

The Case Against Robinson

Budget-Balancing, Fascist Holiday, More Paternalism

By BERNARD S. ROTHENBERG
(This is the fifth in a series of articles.)

What can students striving to educate themselves against the odds of poverty and unemployment think of a man who boasts that he has run the City College at the lowest per capita cost of any municipal higher educational institution in the world?

Such a man is Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, president of the City College. His zeal to save money for the city, even if at the expense of sound educational policy, is revealed in his teaching staff "rotation policy" which he described to the editor of *The Campus* a month ago as "perfectly all right," in the gradual disappearance of free textbooks during his reign, and in other instances which we shall cite.

The President's statement in the Faculty Bulletin of September 16, 1931, is so conclusive that it requires no comment:

"In making up the budget request this year the College authorities found that the enrollment of March 1, 1931 was over 33 per cent greater than the enrollment of March 1, 1930. The Education Law provides that the city shall appropriate to the City College a sum of money which will be more than that of the preceding year in direct proportion to the student enrollment as of March 1st. Under the law, therefore, the City College would normally look for a 33 per cent increase in appropriation. However, the President of the College and the governing board, realizing that the city was facing a difficult financial problem, exercised all possible ingenuity and succeeded in turning in a budget request with an increase of less than 25 per cent, thus saving the city over 8 per cent on an item that runs into millions."

It should not be impertinent to recall, in passing, that the Civil List of July 1, 1930 to December 31, 1930 reads "Frederick B. Robinson, salary \$18,000," and that the next Civil List of January 1, 1931 to June 30, 1931 reads, "Frederick B. Robinson, salary \$21,000."

Retrenchment

At this time a citywide protest against fees in the city colleges reached its height. The Tammany-dominated Board of Higher Education set up a "Special Committee on Economics" to ferret out sources of easy revenue. In May, 1932, Dr. Morton D. Gottschall, then Recorder, announced that the College would with the next term impose a fee of five dollars for every point in excess of 128 accumulated by students before graduation.

Since extra points are awarded for high grades this fee was equivalent to a tax on scholarship and was attacked as such. President Robinson was out of town during the early stages of the dispute. Upon his return, when students brought their protests to him, he expressed great indignation with this ridiculous fee. He assured them it must have been the work of an "irresponsible subordinate."

The facts, however, came into sharp collision with this statement, for the students were told by Dr. Gottschall that the measure had originated with Dr. Robinson's knowledge and cooperation. The furor created by this mess resulted in the cancellation of at least this section of the administration's economy measures on June 13.

A few weeks later, Dr. Robinson sailed on vacation to Italy with a parting word on economy:

"Of the three units comprising the College of the City of New York—City College, Hunter and Brooklyn Colleges—ours has an enrollment of 40,000 on our share of the budget which is \$3,000,000. The total budget of the three units is \$7,000,000 and the total enrollment is 70,000, so it can be seen that our share is scrupulously administered." (N. Y. Times, June 29, 1932).
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SC CALLS PEACE STOPPAGE

News Committee Appointed

Faculty Acts On 'Campus' Editor's Plea

Group Will Transmit Staffs Reports To Students

A Faculty committee to investigate methods whereby news of Faculty activities can be communicated to the students accurately and swiftly was appointed at the meeting of the Faculty, Thursday, it was learned Friday in a letter from Prof. Frederick G. Reynolds, secretary of the Faculty. The action was taken following a request for such "machinery" by Bernard S. Rothenberg '38, editor of *The Campus*.

Rothenberg wrote a letter to Prof. Reynolds asking that the matter be brought up before the Faculty. In it Rothenberg stated, "*The Campus*, as the official undergraduate newspaper of the College, has experienced a great deal of difficulty in securing official, accurate-to-the letter reports of Faculty actions at the Faculty meetings."

Reynold Replies

Prof. Reynolds' reply, written on the day after the meeting and addressed to Rothenberg, stated, in full, "I beg to inform you that your letter of March 17 was brought before the Faculty at its meeting held on that date. I am authorized by the Faculty to inform you that the matter has been referred to a committee for report to the Faculty at a later meeting."

Rothenberg further stated in his letter that it is not "conducive to Faculty-Student harmony" that Faculty decisions which vitally affect the students, should be heard of "weeks after they are taken."

Official Notices

Reading Tests

The Recorder's Office has announced that the Senior Reading Test, to be taken this term by all seniors, will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 3 p. m. in the following rooms:
French, Great Hall; German, 306, Main; Italian, 126, Main; Spanish, 126, Main.

Ed. Photographs

Students taking education courses must have their photographs on file in the office of that department, it was announced. Students who have not yet had their pictures taken were asked to report to 409, Main on one of the following days:
Monday, March 28, from 3 to 5 p. m.; Tuesday, March 29, from 3 to 5 p. m.; Wednesday, March 30, from 12 to 2 p. m.; Thursday, March 31, from 12 to 2 and from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.; Friday, April 1, from 12 to 2 p. m.

GRIEVANCE MEETING

Grievances concerning administration of NYA funds will be heard at a joint meeting of the NYA committees of the Student Council and the ASU, Albert Wattenberg '38, chairman, announced yesterday. The committees will meet tomorrow at noon in the council office, 5, Mezzanine.

Embargo Fascism — Not Spain!



