

"Small boys being forced to wash their faces unwillingly may be hot-beds of future radicalism."—Dr. M. H. Krout

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"We National Socialists and Fascists want peace and always will be ready to work for peace."—Il Duce

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## New Members Take Seats At Board Meeting

### Ordway Tead Appointed Early This Week Before Meeting

With three newly appointed members of the Board of Higher Education taking their seats for the first time last Tuesday night the board considered all routine business which had accumulated during the summer recess.

Approving the report of the sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Julia van Dornot, the board voted to have College physicians work in four-hour sessions, instead of the eight-hour day as formerly. The position of Chief College Physician was created. This officer will have a rank equivalent to that of associate professor.

Ordway Tead, who was appointed to the board by Mayor LaGuardia early this week, was sworn in with his colleagues, Ernest S. Macdonald and Dr. Carryn J. Lombardo, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Tead is editor of the economics and business book department of Harpers Brothers.

Although he refused to reveal his views on matters concerning the College, Mr. Tead was characterized by other members of the board as a liberal. He is a lecturer on personnel administration at Columbia University and has taught in several colleges.

Author of many books, including *Art of Leadership and Labor Relations under the Recovery Act*, Mr. Tead is a member of the American Academy of Social Sciences, the Hereafter there is to be one doctor on duty at the colleges for every thousand students. The reduction in the number of working hours for doctors at the College was made to enable physicians to continue their clinical practice.

Restoration of the reductions in the pay of custodians and janitorial employes at the city colleges was referred to the Deiches committee on legislation. In a statement to *The Campus* after the meeting Mr. Deiches expressed the hope that a restoration may be effected, scoring the present pay as "starvation wages."

The Hygiene Division of the College Chapter of the Teachers Union sent the board a telegram requesting the rescinding of a by-law which limits the opportunities for advancement of hygiene teachers. The matter was tabled.

The Hygiene Division of the College chapter of TU sent a telegram requesting that the board rescind a resolution limiting the opportunities for advancement of hygiene teachers.

## S.C. Meets Today For First Time

The first full meeting of the Student Council will be held this afternoon in Room 306. Club delegates to the Council have been elected and will present their credentials at the meeting.

It has not been decided yet whether clubs which do not send representatives to today's meeting will be admitted to future meetings, according to Joseph Janovsky '38, President of the Student Council.

In accordance with the policy of closer faculty-student cooperation, Dean Turner's Faculty-Student Activities Committee will be present at today's session of the Council. Janovsky announced that he will also appoint permanent term committees.

## 'Campus' to Post Series Scores

Not to be outdone by the Amsterdam Avenue delicatessens, *The Campus* will come to the aid of the distressed non-class-cutting radio-listening students and faculty members anxious for latest results of the Series games.

By courtesy of SCR (Staff Candidates' Relay), which will carry the good (or bad) news from the Tech Building radio, the inning-by-inning scores will be posted outside the *Campus* office, room 10, mezzanine.

## Board Affirms Probe of Store Committee's Formation Due to 'Campus'

The Board of Higher Education last Tuesday affirmed the selection of the committee to investigate conditions at the City College Store in the light of recent disclosures.

Chosen last June, the sub-committee consists of John T. Flynn and Joseph J. Klein with Maurice Deicher as chairman.

Stories printed in last semester's *Campus* revealing losses in what was then the Co-op Store coupled with editorials urging action by the Board led to the formation of this committee. This was prior to the publication of Commissioner of Accounts Paul Blanshard's report revealing an estimated loss of \$54,000, which was attributed to misappropriation and mismanagement by the former manager, Samuel G. Wilkie.

An editorial entitled "Memo for the Board," published simultaneously in *The Campus*, *Main Events* and *The Ticker* last Tuesday, held President Robinson morally responsible for conditions at the store. "The spectacle of President Robinson arbitrarily shielding and denying," ran the editorial, "even rebuking his students when they requested information—is revolting to us who seek the truth. His moral responsibility in this matter cannot be begged off."

The editors urged that the student body at the College be given a vital part in the reorganization of the store and asked that the board examine the nine-point program outlined in the first issue of *The Campus*.

## 'Merc' Has a Wonderful Time In Another Mediocre Issue

By Leopold Lippman

For thirty years *Mercury* has been appearing as a quasi-humorous magazine. Today, with the publication of the first issue of the current term, comes the culmination of three decades of gag-writing, and the result is: Nothing Ever Happens.

A document of frustration, the new *Merc* has selected as a central theme the fragments of a summer gone. It has a unity which has been lacking in its predecessors.

What has been put into the pattern, however, is another matter. With a few pleasantly surprising exceptions the mag retains the mediocrity which has characterized it for years.

It is apparent that Nashism has come to the College. Jerry Albert has contributed a perfect imitation of the burlesque poet's style. See also his "Tin(horn) Types" and the accompanying cartoons.

Robert Brode's tale of a summer

## Lash Asks SU Readjustment To Fight War

### Discusses History of War In Spain and Power Of 'Steel Battalion'

Stating that the American Student Union must adjust itself and provide a genuine leadership to students in the fight against war and fascism, Joseph P. Lash '31 addressed one hundred and fifty students at a meeting of the SC provisional committee for the ASU yesterday. Lash, who is secretary of the ASU, has just returned from a three-month's visit to Spain.

At Lash's entrance into the meeting hall, he was given a copy of an open letter to himself, signed by the "Young People's Socialist League (Fourth Internationalist)" stating that Lash "served as a propagandist for the People's Front Government" and that he was "fulfilling the same assignment in America."

Lash declared that the writers of this letter, which declared itself against "the counter-revolutionary line of the government" in Spain, constituted themselves an invisible picketline. He further stated that both the open letter and the picket line which condemned "Red Spain" outside the Methodist Episcopal Church where he spoke last Monday night arose from equal ignorance on both sides. At this remark there was some hissing from different parts of the room.

