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— Dr. Arthur Frank Payne
in an interview.

"Even in her supreme unselfishness, she is selfish."
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Avukah Hits Alleged Bias In 'Campus'

Leaflet Accuses Paper of Distortion, Prejudice In Its Policy

Charges that *The Campus* had distorted facts and shown prejudice in its editorial policy were launched yesterday in a leaflet issued by the Avukah Society. "The intent of *The Campus*," the leaflet declared, "to make Avukah out as a reactionary group is clearly evident in their use of the term 'Jew-Communist' as a quotation from the *Avukah Bulletin*. We recognize the epithet as one used by Jew-baiters and red-baiters—but where in the *Avukah Bulletin* does the phrase occur? Nowhere!"

Accusing the *Campus* editors of undermining "the United Front for which we commonly stand," the leaflet concludes with a plea for a "wholehearted" change in the editorial policy of *The Campus* and the "embodiment in practice of their policies of friendship and recognition of minority groups."

Dean Morton D. Gottschall, when shown the article under contention in the *Avukah Bulletin* stated that, although not advocating faculty interference, he wished "the boys would consult with their faculty adviser before the publication of such articles."

The Menorah Society of the Menorah-Avukah Conference disclaimed all responsibility for the leaflet and the article in the *Avukah Bulletin* in a statement issued through its president, Milton H. Salit. Abraham Soltes '37, president of the Menorah-Avukah Conference, said that "as one who for the past years has been intensely active in both the ASU and Avukah," he resented the attack of *The Campus* on the Avukah as a "reactionary" group.

According to Victor Axelroad '37, chairman of the Student Council committee investigating *The Campus*, the committee has received the new charges but has not taken any action as yet.

Hindenburg Disaster Pictures Taken by Foo Chu '40 for 'News'

By Paul Kaufman
The College's latest success story concerns Foo Chu '40, amateur photographer, and member of the College Camera Club, who broke into the center pages of the *Daily News* last Friday with a series of five pictures of the Hindenburg disaster. The pictures show, in sequence, the burning of the German airship from the time of the first explosion to the final blaze of the fallen zeppelin.

Photographer Chu had stopped at the landing field while he and a friend were trying out the friend's new car. Standing next to the hangar, Chu was taking pictures of the giant dirigible with his Leica when the airship suddenly burst into flame at 7:20 p.m. In the thirty seconds it took for the Hindenburg to be transformed from the world's largest lighter-than-air craft to a blazing inferno, Chu took seven pictures. He rushed home, developed the negatives, and brought them while they were still wet to the *Daily News* where they were accepted and published in the next morning's edition.

Besides being sold to the *Daily News*, the rights for the pictures have been sold for European publication, and Chu will receive royalties for any subsequent American publication of them. Chu declined to reveal the amount of his earnings from the sale of the pictures.

The first picture shows a giant puff of white smoke bursting from the rear half of the dirigible; the second shows the rear half settling to earth while fire bursts from the front end; the third and fourth show progressive stages during which the zeppelin settled to earth, and spectators ran toward it; and the fifth shows the final end of the proud Hindenburg which was by then no more than a vast sheet of flame.

Schau Denies Payne Charges

Personnel Bureau Director Accused Subordinate Of Spying

The Teachers Union *Bulletin* yesterday carried copies of correspondence between Dr. Payne and Martin Schau, fellow in Personnel Bureau who has not been recommended for reappointment, in which Dr. Payne accused Schau of spying on his personal life, of reading correspondence addressed to him over the shoulders of his secretaries, and requesting Schau to stop such alleged conduct.

These charges were denied by Schau, who claimed that he had never been in the general office to see the appointment schedule for the following day, and to make and receive telephone calls concerning his professional work in the Personnel Bureau.

Twenty-one students were approached at random in a second survey conducted by *The Campus* last Friday on the question of the removal of Dr. Payne from the Personnel Bureau. Twenty students said that they were against him; one expressed himself in Dr. Payne's favor.

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'Bury the Dead' Rehearsals Hit Feverish Pitch

Sellout Expected As Show Nears Opening Date Set For Saturday Eve.

With the presentation of the Dram Soc production of *Bury the Dead*, at the Pauline Edwards Theatre, only five days away, the full cast, under the direction of Elliott Blum '37, president, is rehearsing feverishly every afternoon from 6 p.m. on, in the Townsend Harris Auditorium.

Gilbert Cohn '37, business manager of the production, predicts a complete sell-out because of the timeliness of a production like *Bury the Dead*. "Bury the Dead" will be the greatest production ever put on by the Dram Soc," he said. "It has behind it all the combined wisdom and experience of Elliott Blum, and will be the culminating success of his many Dram Soc achievements, as he graduates this term."

Tickets, which are twenty-five cents for the balcony, and thirty-five cents for the orchestra, are on sale at the House Plan and room five, Lunch Room Mezzanine. However, for those too lazy to climb the steps, arrangements have been made with Eleanor, the Lunch Room Cashier, so that she is selling Dram Soc tickets.