—Talbert, NEA

Students, Faculty Cooperate

Joint Committee on Student Activities Is Successful at Brooklyn College

By our Brooklyn Correspondent

The resolution read as follows: Whereas . . . the best interests of Brooklyn College require the establishment of more amicable relations between the Faculty Committee on Student Activities and the student body; and whereas such tensions as now exist arise in part from the lack of mutual understanding . . . and whereas we believe that an amelioration of these conditions may be effected through student representation on the Faculty Committee on Student Activities . . . Therefore—

Therefore Brooklyn College now has a joint Faculty-Student Committee on Student Activities consisting of nine members of the Faculty and three student members.

"It won't work," said objectors to the plan. So last week we asked Prof. John D. Whyte, committee chairman, whether, in his opinion, the idea of having students on such a committee was a good one.

"I was in favor of the idea before the committee was formed. I still am. But you must remember that, what with vacations and all, we haven't had much time to see what it can do."

And what has the committee done in the short time allotted to it? Its first big test came with the passage of the McGoldrick Resolution, when it had to draw up rules to govern clubs.
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Board Refers Faculty Rule To Committee

Administrative Group Will Determine Resolution

The Board of Higher Education at its meeting last night referred the faculty ruling on the McGoldrick resolution to the administrative committee of the College. The ruling requires that all organizations must submit a list of the names of the members in order to be permitted to organize.

Many student leaders declare that this provision is contrary to the spirit if not the letter of the resolution which requires only the name of the group, a statement of its purpose and a list of its officers. The committee was asked to make a speedy determination of its ruling, according to Mark Eisner, chairman of the board.

To Meet Soon

Charles H. Tuttle, chairman of the College administrative committee, said that the body would meet late this week or early next week.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to routine business as Mr. Eisner is leaving shortly for an extended tour of Europe.

A report will be made on April 1 by Mr. Charles Barry on the request of the members of the Personnel Bureau for the redistribution of \$2100, left by the resignation of two staff members, among the present employees of the bureau.

Board Votes Assurance

At a special meeting held Monday afternoon, March 14, the Board unanimously voted assurance to teacher groups that it would pass a by-law granting tenure of office to permanent staff members before May 1.

The next meeting of the board will take place on Monday, April 18.

Business Managers To Meet Saturday

The Metropolitan College Newspaper Association has called a meeting of all business managers for next Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at the Commerce Center 4 S, to consider action upon the report of Mr. Charles Soroka, representative of the National Advertising agency. Mr. Soroka last Saturday discussed the relation of his organization and college newspapers.

Jerry Sanders, editor of the *Cooper Union Pioneer*, reported that an editorial he had printed had incurred the disfavor of the authorities, who indicated intentions of taking action against the paper. The MCNA voted unanimously to send letters expressing disapproval of any censorship to the Cooper Union Faculty, Board of Trustees and Student Council.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A committee of three to investigate the free books situation at the College was appointed by the Parents Association at a meeting held last Thursday at the Commerce Center.

Protests Fascism Thursday

Seeks Concerted Action of Non-Aggressors

An "Emergency Stoppage" of all 11 o'clock classes this Thursday to protest the actions of the fascist aggressors in Spain and Austria was called by the Student Council at its meeting last Friday. The stoppage will be held simultaneously with strikes by student organizations and trade unions in France, England, Mexico and Belgium. The demonstration which will be held on the campus if permission is granted by Dean Turner will be based on a three-point program:

Should Call Conference

1. America should call a conference of the non-aggressive powers to take steps for concerted action against the aggression of the fascist countries.
2. The United States should support the independence of Czechoslovakia and Lithuania and should not recognize the annexation of Austria by Germany.
3. Support the O'Connell Peace bill and oppose the Vinson Naval bill and May War Mobilization bill; and demand the opening of normal trade relations with Spain.

In conjunction with the SC decision, the ASU held an emergency meeting to mobilize support in preparation for the stoppage yesterday in the Student Concourse. The resolution to support the SC call was passed by acclamation by the 150 students present at the meeting.

Ask for Support

Asking for the support of the students, Jack Fernbach '39, president of the ASU, declared, "We must make ourselves heard if we want to maintain peace." Fifteen dollars was collected after an appeal for funds.

The tentative list of speakers include Representative Jerry J. O'Connell, Ferdinand de Loe Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, James Hawthorne, foreign correspondent for *New Masses*, and student and faculty speakers not yet decided upon.

Other schools and colleges which are holding similar "stoppages" on Thursday are New York University, Columbia, Hunter College, the Commerce Center, Brooklyn College and LIU, according to the city office of the ASU.

'Monthly' Ban Void Ex-Editor Avers

Pointing to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article VII of the By-Laws of the Board of Higher Education, Charles Neider '38, ex-editor of the *City College Monthly*, claimed that Dean Moore, in banning the sale of that magazine at the Commerce Center, acted illegally.

In a letter to *The Campus*, Neider specifically quoted the laws claiming that Dean Moore acted "in defiance of the Faculty Committee on Student Relations, the Faculty, and the Board."

"The law says," the letter continued, "that the dean of a faculty shall carry into action the recommendation of a disciplinary committee." The Faculty Committee on Student Relations has already recommended that no disciplinary action be taken in the case of the *City College Monthly*, and its report has been approved by the Faculty."

