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## Attitude of President Mead On Tenure Proposals Scored By Continuations Committee

### Restrictive Actions, It Claims, To Have Detrimental Effects

A letter protesting Acting President Nelson P. Mead's proposed policy for appointing permanent staff members as one which sets "an impossible standard under which no one can qualify," sent to Dr. Mead by a committee representing members of the temporary staff was released yesterday. The letter denounced the Acting President's plan which calls for each department to have at least one, and in departments with staffs of more than twenty-five, at least three full time teachers on temporary employment. It further declared that some of the suggested policies "will result in grossly unjust treatment of many present staff members."

In suggesting his plan in a letter to department chairmen on October 30, Dr. Mead cited the decreasing enrollment in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Challenging this argument, the committee wrote:

"The enrollment is not decreasing naturally, but is being arbitrarily limited. Any decrease in enrollment can be readily compensated for by a slight lowering of the abnormally high entrance average without materially affecting the quality of the entering class.

"Possible future changes of the distribution of students in the different schools of the College will not affect the College of Liberal Arts as drastically as you imply. The total number of students in such service courses as English, History, Government, Hygiene, Economics, etc., will not be materially altered. Furthermore, in many departments of the College, the classes at present are too large for the most effective teaching."

Also attacking the proposal that "reappointment with tenure should be restricted to those persons whose services are so distinctly superior and outstanding that it would be difficult, if not impossible, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

## First Home-Produced Newreel To Be Shown Here Tomorrow

By SIMON ALPERT

Tomorrow will mark a unique event in the ninety-odd years of the College's existence. The first issue of the City College newsreel, filmed and produced by the Film and Sprockets Society, will be presented to the student body in Doremus Hall at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow. Admission—ten cents.

There, recorded for posterity in flickering gray shadows, with the voice of a commentator beside you, will be Ben Bernie crowning the House Plan Carnival Queen; the Scranton and Brooklyn football games (the voice of the announcer is low and broken at this point); Benny Friedman giving a lesson on playing football. There will be shots of the Tech girls on the campus and elsewhere, of HP men decorating the new house, of

the Dram Soc workshop rehearsing for John Brown. This first issue, F & S boasts, is full of news.

Special invitations to the showing have been extended to administration heads and members of the faculty and student leaders.

Lanny Mallot '41, is in charge of the production, with a crew of less than half a dozen. They have been working on the newsreel for more than a month.

If this first issue is a success, Film and Sprockets plans to produce a second newsreel for presentation toward the end of the term.

"We know," said Mallot, "that the production will like this first issue. It means a good deal for us—and I think for the entire College also."

## 'Main Events' Seeks Browder As Speaker

In a front page editorial appearing last Monday, Main Events, evening session newspaper, announced that it had invited Earl Browder, general secretary of the American Communist Party "to speak at City College within the next two weeks." Mr. Browder, at present, is under indictment charged with having falsified an application for a passport.

The editorial states, "The invitation follows receipt of news that the administration of Dartmouth College has joined with those of Harvard and Princeton in rejecting student requests for permission to hear Mr. Browder speak." The announcement makes note of the fact that Yale University has granted permission to the Yale Peace Council to hear Mr. Browder.

## Survey Shows College Store Costs Lowest

The City College Store has lower costs and profits than the average of seventy-two other college stores surveyed it was revealed by an investigation recently conducted by the Bureau of Business Research of Indiana University. The results are published in a pamphlet entitled, "Operating Results of College Book Stores," by G. W. Starr.

The results, compiled on the basis of the year ending June 19, 1939, show that the College Store sells almost twice the average amount of merchandise, with approximately an average closing inventory and that its markup on goods is 7.64 per cent less than the average. The total operating expenses are 6.39 per cent less and the operating profit is 1.225 per cent less than of the average college store.

The Campus is now conducting a survey of textbook prices in the city's main stores and will publish its findings in a pamphlet at the beginning of next semester, so that students will have information concerning buying and selling texts when their need is greatest.

The City College Store has distributed a total of seventy-five dollars to fortunate students who have guessed grid scores in the Philip Morris contests these past eight weeks and a General Electric portable radio to Stanley Nehmer '41, who in "twenty words or less" explained why he liked a Shaeffer pencil.

## Lorentz's 'The River' To Be Shown Tomorrow

Pare Lorentz's documentary sound film, "The River," will be shown in Doremus Hall at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow under the auspices of the Economics Society.

The film, produced and directed by Mr. Lorentz for the United States Government, depicts the role of the Mississippi River in the economic life of this country.

