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The Case Against Robinson

The Axe Begins to Fall Discipline on St. Ann's Av. A "Prank" Is Taken Care Of

By BERNARD S. ROTHENBERG

(This is the fourth in a series of articles)

Dr. Frederick B. Robinson is greatly misunderstood by his students—if we are to follow his "liberal" utterances from time to time. For instance:

"It shall be my policy to grant the students the widest possible range of freedom in the field of those things which constitute student life. Just as it would be improper for the students to invade the province of the faculty, I feel that it would be improper for the faculty to interfere with the students in their sphere." (From Dr. Robinson's announcement of policy on being appointed to the presidency, *The Campus*, April 4, 1927.)

So it was that the President expressed chagrin and annoyance at the appearance of a *Campus* editorial only a month ago which pointed out that one of his "democratic" speeches did not square with his record.

So it was that, soon after the President's inauguration, in the Fall of 1927, Alexander Lifschitz '28 and Leo Rothenberg '29 were suspended after denouncing at a symposium the "subterfuge" of civilian drill as a substitute for the odious compulsory Military Science.

But this was only the beginning. On Armistice Day of that year, the Social Problems Club, under the leadership of Simon W. Gers '29, launched another anti-military campaign directed against the unfair features of the "elective" offered as an alternative to military drill. In the Spring, the thermometer had reached a considerable heat. Gerson was ordered to drop immediately all extra-curricular activities. The reason for this action, the administration asserted, was his arrest at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during his participation in an anti-war demonstration. This was the start of a long line of "paternal" actions which were the keystones of the "in loco parentis" theory endorsed by the President. *The Campus* at this time commented, "We firmly believe this faculty ban did not logically follow what the student was involved in away from the campus . . . there is no direct relationship with the student's extra-curricular activity." Gerson declined to abide by the ruling. Consequently, he was "dropped from the rolls."

Alma Pater Invades the Bronx

St. Ann's Avenue in the Bronx is a long way off from City College, but it is zoned for punishment by College authorities, under the "in loco parentis" philosophy. For Max Weiss '32, arrested while distributing radical literature at that point, was suspended from College on March 11, 1930 by Dean Daniel Redmond for "unacademic conduct."

Later that year, Abraham H. Raskin '31, liberal editor of *The Campus*, wrote an editorial, "Hands Off!" in which he attacked Dean George W. Edwards for "the undignified and unproportionate resentment of Dean Edwards regarding criticism of excessive administrative control of student affairs at 23rd Street." On December 4, 1930, Raskin was suspended from the editorship.

Next February, 1931, the Social Problems Club undertook the publication of a new magazine, *Frontiers*. Unfortunately, they neglected to abide by the technicality of permission first, and copies were confiscated upon appearance. President Robinson on February 19, 1931, notified Max Weiss, the president of the society, that the club was suspended until further notice. "I prevented the illegal circulation of this publication," Dr. Robinson declared in a report to the Board of Higher Education (Minutes, 1931, p. 123). "I had no choice," the President years later protested when questioned by the Alumni, "the regulations of the Board of Higher Education made it obligatory on me to suspend this group . . ."

Weiss, however, refused to accept this ruling, whereupon President Robinson said, "You are suspended until further notice, and just get out of my office." Mr. Weiss, amazed, "objected to leaving the office, but was escorted therefrom by Dean Redmond," who "did not find it necessary to employ force." (Minutes of the Board, 1931, p. 184.)

Soon afterward, President Robinson suspended ten other students, who had distributed leaflets near the College grounds demanding a restoration of all rights to the Social Problems Club and the right of any club to print and sell its own magazine. They were suspended for indulging in activities of the club at a private home, when the club's activities had been forbidden. A storm of student protest arose and soon all the suspensions but that of Weiss were lifted. Max Gordon, one of those reinstated, immediately wrote a letter in *The Campus* of March 6, 1931, charging that "the authorities wish to get rid of Weiss because of his political views." The letter was not quite "gentlemanly." President Robinson summoned Gordon, and after some discourse, declared, "Now, Mr. Gordon, you are suspended again." When Gordon asked, "On what grounds?", Dr. Robinson said, "I won't tell you anything; you are just suspended . . . you are suspended for insubordination."

The Campus editorially condemned President Robinson's action: "This apparently undemocratic procedure appears all the more unfair when we realize that the 'judge and jury' is an involved party (Robinson) and consequently prone to prejudice, for he is the person at whom Gordon directed his letter."

"Just a Boyish Prank"

Outraged, twenty-five leaders in extra-curricular affairs signed a letter asserting that if Gordon were guilty of insubordination for accusing Dr. Robinson of discrimination, so were they, for they accused him of the same thing. A reporter for *The Times* went in and asked the President what action he would take against the twenty-five. With a magnanimous gesture, the President is reported to have said, "Fish, pish, just a boyish prank."

This unusual display of tact was ascribed by many to the fact that at the head of the list of signers was America's intercollegiate one-mile champion, idol of the student body, George Bullwinkle '31. But later on, these twenty-five students discovered written on their record cards the ominous words, "signed insubordination letter to *The Campus*."

Joseph P. Lash '31 and Lewis Feuer '31, who were among the signers, protested against this notation on their records in letters to the Faculty. Feuer's letter was not couched in quite so gentlemanly terms as Lash's. A Faculty meeting was called. Feuer, realizing that his letter was not respectful, wrote a second letter phrased in better terms, which he asked to be substituted.

The President refused to admit consideration of the second letter and ruled that only the first letter was before the meeting. When the Faculty was silent, President Robinson spoke out astonished, and asked if no action would be

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Bradley Urges America Aid Spain; 300 Burn Fascist Leaders In Effigy

SC Committee Assigns Club Bulletin Boards

Clubs desiring to have their names and meeting places placed on the proposed new meeting bulletin boards that will be constructed in the lunch-room soon, must submit the necessary information before Tuesday, according to Harold Faber '40, chairman of the SC Alcove Committee. "Students who have keys to the various bulletin boards in the alcoves must be ready to give them up at the council meeting today since the boards have been reassigned," Faber said.

