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"Stripped of its essentials, the Bible is a love letter from God to each individual man."
—Rev. C. G. Fuller.

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"If we could have twenty or thirty good and select funerals, we could come back over night."
—Hamilton Fish.

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Many Alumni To Appear At HP Ceremony

Portrait of Shepard To Be Presented To House Plan

With the formal dedication exercises scheduled for 3 o'clock this afternoon, the House Plan Center closed its doors yesterday to prepare the building for the influx of invited guests.

Mr. James Peace, director, has been ill since last Friday with an attack of grippe. Because of this, he will be unable to attend.

The House was painted last week. In addition to this, the building is being renovated, complete with new fixtures and a thorough cleaning. Also set up yesterday was a public address system which will be a permanent fixture in the House Plan.

Over one hundred alumni are expected to attend to hear Dr. John H. Finley, former president of the College and present editor of *The New York Times*. President Frederick B. Robinson, Dean Morton Gottschall, president of the House Plan Association, Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, and Dr. Henry Newmann '00, first vice-president of the Associate Alumni. Also to speak are Joseph Janovsky '38, president of the Student Council, and Charles Geldzahler '38, president of the House Council.

Shepard Portrait Presented

A portrait of Edward Morse Shepard '69, for whom the building is being named, will be presented to the House Plan and placed in the front hall. The unveiling of a chiseled inscription, The Edward M. Shepard House For The Students Of The City College, will also comprise part of the program. Completing the day's exercises will be a dinner in the evening at the Liberty Restaurant, Broadway and 146th Street. Bennett Newman '38, chairman of the dinner arrangements committee, announced that it was to be a student affair exclusively. He said that although all House Plan members are invited to be present, those students who became members in 1934 when the House was first established, were especially asked to attend. Mr. Mortimer Karpp, founder, organizer and former director of the Center, will be there, along with members of all '38 houses. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p. m.

Students Denied Lunchroom Vote

Student members of the Lunchroom Committee were denied a vote on the grounds that they do not assume financial responsibility, it was announced after a committee meeting Wednesday.

Since only the faculty members are bound financially, the committee held that they should determine policy. However, the students will have access to the list of wholesale prices and will be permitted to view the results of the audit which is now in process.

This definition of status came after it was pointed out that a letter written by President Robinson, published in the *Faculty Bulletin*, authorized the committee to accept two students into its membership on the same basis as that of the student members of the College Store Committee. The members of the Store Committee have a vote.

Model League

Delegates from the College to the sessions of the Model League of Nations to be held at Rutgers University next spring were chosen yesterday by Professor Oscar Janowsky. The delegates are Theodore Cohen '38, Paul Lubin '38, Jerome Loewy '38, Jack London '38, Andrew Roth '39 and John Siek '39. The College will represent China at the Model League.

BOARD MAY REVIEW FASCIST TEXT CHARGE

The Board of Higher Education may consider the charge of fascist propaganda in the textbook used in Italian 41, at its meeting Monday night.

The Young Peoples Socialist League in a leaflet issued last week quoted parts of the book. *Andiamo in Italia*, stating "Fascism has remade Italy . . ." and "limits all abuses of individual liberty."

President Robinson, in Wednesday's *World-Telegram*, cited Professor Felix Weill's report that the book is "an ordinary textbook describing the country and travels in it. It had a couple of pages having to do with fascism, but," he said, "they were colorless and there was nothing to it." A spokesman for the YPSL yesterday charged President Robinson with "evasion and an attempt to quibble."

ASU Chooses 14 Delegates

To Meet at Vassar During Xmas

Fourteen delegates to the National convention of the ASU at Vassar College during Christmas week were elected by College ASU members at a meeting in Doremus Hall at 12:15 p. m. yesterday. The following is the list of delegates in the order of the number of votes cast for each: Matthew Amberg '40, William Rafsky '40, Jack Fernbach '39, Clinton Oliver '40, Bernard S. Rothenberg '38, Albert Sussman '38, Al Wattenberg '38, Lou Zuckerman '38, George Lenchner '39, Bernard Wolf '40, Paul Aron '40, Harold Roth '39, Harold Faber '40, and Joel Steigman '39.