## Student Group Asks Browder To Speak Here

### Civil Liberties Forum To Discuss Attacks On Freedom, Union

The Student Council Legislative Congress late yesterday, invited Earl Browder, general secretary of the American Communist Party, to speak before its Civil Liberties Forum, to be held December 21 in the Great Hall. He will talk on the significance of his case as representative of an attack on civil liberties.

The purpose of the forum will be to discuss attacks on labor unions, the Dies Committee, academic freedom, and to refute statements made against the College by Father Charles E. Coughlin in his weekly, Social Justice.

Others who will be invited to participate in the symposium include a representative of The Voice or Equality, anti-Coughlin organs, a leading trade unionist, and a member of the Dies Committee.

The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Clinton Oliver '40, chairman, William Rafsky '40, Earl Raab '40, Leon Wofsy '42, and Al Ginsberg '40.

The work of the Congress, it was further decided, will be divided among three panels to deal with Civil Liberties, Social Legislation and Peace.

The Congress is engaged in drawing up a constitution for itself and has already completed a preamble. In part, it reads, "The principle purpose of the Congress is to stimulate and guide education and action of the student body on all vital public issues."

## Heimann to Address History Soc Tomorrow

Dr. Edward Heimann, Secretary of the German Reparations Commission and former professor of Economics at the University of Hamburg, will address the History Society tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in 126 Main on "Why Did Germany Adopt Nazism?"

## Appointment of Mead Urged In Petition

### 'Baskerville Bulletin' To Appear Tomorrow

The Baskerville Bulletin, a mimeographed journal for all chemistry students, will appear for the first time tomorrow and every two weeks thereafter. It will be distributed free in the Chemistry Building, according to Albert Greenberg '41, and Seymour Lewin '41 who will edit the paper.

The issue will feature faculty profiles, and articles on the Open House and the Baskerville Chemical Society.

## 'Excursion' Cast Is Named

That hardy Dram Soc perennial, Joseph Engel '39, has been cast for his ninth consecutive varsity show, the final and complete list of players for Excursion, released Monday, by director David Greenwald revealed.

Engel, who starred in all the Dram Soc productions from Adam the Creator (1934) to Idiot's Delight (1938), will play the part of the reporter, Mac Coleman, in this term's production.

The leading role, that of Captain Obadiah, genial skipper of the S. S. Happiness, has been assigned to Seymour Woroboff '40.

Wendy Lehrman, a student at the American Academy of Arts, and Marjorie Tokaji, who played Mrs. Cherry in Dram Soc's Idiot's Delight have been assigned the two romantic feminine leads. Ellen, the thirteen year old girl, will be played by Rita Jacobs, a Hunter freshman.

Other members of the cast are Henry Blum '40, Mike Marcus '41, Mitchell Lindemann '40, Sol Goldman '41, Seymour Gurlietz '41, Roland Uris '40, Isaac Gordon '42, Philip Brunell '42, Leonard Laub '42, Jerry Levine '43, Morton H. Silverstein '43, Stanley Anskstein '43, Irving Branman '43, George Spelvin '43, and Margaret Estergomzy, Louise Lambert, Blanche Mintzer and Katherine Killan.

## Asks Committee To Consider Him Despite Refusal

A petition urging the appointment of Acting President Nelson P. Mead has been transmitted to the Faculty-Alumni-Trustee committee on the selection of a permanent president, The Campus learned last night.

The petition asks that Dr. Mead be appointed despite his declaration last week that his "name not be considered for the position." It cites his long association with the College and his actions as Acting President as reasons for his appointment, it was learned reliably.

The text of the petition could not be secured from Professors Harry N. Wright and Arthur D. Compton, faculty members of the committee selecting a president, who maintained that the petition "would not become public property" until it was presented to the full committee at its meeting Friday.

A number of the faculty members said that they had not been asked to sign the document and had not seen it. There was some disagreement among those favoring the petition as to whether the entire College instructional staff or only those who would sign should be asked, The Campus learned.

In a letter last week to Orway Tead, chairman of the Trustee-Faculty-Alumni Committee, Dr. Mead gave as his reasons for not wanting to be considered for the presidency the following: "It is my opinion that the person chosen as President of the City College should be sufficiently youthful to be able to look forward to at least ten years of active service. I shall have but a few more years of service at the College and it is my wish to spend these years in the classroom."

## New 'Merc' Rings the Bell With Funny Gags and Stories

By STANLEY FISHMAN

In the wake of an indifferent start comes one of the funniest issues of Merc you or I have seen. Beginning with a mastery cover by the nationally known lecher, Fuehrer Druckman, the current Mercury packs sufficient unscholarly entertainment for even the most discriminating alcove hound.