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The Run-Around

BUREAUCRACY IS A NASTY WORD. In fact, it's perfectly horrid. But it would be obstinate to deny that its insidious ribbons of red tape have crept into the workings of our institution.

Members of the Faculty have freely admitted this shame. And they have even laughed at themselves. But, despite this realization, bureaucracy is still in full regalia.

We are referring to the stupid manner of releasing news of actions taken by the Faculty. The word "stupid" is used with due deliberation and with no reflection intended on any member of the Faculty or the Faculty as a whole. The method is just that—stupid.

What usually goes on is something like this: One pleasant Thursday, after *The Campus*, is all planned out, a rumor arrives via the grapevine that the Faculty is holding a meeting. The rumor is confirmed. Issue editors tear their locks with agony. Layouts are torn apart. Six *Campus* star reporters hotfoot it down to 126 Main, sprawl all over the corridor and wait for developments.

Pretty soon Prof. — emerges and is besieged. "The McGoldrick interpretation . . . now let me see . . . it was defeated . . . yes . . . but don't quote me . . . I can't say . . . we're not permitted . . ." And Prof. — dashes off.

Six *Campus* men scribble furiously in ABC shorthand.

Prof. — emerges and is set upon. "The McGoldrick interpretation . . . uh . . . yes . . . it was referred to committee . . . but don't quote me . . ." The Prof. dashes off.

Dean — emerges and is pounced upon. "The McGoldrick interpretation . . . no, that's not right . . . now who gave you that? . . . you'd better see the Secretary of the Faculty. He's the only one authorized to give any news of Faculty actions . . ."

Professor —, Secretary of the Faculty emerges. He is surrounded. "I'm sorry, gentlemen. Umpteen years ago the Faculty passed a resolution stating that no information is to be given out except by specific vote of the Faculty. Wait until the *Faculty Bulletin* comes out . . . or ask the President."

President emerges. He is stopped. "I'm sorry gentlemen, the Faculty passed a resolution . . . perhaps the Secretary of the Faculty could help you . . ."

Professor —, adviser to the Student Council emerges. "Why, yes, boys, information that immediately concerns the entire student body is released by me for the Student Council, by the head of the Faculty Committee on Student Activities for student activities and otherwise by the *Faculty Bulletin* . . . That regulation on publications . . . you can't print it until the Board of Higher Education sees it. Let them release it . . ."

The *Campus* editor then sees "reliable sources," "authoritative circles," and "unimpeachable authorities." A story is born—second-hand. Or it isn't born. And the students clamor for information on an action of the Faculty which affects their conduct. But six weeks later they still clamor. Then, at last the *Faculty Bulletin* emerges. *The Campus* reprints the story. This is the tale of bureaucracy.

It is heartening that this has been recognized by the appointment of a committee to study machinery for the publication of faculty actions. We commend the Faculty for its prompt action.

Ah, Choo!

SPRING ARRIVED YESTERDAY ON the campus—a campus that even Spring cannot beautify.

Around the flagpole in the center, a few thin green blades of grass, protected from "guttersnipes" by an esthetic monstrosity of a wire fence, pop their unobtrusive and welcome heads amidst a mass of concrete walk.

The sound of punching drills floats over the campus as WPA employees continue to work on the foundations of the new library building. Too often a miniature dust-storm, wafted by an impulsive March breeze, sweeps down Convent Ave. to the big hole.

Behind General Webb's back, a gargantuan rock-garden has been piling up for the past few years. Directly across the campus, coal-trucks rumble up to the Tech building, and crashingly deposit their black cargo into the coal chutes.

Oh, yes! Spring is here.

Recommended

Maestro—Signor Salmaggi presents one of the few double feature opera programs on Friday night at eight and a quarter. The first is *Cavalleria Rusticana*; the second is *Pagliacci*. The place is the Hippodrome, former home of *Jumbo*. If we wait long enough, they'll probably put the Lone Ranger on the program as a third feature.

Orchestra—It comes from Philly and is conducted by Eugene Ormandy. Aside from all the members of the orchestra, a flutist, a cellist, and a trio will take a few choruses. Tonight at 8:45 in the late Mr. Andrew Carnegie's place on Fifty-seventh Street.

Introduction—If you insist, call it prologue. Continuing further along the same train of thought, we arrive at *Prologue to Glory* on the western part of three-nine stricht. The theatat is Maxine Elliot's, but the Feds have rented it for the production. It's about "Honest Abe" who would gladly have paid two bits to see himself.

Free—Anything as such is worth while. Avukah has gotten out a pamphlet called "Program for American Jews." Avukah's cubby-hole on the mezzanine is the place to get the booklet. What can you lose?

Klass—Asking questions and playing music is the program of Kay Kyser's Knowledge of Musical Knowledge which is called to order on Tuesday eve at 8 p. m. and which lasts for ten minutes more than our classes. On WOR.

Life—This is a book, not a magazine. It's *The Fight for Life*, by Paul DeKruif, the gent who wrote about microbes, (the little devils) and iron men (not meaning money). Published by Harcourt, Brace and Co., and does not appear on either WABC or WOR.

Spring—It's just about time for your fancy to turn.

