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"You've never caught me in one of those medieval night-gowns they wear in the Great Hall exercises."—Dr. A. O. Hansen.

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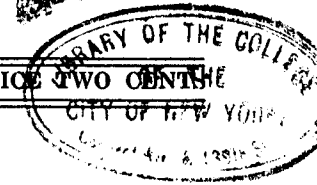
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"American colleges must abandon their objective of higher education for all people."—Dr. Elliott, President of Purdue University.

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College Joins Lock and Key Fetes Gerson Anti-Hague Protest Rally At Princeton

A delegation from the college will take part in a monster Anti-Hague rally at Princeton University tomorrow evening. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader who was "kidnapped" by Hague police last week, will address the meeting.

Colleges throughout the East will act on the invitation of the Princeton American Whig-Closophic Society in a mass protest against "the stifling of free speech" in Jersey City.

The Student Council and the American Student Union will cooperate in sending the delegation. All persons who wish to go to Princeton were asked to apply immediately to Jack Fernbach '39, secretary of the Council and president of the College chapter of the ASU.

The telegram, which was sent to the Student Council by John Vaness, president, and J. Harlan Cleveland, vice-president, of the American Whig-Closophic Society, stated: "This is a crisis for freedom. You can help."

Leaders of the College delegation plan to hire a bus, which will leave for Princeton at about 5:30 p. m. Thursday evening and return to New York later that night.

Congressmen Jerry O'Connell and John T. Bernard were scheduled to speak in Jersey City on Saturday evening, but on advice of counsel Vito I. Marcantonio they refrained from going. Mr. Marcantonio dissuaded them from making the scheduled addresses by warning them of possible bloodshed.

Parents' Meeting To Hear Robinson

President Frederick B. Robinson will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Parents Association tomorrow at 8 p. m. at the Commerce Center. The topic of the president's talk has not been announced yet.

For the past year the association has invited guest speakers to every one of its meetings. Last February President Robinson was invited to attend the meeting. He was unable to do so, however and he sent Dean Turner in his stead. At that time, at the request of Mr. Albert W. Clurman, president of the association, Dr. Robinson set the date himself for this meeting. While many speakers in the past have elected to answer questions after their talks, Dr. Robinson will decide himself whether to follow the same procedure, Mr. Clurman announced.

The Free Books Committee is expected to make a report on its investigation into textbook situation at the College. The committee, composed of Mrs. Kaufman, Philip Sanders, and Mollie Fuchs, has been studying the question since February. Mr. Clurman met recently with the Student Council Free Books Committee and the College Teachers Union Student Relations Committee and pledged the support of his group to their campaign for free books.

The Parents Association was organized last year to maintain and further free higher education. The association was one of the first college parents organizations in the country. It is also affiliated with the United Parents Association, the metropolitan group.

Hunter College Dance

Twenty-five Annie Oakleys have been forwarded to the Sophomore and Junior class presidents at the College, according to Miss Marion Kaplan, chairman of the Hunter Freshman Dance slated for Friday, May 20.

Gottschall and Otis Among Speakers

Simon W. Gerson '28, confidential examiner to Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs, will be among the guest speakers at the semi-annual dinner of Lock and Key, honorary society of the College. Professor William B. Otis of the English department, and Dean Morton Gottschall have also been invited to address the society.

The dinner will be held at Cecil's



S. W. GERSON

Restaurant, 121 West 72nd Street, on Friday at 6:30 p. m. Subscription to the affair is one dollar, payable to Harold Roth '39, scribe. Present and past members of Lock and Key will attend.

Various patriotic and religious groups have protested Gerson's appointment, because he is a Communist and was a former reporter for the *Daily Worker*. He has been defended by Isaacs and by many prominent liberals throughout the city.

Active in anti-ROTC demonstrations, when he attended the College, Gerson was ordered to refrain from all extracurricular activity by a Faculty Committee. When he failed to comply he was dismissed from the College in 1928.

In a letter sent to Mr. Isaacs several months ago, many New York liberals urged him "to stand firm against this attempt to attack appointments on the merit basis." Among the signers of the letter were Recorder John K. Ackley '28, and Dr. John T. Thirlwall of the instructional staff.

In an interview with a *Campus* reporter, Gerson, a former *Campus* staff member, declared: "I question the right of anyone to ban duly elected or appointed officials from taking office because of their religious or political creeds."

PADDY SPEAKS

(The following story was found in an old abandoned drawer in the campus office, littered with old Campuses, leaflets and leftover lunches. The article was written by one Arnold Lerner, a feature-writer of The Campus several semesters ago. We reprint it for its historical value, adding another paragraph to bring it up to date.—EDITOR.)

"You certainly have, shined up that old freshman cap of yours," Paddy frowned. "What do you mean, old?" he asked. "Why, I just got this cap."

I felt the earth tremble under my feet. Some day only twenty students will be expelled, some day the Student Council will not adopt any resolutions, but Paddy's cap... It was the only constant in a variable world.

"This is hearsay, Paddy," I said. "I don't care what you say, boy," continued the perennial freshman, "this is the fifth cap I've had in thirty years."

"The fifth!" I couldn't think of any-

SC Calls Off Boycott On Charter Day Celebration

Chem Society To Broadcast From College

Radio time over station WNYC has been procured by the Baskerville Chemical Society from 8:30 to 9:00 p. m. on May 25, the day on which the Open House Exhibit is to be held at the College.

Among the speakers who will address visitors to the Open House Exhibit will be Wallace S. Sayre, one of the three members of the Civil Service Commission of New York City. Invitations to speak are also being extended to Mayor LaGuardia and alumni of the College distinguished in the field of chemistry.

The topics to be discussed in the Great Hall by the speakers will be the relation of College graduates to the municipal, state and Federal Civil Services and placement of alumni in private industry.

City Councilmen Invited

Invitations to the Open House are being sent to the City Council and the Board of High Education in addition to placement directors from private industry, and representatives of Civil Service and to other colleges and universities.

The Open House exhibit which is being held in cooperation with the College Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Chemistry department at the College from 9 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. on May 25, will feature routine chemical work, special exhibits and research work done by students at the College. The Baskerville Chemical Society hopes to publicize the work done here to aid graduates in obtaining employment.