Once more it is Henry Lefer who gets four stars from this corner for his brilliant drama in five acts entitled William Shakespeare Stinks. Lefer's stuff is as subtle as the smell of garlic but we like him all the more for it. Equally superlative is An Introduction to Stauchey by the hitherto unknown Abc Kanegson. Where have they been hiding him? By burying talents like Kanegson's Merc succeeds only in burying itself. There also appears

some decently written (but not necessarily moral) prose by Rosen, Druckman and Vladimir Krem.

In the cartoon department, we are pleasantly surprised by the quantity and quality. A suggestion, however: omit the asinine material that syndicate sends you. It's like the live worm in a hot plate of spaghetti.

There's only one other discordant note. Yes, Ignatius Sacco once again rears his ugly head. This time he calls it She Knew What She Wanted. Our would be sophisticated young genius has prepared a dish of the most rancid tripe. I'm afraid we can't stomach it. We feel the wisest course Mr. Sacco can follow is immediately purging his soul with some very harsh laxative.

## Last Chance for All Pismires-- Seniors to Court Saturday

By ARTHUR H. LUCAS

"Don't be a pismire!" With that battle-cry ringing in their ears, one hundred and fifty seniors and their respective bits of femininity will swarm onto the floor of the Embassy Room of the Hotel Ambassador Saturday night to the music of Al Satlowe and his "sweet-swingopators."

The Senior Prom Committee announced yesterday that Ann Miller, dancing star of the current edition of George White's Scandals, will head a "long list of prominent entertainers" who have accepted invitations to attend the "greatest Senior Prom ever run at the College."

Miss Miller, recently of Hollywood where she appeared in You Can't Take It With You, Radio City Revels and other cinema successes, will "positively not be Queen of the Prom," Frank Freiman, one of the many co-chairmen



ANN MILLER

of the affair, declared. "She will be a guest of honor."

In addition to Ann, Freiman added, Al Satlowe's band, which boasts several comedians, dialecticians and singers, will keep the air filled with humor and song before, during and after the midnight turkey supper, which is expected to be one of the highlights of the evening.

There is a Cocktail Lounge adjoining the Embassy Room where the New Yorkers, so vividly described by Michigan's Governor Dickinson, may imbibe. Dancing o'clock Sunday morning. Valuable will continue until about three souvenirs will be presented to the Seniors' better halves, Herb Siegel, another of the co-chairmen, proudly proclaimed. When pressed for further details about the souvenirs, Siegel said, in a soft voice, "Come to the Prom if you want to see them."

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## The Last Word

THE Supreme Court handed down a decision to the effect that the distribution of leaflets cannot be restricted if Free Speech is to remain."—*Nexus Item.*

The recent decision of the Supreme Court will be applauded by students of the College. They know that the leaflets, handbills and paper broadsides greeting them on the way to their nine o'clock classes are of extreme importance as a means of free expression of opinions.

It is significant that the highest court in the land branded the excuse of banning leaflets "to keep the streets clean and of good appearance" as "insufficient to justify an ordinance which prohibits a person rightfully on a public street from handing literature to one willing to receive it."

"Although a municipality may enact regulations," the decision continued, "in the interest of the public safety, health, welfare or convenience, these may not abridge the individual liberties secured by the Constitution to those who may wish to speak, write, print or circulate information or opinion."

At the College, not long ago, there was talk of restricting leaflet distribution in order to beautify the campus. We hope that the Supreme Court decision and a student body alert to any and all infringements of their rights, will halt any attempt to ban the morning messages.

## Lets Go Dancing

ALTHOUGH we're not jitterbugs or gourmets, the Senior Prom, scheduled for Saturday night at the Hotel Ambassador, looks like a swell affair to us.

A seven course turkey dinner, music by Al Satlow's orchestra and Ann Miller promise to make the evening a full and rhythmic one. This is to be the last prom of the '40 class and both halves of the class are taking part. It should be the biggest affair of recent years.

So, you Seniors, get into the Prom spirit. Buy your tickets now. Remember, don't be a PISMIRE.

## CURRICULUM:

(This is the first in a series of four articles by Professor Harold Saxe Tuttle (Education Dept.), an authority on curriculum. The second will appear in the next issue—EDITOR'S NOTE) MONG the tragedies which history records ml one of the least excusable was the Children's Crusade. The reported objective of this Crusade was clearly stated, but the objective was not reached by the children.