Lash outlined the history of the Spanish struggle and pointed out that it was not until the "Battalion of Steel" was organized by the government that a really good military machine was built up to oppose the fascists.

Among the ASU members in Spain, Lash met Abraham Oschrau '36 and Jack Freeman '39, both students of the College, who are fighting for the Loyalists.

## ASU Campaigns For Free Books

A city-wide meeting to discuss plans for a free book campaign and legalization of the American Student Union was held, Tuesday, at the ASU's district office, Robert Gang '39, who represented the College, said.

romance is refreshingly different, and Simmons' cartoons, while not great art, help to set off the tale to best advantage.

Especially worthy of notice from the esthetic standpoint are the Three Musketeers advertisement and the World Peaceways ad. See also Miss Lombard on the inside front cover.

One offering to be avoided is a punny, unfunny piece on page 5. But don't miss the dedication on the editorial page.

Of the regular features, "Mercuriochroms" continues to amaze, and "Professorial Piffle" is, to quote Leonard Q. Ross' H\*y\*m\*a\*n K\*a\*p\*i\*a\*n, "high-class." The lifted gags are up to par. "Curtain Calls" is, by the author's own admission, padding, and unfortunately this is obvious. The cover, again, is superior to the contents.

If you liked the *Merc* before you'll like it now. We didn't particularly, so we won't particularly.

## House's Fall Reunion Dance May Feature "Peeled Grape"

### New Collegiate Step May Be Performed Here For First Time

By Mortimer W. Cohen

When located last night by this *Campus* representative, Mr. James Peace, director of the House Plan, would neither confirm nor deny the report that "The Peeled Grape," a brand new collegiate step, would be performed locally for the first time at the House Plan's fall gym dance this Saturday evening.

Student leaders of the House Plan were also noncommittal. They intimated that Dean Morton Gottschall, president of the House Plan Association, might call a special meeting of that group to mull over the problem. A referendum of the student members of House Plan would not be necessary, however, they said.

Saturday's Fall Reunion Dance will initiate the College's 1937-38 social season. It is the first of three social functions planned by the House Plan this term, the next being the second annual carnival.

Many prominent guests are expected to attend the dance. Music will be furnished by an undergraduate dance unit, led by Ira Cohen '38.

The orchestra leader said that he has not yet been requested to furnish special "Peeled Grape" music. "Unless," he said, "we are given sufficient notice, it may sound like sour grapes."

The dance committee refused to reveal to *The Campus* and the several hundred couples expected to be among the dancers the gyrations involved in "The Peeled Grape." "Swing away from here, gate," the chairman said ominously and vaguely.

The administration, it was announced through Dr. John R. Turner, Dean of Men, will not ban "The Peeled Grape" from the gym. "We have utmost faith in Mr. Peace's discretion," the dean said.

It is believed that the only way to discover the fact about "The Peeled Grape" is to be in the gymnasium Saturday night. Dancing starts at 8:30 p.m.

## Lions Favored In Tomorrow's Lavender Game

### Reading Raiders Better This Year With Rifle, Triple-Threater

By Philip Minoff

The tales emanating from the Albright publicity office regarding grid captain Dick Riffle should be enough to fill Lewisohn Stadium to capacity when the College eleven tangles with the Lions tomorrow afternoon. Dick received honorable mention on the Associated Press All-American last year, and this season, from all reports, is better than ever.

The Reading star is a trifle (threat back if ever there was one. He can punt a lot more than a trifle, can rifle forward passes like the devil himself and can scoot around end with a rifling rhythm that is a delight to watch if you happen to be rooting for his team. If the Beavers were the kind that scared easily they would have forsaken practice sessions all week and concentrated on the ditty, "Riffle, stay away from our goal-line!"

But rather than do that, Benny Friedman's ends have been working assiduously for the past four days on correcting certain mistakes made against Brooklyn last Saturday. Chief among these were poor tackling and a spotty pass defense. In winning by four touchdowns against the Kingsmen these were not vital weaknesses, but the Lavender cannot afford to start against the Lions with any known deficiencies.

On paper the visitors are slight favorites. They have been defeated only twice in the past two years, amassing a grand total of 188 points last season. Riffle capped high-scoring honors in the east and, in the 31-0 rout over the Beavers, tallied all but one of the touchdowns. Last Saturday Albright made an impressive debut in trouncing Geneva 20-0. In doing so, Coach Bill Dietz, formerly mentor of the Boston Redskins, used an assortment of laterals reminiscent of the old Colgate team.

The Beavers themselves are a tremendously powerful ball team. Last week they capitalized on their ground attack and threw an occasional pass only as a breather play. But then they were playing

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## Drama Society College Holds Picks New Play Disease Forum

### 'Peace on Earth' Chosen As Production

*Peace on Earth* by Maltz and Sklar, has definitely been chosen by the members of the Dramatic Society for presentation this semester. The play was selected from a list of more than ten shows.

It was further decided to hold a tea-dance on Sunday, October 10, at the House Plan. Entertainment will be provided by players who appeared in former Varsity Shows. Three more similar functions will be held later in the term.

"This is part of a program to socialize the society," said Dave Fraude '38, president.

### To Be Shown Christmas

The play, which will probably be put on sometime during Christmas is a timely drama of the fight against war on the college campus. Great care was exercised in the selection as the play will mark the 50th jubilee of the club.

It is a fast-moving story of a college professor who supports a movement against the shipping of munitions to belligerent countries and is framed by the "big shots" of the College because of his sentiments.

Rehearsals will start within two weeks. A more definite announcement will be forthcoming as soon as a director is chosen.

## IFC Considers Plan For Purchasing House

Stressing the needs of some fraternities for suitable inexpensive quarters, Robert Weisselberg '39, of Phi Epsilon Pi, presented a plan for the purchase of a house by the Interfraternity Council yesterday.