GARGOYLES

It's Beckah Late Than Never, Or-Lover Come Beckah to Me

Every College man has made a date to go out with a frail at some time or other. You—not you, but you; that fellow sitting in the corner sneaking a peak at *The Campus*—might have had trouble getting a date with a certain jane, but what happened to me once shouldn't happen to a dog—and I don't mean a little puppy. Here's what happened . . .

I call up the girl (she lives in Brooklyn and it's a ten cent call which is an immediate setback). She lives in a two family shack—in fact the house is so small, when you go into the dining room, you don't know if you're eating what's on your table or what you smell they're eating downstairs. Anyway, the telephone is answered by a female from the other family—a woman of definitely non-aryan lineage. I say: "May I speak to Beckah, please." She says: "What number are you wanting?" I say: "Foxcraft 2-3658." She says: "That's the number we've got here." I say: "That's very nice to know; may I speak to Beckah please." She says: "My name's Mrs. Finkelberg. Who're you?" I say: "You don't know my name, but I'm a friend of Beckah's." She says: "Who're you?" I say: "I just told you I'm a friend of Beckah's—just if you must know my name is George N . . ." She says: "Who do you want to speak to, to whom?" I say: "Please lady, I'm a very nice, easy-going guy—all I want to do is speak to Beckah." She says: "Oh, Beckah!

Mistaken Identity

By the way, where are you calling from, maybe?" "My name is not maybe, it's George, and . . ." She says: "Oh, your name is George—nice name—where'd you say you're calling from?" I say: "Yes, I like my name, but it's not my fault, I had very little to do with it. Lady, I'm calling from New York and this call is a ten cent call, and I've only got five minutes and will you please call Beckah?" She says: "Oh oh, Where's New York, hein?" I say: "Mrs. Finkelberg, New York is a ten cent call away from Foxcraft 2-3658, so please call Beckah for me." She says: "I can't call Beckah, I might wake up the baby." I say: "Then please, go up and get Beckah and ask her to come down to the telephone." She says: "My feet ain't what they used to be, and I can't stand walking up the stairs to get her." I say: "My feet can't hold out much longer either—won't you please get Beckah to come to the phone—please Mrs. Finkelberg." She says: "Beckah is a nice girl, ain't it?" I

say: "Ain't she, Mrs. Finkelberg. Certainly, Beckah is a nice girl—I wouldn't be asking you to get her to come to the phone if she wasn't." She says: "Are you sure you got the right number—this is Foxcraft 2-3658." I say: "Yes, that's the number I want—Mrs. Finkelberg, get Beckah for me, Beckah, Beckah, please, please . . ." She says: "Whaddya say? I can't hear you very well. Come closer to the telephone." I say: "Mrs. Finkelberg, I don't care about anything else. All I want is Beckah." She says: "Say, You must be in love." I say: "Yes, I'm in love—I'm anything you say, as long as you get Beckah for me—Wontcha, huh?" She says: "Whaddya want to speak to Beckah for?" I say: "Mrs. Finkelberg—I have reached the end of my rope and my ten cents. You get Beckah or else." She says: "All right, all right. But you keep talking about Beckah, and now you want Elsie. That's not nice." I say: "Ohhhh." She says: "Hello, Hello—I guess he hung up." And for the first time, she and I agreed.

Calls Beckah Again

Two days later, I call up Beckah again, figuring that maybe Mrs. Finkelberg isn't in. I am correct and very lucky—a man answers the telephone. He says: "What number d'ya want?" I say: "Foxcraft 2-3658." He says: "You're pretty good, buddy, you guessed it right the first time." I say: "May I speak to Beckah please?" He says: "Beckah, huh? I'd better let her father talk to you." I say: "I don't want to talk to her father. I want to talk to Beckah." He says: "You'll talk to her father first." The gentlemen at the end of the line lets the telephone drop, and my ear is practically ripped off. Beckah's father gets on the phone. He says: "Who ya wanna speak tuh, huh?" I say: "Beckah please." He says: "My name ain't Beckah. It's Jacob." I say: "I'm pleased to meet you. May I speak to Beckah please?" He says: "Sure." I say: "Thanks." And then to myself: "Oh, boyohboyohboy etc. At last." A woman's voice is on the phone. I say: "Beckah, gee it sure is swell to hear your voice again." She says: "This is not Beckah. This is Elsie, her sister." I say: "Ohhh. Say Elsie, will you please put Beckah on the phone, willya, willya?" She says: "Beckah ain't here," and she hangs up. She doesn't say another word; she just says: "Beckah ain't here." That's all. As I fainted, I hit my head on the seat of the telephone booth and I was in the hospital for three weeks. Beckah came to see me in the hospital. GBEFEN

Collegiana

Manifesting the trait common to all his kind, a student at Northeastern University fell asleep in his accounting class. The student next to him nudged the somnolent one vigorously. The poor fellow awoke so suddenly that the professor noticed what had happened and reprimanded the unofficial alarm clock, saying, "You should have allowed me to wake him up. After all, I put him to sleep."

A customs official, examining the baggage, held up a bottle of rye, *The Fordham Ram* tells. "I thought you said you had nothing in your bag but wearing apparel—what's this?"

"Oh, er, ah—" temporized the sweet young thing. "That's my husband's nightcap."

And there was the freshman who, when asked to put down on the registration blank his parents' names, wrote: Mama and Papa.

The ultimate in specialization: A young doctor returned to the village of his birth and called upon the old family physician.