An extensive program for the Open House is being planned and additional radio time over different stations may be procured, according to the Speakers' Committee.

Tech Council, New Society Comments on Hachmeister

Tech Council Issues 'Not Secret' Asserts New Body

(This is a letter from Tech Council)

The article in last Friday's *Campus* concerning the formation in Mr. Charles Hachmeister's class of a secret organization to help obtain jobs for engineering graduates, allegedly by combating "subversive" groups in the College, brings to mind several interesting points. It reveals a dissatisfaction with existing conditions in the School of Technology, although we feel, emphasis has been completely misdirected.

First, as to Tech Council itself, which has been accused of being unrepresentative and undemocratic. Tech Council consists of delegates from the student chapters of the four engineering societies, whose combined membership is less than twenty percent of the engineering school student body. Totally lacking in any real power, its main activities this term have been the initiation, together with the Film and Sprockets Society, of a movie to publicize our school, and the sponsorship of a peace forum, at which Dean Skene and faculty members spoke.

The members of Tech Council, realizing the lack of representation for eighty percent of the students, proposed the formation of a club, tentatively known as the Engineering Seminar, which could include the majority of the Tech students, and which would be devoted to improving the standards of our school, both in the eyes of the outside world, and from the point of view of the undergraduates. Such an organization, whose purpose thus coincides with the announced intent of Mr. Hachmeister's group, could help to publicize the School of Technology through all possible channels, could campaign for an adequate employment bureau and for a

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Athletic Fees Discussed

Compulsory A A Membership Proposed; Present Price Would Be Lowered

Proposals to establish a compulsory athletic fee to allow all students to attend varsity games at reduced prices were discussed at a meeting of the Athletic Association yesterday afternoon.

Most of the proposals would set the fee at fifty cents and permit the students to purchase football and basketball tickets at half-price. The other varsity games would be free.

At present, these same privileges are enjoyed by members of the Athletic Association; membership in this Association is one dollar.

According to Seymour J. Bromberg '39, secretary of the A.A., a compulsory fee "would aid in extending intramurals as well as aiding our varsity program."

Any such proposal passed by the A.A. would have to be passed by the Faculty Athletic Association, the Board of Higher Education and the State Legislature.

ERRATUM

The *Campus* regrets that in publishing comments on its recent series of article on President Robinson, remarks were attributed to Prof. Nelson Mead which he did not in fact make. When approached by the *Campus* reporter, Professor Mead merely stated that he did not wish to make any comment.

(This is a letter from the new Technology Society of City College)

We, a group of Students forming the Tech. Society of C.C.N.Y., affected by your articles of May 6th and 9th, wish to take this opportunity to refute the statements made about the organization. Firstly, the organization is not "secret." The impression was given when we refused to allow a *Campus* reporter to sit in at our meeting. It was done to give us a chance to formulate our aims for presentation to the college. The boldness in allowing a headline such as yours to come off the press is appalling (re: May 6) since you had not sufficient proof to back up the statement: The reporter was specifically told that a complete statement of our aims would be ready in two weeks.

Secondly, the statements attributed to Mr. Hachmeister are the works of some one not present in Drafting 3x, else they would not be attributed to him. You claim to have a statement signed by a member of 3x but you refuse to disclose the same. Reporter Stolnitz claims that if disclosed it would affect the drafting mark of that student. That is a serious accusation to make against a teacher. We challenge him to back up that remark. As far as the statements of Mr. Hachmeister are concerned, we know for a fact that many are either false or have not been printed in their entirety. We will prove them false when and where the unknown statement you claim to have is disclosed to us.

Now to dispel the false rumors so thoughtlessly started by *The Campus*. The two purposes as outlined in our preamble to our act as yet unratified constitution are: 1—To promote social activities; 2—to promote wholesome advertisement of the School of Technology.

We hereby demand to know why the Tech. Council, a body unrepresentative of the School of Tech gets the authority to conduct an investigation about any organization. They haven't even a charter.

Further comments will be forthcoming in the near future.

Technology Society of C.C.N.Y.
L. Schirmer
Temporary Sec'y.

Board of Higher Ed Hears Instructors

A hearing on tenure and democratization proposals was held by the by-law committee of the Board of Higher Education Monday night.

Chauncey Waddell, chairman of the committee, heard suggestions from the representatives of various teacher groups and the staffs of the City Colleges and Townsend Harris High School.

The board will meet next Wednesday and will probably take definite action at that time.

The first proposal would establish life-tenure for all members of the permanent instructional staff. The second provides for a faculty council.

Newman Club Dance

"Joe College" Conte's brainchild, the Newman Club dance, will be a killer. Unofficial sources report that complimentary tickets have been handed out to the prettiest and most sociable girls in the city, and the Hotel Victoria ballroom will be well-stocked with the fairer sex.

ROTC Not to Carry Colors At Exercises

For the first time since the World War the ROTC will take no official part in the annual Charter Day exercises tomorrow, it was revealed in a letter sent by President Robinson to the Cercle Jusserand, College French Club.

The letter stated that since the guest of honor is the French Ambassador, the Committee of Marshals had decided to give complete charge of ushering and color-bearing to the French club.

It had formerly been proposed that Lock and Key carry the student flag, the Cercle Jusserand carry the French flag and the ROTC carry the American flag. Such a procedure was rejected by the Student Council at its meeting on Friday. In its place, the council urged that the flags be on the platform at the start of the meeting and the Cercle Jusserand serve as ushers.

President Favored Proposal

The president declared that he was in favor of the proposal, but added that it was necessary to confer with the Charter Day Marshals before a decision could be reached, according to Harold Roth '39, vice-president of the Council.

The two major speakers of the afternoon will be Mayor La Guardia and Count Rene Doyne de Saint-Quentin, French Ambassador to the United States. Classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a. m. Members of the College will attend in academic dress.

If the Cercle Jusserand finds that it has not sufficient members to handle its duties properly, Lock and Key members will be requested to assist them, Irwin Moed '39, president of the club, announced.

A military review and drill usually had been held on the afternoon of Charter Day. In 1935, however, the drill was postponed to a later date and an ROTC color guard was substituted at the exercises. In 1934 the Student Council held its own Charter Day exercises and *The Campus* held a spelling bee in Doremus Hall in the afternoon as a counter attraction to the military review.

