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Cafeteria Committee Asks Power Defined

Faculty Group Has Power to Bargain, States Eisner

The Luncheon Committee is asking the Board of Higher Education to define the committee's power in relation to collective bargaining with the members of the newly-formed cafeteria workers union at the College, Professor Joseph A. Babor announced yesterday. The Committee, the members of which are Professors William Browne, George Autenreith, Howard Bohlin and Babor, last week declined to take any action on the demands submitted by the union.

Conferences Held

Mr. David Feyer, attorney for the union and Mr. Maurice Deiches have been holding conferences during the past week in an effort to determine who has authority to bargain with the union. According to Feyer, the Board has jurisdiction. Mr. Deiches declared, however, that the Board has not the power now, but that he will insist that it assume jurisdiction and let Mr. Joseph Schlossberg, a member of the Board and an experienced labor mediator, consider the union's demands. Mr. Mark Eisner, acting chairman of the Board, said last week that control rested with the Luncheon Committee.

Salaries

The salaries of the men workers now range from twenty to thirty-five dollars and meals weekly, and for women fourteen to twenty-five dollars and meals weekly, according to Mrs. Kamholtz, dietician in charge of the luncheon. The men work fifty hours while the women work from twenty-five to fifty hours. The woman earning the smallest salary, fourteen dollars, is paid that because of the nature of her work, which, according to Mrs. Kamholtz, is very light.

The Student Council on Friday passed resolutions "supporting the efforts of the luncheon workers to bargain collectively," "urging recognition of the union" and "empowering the executive committee to request students not to eat in the luncheon if the situation warrants it."

Launch Free Books Drive

A simultaneous drive for free books was opened in the three city colleges this week with the circulation of petitions to the Board of Higher Education.

These petitions urge free books on the basis of the intentions of the Free Academy as stated in the *United States Magazine* of 1853, namely, "to be in every respect absolutely free. There is no charge of any kind. All the supplies are furnished by the institution—lexicons and textbooks. . . ."

To Get 10,000 Names

The petition, which will be submitted to the board when 10,000 signatures have been secured, states further that the "purchase of books and other expenses serve to exclude the poorer students, and to create economic and scholastic hardships on an already economically overburdened student body."

A booth was set up in the luncheon yesterday to facilitate the gathering of signatures to the petition.

The attitude of students towards free books would also show their attitude towards the much discussed \$75 tuition fee, it was said.

The present free book campaign marks the first concerted effort of students at the city colleges to obtain free books. An Intercollegiate Free Book Committee has been set up to coordinate the campaigns at Brooklyn, Hunter and the College.

Casino Closes, Throws Awry Prom Plans

The French Casino, projected site of this semester's Senior Prom, closed unexpectedly Sunday night as a result of "the business recession that has hit night clubs during recent weeks."

This announcement immediately sent the members of the class council scouring the city in search of a substitute location for the evening of December 10.

"All those who have bought pledges need not worry about the money they have invested. A prom definitely will be held this semester, the accommodations for which will approximate those of the Casino," Hobart Rosenberg, president of the senior class, declared yesterday.

Substitute Affair

The class council will meet this afternoon at 1 p. m. in the *Microcosm* office, room 11 mezzanine, to discuss plans for a substitute affair. All class members have been invited by the council to attend if they have constructive suggestions to offer.

Casino to Aid

The French Casino management has offered to aid the seniors in securing a suitable location for their affair.

Many seniors, though disappointed at the sudden turn of events, expressed a willingness to accept any plan which the council might adopt. "Other things being equal," they concluded, "one night club's as good as another."

NYA Club Given Charter By SC

The Students Council, acting on the motion of Emanuel L. Bloch '40, unanimously granted a charter to the NYA Club at its meeting Friday.

Bloch, chairman of the committee which drew up the charter, is also NYA director of the SC provisional committee for the ASU. The SC also passed a motion tentatively endorsing the NYA Club's as yet undesignated delegate to the Washington Conference on December 3. The SC endorsed this meeting, to which delegates from every club will be invited.

Jean Horis, speaking for the AYC, said that the entire NYA job program may be cancelled and that support of the December 3 pilgrimage is essential.

The charter includes as its aims insurance of appointments to all students desiring NYA jobs, passage of the AYA and adequate compensation for students working on NYA.

Carnival Issue of 'Merc' Fair

Latest Edition Mixes Poor Humor Plus Swell Satire

By Richard Stoller

The House Plan Carnival issue of *Mercury* sort of sneaked out of the Merc alcove last Friday, and, sorry to say, it might have stayed there with no loss to anybody. Not comprised of the usual fairly high level of gags, this fugitive from the den of the sex-starved boys falls as flat as Sunday's champagne. Instead of lifting the best quips and jests and wretched smiles from their seemingly inexhaustible supply of humor magazines of the pre-war era, they presume to pull the Godforsaken, forlorn mess of humor. What might have been turned into a

SC Supports Union Effort In Cafeteria

Provides for Boycott Call if Situation Warrants It

A Student Council resolution supporting the luncheon workers in their attempt to achieve union recognition and giving the executive committee the power to call a boycott of the luncheon "should the situation warrant such action," was passed last Friday.