Reservations have already been made for the first five and as soon as money has been collected reservations will be made for as many others as the total collected will allow. A call was issued to all ASU members to contribute. There will be a meeting of all the elected delegates in the Student Council office on Monday at 5 p. m. to discuss plans for the convention.

Party Affiliation Discussed

Before the voting took place a resolution was passed asking the national convention of the ASU to allow the various state branches of the union to affiliate with any labor or progressive party if they so wish. A proposal demanding that the ASU maintain the status quo with regard to political affiliations was defeated.

Meetings of the classes to name the ASU slates in the coming elections will be held next week. The schedule is as follows: '38 class Monday, at 3 p. m. in room 210; '39 class Monday, at 3 p. m. in room 113 Townsend Harris Hall; '40 class on Tuesday, at 3 p. m. in room 203 Townsend Harris Hall; '41 class on Monday at 1:30 p. m. in Doremus Hall, Chemistry Building.

Custodians Recover Part of Wage Cut

Immediate partial restoration of their 1934 pay cuts to members of the College custodial staff was voted unanimously at Tuesday's meeting of the College Administrative Committee of the Board of Higher Education.

The entire board must ratify the restoration before it can take effect, but such ratification is considered a mere formality.

The payments, consisting of fifteen dollars to each man, will be made before Christmas and will come from the fund made available to President Robinson by the board. The rest of the cut, amounting to ninety-three dollars per man, will be restored soon.

Faculty Expresses Regret At M.R. Cohen Resignation

Although Professor Morris Raphael Cohen would not comment any further on his retirement from the faculty of the College than to say that he would continue to teach his classes to the end of the term and that after that "I will cross my bridges when I come to them," various members of the faculty have expressed their regret at his severance of connection with the College.

President Robinson issued the following communication: "I regret very much that Professor Morris Cohen finds it necessary to retire at this time. It is my hope that he will have rest, comfort and much happiness in his new routine of life. He will always be welcome when in future he visits the College."

Professor Holland Thompson of the History Department stated: "For many months I have known that Professor Cohen was contemplating early retirement and was told something of his plans. His retirement will be a great loss to our College community. We shall miss the impact of his keen mind and his incisive utterances. The field of philosophy and the larger pub-

lic will profit at our expense now that Professor Cohen will have the leisure to carry out some of his long-cherished projects."

Professor Charles F. Horne of the English Department said: "Professor Morris Cohen has been for many years a very influential and highly valued member of our Faculty. Every member of the teaching staff must regret his retirement. Personally I regret it extremely."

Professor Axel Leonard Melander of the Biology Department commented: "We all experience a keen regret that the inexorable march of time has rotated Professor Cohen from the important position he has held at the College. There is no one who can conceivably fill his place, and his former students have cause to rejoice that they were fortunate to sit before a genius. Personally, I hope for him as professor emeritus a long life of uninterrupted productive scholarship."

The Campus has not yet had a chance to contact other members of the faculty for their comments. Professor Cohen addressed the Freshman Chapel on the Constitution yesterday.

NYA Outlay Cut In Half

Further Reductions Appear Possible

Only thirty-eight of the seventy-five million dollars granted by Congress for NYA jobs has been allotted this year. Herbert Witt, city secretary of the ASU, announced Tuesday. This was learned by a sub-committee sent by the National Council of the American Youth Congress to investigate coming NYA action in an interview with Aubrey C. Williams, national director of the National Youth Administration, in Washington last week.

Mr. Williams stated that NYA appropriations may be cut another one-third because of "great demands from business and industry to cut entire relief by one third." He explained that this cut "would lower NYA to such an amount that administrative costs would overbalance the actual NYA appropriation." He continued, "If this were affected, I will be forced to recommend abolition of the NYA, which will be fairest to both the government and the NYA worker."

Regarding NYA clubs, Mr. Williams said, "They will be a contribution to aiding NYA."

