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BEGINNING: The Case Against Robinson

Widespread Unpopularity Of President Found Among Students, Faculty, Alumni

By Bernard S. Rothenberg

This is no sensational expose.

This is no editorial diatribe.

From the outset, let us clearly state that the series of articles of which this is the first, will be a complete, accurate statement of the case against the presidency of Frederick Bertrand Robinson. We intend to be gentlemanly and in good taste. We intend to present verified facts with cited corroboration, and sound opinions based upon reason and intelligence.

We shall be clear and direct. We intend to "pull no punches" for fear of censorship. We are confident that the realization that a free, untrammelled press is essential for the true functioning of a liberal institution of learning is shared by those who are our teachers and guides.

It is not for a lark or to rake up dead coals that we are presenting this series. The stand of *The Campus* and of the student body for the past several years on the question of President Robinson's administration has caused inquiry on the part of some—new students especially—as to why the President is so universally opposed. The student body wants proof of opinions. It is correct and reasonable in this insistence.

Only three weeks ago, President Robinson summoned the editor of *The Campus* to his office, and in the presence of Deans John R. Turner and Frederick Skene and Professor Joseph A. Babor, demanded proof of statements in an editorial criticizing the President.

It is in this light that *The Campus* is printing a thorough, documented series of articles, summing up the case against the administration of Frederick Bertrand Robinson as President of the City College.

We do so in the spirit of devotion to Alma Mater and the highest ideals of her founding. We do so in the hope that love for free higher education, coupled with genuine, frank scrutiny of the status quo will result in righting some wrongs and in thus serving the finest interests of our City College.

There is a deeply-grounded, long-standing antagonism to the administration of President Robinson on the part of students, faculty and alumni alike. This is nothing new. It has existed, with intervals of varying intensity, for the past seven years at least.

Student polls, demonstrations, editorials, have been consistent in their opposition to the President. The report of the Special Committee of the Associate Alumni (1935) which spent over a year carefully studying college conditions, found "widespread disaffection." A random questionnaire found that "disaffection is rife no matter how the replies may be classified—in old or young, in employed and unemployed, in this religious group and that, in those who take the military courses and those who do not." Although no comments on the President were even requested, "specific criticism of the President is frequent." Among student leaders, "the proportion opposed to the administration is very high."

Wide Disapproval of Expulsions

"All classes are" in general agreement in condemning the large number of expulsions that have marked President Robinson's administration. The President is singled out for unfavorable mention on this matter most frequently.

Random personal interviews of faculty members by the Associate Alumni Committee revealed that "there is no deep respect for him as a man of profound scholarly insight or as a leader of education conceived in a sense larger than what the mere technique of administration implies . . . those who admire him are in the minority. Even his friends agree that his contacts with the students have a way of turning out unfortunately . . . We are convinced that, if the entire teaching staff were put to a vote, a majority would not express that cordial and deep respect for the President which is essential to full cooperation."

The feelings of alumni have been restrained but adequately expressed in the Associate Alumni Report which was overwhelmingly supported at one of the largest alumni meetings ever held.

It's a "Conspiracy" President Holds

Significant it is that the President attributes this universal opposition to his administration (of which we shall give more specific illustrations later) to a "conspiracy" directed by outsiders to discredit any president of a college as part of a program of these outsiders to attack the social, political and economic system (Letter of the President of May 19, 1935 to the Alumni Committee). This theory of "outside agitators," of which the President makes so much use, has been long since repudiated by the facts. No sound-minded person can today accept the theory of the red herring.

We shall consider in more detail the character of the President's opponents in later articles.

Sufficient to say, overwhelming disapproval of Dr. Robinson's regime exists. The next question to answer is: Is this disapproval justified?

(The second article in the series, "The Case Against Robinson," will appear next issue and will deal with the attitude and personality of the President, the attitude and personality of the City College student, the exact powers of the President and the beginnings of student incidents, the Felix Cohen affair.)



Frederick B. Robinson

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College To Send Off AYP Delegates

Ten Seniors Are Awarded Major, Minor Insignia of SC

Ten seniors were awarded insignia by the Student Council at its meeting Friday. Irving Anderman, Howard Kieval, Jack London, Bernard Rothenberg, Albert Wattenberg, and Simeon Wittenberg received major insignia. This entitles them to have their names printed in gold letters on the bulletin board which until recently was at the north end of the Hall of Patriots.

Those who received minor insignia, entitling them to have their names printed in silver letters on the bulletin board were: Lionel Bloomfield, Meyer Fishman, Dudley Greenstein and Solomon Kunis. These awards are made each term in recognition of services rendered in extra-curricular activities. All students who have been in the College 3½ years or who are eligible for graduation in the same term are eligible for consideration by the council.