The resolution, introduced by Bernard S. Rothenberg '38, reads as follows:

Resolved: "That the Student Council supports the efforts of the luncheon workers to bargain collectively, and further urges the recognition of the union to which the workers are one hundred per cent organized."

"That the Council further empowers its executive committee to request students not to eat in the luncheon should the situation warrant such action."

New Council Powers

Four by-laws defining and requesting new powers for the council, which will be presented to the Board of Higher Education at its next meeting were outlined. The council requests disciplinary powers over organizations under its jurisdiction. It asks the power to deny a charter to any group whose principles or activities are based in whole or in part on racial or religious intolerance. The privilege of attending meetings of the Board of Higher Education and being allowed to participate in the selection of College presidents, was also asked. The council further asked to be subjected to the jurisdiction of the College Administrative Committee of the board.

It was voted to endorse tentatively the representative of the NYA club to the AYC National Council, which will meet in Washington, December 6. The AYC Convention will be held at the College the last week-end in January.

Anti-Semitic Slogans Plastered on Walls

Stickers bearing the slogans "Perish Jewry," "God," "Duty" and "Vigilance" were found on bannisters and doors of the Main Building late Friday afternoon. At the same time, chalked swastikas were noticed on the walls and locker rooms of the Townsend Harris Building.

No evidence concerning those responsible for the acts has been unearthed. When questioned, Patrick Finnegan, head of a unit of the American Guards which was denied permission to hold meetings within the College, denied any connection with these doings.

Board Seeks to End Tenure Of College Teaching Staffs

Library Gets Picket Threat

Union Attacks Use of Striking Bindery

A picket line may encircle the College library if Librarian Francis L. D. Goodrich continues to send work to the Dess & Tallan bindery of 217 East 144th Street where a strike has been on progress since November 11.

Louis Philip Danzig, shop chairman and spokesman for the strikers, affiliated with Local 25 of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, AFL, made this threat in an interview with *The Campus* last Friday. He had previously conferred with Dr. Goodrich in an unsuccessful effort to have the library to repair work transferred to a non-striking bindery.

When interviewed Dr. Goodrich stated that he had let out the contracts for the work several weeks before the strike had begun and that to cease sending repair work to Dess & Tallan would leave him open to suit. "The only thing that concerns me is the proper fulfillment of all qualifications in our agreement," concluded Dr. Goodrich.

The union maintains that the eight strikers constitute the full force of help who do the binding. Danzig also stated that since the union had won a labor election held in April at the Dess & Tallan plant, it represents a majority of the bindery's workers. The manager of the bindery in an interview with the *Campus* admitted that the union had won but characterized the election and the present strike as "unfair and an attempt by a minority to rule all."

HIKERS PLAN TRIP

To anyone who has the initiative to get out of bed on a cold December morning, the College Hiking Club extends an invitation to accompany them on their hike to Wanaque Plateau on Dec. 5. The hikers will meet at Chambers Street ferry at 8 a. m. The fare for the round trip is \$1.50.

Coronation Tops Program At Second House Dance

By Leopold Lippman

Shiant in shimmering white the Queen reigned supreme Saturday night over the festive bacchanale that was the second annual House Plan Carnival.

As Mis Shirley Yarfitz sat in state on her throne at the head of a transformed College gymnasium, her subjects abandoned all academic restraints. Participants and spectators, they overflowed from the main floor to the small gyms, where they were entertained by the Dram Soc and other house sections' concessions.

Dance Exhibition

Temporarily suspending the general dancing, two couples from the Savoy Ballroom trucked through an exhibition of the Lindy Hop.

Following the performance the lights were dimmed, a vari-colored spotlight was focused, and the pre-coronation procession advanced. With orchestral fanfares the queen-to-be and her cries passed up the aisle between the cheering spectators to the throne.

Hundreds of balloons and yards of streamers caused the ordinarily prosaic gymnasium to be transformed into a setting of lively splendor, and the cries of the barkers and the hucksters, resounding through the hall, further enhanced the atmosphere of a market fair.

All in all this issue of *Mercury* isn't so bad. Not if you have an evening to spend in some devil-may-care way, but it definitely isn't up to its usual standards.

'Campus' Will Test Candidates Today

The *Campus* candidates' examination will be given this afternoon at 4 p. m. in room 2, Main Building. No one will be eligible for appointment to the staff unless he takes today's test.

Candidates will be given two and a half hours in which to complete the test. The examination will contain short answer problems in addition to several essay questions. In order to pass the test, candidates will require a thorough knowledge of the personnel and leading news figures of the College, details of recent and current news items, the complete method of production of *The Campus*, and prominent sources of news. In addition, candidates will have to demonstrate ability to read proof accurately, write several varieties of headlines, and compose suitable news stories.