The city ASU will undertake a postcard and telegram campaign to aid in carrying out the National Council's program.

Free Books

Students May Receive Texts Next Term

Free books may be available at the College by next semester, Mark Eisner, acting chairman of the Board of Higher Education indicated last week.

If John T. Flynn's "invitation" committee (to which the topic of free books has been referred) approves it the board will recommend an appropriation for texts when the city budget comes up before the state legislature, Mr. Eisner said.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Mr. Flynn promised to bring the matter before his committee. "Mr. Eisner has suggested to me that we add to the subjects we are studying the matter of free texts in the colleges," he stated.

"I will simply bring this to the attention of the committee and also recommend that we inquire into it," Mr. Flynn said.

Lash to Address ASU On Student Disrupters

Joseph P. Lash, executive secretary of the ASU, will speak on "Who are the Disrupters?" at a symposium on the American student movement which will be held at the Pauline Edwards Theater, Friday evening, January 7 at 7:0 p. m.

Staff, Students Approve New Ten Minute Change

By George Stolnitz

The seven-minute lunch, or three-and-a-half minute per sandwich intermission, as it is more popularly known, is passe. Olympic track records will no longer be shattered by College freshmen scrambling from Harris to the Great Hall; English to engineering, or gym to geology via the headlong dash. This now is, let us hope, history.

Reaction to the executive order issued by President Robinson last Thursday, lengthening the periods between classes to ten minutes, has been almost unanimously favorable.

When asked about the change, Joseph Taffet of the Economics Department remarked, "Swell. I wish they had fifty-minute intermissions and ten-minute periods."

Mr. Hugh C. Wolfe declared at a Physics 1 lecture that the "millennium has come." Instructors did not have enough time to finish the lesson in seven minutes, he asserted.

Results have evidently justified the efforts of those who pressed for the innovation. The halls have become quieter and less congested. Moreover, the worst situation of all, that near the entrance to Townsend Harris, has approached normalcy.

The action of the president came after a Faculty committee, investigating conditions in the corridors, had unanimously advocated the change. A campaign to extend the time between classes was launched by *The Campus* earlier this term.

Board to Consider McGoldrick Bill

'41 TO START XMAS WITH FRANKS, BEER

The '41 boys will blow off a term's worth of steam when the class holds its Feed and Smoker Thursday, the first night of vacation, at the Labor Stage, 39th Street and Sixth Avenue.

Food will include as many hot-dogs and glasses of beer as the "feeders" can consume, and the smokers will be provided with their "favorite brand."

A rumor is circulating to the effect that movies from the pre-censor days will be shown. However, this report remains unconfirmed.

'Life' Snaps Junior Prom

Record Crowd to Be At Affair Tonight

"The junior prom will be 'The Party of the Week' in an early issue of *Life*," so said Harold Roth, president of the '39 class, yesterday. "Many of those who attend the prom will be photographed by *Life's* cameramen and will have their pictures spread about the nation. Who knows but another Robert Taylor may be discovered in the throng? This is the first time that a College affair has received such widespread publicity and speaks well for the rise of social life here."

One hundred seventy-five couples will dance to the music of Paul Tremaine and his orchestra on the Starlight Roof of the Hotel Astor tonight. This represents the largest attendance at a junior prom in the history of the College. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. and will end in the wee hours of the morning. Supper will be served promptly at 11.

WMCA Artists to Appear

Among the many features planned by the prom committee will be songs by Kay and Buddy Arnold of WMCA and Varsity Show fame, and Helen Young, also from WMCA. Souvenirs will be distributed to all who attend.

Sigmund S. Arm, faculty adviser of the class, Roth and William Tomshinsky, chairman of the prom committee will welcome the '39ers and their guests. The prom queen, the gorgeous blonde, Miss Marjorie Norton, will also be conspicuously present.

Students who have not paid their pledges in full must do so this afternoon before 4 p. m. Tickets will be sold at the door for those who decide at the last minute to attend. Dress for the affair will be optional.

College ROTC Corps Holds Winter Revue

The second annual midwinter review of the ROTC unit of the College was held Tuesday in the 102nd Engineers Armory, 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue.