Mystery Body Leaflet Hits Tenure Stand

By Sherlock Carton

A vague, one-leaflet organization, the City College Teachers Association, appeared on the campus last week, immediately preceding the Board of Higher Education's special meeting on tenure Monday afternoon. The group circulated a mimeographed sheet which opposed the stand on tenure taken by united teacher organizations of the city colleges.

Various members of the faculty, when questioned by *The Campus*, never heard of the association; supposed members of the group acted as if they had never heard of it. They did this, despite the fact that at the board meeting one member of the faculty, speaking for the organization, fawningly stated that the City College Teachers Association would support any action that the board might take on tenure. The gentleman who spoke also seemed never to have heard of the association when questioned later. This makes the group something of a myth, although *The Campus* learned that it has a membership of all of seven.

The College Teachers Union *Bulletin* characterized the association as one which "suddenly appeared overnight to obstruct the concerted action of teacher groups demanding a satisfactory state tenure law." The *Bulletin* continued: "It is gratifying to note that little was accomplished by this group in disrupting the united action of teacher organizations."

The circulated leaflet, which con-

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SSL to Present 'Kronstadt' Show Tomorrow Night

We Are From Kronstadt, characterized by the N. Y. *World-Telegram's* William Boehnel as "one of the mightiest films that have come out of a country noted for its productions of direct and persuasive motion pictures" will be shown at two different performances tomorrow in the Pauline Edwards theater.

The show, sponsored by the Society for Student Liberties, will also feature a Walt Disney cartoon, and Robert Benchley's creation, *The Sex Life of a Polyp*. The showings are scheduled for 8 p. m. and 10 p. m.

The Soviet epic of the defense of the road to Petrograd by Russian seamen has received loud acclaim from reviewers wherever it has been shown. The Mosfilm production was first released in New York in May 1936 and after an extended engagement it was released to movie houses in Chicago and St. Louis.

STOP WAR!

AN EDITORIAL.

This is Spain Week.

All that sentence means can be understood at once from a glance at the headlines of the week, on campus and off. The line-up of the world can no longer be blinked at. There can no longer be any pretenses.

If any sane being could apologetically cover up the crimes of aggression by blind ignorance, by the excuse of "the haves and the have-nots," by defeatist cries of "let's mind our own business," no sane, clear-thinking person can do that today. Fascism stands unmasked as the maker of war in this era.

Hitler's invasion and seizure of Austria is not an isolated act of madness. It is part of a larger program of ruthless destruction of all that is cherished in our civilization which is going on under the fasces of Italy, the swastika of Germany, and the rising sun of Japan. Fascism's acts of war, unpunished, unchallenged, ignored, are endangering the peace and freedom of every peace-loving people in the world. Its acts of war are continuing with unabated terror because democracy has retreated, has backed down, has all but capitulated to fascism.

In the alcoves, a handful of bankrupt windbags and a few sincere but mistaken liberals and pacifists are in effect fortifying the coastline of the United States with huge battleships out of the pockets of the people. They are attempting to say that we must be passive, that our government can take no action but that of leading us to war, that our government is the main enemy. They are cynical about the possibility of preserving peace. They shout like martyrs, piously, about the heroism with which they will march to jail when the "inevitable war" comes. They do not lift a finger to stop war today, to prevent its spread, to defeat the fascism which is today the harbinger of war.

Because our peace sentiment has not been strong enough, because our ranks have been disorganized and at times confused, the warmakers have engulfed another peace-loving people and are girding their forces to crush the defenders of democratic Spain.

Yes, the fascists know their onions. They campaign for an isolationist policy for America. They strive to put every obstacle in the way of unity for peace by the governments of the United States, France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the other non-fascist powers. They know that the neutrality business is first-class aid for them.

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Placement Director Outlines Graduate Employment Program

By George Stolnitz

Millard H. Gibson, author, engineer, athlete, executive, considers the placing of college graduates in vocations for which they are "eminently unfitted, and which they dislike" the primary problem which he will have to solve in his capacity as Assistant Director of the Personal Bureau in Charge of Graduate Placement.

Not only placing of our graduates, but obtaining those types of employment suiting them best are his main purposes, Mr. Gibson declared in his first interview. In preparation, the recent appointee is already at work classifying the personal and scholastic aptitudes of the graduate class of the School of Technology and the School of Business and Civic Administration. Once this task is completed, about the end of March, Mr. Gibson is confident that he will be able to "sell" College graduates to industry on the basis of the records of their abilities.

Possible employment outlets? The new Placement Director believes that there are two chief sources for absorbing our graduates into industry, sources which have not as yet been sufficiently tapped.

Many graduates of the College now in industry are holding important positions with firms of large personnel and who supervise the hiring of new em-

ployes, Mr. Gibson stated. The closest possible contacts with those men will be established, he continued. Secondly, the head of the Placement Division will make full use of the many personal contacts he has made with industrial executives and personnel officers during his business career of over twenty-five years. In addition, his office will seek to make the student body more aware of the opportunities in civil service careers and how to take advantage of them.

The placement head emphasized the necessity for members of the graduating class to present their individual problems to him so that he can aid them.

Lock and Key

The ten new members of Lock and Key, upper classmen's honorary society, will be inducted during freshman chapel April 12, Harold Roth '39, scribe, announced yesterday.

The list of new members, released after a special meeting of the society yesterday afternoon, includes:

Charles Geldzahler '38, Dudley Greenstein '38, Howard Kieval '38, Sol Kunis '38, Arthur Rosenberg '38, Harold H. Rosenberg '38, Albert Wattenberg '38, Jack Fernbach '39, Leopold Lippman '39 and Bernard Walpin '39.