Flynn To Hear Tech Job Plan

Plans for a full-sized College employment agency, including subdivisions for each department in the school, will be laid before John T. Flynn, member of the Board of Higher Education, by a committee of faculty members and students of the School of Technology next week. Mr. Sidney Eisenberger and Mr. William J. Withrow of the Chemistry Department and four delegates of the Tech Council will protest the inadequacy of the \$4,500 appropriation for a College employment director now being considered by the Board.

Overtures to the other schools in the College are now being made to organize a mass movement predicated upon the impetus provided by the instructional staff and the students of the School of Technology and by the Alumni Association.

The necessity of an expanded employment service was outlined last Thursday at a joint meeting of the engineering societies.

N.Y. Tenure Law Under Legal Fire

Board Is Represented By Maurice Deiches In Court Suit

In a move which would endanger the positions of members of the teaching staffs of the city colleges, the Board of Higher Education filed suit in the State Supreme Court to do away with the tenure rights of city college teachers, embodied in the State Tenure Law, last Friday. In the suit, the board is being represented by Arthur B. Hoff of the Corporation Counsel's office and Maurice Deiches of the board, while the Teachers Union is being represented by Osmond K. Fraenkel for the defense of tenure and the reinstatement of Dr. Miriam Becker of Hunter College.

Board's Contentions

The board contends that: 1) the Tenure Law is unconstitutional because a) it incorporates substantive rights by reference, b) it does not provide for written examinations as a method of determining fitness and c) it limits the power of the board as defined by the by-laws; and 2) no tutor can have tenure at the city colleges, whether or not the law is constitutional because a) according to the board's by-laws, a tutorship is a probationary position, reappointment to which is made only under exceptional circumstances.

The Teachers Union has launched a drive for a defense fund of \$2,000, contributions to which should be sent to Mr. Samuel Stewart, treasurer, Joint Tenure Defense Committee, the City College. The College ISA and the Brooklyn College Evening Session ISA have already sent official representatives to the joint Committee meeting to formulate plans for a vigorous campaign to fight the board's suit.

Probationary Position

The board further contends that "the position of tutor is described in the by-laws of the board as a probationary position. The by-laws indicate that it can only be occupied for a limited time. No tenure in such a position is possible."

In answer to this the TU states that the above-named by-law was passed after the State Tenure Law.

CARNIVAL PRIZES

Jap Goods Distributed At House Plan Dance

The prizes and novelties which were distributed last Saturday evening at the House Plan Carnival were made in Japan, it was learned yesterday.

Nathan Seidman '39, a member of the sub-committee in charge of prizes, declared, "It is indeed unfortunate, but, as the prizes were not opened until Saturday afternoon, the committee was unable to remedy the deplorable situation."

Although \$40 was appropriated, no estimate could be made on exactly how much was ordered from Butler Bros., Goldfarb Novelties and American Merchandising Company, the mail order houses from which the goods are believed to have been purchased.

Mr. James Peace, director of the House Plan, stated yesterday that the boxes containing the prizes were not opened until late in the afternoon and that a change would have necessitated a financial loss which the Plan could not afford. "I am sure," he said, "that if other arrangements could have been made the committee would have done so."

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What's Going On Here?

THE HASTE WITH WHICH THE faculty Lunchroom Committee has been eager to evade responsibility for governing one phase of employee conditions is revealing when paralleled by the haste with which the split-shift was largely eliminated under pressure of unionization.

For years the committee has been setting wages and hours, hiring employees and regulating lunchroom conditions. Suddenly it is powerless to act when the united strength of the employees demands it act. Suddenly authorities are astonished at the ungratefulness of these workers whom they have so solicitously "mothered".

Suddenly the committee has decided to give in on one front, to eliminate the split-shift for most employees. For, benevolent paternalism for the moment is excellent strategy for forestalling organization and the crying needs of the cafeteria workers.

Should we have expected rather sympathy or forthright support of the legally expressed desires of the workers? Even if the committee were, as it claims to be, powerless to recognize the union, was it too much to hope that it would indicate its compliance with and approval of the general aims of the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the State Labor Relations Act?

The answer of the committee was intrigue, evasion and a subtle form of the "yellow dog" contract. Is this the attitude of men entrusted with the higher education of thousands of future citizens?

At the same time that the committee disavows responsibility, it ventures opinions that if wage increases are granted, the cafeteria would be forced to close.

On the basis of that ridiculous contention, the cafeteria is now theoretically but not actually running at a loss. Rent, electricity, facilities are free. Any business man with such a set-up and with an unvarying clientele at the counters could make a huge fortune in a few years. Prices are not especially low. Students have never looked upon the cuisine as exactly Longchamps. Yet there is allegedly only a nominal profit.

And if you think back a few months you can remember that the "non-profit" co-op store was milked to the tune of \$54,000.

Let's have a public statement of the financial condition of the cafeteria. Let's find out why we can't pay workers a little more to help them maintain a decent American standard of living. Let's find out—and find out quickly. Otherwise, we're liable to suspect things that really aren't true.