Anti-Syphilis Campaign

Bernard Rothman '39 was appointed chairman of a committee of three, which he was empowered to choose, to secure pictures and exhibits from the American Youth Congress for the campaign against syphilis, and to arrange for a place where the material can be shown.

A request by the debating team of the College for seventy-five dollars to enable to travel to other colleges for debates was denied because of lack of funds. However, a recommendation that the money be appropriated as soon as the council felt it was financially able, was approved.

Harold Faber '40 Alceve Committee chairman reported that a plan of re-portionment of bulletin boards will be presented to the council next meeting. He announced that two new enclosed boards will be put up shortly in the lunchroom by Mr. Joseph H. Lombardi, custodian staff head.

Dudley Greenstein '38, chairman of the Elections Committee, announced he would like to hear from students who have suggestions as to a method for conducting the council's elections efficiently and avoiding mistakes of the previous years. Anyone with a plan may drop a note into the Student Council box in the Faculty Mailroom, he added.

Dr. Harry J. Carman Fills Vacancy on Higher Board

Dr. Harry James Carman, Head of Columbia's History Department, was appointed to the Board of Higher Education last Saturday by Mayor LaGuardia. He will replace Joseph D. McGoldrick, recently-elected Controller.

Plans for the setting up of a permanent secretariat were taken up at Friday's board meeting. An administrative officer will be appointed before filling any of the other positions.

School Host To Carry-all

A carry-all equipped with full medical supplies will visit the College today between 11:50 a. m. and 2 p. m., according to Jack Kamaiko, financial adviser of the city office of the American Student Union.

An ASU delegation from the College will be on hand to welcome the carry-all, which is visiting all the universities and colleges in New York City to raise funds to buy ambulances and medical supplies for the Spanish Loyalists.

The carry-all will be open to students for inspection on the campus from 11:50 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. and from 12:50 p. m. to 1:15 p. m. It was purchased by the Federation of Faculty Committees for Aid to the Spanish People and the ASU from funds raised by the two groups.

In conjunction with the federation, with which the College Faculty Aid-Spain Committee is affiliated, the ASU has been conducting a program of concerts and lectures by which it hopes enough money will be raised to enable the federation to send aid to the Loyalists. Mr. Kamaiko declared. Among the active members of the Faculty Aid-Spain Committee are Prof. Harry A. Overstreet, chairman, Clifford McAvoy, secretary, Dean Morton Gottschall, Recorder John K. Ackley and Professor Nelson Mead.

The Student Council at its meeting Friday joined in sponsoring the campus meeting to greet the ambulance.

Prominent teachers will speak tomorrow on the Campus at 11:50 a. m., 12:50 p. m. and 1:50 p. m., according to an announcement made yesterday by the ASU.

Walker to Speak

Mr. Danton Walker, Broadway columnist of the *Daily News*, will speak before an open meeting sponsored by Bowker '39 at the House Plan this Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

Registration

The combined registration for the Main and Commerce Center Day Sessions shows an increase this semester of 417 over last term's 8,042, according to figures released yesterday.

Representatives To Campaign For Passage of AYA

A send off for the College delegates to the Washington pilgrimage will be held Thursday at noon in the alcoves, preceding the delegates' departure for the capital in their campaign to secure passage of the American Youth Act.

Clothed in the caps and gowns they will wear in Washington, the representatives of College organizations will meet in a final demonstration before leaving by train, bus and automobile, Thursday and Friday. Special round-trip transportation at four dollars a person can be arranged through Albert Wattenberg '38, head of the Student Council delegation.

Representatives

The following students will represent their organizations: Bernard Bellush '41, Anti-War Club; Aaron Kellman '38, Biology Society; Howard Kieval '38, class; Robert Levine '39, Schulman Art Society; Bernard Rothman, '41 class; Harold Wolgel, '40 class.

The Student Council will send Wattenberg, Lionel Bloomfield '38 and Harold Roth '39. The American Student Union will be represented by Jack Fernbach '39, Charles Lawrence '41 and Herman L. Starobin '41. Several students will travel independently, though participating in the campaign.

The American Youth Act, objective of the pilgrimage, would appropriate \$500,000,000 for more extensive aid to students and unemployed youth. Endorsed by educators and experts on youth problems, the act would also extend vocational training as well as providing federal scholarships for needy high school graduates.

To Present Problems

Testifying at Senatorial hearings on the AYA, youths will present the problems they face in attempting to obtain adequate education and employment.

