at Boys' High. . . Won plaque there as outstanding athlete. . . One season on JV. . . Now playing third year with varsity. . . Led scorers last season until overtaken by illness. . .

Won prize for leading foul-shooters. . . A typical Holman product. . . Strictly a team man, great passer, sets up plays. . . Enjoys teaming up with Goldstein on offense. . . Majoring in health education. . . Vice-President of AA. . . Interested in golf, especially the African variety. . . Jerry Horne.

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## Urey and Lynd To Speak at Spain Meeting

Faculty Group Rally On Friday, Dec. 10, At College

As part of a drive to send medical assistance to the Spanish Loyalists, the Federation of Faculty Committees for Aid to the Spanish People will hold a mass meeting in the Pauline Edwards Theater at the Commerce Center on Friday, December 10, at 8 p. m.

The chief speaker will be Henry E. Sigerist, professor of medical history at Johns Hopkins University. Other speakers will include Robert Lynd, co-author of *Middletown*, professor of sociology at Columbia University and head of the Faculty Committee to Aid the Spanish People there, and Professor Harold C. Urey of Columbia, winner of the 1935 Nobel Prize in physics.

Ludwig Renn, a refugee from Nazi Germany, and David McKelvey White, former instructor at Brooklyn College, who have served in the International Brigade of the Loyalist army, and William P. Mangold, editor of the *New Republic*, will also address the rally. Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, may talk at the meeting.

### Thesis on Peace

A feature which appeared in the November 30 issue of *The Campus* and which discussed the contents of *Matter's Thesis Number 325* may have given the impression that the statements in the first paragraph were expressed by the author of the thesis. This is not the case. The statements were taken from a questionnaire used in the thesis and were obtained from similar lists and other sources. They in no way represent the sentiments of the author.

The article in *The Campus* stated that "for various reasons the author does not wish his name mentioned here." It was learned that the author, Morris Gristle, was not consulted and consequently made no such statement regarding the use of his name.

The thesis, entitled "A Measurement of the Attitudes of College Students Towards Militarism and Pacifism", was written by a former student in the School of Education as a partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Master's degree in Education. A questionnaire of sixty-five statements was applied to 260 students in the College. According to the author of the thesis, responses to the questionnaire indicated that "the attitude of the total group tested appears to be decidedly more favorable to pacifism than to militarism."

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### In Our Mail

To the Editor of *The Campus*:

One is indeed surprised at the lack of information appearing in the last issue of *The Campus* regarding the (extraordinary) Senior Class meeting of Friday, November 26. Certainly, the meeting constituted a juicy bit of news. Yet, where was the editorial comment that was definitely called for?

It is a fact that at that meeting, 50 per cent of the class put themselves on record as favoring the International Casino as against the Essex House, as the place where they preferred to hold their Prom. It is also a fact that more than half the class voted against holding the Prom on the 10th or the 11th of December. When a vote was called for on the question of postponement of the Prom until after exams, 49 voted for postponement as against 41 who voted against it. The action of the Class Council in going ahead and selecting the Essex House as the place, and December 11th as the date of the Senior Prom, constitutes, therefore, a deliberate slap in the face of the entire class. One wonders what the phrase "due consideration of the facts" means to the members of the Class Council.

Certainly no great loss would have been incurred had the Prom been postponed. But no—haste and last-minute decisions constituted the order of the day. Since when is the speed-up system a feature of the running of a successful Prom?

Certainly, all those who can attend a Prom on the 10th or 11th will attend a Prom held after exams. But is the reverse true? There are, undoubtedly, a number of Seniors who prior to the meeting of last Friday, entertained absolutely no idea at all of going to the Prom. Yet, as a result of the meeting, these same men have expressed a willingness to attend the Prom—but a Prom to be held after exams, not one held on two weeks notice.

Yet—in spite of all these considerations, in spite of the fact that the class definitely indicated its decision on two vital questions—the time and place of the Prom—the Class Council chose to go ahead and make its own arrangements.

EARL GOLDENBERG  
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### Photographic Show Held at House Plan

"Soil" is the topic of a photographic exhibit now being sponsored by Weir '39 in the Reading Room of the House Plan Center. The photographs were made by the Resettlement Administration and were recently given to the New York Public Library for public use.

A dancing class led by Kenneth Brehm '39 will be formed at the House Plan as soon as the quota of members is filled. There will be separate teachers for beginners as well as intermediate and advanced pupils.

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### Booths Erected For Free Books

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Alvin Chenkin '40, chairman of ASU Economic Problems Committee, who is in charge of the campaign, stated that he expected every student to give active support to the drive.

"The present situation is very unsatisfactory. In a system of so-called free education, juniors and seniors have to buy all their textbooks, and even lower classmen now have to buy texts in many departments," he declared. "Furthermore, as there is apparently no provision for buying new books, in the near future all the books in stock will be unusable and even freshmen and sophomores will have to buy all their texts. In the face of the great need of the student body the authorities do not act to make free education a reality, on the ground of 'economy'—while ROTC appropriations mount up," Chenkin added.

The committee asked the clubs to discuss the problems and pass resolutions calling on the Board of Higher Education to provide free books.

### Honor Student Killed in Spain

Last week the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion announced that Victor Franco, a former student in the evening session, had been killed in a fascist raid on the Aragon front near Saragossa.

He has attended the evening session for several years and had been active in extra-curricular work. He was President of the French Club, represented it on the Inter-Club Council, and was a member of the Spanish Club. He was also active in Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

But last June he sailed to Spain to join the other Americans fighting with the Spanish Loyalists there.

The formation of a Victor Franco club as a permanent memorial to the late evening session student is now being considered by his former friends and associates.

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The beautiful ivy-covered halls of our fair College went on the block last Tuesday according to information plastered over the Bell Tower. Who knows, the College may yet become a flop house, garage, a storing house for choice schmaltz (not red) herrings.

Tuesday night a sign was hung on the Main Building by some practical jokers, announcing to the world that the building was "for sale; enquire Joseph P. Day Ba 7-7000". Responses were most gratifying according to Mr. Day, with many people enquiring as to the price and terms for the property on Convent Avenue, between 138th and 140th Streets.

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### Winter ROTC Review To Be Held Dec. 14

The annual mid-winter review of the ROTC will be held December 14 in the Armory, 102nd Engineers, 168th Street and Fort Washington Ave. The review, in which both officers and cadet corps will participate, is given in honor of the parents and family of the members.

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