Seldom What They Seem

THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION met last week and repeated what is rapidly becoming one of its poorer precedents. Once again the McGoldrick resolution was deferred—this time for a month.

The respite, however, gives the student body time to take further stock of that resolution and to note that, praiseworthy as its general intent may be, there is a joker that may yet give a peculiar and unpleasant laugh. While the bill does provide for immediate legalization of a College organization on presentation of a charter, the faculty is still given power to "regulate, suspend, or discontinue" student activities.

Institution of a faculty-student relations committee was hailed many years ago as a great step forward in harmony between pupil and teacher. We can see no reason why a similar arrangement could not be made to provide for the regulation of extra-curricular activities. Under our proposal, final jurisdiction in all matters involving clubs at the College would lie with the Board of Higher Education, and, in cases of appeal, would go to the Board directly after action by the faculty-student committee.

The Inter-city College Committee is pressing for an amendment which would omit any final jurisdiction by the Board of Higher Education or the faculty. Realistically, the committee's proposal must be recognized as a hopeless one, for the Board cannot be expected to permit a faculty-student committee final control over College groups. Our plan represents a practical mean between the extreme of the Inter-city College Committee, and the dangerous tone of the present resolution. In the interests of student unity and the preservation of student rights, we ask the City Colleges to get behind our amendment, a plan which is safe from autocratic faculty control and which has a real chance for passage.

Poverty of Non-Committal

JAPANESE GOODS WERE USED AS prizes at the House Plan Carnival last Saturday evening.

The House Plan has on two separate occasions demonstrated its unwillingness to express itself as a unit on subjects beyond the Plan itself.

The perhaps innocent, though not on that account excusable, traffic in Japanese material at the Carnival is a vivid testimony of what non-awareness leads to. Progressives in the College as well as all over the country have determined upon a boycott of Nipponese products as a concrete and practical blow against fascist aggression in China.

Probably the larger portion of House Plan members individually favor the boycott. But they have been inarticulate, and thus unvigilant.

The House Plan will find its stand more and more untenable as days go by. This stand will be found inconsistent, sterile, dangerous.

Perhaps very soon the House Plan will realize this and pull up the shades, open the door, take off its dark glasses and its blinders, and walk out into the world its members live in, unafraid and with courage and intelligence.

Recommended

Greeks—The Etta Bitta Pi boys of the Interfraternity Council are getting together for a strut, night of Thanksgiving; we guess they expect to sing and dance the *Twilight in Turkey*. We'll take a wing; the dancers will take a buck and wing; and the IFC will take half a buck for two on the floor of the College gym.

More dance—In a synoptic view of the dance of four centuries, Arthur Mahoney and Thalia Mara will present everything from hoop-skirted gavottes to swing-skirted Lindy hops. Trip down to the Guild Theater, Sunday eve at 8:45; *billets* start at \$1.10.

Gargoyles

Without indulging overmuch in self-pity, I can safely say that I am one of the world's unfortunates. I live in Brooklyn. It is not only that I have to bear the burden of the countless cries, "Why don't you go back to B'klyn where you come from?" (I have become accustomed to such scoundulous remarks, and I did no more than get into a fight that time in history when we were studying the English Reform Bill of 1832. The instructor asked for an example of a rotten borough, and a mixed agglomeration yelled B'lyn. I kept my self-control, relatively.) It isn't only that I have to follow the Dodgers climbing climbing to stay in the baseball basement, while the others have Yanks and Giants. Once I went to a party and met a swell girl, delightful to look at and heaven to hold, but she lived in the Bronx.

What really got me down though was the distance between home and the College. It takes a flat hour and half, anyway you look at it. When I was a frosh I figured it all out, how much time I'd have to spend in subways. 3 hours a day times 5 days a week times 16 weeks in a semester times 8, which is a lot of time. I decided then and there to make the best of those 7680 hours, which total more than a month of Mondays. Not to become stereotyped, I was going to travel to school a different way each day. In all these years I've tried every permutation of trolleys, buses, L's, IRT, BMT, 8th Avenue, et al. The L is alight in its way, you always get a seat. Travel is broadening, especially when you sit.

The trolley attracted me for 3 months straight. She was a cute trick who got on at Avenue K, with the kind of a turned-up nose you love to tweak, hazel eyes, plenty of perfume and a green sweater. Everyday she'd run the last 100 yards for the trolley, in her green sweater, and fumble in her purse for a nickel. In the three months I used the trolley I got so I knew every face and every newspaper it hid behind. I finally gave her up; she kept her face behind a *Journal*. A fellow has his pride, and I wasn't making headway anyway. At least she brought something into my life. I came early to my 9 o'clock class for a record stretch.