The plan provides for the purchase of 292 Convent Avenue and for renting suites of from one to one and one-half rooms for twenty to thirty dollars a month.

The advantages of such a plan as outlined by Weisselberg are lower rent, more social convenience, independence from fussy neighbors and development of better interfraternity relations.

## Medical Division Here Sponsors Conference

A week-long conference on venereal diseases will be sponsored by the Medical Division of the College. Dr. W. Park Richardson, director, announced Wednesday.

Opening with a lecture at the frosh chapel on October 26, the conference will continue until the following Saturday.

In addition to a regular series of lectures, motion pictures and exhibits, private consultation and advice will be given to any student desiring information in venereal disease or related subjects.

Members of the College medical staff, aided by prominent men from the city Health Department, Columbia Medical Center, and the Vanderbilt Clinic, will take part in the lectures and demonstrations.

Four lectures will be given on each day and the series will probably be concluded by a special lecture on Saturday.

## Group Urges Organization For NYA Workers at College

Need for organizing NYA workers was stressed in the report issued at the September 26 meeting of the All-City College Committee for the Passage of the American Youth Act.

Plans for effective and adequate protests against the recent cuts in NYA appropriations will be conducted along the lines suggested by the AYC, according to the committee composed of delegates from all the city colleges.

Registration booths will be set up in colleges in order to have prospective NYA workers fill out questionnaires to be used in com-

pling statistics not only for restoration of the cuts, but also for further extension of NYA.

Other points in the campaign will include contacting school organizations to send letters, draw up resolutions and wire telegrams to Mark McCloskey, New York administrator of NYA, and Aubrey Williams, national director.

Committees will be organized to visit presidents, deans and school NYA administrators and ask them to send personal letters to Aubrey Williams. Congressmen and senators will also be visited to ascertain their stand on NYA.

1. Do you need NYA aid to continue your education?.....
2. Can you prove this need?.....
3. Did you apply for NYA last term?..... Did you receive it?.....
4. Have you filed your application for NYA this term?.....
5. With what result? Appointed..... Not appointed.....
6. Would you favor the formation of an NYA club in your school?.....
7. Carry on the campaign for the restoration of the cut and to deal with any other problems of NYA workers?.....

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## WHILE SPAIN BURNS

**A**CTIVITY IN THE FIGHT FOR Spanish democracy has, so far as the College is concerned, settled down to a few arguments by self-satisfied above collegians as to "the right line." Strolling about the student concourse, one is vaguely reminded of James Barrie's old women who put down their maps in 1914 to go into conference as to whether Foch and Hindenburg should concentrate on the Somme or Verdun.

In the way of actual aid to those who know too well that the fight is not over yet, the College this semester has been conspicuous for the notion that wind can be turned into ammunition. While last semester and the semester before were marked by vigorous work towards collection of money, food, and clothing, this term thus far looks like the battle of words and exclamation marks.

Money, food, and clothing are still needed. The war in Spain may be off the front page but it is still on the battlefields. We are quite confident that the student body here has not wavered in its support of the anti-fascist forces; recognition of what the fight in Spain means cannot be stressed as easily as the fervor of the battle's beginning.

It should be a simple matter to eradicate student lethargy. It is long since time for the Student Council and the American Student Union to renew the intense collection campaign that set the College student body at work last year. The College can contribute little enough in the way of actual support. With the battle raging at its fiercest and daily growing in international import, there is no time for students to spend all their time talking and patting themselves on their collective back.

## PEACE BUILDS MEN

**O**NCE UPON A TIME THERE LIVED a race of creatures upon a high mound overlooking a green field. Now these creatures were funny looking and considerably stooped at the shoulders. They wore enormous metal-rimmed glass discs before their eyes and lived exclusively on a fibrous material made of sawdust and covered with black ink. Their aim in life was to digest as much of this material as was possible and thus win the approbation of their even uglier and more stooped-shouldered superiors.

But one day a noted magician who went by the name of Abdul-el-Peace entered among this race and proceeded to instruct the populace. He set up quarters in a big house which adjoined the green field, and from which he issued a series of pronouncements and invitations.

The creatures were urged to visit his green park under the bright sun, which caused them to blink from behind their silican eye-coverings. There they were put to running and jumping around. A group of their half-brothers who had monopolized the park were driven to one corner and made to share the space with them.

At first the creatures did not relish the change. They longed for the stuffy holes in their big stone habitats and their meals

of skin-covered inked-in fibers. But soon they learned to like playing in the green park. They became adept at striking and throwing the various spheres and no longer stumbled when they ran. Their shoulders straightened a trifle and their steps grew firmer. Occasionally they even displayed their crooked little in a smile.

And the populace all hailed the wisdom and foresight of the great Abdul-el-Peace and voted by acclamation that, for the betterment of all future inhabitants of the stone buildings on the hill, they would make their Intramural Week into an Intramural Year.

## CRIPPLING RHYTHM

**T**HE SMALLEST AND MOST UNhappily sounding band in years marched down the gridiron last Saturday and will repeat tomorrow for the Albright game. Thirty-odd men appear to be in the band, but if you look closely you will notice that about half are "dummies," regular basic course ROTC-ers who have been given instruments to hold and look pretty.

Why has the College ROTC Band never gone beyond the stage of a washboard and jug outfit, although every bandsman has worked conscientiously and faithfully to put forth the best in him? Why do the bandsmen themselves regretfully describe their band in not very flattering terms?

The answer is contained in the statements by eminent musical authorities all over the world that the influence of the military upon a musical organization is always deleterious.

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The answer is contained in the fact that literally hundreds of competent musicians, potential bandsmen, are barred from the band—a band which speciously has the name of the College affixed to it. Musicians shy away instinctively because of the stigma of the military, the odious compulsion to wear an ROTC uniform, the slavish discipline of hep, heil and sir. What is more, there is a written regulation which bars anyone from the band who cannot or will not attend ANY one function of the band (e.g. Jingo Day).