Public Speaking 22 has tentatively offered to produce a one act play as a curtain raiser to the main production.

Elliott Blum also announced that proposals for taking the last Dram Soc offering, *Don't Look Now* on a summer road tour of the Catskills are being considered.

College ROTC Classes Reviewed by Army Staff

The annual review of the college ROTC Corps took place Friday when officers from headquarters of the Second Corps Area visited classes in session. Colonel John P. Bubb and Major Catesby Jones were the inspectors.

'merc' Mediocre, Says Reviewer

Dull and Boring Features Are Hidden by Excellent Cover; Locke's Stuff Okay, Other Humor Below Par

By Arnold Lerner

With a very minor flourish of trumpets and only a faint roll of drums, the final, and certainly not the best issue of *mercury*, came out yesterday. The cover—undoubtedly the best piece of work in the magazine—proclaims that this is the Graduate issue.

Sam Locke's "Sherman Murder Trial" stands head and shoulders above any other humor in the mag. The trial concerns the harrowing details of the marriage of Mr. Sherman and his wife—a woman who is constantly saying "Ask the man who owns one," "Okie-Dokie," "Don't Never doooooo-oo-oo that," and "You nas-s-sty man," and other ingenious epigrams on that order. Mrs. Sherman was also fond of "I faw go down and go boom," another explanation for the verdict of justifiable homicide reached by the jury in this celebrated case.

All term long Sam has been troubled by the same problem, so painfully obvious in this final issue. Sam is the only man on the *merc* staff who knows how to write humor. The other contributors contributed, but it was only half-hearted stuff at best. Condolences for Mr. Locke, who has also, to his credit, dropped the *Campus* feud, which has always been a losing fight for him.

History Tutor Takes Year Reappointment

Henry L. Klein, history tutor at Brooklyn College, has accepted the Administrative Committee's offer of reappointment for one year, with no increment in salary, it was announced yesterday.

The Grievance Committee of the Teachers Union, however, stressed the fact that it does not consider the case closed. The union, which originally sought Klein's reappointment with "an appropriate increment," expects to bring the case before the entire Board of Higher Education in an attempt to secure for the tutor a salary increase as well as reappointment.

ASU Drawing This Thursday

Miss Loh Tsei Invited to Speak on the Problems Of Youth in China

The American Student Union will hold the drawing of their raffle contest this Thursday 12:30 p.m. in room 206. Miss Loh Tsei, Chinese youth leader, has been invited to address the gathering on "Youth Problems in China" according to Robert Gang '39 of the ASU executive committee. George Watt of the ASU district office has also been asked to speak to youth leaders here.

Miss Tsei, who is well known to youth leaders here, spoke at the strikes of the College Evening Session and Columbia University.

The date of drawing was postponed from last January 13. The raffle prize consists of six well-known books: *Law and the Social Order* by Professor Morris R. Cohen, Frederick Lundberg's *Imperial Heist*, *Personal History* by Vincent Sheehan, Gustave Meyers' *History of the Great American Fortunes*, and two copies of *War Our Heritage* by James Wechsler and Joseph Lash.

Group Urges Revision of Election Law

Dispute Results in Move To Permit Affiliates Of Class to Run

COUNCIL TO DECIDE AT SPECIAL MEETING

Dispute over a ruling of the Student Council Elections Committee resulted last Friday in a move to legalize the candidacies of students affiliated with a given class but not registered with the Recorder as a member of it.

A special meeting of the Council was ordered on motion of Joseph Janovsky '38, who proposed an amendment to the by-laws of the Council illegalizing the Election Committee's ruling.

The controversy arose when question was made of the eligibility of Solomon Chaikin '38 to contest the office of president of the Senior Class in the coming Council elections. Although not registered as a lower senior this term, Chaikin is affiliated with the class by virtue of his having entered the College in February, 1934.

Postponement Urged

Since a change in the by-laws must be submitted one week before it can be considered, Janovsky's proposal provides for a postponement of elections to the last Wednesday in May (or December in the Fall term) so that ample time may be given to print ballots and arrange for all details. The period for submitting nominations has likewise been extended to May 19, Elmer Frey '37, head of the elections committee, announced yesterday, to prevent any emergency that may arise if the changes in the by-laws are passed by the Council.

Another change in the by-laws making it necessary for nominees running for Student Council offices to run as representatives of their registered class only was proposed by Lawrence Martz '40.

Opposition Strong

The opposition to the Student Union Party in the '38 class has been especially strong. Irving Shapiro has added his name as an Independent to the class presidential race. His opponents are Hobart Rosenberg, ASU nominee, and Chaikin, another independent.

David Kramer will run as an Independent for the position of vice-president opposing Irving Anderman, who is running on the SU ticket.

In the '41 class, an almost complete party ticket has been organized. Opposition slates have been formed in the '37 and '40 classes.

College Moonlight Sail To Be Held on June 13

Kay Parsons and her show-boat review are the latest entertainment addition for the all-College moonlight sail, to be held on Sunday evening, June 13, aboard the steamer *Bear Mountain*.