"I suppose that you intend to specialize," remarked the elder.

"Oh, yes," replied the youth, "in the diseases of the nose, for the ears and throat are too complicated to be combined with the nose for purposes of study and treatment."

Thereupon the family physician inquired: "Which nostril are you concentrating on?"—Charles A. Beard, as reprinted in the *Hutchinson, Kansas Gazette*.

The Press

Asia for March.—This issue rolls off the press scented both with the delicate oriental fragrance of Sumatra and the foul odor of rotting corpses massacred by Nipponese hordes in China. Leading article is "Japan's Puppets in China," which describes the Japanese-established and run "autonomous" governments of the North China war-area; also the traitor-politicians who are attempting to dupe the Chinese into supporting the puppet government. Maurice Hindus discusses "The Strongest Soviet Weapon": the collective farm, which has greatly increased agricultural productivity and quality, and which also serves as cultural unit. "Conquest of the Desert" recounts briefly the story of the Oil Concession in Iraq and goes on to paint the mixture of the old and the new in petroleum refining. *Asia Bookshelf*, conducted by Pearl S. Buck, reviews the current stream of books about the East. Three loud bells.

Events: The March number reviews a month of world-wide events in eighty pages of more or less provocative articles. Charles A. Beard recommends the *Federalist Papers* and Aristotle's *Politics* to those who want to understand Russia today. The strong *Soviet Policy Against Aggression* and its effect on the three large democracies is taken up by John S. Curtiss. Professor J. Salwyn Schapiro of our History Department believes the French Popular Front has fallen, and wants to know whether its important reforms will be kept by the present Ministry. Put it down for two and a half bells. B. R. B.

The Disc

Benny Sends 'Em In Sing, Sing, Sing

The two greatest Benny Goodman records are finally on our disc, and that makes us awfully happy about the whole thing.

It's Victor's very own Benny playing that super magnificent opus, *Sing, Sing, Sing* (25796). Two sides of the most sensational piece of swing yet to make the ickies go mad. The name should be changed to swing, swing, swing. The solidest of all solid sending. Then, Mr. Goodman gives us Edgar Sampson's *Don't Be That Way* (25792) which is the nicest swing arranging we've ever heard—and we do mean ever. With another killer-diller, *One O'Clock Jump*, on the other side, Mr. G. gets back on the top of the heap in our opinion. Mr. G., how can you be that way?

Larry Clinton has recorded one of the most peculiar novelties in *Look* (25794). He waits out half the record and then hits to right. We were afraid his men forgot how to play, they took such long rests between notes. On the other side, Larry and Bea Wain teach us that *You're an Education*. They both get A's for the course. Bea confesses *A Gypsy Told Me* (25800). It's very purty, and we wouldn't mind if she kept telling us the story. *Romance in the Dark* is very pleasant too. It's on the other side. The boys can tell very well what they're doing even though it is dark. Tommy Dorsey relates that *There's a Boy in Harlem* (25799) and he does nicely up there. On the opposite side is *How Can You Forget?* We don't know. Leo Reisman's *Moon of Manakora* and *Love Walked In* (25790) is the only disappointment in the Victor batch. *I Dream I Duelt In Marble Halls* and *Martha* (25789) are Larry Clinton's swing versions of two classical pieces. We like them this way best.

There is no way to describe Dean Hudson's singing versions of *Stormy Weather* and *Liebestraum* (B-7433) for Bluebird. It's on the minus side of the ledger. Ozzie Nelson, Harriet Hilliard's handsome hubby, ought to go back to playing football for Rutgers after his version of *You're an Education* and *It's Easier Said than Done* (B-7432).

Screen

In Which Reviewer Pans Reviewers

Merlusse, the French film—now at the Continental Theater.
London Morning Post:—"This is in many ways one of the most unusual films ever made. It is perfectly acted."

Intransigent:—"Merlusse is entitled to a place by itself in the French cinema, and it's an enviable one."

Comedia:—"One can qualify Merlusse as a masterpiece, without hesitation."

L'Oeuvre:—"This film is one of such delicate charm, of such sad tenderness, yet so true, so full of remorseful injustices, that one is actually moved to tears."

Your Reviewer:—"Merlusse (French slang for "codfish") is the trite story of a bullying schoolmaster with a heart of gold. Excellently acted, the tale of the teacher with the inferiority complex seems hardly worth the trouble."
GOLDY

Provisional ASU Group Formed

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Gunther Leineweber '38, business manager of *The Campus*, by vote of the Council on a request for reconsideration by Bernard S. Rothenberg '38, editor of *The Campus*.

The report of the Alcove Committee, given by Harold Faber '40, chairman, reappointing the bulletin boards of the lunchroom, was accepted by the council. The council instructed the group to permit sale in the alcove of "all material pertinent to the activities of the clubs in the College."

Sport Sparks



Beaver Matmen Among the Best; Have Ability, Color

By Philip Minoff

Back in the days of Pocahontas and Chief Running-Water (with adjoining bath), they probably called it the big grapple. There were giants in the earth in those days and they spent most of their time, so legend tells us, in defending the honor of their tribe by demonstrating their skill in the noble art of wrestling. Today the only giants around are those that infest the Polo Grounds, and when we say tribe we are usually referring to the Cleveland Indians. But wrestling has come down through the ages fundamentally unchanged except for the fact that it has improved vastly since emerging from the forest primeval. If you saw the College matmen in any of their meets in the season just closed, you saw wrestling that would make the ancient Redskins blush for shame, or whatever Indians do when they're embarrassed.