For the last two years the Student Council had boycotted the meeting in an effort to have the ROTC color guard removed. But it was not until this year that the Committee of Marshals agreed to dispense with ROTC participation.

Referendum Backs Union Dance Bands

The use of union bands at all College functions held in the gym by students, was favored by almost two to one in the Student Council Union Band Referendum last Thursday and Friday.

A large majority of Student Council members have already individually gone on record to support the results of the poll.

412 votes were cast supporting the use of union bands, while 220 ballots registered disapproval, according to an announcement yesterday by Bernard Rothman '41, chairman of the Referendum committee.

Fifteen hundred ballots were distributed to students in the alcoves, but only 632 valid ones were returned. Among the ballots voided were seven for lack of identification or because they were marked both "yes and no," and seven which were marked "Hitler ballot." Eleven were marked "what about student bands?"

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Charter of Progress

NINETY-ONE YEARS AGO A RADICAL by the name of Townsend Harris, enthusiastically supported by the common people of New York City, saw the establishment of a completely free municipal institution of higher learning.

The "peoples' college," it was called by the citizens who had to battle the Tories to secure its founding, "Expensive folly" and "dangerous experimentation" it was called by the Wall Streeters, the Hearsts, and the small-visioned men of the day.

The common people, whose sons now attend the College, who struggled to build every brick of its battlements, who now struggle to send their sons to the College, rejoiced in their work. It was good. It was a true fortress of democracy. They loved education. They love it still.

Yet, through the decades intervening, their vigilance relaxed. Ineffectual or drowsy to the attacks of the budget-balancers, the low per-capita-cost boosters and the other reactionaries, the College was slowly plundered. The Tories broke in and stole the free pencils; they stole the free copy-books; they stole the free lab equipment; they stole the free courses; they stole the free textbooks; they are still stealing them. They are plotting now to steal our whole free College and sell it back to us at their own price as they did our books and our pencils.

We must not let them do it.

Tomorrow is celebrated Charter Day, the anniversary of the founding of our free City College, a portion of which is still free.

We glory in Charter Day because it is our holiday. We celebrate it with joy for the present and vigilance for the future. We love Alma Mater.

With Us or Agin Us?

SOMEONE ON THE COUNCIL HAS been going in for mathematics and has come up with some mighty queer answers. Based on the postulate that each and every group recognized by the Student Council is entitled to one vote for fifty members, this budding Einstein has decided that the 650 in the College chapter of the ASU are entitled to zero votes.

Now by what numerological calisthenics could the Council arrive at such a conclusion? Quite simple. By invoking a resolution which requires that the above mentioned groups must first enroll three-quarters of their membership in the council's Student Organization plan at a dime a member. The ASU, a larger organiza-

tion than most of the others and consequently more difficult to mobilize in this financial crisis, has not yet been able to sell half of its members on the SO cards. Hence the ASU is today without representation on the Council.

On the other hand, the Backscratcher Society or the Gehakte Leber Club can still, after obtaining its SC charter, exercise the half-vote franchise which the Council so generously grants to its membership of ten, by the simple expedient of having eight of the fraters kick in with a eighty cents all told.

While we understand and can sympathize with the Council's efforts to secure as great a sale as possible for the SO cards which are its major means of support, we don't think that cancelling the vote of the largest and most active group at the College is the best way to do it. Some provision will have to be made to allow mass organizations more time or a lower quota because of the greater difficulty in collecting this tax on its members.

By this punitive measure the Council is unwittingly aligning itself with those forces here that are trying to choke the ASU with club rolls and blacklists. The Student Council was instrumental in pushing through the McGoldrick Resolution which gave the ASU a legal voice at the College. It should be the last to attempt to stifle it.

Ma and Pa Step Out

JUST AS A ROLLING SNOWBALL grows larger and larger with each twirl, so the campaign for free books at the College is picking up new supporters every day. One of the most potentially influential groups to take up the standard is the Parents Association of City College. Not only has the association formed its own committee to investigate the Free Books situation at the College, but it has also pledged support to the Student Council Free Books Committee in the fight to obtain free books.

This is only one instance where the Parents Association can come through to aid the student body. Few people realize just what a strong parent group means to a school—even to a college.

A Parents Association does not necessarily mean a tea-drinking, gossipy group, formed only to meet and discuss "my Oscar's" grades—or what have you. An alert, conscientious Parents Association as the one at the College, can come forward to protect and champion student rights. It can investigate and act upon such vital student problems as free books, greater NYA appropriations, better conditions and prices in the lunchroom, and perhaps most important, make for a better understanding of the mutual problem of teacher, student and parents.

Students individually and collectively have a stake in building this organization into a powerful one, in giving the association enough backing so that it can step forward with the knowledge that the entire school is behind it. A progressive College such as ours needs a progressive organization as the Parents Association.

Tell your parents to come down to its meeting tomorrow night at 8 p. m. at the Commerce Center.

Recommended

Joe—A relative of Mike, familiar for Microcosm. Mike will come around on Thursday. It will cost three hundred and fifty coppers to see him, unless you look over the shoulder of the senior who sits next to you in your Chem lecture.

Sluggers—The U's have it Thursday at 1:30 p. m. in Mr. Jasper's Oval when the TU and the ASU tangle in a hard-fought softball game.

Both—Pater and mater should be told to toot down to the Commerce Center building, right off the Lexington Ave. subway tomorrow p. m. at 8. The Parents Association is getting together.

Masses—This week's issue in two parts is really sensational, to coin a phrase. The Federal men are the guests in the literary section. Fifteen cents for twice as much as usual. Simply see-well.

Former City Student Poet

Aims to Teach Philosophy Here

By Bert Brilller

Standing on the mezzanine overlooking a cafeteria filled with a jostling Thursday-noon crowd, spasmodic noises, and food smells, Hirsch L. Silverman '36 asserted, "I write poetry because I am a part of City College, and not 'despite' the fact I go to the College."