That is why we have no band. Dr. Giovanni E. Conterno, former band leader, knew this. He did his best to improve the standards of the band against terrific odds, although he knew that the only solution was a non-ROTC band. For this he was added to the category, "unemployed musician."

The present bandsmen know all this too. They too will tell you that they want a real College Band, under the sole jurisdiction of the Music Department. They've said so year after year, even though some of the more outspoken bandsmen have been expelled for saying so.

The administration, worshipping at the shrine of the War Department, blinds its eyes to the situation and stuffs its ears snugly when the Band is mentioned.

The Board of Higher Education, now progressive, cannot ignore the sentiment for a genuine College Band. It cannot permit the slow, inevitable death of the Band under its present guardianship.

The instant a free band is established, open to all sincere musicians without discrimination, one hundred students, not ten or twenty, will flock to its baton. Only then will the band be able to spell out CITY COLLEGE instead of ROTC.

## Recommended

**Symphony**—John Barbirolli, noted English composer, will direct the Philharmonic-Symphony in its ninety-sixth season. Subscription for the student concerts, seven-odd Saturday evenings, are available at moderate rates.

**Beavers**—Our dashing eleven is gunning for Dick Rille, high scorer in the east last fall and elusive back of the Albright Lions. Game time is 2:30 this Saturday at Lewisohn Stadium.

**Dance**—Harald Kreutzberg, interpretive dancer whose taste runs to the bizarre and light fantastic in the dance, will open at the Guild Theatre Sunday evening, October 17. Tix start at \$1.10.

# Set Them Up

## 'Campus' Returns To City College

By Albert Sussman

The *New York Post* went back to college this week and found the 1937 freshman mixing his gin with a dash of politics.

Three staff members were dispatched to revisit their Alma Maters and find out what makes a 1941 man tick. The College was ignored in the itinerary, and that made me sort of sad. I like the place well enough to have stayed around an extra five months. I thought that the College alumni now beating out deadlines for the *Post* had something of the same feeling. So I had the welcome-mat put out and the samovar churning. But even the postman came just once.

As a general rule I'm against crabs. I've never quite understood the motivation or the theory behind back-to-the-land, back-to-the-minuties, back-to-St. Thomas, or back-to-Hoover movements. The only campaign of the sort I've consistently sponsored for some people I know—college presidents, personnel directors and Wharf Rats, mainly—is the back-to-the-wall movement. In spite of it, I thought the College had been stood up, so I decided to go back to it myself.

It took me a long time before I found anybody willing to admit that he was a freshman. I couldn't understand it. I had read somewhere that they still were some of the brightest boys in the country. They were compelled to maintain a high school average of eighty-two per cent. Maybe they hadn't read about it though, and were shy. Or maybe they thought I was a recruiting agent for the ROTC, so they decided to stay low. Anyway I found Average Freshman a little disillusioned by the prospect of four years at this dive. He had no serious intentions of transferring to Princeton or Columbia within a year, but wished he had. He had heard about Coolidge prosperity in a history class and had always regarded it as better fiction than the exploits of Homer. He didn't have much concern about entering graduate school, had no definite thoughts on a profession after graduation, swore at war and fascism and was determined to be a Phi Beta key-dangler.

Little has changed in the frosh attitude as I can see. Academic

freedom comes and goes, but the frosh stay on forever.

Externally, a different situation prevails. Joe Bencho is not around to castigate cigarette smokers. No students have been expelled. A faint light at the north end of the Hall of Patriots flickers a prophetic farewell to a college president who has stayed too long. Teachers and students are both organized into decisive organizations for the preservation of their welfare. Critical moments ahead tense the air.

Undoubtedly the freshman today is sensing his influence, is finding his path in society. He is discarding all the deadweights that hampered his predecessors. That is as true at Princeton as it is on St. Nicholas Terrace. Even at the frat houses war resembles a Charlie Chaplin moustache and a bald head on a balcony more than it does Marlene Dietrich or Mademoiselle from Armentieres.

The story may have been different in the old days, but certainly any 1937 model undergraduate will tell you that a quart of gin never made a balanced diet.

## To The Editor

To the Editor:

Since my name has been bandied around freely lately, I'd like to make a few things clear. The fight in the ASU is not a Trotskyist-Stalinist battle. If it has degenerated to this, it has been done conveniently by the YCL and Trotskyists to drive the so-called vacillating liberals into one camp or another.

I wish neither to accept the Trotskyites as gangsters or Messiahs.

I desire (1) Democratic rights in the ASU. By that I mean I am emphatically opposed to expulsion of or discrimination against any group or groups in the ASU; (2) I desire an effective anti-war program, i.e., a vigorous opposition to any war to "save the world for democracy" and to the U. S. entering into military alliances and the machinations of the League of Nations. Therefore I give unwavering support to the Oxford Pledge which states: "I shall not support any war which the U. S. government may conduct."

I urge all truly progressive sentiment to support and fight for these principles and independent expression in ASU.

Don Slaiman

## 292 Convent

It started with the Carioca. That was followed by the Continental. The Waltz in Swing Time succeeded that. Now it's the Shag and the Big Apple. Try them all to the merry tunes of the Madcap Melodeers tomorrow night at the College gym. The occasion is the House Plan third annual fall reunion dance. Today is your last chance to get tickets. House members are taxed thirty-five cents, non-members fifty cents.

The House Plan brain trust is at work again. This time they have a swell idea. It is "the listeners' hour." To provide the blind students at the College with some entertainment, Jimmy Peace has decided that it would be a good idea to have this hour at least once a week. Interpretation of popular and classical music and readings of popular plays and novels are two of the ideas which have been submitted and approved. All suggestions for the listeners' hour should be left with Mr. Peace at the House. J. Bailey Harvey of the Public Speaking Department is in charge of the new project.