A mass parade Saturday will culminate the week of hearings, demonstrations and public meetings. Previous to the parade the delegates to the pilgrimage will interview their Senators and Congressmen to determine the legislators' sentiment on the American Youth Act.

'Monthly' Editor Resigns Position

Charles Neider '38 resigned from the position of editor-in-chief of the *College Monthly* last Friday in a letter to Prof. James Keiley, faculty adviser to the magazine. Irving Friedman '38, the former managing editor, has been named editor in his place.

In his letter to Dr. Keiley, Neider said that he was resigning in order to be able to devote all of his time to "fighting Dean Moore's ban." The dean had prohibited the sale of *The Monthly* at the Commerce Center because, he said, it was of a "scurrilous, ungentlemanly and uncouth nature." He characterized the dean's ban as opposed to the expressed wishes of the Faculty Committee on Student Relations, which had recommended that no action be taken. Neider said, "His action seems to be based not on the issues involved but to have been precipitated by Mgr. McCann's published attacks on *The Monthly*."

Another protest against the ban was brought forward by the Teachers Union, which declared that it would be better that there be a way open for discussion of all possible viewpoints of the situation rather than none at all.

Drimmer's 'Don Juan in Germany' Holds Feature Spot in New 'March Monthly'

By Bert Briller

There is more drama around the March issue of the *Monthly* than in it. The featured piece of literary endeavor is Frederick Drimmer's copyrighted—and faked—translation of Prof. F. P. Druemerschmaw's epic, *Don Juan in Germany*. These mock-Byronic cantos are sometimes sprightly, more often satirically pointed at Nazi paradox, and (almost always) safely on the lighter side.

Victor Friedman contributes *The Christmas Basket*. On the whole this is a rather shabby variation on a much used theme: the sense of defeat which surrounds a widow faced with old age and the revolt of her daughter. At

one point Friedman attempts to portray the degradation the widow feels and uses a Negro woman, conceived in the conventional Hollywood tradition, as a symbol of disgust. As it stands, it is an insult to the Negro people.

The editors issued this statement on the inclusion of the paragraph: "After a discussion, the author of the story and the editors agreed that the passage should be deleted. The change was made, and another copy prepared. Through some error, the wrong copy was sent to the printer. The City College *Monthly* regrets this unfortunate oversight."

It is a tribute to Neider that he has profited enough from the valuable public discussion resulting from the Weid-

man controversy to recognize the anti-Negro implications of paragraph and delete it, as he informs us. Proof of the *Monthly's* good faith may be seen in the fact that the staff spent one hectic day blotting out with India ink the word Negro, attempting to remove the insult.

Lotte's Visa by Meyer Goodman is a well-conceived story of an attempt to get out of Germany. It has a steady, well defined pace, but suffers from a subjective, moralizing tone which lessens its effectiveness.

In *Scholarship for Action*, Professor Harold Saxe Tuttle presents a criticism of the "genteel tradition" in college education and plans the basis for a curriculum of life-situations.

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The Sword of Flame

THERE IS A FIRE SPREADING throughout the city. Its source is three slum houses on I-y, G-y and J-n Streets. This fire is spreading because it is unchecked. Its flames reached out first into M-----a Street, then into E-----a, S-----n, C-----a and B-----l. The hot flames are licking the toes of C-----a and M-----o.

Why should we worry? Let them put it out. It hasn't touched us. It's none of our affair.

We're safe. We'll build huge barriers against the flames. Cost lots of money. We'll build huge wooden fire escapes. We'll have a vote when the fire reaches us as to whether we want to carry pails of water. We're safe.

These fellows who want all of us to get together in a bucket brigade to put the fire out once and for all and to end the source of fire—they're just going to get themselves burned. They'll only make the flames higher with their water.

Withdraw all bucket brigades from the suburbs! No aid to burning buildings! Close all windows! Barricade the doors! Refuse to bear buckets when fire comes! Keep our house out of fire!

No Week-end Honeymoon

THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A LOT of fun at Washington this week. Thousands of young people from all over the country will take over the capital to bring the problems of youth to the attention of the national legislature.

They will silence the pious budget-balancers by demanding an increase in NYA and passage of the American Youth Act. The need for further extension of relief to needy students, who cannot remain at school without aid and who cannot find jobs outside, is becoming more and more apparent, especially at City College, where the NYA rolls include but a small fraction of the applicants.

The pilgrims to Washington will confront the Tory senators, who just a while ago gently, but firmly, persuaded their colleagues that the Anti-Lynching bill would

violate the honor of our fair Southern women, with the Harrison-Fletcher-Black bill, which calls for equal educational facilities for Negro students. The Negro problem in our "enlightened" New York is not so acute as it is south of the Mason and Dixon line, but nevertheless even here at City College we can shamefully point to discrimination against Negro students, and more recently against the new course in Negro history.