Approaching twenty-three years of age, a little under medium height, with deep brown eyes and dark brown hair, Hirsch L. Silverman is a recognized poet with his second volume of verse just coming off the press. Entitled *In Abyss of Time*, it continues the "philosophic paragraphs of a young man" which began with his first book, *Random Thoughts: Liberalism in Life and Philosophy*, (now in its second edition). The introduction to this latter work was penned by Emeritus Professor Morris R. Cohen, under whom Silverman studied.

Is Studying Philosophy

It is in the field of philosophy that Silverman wishes to work. At present completing his studies at the College for the M. S. degree in Education, he desires to find a position teaching philosophy here.

"Philosophic poetry, intellectual poetry" is what Prof. Eda Lou Walton, poetry editor of the *N. Y. Times* termed Silverman's work. For the prime characteristic of his poetry is that it directed to the mind rather than to the emotions.

Lectures on Poetry

"The peculiar functions of poetry are twofold," Silverman explained, quoting from an essay included in his latest book, "to transmute emotion and transmit thought."

"Poetry," he continued, "is an argument of today and a hint of tomorrow." A genuine poet portrays fears and ugliness, as well as beauty, he believes. "And if it is genuine poetry the people will appreciate it," he ventured.

In keeping with this idea, Silverman lectured on poetry in New Jersey and upstate New York. In these lectures he attempted a "common-sense approach, to make poetry part of their lives, to give them meaning and understanding."

The Disc

Swing music seems to be changing from a wild orgy of jungle-drums and discordant screaming clarinets, to a more relaxed, musicianly style, if the current crop of platters is any criteria. The chief exponent of this change, which is really the original form of swing, is our own Benny Goodman.

The trio takes an old standard, *Sweet Lorraine*, and without any running wild, delivers a satisfying rendition. The other side appropriately titled *Dizzy Spells*, Victor 25822, features the quartet in a jig-tempo number. Some beautiful three part harmony runs spotlight this disc. Benny and the band have coupled Edgar Sampson's *Lullaby in Rhythm*, Victor 25827, with *That Feeling Is Gone*. Martha Tilton does the vocals on *That Feeling*, and she doesn't sound as if it's gone.

Teddy Wilson and his band have delivered two sparkling sides with *I Can't Face the Music*, and *Moments Like This*, Brunswick 8112. Some solid singing by Nan Wynn together with really brilliant piano solos by Teddy make this platter something out of the ordinary.

The Duke of Ellington links an ordinary number, *I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart*, with *The Gal From Joe's*, featuring Johnny Hodges on the alto sax. The other two sides, *Braggin' In Brass*, and *Carnival in Caroline* are just so-so, though *Braggin' In Brass* has some fine slip-horning by Juan Trizol (Brunswick 8108, and 8099). Russ Morgan features another style of tromboning in *Drop a Nickel in the Slot*, and *Joseph, Joseph*, Brunswick 8097. As a background for Joe-Joe (pronounced Jo-Jo) Russ brings in *Frailack No. 7*, right from the book, just like Tante Becky heard at her wedding. Good stuff, if you like the Morgan manner.

Ray Bauduc shines with some speed drumming in *The Big Crash*, *From China*, Decca 1736, waxed by Bob Crosby's Bobcats. The Dixieland Dispensers complete a fine disc with *Coquette Real Barrellhouse*.

Drummer Boy.

On the Stage

'What A Life' Awakens Schoolday Memories

It isn't but a matter of years or months that we stepped out of the high school principal's office which at present reposes as a setting on the stage of the Biltmore Theatre. No, and to be sure, despite the high I.Q. level of the average City slicker, a good percentage of us in high school have often found ourselves in Dutch with the old fossil down in that office.

Cinton, Morris, Boys High, Harris—it might be any of these. When we chuked on Caesar because they fed him to us through the bespectacled frozen-face of an old maid "teacher" instead of through Mercury Theatre, when we groaned under the burden of a Phi Beta—ambitioned pater or a too-indulgent mater, when we stammered through our first dance with the heartthrob that had us eating pickles and ice-cream—we lived a life that was unforgettable.

IN 'WHAT A LIFE'



Ezra Stone

Legend

Photographic TNT . . .

The Pauline Edwards Theatre becomes a first run movie house again. Epsilon Phi Sigma is sponsoring a movie revival on Saturday evening, May 28.

Lon Chaney's characterization of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* is the feature attraction. In accordance with regulations of all the better motion picture palaces there will be a thrilling, dynamic, rip-snortin' Western—and it's not the Lone Ranger—it's Tom Mix and his wonder-horse Tony.

Charlie Chaplin's *The Rink* will be shown as the added attraction. Tickets are on sale in the alcoves at twenty-five cents for this double bill.

Hou-pla

Paper—The current number of *Megaron* is by far inferior to the first issue of this term, for which the editor Norman Sobol, Shep '40 can hardly be blamed. The first issue, you may recall, was a photo-offset publication. However, no. 2 has been demoted to a four page mimeograph paper.

For the second time in a row the cartoon is a puzzle. In the last issue it was the picture which could not be understood; this time it is the wording which is blurred and could not be read—though we imagine it must be a swell gag.

The gossip column "Calling The Roll" occupies most of page four, and while some of the stuff in it will make some of the boys blush and go gunning for the author, most of the items are on the style of "who was it that took who and went where and did what last week?"

Outside of some poor typing in spots, this issue is fair but it is too bad that House Council could not see its way clear to appropriate the necessary funds for the issuing of a paper better than a mimeograph one—for a paper worthy of House Plan.

Substitute—Fred Frieman, Briggs '40 is filling in for Bernie Bender, Weir '39 who resigned recently as chairman of the Social Functions Committee.

Flop—The musical "In the Grave" which Sim '40 was supposed to present this semester as an answer to the Dram Soc's "In The Groove" has been canceled "because of a lack of talent."

Quick Payoff—Briggs '38 and Shep '39 which finished one and two at the recent track meet paid up their House dues after the meet.

That life, embellished with the top-notch touch of the master George Abbott, crammed full of gags that had the cash-customers and us Annie-Oakleys slapping each other backs, is on view on West 47th Street under the name of *What a Life*. Clifford Goldsmith is the man who has made merry with words and situations, and he's got something on the ball.