Captain Asks Adoption of O'Connell Act

Deploring the apathy of the democratic nations in giving aid to Loyalist Spain, Carl Bradley, captain of the Lincoln Brigade declared, "We must mobilize America to support Republican Spain," before a gathering of more than three hundred students on the campus yesterday.

"We may think that fascism is something European," said the captain, "but already it is on the march and unless it is stopped in Spain, it will be here in full bloom. The 3200 American boys who are fighting in Spain today are carrying on the democratic traditions of 1776 and 1861.

"We must stop the aggression of the fascist forces by passing the O'Connell peace resolution in Congress so that the loyalists will have a fighting chance to overcome the guns and artillery of Hitler and Franco."

The audience observed a moment of silence in memory of Eugene Bronstein, Victor Franco, and Ben Leider who were killed in Spain.

Morris U. Schappes '26 of the English department told the gathering that four American boys had been captured by Franco's forces. He suggested that the body urge President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull to intervene in their behalf.

The outdoor gathering was closed with the burning in effigy of a tri-headed dummy of Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco. The meeting was then moved into 306, Main.

When the meeting re-opened, Captain Bradley took up the role of the ASU as a progressive organization. "The ASU in America is the rear guard of those boys fighting in Spain. It must send them aid in order to augment the increasing morale of the loyalists.

Captain Bradley concluded his address by telling of his experience in the capture of Belchite.

A motion was unanimously passed urging the Board of Higher Education to grant Ralph Wardlaw of the Public Speaking Department leave of absence. The body also resolved to urge Congress to pass the O'Connell bill.

Shapiro Describes The Contradictions In British Policy

"England's foreign policy faces grave contradictions on three fronts," declared Prof. J. Salwyn Shapiro of the History department in an address to the History Society yesterday.

In the Mediterranean, said Prof. Shapiro, the British are inclined to help the Loyalists in order to assure themselves of French naval aid on the coast of Africa. But English fear of a communist regime in Spain and common cause of the leftists with the Soviet Union presents a grave problem, he said.

In the Far East, England, following the traditional policy of "Divide and rule," desires a strong Soviet Union to neutralize Japanese threats to important British Pacific investments. However, on no account, Prof. Shapiro declared, would the British foreign office countenance a strong communist influence in the Balkans.

The third contradiction, he continued, lies in the Central European question, where Hitler has been given carte blanche to expand by the British ministry, in order to avert a clash over the former German colonies in Africa.

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Stop War!

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We do not despair of peace. We have faith in the democratic way of life. There is a way to peace. That way is by implementation of the "quarantine of aggressors." The O'Connell Peace Act would brand Italy, Germany and Japan as aggressors, violators of the Kellogg Pact. It would deal a crushing blow to the already collapsing economies of the fascists by denying them the materials for war, by denying credits, loans, goods without which they must immediately fall. It would cut off all trade relations with the aggressors. It would open normal trade relations with the victims of aggression.

Yesterday the College chapter of the American Student Union overwhelmingly demanded the passage of this act. But this even is not enough when there is no time to lose.

Fascism is mobilizing in Canada and Mexico. The fascists all over the world grow stronger with every new act. Students must get up on their feet and bring their message to every corner of the College and their neighborhood. It is not alarmist to say that the world situation is more critical than it has ever been in our generation.

Students who had never stopped to think about the war axis are talking, thinking, protesting, demanding immediate action. Students are demanding that emergency peace action in the form of articulate demonstration of their indignation be taken.

There are immediate demands which they put forward:

Aid for Spain and China! Get Hitler out of Austria! Maintain an independent Czechoslovakia! Remove the embargo from Spain! Pass the O'Connell Peace Act! Support the proposed Soviet Union peace conference of non-aggressors!

Fascism must be stopped!

Night and Day

TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND STUDENTS in the city colleges are working under unnecessary handicaps. Evening session students must contend with inadequate library facilities, with burdensome gym fees and teaching that is of necessity below par because instructors double in day and evening with innumerable irritations.

These artificial distinctions can be elim-

inated. A single session would remove these hardships. One continuous session (not day and evening separately) under one administration and with one student body is a sane and possible plan that has been promulgated by a Joint Evening Session Committee. The committee consists of teachers in the evening session at the College, Hunter and Brooklyn.

The Central Trades and Labor Council of New York City has also gone on record as sponsoring "amalgamation of sessions to fill an increasing need for higher education by the people of the city."

The plan is not a wild stab in the dark. It has demonstrated its practicability at New York University.

Students would benefit by better library facilities, by elimination of all discriminatory fees and by fresher teaching. This reform, however, cannot be instituted effectively, unless there be one staff on annual salary, each member of which teaches no more than the present day session load. This amalgamation should be made without dropping anyone, and without reduction of any salary.

Students and teachers work all day; must they be discriminated against at night?

We Shall Not Be Moved

HE WASN'T JOSHING, THIS SENATOR Josh Lee, when he accused the American Youth Congress of owing fealty to "the red flag of Russia."

But the millions of American youth in need of Federal aid for education and employment can no longer be stopped by such antiquated tactics.

President Roosevelt sees the need for an American Youth Act. Economic and sociological experts see the need for an American Youth Act. We, the youths concerned, see the need for an American Youth Act. But Senator Lee, his eyes decently veiled by "the red flags of Russia," doesn't see.

The act must be passed, and the act will be passed. But youth action which takes the form of annual weekend demonstrations is of little value unless supported by continued pressure, in city and country, throughout the year. The President was right when he advised the young potential voters to exert political force back home.

If all organizations cooperate in a concerted campaign the Congress of the United States will recognize that the youth of the United States refuse to be sold out again.

Recommended

Dance—Ted Shawn, the strong man of the dancing academies, plus about ten more brutes to back him up, floats through the air with the greatest of ease at the Majestic Theatre this Sunday evening. It's fifty centavos for top seats—that is, on the top of the showplace.