Next I tried the BMT, which really has a high class clientele. You can pick up a copy of the *Times* with hardly any trouble. I cannot say this for the IRT. Furthermore the IRT motormen have the annoying habit of slamming the doors of the express and pulling out when you want to change from a local, and of slamming the doors of the local and pulling out

when you want to change from the express. Another defect in the IRT system is that salesmen go around on long runs, selling Statue of Liberty pencil-sharpener, *Sex-life and Marriage* plus a song-sheet for one dime, and Webster's *Dictionary* (40,000 words, complete with all 48 states, capitals and principal rivers). My sales-resistance was worn to a frazzle: I bought everything. Finally I quit after I got a gold watch (14 carat 12 jewels) for ten cents. It didn't work.

Then I took the 8th Avenue route. Here the trains were very comfy and the rhythmic, clashing wheels had an extensive repertoire, from Beethoven's *Ninth* through Sousa's *Stars and Stripes* to Ellington's *Caravan*. I'd sit and study my Latin, *amor, amatus, amabimus*, in the deafening roar. I guess that started it all. It soon got so that I couldn't study except when bouncing around in the thunder of the underground. Instead of a mere three hours a day I began to spend five. I wrote my Phils 17 thesis shuttling between Times Square and 125th Street.

I was failing in history. I couldn't study; all the books were in the Reference Library. I went there once. It was quiet like a morgue. Then the IDEA struck me. In the dead of night I stole into the library, loosened the radiator-caps so they piped a shrill cry; put rocks in the concrete-mixers outside, so they roared like a boiler-factory in December; fixed pile-drivers to issue thunderous reports; removed silencers from riveting machines. O delight! uproarious cacophony. To this I confess: it is I, I, I, Boris Ivanof-litch, who has sabotaged library construction work, delayed it and made it a symphony of miscellaneous noises. Now I can study in peace.

A. B.

Collegiana

Pomems horribilis

*Pueribus kissibus
Sweeta' Girlorum;
Girlibus likibus,
Wanta somorum.
Pateribus girlibus
Enter parlorum;
Kickum pueribus
Exit duorum.*

The Hawk

Speaking of girls, as which of us isn't, a Rochester University sage put it quite concisely when he remarked: "Women are the spice of life. We must have beauty in our lives. Spice is the plural of spouse."

Headline in the *McGill Daily*:

LOVE WINS POLE VAULT

Love, it would appear, quite definitely is news.
"On little pink toes," the *Temple University News* tells us, "coeds filed into the local natatorium last week. On little pink toes they approached the edge of the pool. Little pink toes were inserted in the water. Little RED toes were pulled back with soprano 'ouches.' A janitor had turned the hot water valve by mistake."

In Townsend Harris Hall hangs an innocent-enough looking sign which reads: "41 Men Are Dated for the Night of December 4. But the letter 'D' of 'Dated' is pasted over another letter—an 'M.'"

In an expose of Barnard life in the *Columbia Spectator* some time ago the following paragraph appeared:

Gossip is the chief activity in the feminine retreat, while the feminine pharmacists also repair faded makeup, discuss date prospects for the weekend and just around after tiring hours in the nearby laboratories.

Does the dean know about such activities?

And to sum up the eternal feminine question we have the comment of an Adrian College "student," who pointed out that: "Going around with women keeps me young. I started going with them four years ago when I was a freshman, and I'm still a freshman."

Chromo.

Leo.

A. S.

Screen

'Life, Loves of Beethoven': Of Music and Melancholy

"Maybe Harry Baur's *Beethoven* will prove something," Mark Van Doren wrote this department, commenting on our considerations of the cinema and the life of genius, which prefaced the remarks on *Zola*. This week Harry Baur's *Beethoven* had its premiere at the 55th Street Playhouse. And I wonder if it does prove something—if it indicates anything beyond the fact that the sustained cinematic sensitivity which must be the approach to the great musician has not quite been caught here; that there must have been strength and beauty and the richness of a great screen biography in *Beethoven*, but that sadly too much of it has been caught in the machinery. Beethoven's life, it has been said, although outwardly uneventful, was one of the most pathetic of tragedies: musical genius—under the growing shadow of a terrible misfortune, deafness. Abel Gance, the writer-director, has hardly given us a great tragedy. It is, may we say, more of a sonata in blue. Indeed, he has hardly given us a biography of the man at all. What he has attempted is a portrait of musical genius in pure cinematic terms, the fusion of image and sound. The film is at bottom a personalization of Beethoven's music. That he has in the main succeeded, I will not deny. But he has ignored the important consideration of biography: namely, whether the music shall be the function of the man, or the man the function of his music. The latter being the approach here, the moments of poignance and rare beauty in *Beethoven* are really the product of the depth and solemnity and polyphonic richness of the master's music.

Harry Baur's is not, I fear, a very outstanding characterization. In the few highly dramatic tableaux, with the music reaching a brilliant and triumphant crescendo, it is inevitably impressive. The halting episodic nature of the script is, however, too much of an obstacle. Jany Holt, whom I thought so highly of in *The Lower Depths*, struck me as rather poor; Annie Ducaux is a little more understanding. Abel Gance's direction is alternately masterful and messy. But it is the music—the Moonlight Sonata, Appassionata, Eroica, the Pastoral Sixth Symphony, the *Miserere*—that is the heart of *Beethoven*; perhaps rightly so. France has given us a haunting disjointed sonata, broken yet beautiful, marred yet moving.