We could deplore Mr. Goldsmith's missing of opportunities to really crystallize the pertinent sociological and psychological obiter dicta he has hinted at in his play. We could set down Henry Aldrich, the harassed adolescent whose personality leads him into the principal's office with every blink of an eyelid, as a case in point. Henry could have been more than an object of sympathetic laughter. He could have been a case study in the deficiencies of our educational system. Goldsmith indicates this, it is true, but he misses making more of his creation. But, no matter, for a peach of a farce it is.

The casting is Abbott casting, which in theatre parlance means strictly perfect. Ezra Stone, who took courses here at the College, is a gem of a Henry. The natural emotions of the picked-on, misunderstood, impudent, mischievous, fun-loving adolescent are captured by Stone in a manner that is absolutely flawless. I could have sworn it was a guy I knew back in old James Madison on Kings Highway. The rest of the cast is on the O.K. side.

By what has been said, one might guess that *What a Life* is a romp, pure and subtle, worth the time, money and chuckle-energy. One is right.

The Press

Stark, quietly packed with dynamite, "You Have Seen Their Faces" is a new *Uncle Tom's Cabin* with more straight thinking and clearer meaning. Modern Age Books, that young and splendid house, have turned out this handsome oversize book at seventy-five cents. The right people, at last, are being permitted to read books like this without cutting down on the baby's cod-liver oil.

Erskine Caldwell, author of *Tobacco Road* and *Kneel to the Rising Sun* writes the commentary with simple, brittle prose that electrifies more than fancy verbiage. Margaret Bourke-White, America's leading photographer, accompanied Caldwell with flash-bulbs into the poverty-ridden ground of the Southern sharecroppers. The result is a book of beauty and power.

"I get paid very well. A dollar a day when I'm working" . . . "No place to plant me a little garden when the white-boss says to plow the cotton in right up to my front door" . . . "A man learns not to expect much after he's farmed cotton most of his life" . . . "We got seventy-five cents a day in the cotton-field last year, and a whipping if we didn't stay and work" . . . "I suppose there is plenty to eat somewhere if you can find it; the cat always does" . . . "It ain't hardly worth the trouble to go on living" . . .

This is the literal picture of feudalism in our America, a picture which cries out boldly for correction to wipe out this shame of our nation. You must see these faces. You will understand.

Science and Society—A penetrating article which generalizes a wealth of information about "The Fascist Threat to Democracy" is Robert A. Brody's contribution to the spring issue of this Marxist quarterly. The article analyzes the unholy marriage of the Junker landowning class with the large capitalists in an anti-democratic front. In America big business is going political as it has never gone before—the feudalistic few, the Southern reactionaries, join hands with the Chambers of Commerce to defeat the combining forces of freedom and democracy. "The time for effective action is short," Brody warns, "but it is not too late."

Of special interest to science students is an exchange of communications on J. B. S. Haldane's dialectical account of evolution. An exhaustive study of the American economic structure, made by V. S. Kazakevich, reveals that our industrial plants are no longer expanding but that the growth taking place is the result of mergers and combinations. Three bells and some extra tinkles.

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Sport Sparks

Brother, Can You Spare A Dean?

By Irving Gellis

Although there is no sign hanging outside Lewisohn Stadium, and no notices in the metropolitan newspapers, to those loyal Beaver fans who have followed the fortunes of Sam Winograd's baseballers it is no secret that what this year's crop of St. Nick's needs is a pitcher.

Not necessarily a Bob Feller, or a "Lefty" Gomez, or even an "ageing" Bob Grove. But just somebody like that former Beaver great, Lou Hall, or even last year's Johnny Morris. Of course, the present number one man, Arky "The Snake Charmer" Soltes, has been doing more than his share of mound duty. Johnny Morris had Jerry Horne to fall back on. Arky hasn't even that.

Nothing But Managers

At the beginning of the season, after it was evident that Winograd had little more than managers left from the '37 squad, there was unanimous agreement that it would be considered a good season if we won more than two games. Even last year's veteran aggregation, with its host of stars, managed to win only eight of the seventeen games they played. So, it was reasoned, what chance had this year's utterly green outfit against such teams as Manhattan, St. John's, LIU, Villanova, Temple, or NYU.

However, as the season progressed, it became apparent that the green Lavers were coming along fast. What errors they committed weren't of the fielding variety, but of the kind green teams usually make, such as wild throws when the pressure was on. Even now it can be argued that the fielding of Winograd's bunch can compare favorably with last year's gang.

Hit for Hit

So, the alcove experts began to examine the batting. Here the greenness of the young Beavers was revealed more fully, but, still, it wasn't too bad. The front half of the batting order was getting on the bases regularly enough. Led by Milt Weintraub, Julie Janowitz, Al Soupios, "Sambo" Meister, and, now, Sid Cozin, the Winogradeers matched most opponents hit for hit.

In the Providence game, we got eleven hits to their nineteen. Against Manhattan, we had seven safeties to their twelve. We lost to NYU, when though they had ten hits to our eleven. In the LIU affair Saturday, we were out-hit eleven to nine. Evidently the first five batters in the Beaver line-up had been hitting.

Fanning Finesse

But when we gaze further down the line-up, we find a snappy array of "K's" (for strike-outs) occurring in the box scores next to the Messrs. Steve Auerbach, Angie Monitto and Soltes. Of course, Soltes, isn't supposed to be a slugger, so we'll let him out. But Auerbach, Monitto, and, occasionally, Hank Friedman, despite the fact that they are classy fielders, have been fanning with the finesse of a Maharajah's hautboy. Even though, these lads are sometimes treated to a base by a considerate pitcher, its about time they learned that the crack of the bat has a much sweeter sound than the umpire reciting eloquently, "Ball four, take your base."

This afternoon, the NYU Violets will come prancing across the Stadium's washboard "turf" confident that they will repeat the 10-4 defeat they handed the Beavers on April 21.

If Arky Comes Through

Concerning today's game, First-base-man Al Soupios, captain of the Beavers, remarks, "We'll beat those guys, they can't field. If only Arky comes through." Catcher Meister states, "We'll beat those guys, they can't hit. If only Arky comes through." Says Milt Weintraub, second-base-man, "We'll beat those guys, they have no pitchers. If only Arky comes through." Adds assistant manager "Sandy," "We'll beat those guys, they have nothing. If only Arky comes through."