The boat ride, which will come two days after the end of examination week, will be the first all-College function in more than three years. The Student Council, the House Plan, and all classes are sponsoring the sail.

Tickets, which sell for sixty-nine cents with class cards, and seventy-nine cents to non-class members, are on sale in the alcoves and in room 5 in the Mezzanine.

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Hertz '91 Leads London Rites

Pre-Coronation Ceremony Presided Over by College Grad, British Rabbi Who Was Teacher in Africa

The College made the Coronation yesterday when the Very Reverend Joseph H. Hertz '91, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Empire, presided over a pre-Coronation service at Aldgate last Sunday. The office of the Chief Rabbi has also issued a special prayer which is to be used throughout the British Empire tomorrow.

'37 'Microcosm' to Appear Tuesday, Kahn Announces

The 1937 *Microcosm* will appear next Tuesday, May 18, Editor Gilbert R. Kahn announced yesterday. It will be distributed in room 11 mezzanine any day after 12 noon on presentation of a paid subscription receipt or \$3.50 in cash.

This senior annual will be unusual, Kahn declared, "insofar as it will be out on time." For the first time the book will have sections devoted to the Tech School and to candid camera snapshots. "All in all," Kahn stated, "this issue of the annual is the best in years."

Film Club to Present 'Quiet on Western Front'

Two sound films, *All Quiet On the Western Front* and *Man from Aran* will be presented this Friday night at 8:15 p.m. in the Pauline Edwards Theatre, Commerce Center. The presentation is the last in a series sponsored by the Film and Sprockets Society.

This will be the first time that sound films have ever been shown by any group at the Pauline Edwards Theatre. Tickets, which are priced at thirty-five cents, are now on sale at the Art Department.

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HYSTERIA IS MADE AT NIGHT

When serious charges have been leveled at *The Campus*, they have been considered and treated with the seriousness they deserve. When our critics, however, descend to malicious defamation of our person, when hooting and name-calling become the ammunition of attack, our editorial dignity stands reasonably to become just a wee bit riled.

Yesterday's leaflet by Avukah charges that *The Campus* has manufactured the epithets hurled at it by the writer in the *Avukah Bulletin*, publication of the American Student Zionist Federation.

We quote from the lead article, "They Can't Get Away With It," published in the current issue of the student Zionist magazine.

"The not overcautious campus of the College of the City of New York has recently been ruffled by a new rumpus. This time the row was not started by President Robinson's upraised but unopened umbrella. Nor did the uproar come from a flurry of red-baiting. For the nonce, it was the very victims of reactionary prejudice who turned bigot. A group of Jewish anti-Jewish radical students who themselves not so long ago had been subjected to persecution chose to try their own hand at the game of die-hard discrimination.

"CCNY happens to be a college with a 75% Jewish student body. It is therefore not remarkable that the prospect of a lecture on the Jewish situation on Eastern Europe should rouse unusual interest on the campus. The proposed talk promised to be an unusual draw because the speaker was Dr. Marvin Lowenthal, author of 'Jews in Germany,' 'A World Passed By,' 'The Autobiography of Michael de Montaigne,' etc. But inasmuch as the meeting was sponsored by the *Avukah-Menorah* who are notoriously not properly class-angled, the Jewish Communist editors of *The Campus* (student organ at CCNY) determined on a little game of sabotage. They decided on behalf of the Jewish undergraduate that a lecture on the perilous situation of 5,000,000 Jews in Eastern Europe was 'of no interest,' and promptly omitted from *Campus* columns all notice of the gathering. However, these Tammany tactics did not altogether work out. For the moment the omission of the Lowenthal meeting occurred, things began to hum. Avukah members distributed circulars protesting the anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish censorship. Students responded to the protest by turning out in crowds. And the *Campus* editors were placed on the spot." (Italics are ours throughout)

After accusing *The Campus* of deliberate misquotation, yesterday's leaflet does itself nobly when it quotes us as making the charge that Avukah is "reactionary." Avukah manufactures charges against itself, attributes them to *The Campus*, and trusts thus to gain the confidence of the student body.

Our attitude towards Avukah, stated editorially in our last issue, is simply:

(1) By attacking the "Jewish Communist" editors of this paper, Avukah is modelling its abuse on the pattern set by Adolf Hitler.

(2) Avukah's calumnies on our integrity might with less puerility and more good, be directed towards exposing the vicious attacks on minority groups, Jewish, Negro and Communist, that are being strewn on the College campus with the aid and encouragement of local

ROTC officialdom.

The Campus does not deny or ignore Avukah's past support of the progressive crusades conducted on this campus. Precisely because of it, we see no other course than to condemn Avukah for its barrel-barrage at this paper. By degenerating as it has to gutter-talk and vituperation, Avukah is not only vitiating the fight against reaction, it is, rather, lending active aid and comfort to the reactionary influences that are plotting the destruction of civilization's gains.