Ben Grauer '30, announcer for the Magic Key and other National Broadcasting Company programs, will address a joint meeting of Bowker '38 and Bowker '39 and their guests tonight. All members of the House Plan may attend.

Curly

To the Editor:

The recent confusion concerning the program of the ASU shows that the ASU has not been functioning as it should. This is the real program of the ASU. I quote from the application card: "The ASU is independent of any political party. It welcomes into its ranks anyone who wishes to act on one or all of the issues outlined in its program. The ASU, in cooperation with labor and other progressive groups, is dedicated to the realization of a society of peace and plenty."

This is the broadcast program upon which all students who are opposed to war and fascism can be united. And they must be united. Upon this, the future of the ASU rests.

We must have immediate student action upon:

1. Extension of NYA;
2. A Co-op store that is really co-operative;
3. Extension of intramurals and athletic facilities;
4. A positive anti-war program that will unite the students against the ever-increasing fascist aggression.

The problem facing us is to bring in all students who are willing to unite on the minimum program of the ASU. For this unity and this program, I stand foursquare.

George Lenchner.

# Screen

Genius has proved difficult material for motion-picture treatment. The cinema craftsmen, fascinated by the exciting screen possibilities of the great mind, have time and again turned to the artist, the great writer, the scientist, for biographical dramatization,—unfortunately without signal success.

Consider the widely-acclaimed *Story of Louis Pasteur*. This department, in the minority or no, has remained convinced through two sittings that the film was a dull and completely uninspired document. And the fault, we are equally convinced, lay not in Paul Muni, nor in the direction of William Dieterle, nor in any of the parts; it lay in fact in the whole, in the inherent and inevitable deficiencies of such material. The greatness of Pasteur was in the genius of his scientific intellect and the value of his contributions to medicine and humanity. It was not in his hopes or despair, in the drama of the man. And it is only with gestures, these dramatic but meaningless externalities of personality, that the film has dealt.

It may be, of course, that the cinema has not yet reached that stage of accomplishment where it can handle such personalities with the fidelity and dramatic intensity of a Sinclair Lewis (as in *Arrow-smith*). Or it may be that this difficulty of material is only peculiar to a Pasteur. However, to make this latter a generalization blanketing all artistic genius, as *The Nation's* Mark Van Doren has, is to our mind a total mistake.

For sometimes genius is too full-blooded, too immediate to wait upon composition, and it pours over urgently into life. He may make fine prose or great poetry; but nothing quite recaptures the vivid enthusiasm of voice and gesture, the play of a highly-charged imagination running free, the personal sincerity and conviction of the man. Such genius was Zola's. And such material can be—and has been in the Warner Bros. film—shaped to magnificent motion-picture outlines.

History seldom produces a great man whose life unfolds in growing crescendo, beginning almost with birth, complete and triumphant with death. From the majestic direction of Dieterle and the artistry and power of Muni, Emile Zola emerges in a new richness of life, altogether the fullest and finest historical character the cinema has ever presented. For more than two hours the Hollywood screen is crowded with beauty and excitement and a flaming eloquence in behalf of truth and justice. For more than two hours, from his drab and chilly beginning in a Paris garret, to Anatole France's memorable eulogy at his funeral, we know a great man, a man of heroism and nobility, Zola the immortal.

It is the muckraker, "the man of truth," that we first see; and these opening scenes are genuinely thrilling. But with fame and success and the years, his art—as his dearest friend Cezanne told him—like his stomach, became "fat and stuffy." Only the bombshell of the Dreyfus affair rouses him and once again we see the burning zeal and challenging spirit of his youth.

The Dreyfus business has been quite noticeably touched up. It does hint fleetingly at anti-Semitic prejudice. But no more. Never does it reveal or even suggest that behind the anti-Dreyfusards was the familiar reactionary pattern of royalism, clericalism, militarism. Consequently we find it difficult to believe that this in fact was the affair that convulsed France for ten years and almost disrupted the Republic, that it is not indeed "a fuss over one obscure man." However the film moves through the case with such verve and impassioned power, that in it the drama actually achieves a crisis of extraordinary effectiveness.

*The Life of Emile Zola* may well be a landmark in the evolution of screen drama. But it is something more than that. It is a profound tribute to truth and justice, a monument to the life of a man. And all we can say is, "Zola, thou shouldst be living at this hour." He would have been pleased.

MELVIN J. LASKY.



# Sports Sparks

## Albright an Able Exponent Of Lateral Passing; Crowley Tells a Simple Little Story

By Morton Curman

As this column is still trying to live down the effects of its last venture into the realm of stothsaying, crystal gazing for tomorrow's game has been indefinitely postponed. Besides, Albright is a little different proposition than Brooklyn, so an honest prognostication might have to be too pessimistic for comfort. To be absolutely frank, unless the College team lives up to the very limit of their potentialities as revealed in the Brooklyn game last week they will have their ears pinned back. As evidenced by the 31-0 trimming Albright handed the Beavers last year and by the remarkable record of 16 games won and only 2 lost in two years of play, the Lions have one of the strongest small-time teams in the country.

### Albright to Use Laterals

There are several things about the Lions that are calculated to upset Benny Friedman's digestion. For one thing, they shovel the ball around like a hot potato, and when Columbia tried that in a scrimmage a few weeks ago, the Lavenders looked none too good. There is one thing about this hipsy-doo stuff, though: if your line is tougher than the other fellow's, you've got him licked. That was demonstrated beautifully in Cornell's 40-7 shellacking of Colgate. Kerr's Red Raiders simply couldn't get started. Every time the ball was snapped and the receiver looked around for someone to shovel it to, three or four large Cornell gentlemen would lean on him very rudely. In short, the Ithaca line was playing in the Colgate backfield all afternoon.