More Dance—Of a different kind. The '40 classers jump into their Spring Dance next Saturday, the twenty-sixth, in the gym. The inimitable Stuff Goldblatt, who is entirely unrelated to Stuff Smith, supplies the stuff to which the boys will dance—the girls will dance too.

Carmen—She's carmin' into the Met this Saturday p. m. The girl with the rose in her hair will be heard over WJZ, with Milty Cross doing the announcing. At 2, by the way. As it says in the papers: Castagna, Maison, Brownlee, etc. and etc.

Panic—That dynamic *Academic Epidemic* gets a repeat demand performance at the New School Theatre on West 12 St. Sunday at 8:30 p. m. Tickets for the *Pins and Needles* of the student movement sell for thirty-five coppers and higher.

Theatah—The Federal people have replaced that reknowned detective, *The Shadow*, the illusion which Orson Welles built, on WOR at five-thirty on Sundays. The Feds will produce plays by Hemingway, he of the hairy-chest, Dos Passos, and Dot Parker, the gal who relates the riskiest of risque stories. You probably have heard of them.

Kronstadt Sailor



Gheorgi Busuev, the noted Soviet cinemactor, takes a dramatic role in the prize film, "We Are From Kronstadt." The screen-play is due for two showings tomorrow evening at 8 and 10 p. m. in the Commerce Center's Pauline Edwards Theater.

Collegiana

American Medical Journal
by Boris Fishbite

All these sneezes
Do not please us.

We could condone
A splintered shin,
But beri-beri
Is a sin.

Don't picket
A ricket;
Kick it.

Birth control
Defiles the soul.

Expectant mothers
Aren't like others.

Vassar Miscellany News

Analyzing current events from the geographical standpoint, the University of Rochester *Campus* comments, "France is a country in Europe bounded on the south by the Spanish situation and on the east by a non-Aryan Aryan."

From across the border *The McGill Daily* contributes:

"Wanta neck?"
"No!"
"You could use some backbone."
"Thank you. I'm getting along splendidly."
"You haven't any wing either."
"Don't get sarcastic."
"Well, dammit, you can't have all the white meat. I like it myself."
Leo

Dance

There are certain virtues and certain faults which seem to be characteristic of young artists. Marie Marchowsky's dance program at the New School for Social Research, a couple of Tuesdays ago, is a case in point. Her movements possess a vitality that simply exhausts an audience. Her themes are the meat of our contemporary newspaper headlines. Finally, the technique of her group and herself is finished and powerful.

However in the liability column, one fault is entirely too manifest. In all but one dance, Miss Marchowsky committed the crime of overstatement. There was entirely too much waste motion and in the bargain the dance was too long.

It is a good general maxim that an artist should communicate as much as possible with a minimum of effort. This ideal of economy in expression is a rare attribute, particularly among young artists. They falsely identify the strongest effect with the strongest motion. Only after years of study and work can one find the most effective tools of esthetic communication.

In only one dance did she approach the ideal of economy. Her "Folk Song" is a simple powerful statement of nostalgia mixed with a feeling of feet firmly grasping the earth.

More work of this order and less of the prolonged furious agitations will definitely establish Marie Marchowsky and her well trained group as leaders in the field of the younger modern dancers.

NAGRN

"Make Good Connections" Advise Telephone Operators

By Gil Guillaume

"You don't last long in this racket if you haven't got your fingers on everything," punned Fred Berry, chief telephone operator at the College. Fred, who with George Failing makes a switchboard battery that's hard to beat, has been making connections for nigh on to fifteen years. One of the nicest connections he has yet made was with a cute little blonde whom he calls Mrs. Pointing to a photo of two healthy babies, Fred asked, "How do you like my work?"

George has hooked up with a brown-eyed little brunette whom he met in a telephone tete-a-tete. With Fred in the saddle, George spilled the beans. "I started working on North Island in '29. I was out of work, but they needed an operator badly. They broke me in. You see there's nothing to it. You pull this, shove it in there and wait until the light goes off. Then you wait until it goes on again. Then you pull it out."

"Just look at those kids," broke in Fred. "Oh me? I learned at Bellevue. I was a runner there and in my spare time I used to watch the operators. Once, (he chuckled) when I had it down pat they let me take the board. Well they left me alone and I was doing all right until six trunks lit up on me at once. Well I got so befuddled that I ripped out every connection on the board figuring on starting from scratch. Well I was in a pickle. I'd probably killed about twelve connections so I ran out and hollered for help. Here George, you take it." Fred was now all steamed up. George sat down and as the calls came pouring in he dispensed with his duties with the

The Press

America's Purpose by Alfred J. Snyder. The Declaration Press, Philadelphia, 1937. pp. 375. \$3.00.

A statement of a nation's purpose is never a factual description, but rather an invitation to form an attitude, presented as an appeal to destiny. "It is America's purpose to secure all the rights of all mankind." (p. 147.) Such appeals are notoriously vague. What is therefore surprising in this book is not occasional specious psychology, spurious biology, shady metaphysics and simplified history, but its fundamentally common-sense attitude. This effect cannot be due entirely to the numerous quotations from the founding fathers.

The author defines the American ideal in terms of the Declaration of Independence and the equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He holds up the ideal and in its light estimates the course of America's past development. There is no profound historical investigation. He reviews events (to quote Santayana) "as he might look over a crowd to find his friends." Nor is there a subtle analysis of the ideal itself. Yet with a sound insight he detects perversions of the doctrine intended to deprive the masses of men of their rights. He is cognizant of the many liberties this country has enjoyed which other countries have not, and he is equally aware of the dangers that face these liberties and the obstacles to the extension of democracy into all phases of American life.