The dark-hour hysteria that gave birth to the They-Can't-Get-Away-With-It rally cry of the national bulletin, and yesterday's disingenuous "Exhibit B" leaflet is fuel for the bon-fire of reactionary stalwarts.

Publicity apparently still its primary motive, Avukah would continue its insincere feud with *The Campus* ad infinitum. *The Campus* much prefers to rest its case with the student body and with the Student Council committee commissioned to judge the merits of the controversy.

SNOOP AND PEEP

From the realms of the egregious Dr. Arthur Frank Payne's psychological "dream world" comes a supernatural whisper of rattling skeletons, clanking chains, sliding panels and furtive glances over-the-shoulder.

The completely scrupulous and ethical Dr. Payne, who has admitted plagiarism of psychological tests and is under fire for unethical and unprofessional conduct, has gone into a trance and come out with the astounding revelation that Mr. Martin W. Schaul has been peeping over the shoulders of his secretaries.

Dr. Payne, of course, finds this as "obnoxious" as those as those communists he finds lurking under his bed every night. Consequently he has written Mr. Schaul, whom he has recently attempted to fire because of his organizational work in the Personnel Bureau, asking that he "discontinue such ungentlemanly and unethical conduct in my office."

That Mr. Schaul has never been in Dr. Payne's office except for interviews with him does not concern this colleague of the Yogi Alphas. Mr. Schaul further denies having read any material that Dr. Payne's secretaries were reading.

Under the circumstances, the alleged charges of Mrs. Cannon and Miss Gallo appear to be ridiculous fabrications, inspired by the aegis of Dr. Payne's apocalyptic revelation.

But the gentleman who seems to be doing all the high-class espionage is Dr. Payne himself, who proudly boasted recently that he had hired a private detective to shadow the "communist" who was responsible for the publicizing of his unprofessional activities.

Of more significance is the report of the Teachers Union which declares that Mr. Schaul is "one of the most competent men on the staff, a professional leader and creative clinician in the field of personnel work and guidance."

In fact, Dr. Payne himself once took occasion to send one of Mr. Schaul's research studies to President Robinson to indicate the type of work his men do. What has Dr. Payne to say to this?

It is safe to say that the good doctor will sit tight-lipped on this matter, but continue gumshoeing around, magnifying glass in one hand, double-peaked hat on head, and pipe puffing away beautiful pipe dreams of triple alliances, communists under his bed and Schauls glancing over his shoulder.

The love-bug will get him if he don't watch out.

RECOMMENDED

Employment—Are you haunted by the spectre of Summer Jobs? Then see Al Rose, in room 6A, any day. All work and no play makes jack, or position is everything in life.

Apollo—Harlem's favorite maestro, Willie Bryant, the Three Blue Jackets, and Willa Mae Lane combine in a swell revue at the 125th Street Apollo. Haste makes waste, but you'd better hurry.

Premiere—Be it ever so humble there's no place like home, Philip Nolan, hero of Everett Hale's novel, discovered. *The Man Without A Country* has been translated into music by Arthur Guiterman '91 and Dr. Walter Damrosch. The opera will be presented for the first time tomorrow night at the Metropolitan.

CLASSES

Concerning '37, '38, '39, '40, and '41

Comes the close of the semester and the classes become moribund. All those swell dances, theatre parties and class council meetings are called off. However, some spark still remains.

'37 CLASS

The end is near. Graduation is less than a month away. Seniors are going around tearing their hair in an attempt to pay their senior dues.

Preparations are now being made for the Commencement Exercise, Numeral Lights and all the other senior activities.

The senior's whims, hobbies and hopes were recorded in the poll conducted by *mercury*. Some weird and startling choices were voiced.

Harris '37 held a dinner last week and had Dean Gottschall, Recorder Ackley and some Hunter girls as guests.

'38 CLASS

During the past semester the '38 class council has been a champion of academic freedom and student rights. The council has protested the use of a military color guard at Charter Day, and it supported the strike wholeheartedly.

The class held a hike during the Easter vacation period and it is reported to have been a success. Under the editorship of Sol Kunis, a "paper" called the "Jester" was put out.

Bernie Rothenberg, president of the class, spoke at a meeting of the Parents Association on "Parent-Student Cooperation."

'39 CLASS

They're still talking about that dance. Over seventy dollars profit was made according to Harold Roth, chairman of the affair. Congratulations Harry! Mr. Arm is already talking about and planning the Junior prom. He has the most extravagant and ambitious ideas concerning that affair.

The class is going to hold a theatre party next Friday to *Power*.

Rumor has it that the Dean '39 boys are trying to run the class. The ASU opposition slate will consist mainly of members of that House.

Gossip with a capital G—We saw Mark Jacobowitz and Hennie Brown in front of the line at the Eltinge as they opened for a few hours the night of May 1. They were the first ones to enter.

'40 CLASS

The dance run jointly with the '41 class was certainly a social success. Financially? Well they broke out even. However, the

CORRESPONDENCE

Two Letters Concerning Avukah Incidents; Menorah Raises Its Voice, Too

To the Editor:

The Menorah Society, as a part of the Menorah Avukah Conference, has been subjected to unwanted and uncalled for attention.