Beavers Rank High

For the Beavers, year in and year out, are among the highest ranking teams in the country, and in their last campaign met with their usual success. They defeated the 92 St. YMHA, East Stroudsburg Teachers, Brooklyn Poly, Brooklyn College, Temple, and Columbia, the last named holding victories over University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, and Rutgers. In their only loss they bowed to the powerful Franklin and Marshall squad. It seems that the meets with F. & M. are more psychological than anything else, much like the annual NYU basketball game, and the Pennsylvanians, this season and last, have left their mark on what otherwise would be unblemished records. But the Lavender, nevertheless, is a team of extraordinary ability, having dropped only four contests in the past four years.

Although more candidates come out for the team than any for other minor sport, the newcomers are, in nine-tenths of the cases tyros. It isn't long, however, before Coach Joe Sapora, who is a former national champion, takes a dozen under his wing and teaches them the rudiments of catch-as-catch-can. In a year he has a group that can rub and lock elbows with any team in the nation. Obviously the sport is a great body builder, but at the same time conditioning, for it is strenuous and exacting. At almost any time of the year you can see the boys jogging around the Stadium track wearing nothing but shorts and a forced smile.

A Colorful Guy—Black and Blue

By far the most colorful man on the team is Henry Wittenberg, who has the finest physique in the College. His mother claims he was anemic as a baby, but Hank is the perfect "after" for those physical culture ads. When he takes off his shirt at the meets, the women sigh (and justly) while his opponent is comforted by his teammates. He has lost two meets, to Columbia and F. and M., in his career, which features winning the 174 pound Metropolitan A.A.U. crown. Also with a splendid record is Stan Graze who is unbeaten in two years of wrestling. Stan's favorite hold is a headlock, and because he is small for the 175 pound class, the rest of the team has been saving up to buy him a ladder.

Probably the best grappler on the squad, co-captain Ralph Hirschtritt has also the highest scholastic average among all the athletes at the College. Excepting his defeat to Rupp of F. and M. this season he is undefeated in the past three years, despite the fact that he has been wrestling for the last few months with a broken rib. Ralph, who has been captaining the team alone because of Harold Sklar's absence, is the gambling rather than conservative type of wrestler, and lost to Rupp only because he overtrained for the match and could hardly lift his body from the floor. It served him right. I have no use for anyone who is inconsiderate enough to pull an "A" in a chem 2A midterm.

Sport Slants

The Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Championships were decided last Saturday with Pittsburgh placing first and Temple second. . . . The College boxers failed to receive an invitation to the tournament which was held at West Virginia University. . . . What value can be attached to the championships can be gathered from the fact that the Beaver battlers soundly trounced the Templars less than two weeks ago. . . . "We would have had little trouble in sweeping the championships," said co-captain Joe Lubansky of the Lavenders. . . . Last year when St. Nick entries were invited, Tony Caserta and Amodeo Rea brought the 135 and 145 pound crowns home to Convent Avenue. . . . Al Avidon, College middleweight, was New York's 160 pound representative in last night's Golden Glove bouts. . . . Jim Clancy feels "like a chorus girl". . . . at least that's what Benny Friedman's 1937 star half-back, and Sam Winograd's prospective star catcher,

said when he appeared for baseball practice wearing a pair of thin white stockings and white sneakers. . . . Yesterday Bobby Sand went back on form. . . . he wasn't late for his unattached lecture for the first time in about a month. . . . He didn't come at all. . . . Lacrosse Coach Chief Miller calls for candidates for his junior varsity squad. . . . Everyone who wants to play a game with the finesse of basketball, the power of football, is invited to practice in the Stadium every day at three o'clock. . . . The Chief intends to give the Beaver stickmen a double workout this Saturday. . . . Manhattan Beach Lacrosse Club as well as the New York L.C. will be met in the Lacrosse Rules Clinic. . . . Admission—Free. . . . Time—2:30. . . . Place—Lewisohn Stadium. . . . Bernie Fliegel was chosen as the All-New York Basketball Center by 39 out of 40 Met basketball scribes. . . . He was the only one to poll that number of votes.

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NYU Fencers Top Beavers; Bukantz Star

St. Nicks Vanquished, 16½-10½; Winning Streak Ended

The College's string of four straight fencing victories was snapped last Saturday night when New York University's championship aggregation scored a 16½-10½ triumph on the strips of Commerce Center gymnasium.

The Lavender jumped ahead to a 5-4 lead when Co-captain Danny Bukantz, Max Goldstein, and Dave Altman succeeded in winning the foils contest. But in the epee, Bukantz, Gerry Kitay, Berwin Cohen, and Jerry Schatzberg were overwhelmed by the score of 6½-2½, giving the Violets the lead, and, as it turned out, the meet. The final contest, in the sabre, saw the Beavers suffer further humiliation as Co-captain Bernie Marks, Al Ehrenberg, and John Sieck succumbed to the Bronxites, 6-3.