Mr. Snyder condemns fascism as predicated on inequality and brute force. Communism he sees as based upon reasoning, but requiring a sacrifice of other liberties for the sake of economic freedom; "its antidote is neither ridicule nor force, but improvement in the standard of living." (p. 339.) Since, in spite of the hortative character of the book Mr. Snyder offers no clear program of action, it is impossible to appraise his position. He has faith in the people of America to meet practical situations and bring about requisite changes. The only danger of rebellion, he says, is a rebellion against the people and their government by those who wish to resist progress and retain inequalities.

Perhaps Mr. Snyder feels that it is enough to remind the American people of its "mission" and it will do the rest. His final touch is a warning that if we don't hurry up and achieve equality some other nation will reach the promised land first!

DR. ABRAHAM EDEL
Philosophy Department.

ease of a 160-word-a-minute typist.

And Fred unfolded the story of his life. No, he'd not gone to college but upon seeing what a couple of diplomaed friends of his were now, he was glad of it. "I've been to every state in the union, and Gil, let me tell you, there isn't a more expensive college than experience. But, you get your money's worth." Nothing was doing on the board, so George lent a word. "I went to business school, and I haven't used a thing I learned there." He pulled out three dead connections simultaneously without looking at the board. "It's all like Fred says here. Initiative and presence of mind constitute two of your most valuable assets. But in a 'phone operator, they really come to the fore."

"You betcha," Fred picked it up as a call interrupted George. "Just look at that Philadelphia operator who was a guest at the Hotel New Yorker during the fire. They were swamped with calls, and this girl had the wits to pick up a phone and offer her services to the already fatigued regular girls. Ticking a switchboard does that to you."

Then as if by prearrangement, they both stopped smiling and assumed a most serious attitude. Fred started. "Look, I wish you'd do us a favor. Will you, fer hevins sake, run thick headlines the first issue of every term telling the freshmen that this is not the lavatory with the golden tile floors!"

Year after year, practical joking upper classmen send the gullible frosh into the little room just off the Lincoln corridor with tales of ornamented walls bedecked with the trinkets of, yea, none other than King Zog. Off and on, tales of King Tut's original "tut tut!" prompts a wide-eyed freshie to poke a curious pair of eyes twixt the door which is e'er ajar for none but faculty service.

Hear Ye . . . Ye Low and Humble entrants. On the walls of this *sacrum phonum operatorum* hang not ye mementos of King Tut, Zog, or Glug. 'Tis the static and erratic bell of yon *American Tel. & Tel.* . . . no less. (no advt, either.)

Screen

Screen Snap-Shorts

Merlusse, the latest French adventure in the psychological film, is now at the Continental Theater, having succeeded *The Dybbuk*. *Merlusse* was directed, written and produced by Marcel Pagnol of *Topaze* distinction. . . . At the Cameo *Ski Battalion* (Amkimo) is in its second week. The American premiere of *Lenin in October* will follow shortly. . . . The World becomes a first-run house with the premiere of *The Charm of La Bobeme*, starring Jan Kiepura and Mata Eggerth. . . . *A Slight Case of Murder* is giving way at the Strand to *Love, Honor & Behave*, another triad-titular picture (if that's the technical classification), with Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane.

At the Music Hall *Jezebel* is in its second week. Once again Bette Davis turns in a powerful characterization.

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Sport Sparks

Garden Basketball Beef; Return Game to Armory? Experience Says "No"!

By Philip Minoff

To the Sports Editor of the Campus:

Now that one of the most successful basketball seasons in College history is at an end, I would like to say a few things about certain aspects of it.

One of my complaints deals with the situation at Madison Square Garden. The games there have grown in popularity until now every time the college quintets step on the floor they perform before a practically capacity audience. Now this is quite all right judged from the viewpoint of Ned Irish and the Garden, but I cannot help feeling that the College is working for a corporation, and although I haven't got the figures I am confident that the Garden gets the lion's share of the gate receipts.

The College is allotted only a certain amount of seats. There is no reduction on the \$1.10 tickets and the A.A. book is good only for the \$.75 and \$1.65 seats. The remaining seats go on sale at the Garden to outsiders. Another fault is that only one ticket is allowed to each A.A. book, so that if a student wants to take the girl-friend he has to shell out \$.75 for another ticket. Moreover when the game is a sell-out an A.A. member cannot even buy another \$.75 seat. "Only one for one," we are told. "Sorry, but the Garden won't send us any more."

My remedy for the above faults is this. Let the colleges themselves conduct their games as in the past before the Garden regime, and thereby receive a larger portion of the receipts which, at the College, could be used for many things such as a training table for the baseball team, intramurals and many other projects. What are your views on the subject which is a vital one to athletics at the College?

Maxwell Kern '39

I am printing Mr. Kern's letter because its arguments are typical of a dozen similar complaints this office has received in regard to College basketball at the Garden. It seems to me that the main issues are first, the cut that the Garden takes from the gate receipts and second, the ticket situation.

Naturally the Garden gets a portion of the profits, which are split five ways. Ned Irish is an employee of the Madison Square Garden Corporation and as far as I have been able to find out, works on a straight salary basis and hence does not get a percentage of the nightly income. But the important point is that basketball has never been so lucrative for the College as in the past few years of Garden competition. Remember that the Stanford and NYU games this season drew 35,000 people, making for five very sizeable portions. It's the same principle on which Mr. Kern would not hesitate to split a million dollars with fifty people. Sure, he would like to have all of it, but his portion would still be larger than any sum he had made in the past and so he would be very happy about the whole thing. The College A.A. is very happy.

Of course, the kick about the tickets is quite justified. The game after all belongs to the college students, and their interests deserve primary consideration. It is unfair for them to sit in the topmost gallery merely because they can't afford to pay more than forty cents. There should be student reductions on all seats with the locations improved as well. But, when approached on the subject, the Garden claims that any variation on the present plan would make it impossible to run the games on a paying basis.