The Menorah Society has no part in the publication or distribution of the Avukah Bulletin. Furthermore, the Avukah Bulletin is not a publication of the Menorah-Avukah Conference and therefore does not represent the opinion of the Conference.

We would appreciate your cooperation in clearing up this error.

Sincerely,
Milton H. Salit
President, Menorah Society

To the Editor:

Your news item and editorial about the *Avukah Bulletin* article only serve to give us more reason to believe that the charges of censorship, of discrimination, and of not fulfilling your function as an undergraduate newspaper are justified.

The author of the *Avukah Bulletin* article reviewed our grievances against *The Campus* and claimed that the Lowenthal incident was evidence of the inferiority feeling of the Jewish Communists who "attempt to run away from themselves and to blot out of their minds all thought of their origin . . ." and who are afraid to meet the Jewish issue squarely.

Branded Reactionary

He says of the Jewish Communists that "when their own equalitarian dialectic is applied to the vexing Jewish question they jump as if a rattlesnake had bitten

class treasury has forty dollars on the black side.

The '40 *Sundial*, edited by Max Lehrer, is the only class paper that has appeared regularly.

By the way what ever happened to that dance that was supposed to be run jointly with the Hunter sophomore class? Another lost item is those dancing classes.

'41 CLASS

The freshman class has been unusually happy the past two weeks. The reason—chapel has been called off for the remainder of the semester.

Besides the dance, the frosh ran with the '40 class, a mimeographed paper—*The Forge*—was put out by Jack Matcha, editor.

Bill

them and hurriedly trot out the red-baiting bogey, brauding as reactionaries all those who, far from submitting to escapist hysteria, seek to cure the ill-health of the Jewish people by restoring it to the normal cultural and economic soundness of every other people under the sun . . ."

That is just what the *Campus* editor did! Instead of arguing the point, instead of expressing your disagreement with the article and giving reasons, you brought out your charges of "red-baiting" and "reactionary."

First to Boycott

Friday's issue of *The Campus* (the same one which lists us in a class with Hitler) announces that Avukah was the only club in the College to officially boycott Charter Day exercises because of the R O T C color guard. Past issues of your paper will tell you that we are always in the lead for united student action for peace, abolition of R O T C in the ASU, and for aid to Spain. Still you accuse us of not forging "the progress of the student body," and of "ignoring the crusade for minority rights," and of not fighting reaction. If you will look into the *Avukah Bulletin* (the same issue which is the basis for your editorial) you will find that Avukah attacks negro discrimination, endorses peace action, attacks reaction, and calls for Arab-Jewish unity.

After your blurring of issues, distortion of faith, and unjust accusations, can you, or any member of the student body, wonder why we claim that you are not completely fulfilling your function as an undergraduate paper?

United student progressive action at the present time is essential. Disunity in student ranks is dangerous. We suggest a clarification before the Student Council Committee appointed to investigate *The Campus*.

Yours truly
Alfred Kahn
President, Avukah Chapter

P.S. If you find yourself unable to print this entire letter, do not publish it at all.
Thank you!

OFF THE RECORD

Victor's 'Book of The Opera' Appears

The new *Victor Book of the Opera* is not only a beautiful volume, but it is also a very handy guide to opera scenarios and recordings. That is not to say, however, that it takes the place of either a libretto and/or score, although it would certainly be of more value to a novice than either. It is a simple and attractive survey of opera as it is produced in America, and the book is heartily recommended to all who desire to initiate themselves into the pleasures of song.

As for the Masterpiece Albums this month, Edwin Fischer gives a superb performance of Bach's Preludes and Fugues Nos. 35 through 43 (M-334). The recording is excellent, the tone is extraordinarily faithful, and the interpretations authentic. Unfortunately, the Kreisler String Quartet chose to record Kreisler's own *Quartet in A Minor* (M-335), which is not a quartet but which is in A minor. A reworking of Kreisler's previous Viennese compositions, the opus might serve as pleasant conversation music. It is to be hoped that this really fine quartet will choose something of more significance for their next offering. Finally let it be noted that Lily Laskine adds to her international reputation with her interpretation of Faure's *Impromptu for Harp* (12005) on a recording that merits Victor's Red Seal Label.

The Benny Goodman Quartet has done breath-taking jobs of *Ida!* (25531), *Stompin' at the Savoy* and *Vibraphone Blues* (25521), *Runnin' Wild* and *Tea for Two* (25529). Goodman, Wilson, Krupa, and Hampton are astonishing, and all of these discs should be heard. Lionel Hampton and a darn good orchestra are entirely danceable in *My Last Affair* and *The Mood That I'm in* (25527), and Cab Calloway is a little less than his usual self in *Lady with a Fan* and *Father's Got His Glasses on* (B-6819).

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Sport Sparks

A.A. System Notoriously Bad; What to do about it?