Some there are who see a parallel between the present day college and the Children's Crusade. Honest studies of typical groups of college alumni and the social order which they are looked upon to guide have led some to believe that the destination of college-guided youth is far indeed from "the Holy Land" for which they set out.

Two basic questions must be faced before a program of any sort in any field is meaningful: What is its objective? What evidence is there that it will attain this objective? When the first question is not thoughtfully answered chaos ensues. When the second question is slighted inefficiency results.

What is needed by the immature individual and for his social order before the combination can be made ideal? Any group of thoughtful citizens without pet causes for special pleading will certainly agree upon four highly important objectives in a democratic society.

1. Immature youth need to be molded into cooperative, serviceable and intelligent members of a democratic social order. They need worthy civic motives and high civic intelligence. If this objective is to be reached educational agencies must find means of cultivating civic concern as well as

## I. Four Objectives for a College Curriculum

By PROFESSOR HAROLD SAXE TUTTLE

civic intelligence.

2. The individual needs to be prepared for happy, intelligent home and family life. The home must be an institution which makes life meaningful for all its members—husband and wife, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters.

Like the first objective this requires the building up of interests and motives and also provision for intelligent adjustment. No amount of information alone will bring this objective to realization. The training of attitude is basic.

3. The individual needs to be equipped to intelligently select his vocation.

But this objective will not be reached merely by training individuals to be skillful in some vocation. The purpose of vocation is to enrich society. Only when vocational choice and training lead to social enrichment will this objective be reached.

4. Underlying all objectives of education is the need to give each individual a sense of mutual fellowship in society. The good society is made up of persons to whom life is good. The inner feelings of success and happiness are ultimate, if there are ultimates at all. Mental health of all individuals is an objective of education than which nothing is more important or fundamental. Without wholesome and balanced interests in life one must be a very inadequate citizen or homemaker or workman. That mental health depends upon emotional training rather than upon knowledge and logic no one can question.

Finally, it is not enough that these four objectives should be kept in mind. They must also be kept in balance.

## LUNCHROOM:

(Believing it will be of interest to the student body, The Campus prints here the report of the Student Council Lunchroom Committee, as presented before the Board of Estimate. The report is printed almost in full; only short introductory paragraphs have been eliminated, due to lack of space.)

### 1. Description of the Lunchroom

The lunchroom of the City College, Main Center is not, in a strict sense, a lunchroom. It is housed in what was once a locker-room in the basement of the Main Building. There are neither china plates nor silverware. There are tables and there are seats—but the combination of tables and seats is unknown. Consequently, students having their lunches have the choice of standing and eating from a table, or sitting and eating from their laps.

At the edge of each table, and along the walls, are open garbage cans. These are necessary since the lunchroom employs no regular busboys to remove the litter of used paper plates, wrappings and other debris. It is left to the student who has finished his lunch to clear his portion of the long table by sweeping his left-overs into the open garbage can which is conveniently located at the edge of the table.

Along two walls of the lunchroom are twelve alcoves, each some twenty feet square. Because there is nowhere else to congregate for work or recreation, students occupy these alcoves with table-tennis games, "jam sessions" and discussions. Space that could be utilized for eating is seriously wasted in this way. It is not the students' fault if they fail to appreciate the value of this space for eating. There are no tables in the alcoves for this purpose, and an open garbage can stands at the partition between each alcove and its adjoining one.

The floor of the lunchroom is of dark, rough concrete. Each spilled coffee or soup leaves its indelible stain on this bare, ugly surface.

A mezzanine to house offices and clubrooms is suspended from the ceiling of the lunchroom. It occupies the center of the room and leaves a ceiling some six inches above the heads of the students having their lunches at the tables. Blocking the circulation of air and obstructing the source of light, this structure adds to the dismal aspect and, on summer days, to the oppressiveness of our lunchroom.

Food is served at a main and an auxiliary counter, which stand

near the south-east corner exit of the lunchroom. Students enter the lunchroom at this corner; students leave; students step from the counter to counter carrying food without trays back and forth. A terrible traffic congestion takes place here as students mill about this central point of distribution. Much food and liquid is wasted before the student finally reaches his table.

The student body of City College consists of graduates of the New York City High School system. Our city's High Schools can be proud of their fine cafeterias and lunchrooms. It is no wonder that every term our school newspaper prints letters of shocked surprise at the conditions of our lunchroom, written by students who have just entered the College, fresh from the modern, clean lunchrooms of their High Schools. Upper classmen are not too hardened to deny the honesty of this shocked surprise. On one point, both freshmen and upper classmen of our College agree: The lunchroom of City College, Main Center is conducive to neither appetite nor healthy, social habits.