Now if Messrs. Al Toth, Art Jacobs, Churck Wilford, Bill Silverman, Jerry Stein and Co. can perform a similar service for the Beavers, the Albright backfield is going to be very embarrassed indeed. From the showing last week, when the Kingsmen made exactly eight yards rushing, the Beaver forward wall stands an excellent chance of turning the trick.

### Rifle a Triple Threat

Another sure source of insomnia for Mr. Friedman tonight is Mr. Richard Rifle, who happens to play halfback for Albright. Mr. Rifle can do very little with a football outside of kicking, running and throwing it, but unfortunately that seems to be enough to cause his team's opponents untold misery. Last year Mr. Rifle was nominated for All-American honorable mention by no less than the Associated Press and there has since been very little reason to suppose that he has deteriorated in the interim. The Beavers have been practicing vicious tackles all week, no doubt to tag Mr. Rifle, and if he is hit hard and often enough, his usefulness can be seriously impaired. There isn't a hard running back in the world who doesn't gallop a little slower after his rear teeth are jarred by a rattling tackle.

In this connection, Jimmy Crowley, Fordham coach, used to revel in a story concerning a couple of incidents during a game in which the famous Four Horsemen appeared after they had galloped through their undergraduate career. It was a charity game in 1930, six years after the Four Horsemen had graduated, but they were corralled again, along with the Seven Mules, and sent against the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds.

### The Boys Grew Older

"Most of us had been coaching," Crowley recalls, "and we had the idea that we were in pretty good condition. Besides seeing all that gang in uniform again made us feel as young and spry as we felt in 1924. So we went out on the field ready to show the pros a thing or two.

"We lined up for the kick-off in high spirits and then came the shock. Those pros came charging down on us and spread us all over the field. I remember I got up from the first play of the game and staggered over to the time-keeper. There was just one thing in which I was interested—how much more time there was to play."

It was in the same game that Jack Cannon, the guard, suddenly thought up a good excuse to keep out of trouble. As he lined up, he turned to Adam Walsh, the center, and said he figured the Giants would try a flat pass and he was going to drop back and cover the man on the short side when the ball was snapped.

"What!" Walsh exclaimed in alarm, "and leave me here all alone." So much for stories.

## Sport Slants

The College eleven's whitewash of Brooklyn last week seems to shape up as less impressive than Albright's 20-0 victory over Geneva Heights bookies are laying 4-1 against the Lavender squad's chances of victory. . . . Alveve sharpies are also betting even money with fourteen points given away to College backers. . . . General feeling among the grid-ders is that Albright will find itself in a battle tomorrow. . . . Last year's 31-0 beating by the Pennsylvanians is regarded as something of a fluke. . . . Yustin Sirtis, Beaver boxing coach, earned a draw with tough Tiger Jack Fox last Saturday after being floored three times in the first round. . . . Bill "Twin" Weintraub, second baseman on last year's varsity

nine has been joined by brother Sam "Twin" Weintraub, formerly of Brooklyn College. . . . Irv Spanier's 1938 baseballers should have the brother act performing at short and second. . . . Al Soupias Danny Frank, Jackie Gainen, and Les Rosenblum are reported considering pro offers for next baseball season. . . . Co-Captain Soupias and Danny Frank who will graduate in June probably will go to the wars as soon as the collegiate season is ended. . . . Les Rosenblum was on the side lines all summer with his fractured right wrist in a plaster cast. . . . The biggest sports "draw" at the college. . . . the broadcasts of the World Series games from the radio set-up in the Tech Building. . . . Jon Mong

# THE Campus Sports

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## Lions Favored In Tomorrow's Lavender Game

### Reading Raiders Better This Year With Rifle, Triple-Threater

(Continued from Page One) weighed twenty pounds to the man. They have the necessary combination for an aerial attack in Mike Weisbrodt, who tosses them, and Joe Marsiglia, who pulls them down. In all probability passing will be of utmost importance, since it cannot be expected that Albright will be as vulnerable as Brooklyn on the ground.

The Lavender has something it didn't have last year, and that is a list of reserves who are just a trifle below varsity calibre. After the Friedman had scored their third touchdown on Saturday, substitutes began to file in, and acquitted themselves creditably. Jim Clancy, converted end, intercepted a pass in the final period that led to a score. Yale Laiten, substitute back, was directly responsible for another touchdown. Herb Kaplan, Bill Burrell and William Walach were other second-stringers who were important cogs in the line machinery. The latter received a broken ankle late in the game.

The squad is in fair physical condition. The only other serious injury was that sustained by Sam Posner, who suffered a rib injury and will be lost to the team for several weeks. It is highly unlikely, however, that Jerry Stein, varsity center, will be in need of his support.

## Profiles

"L'illustrissimo Giuseppe Pasquale Marsiglia Primo Ed Ultimo" . . . appellation plastered on Joe Marsiglia by fellow pigskin toters. . . . Joe is stellar right half of Varsity and Captain of rifle team. . . . Age 29, 5 feet 11 inches, 175 lbs. . . . hardest worker on squad. . . . Debut in football made with last year's J.V. . . . Snatched immediately by Varsity because of punting skill. . . . One of best kickers in metropolitan area. . . . His kick indirectly responsible for lone College touchdown in last Manhattan game. . . . Touted by teammates as all metropolitan selection for next year because he's a comer. . . . Most improved player on squad. . . . Position as blocking back, paving path to gl'v for others, suits his personality. . . . Refuses to talk about himself but always ready to point out good characteristics in others. . . . Has desire to make varsity baseball and fencing teams.

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## Road Race Opens Intramural Program; Meyer '41 Is Winner

By Irving Gellis

The most successful Road Race in the history of the College yesterday auspiciously opened this season's Intramural program. This correspondent, who ignored his creaking bones for the honor of *The Campus*, now realizes his sad error in putting himself in the same class with freshmen and sophomores.