As for the College taking over basketball itself, experience argues very strongly against it. It would mean playing our games in the armory and at home once more. Certainly our percentage of the gates would be bigger, but of what consequence? The records reveal that in the last year of armory basketball there were a little over 2,000 at the College-NYU contest. There were less than 4,000 at the St. John's game. The rent for the armory is plenty high, not to mention the high cost for lighting. We're also had our experience with inviting big-name teams. At the time we scheduled Pittsburgh, for instance, they had a reputation and we promised them a fat guarantee. At the time the Beavers played them, however, they were a bunch of duds and only about 300 tickets in all were sold at the College, making for a heavy loss.

Then, of course, there is the enjoyment of the games themselves. Although some of the teams in the Garden this year never belonged on a college court, the doubleheaders, for the most part, have been attractive. In the armory the main game was preceded by a junior varsity preliminary. The lighting in the Garden is excellent. The lighting in the armory is faulty. Furthermore, the benches used in the armory used to be parked out in Ohio Field all year to suffer the ravages of the elements and were never dry enough to be comfortable, being taken indoors the day of each game. So that, all things considered, the Garden affairs are a distinct improvement, especially from the financial angle. If the ducat situation can be remedied, the College basketball following should certainly take the initiative, being the largest and strongest in New York.

Sports Slants

Doc Duckers is not only trainer of basketball, football, baseball, and track teams but also a sign painter. . . . At present the doctor is at work on the baseball schedule which will adorn the Stadium at 138 Street and Amsterdam Avenue. . . . Sim Wittenberg has decided that representing the AA on the Student Council and practice teaching don't agree. . . . Simeon has resigned

in favor of the latter. . . . It's physics at Boys High School. . . . The former brains of the AA received quite a jolt when he ran up against a high school senior who answered that fourteen divided by seven equal one-half.

Four lockers in the Stadium baseball room were broken into and rifled last Monday. . . . It seems as though the poor attendance at baseball games in previous seasons has resulted in only six home games in a nineteen game schedule for the 1938 season. . . .

Jon Mong

Beaver Nine Suffers Loss Of Veterans

Faces Hard Schedule; Only 2 Regulars Now on Squad

By Irving Gellis

Suppose Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and "Goffy" Gomez suddenly decided to quit baseball and take a fling at some other career. And then suppose "Red" Ruffing and Bill Dickey also decided they had had enough—and headed in their uniforms. To say the least, it would be calamitous for the Yanks. Even your girl friend knows that.

But all this would be merely a series of trifling incidents compared with the catastrophe that has overtaken Beaver baseball this last year. When a team loses a star or two that's bad. But when fate suddenly carries off an entire team of veterans who have played together for two years and who have just started to realize the promise they've shown—that is something more than bad, or even terrible, or appalling. It is disastrous.

First, graduation planted telling blows in the most vulnerable spots when Captain Lou Hanelles, ace catcher, Johnny Morris and Mel Edelstein, pitchers extraordinary, and Les Rosenbloom, home run king, received their degrees last June.

However, the outlook wasn't too black. Coaches get used to graduation losses. And furthermore, the Beavers still had Co-captains-elect Dave Novack and Danny Frank, the latter an infielder by himself. But when Novack decided he could learn more in his father's business than on Convent Avenue, and Frank started working for Mayor LaGuardia as a fireman, that was too much. Tears began to flow in the alcoves.

Yet, the loyal Lavenders pointed out, we still had Bernie Fliegel, "Ace" Goldstein, and Lennie "Tarzan" Hubschman. But, as they say in Flatbush, it never rains, but it pours. Again the Beavers received a neat kick in the teeth when Hubschman trekked off to law school, and Fliegel and Goldstein became basketball pros, leaving Al Soupios and Milt Weintraub, the only regulars remaining, to lighten Coach Sam Winograd's Herculean task.

And, as though not enough damage had been done already, the schedule reveals an assortment of the toughest baseball colleges in the East.

College Fencers Meet NYU Team Tomorrow

Another angle of the NYU feud crops up tomorrow when the College fencers meet the Violets at 2:30 p. m. in the Commerce Center gym. NYU will be favored as they are undefeated and tied only by Columbia, but the College men are in fine form and are out to crush the Violets. Dan Bukantz, in particular will be looking for revenge when he meets Sylvio Giolito, the NYU star. Giolito just nosed out Bukantz in the Intercollegiate Individual Championships last December, and Dan is anxious to prove that it was a mistake.

The outcome of the match will probably depend upon the foils. As the College team is weak in the epee, and only fair in the saber, a good lead in the foils is necessary for victory. Bernie Marks has been doing commendable work in the saber, but he needs more support to take the event.

MILK BUILDS WINNERS

Intramurals

Blood ran like borscht. Editors cried. Reporters wept. It was all over. For in a game that had the thrills of a College-NYU embroglio and the polish of a professional fracas, the *Campus Borscht-Crushers* yielded to the brilliant second half offensive of the *Winner* quintet and departed from the basketball tournament yesterday by the closest of margins 33-4.

To Sports Editor Phil Minoff with two points went the glory of being high scorer of the *Campus* team.

What did it matter that the All Stars shattered the record for points scored in a preliminary game by swamping the Jayhawks 42-5, that the Dervishes gracefully whirled through the COA 21-4 to the disappointment of the club's many followers, that the Bees stung the Mustangs 16-14, or that the Century Club overcame an eight point half time deficit to outjinx the Ravens 21-15?

The *Campusites* did have some consolation however—they were not alone. For the losers of the following nine games also went the way of most intramural flesh—Basketball Managers 13, Orioles 6; Team O 21, Freshies 6, Lavenders 16, CCC 15; Firemen 18, Gym Group 5; Muldorfs 21, Tri-Boros 19; Dean '38 14, Shep '41 3; Rangers 9, Fochans 3; Murals 24, Lanritz 1.