MELVIN J. LASKY

Set 'em Up

Some of the boys on this paper have reached a newspaperman's heaven. The *New York Post* made hay recently with the story of their two-man campaign to rid the College of silicosis. The two guys deserve a hand; they've got something. There's something about working for this paper that makes a guy proud, and when two hard-working newsmen stick their chin out against all odds, I think I can take my hat off. I know how they feel.

I remember the days around the office when the Co-op story was breaking. It was only a short time ago that this paper took the lid off on the scandal and went to town in a big way. I can still feel the tingling up my spine that started when Commissioner Blanshard corroborated every one of the facts printed in the news and editorial columns of this paper. I was in Massachusetts at the time working in camp, so I celebrated by having a second helping of dessert.

Moving pictures have always shown a newspaperman lying on a curb waiting for a quart of scotch to come riding down the trolley tracks. A moving-picture newspaperman always wears his hat on the back of his head, has a disposition like President Robinson after reading a *Campus* editorial and generally acts like a three-alarm fire looking for a place to happen. College journalists take their job more seriously, and when they get that story there's always a call for big doings.

This paper has done its share of setting and—maintaining tradition. I read all the college papers that come in on an exchange regularly. Forgive me if I'm immodest enough to say that I agree with those people who have told me *The Campus* is the best paper in the country.

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Sport Sparks



Lavender Five Meets First Test; Psychology Big Factor

By Morton Clurman

Sometime this Saturday, five or more fellows clad in dainty lavender panties, will officially unveil the College basketball team, edition 1937-1938. And although one game doesn't make a season, the St. Francis thing ought to serve as a litmus test of whether the five is headed for the sunrise of supremacy or just the ascan. Of course there's also the possibility that it will merely stamp the St. Nicks with the "so-so" brand.

Mr. Nat Holman won't commit himself. Like most smart coaches he refuses to perch prettily on a limb where all the yokels can watch him goggle-eyed and then break out into the heavy horse laugh when he slips. Lou Little said some pretty hopeful things about Columbia once upon a time long ago in pre-season practice. Now you can wake up at any weird hour of the evening and if you listen carefully hear Mr. Little gnashing his teeth, tearing his hair and wailing soulfully in the approved fashion over the worst season the Lions have had in many years.

Holman Won't Talk

Presumably, Mr. Holman doesn't like this wailing business. Anyway, he refuses to break out in a rash of soothsaying in any direction good or bad. Basketball teams are composed of individuals and individuals are human beings. That analysis doesn't exactly qualify this writer for the Nobel prize in metaphysics but it does answer the puzzled questions, for instance, of those lads who couldn't understand why a Lavender five that looked like world beaters against Brooklyn last year, should smell to high heaven a few weeks later against St. Josephs. Individual psychological makeup, temperament, personal feuds, illness—all these play a greatly underestimated role in determining a team's performance on any given night. And all these factors in the human equation are unknown. That's one reason why real experts in a sport will, for the most part, be particularly cautious in sizing up a team.

Nevertheless, there are a few things that can be said with some degree of assurance. Firstly, in view of the fact that this season's schedule is the toughest ever attempted by any College squad and possibly as tough as any in the country, the Beavers are not going to just romp through their season no matter how good they are. Practically every game they're going to have a tough fight to win—at least. Teams like Stanford, Illinois Wesleyan, and NYU don't lay down and go to sleep; when you say "Nice Doggie." You have to knock them down.

Outside of co-captains Harry Kovner and Jack Singer, who really played second-string through most of the season, the loss of "Sy" Schneiderman is the only important change in the squad. If you recall, after the first few games last year a half dozen sport writers went into rapturous convulsions over that team and a couple flatly stated it was the greatest in the country. I merely said that it was the greatest amateur team I had ever seen—and doggone it if I didn't believe it. You know what happened. After starting like a house afire the squad suddenly collapsed and finally wound up the season with six losses. Explain it—I can't, you try.

Schneiderman's Absence May Tell

Just how much the loss of Schneiderman will handicap the team is doubtful. When "Cy" was "hot", there was no better set shot on the court and that is a big thing for any squad. Holman had a lot of respect for "Sy." He summed it up as neatly as possible the other day when asked about the effect Schneiderman's loss would be on the team when he said, "It's hard to say just how Schneiderman's loss will affect the team. He was the best shot on the squad, and although up here we don't build our attack around one or two men, there's no substitute for a couple of boys that can drop them in from any part of the court."

"You know there's nothing so disheartening to a team as having its opponent drop in four or five shots right at the start. That was the secret of LIU's success. With a couple of shots like Bender and Kramer LIU could pull away to a ten-point lead, then turn around and say, 'Well here we are, try and catch us.'"