The suggestions of this committee are as follows:

(a) The purchase of dishwashing machinery and an incinerator.

(b) The purchase of china plates, cups, silverware and trays. (These utensils are used in Brooklyn College and Queens College.)

(c) The purchase of approximately 1500 chairs and an appropriate number of tables.

(d) The removal of the open garbage cans and the employment of a more hygienic system of clearing up the debris of the lunchroom.

(e) The covering of the concrete floor with composition tile or rubber linoleum.

(f) The utilization of the alcoves for eating space, that is, for tables and chairs.

(g) The removal of the kitchen and storeroom from their present position across the hall to the rear of the lunchroom. The disposition and dispensing of food could be done much more efficiently. (The removal of the circulating library to the new library building would provide the physical space for kitchen and storeroom).

(h) The removal of the walls and partitions of the mezzanine and the utilization of this large open space for tables and chairs.

(i) The renovation of our ventilating system in the lunchroom and the adaptation of our windows for draftless ventilation.

SC LUNCHROOM  
COMMITTEE

## THE NEW BOOKS

IDEAS ARE WEAPONS — Max Lerner—Viking Press—\$3.50.

Ideas are the product not only of a man, but of his background, his society, his tradition and those for whom the idea is designed. From this fundamental proposition, Dr. Lerner traces the origin of many of the basic political, philosophical, legal and historical thoughts of our day back to the men responsible for their inception and shows the motivating causes for the particular ideas or theory.

The book consists of a collection of essays and book reviews written by Dr. Lerner, former editor of The Nation, during the past few years. The connecting force holding the essays together is Lerner's thesis that ideas are weapons.

Dr. Lerner divides his book into four main sections. The first begins with the words, "Men possess thoughts, but ideas possess men," a startling concept put in the form of an epigram.

In the second and third sections, Lerner deals with American and European thinkers of the modern period. Men like Marshall, Beard,

Marx, Lenin and Professor M. R. Cohen, to mention a few, are considered and discussed according to their contributions to ideas. These essays furnish the reader with an excellent history and biography of the creators of public thought.

The last section deals with the current problems of our society, such as the relation of free men and free markets, the future of capitalism, the Supreme Court and Marxian materialism.

In the main, Ideas Are Weapons will interest only the advanced social science student. Dr. Lerner's theories and essays are for the most part well done, and provocative enough to serve as the basis of many interesting discussions. Because it is a collection of essays, however, the reader forgets at times the fundamental purpose of each essay, as a part of a whole, and treats it as a whole in itself. Thus, quite often Lerner's basic thesis — that ideas are weapons, forged by many factors—is pushed in the background.

V. H. ROSENBLUM

## THEATRE

TOO MANY GIRLS, produced and directed by George Abbott. Music and lyrics by Rodgers and Hart. At the Imperial.

George Abbott is continuing the "Brother Rat" tradition. He is currently giving football heroes a swift and satisfying kick in the pants, with the help of not too many girls at the Imperial Theatre.

By this time, of course, you're familiar with the incredible quantity of hit tunes that have emerged from Too Many Girls—like "I Didn't Know What Time It Was" and "Love Never Went to College."

By this time, also, you may have heard of that gag: about the referee who had accidentally caught a fumbled pigskin, and instead of handing it back, had galloped down the field for a touchdown. "You see," he explained shamefacedly, "I used to play football for City College, and I've never been in the clear before." Particularly this season.

We didn't worry much about the plot, and you won't either. As for the cast, Hal Leroy is dancing tops and Marcy Westcott is an eye opener. We liked particularly Eddie Bracken, as straightfaced a comedian as you've ever seen.

Pretty girls, hit tunes and laughs is the formula for any hit musical, as George Abbott knows. There may have been too many girls at the Imperial the other night, but we never knew it.

SIMON ALPERT

## 'Too Many Girls' 'The Philadelphia Story'

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY, presented by the Theater Guild. At the Shubert.

Philip Barry's The Philadelphia Story does not "lay 'em in the aisles" but it does provide enough laughter and entertainment to make a visit to the Shubert Theater really worthwhile. As is customary with Mr. Barry's plays, the social significance is nil, but snickers and chuckles are the order of the day.

Katherine Hepburn plays the part of a spoiled daughter of Philadelphia aristocracy with a reckless abandon that makes her characterization absorbing. Van Heflin, as a newspaperman who has "a heart of gold" under a callous exterior, actually manages to make his role believable and has no cause to regret his desertion from Hollywood. Lenore Lonergan as Dinah Lord, Miss Hepburn's younger sister, also comes in for special mention, especially since she has been given many of the choice gag lines.