No less than twenty-five varieties of assorted starters lined up in their scanties in front of the statue of General Webb. It may have been the stern countenance of the former president of the College or the chill wind, but the pack had no hesitation in getting going. In fact, they ran down the street in a manner reminiscent of students dismissed from frosh chapel.

Probably the staid citizens of St. Nicholas Heights got the impression that the College had arranged

a clever way of cutting down its enrollment. While chugging along in second speed up the twenty-degree slope of 135th Street heading toward Amsterdam Avenue, one of the neighborhood's cute little curly-tops neatly rolled her tiny doll carriage into the path of the onrushing horde of harassed harriers. But—and Benny Friedman take note—the classy broken-field performances of the panting Beavers changed an imminent disaster into a minor mishap.

But, like all things, the race came to an end. Yours truly got in about eighth or ninth or tenth to learn who the winners were.

First, one Sam Meyer, lower freshman, and former De Witt Clinton "110" star—Tony Orlando is looking for you, Sam; second, Joe Wolhaudler, upper frosh, and third, Mel Weiner, lower soph. Time: 7:31, a record for the course.

## Jayvee Grid Team Opens Season Against Monroe High Tomorrow

Some obscure Math instructor hit the nail squarely on the head as far as the Jayvee griders are concerned when he said that football is just a game of geometrical figures. For tomorrow morning at Monroe field when the yearlings line up against James Monroe High, their chances will hinge largely on a line that is still very much of a question mark.

After a hard week of practice devoted chiefly to scrimmaging, new plays and fundamentals, Coach Berkowitz finds himself with a plethora of good backs and a potentially powerful forward wall. But his starting backfield of Bill Mayhew, John Babis, Dom Milano,

and Gori Bruno, won't get a chance to go to town unless some of that potential power in the Jayvee line becomes kinetic in nature.

Coach Berkowitz expects to plug the middle of the Lavender line with Dave Sandrowitz who just a year ago played center for the Monroe eleven. At guards Bob Brodsky, erstwhile varsity reserve who has been assigned to the Jayvee for further experience, and Nick Russiello will bear the brunt of the team's defense.

The Baby Beavers will have plenty of weight at the tackles between 24 pound Mort Richmond and chunky Bill Spinka, while Andrew Sovechik and R. S. Gyory will man the wings. Spinka, one of the mainstays of last year's Stuyvesant squad, is no stranger to the east Bronx boys.

### Beaver Boxers Practising Hard

In line with the oft-expressed intention of coaches Yustin Sirtis and Carlos Wagner to put the Lavenders right in the midst of the collegiate pugilistic map, the St. Nick boxers co-captained by Joe Labansky and Amadeo Rea, are working out vigorously every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Hygiene gym at 4 p.m., and every day at 1 p.m. in the small gym.

The squad's expectation for a successful season have been considerably heightened by the news that Paul Graziano, 126 lb. flash, will again be out for the team despite parental objections which threatened at first to keep him off. In addition several promising new comers make prospects look very bright.

## College Harriers Open Against RPI

Faced by powerful opposition, hindered by poor material, and harassed by the last minute resignation of ex-Captain Konnie Kozzar, the College cross-country team is determined to run it out when they open their season against R.P.I. at noon tomorrow in Van Cortlandt Park.

The engineers, who trimmed a stronger College outfit upstate last year, will enter the fracas with virtually the same squad, plus the addition of several up and coming sophomores. As a result, the harriers, like Horatio at the bridge, have based their slim hopes on strategy and their greater familiarity with the course.

The resignation of Kollar due to outside work and academic pressure, was a great jolt to the hopes of the leather lungs. Konnie, steady and dependable, though never a flashy runner was nevertheless the mainstay of a weak team.

But ugly ducklings have been known to blossom into swans and as the season rolls on and the squad gets into shape, better things may be expected from Coach Mac McKenzie's charges. Though just now the coach is pretty sad.

The coach expects to start Fred Spaner, Jack Crowley, Paul Unterman, George Bonnet, Ezra White-man, Tony Karster, Phil Kass, Sam Rubin, and Dave Reich against the upstaters.

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## TU Will Hear Shukatoff At First Meeting

### Agenda Lists Discussion Of Plans for Coming Year, Elections

A report on the national convention of the American Federation of Teachers by Arnold Shukatoff will feature the first Teachers Union meeting of the semester, tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in room 221. The convention, which met last August, voted \$25,000 for an organizing drive. In addition, the executive council voted to hold a national referendum of the members on the question of affiliation with the C.I.O.

Other matters on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting include a discussion of the problem of creating a separate College local, plans for the coming year, the forthcoming municipal elections, the election of delegates to the assembly and the election of chapter officers.

Now entering its third year at the College, the Union took the lead last year in championing the retention of such men as Martin Schaul and Isidore Levine of the College and Professor Jerome Davis of Yale, all of whom have been reappointed. Further, they opposed Arthur Frank Payne, psychologist, and fought for his dismissal.

The primary campaign of the term, as expressed in the *Union Teacher*, official publication of the union, is tenure.

The second campaign concerns faculty extension and democratization of departments. By the latter is meant having responsibility rest in the whole department rather than in one permanent head.

Another major issue is a campaign for a new salary-promotion by-law. The union believes that only under a city government dominated or largely influenced by the American Labor Party will the increased funds necessary for a satisfactory salary-promotion schedule be obtained.

### Com. Center House To Lease Building

The Commerce Center House Plan, entering its second term, gains momentum as negotiations for leasing a building near the final stages. The House Plan Association has appointed a committee, including Dean Morton Gottschall, James S. Peace and Maxwell N. Weisman, to determine the location of the building, which will be in the neighborhood of the downtown center.