By Melvin J. Lasky

Believe it or not Friday's 6-5 thriller against NYU was the best non-professional ball game I have ever seen. The game had everything sparkle, pep, excitement everything in short that gives baseball its exactly eighty-eight paid admissions, herded into the Stadium with about one hundred fifty other souls who had begged, borrowed or stolen either an A.A. book or an Annie Oakley. The remaining 7762 College students stayed home and read *The Times*.

No it is easy to say that such an atrocious attendance at the biggest game of the baseball season is "only natural" and mutter something about City College students not being interested in athletics but you will only be talking nonsense. I know of no large group of normally healthy young males in which a considerable portion is not very vitally interested in sports, and the fact that over 1000 students have turned out for intramural activities proves that this school is no exception. Well, then, what's the answer?

For as far back as I can remember, athletics in the College has been struggling under a system of A.A. books which is almost fiendishly inefficient. You slap down a buck at the beginning of each term, get a pretty little book whose pages flip with an authoritative sound and you are an A.A. member, which honor allows you to vote in A.A. elections, attend basketball and football games at half price, and spring games including baseball, for nothing. This system is a beautiful one theoretically, but it has increasingly failed either to win popularity among the student body or to bring shekels into the A.A. coffers.

Joe Student finds a one dollar athletic book a bit too steep, especially at the beginning of the term when lab, book and library fees are flying thick and fast. At the present time, out of a student body of 8,000 there are just 400 A.A. members of whom about 132 are officers in the ROTC, since membership for Mill Sci officers is compulsory. This incidentally enables the ROTC to control the present A.A. elections rather neatly.

That in brief is the rather malodorous situation. The answer should not cause great minds to go sleepless. Very simply it lies in the placing of a small compulsory athletic fee, say twenty-five cents, on all students at the beginning of each term, this fee to entitle the student to exactly the same privileges which that rare beast, the owner of an A.A. book, enjoys.

It should not take an intellect to discover the advantages to everybody that a twenty-five cent fee would entail. Firstly, the large mass of the student body will have a chance to watch alma maters representatives perform. Secondly, the two thousand dollars which a compulsory fee would bring into the A.A. office, would provide a sum over four times as large as the miserable stipend which Professor Williamson is compelled to juggle with at the present time and lastly, the fee system would end the retail traffic in A.A. books before every big game.

Although everyone interested in the whole business is in favor of some reform along the aforementioned lines there seems to be one important obstacle in the way. There is an ordinance in the charter of the College, that prohibits compulsory fees for any activity of this kind. And so until ways and means of either amending or circumventing this pesky ordinance are found, one of the most colorful College baseball teams in history, will have to amuse overflow audiences of 88.

The Campus Sports

NEW YORK, N. Y., TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1937

Beavers Beat NYU, 6-5; Bow To Brooklyn

Johnny Morris Strikes Out Ten in Violet Contest; Lose to Kingsmen

By Melvin J. Lasky

Confronted by week-end engagements with league-leading NYU and league-leading Brooklyn College, our amazing baseball Beavers, with about as much sense of direction as a batch of firecrackers, ambitiously went off in several directions at once. And so what have we the morning after the two afternoons before?—a stunning victory over the Violets, a startling defeat by the Kingsmen, and another ball-game tomorrow afternoon in Lewisohn Stadium with the men of Brooklyn, which may send our heroes down to the bottom of the Metropolitan League standings.

All of which leaves the College nine just about where it started. With six triumphs, a half-dozen defeats and one tie behind them, the Beavers may well call it half a season and start all over again from scratch. After Saturday's fiasco, somewhere in a sequestered corner of the Dodger asylum called Manhattan beach, where the Kingsmen bounced the Beavers, 7-6, the NYU contest of the day before seemed like a mid-summer afternoon's dream. For the second time in a month, Johnny Morris, single-armed, stopped the Violets, 6-5. The College, then, had its long-remembered winning streak of the year, three consecutive victories, and a golden opportunity of stretching it to an odd five at the expense of their Brooklyn brethren. But alas! it was not to be.

Trailing 6-2 in the seventh and final inning with two out, the St. Nicks awoke with a start, when six regulars made their belated entrance (they said, the car broke down), and rammed across four runs to tie the score. Not to be outdone, the Kingsmen came right back in their half, and with two out started their rally. Who knows whether they would have scored four. But all they needed was one; and so the ball game was over. Morris, who has been putting in about an eighty-nine hour week, was working on the mound when the winning run crossed the plate.

But Johnny was superb on Friday, as the College registered its second diamond victory over the Violets in ten years, and, for the first time in the traditional rivalry—or since 1896,—scored a double-victory over the Heights representatives in one season. Erratic but brilliant, the College's right-handed ace had the opposition baffled with his rare underhand delivery throughout the contest: he left fourteen NYU runners stranded and wound up the game by fanning the last two batsmen—two of ten—with the tying run on second base.