Batmen Come Out of Hibernation To Meet Hamilton Team Tomorrow

Under the watchful eye of "Chief" Miller, the Beaver braves have practiced lacrosse so conscientiously these past winter months that they feel confident of a victory over their nemesis, Johns Hopkins, this season.

The team scrimmages at home tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. with Alexander Hamilton High School. Admission is free and worth it, for Hamilton always has a good team. The fellows who faced them last year can vouch to that.

On March 26, the Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Association will sponsor a clinic in the stadium. The "who's who" of the lacrosse world will be there to address the crowd and discuss the new rule changes.

A demonstration game between the New York Lacrosse Club and the Col-

lege players is slated to follow the clinic. The visitors, who are mainly ex-metropolitan college stars will give the College a run for its money. The spectators will see the game free.

This year's list of opponents, besides such big lacrosse names as Rutgers, St. Johns and Annapolis, includes the unofficial NYU lacrosse team. Students may now save their "Beat NYU" buttons. The team promises a decisive victory.

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Eye and Ear Conference Ends Today

Movies and Lectures Feature Seminar

Featuring an exhibition and lectures on the causes, care and prevention of blindness and deafness, a conference on the Conservation of Sight and Hearing, is now being held at the College. It began on Tuesday and will be concluded today. The conference is one of the Frederick B. Robinson Scientific Series, sponsored by the Medical Staff and the evening session Pre-Medical Society of the College.

The exhibition contains charts, posters and motion pictures on the various causes of blindness and deafness. Instruments used by oculists and otologists in treating eye and ear troubles are also on display. Several exhibits are devoted to the prevention of injury to these organs.

A series of lectures, demonstrations and round table discussions, delivered by expert physicians and technicians, were heard during the past week. Dr. C. Ray Franklin and Hugh Grant Rowell inaugurated the conference with addresses before Tuesday's Freshman Chapel on the importance of care of the eyes and ears.

The lectures ranged from discussions of the economic and social significance of eye and ear disease to highly technical discussions of the medical aspects of these maladies.

Among the lectures scheduled for today are "Eyes and Lighting" by Dr. LeGrand H. Hardy, at 2 p. m. in 126, Main and "Publicity in Relation to the Conservation of Sight" by David Resnick, at 4 p. m. in the same room.

Physicians of the Medical Staff will be available at all times for consultations with students. Dr. W. Park Richardson, Chief College Physician, announced.

Dr. Falion Defines Jurisdiction in All Bargaining Cases

The Board of Higher Education has jurisdiction over all collective bargaining cases by employees of the city colleges, Professor George M. Falion, chairman of the lunchroom sub-committee of the Commerce Center and director of Townsend Harris High School, explained at an informal hearing held in his office at the downtown branch Tuesday afternoon. The board designates a person to take care of such cases, he added. The late Maurice Deiches, when he was a member of the board, held this position. The vacancy still exists.

Professor Falion's statement was made in connection with the attempt to bargain collectively for higher wages and shorter hours by the Soda Dispensers Union of the American Federation of Labor. A union representative had written a letter on the subject to the lunchroom committee.

The hearing was held in order to have Commerce Center students voice their opinions as regards improvement of conditions in the lunchroom. George Weissman '39, managing editor of *Ticker*, Commerce Center newspaper, submitted a report to the group, giving a comparative list of prices among the lunchrooms of the Commerce Center, the Main Center, Great Neck and George Washington High Schools.

Klapper Dinner

A testimonial dinner was tendered to Dr. Paul Klapper, president of Queens College, by the City College Club, an alumni organization, Wednesday night, March 16 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Judge Peter B. Schmuck '93 acted as toastmaster, and among the speakers were Dr. George Z. Mason '09, Professor J. Salwyn Shapiro '11, Professor Nelson P. Mead '99, Dean Morton D. Gottschall '13, Dr. Joseph Klein '06, Mr. Joseph Cohen '08, and Mr. Jacob Holman '04.

CDA Dance

Circolo Dante Alighieri will hold a Freshman dance tomorrow evening at the Casa Italiana of Columbia University. This is CDA's first affair of the term. Admission price is fifty cents to non-members.

Briefs

Frosh Chapel

Dr. Emanuel Hertz 92, brother of the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, spoke about Abraham Lincoln yesterday at chapel. Dr. Hertz, whose address was broadcast over WNYC, traced the difficulty which he had in preparing the material for his book, *A Hidden Lincoln*.

Politics Club

Louis Conn, member of the recently formed Youth Committee for the Oxford Pledge, the purpose of which is to fight war, spoke before the Politics Club, Tuesday. Conn declared that an American Student Union without a good anti-war program is an ASU which has lost seventy to eighty-five per cent of its value.

New Public Address System

Prompted by the inability of the public address system in the Great Hall to transmit music well, the College authorities have decided to install an additional one.

Dam Club Prize

Frederick Lehman '38 won the annual prize given by the Dam Club, society of graduate civil engineers of the College, for the most interesting paper on an aspect of civil engineering.

The Metropolitan College Newspaper Association will meet tomorrow in room 45 of the Commerce Center at 1:30 p. m. . . . Professor Stephen J. Tracy of the Pittsburgh University School of Engineering will become assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the College.

Dr. Max Yergan, instructor of the Negro History course at the College was among the signers of a statement, released by the American League for Peace and Democracy, which called for international cooperation of the democratic nations and condemned isolationism.

Bacteriology Society

The Bacteriology Society held a supper at the Hamilton Place Hotel last Friday evening. Dr. William W. Browne, faculty adviser of the society, was presented with a society key. After the dinner Dr. Joseph Webb spoke on "Tissue Immunity." The society is preparing a *Journal of the Bacteriology Society*.

SC Agenda

The Student Council will hear a report of its Peace Committee on plans for the April 27 Anti-War Strike at its meeting today in room 315, Main at 3 p. m. . . . The Cadet Club initiated fourteen new members at its Induction Dance held last week in the ROTC Armory.