The plot is not particularly important and the only slightly novel twist comes when Miss Hepburn finds that her "rags to riches suitor" is a heel and her socialite ex-husband is a fine fellow and worth another marriage. The upper crust comes in for a bit of good natured joshing and the customers go home in an "all's well with the world" mood.

## NOTES

### Music

The Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra under the baton of John Barbirolli will present a series of concerts at Carnegie Hall during December. Highlights of the programs are: Fritz Kreisler, soloist, Dec. 7 and 8; Mozart "Jupiter" and Beethoven Fifth Symphonies, Sunday, December 10; and Helen Traubel in a Wagner program Dec. 14 and 15.

Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17, Emanuel Feuermann, cello soloist; December 28 and 29, Georges Enesco returns for tonight's term as guest conductor. Yehudi Menuhin, soloist, in the Beethoven violin concerto.

Arturo Toscanini will conduct the NBC Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in Carnegie Hall this Saturday. The concert, for the benefit of the Welfare Fund of the New York Junior League, will have as soloists Jan Peerce, Jarmila Novotna, Kerstin Thorborg and Nicola Moscona.

### Screenotes

Loew's Criterion is currently showing the Warner Bros. shocker, Return of Dr. X, with a cast headed by Humphrey Bogart, Rosemary Lane and Wayne Morris.

Beside its program of newsreels from all over the world, Trans-Lux Theatres are offering short subjects and single feature pictures to their patrons. Shorts and cartoons are shown at the Trans-Lux Broadway and 49th Street and at Madison Avenue and 60 Street.

The feature picture at the 52 Street and Lexington Avenue theatre will be The Under-Pup today and Hollywood Cavalcade tomorrow through Friday, while Honeymoon in Bali will be shown at the Trans-Lux 35th Street and Madison Avenue today through Friday. All Quiet on the Western Front is revived at both theatres next Saturday through Monday.

## The Days of Dram Soc Glory

Through the half-century span of the College Dramatic Society is seen the whole vast panorama of City College itself—great names, memories, traditions. We present with pride a timely series of articles by a staffman on "Dram Soc Glory." Begin it in the next issue of—

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## Sport Slants

### Doc Dukers Can Toss A Ringer, Fix a Leg Or Busted Finger

By AL DOBSEVAGE

The other day, I prepared to spring one of "Doc" Maurice Duckers' classic English jokes on a friend of mine, but when he heard the name Duckers he merely shook his head and said, "Who's he?"

"You mean to say you've never heard of "Doc" Duckers, Beaver trainer?"

"Good God, do you mean to say we have a trainer at City College, and we still lose games?"

I explained that it wasn't "Doc's" fault, and that if it weren't for Duckers, we'd lose a damn sight more games than we do at present.

Maurice Duckers was born back in 1890 in Liverpool, England, and went into his father's plumbing business at a very ripe age. So, when little Maurice, an athlete in his own right, wasn't pitching horse shoes, or playing right half for the Cheshire Rovers, a local soccer team, he was fixing pipe lines. His early trade has helped "Doc" a great deal and he is probably the most handy man around the College.

In 1907, "Doc" came to the United States and took a three year course in nursing at the Worcester City Hospital in Massachusetts. He is a registered nurse who has treated every type of case except leprosy. He has taken care of such greats as Daniel T. Reed, the tin magnate, and Mario Bergemini, the Italian bike racer.

"Doc," a stocky and powerful Britisher with a "Billmy" look and a worn out Cockney accent, came to the College in 1923, and, although a few athletes have rued that day, the great majority are proud to have him as their friend. Today "Doc's" nerves are a great deal more ragged after seventeen years of service here than they were in 1924 when he won the Horseshoe Pitching Championship of Greater New York, and the medal that went with it. The fellow who came in second was so far behind, you couldn't find his name on the scoreboard.

"Doc" can still toss a mean ringer, and when he isn't buying goal posts, repairing broken equipment, sending out the team laundry, packing the basketball or football team's trunks for a trip, painting the signs you see on the Stadium wall at Amsterdam Avenue and 138 Street, or doing a hundred other odd jobs, he is out in the Stadium seeking relaxation in pitching horseshoes with anyone who'll play with him.

The other day down in his room below the Stadium, "Doc," who had just finished baking and massaging Vic Sawicki's bum knee, leaned back and balanced his chair on two legs against his locker, lit a cigarette, and got to talking about coaches and former Beaver greats in his impregnated Cockney tongue.