Foils Team Strong

With Bukantz and Goldstein scoring two wins and one loss each for four points in the foils, Altman managed to take one of his three bouts, thereby giving the College a 5-4 advantage. The Lavender foils team has been consistently strong all season, and so the victory in this weapon had been more or less expected.

In the epee the Beavers had figured to meet the toughest opposition but were confident that they could turn in a victory. However, the Violet strength in this event proved too much for the College. Bukantz and Kitay won one and lost two each, while Cohen tied one and lost one, and Schatzberg lost his one bout, giving the Heights squad a 6½-2½ triumph.

When Marks only took one out of three in the sabre, Ehrenberg and Sieck needed a clean sweep of the remaining bouts to take the meet. Ehrenberg, for a moment, kindled hope in the Lavender rooters when he took the first two of his contests, but he could not hold the pace in the third and lost it. Sieck lost his three to give the Violet a 6-3 victory in this event, and the meet, 16½-10½.

Indians Scrimmage Against Hamilton

The local stickmen were almost held to an even score last Saturday when they scrimmaged with a snappy Hamilton High School lacrosse team.

While the scrimmage showed the college had a good defense, it also revealed a need for mid-field play practise. Next Saturday after a clinic to be attended by lacrosse notables, a double header is in the offing. The College team will play the New York Lacrosse Club and the Manhattan Beach team which is composed mainly of College alumni.

As one of the prime factors which lead to winning a lacrosse game is reserves, and as the varsity and the JV have not all they need, a call is out for all fast, ambitious men who would like to wield the big stick for Alma Mater.

All applicants for the JV will find themselves immediately taken care of if they would venture out into the stadium any school day after three p. m. and ask for Chief Miller, or the lacrosse manager.

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Rain Hampers Lavender Nine

Only two weeks remain before the College baseball team travels to Princeton for the opening game of the season. But, until Saturday, Coach Sam Winograd hasn't been able to get his squad out for a single open-air practice session. Since it is impossible to work out under game conditions within the confines of the Tech Gym, Winograd was hampered until the weather changed.

Given one of the nastiest collegiate baseball schedules in the East and the irreplaceable loss of an entire team of veterans, the Beavers have been further handicapped in that only six of the teams to be played are to be met at home. The low student attendance at the Lewisohn Stadium affairs does not recompense the College sufficiently to pay the guarantees demanded by visiting teams, without suffering a sizeable loss.

Consequently the Beavers will be continually coming and going from such widely scattered schools as Princeton, Columbia, Villanova, Panzer, Temple, and, inescapably, Brooklyn. The obvious difficulty of holding baseball practice in busses and trains and playing soon after arrival at strange diamonds is another obstacle confronting the Lavenders.

MacKenzie Issues Call For Track Aspirants

Candidates for the varsity and freshman track teams should report to Lewisohn Stadium this Thursday at 12, Coach Lionel B. MacKenzie announced yesterday.

Many vacancies have been caused by graduation, and Coaches MacKenzie and Orlando plan to hold an informal elimination tournament to fill the posts left open by graduation.

Intramurals

After long years of planning, hoping, and wishing by James Peace, College Director of Intramurals, tennis and outdoor one-wall hand ball have been added to the Intramural program. The lack of a sufficient number of courts has forestalled the introduction of these sports in the past. Entries for the tennis and handball tournaments, both singles and doubles, are now being accepted in the Intramural Office.

The Intramural Board will draw up a schedule of matches in the tennis tourney and Intramurals will have the option of playing in the city parks.

Outdoor Tourney

By special arrangement with the directors, the outdoor handball tournament will be run off at the Hamilton Place Playground, two blocks west of the College.

The first of the semester's monster meets was Thursday's swimming carnival where forty-six entries kicked their way through a total of five events. The winners were "Whitey" Finkelstein in the 100 yard free style, Rubin Seldin in the 220 yard free-style, Julius Kostch in the 75 yard breast stroke, Harry Pisarchuk in the 50 yard backstroke, and an unattached team composed of Finkelstein, A. Miller, N. Nielson, and E. McMillan in the 20 yard free style relay.

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Coach Holds Meeting For Tennis Candidates

Early next week, weather permitting, the tennis team will begin practice for one of its largest schedules in its history. Ten opponents will be met, four of them out of town colleges.

Dr. Bronstein, varsity coach, announced that there will be a short meeting of candidates for both the varsity and freshman teams, Thursday at 12 in room 311, Main. Almost a complete new team will be used, as three men have graduated and three others have transferred to other colleges.

Capt. Morty Hellman and Julian Myers are the only veterans of last year's term. Several members of last year's freshman squad will also be out for positions.



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The Case Against Robinson

(Continued from page 1, col. 1)

Summer in the sympathetic sun of Fascist Italy was warring. On September 22, 1932, Dr. Robinson returned on the Italian liner *Saturnia* and said that he found no warlike spirit among the Fascisti and considered them more like a crowd of college boys, "whooping it up for the team."

Dr. Johnson Fired

Next month Oakley Johnson, evening session instructor, faculty adviser to the Liberal Club and professed Communist, was fired from the teaching staff for reasons of "economy". The Liberal Club immediately organized protests of thousands against his dismissal. Both Dr. Robinson and Dean Paul H. Linehan insisted that the instructor's opinions had nothing to do with his dismissal. Led by Dr. Donald Henderson of Columbia University, groups sympathetic to Dr. Johnson staged a mass meeting outside the college grounds on the evening of October 26. Police were called to handle the crowd, one of the police cars running down a girl.