The youth contingent will ask Congress, which has just passed a huge naval armaments increase, to pass the anti-ROTC Nye-Kvale bill, and reject the M-day plans of the Sheppard-Hill and May bills.

But there's no need to despair. We saw last month that continued agitation by the American Student Union and other youth organizations forced a \$12,000,000 increase in NYA. The pilgrims to Washington can duplicate that, and realize all their plans if they can bring enough pressure to bear on Congress.

The clubs at the College can do their part by sending at least one delegate to Washington.

We Can't Crow

ALONG WITH THE BEAVERS, THE type of basketball captained by Jim Crow went down to defeat recently. A double foul by the team wearing the colors of race prejudice was answered with a brace of cord-splitting set-shots by its opponents.

The foul was committed against Bill King, LIU's Negro guard, by the dribblers of Washington and Lee. These experts at the Southern kind of cutting would not brook the participation of a Negro player. Coach Clair Bee's answer, stirred by angry ASU protests, was to cancel LIU's games with George Washington and Catholic University, whose basketballers have a predilection for the same kind of hacking.

Jim Crow's lead was further whittled down when the Brooklyn College team booked up and played an all-Negro contingent from Hampton Institute. This marked the first time that a Negro team had been invited to play a non-Negro college. Between halves the members of both teams joined the spectators in roaring assent to a resolution urging the passage of the anti-lynching act and protesting the Senate filibuster. We congratulate our trans-fluvian neighbors on their real sportsmanship.

It would not at all be amiss for Nat Holman and the AA board to take the lead from Brooklyn and invite Morgan or Kentucky Normal for a Garden or Gym spot next year. That's the way to knock Jim Crow through the hoop.

Recommended

Ahoy—The good ship House Plan swings into port at the Exercise Hall (fancy for Gym), Saturday night. Passage is thirty-five coppers for non-crew members and twenty-five for the crew. To avoid confusion, it's the Third Annual Spring Dance in boat style.

Hipp—Hip, hooray for Maestro Salmagigi's production of *Aida*, a well-known opera. Seats are fifty, seventy-five and ninety-nine centavos plus a slight tax of ten per cent. In case you haven't caught on the production occurs at the Hippodrome—Saturday at eight-thirty in the evening.

An Event—That is, *Events*, the magazine which summarizes everything that happens during the month since it's a monthly magazine. Priced at twenty-five cents per issue, but if you want a year's subscription, and if you live in the United States, you only have to pay two dollars.

Life—Not the magazine, but Paul DeKruif's latest work, *The Fight for Life*, published by Harcourt-Bvace. Mr. DeK. is the author of several other books of which you might have heard—something about fellows who hunt microbes and something else about some other fellows who fight hunger.

Screen

Bitter Stream

The critics of the film, not unlike their colleagues in the realms of art and literature, have for longer than one can remember been examining 'the pure form.' Perhaps the only point of agreement was the common ideal: pure cinema, the film that would owe nothing of value to anything beyond the medium. This, however, was not a sufficient dynamic for any palpable advances. The linguistic confusions of definition and the high-minded wrangling over aesthetics left their white hope, the documentary, in a crude and confused artistic shape,—at times no better than a glorified travelog, at others disturbingly overstrained, or pitifully irrelevant. There were a few, fortunately, who did experiment. There was John Grierson and his canvasses of industrial life. There was Robert Flaherty and his primitive portraits. And lately Joris Ivens. In America, we had Pare Lorentz who, like the English documentarians, associated himself with the national government (the Farm Security, or Resettlement, Administration).

Pare Lorentz's first venture was the distinguished *The Plough That Broke The Plains*. His second is *The River*, a comparable film, but a distinctly superior one. Here, I think, is the finest expression of the documentary as the pure art-form of the cinema. It falters neither emotionally nor intellectually; it merges magnificently education and impression. *The River* is fitfully lyrical, but its lyricism is never intrusive; it is essentially propaganda, yet its tone is never strident. There is beauty and honesty and the strength of a great epic in *The River*. And what perhaps is more, the promise of a finer and more significant cinema.

The River is in essence a tragedy, a tragedy of rich land (and we are shown its ruthless exploitation), a tragedy of poor land (and we are shown its horror and its hope in rehabilitation), a tragedy of poor people (and we are shown their faces). There is a rich feeling here, a poetic and imaginative feeling, brought out thru the varied accents of a river that is life's conversation to the people of a hard-bitten land. And it has the richness of these people, close to the sun and the earth and the water.