Three times the Beavers came from behind—and it was Dave Novak's big bat that did the proddings: his double and two singles accounted for two runs. Dave's efforts coupled with some highly commendable work, a-bat and a-field, by Al Soupios, were all that Johnny Morris needed to turn the trick that definitely sets the seal of success upon the '37 season, come what may in the remaining games.

Jayvee Nine Defeated By James Monroe, 6-3

A first inning attack, in which an alert James Monroe High School nine tallied three runs on three hits and two errors, sent the College jayvee baseballers down to their second defeat of the season by a score of 6-3, in Lewisohn Stadium Saturday morning.

All three of the Lavender runs were scored on steals. Hy Friedman made his dash for the plate in the fourth inning, while Pat Brescia and "Sal" Salomon scored on two successive wild pitches in the sixth. Monroe made single tallies in the second, fifth, and seventh frames.

ACTION IN FRIDAY'S NYU GAME



Photo by Abner Ginsberg

AL SOUPIO, LAVENDER FIRST BASEMAN, STRETCHING FOR THROW AS VIOLET RUNNER REACHES INITIAL SACK SAFELY

SPORT SLANTS

WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins can go ahead with Project IB16834C... good old IB happens to be the ramp behind left field and it has the approval of Les Rosenblum... While chasing Swede Terjesen's hefty clout the skeptical guy paused to test the durability of IB with his head... P.S. the ramp is harder.

Pity Coach McCarthy of NYU... the fellow intending to save Ted Atkinson for service against Princeton, started a second string hurler, 'Mike' Kaschata... Kaschata was yanked in the sixth, but the damage had been done, and Atkinson worked in vain... Later he ordered Goldstein to be walked. In order to get at 'Twin' Weintraub... but the Twin crossed him up with a long single to centerfield that drove in two runs... Sy Scheidman ought to be on the base-

ball team... he attends practices more regularly than some of the varsity boys such as A-S-p-o-s or J-r-y H-r-e... The current Varsity Club dinner will have the largest turnout yet according to Si Wittenberg... Any upper soph who gets the urge, these fine Spring days, to get out and shout is invited to try out for the cheering squad... no experience necessary... those interested should leave their name, address, and locker number in Locker B828 Hygiene...

Six baseball regulars started out for the Brooklyn game at Manhattan Beach in Johnny Morris' venerable Buick... the buggy broke down and the boys came in to the field at about the sixth inning... Moral! Never put all your eggs in one basket, especially a bunch of eggs like those on the baseball team...

Track

Overwhelmed in both field and track events, the College track squad lost its first dual meet last Saturday to a strong Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute team. This was the first time in four years that the Beavers were beaten by the Engineers, the upstate men performing the trick by a 89-37 score.

The College could gain but four first places against the Trojans team. Leo Silverblatt was high scorer for the Beavers with six points.

Profiles

Introducing Al 'Soupy' Soupios... full name Alfred Valentine Soupios... Lanky, loquacious first baseman of the Spaniermen... Vital statistics: height, 6 feet 2; weight, 180 pounds; 20 years old... One of those Horatio Algerish heroes... made the varsity the first time he went out for it... went to night school while holding down a job in a fashionable men's clothing store... but still wears lavender shirt, orange tie, and greenish blue socks a la rainbow... Modestly calls himself the Greek adonis and invites everyone to admire his handsome Grecian profile...

The capitalist intends to spend the summer at Camp Copake, snooty adult camp... and do bus-work on the side... Never lets an umpire get the last word... Has received several offers from Hitler to supply the gas for the new German dirigible...

INTRAMURAL CONTEST PLANNED FOR FACULTY

As if the most successful intramural tournament in years is not enough, plans are being drawn up for an athletic competition among members of the teaching staff of the College.

For the more sedentary members there will be clock golf, shuffle-board, or horse-shoes, while the more energetic will be able to participate in handball, softball, badminton, or basketball. Group sports such as softball and basketball would be played on strictly departmental lines.

All that is necessary to put these tentative hopes into action is the response of the staff to the plan. Therefore the faculty is asked to leave its suggestions in the intramural letterbox in the Athletic Association office in the Hygiene building.

The mammoth foul-shooting contest which has been pending for the last few weeks, has finally come to life and will be run off this Thursday afternoon. On the same program will be the set and target shooting contests. The rifle meet will also come off.

This and Data (Ed. Note: What, you here again?): Baseball result: Shep '40 defeated Simms '39 in an intramural basketball encounter, 9-0... An extramural basketball game with Brooklyn College is listed for this Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Main Gym... Here's a plug for Jack Nelson and Joe Ungeleider for a good refereeing job of the Violet extramural game with Team O... And another, even if it is a bit tardy to Bernie Moscovitz for his expert handling of the managerial reins for the various tournaments...

The frosh baseball team has had the biggest turnout of candidates in years, an even twenty coming out.

Lacrosse Team Loses To Stevens Tech, 10-6

For the fifth time this season, the College lacrosse team came in second best as Stevens Tech's stickmen scored a 10-6 victory in a game played in Hoboken last Saturday.