The full unit of about eight-hundred was led by the ROTC band, whose members appeared for the first time in their new uniforms. They paraded before an audience of 2,000, composed mainly of parents and friends. The feature of the program was a drill by Company D of the Pershing Rifles led by Cadet Lieutenant-Colonel Donald R. Mehrrens.

Motion Expected To Be Approved

Committee on By-laws Will Report on Resolution

The Board of Higher Education will consider the McGoldrick resolution, which would legalize student organizations without recourse to faculty approval, at its meeting next Monday evening. Sources close to the board said that it has a "very excellent" chance of passing.

The Committee on By-laws and Legislation, to which the resolution had been recommitted at the last meeting of the board, will report on Monday night, according to Chauncey Waddell, chairman of the committee.

The ASU has been campaigning during the past month to have a provision of the resolution changed to give a joint Faculty-student committee the power to suspend an organization if it feels that it is not acting in the best interests of the student body. As the resolution stands at present the Faculty has that power.

Editors Send Letter

Six editors of newspapers in the city colleges have sent a letter to the members of the board asking that "because of sincere concern for the future of democratic student self-government in general and for the future status of the American Student Union in particular that we write you to ask your adoption of the McGoldrick resolution." The letter is printed in full in the editorial columns of today's *Campus*.

Last term the board defeated the resolution by a vote of 10-10. However, with the addition of Dr. Carmyn J. Lombardo, Ernest S. MacDonald, and Ordway Tead, early this term, it is expected that a liberal Fusion majority on the board will pass the resolution. A vote of twelve of the twenty-one members is necessary to pass it.

John T. Flynn introduced the measure at a board meeting last month where it was referred to the committee.

ALP Club Enters SC Candidates

The American Labor Party Youth Club has entered a complete slate of candidates for various positions in the coming class and Student Council elections. The slate was drawn up at its meeting last Wednesday.

The club is the first organization in the College that has thus far nominated candidates for class and SC positions, Abraham Dubin '38, its publicity manager, announced. Those nominated for the SC are Jack London '38, for president, George Pecker '39, for vice-president and Bernard Walpin '39, for secretary.

The group will consider a platform for the elections at its meeting in Room 202THH, next Tuesday at 4 p. m. Modifications in the list of nominees and other matters will be taken up at the same time.

Language Clubs Meet

"No examinations for applicants for foreign language teaching posts will be given during the next five years," declared Professor Frank Mankiewicz yesterday to members of the Deutscher Verein, Circolo Dante Alighieri, Le Cercle Jusserand and El Circulo Fuenfentes. "It is difficult to teach foreign languages in New York City at this time," he said.

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Sport Sparks



The Basketball Team Writes a Letter; That Skating Rink

By Morton Clurman

I have right here a little note from the members of the basketball team to the other members of the varsity club. One of "The Campus" sport writers plucked it in shameful fashion from the little square bulletin board outside the varsity club room, where it had been pinned. Here is how it goes:

"Dear Varsity Club Members,

We have learned that you are counting on us to BEAT ST. JOE'S and that to help, you will leave this room by 6 p. m. every evening and that you are going to back us with grand support at the Garden. We shall gladly co-operate with you by 1.) going to bed at 10 p. m. every day, 2.) by having team talks from 8-8:30 every night, 3.) by killing ourselves or St. Joe's in the attempt to win. Thanking you for your interest and hoping to repay you by trimming St. Joe's,

Yours for a victory,

Members of the Basketball Team

P. S.—Personally, we think and know that we will kill them.
P. P. S.—What do you think?"

No Slobbering Please

Of course it is easy to become maudlin over something like this and slobber all over the place about lads who are willing to lay down their or somebody else's life for good old CCNY, etc. Not being in condition for intensive slobbering at present, I think it is sufficient to point out that if Holman's lads are serious about this note, and there's no reason to suppose they're not, St. Joe is going to get the surprise of its youthful life tomorrow evening. Because they're going to see a far different team than the shell-shocked bunch they trimmed last year 29-19. And the difference won't be in personnel so much as it will be in attitude.