And so, there is the whole story. It isn't the fielding so much, or the batting. It's the old story of "As Arky goes, so goes the College."

Jayvee Nine to Play St. John Frosh

Beaver Nine Plays Second NYU Game Today in Stadium

A few weeks ago the College baseball team made a short journey up to Ohio Field where they did everything but win the ball game. Today the same New York University squad plays the Beavers a little return visit in the Stadium, but this time, says the home team, "The program's gonna be different, Graham."

Pitcher Arky Soltes, after a few day's rest, seems to be ready to go the distance. Possibly with his eye on the Violets, Coach Sam Winograd kept Soltes under wraps during the LIU contest, except for that ninth inning. All week Arky has been chugging up and down the Stadium slugging flies in order to get into proper condition.

Cozin Comes Trough

In the meantime the rest of the team has not been idle. Sid Cozin, Evening Session transferee, who broke into the varsity line-up in the Brooklyn game after his flashy performances with the Jayvee, is fitting into the Beaver infield nicely. Except for what seems to be a slight uncertainty in his throw to first base, Winograd is satisfied with Jayvee Coach Charlie Maloney's "find".

Every member of the team, from Captain Al Soupios to "Sandy," the assistant manager, seems to be maternally solicitous about Sid. They beam broadly every time he makes one of his snappy stops and call encouragingly, "Atta boy, Sid. Nice goin' Sid, ol' boy. That's a way, kid."

Pat Can Still Swing It

At the plate, Sid is no greenhorn either. On his first time at bat in a varsity game, he belted a hefty triple to center field. Saturday, against LIU, he singled, and then stole second and third. On Pat Brescia's pinch double, he brought in the second Beaver run of the day. So, watch this boy, the first man up, this afternoon.

And speaking of Pat Brescia, here is the man who might have done things for the College as a pitcher had he not torn an arm muscle, rendering him unfit for mound duty this season. However, Pat can still swing a bat. As a pinch hitter, he has come through more than once. Before he was injured, Winograd had him batting in the three spot, where he was getting on base regularly, but now, Pat must sit on the bench waiting for late inni rallies, or dream of next year.

Sport Slants

Now we know how Al Soupios, Beaver first baseman, earned the titles of *Great Lover*, or *The Greek Adon's*, or even *Pop*. A picture of Deanna Durbin hanging in the baseball locker room is inscribed, "To my beloved father, Al Soupios. Deanna Durbin." Hollywood editors please verify.

Consensus of the sports staff as to the probable winner of the Tarzan contest picks Chuck Wilford. The boys' money goes on Chuck who has more hair per cubic inch than any three mattresses. In fact Wilford sews his letters directly on his chest, instead of a sweater. . . . The tennis team leaves for West Point today to play the Army. . . . The netmen hope to play at Wellesly, Smith and Vassar also. . . . With the AA elections scheduled for tomorrow, the lacrosse team seems to have a monopoly on candidates. Chick Bromberg is running for vice-president, George Lencher is out for secretary. Muscles Garbarsky is trying for the treasurer's post, and Julie Yokel is a candidate too for SC representative.

Credit, in large quantities, should go to Dave Fraade for the current rise in lacrosse team stock. Dave, a quiet and unassuming guy, can always be depended upon to keep the team on an even keel, when the going gets tough.

Lack of Plate Punch And Fielding Errors Cause of J.V. Loss

Somewhat taken aback by the 13-2 defeat of the Jayvee nine by the powerful NYU Cubs, Coach Charley Maloney is faced this week with the task of repairing the clicking mechanism of the team in preparation for Saturday's game with the St. John's freshmen.

The pitching of Henry Soven and Julie Weber, which showed some promise in the Newtown game, is still a question mark. The Violets made only two more hits than the Beavers, but made the most of fifteen passes. According to Coach Maloney, the pitchers were concentrating on a new windup, which accounts for their lack of control.

Unable to Score

The most glaring weakness of the little Lavenders at the plate was the inability to make the most of their scoring opportunities. The yearlings collected five walks and nine hits, but made only two runs. The fact that the bases were loaded in the sixth and ninth innings with no score resulting, is further evidence of the team's lack of batting punch.

Work this week will consist of fielding practice (the boys made eight errors Saturday) and teaching the inexperienced hurlers further control.

Lacross Squad Set for Easy Win

Now that it has rolled right through Springfield, the College Lacrosse team is set to take Lafayette in tomorrow's game in Lewisohn Stadium at 2 p. m.

While the Beavers were trouncing the New Englanders, Stevens Tech had no trouble in defeating Lafayette's team, 17-3. Last Thursday the Techmen had to come from behind in the closing minutes of the game to hold the St. Nick's to a tie.

Chief Miller and his teammate now looking forward to the St. John's of Annapolis game a week from next Saturday. The Beavers' performances in their last few games have marked them as one of the best College lacrosse teams in several years. St. John's, from the hot-bed of American lacrosse, annually has a team which ranks at the top.

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Hawkshaw and Gimlet Unravel Once More

Dick Tracy had better look to his laurels. For Hawkshaw Gellis and Gimlet-eye Rosenbloom, notorious *Campus* sleuths, unraveled their second successive mystery yesterday. This time it was the "Baffling Mystery of the Missing Eight Inches"—the distance being the difference between the six feet Leo Silverblatt customarily high jumps in practice and the five feet four inches he cleared in the RPI meet.

According to Hawkshaw, "the train's wheels weren't the only things that rolled. Silverblatt's trouble lay in the bones. He narrowly escaped losing all. But he acquired a great burden—worry! Viz—the law of gravity. Ergo, five feet four inches".

After out-prowling every clue, the two detectives solved the case by applying "extra-sensory perception".

Netmen Oppose Fordham Today

Fresh from their well-earned victories against their Pennsylvania opponents, Moravian and Temple, the Beaver netmen take on a weak Fordham team today at the latter's home court as a tune-up for the State Intercollegiate Championships at West Point on Thursday and Friday.

With practically the same poor squad that they presented last year when they defaulted to the College Squad, the Rams, paced by Hogan stand very little chance of an upset.