The River is a beautiful piece, unsurpassed in such documentary cinema as is known to me. The filmgoer who has never contemplated the motion-picture's imaginative powers of presentation will view it with wondrous enlightenment. Its commentary glows with a poetic eloquence; its score is the model of evocative accompaniment; the beauty of its visual images sheer sorcerous photography. There is something majestic and magnificent about it. Indeed the documentary film has known nothing so masterful. *The River* is a film of unusual stature and character, and one of the splendors of the cinema.

MELVIN J. LASKY.

The Disc

What with war in Spain, war in China, kidnapping, murders, etc., one would think recording companies would refuse to wax any more noise—but they trick up your thinking and come out with some of the noisiest factory rackets this side of boilerdom.

Victor's Mr. Thomas Dorsey does a very nice piece of promising in *Oh Promise Me* (25780), with just about the most tricky tromboning we've heard, as well as some classy clarinetting by Johnny Mince. The other side has Dorsey ding-donging some dandy Dixieland in *Shine On Harvest Moon*. Bunny Berigan seems to be asking for a carrot and a head of lettuce in *Serenade to the Stars* (25781), and he could use them. Mr. B., although his trumpet is as smoky as ever doesn't have very much support. His reverse side number, *Outside of Paradise*, is about as good as the first side, which is not very good. *Honeyuckle Rose* (25779) is not at all roses and honey in "Fats" Waller's latest recording. He used to play it much better. *Blue Turning Grey Over You*, on the opposite side, is more grey than blue. Guy Lombardo tells one too, too sad story of the *Old Apple Tree* (25778) in a too, too sad manner. *Playing In the Neighborhood of Heaven* on the other side of the platter, Guy and his boys appear dead and living in heaven. We certainly can't thank Lou "Red" Evans for the memory of his waxing of *Thanks for the Memory* (25788), which takes two sides of the platter—we don't even think we'll remember it.

GEORGE F. CARTON.

GARGOYLES

The New Streamlined Dictionary For the Up-to-date Student Only

So I ambles into the Co-op see, to buy me a penny Hoishey Bar and I spots a big sign which says to me it says, "No college man can live without a copy of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, he cannot truly call himself a College man until he has this super embossed deluxe fine grain hand tooled dictionary."

Well I pipes the sign and I says to myself I says, "You're a college man ain't you Vic? Well what'r you waiting for? Maybe this here book will set you right on all these here terms used in college."

So I ups and buys the book, and takes it home to read when I finishes the latest *Shadow Magazine*. Well lemme tell you! Boy was I disgusted! This here Webster guy knows nothing so help me. Now I became fired with an overpowering desire to do something great for mankind (I read that in *True Story* I aint no dope, no sir, I'm well-read alright). So I'm going to write my own Collegiate dictionary to aid all college freshmen. I'll show that guy Webster a thing or three.

My Collegiate Dictionary

Cigarette: What you just threw the pack of away and would give him one if it wasn't your last so help ya.

Pipes: A thing that's handy to store other peoples tobacco with some.

Sex: *Ob Boy!* (Editors Note: I'm doing further research on the topic.)

Conscience: Stuff that when you're taking an exam tells you the prof's looking, so you better put the pony back in your tie; or, stuff that when the guy next to you asks you if you know the answer and you answer no when you do, says maybe you should have told him in the first place cause you don't know the next answer in the second place.

Lady: A rich woman.

Lecture: (Webster says: "A process by which the notes of the lecturer goes to the notes of the student without passing through the minds of either," but he don't know what he's talking about.) A lecture is a place where you get when you got in last night at 4 a. m. and you got to sleep it off.

Logic: A device by which you can prove you ain't you but three other guys; also that you deserve a B at least, if not a C.

Women: The undefinable.

Girls: Ditto in diminutive.

Tobacco: A crushed brownish weed with a tragic odor that men smoke because girls don't like it, but say its ohn sooo manly.

Love: A glorious feelin, cheap too, cause you don't eat and so save plenty; hallucinations accompanied by temper-

ature, aphasia, stomach aches, and the adolescent idea that *this girl is Different*.

Education: A long course in penmanship.

Cut: Stuff that if you go to class, you ain't got one but if you don't you have one; when you got too much of, you go to see Morty and tell him all about it and why you took so many of.

Homework and studying: Stuff that when a student goes some place, he can't enjoy himself unless he didn't do a stitch of them with four tests in the morning; a refined form of torture.

Athletic Manager: An unsuccessful athlete who wants Annie Oaklies to all the games and in addition a Varsity letter.

Hell: A nice place on a cold day; synonyms: Hygiene 1,2,3, and 4.