Last year's five rode into St. Joe on the crest of a victory wave. They were unbeatable—hadn't the metropolitan sports writers told them so? They had knocked off big, tough teams like Providence with ridiculous ease and had even taken LIU in a scrimmage, and St. Joe—a little team—was easy pickings. Well it didn't turn out exactly that way. St. Joe pitched into the overconfident Beavers, got the jump on them from the opening gun, figuratively if not vertically, and began to pile it on. That plus a few bad breaks sent a too cocksure, College squad into a panic and then everything was lost.

I don't think anything like that is going to happen tomorrow. This year's team isn't underestimating St. Joe. St. Joe is good and Bernie Fliegel and company know it. They know they'll have to fight every minute of the game for a victory. True, the team has a winning record behind it this year too—but a winning record is only a mental handicap when it leads to overconfidence. And the first half score against Seton Hall last Saturday got rid of that. That's the improvement on the mental side.

On the physical side there are several new factors too. Chief among these is the presence of Lou Lefkowitz on the first five in place of Sy Schneidman. Lefkowitz, of course, is no Dead-Eye Dick like Sy but he is a far better and faster floorman. His presence contributes nicely to a placid, smooth-working offense and one which although possibly lacking in the sheer spasmodic brilliance of last year's team, is also one less likely to blow up under pressure.

In addition Holman now has what he has been praying for for years, namely capable reserves. And that's important, especially under the new rules where a forty minute man-killing pace is necessary.

That Skating Rink

Rumor and conjecture on the subject of ice skating in Lewisohn Stadium continue to raise their evil heads. Outdoor rinks have been doing a rushing business for over a week now. It seems a shame that a glorious opportunity to get some cut rate skating for the student body and some first rate dough for the AA should be missed. One of the possible obstacles in the way of flooding the stadium is the eight inch drainage slope from the center of the field. The mere splashing of water on the ground would thus leave a gruesome bald spot right in the center.

Engineering experts, that is all those who have had Drafting 1, are divided thusly on the great problem: 1.) those who want a moonlight dance pavilion on the bald spot, 2.) those who want to run the Senior Prom there, 3.) those who affirm that the field always has been flat, always will be flat and is flat now—those people suggest that the legend of a slope is merely part of a vicious international plot to undermine the College, 4.) those who maintain that an eight inch slope, provided it exists, is nothing to write to Einstein about—that the problem can be solved in either of two simple ways, namely by leveling the field or by constructing a dirt rim on the outside.

Yep, you guessed it, I string along with the fourth.

Sport Slants

How tough would Seton Hall have been for our Beavers had Iafelice and Parpan, their stars, been able to play throughout? . . . ask NYU . . . which had to go overtime to eke out a win from the Jerseyites, 31-27 . . . student sentiment over the poor seats allotted to the College for Garden games is getting ready to boil . . . a delegation seeking reductions on tickets of all prices will attempt to make Profes-

sor Williamson see the light . . . ex-grigger Dave Kramer and Jimmy Peace, of the Convent Avenue Peaces, are collaborating on a set of rules and regulations . . . according to which Intramurals will have to abide forever and ever, Amen.

Today's startling thought . . . if we beat Brooklyn and St. Francis, who both whaled Manhattan, and took Seton Hall, which almost knocked off NYU, R. U. Gellis?

Beaver Hoopsters to Meet St. Joseph Five at Garden

College Seeks Fourth JV Quintet Seeks Win Over Textile

By Philip Minoff

The Madison Square Garden, going in for a little legitimate entertainment for a change, will tomorrow night present "Five Saints in One Act". The principals will be the pernicious St. Joseph's basketball team in the act of trying to upset Nat Holman's quintet for the second time in two years. It will be the first real test of the season for the Beavers who already hold victories over Brooklyn, St. Francis and Seton Hall, and are thus far undefeated.