The Fordham team has lost, by a 5-4 count, to the Temple racquetees, who were minus their number one player, Meyer Perchanock.

Against Temple at full strength the Convent Ave. net crew won by the same score.

Capt. Mortie Hellman will be supported in the fray by Bill Farley, Herb Mescon, Julie Myers, Sid Gershen, and Ed Gallerstein.

Intramurals

Intramural activity reaches its peak tomorrow. All baseball and volley ball will be in the contests which will start when classes cease at 11:30 a. m. and will continue until 3 p. m.

Heading the card for the day, will be the basketball semi-finals. The semi-finals will contain two games in all: Dervishes vs. Team Q and Shep '39 vs. 5 All Stars. The winners of tomorrow's games will play next week for the championship.

Team Q, defending the championship, has thus far met no opposition which can measure up to what the Dervishes will furnish tomorrow. The other game will be contested as strongly. Volley ball will have its debut tomorrow, and will start directly after the basketball semi-finals in the Hygiene gym. The teams have been practicing these past weeks and tomorrow they will throw all their reserves into eight corking games. Shep '39 is defending the championship.

Concurrent with the contests in the Hygiene building, sixteen baseball games will be played in Jasper Oval. The versatile Shep '39 will also defend the baseball championship.

Wrestling intramural competition started Monday at 4 p. m. in the Tech gym and has continued all this week. Finals will probably take place at the end of this week.

Trackmen Training For Intra-City Meet

With the Metropolitan Intercollegiate track championship only four days off, Tony Orlando is putting the team through a series of eliminations to determine who will finally represent the College at Randall's Island this Saturday.

There is also a Frosh Met championship, and the Lavender cubs are entered. The Beavettes, who were shellacked or Monday by the NYU Frosh, 82-34, are slated to meet Ferris High of New Jersey, this Friday as a warm-up for the title meet.

In the Violet-College meet, the St. Nick juniors garnered only three firsts. Ben Rosner turned in a 0:20.2 for the 120 yard high hurdle. "Streaky" Polansky won the mile run in 4:48.1, and Ed Lewis chalked up a fast 2:07 for the 880 yard run.

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Teachers Talk At TU Forum

Leading figures in higher education in the city participated in a forum on "Democracy and Higher Education" sponsored by the New York College Teachers Union at Teachers College, Columbia University on Saturday.

The discussions were divided into seven sections. Mr. John K. Ackley, recorder of the College, participated with Profs. John H. Randall of Columbia University and Austin B. Wood of Brooklyn College in a discussion about democracy in college administration. It covered the duties of the faculty and the trustees, salary, appointments and tenure of instructional and non-instructional staffs.

Witt of ASU Speaks

The section meeting on the place of the student in the democratic college was addressed by Mr. Herbert Witt, New York City secretary of the American Student Union, Mr. Maxwell Weisman, chairman of the CTU's Student Faculty Relations Committee, and Dr. Howard Langford of the Julliard School. They talked on scholarship standards, the economic condition and freedom of expression for students.

Dr. Lewis Balamuth, instructor in the College Physics department, Dr. Max Yergan, instructor in Education at the College, and Mr. Harry Rosenfeld, Secretary of the Conference on Jewish Relations, spoke on the part of racial and religious discrimination in colleges.

Other speakers were Dr. J. Raymond Walsh, author of *C.I.O.* and Prof. Henry J. Carman, member of the Board of Higher Education.

College Store Thieves Indicted

Daniel Flanagan, one of the three men arrested in connection with the robbery of the College Store, was indicted Monday by the New York County Grand Jury. He is out on \$500 bail.

Timothy Donovan and Clifford Lane, arrested with Flanagan, were dismissed because of lack of evidence.

The three men were alleged to have broken into the store Thursday, April 28, and allegedly took \$7.60 in cash and an undeterminable amount of jewelry. When apprehended the next day by the police, they were attempting to get rid of the stolen pins and keys at a pawn shop on 125 St. Flanagan was the only one of the three who had any of the jewelry on his person, police said.

Judge Michael T. Ford of Manhattan Felony Court on May 5, held the men for indictment by the Grand Jury following a hearing at which Mr. Morris Jacobs, manager of the store and Mr. Duffy and Mr. Schneider, employees, testified.

New 'Mike' Out

The 1938 version of *Microcosm*, weighing four and three-quarter pounds and sporting dimensions of 11 by 14 by 1½ inches, will appear tomorrow afternoon, Howard Kieval '38 yesterday announced. The yearbook, costing \$3.50, will be available after the Charter Day exercises to all those who have paid their subscriptions in full.

Enclosing these gargantuan proportions is a laminated cover coated by a glossy sheet of cellophane which was fused on to aid purchasers in keeping copies free from dirt.

ASU-Faculty

The ASU Lunchroom Committee will meet with the faculty committee today at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the "cheap milk" problem, Murray Meld '41, chairman of the ASU committee, announced Monday. The committee has proposed that one-half pint containers of milk be sold for four cents.

In Brief

Dr. William Etkin will conduct a seminar on "Thyroid Physiology" at the Biology Society meeting next Thursday, 319 Main . . . The Avukah has begun a campaign to educate the College in "what Fascism means to the student body and the Jew," according to Martin Stecher '39, chairman of the executive committee. Stecher also announced that he is willing to co-operate with any other society interested in the problem . . . Charles Page of the Sociology Dept. will address the History Society on "Theories of the State," Thursday, 220 Main.

Candidates for the photography staff of *Microcosm* are requested to appear Thursday, at 12:30, p. m. in 11 Mezzanine, by Stanley Lowenbraun '39, editor . . .

"The Question of Vocabulary" was the title of a speech delivered by Prof. Bernard Levy, of the Romance Languages department, to the Cercle Jusserand and the Cercle Fuentès Thursday . . . The Film and Sprockets Society Thursday conducted a discussion on "The Technique of the Film" . . . The Cadet Club will hold a "Co-Ed" hike to Ardsley and Nepara Park Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

A faculty baseball game, a beauty contest on the boat, and dancing, are among the various entertainment features already planned for the all-College co-ed Boatride and Moonlight Sail to be held Sunday, May 22, it was announced yesterday by Bernard Walpin '39, chairman of the SC boatride committee.