"Back in 1929, when we played football with Manhattan at Ebbetts Field, the team had to pass through the Dodgers' dressing room to get to their own lockers. As I was walking through, I saw five of our boys grouped about a Dodger locker, staring up at the name on it as if it were God's or they were at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I told the boys to get along, but they greeted me with a 'See that name.' 'Yeah,' I said, 'who the hell's Friedman?' All I got for my trouble was a disgusted look from them, and I swear to this day that that was the first time I ever heard of Benny Friedman.

"But even before Friedman, Doc Parker turned out some fine players. Back in the early twenties, there was Morris Goldhammer at half, and Ally Drieband at center. In 1930, we had a fine quarter in Bernie Blenstock, and, in 1932, "Mush" Wiener at center and "Yuddy" Cooper in the backfield formed as sweet a combination as we'll see here in a long time. And by the way," continued "Doc," "the football outlook is much finer for 1940. We will have Stan Romero, "Duke" Bronstein, and Art Goeschel who are real wool gatherers, and a fine jayvee (if they stay) next season.

"Doc" lit another cigarette, and turning to basketball, he returned to the shades of Lou Spindell, Moe Spahn, Moe Goldman, Sam Winograd, and "Ace" Goldstein, who were recently in the public eye at the Campus sponsored varsity-alumni game. "As for this year's squad, well Holman's boys could always hold their own. College athletes are fair ball players, but you find some damn nice guys among them."

"With this last philosophical remark, "Doc," who is pretty spry despite his years leapt from his chair with "that's all for today, you guys! Now I want everyone to clear out. This ain't no lunch room or ladies tea club, and I got plenty of work to do! This is a three man job I got here, so everyone with no business here will please scram." And we all did.

## Sport Sparks . . .

They must be good if they beat us. Heinie Miller, coach of St. Joseph's gridgers, has been offered a job as assistant coach to Bert Bell of the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Pro league.

Chief Miller is gnashing his teeth, and not silently, either. He can't begin real lacrosse practice until the sticks arrive, and so far there has been no news of them.

Jayvee Notes: Coach Sam Winograd is concentrating on Aaron Miller, a flashy youngster from Winograd's own alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High. . . Most underrated back on this year's cub eleven was Hal Goldstein. Hal has been overshadowed by the highly touted Ed Meagher (pronounced

Mahr), but, as good as Ed is Goldstein is steadier. He's smart, and he'll probably call signals next year for the varsity.

Alumni Notes: Bernie Fliegel, great Beaver basketball center of a few seasons back, was graduated from Fordham Law School with honors last term, and was on the staff of the Fordham Law Review. . . Irv Torgoff, who used to play basketball for Clair Bee at LIU, and Mac Kinnsbrunner, of St. John's "Wonder Five", of a decade or so ago, are taking graduate courses at the School of Ed here. . . and Marty Begovich, also of the Madison Square Garden the "Wonder Five" will referee one hoop contests this year. SLIP

## Eleven's Worst Intramurals . . . Season Ends; 1 Won, 7 Lost

### Poor Blocking, Tackling By Befogged Beavers Blamed for Record

By LOU STEIN

They carried away the body of the 1939 Lavender football season last week, but the odor lingers on. The befogged Beaver went through its worst season since Benny Friedman took over the coaching reins, losing a total of seven games while winning only one.

In allowing a total of 130 points to be scored against them, the College gridgers displayed ignorance of fundamentals. Blocking and tackling, so essential to the compiling of a good record, were sadly lacking in Friedman's 1939 crew. In six of the seven games, the work in these departments was sloppy, accounting for the fact that enemy backs were continually enabled to go for extra yardage or brush aside a would be blocker to make an important tackle.

In the St. Joe game, finale of the season, the City eleven, for the first time, showed a bit of finesse in its defensive and offensive work.

On the offense, the Beavers blew hot and cold. In most of their contests, the St. Nicks managed to put on one or two long marches and keep their opponents busy. Almost half the season's total of forty-four points was scored at the expense of Buffalo, a team which finished the season with a record as poor as the College's.

The main defect in the Lavender attack was a lack of consistency. Against Springfield, an outfit which pasted them, 26-0, the City boys were able to put on two long marches, but failed to score a point because the attack bogged down where it should have been going at its fiercest—in pay dirt.

The brightest star in the cloudy College football heaven was Captain Harry Stein. Playing his last season, Harry seemed to thrive on the fact that the Beavers were a sub par eleven, for he turned in some of his most brilliant performances in contests where the Beavers were beaten by topheavy scores.