Heaven: A place that's outfitted like the International Casino.

Brooklyn: A province filled with superstitious people who believe in miracles; e. g. that Burly's Burpers, formerly known as Stengel's Stinkers will beat the Yanks to win the world series next year.

Optimist: A guy who when he cuts a class says the Prof's absent, or forgot his roll book; a guy who believes he'll get a soda filled up to the top in the lunchroom.

Cafeteria: A replica of a subway rush only you don't get as far.

Blues: The feeling that maybe Philo 5 homework is more important than Dolores on Saturday night; the feeling that maybe Dolores would be more fun than Philo 5 homework on Saturday night. (From the Latin film of the same name.)

College: A place where boys and girls go because their parents couldn't, a place where boys and girls go because their parents went there, e. g. Princeton and Mount Holyoke.

Tanks: What we need two to one of to beat Japan in the Pacific; you're welcome.

Morals: Arguments used by stubborn girls; the sudden thought a fellow gets: What would her father say?

Intelligence: A mythical entity mistakenly attributed to homely girls and cock-eyed fellows.

V. H. ROSIE '40.



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Sport Sparks



College Swimmers Pool Their Efforts For Best Season Ever

By Philip Minoff

When that lethal chlorine comes wafting over the trenches in the next war I know a few fellows at the College who are going to breathe deeply, smack their lips and ask the enemy for a second helping. For the swimming team, with two swallows of the stuff to every stroke, has been building up a marvelous immunity to the substance! I hear tell that the lads do their chlorine experiments outside of the hood in the chem lab for a chaser after spending a morning in the pool. How true all this is I can't say for sure, but what is true is that the boys have just completed the best season in College history.

Tankmen Back in 1911

The last year in which the tankmen had any sort of a record was 1911. At that time they defeated Yale, Columbia and Princeton, while the water-polo squad humbled Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Columbia. We've always had a good water-polo team. In 1921 and 1922 it placed second in the Intercollegiate League. But there has always been a small turnout for the swimming team, partly because it is one of the less significant sports and partly because of a paucity of men who can swim well enough to make a varsity team.

Before this season there were few men swimming for the College who could break a minute in the 100 yard event. But this year eight men (yes, I said eight) broke a minute regularly for the distance. The Beavers, because of this wealth of talent, defeated NYU (doesn't that sound swell?), as well as Fordham, Manhattan and Brooklyn, breaking the College medley relay record against the Kingsmen. They suffered two defeats. They might have taken St. Francis if Jimmy Doyle, the most promising swimmer the team ever had, had not been forced to leave school because of the death of his father. St. Francis incidentally has a brilliant one-legged back-stroker, John Lynch, who makes mincemeat out of records. The other loss was sustained against Franklin and Marshall which is virtually impossible to defeat unless a school awards swimming scholarships.

Relay Team Clips Record

The relay combination, composed of co-captains Gori Bruno and "Ace" Thomas, Sam Wexler and a freshman, Milton Margolin, clipped four-fifths of a second from the old 400-yard free style relay mark. Thomas, whose full name is Stanley Buddington Thomas was undefeated in the 50 yard event all season and was high scorer. He received the Murray Gartner Trophy which is awarded to the most valuable swimmer each year. The recipient the year before was Bruno, who also played junior varsity football last season. Gori, who swims back-stroke and free style, used to swim in the 220, 440 and race as anchor man in the 400 yard relay. His loss won't be felt if Coach McCormack can dig up five Weissmullers in a hurry.

There have been few big names associated with the teams of the past. George Sheinberg was one of the more notable figures. He holds the College record for the 220 and 440 and starred in the Jewish Olympics in Palestine four years ago. Professor Babor was captain of the water-polo team in 1915. Coach McCormack also remembers a small, shy youth who came out for the team when Townsend Harris was still uptown. He was a capable performer in the 100 and 220. Professor Lehrman is a great big man now. Notice that both men are in the chemistry department. No wonder they can stand by so calmly while we poor devils choke slowly on the chlorine that escapes from our jars of sodium chloride.

Beavers Top Fencing Club B'klyn Bows To Wrestlers

The College fencing team added an impressive triumph to its list of victories by swamping the Salus Fencing Club, 17-10, Saturday, at the 23 St. YMCA. The Beavers capitalized on unusual strength in the epee and saber, winning both events 6-3. They also won the foils 5-4.

Capt. Dan Bukantz and Max Goldstein each scored two points in the foils and Dave Altman scored one. In the epee, Bukantz, for the first time this season, won all three of his bouts. Jerry Kitay turned in two victories and Jerry Schatzberg added another point. Co-captain Bernie Marks again won all three of his saber matches. John Sieck, Al Ehrenberg and Elliot Badanes each scored one point.