Mystery Body Leaflet Opposes Tenure Stand

(Continued from page 1, Col. 2) tained five "whereases" attacking the College Teachers Union and the Instructional Staff Association, proclaimed that the association would take action to protect tenure rights "by urging the Board of Higher Education to stand by the provisions of the resolution passed June 16, 1936." This was the resolution which was reversed, in effect, by the board's failure to reappoint Dr. Miriam Becker of Hunter College, although she had been a tutor for three years. The resolution stated that it would be the policy of the Board to reappoint tutors after three years satisfactory service. The association's leaflet did say, however, that "the problem of tenure is most serious."

Varsity Show Directed By Former Star

Leroy Zehren '36, star of former Dram Soc shows, will direct *In the Groove*, the society's spring jubilee musical, Fritz Berkowitz '39, Production Manager, announced yesterday.

Mr. Zehren has just returned from Hollywood, where he took part in the production of musicals.

Edward Sinclair, of the Albertina Rasch Dancing School, will stage the dance numbers. Mr. Sinclair also designed the dances for *Don't Look Now*, the Dram Soc's musical of a year ago.

Casting for *In the Groove* will be completed today, Berkowitz said. Specialty performers of all sorts are invited to try out for the production, he said. The complete cast will be announced shortly.

The expression "In the Groove" is a "swing" term. Dealing with the World's Fair and with the College library excavation, the musical was written by Mortimer Cohen '38, Dave Dawson '38, Newton Meltzer '38 and Jerry Albert '38, editor of *Mercury*. Dawson, impersonator and comedian, was a star of *Don't Look Now*. He has given his impersonations over Fred Allen's program and in the Rainbow Grill.

Tickets, from thirty-five cents to one dollar, will go on sale in the alcoves next week. The musical will be presented April 21, 22, 23, at the end of the Easter vacation.

College Debaters Defeat Manhattan

The College varsity debating team upheld the negative in a contest with a visiting group from the University of North Carolina yesterday in 16, Main, on the topic, "Resolved: That the National Labor Relations Board be empowered to enforce arbitration in all industrial disputes." Martin Glaberman '39 and Irving Sonnenschein '39 spoke for the College in the no-decision debate.

Last Monday evening the debating team travelled to the Holy Family Parish Hall where, again defending the negative of the NLRB question, it defeated Manhattan College, 54-41. The decision was made by the audience in the hall.

That same day at 12:15 p. m. station WNYC sponsored the team in a no-decision contest with NYU on the topic, "Resolved: That the United States adopt a policy of collective security." The College debaters defended the negative of the question.

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taken on this insult to them. Feuer, who had just received a scholarship to Harvard University, was thereupon suspended for six months. After the meeting, the President disavowed all responsibility for the action to Feuer, and said that, indeed, he would have been less severe. Another Faculty meeting was held, and Feuer was subsequently reinstated.

It is an anti-climactic to report that the Board, after reprimands, reinstated all, reinstated the Social Problems Club, gave permission to *Frontiers* and life proceeded hectically onward.

In May, Dr. Robinson again exhibited what must even euphemistically be described as lack of tact. The Student Council voted insignia to, among others, editor Abraham H. Raskin and editorial chairman Joseph P. Lash of *The Campus*. President Robinson, when the scrolls were presented to him for signature, refused to sign. The Council promptly recalled all certificates and had new ones engraved without a space for the President's signature.

(The next article of this series, to appear next issue, will deal with the President's ability to run the College at a very low cost, the Oakley Johnson case which was too long to include in today's installment and other cases of suppression.)

Inter-Frat Council Rejects SC Protest

The Inter-Fraternity Council yesterday refused to protest against the recent Faculty ruling on the McGoldrick resolution. A motion to support the Student Council protest was defeated by a vote of 9 to 8.

The delegates from one of the fraternities refused to support the resolution on the grounds that it was in direct opposition to the policy of their alumni and they did not want to strain relations between the two groups. Others opposed the protest because "we have nothing to hide and have no objections to submitting the names of our delegates to Dean Turner."

Kurt Greenwald '39, president, in refusing to submit the names of the fraternities who voted against the protest,

and speaking for the IFC said, "The IFC is not a political organization. We do not desire any political affiliations. We are established solely for the maintenance and welfare of fraternities on the campus. When, however, a political resolution is introduced into the IFC by the Student Council, as in this case, the resolution is voted upon."

Peace Hits Schools On Sports Education

Schools today are not teaching the fundamentals of new sports to the people, according to Mr. James Peace of the Hygiene department. In a speech before the Health Education Society on Thursday night, he said that because of greater leisure, physical education was branching out into recreation. He predicted that 100,000 new men would be needed in the field, because of expanding facilities in the nation due to increased federal and state aid.

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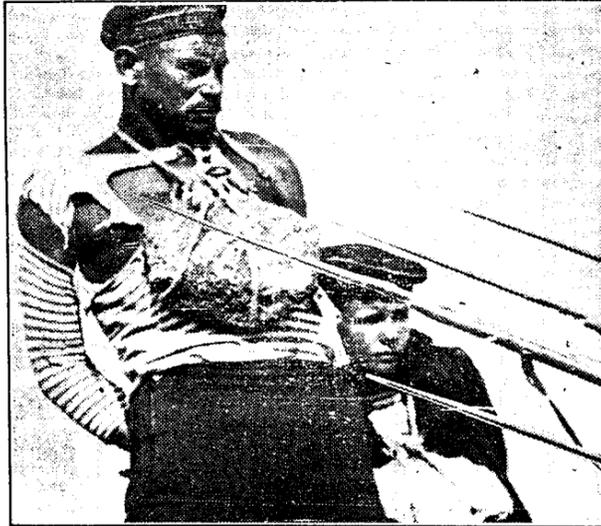
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