So that's that. But to balance against Schneiderman's loss, Holman has the added experience of the whole squad combined with last year's up and comers "Babe" Adler and Lou Lefkowitz. Anyway here's hoping—and don't choke on the turkey.

Hoopsters, Touch-Tacklers To Enter Intramural Finals

Fearing that the Thanksgiving holidays will again mire the Intramural wagon, a concerted drive was made last Thursday to speed up the remaining elimination contests and to get the stage set for the finals in all tournaments.

Team O, proud tyrant of the basketball tournament, was finally quartered by the merciless Butchers, 12-7, in the greatest upset of the Intramural campaign.

The touch-tackle tournament witnessed three contests, in which the favorites ran true to form. The Officers eked out a 7-6 win from the Pros to send them against the Lambers in the Independent team finals

next week.

Shep '39, on a pass from Schlichter to Jacobs, beat Sim '40, 6-0; while Sim '38 took to the air to score four touchdowns and then added a fifth on an end run by Janowitz to win from Bowker '41, 30-0. The scorers were Silfin, Mishkin and Janovsky (twice). Sim '38 will meet Shep '39 for the House Plan championship next week.

Tau Delta Phi routed Phi Delta Pi, 24-8, to acquire the Frat championship for the third consecutive time.

The ping-pong tournament is ready to pack in for the season when Fetbrod takes on the winner of the Shassol-Griss match in the finals next week.

Five Starts Season; Play Saints Nov. 2.

Terriers Underdogs; Have Yet to Win Over College

The College basketball team runs up against the law of averages this Saturday night when St. Francis College comes over to try to break a perennial jinx. Opening against the College for the past sixteen years, the Terriers thus far have not taken a single game. Although the College is again favored to win, Nat Holman refused to go so far as to predict a victory, fearing a possible slip-up. Despite their lack of height, the "Mighty Mites", coached by Rudy Cooney, have a fast and tricky attack. Four veterans are left from last year and they shape up as a pretty formidable outfit.

Varsity Beats Commerce Squad

The College team started the season unofficially Friday night by beating the Downtown Evening Session 43-20. Except for a brief scoring spurt which the downtowners put on at the end of the first half, the Holmen had things pretty much their own way. The boys have great potentialities but they still need polish.

The Evening Session men were no match for the varsity team which scored practically at will. They could do little to stop the St. Nick sprees, and their offense had little effect against the tight varsity defense.

High scoring honors for the night fell to "Ace" Goldstein, who ran up a total of eleven points. Captain Bernie Fliegel was close behind with ten points. "Red" Paris, who sank several shots from mid-court, accounted for eight, and Lou Lefkowitz had a total of seven. Messrs. Bobby Sand, Lou Daniels, Al Soupios, and Mort Kaufman were responsible for the remaining markers. Iz Katz, first stringer, was absent as was also Nat Holman.

PUPPET CLUB

A marionette club is being formed by Mr. Gerald Ehrlich, of the Hygiene Department. Members will make marionettes and present puppet plays. All interested apply to Mr. Ehrlich at the Tech gym.

Profiles

Bernie Fliegel, basketball captain... Height 6' 2", weight 195, Age 19... Played two seasons of basketball at Clinton... One year with JV, three with varsity... Led team in scoring last season... Main ambition to lead first undefeated team in College history... Thinks there is a chance (Editorial note: We're with you, kid!)... Has no hankering for pro game... Triumvirate of Fliegel, Goldstein, Schneidman broken up... Sy now with Jersey City... Goes with red-headed gal but true love is "Ace"... Ladies' man of 23rd Street... Most popular student at downtown branch... Member of baseball team... Called "Skeezix" by Beaver nine... Led bucket brigade on Providence boat

Jerry Horne

AA Tickets

Tickets to be purchased on student AA books for all Varsity home competition must be bought in the AA office at least twenty-four hours before the game, according to a new regulation laid down by the College AA Board at its meeting last week.

The board also decided that the new rule would go into effect at the College-St. Francis basketball game and that no student tickets will be sold at the scene of the fracas.

J V Hoopsters To Face St. Francis

With ex-gridders Al Toth, Jim Clancy, Al Weiner, and the Stein brothers added to the squad, Coach Winograd will unveil the Jayvee hoopsters Saturday evening and hurl them against St. Francis Frosh.

While the starting line up of the yearlings is still tentative, it will be chosen from Vinnie Capraro, Sam Meister, Pat Brescia, Joe Weinberg, Angie Manitto and Sid Rafael. Of these Brescia, Meister, and Manitto performed under Winograd's critical eyes as members of the Jayvee basketball team last spring.

The Baby Beavers have a veritable wealth of reserves any of whom are capable of stealing the show and forcing the regulars to play second fiddle. Of these, Abe Winograd (brother of the coach), Al Goldstein, (no relation to Ace), George Hirschberg, Mike Toc-rash, "Lefty" Hemberg, and "Little Lefty" Bromwell might be mentioned. As an added attraction, the Lavender varsity will clash with the St. Francis varsity.