### '39 to Hold Prom On Hotel Astor Roof

The class of '39 will swing its Junior Prom at the Hotel Astor Roof Garden on Friday, December 17, William Tomshinsky '39, chairman of the social functions committee, announced Wednesday. Jack Berger's well-known radio orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

The price has been set at \$5.25 a couple, Tomshinsky added, but holders of class cards will save fifty cents on each pair of tickets. Formal dress will be required.

Joe Sotaky '38, announced yesterday that pledges for the Senior Formal, planned for December 10, are now on sale at fifty cents each. Admission to the affair at the French Casino is \$5.50 per couple, which includes the waiters' tips.

## Around the College

Professor Abraham J. Goldfarb of the Biology Department addressed the *Biology Society* yesterday in room 319, on the topic "American Biological Laboratories." His discussion included his impressions of conditions in western universities.

Doctor Julian M. Preston, of the New York Diabetes Association, addressed the *Caduceus Society* yesterday in room 315. In his report on "Diabetes Mellitus," Dr. Preston traced the history of diabetes through the ages.

Basing his talk, "Observations in Europe," upon his travels during the past year, Professor Oscar Janowsky spoke before the *History Society* yesterday in room 126. He described the actions of European statesmen, minority group leaders, and customs inspectors with whom he came in contact.

### 'City College Monthly' To Appear in October

The first edition of the new *City College Monthly* will appear October 18. Charles Neider '38 announced today. *The Monthly*, which was formed by a merger of *Lavender* and *Cionian*, will feature many stories and articles of timely interest.

There will also be departments for College sports, book reviews, music and camera. The price will be ten cents an issue.

The staff of the new publications will include Charles Neider '38 as editor-in-chief; Mortimer Podell '38, managing editor; Abraham Neumann '38, business manager; and Jerome Popofsky '38, circulation manager.

### College Plays Host At Geological Seminar

The College Geology Department will play host at the thirty-third annual New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference to be held this week-end, October 8, 9 and 10, at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. This is the first time the meeting has been held in New York City.

President Frederick B. Robinson has been named chairman for the conference, and Professor Daniel O'Connell of the Geology Department will be temporary secretary.

For the three days of the conference, eight field trips to pieces of geological interest in the vicinity of the city have been planned. Professor O'Connell, Mr. Cecil H. Kindle and Mr. George F. Adams, all of the College, will lead the excursions. The first will be Saturday at 8 a.m., when cars will take the visitors to Bear Mountain.

The preceding evening an informal dinner will take place at the hotel. A discussion of geological problems will immediately follow the dinner. Saturday night open house will be held at all the leading colleges in the city.

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Before a gathering of thirty-five members of the *Social Research Seminar* in room 206 yesterday, Mr. George H. Hallett, Jr., secretary of the *Citizen's Union*, discussed the various aspects of proportional representation. Mr. Hallett used the coming city elections for councilmen to illustrate the operation of PR.

The first general meeting of the *Varsity Debating Team* was held yesterday in room 16. Candidates for the managership of the team are requested to see Dr. Lester W. Thonssen in the Public Speaking Department office before Oct. 14.

The first of a series of discussions on "Theories of Value" featured the opening of the Educational Forum sponsored by the *Economics Society*. Dr. Charles B. Fowler and students majoring in economics participated in the discussion.

Lawrence B. Cohen, National Executive Secretary of Avukah, declared in an address before the *Menorah-Avukah* in room 223 yesterday that increase in the membership of Avukah would make it an important instrument of action for the Jewish students of the College.

The *Newman Club* will hold a freshman introductory smoker for all Catholic students tonight at 8 o'clock at the Theta Kappa Phi fraternity house, 334 Convent Avenue. All freshmen are invited to the

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Dr. Max Yergan, teacher of Negro education, E. Simms Campbell, Negro artist of *Esquire*, and Roy Wilkins, editor of the Negro magazine *Crisis*, have been invited to speak before the *Douglass Society* at various intervals during the semester.

The Literary Workshop yesterday elected Avel Goldsmith '38 as its delegate to the Student Council. It was also announced that Professor Charles Horne of the English Department would speak at the next meeting, to be held on October 14.

*Deutscher Verein* and *El Circulo Fuentes* held a joint meeting yesterday in room 308, taking the first step toward a Foreign Language Club to unite all the language societies of the College. Mr. Albert Kronenberg, adviser to the German society, addressed the gathering in both Spanish and German.

Mr. J. C. Riedel, Deputy Chief Engineer of the Board of Estimate, addressed the College chapter of the *ASCE* yesterday on the problems and duties of his office as consultant on city engineering projects.

Abraham Abramowitz, a recent recipient of a fellowship in the College Tech school, yesterday addressed the *AIEE* on the manufacture of radio tubes.

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## Wives of Faculty To Hold Reception

The Faculty Wives Club will tender a reception and tea to all eligible members on Monday, October 11, at 3 p.m., in the Webb Room. Mrs. Esek R. Mosher announced yesterday.

The wives of professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors and tutors of the teaching staff of the day session are eligible for active membership. The wives of visiting lecturers and temporary tutors are eligible for associate membership.

## College Represented at Nat. Negro Congress

The Douglass Society, meeting in room 128 yesterday, voted to send a delegate to the National Negro Congress, to be held at Philadelphia from October 15 to 17. Michael Williams '38, was selected to represent the society.

This will be the second annual session of the Congress. The Douglass Society was also represented last year.

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Although the College wrestling team's schedule for the 1937-38 season is not yet complete, the program makers have probably crossed Springfield College and MIT off the Beaver burrowers' list. Both Bay State teams failed to furnish the Lavenders with any serious competition.

Against Franklin and Marshall, one of the top-ranking wrestling schools in the East, the Beaver squad suffered its only defeat when several sure winners failed to come through. With the same team already working out daily in the Tech Gym in preparation for its meeting with the Diplomats on December 18, last year's result may be reversed.

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