To date, the team has won four matches and lost only one, to Army. Since then they have beaten two teams which, in turn, had beaten the Cadets. This Saturday the swordsmen travel to Boston, seeking their fifth victory at the expense of MIT. The Engineers have a strong, well-balanced team

Charley Wilford, College heavy-weight wrestler, came through in the overtime period to win the referee's decision and help defeat Brooklyn College's matmen, 15-11, in the meet held last Friday night in the Commerce Center gym.

The St. Nicks were trailing 11-9 when Stan Graze, Lavender 175 pounder, undefeated in two years of varsity competition, outclassed his opponent to score a three point decision and lift the Beavers into a one point lead. Beating the Kingsmen was made a harder task than usual when Phil Kornfeld, wrestling for the Convent Avenuers in the 135 pound class, fell and dislocated his left elbow.

Co-captain Ralph Hirschrutt, College 126 pounder and Metropolitan AAU champ, was an easy winner in his class. Replacing Hank Wittenberg, 175 pound metropolitan AAU champ, who is out with a pulled chest tendon, Leo Wisnitzer added to the College total with a victory in the 165 pound match.

Beaver's Loss Of Regulars Weakens Nine

Coach Winograd Out On Hunt For New Material

With four of last year's regulars missing, and faced with the possible loss of two others, Sam Winograd, coach of the College nine, is faced with the problem of building practically an entire new team. A general call for candidates will be issued Friday and meanwhile Winograd is working out with a specially selected squad in the Tech gym.

Bernie Fliegel and 'Ace' Goldstein, both regulars of last year, may play professional basketball. Under college rules, this would make them ineligible for regular Varsity Competition.

One of Winograd's main tasks will be building a battery to replace Johnny Morris and Lou Haneles. Arky Sotles has been moved up to the number one pitching spot, but capable reserves are the problem. So far, Winograd is grooming Bernie Bedar, Milt Weintraub, Roy Kombluth, and Nat Drantel to complete his pitching staff, with Jim Clancy and Sam Meistner in a race for the catching posts.

Coach Nat Holman may hold unofficial spring practice for the basketball team, and if he does, Al Soupios and other basketball men, on the nine last year, will be unable to attend Winograd's outdoor sessions regularly.

Boxing Team

The College boxing team meets Temple's undefeated squad this Friday night in the Commerce Center gym.

Intramurals

With the sixty-five team basketball tournament in full swing and ping-pong and handball on deck, the College intramural machinery has started to roll, and it will continue till well after the Easter vacation.

Team O, defending basketball champions for two semesters, Shephard '39, House Plan champs for six semesters, and Tau Delta Phi, one year fraternity leaders, are favored to come out on top again this year.

The first conflicts are over. All losers must win their next games, for a team is dropped after two defeats.

All persons, desirous of entering the swimming, intramural contest may sign up not later than next Tuesday. On Thursday, March 17, Coach McCormick will run off all the events.

Boxing, fencing and wrestling are also coming along. As three weeks experience are required for competitors, they must start training for their respective sport, as soon as possible.

As the '41 class is the only class unrepresented on the Intramural Board, representatives of the class who wish to serve will be welcomed at the AA office. And in passing it can be said that AA membership is no longer required for recipients of the nifty, new key medals.

College Indians Invade Stadium For Team's First Outdoor Workout

With traces of the last snow still remaining and workmen still roaming unchecked about the place, "Chief" Miller will reclaim Lewisohn Stadium for the College this week when his loyal lacrosse forces leave the narrow confines of the Tech Gym and begin outdoor practice.

On Saturday, March 19, a combination Beaver jayvee and varsity squad will engage the Alexander Hamilton High School team in the first informal scrimmage of the season. And a week later, on March 26, the Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Association will sponsor a clinic in the Stadium.

All metropolitan high school coaches will be invited in addition to college coaches and officials. Such famous lacrosse personages as Reggie Root, Yale; William Logan, Princeton; Morris Touchstone, Army; Roy Taylor, Cornell; Miller Moore, Pennsylvania; and President of the Association, Roy

N. Flippen, Navy, will be on hand to address the spectators and discuss the new rule changes.

Following this there will be a demonstration game between the New York Lacrosse Club and the College team. The former boasts of a host of ex-metropolitan stars who intend to make the Beavers step fast. Admission will be free.

Despite the loss of Frank Curran and Perry Kent, the "Chief" isn't as pessimistic as might be expected. In Yale Laitin, Leon Garbarsky, Chick Bromberg, Bill Wallach, Stan Graze, and Hi Silverman, he has material of enormous possibilities.