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In Our Mail

To the Editor:

Mr. Drimmer, in your November 10th issue, has based his justification for omitting Pushkin's Negro origin on three statements of fact and two of fancy—statements which, in the interest of truth, require examination.

Because I asserted that Pushkin was a Negro, Mr. Drimmer writes that "we now know that Pushkin's biographers and the anthropologists are one and all deep-dyed liars." To refute this conclusion, I have merely to demonstrate (1) that some of Pushkin's biographers do consider him a Negro and (2) that anthropologists do believe Abyssinians are Negroes.

(1) Not only did Pushkin think of his great-grandfather as a Negro, not only was Hannibal so regarded by the people of his time and himself (vide Pushkin's "The Negro, Godson of Peter the Great" in *International Literature*, No. 1, 1937, and his "Notes," translated in *Cristi*, 6/37), but he has been generally so regarded by literateurs (vide William Lyon Phelps, *Saturday Review of Literature*, 2/13/37). The one notable exception to this trend is Ernest J. Simmons, whose full-length biography seems to have most influenced Mr. Drimmer, and even he would have to admit that—according to the prevailing American conception of the term—Pushkin was a Negro for he possessed as much Negro blood as Booker T. Washington (*Cristi*, 2/13/37).

(2) As for the anthropologists, space limits the enumeration to Franz Boas, who—in his authoritative *Anthropology and Modern Life* (Chapter 2, Problems of Race)—implicitly indicates that Abyssinians are as much Negroid as anything else. This view is explicitly stated by E. A. W. Budge in his definitive *History of Ethiopia* (Vol. I, pp. 129, 192; vol. II, pp. 601-3), as well as by the whole school of Soviet anthropology.

The third question of fact is minor but revealing: According to Mr. Drimmer, Pushkin had a "short but enjoyable career." This is an astonishing reference to a social outcast (so considered, for instance, by Tolstoy) who was torn between suicide and Siberia, who suffered banishment, the threat of prison, the curse of his parents, the dislike of his wife, the cramping censorship of the Czar, and whose entire work expresses his thwarted longing for joy and freedom. Mr. Drimmer is old enough to know that a man may smile and still suffer villainy—at least it was so in Czarist Russia.

Finally, the two questions of fancy may be settled summarily: That Mr. Drimmer did not consider Pushkin's Negro heritage germane to his self-imposed thesis testifies both to his ignorance of the Negro's position in our civilization and to his inadequate understanding of what is relevant in a discussion of art. An analogy is a failure to mention that Heine was a Jew on the grounds that race has nothing to do with poetry.

It is indeed regrettable that Mr. Neider, who told me he always knew Pushkin was a Negro, does not demand higher standards of literary scholarship from his contributors.

JOSEPH H. COLE, '37 (still).
P. S.: If Mr. Drimmer has begun to question his lying ruling-class sources (or is it source?), I wish to point out that his scholarly curiosity may drink deeply at the wells of the Negro Division and the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature in the New York Public Library Branch at 103 West 135th Street.

J. H. C.

News in Brief

The College libraries will be closed all day on Thanksgiving Day, according to announcement yesterday by Professor Goodrich, the College librarian. The following hours were given for Friday and Saturday:

Friday—Circulation Library, 8:30 a. m.-10 p. m.; History Library, 9 a. m.-10:30 p. m.; Main Reading Room, 11 a. m.-11 p. m.; Periodical Library, 11 a. m.-10 p. m.

Saturday—Circulation Library, 9 a. m.-1 p. m.; History Library, 9 a. m.-5 p. m.; Main Reading Room, 9 a. m.-6 p. m.; Periodical Library, 9 a. m.-6p. m.

The Student Council Peace Committee will meet tomorrow at 3 p. m. in room 315, Albert Sussman '38, chairman of the committee, announced. The committee will discuss plans for establishing a fund to acquire an ambulance and Christmas gifts for Spanish Loyalists. All club delegates are urged to attend.

The presence of three members of the Board of Higher Education on a panel of citizens who have agreed to serve as arbitrators in labor disputes when asked to do so was revealed Friday in a list published by William H. Davis, chairman of the State Medication Board. The members are Charles P. Barry, Joseph D. McGoldrick and Charles H. Tuttle.

Dues of the Student Council Provisional Committee for the ASU have

been raised to sixty cents since the beginning of the term, and only fully paid-up members will be allowed to vote at meetings.

The induction of members of the Lock and Key will be held Tuesday, November 30, at the freshman chapel. The name of Herbert Rubin '38 was omitted from the group of students accepted by the honor society as listed in Friday's *Campus*.

The opening of a complete section of reserve and reference books you've been trying hard to get at some of the branches of the New York Public Library has been announced. They're at the George Bruce, Hamilton Grange, Washington Heights, and 96th Street libraries in Manhattan and at the Fordham, 125th Street, 145th Street, 96th Street, St. Nicholas Avenue and Bainbridge Avenue branches in the Bronx.

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