It will be virtually the same two squads that will take the floor, as both schools are favored with a wealth of veteran talent. The Philadelphians have several men who have been playing together for the past eight years, and this season's gang will be the same bunch that, despite its shortcomings in height, beat the cream of Eastern court representatives, including the Lavender, Long Island University, and others.

The only major difference in the Beaver personnel will be the absence of Sy Schneidman, a threat because of his set-shot accuracy. Otherwise, it will be the same, flashy Holman first team that will try to redeem itself for last year's loss, with the starting five consisting of Captain Bernie Fliegel, Izzy Katz, Dave Paris, "Ace" Goldstein and Lou Lefkowitz.

In the past three games the St. Nicks have behaved in almost identical fashion, playing slipshod basketball in the first half and coming back in the second period to draw away from their rivals with heads-up ball playing that resulted in a blistering pace. It is extremely doubtful if the Beavers can defeat the St. Yussels by such a come-back after a lethargic first half. They'll have to sink baskets right after the opening whistle to make any sort of impression on the capacity audience that will fill the Garden in the first double-header of the season.

JV Quintet Seeks Win Over Textile

A much improved Lavender Jayvee basketball team is confidently expecting its third victory of the season when it engages the Textile High School squad on the latter's court next Tuesday at 3:30 p. m.

Coach Sam Winograd, who watched the Textile-Monroe game, came away much impressed with the downtown team's performance. Heartened by his charges' spirited showing against a smooth Seton Hall frosh squad, Winograd still has a few rough spots to place down. According to him, "The main trouble with the Jayvee men is that they don't move about enough when on the offense." Practice sessions will be devoted to speeding up the ball-handling.

Angie Monitto, Sid Raphael and Eddie Edwin, the big guns in the Jayvee attack, along with Abe Winograd, Sambo Meister, Sy Hershfield and Pat Brescia among other standouts, are determined to keep in the winning column. A victory over the high school, a strong contender for PSAL honors, would be a feat.

Triumphant Mermen To Meet St. Francis

Afer beating Fordham for the first time in three years, Coach McCormick's water-babies tackle St. Francis tonight in the College tank.

The Fordham meet showed the varsity in a very favorable light which shined particularly on Captain Gori Bruno and "Ace" Thomas; each bagged a first and a second. Samuel O'Regan, back stroker, and Harry Sober, breast stroker, who had to go some to beat his teammate Conrad Dalman, just off the JV, also shared the limelight; both winning their respective events. The divers, Jacob Sager and Paul Slobodski; also fresh from the JV placed second and third.

Profiles

"Manny" Jarmon, basketball dependable . . . Height 5'10", Weight 170, youngest member of squad; only 18 . . . Birthday comes on night of Stanford game . . . the boys have promised to give him a victory as a present . . . Spent two seasons on Boys High team, captain in senior year . . . Played with JV, now in second season with Varsity . . . Most improved ball-player . . . Says all credit should be given to Holman but a great deal of his progress due to hard work . . . Shy and unassuming until he hits a basketball court . . . Strictly a battler in any sport . . . Gives no quarter and asks for none . . . Basketball his sole interest . . . Jerry Horne.

Wrestling Team

Hampered by injuries and the recent illness of Coach Joe Sapora, a nevertheless optimistic band of College wrestlers will travel to Franklin and Marshall College tomorrow night. The Marshalls, who marred an otherwise unblemished Lavender record last year, again have one of the nation's most powerful teams. The St. Nick mainstays will be Co-captains Ralph Hirs-tritt and Stan Graze and the husky Hank Wittenberg.

Staff Pickets 'Eagle'

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Warner Talk Jams 'em In

Fifty students heard History Professor Richard B. Morris on Captain Kidd and early American piracy at yesterday's meeting . . . James W. Barret, editor of the Press Radio Bureau and former city editor of the New York World and of the New York American, will speak Monday at 10 a. m. in room 306 before a group of English 53 students.