After the turbulent outdoor meeting, the students entered the Main Building, determined to continue their discussion in room 126. The students in court later held that Dr. Linehan and Sergeant Malone of the Police Department originally gave permission for use of the room, but both denied this statement. When the students jammed in, the police swung out lustily in an effort to disperse the gathering. A girl fainted in the crush. Twenty were arrested but were subsequently freed.

On Saturday, October 30, 1500 students packed the Central Opera House and heard a mock trial "convict" Dr. Robinson and Dr. Linehan of 1) Assault upon academic freedom; 2) Instigating riot by calling the police; 3) Misrepresentation of fact; 4) Ill-advised exercise of right of arbitrary suspension and expulsion of students; 5) Bringing in a "red herring" to confuse the issues.

Listening in and taking down the entire trial stenographically was a Board of Higher Education employee. President Robinson later described the proceedings as "consisting of lies for the most part."

But "in loco parentis" came in again. Eight students who had been given suspended sentences for disorderly conduct outside Night Court protesting the arrests of Dr. Henderson and others were further punished by suspension from College. The mock trial affair gave rise to nineteen suspensions.

Dr. Robinson wrote in a letter to the Board dated November 14, 1932: "The violation of a law established by the civil authorities has been considered sufficient cause to disqualify a student from continued attendance at the College."

Ah, Liberalism

About this time, Dr. Robinson spoke before 750 students in the Great Hall

on the subject of "Liberalism." When it was suggested that Oakley Johnson be given a chance to explain his case, President Robinson walked out in a huff amidst hisses and jeers.

The pace had been set. That same month the Student Forum was prohibited from holding a political symposium at which representatives of Democratic, Republican, Socialist and Communist parties were to be present. The Social Problems Club found itself automatically "not functioning" because no faculty adviser could be secured.

On October 16, Dean Justin H. Moore announced that all copy of *The Ticker* at Commerce Center must be read by a faculty censor before publication. All "editorial comment that is directed against any administrative officer or member of the instructional staff" was to be killed. Next day the paper was banned when its editor, Bernard Zabler '33, refused to submit to the censorship.

On November 12, *The Times* records the suppression of the Dramatic Society's choice for the Varsity production, *Merry-Go-Round*, a melodrama of civic corruption. The play is well-aimed at Tammany. Dr. Robinson was appointed President by a Tammany-picked Board of Trustees. Professor Schulz forbade the play on the ground that its subject matter was "political".

(Next installment, in the next issue, gets around to the mysterious puff-sheet laudation of the President and the well-known "Jingo Day" umbrella incident.)

Cooperation Works At Brooklyn College

(Continued from page 1, col. 3)

It did the job smoothly and efficiently—in one meeting. And only last Thursday it ruled the Brooklyn ROTC Club illegal under the "purpose" clause of that same McGoldrick Resolution.

Can we get such a committee here? "It depends on the College," said Prof. Whyte; which leaves it up to us.

HP Council Meets

A consideration of the Constitution for the House Plan will be the main item on the agenda of the House Council meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. at the House Plan. Another point to be considered will be the proposed joint production by the Commerce Center and Main House Plans of two Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to be presented at the Pauline Edwards Theater this Saturday.

'STORY' CONTEST

Story magazine's contest for the best short story, with prizes of \$100 and \$50 ends this Friday, after which date, Prof. Goodman, of the English department, who is acting as Chairman of the Board of Judges, will accept no more entries.

Correspondence

Paging 'Esquire'

To the Editor:

Despite our arts and other esthetic courses, some of us students are woefully lacking in some fundamental conceptions of good dress. Mind I say "good"—meaning "proper"—sartorial habits, not "expensive" ones.

May I offer Prof. Wisan of the History Department, Mr. Hollis of the Education Department and Mr. Frese of the German Department, as exemplary criteria of the smart and conservatively dressed school?

For setting the examples they do they are assets to the College in more than their teaching capacities, and I

believe some measure of esteem is due them.

Irving Levine '39

Nothing to Hide

To the Editor:

I have been buying '40 class cards since I entered this college. In return I was promised, for my Senior Year, reductions on the *Microcosm* and cap and gown, and an inexpensive prom. The '40 Class Council has just voted to give ASU members reductions to '40 functions. Why should the ASU and I receive the same benefits, although the ASU pays nothing to the Class? Barnum said a sucker is born every

minute, and the '40 Council thinks they're all in the '40 Class.
Lowell Schoenfeld, U. So. 3

P. S. If you've nothing to hide, you'll print this.

(A three to two majority in the '40 Class Council meeting last week decided to give a reduction, not as large as the reduction for class members, for '40 affairs to members of the ASU on the understanding that '40 members would get a similar reduction from the ASU. *The Campus* informs Mr. Schoenfeld that threats are unnecessary to secure publication of a student's opinion and trusts that he will couch his requests in the future in the language of an intelligent, thinking individual—Editor's Note)

FOOray For Us

To the Editor:

Just got thru reading the Jan. 31st

issue of *Mein Kampf*. A great piece of work well done! Congratulations. I would like to see more of the same. Sometimes such satirical writing and ridicule strikes home better than a direct, sombre editorial attack. Good luck and keep up the good work.
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