With Perry Kent, Beaver co-captain, again in action and scoring once, the St. Nick's were at full strength after having various regulars out with injuries since the Rutgers game a month ago. George Leuchner continued as high-scorer for the Lavender Indians with three goals. The Beaver total was completed by Flash Raskin and Carl Weinberger who each tallied once.

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More than six hundred members of the faculty, students, and their guests attended the House Plan's Charter Day Ball at Mecca Temple Casino last Friday evening.

Undergraduates and members of the staff also represented the Commerce Center, Hunter College and Brooklyn College at the first social function ever participated in by students of all branches of the College of the City of New York.

Music for dancing was furnished by Freddie Berrens and his radio orchestra. Students from Brooklyn College rendered several of Puccini's works and *Glory Road*.

Later in the evening, an impromptu song-fest, led by members of the Dramatic Society, featured songs from *Don't Look Now*. A section of the Varsity Show beef-trust also entertained.

Among the notables present were Dean Morton Gottschall, Mortimer Karpp '30, recently retired director of the House Plan, Frank Davidson, director of *Don't Look Now*, J. Bailey Harvey, adviser to the '38 class, and Dr. William Cough, director of the Theatre Workshop, Professor Walter Williamson, faculty manager of athletics, and James Peace, director of intramurals.

Detwiler to Speak on Aspects of Embryology

Professor Samuel Randall Detwiler, head of the Department of Anatomy at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, will speak before the Caduceus Society in room 315 at 12:30 p.m. Thursday on "Some Aspects of Experimental Embryology." He will illustrate his talk with a motion picture and lantern slides on recent researches in that field.

One of the world's foremost authorities on experimental embryology, particularly relating to the nervous system, Professor Detwiler was formerly assistant professor of Zoology at Harvard University and instructor of anatomy at Yale.

During the war Professor Detwiler served as a physiologist (civilian basis) in the United States Chemical Warfare Service. He is a member of, among others, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the National Academy of Sciences.

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Announcements

The Cadet Club will take a limited number of members on a bus trip to West Point. Complete details of the outing have not yet been formulated.

Inducted into the Delta Beta Phi fraternity Friday night were Edward Albat, Arthur Sillsdorf and Mervin Zwerling at a meeting in conjunction with the Alumni Smoker at the twenty-third Street "Y." New officers for the fraternity are Steven Pereira, Vice Delta, George Staff, Treasurer, and Frederick Hoch, Secretary. The structure and the purpose of the courses in dramatics given by the Public Speaking Department will be discussed by Mr. Kleinfeld before the Theatre Workshop on Thursday at 1 p.m. in room 312.

Distinguished speaker at the Literary Workshop Thursday will be Kimball Flaccus, well-known poet and authority on Irish literature, at 12:30 p.m. in room 220. Professor Samuel Randall Detwiler, head of the Anatomy Department of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, will give "Some Aspects of Experimental Embryology" at the Caduceus Society's meeting Thursday, at 12:30 p.m. in room 315.

Father Alfred Steffins, of St. John the Evangelist Church, will present the famous Eastman moving pictures on "The Mass" before the Newman Club Thursday at 1 p.m. in room 104 Tech.

The Physical Education Society held a general reorganization meeting last night and heard a talk on "Camping" by Mark Cohen. This group meets every Monday night in the staff room

of the Hygiene Building... a representative from a prominent electrical company will address the Radio Club Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in room 11.

Mr. H. H. Goldsmith, who recently received Sigma Xi at Columbia and presented a paper on "Neutrons" at the Washington meeting of the American Physics Society, will address a joint meeting of the Baskerville Chemical Society and the Physics Society Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room 105. The latter organization will accept applications for next term's membership.

The Deutscher Verein will present Dr. A. Kronenberg, on Thursday, speaking on "How the Knowledge of Foreign Languages Aided me in my Travels and Studies in European Countries." At 12:15 p.m. in room 308. Mr. Bryan Heald, prominent in the student peace movement in England and one time secretary of the East Anglia Peace Council, will speak to the History Society Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room 126. "Educating the Children of Trade-Unionists" is the topic of Walter Ludwig, executive director of Pioneer Youth of America, for his speech before the Education Club Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in room 302. An officer of the Air Corps addresses the Officers' Club Thursday on "Flying Cadets" at 12:45 p.m. in the Armory.

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May 'merc' Mediocre, 'Campus' Reviewer Says

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5) Such is the power of the press that once more it is here—and just about as bad as usual. How long this column will continue to drag the merc's reputation into the ground, I cannot say. Mercifully, it contains no signature this time.

"Professorial Piffle" and "Your Grade, Professor!" continue in their usual interesting and entertaining manners. These two standbys are certainly the most consistently good features of this term's mercury.

Physics and Chem Clubs To Hear Neutron Speech

Mr. H. H. Goldsmith of the College Physics Department will address a joint meeting of the Baskerville Chemical and Physics Society this Thursday in room 105 of the Main Building at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Goldsmith's topic will be "Neutrons and the Nucleus."

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