Dr. Marie Pichel Warner's address on the topic "Education for Marriage" before the *Psychology and Education Societies* attracted so many students that the doors had to be shut and many would-be listeners shut out . . . A joint meeting of the *Astronomy and Physics Societies* heard Professor R. I. Wolff on the topic "Luminosity of Gaseous Nebulae" . . . Dr. Melander's colored pictures shown last week before the *Biology Society* on the subject of "Instinct or Intelligence in the Insect World" created such a sensation that requests for a showing have come from all over the country . . . "Vital Dyes" was the subject of an address by Professor H. H. Johnson before a meeting of the *Caduceus and Biology Societies* . . .

The *Camera Club* heard Mr. Jack Price on "Photography—Its Opportunities" yesterday . . . The *Cadet Officers Club* held its semiannual dance at the Hotel Roosevelt last Friday . . . Those desirous of ushering at the *Mercury Movie Revivals* should present themselves at the Merc office, room 4 of the mezzanine, on Tuesday between 11 and 1 p. m. . . Tickets for the *IFC Smoker* to be held at the Delta Kappa Epsilon House next Thursday are being sold at twenty-five cents each.

Dram Soc Has Bean Contest

The first Dramatic Society member said to the second Dramatic Society member: "How've you bean?" The second Dramatic Society member cursed: "Aw, beans!" This was founded the idea for the big bean contest to be conducted in the alcoves by that society beginning today.

The contest runs as follows: a number of beans has been placed in a glass jar, and the fifteen persons guessing closest to the number will each receive one pair of tickets to the society's production of *Peace on Earth*. The participants who submit a number closest to the actual number will receive the better tickets. Only Dramatic Society members know the number and they are forbidden to enter the contest.

Students who wish to enter the contest are to hand in their guess by Monday on the coupon which appears below.

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"THE CAMPUS" prints all communications which may be of interest to its readers, as space permits, and as timeliness of topic and propriety of expression warrants. Initials or pen name will be used if the writer so requests, but the full name must accompany each letter as evidence of good faith. Because of the tremendous volume of correspondence, readers are requested to limit their letters to 200 words. "THE CAMPUS" is not necessarily in accord with the views expressed.

To the Editor:

It seems incredible that the anonymous letter printed in your issue of December 10th can express the genuine beliefs and purposes of any person or persons living in the United States. We have no doubt, however, that in printing it you have acted in good faith, and we believe that, even though it may be a mad prank, it is despicable and deserves the condemnation of all intelligent and well intentioned persons.

As members of the Board of Advisors of the City College YMCA we desire to state most emphatically that this letter and the campaign it announces is, in our judgment, vicious and in the truest sense wicked, that such purposes as it states and implies are not only alien to the objectives of the YMCA but definitely hostile to its purposes; and we desire to affirm, in all good faith and honesty, that in our opinion no person, at any time or any place, who genuinely adheres to the principles of Christianity or who believes in the teachings of Jesus can make himself a party to or look upon without complete condemnation any effort to persecute or embarrass any other person because of his beliefs, his ancestry, or his racial customs.

- DONALD A. ROBERTS '19
- GEORGE P. BISCHOF '25
- GEORGE S. TETER '27
- GEORGE F. ADAMS '28
- ROBERT L. TAYLOR '30
- JOSEPH L. FRASCONA '32
- HARRY N. WRIGHT Mathematics
- WALTER A. KNITTLE (History)

To the Editor:

Jerome Weidman's story that pictures a Negro rapist presents an important contention. In criticizing this story on its social merits, we must be careful to discern what the author attempted to do and what he has done.

Mr. Weidman is not an acquaintance of mine, but as a Negro and because of his story, I am forced to call him my friend. I am unaware of his political and social philosophy, but on the basis of his story, I am sure we have little disagreement in philosophies. Until Mr. Weidman makes statements contrary to those implied in his story, may I be allowed to hold my contentions?

Mr. Weidman attempted to do a noble thing, but failed unfortunately. At least, he attempted and credit should be given to him.

John Brown failed also in his attempts, yet today the Negro people hail him as one of the heroes in their fight for freedom. Some day the same may be said of this author. I hope so, for he has made a good start.