MILK CO.OPS

Arthur Hayes will discuss the consumer-farmer milk cooperative at the Wednesday meeting of the Hamilton Grange Cooperative Club in Doremus Hall at 8:15 p. m. Anyone wishing to attend may do so. A group at the College is now

Neidlinger Boys Play Tomorrow

By Gil Guillaume

Prof. Bill Neidlinger and his swingcats will stomp it solid tomorrow at 8:30. Also on the program will be sixty warblers who emit with some mean sending. The jam session promises to be a very exclusive affair since admission is free.

The first opus will be *Oedipus in Colonus*, Oswald Sacchini's latest number. Joe Haydn's *The Surprise* will be a surprise to any one that listens to it, because its got three choruses and a release that'll send you reeling.

Amadeus (Big Bad) Wolfgang Mozart's *Gloria* is practically stolen from *Ida, Mury, Dinab, Dian, Juanita, Mary Ann, Marie, Sylvia, and Sweet Sue*. Nevertheless the alligators stomp and rave when they hear it.

Andy Thomas' *Entr'acte Gavotte* is hot stuff, and this reviewer predicts that in about ten years, he'll be good enough to write uproars. In the meantime he ought to stick to nursery rhymes.

Dick Wagner's *Pilgrim's Chorus and March from Tannhauser* (which does not mean a color of pants) are killer-dillers. The ickies'll be at this semi-annual affair in the Great Hall, and it's worth twice the admission price in any man's currency.

Erratum

In the letter by Harry Wilner, headed "Favorably Impressed", the following paragraph was inadvertently omitted through a mechanical slip:

"I have been reading your series 'The Case Against Robinson' and have been favorably impressed with it both as to journalistic style and to contents. I have no doubt that the charge of poor taste has been leveled against you from different sources. Speaking for myself, I consider the question of good taste or poor taste of little importance when considered against the larger issues involved.

AYC City Council To Meet Tomorrow

The American Youth Congress City Council will hold a meeting tomorrow, 7:30 p. m. at 135 E. 52 St. in room 205. Participation in the meeting does not bind organizations to the Council's decisions, according to Janet Feder, executive Secretary of the Council. The agenda includes discussions on the World's Fair, President Roosevelt's recovery program, and peace activities for the month of May.

Tech Society Issues Society

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) closer link with the civil service, could attempt to have registration fees and tuition fees eliminated, could cooperate with the faculty in improving the curriculum, and could play a large part in making our Tech School larger and better. But this Seminar, or whatever name it may assume, should be organized very shortly, with the support of the entire school.

Lastly, the fact that Tech Council has been accused of being undemocratic, raises a very important point, namely, that there is no real student self-governing body in the School of Technology. Every educational institution has a student council of some sort, yet here, in part of the City College, one is lacking. Since the issue has already been raised by Mr. Hachemeister, this is an excellent opportunity to present it to the entire student body, in the hope that this unfortunate situation will very shortly be remedied.

forming a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a fraternity to be composed of scouts or ex-scouts, according to Edward Grupper '42. Meetings are held Thursday in 318, Main, at 1 p. m., he said. "All scouts or ex-scouts, active or inactive, are eligible for membership," he added.

INFORMAL DANCE

Hotel Victoria will be the site of the Newman Club's Friday night dance, according to an announcement by Joseph Conte '38. The dance will be informal. Admission is 50 cents, he said. An eight-act vaudeville show will follow six hours of dancing, Conte continued. There will be a surprise number on the program, he added, which will be somewhat along the lines laid down by Billy Minsky in his various productions.

Correspondence

To the Editor:

By what feats of legerdemain my signature appeared beneath the letter in the last issue of *The Campus* commenting on the series about President Robinson I do not know. At any rate, will you please correct what is for me an embarrassing error.

Very truly yours,
A. N. S. Slotkin '34

Erratum

In the letter commenting upon the series on Dr. Robinson, headed "A Corking Job", in the May 9 issue of *The Campus* the signature affixed was erroneous. The correct signature should have read G. B. '34. We regret

any inconvenience that Mr. Aaron Slotkin, whose name was printed after the letter, might have been caused.

Two gongs for the night staff!

To the Editor:

The Romance Language Department has announced a one year undergraduate course in Portuguese for the coming term. Yet the language of one of the most dynamic cultures remains neglected, hinged in by outworn tradition, and thus relegated to an obscure corner of graduate studies.

Why not the Russian Language and Culture as an elective course of undergraduate study in City College? Pushkin, Gogol, Dostoevsky, Chekhov, Gorky, are these world luminaries in

letters and drama forever to be approached by us through the dubious method of translation? And in Music the Dance, Opera—the very soul of a people, so large in numbers, so great, and vitalizing in creative effort—is it always to come to us, at best, in a crippled and distorted form.

And we students who some day are going to carry the intellectual tradition of the nation upon our shoulders—how are we to choose, to act intelligently, accept or reject in the present crises of political and economic systems when the sources, the day to day basis of the Soviet Challenge remains closed to us because of a language ignorance.

It is time to reclaim an entire section of the world, her language and culture, to bring her to the fore, as we have done to German, Spanish, Italian etc. It is time to bridge the abyss that has only up to now engendered ignorance.

G. S. Greenspan '39.

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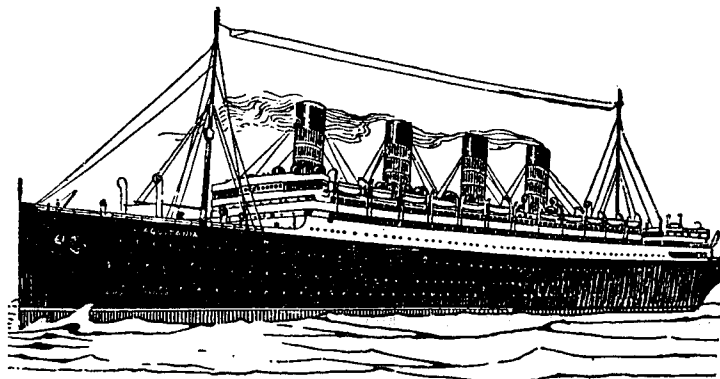
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