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House Plan Set to Stage Its Annual Spring Dance

The S. S. House Plan will slip its moorings next Saturday, March 12, and embark upon the second cruise of its existence. The luxurious liner will leave from its pier at 292 Convent Avenue at 8:30 p. m. and will be bound for the Exercise Hall of CCNY.

The trip will be devoted entirely to entertainment and amusement with a large orchestra supplying the music and perhaps some surprise entertainers from night-clubs in the city. The line is taking all precautions against sea-sickness and other dangers to the welfare of the participants.

However, sad to relate, the trip is not a boat-ride, therefore those who have not acquired their sea-legs need not fear the voyage. The "sail" is the Third Spring Dance of the House Plan. Tickets for the dance are on sale at the House Plan and are being sold by members of the House Plan Council. The prices are twenty-five cents to House members and thirty-five to non-members.

Wattenberg Wins Frosh Presidency

Lee Wattenberg, independent candidate, edged out Robert Wahl, the Lavender-Liberal, candidate by six votes for the presidency of the Freshmen Class and elections held last Tuesday in Chapel.

All the other offices except that of Vice-president, in which David Kallman, Lavender-Liberal and New Dealer, ran unopposed, were carried by independent candidates, although the Lavender-Liberal and New Deal Parties ran full slates.

Bernard Walpin '39, chairman of the SC Elections Committee, attributed this in part to a statement issued by the College Labor Party and read in Chapel before the elections. The statement said that the CLP was endorsing no candidates for the election because "the Lavender-Liberal and New Deal Parties are not parties; they are farces."

'38 Class

The '38 class council, at its meeting in the Microcosm Office last Friday, elected Lionel Bloomfield chairman and Leonard Freedman, vice-chairman of the Commencement Committee, and Charles Geldzahler as head of the Farewell Dance Committee. Positions on the Class Night and Numeral Lights committees are still open.

The Council expects to run a number of afternoon affairs during the term, according to Al Wattenberg '38, class president. Ideas and plans for such an affair may be presented to him.

The twenty-five dollar deposit which last term's Prom Committee gave to the French Casino has been returned, he added.

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News in Brief

The announcement of the annual Tremaine Prize competition in the History department was made last week by Professor Holland Thompson. Prizes of \$150 and \$50 are being offered for the two best essays on the "Conduct and Conclusion of the Great Civil War in the United States." Further details can be secured from Professors Thompson or Mead in the History office or by consulting the History bulletin board. . . . The *Vector*, semi-annual magazine of the Tech school, was put on sale today. "Art in Engineering Design" and "Human Fatigue in Industry" are two of the featured articles. . . . There will be a reorganizational meeting of the Menorah Society this Thursday in 212, Main. Professor A. Raab will address the society on the "Historical Background of Anti-Semitism."

Mr. James Peace, director of the House Plan, will speak before the Health Education Society in room 114, Harris, Thursday on "Trends in Health Education." The possibilities for advancement in the health educational field will be emphasized. . . . On the same day, the Economics Society will hear Gerhard Colm of the New School for Social Research speak on the topic "Will Priming Bring Prosperity?" in 203, Main.

Mexican Student Speaks On Native College Set-up

By George F. Nissenson
"The college students of Mexico play a very important part in the government of the colleges," stated Sanchez Cardenas, a student member of the Faculty-Student Council of the University of Mexico, who visited the College Friday. Senor Cardenas, in speaking at the Student Council's weekly meeting, said that if a Faculty-Student Council system were instituted here the college would benefit from the change.

The Faculty-Student Council at the Mexican college is a joint organization of faculty and students who run the institution. It is used in almost all of the colleges of Mexico. With this system the students are able to hire and fire faculty members, and even the dean. It is similar to the Board of Trustees of American colleges.

The American Student Union and *The Campus* acted as joint hosts to the visitor from Mexico.

The Unified Socialist Youth of Mex-

ico, the youth organization to which he belongs, has a membership of more than sixty percent of the students of Mexico, he explained. He further related that there were other progressive student organizations. These organizations are unified bodies to which almost all the youth of Mexico belong, and which do not have local chapters, such as the American Student Union. However, Cardenas added that the Mexican USY and the ASU have similar principles.

Speaking of the Teachers Union in Mexico, Cardenas declared that over ninety percent of all Mexican teachers belonged to it, and that it had just join-

ed the CTM, the federation of all Mexican unions.

The anti-fascist movement in Mexico is very strong, Cardenas reported, and on March 31, a united front against fascism will be formed at a convention of all progressives.

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