The theme of this story is tolerance. The characters taken to bring out the theme happen to be a pathetic Negro and a group of vulgar, low class and unintelligent white men, among whom is a racially injured Jew. There is no question about the type of beings who are sitting, waiting for their hero, the story teller. This teller of tales is very skillful in deflowering white women under any situation. Nor is his skill limited to that, for he has an unusual gift of narration that he undoubtedly learned in a Catholic University which he attended on a scholarship for his prowess as a Lacrosse player and where at times he was discriminated against for his unfortunate Hebrew birth.

All throughout the story we are shown from what class of people bias and bigotry develop. This is a definite attempt to arouse disgust in the minds of intelligent persons against the class and what they stand for. I cannot call this an anti-Negro story. I defend the author when he is so accused. He may be accused of other things, however.

It is indeed a dangerous story, for there is a great possibility of the message being misinterpreted. But the writer writes and has little to do with the intelligence of his readers.

The error that Mr. Weidman has committed is not one of purpose, but of method, and there I have a bone to pick. He has used a conventional literary picture of the Negro rapist to execute his story. That is too bad, for it makes possible a distortion of the narration's purpose. I do not claim that there are not depraved people in this world. They are in every country and every race, but Mr. Weidman's use of the picture, or anyone's use of it, is going to cause much comment pro and con, for a great emotional reaction in both Whites and Negroes will be displayed before that stimulus. In Negroes it will be a defense mechanism, and in the unlearned white, it may call forth those qualities desired by anti-Negro propagandists. His error here is one that is concerned with technique.

Welford R. Wilson Jr.

To the Editor:

In the first issue of *The City College Monthly*, a story by Jerome Weidman caused much discussion throughout the student body. A majority of those who read the story condemned it for its characterization of the Negro. I heartily agree with this condemnation, and I approve of the publicity *The Campus* gave to the aroused opinions of the students.

However, there was another aspect to the story which unfortunately was overlooked. This was the false, disgusting, and obscene picturization of life in Southern Catholic Universities. I think that our denunciation of Weid-

Tech Struts With Hunter

"Blind Date Dance" is the title of an affair scheduled for tomorrow evening, sponsored by the College Tech Council and the Hunter ASU, at 2824 Broadway at 109th Street. If all tickets are sold, 250 couples will be mobilized in the biggest demonstration of blind dates ever attempted. As this issue goes to press, Hunter reports that the girls have already gobbled up most of their share of the ducats.

An outstanding feature of the innovation, which includes folk-dancing and group games, will be the "labeling" of the girls with colored tags, the color of each to denote the locality of residence of the bearer. This is calculated to remove one of the major objections to blind dates, from the masculine point of view.

Tickets are fifty cents each, and are necessarily limited to 250. First come will be first served.

man's article should include both of the above points, instead of but one. I also think that the editors should, in the future, examine the quality of the work they permit to be published, rather than submit with awe to a "name" in literary circles.

To the Editor:

Last week a meeting was held by the combined engineering societies of the College for the purpose of establishing a technical employment bureau. The College has long been in need of such a bureau but previous attempts have not been successful. There is every reason to believe that this attempt will lead to success if the good work done so far can be continued.

To do this the cooperation of all is needed. The question should be discussed among the students around the campus. New ideas are needed. It should be brought up at the meetings of clubs and organizations of all kinds, discussed, and the club's pledge of support be given officially.

Every City College man whether he be a "Tech" student or not should stand firmly behind this attempt to place the "Tech" graduate in a position in industry. For, anything which is of value to a part of the College will tend to build up the College as a whole.

Harold Schlig LF5.

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Higher Ed Board To Build Annexes

In accordance with their plans to create additional facilities for the College, the Board of Higher Education will have several wings added to the present buildings, Howard G. Bohlin, Curator, announced yesterday.

Two wings will be added to Townsend Harris Hall and one to the Tech Building. Plans for additions to the Chem Building are under way. Work has already started on a wing to THH.

PROF. HUNT DIES

Leigh Harrison Hunt, Professor Emeritus of the Art Department, died yesterday in Mount Sinai Hospital. Professor Hunt began his teaching career at the College in 1877. He retired in 1928.

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