Few people will forget his grand defensive performance against LIU in the season's opener, where he made over three fifths of the Lavender tackles and intercepted two passes. His kicking, pass receiving and running exploits in subsequent games stamped him as a player who deserves All-Metropolitan rating.

Center Art Gmitro and tackle George Alevizon, mainstays of this year's Beaver line, were elected co-captains for next year by their teammates last week.

## Evening Session To Face JV Five

The old story of "A House Divided Against Itself" will have a when Coach Sam Winograd's JV hoopsters meet Sam Winograd's evening session five in the prelim to the Varsity - Montclair State Teachers game. Sam, meanwhile, is coaching both teams with no further ado, forewarning and forearming each squad against the tricks of the other.

The Baby Beavers have been working on penetrating a zone defense and defense against the ancient sleeper business, two little items they picked up watching the Night Owls bow to Nat Holman's quintet, 37-18, in last Saturday's Hospitalization Fund benefit. Despite the one-sidedness of the score, and the fact that they are weaker than usual this year, the Evening Session boys flashed some tricky manoeuvres, and the Jayvee, who scouted this game, have been hard at work concentrating on their opponents' weaknesses.

Hardly recovered from a Thanksgiving bacchanal of the previous evening, the members of the Abbe '40A and Bowker '43 touchtackle teams were routed from their beds Friday morning by an ultimatum of "Doc" Krulwitz telling them to replay the recently protested game between the two houses. The protest was so strongly worded and the rivalry between both teams so keen, that "Doc" himself came down to referee the game and see the Abbe aggregation swamp Bowker 30-12.

Both teams played the same type of ball and tossed long passes all through the game. It seems that the Abbe outfit had a better man on the receiving end of the tosses.

The Abbe '40A meets Sim '40 for the House Plan Championship. The Basketeers will meet the YMCA in the other semifinal game to be played on Thursday.

Intramural archery is still growing. If anybody runs after you with bow and arrow any Tuesday or Friday between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Hygiene Building, don't be surprised, for that is when "Chief" Miller gives individual attention to any student who appears in gym togs in the auxiliary gym. An archery club is being formed by the Chief from the ranks of those students who are most interested and proficient in the sport.

All fraternities, houses and independents interested in swimming are urged to file entries immediately in the Intramural office. A student may enter two events plus the relay. Teams will consist of five men. On December 7, the frats and HP teams will tee off. December 14 is reserved for the independents, and the finals will be run off on December 21.

The wrestling, boxing, and fencing tournaments are operating full force. Any student wishing to see these tournaments being run off can watch westing in the Tech gym any afternoon after 4 p.m. Boxing in the auxiliary gym of the Hygiene Building, and fencing in the Stadium may be seen during the same hours.

Other tournaments still open are the four wall handball doubles, the badminton doubles, the table tennis doubles, clock golf, and gymnastics.

## 'CCNY' to the Rose Bowl-- A Press Agent's Dream

By DICK COHEN

"CCNY to the Rose Bowl" is only a press agent's dream after all.

With headlines in the metropolitan press about the prowess of City's freshman football squad and sly gossip column hints that the Convent Avenue juveniles are "loaded", Lavender sports followers have begun to pop embarrassing questions about the team which the Fourth Estate and Sam Goldberg, College publicity man, will have you know is stimulating hair growth on Benny Friedman's bald spot.

The bitter truth is that although Coach Gene Berk's Jayvee eleven is the best frosh team to come up in years, his boys will have to come a long, long way before they can hold their own in fast company.

"Fire! Help! Police!"

The whole business started last year when the Civil Service School for policemen and firemen was organized as part of the City College. With the prospect of New York's future G-men and fire fighters playing football for Pa Knickerbocker, the Beavers were simply expected to step right into the metropolitan grid picture as a ranking power.

The picture has faded rather abruptly, however, and we regret to inform that the '40 eleven will be no world beater. This sad fact was first indicated one bright October afternoon this season when the first crop of CSS students, plus the freshman bunch, reported for practice.

Alack! They weren't football

## Quintes Whips Evening Session 37-18 in Stein Memorial Game

### Chessmen Crush Violets Decisively

The College chess team set an example for Nat Holman's basketeers Thanksgiving Day when they beat NYU, 3½ matches to 1½. Lavender captain Milton Finkelstein starred by winning his game in twelve moves, an intercollegiate record.

This week, the team is opening a series of matches with faculty members in an effort to repeat their feat of last semester when they took fifteen matches and dropped only one.

## 40 Wrestlers Tug For Posts

Coach Joe Sapora looked around at the forty or so grapplers who were tugging away on the mats in the Tech gym.

"Who do I think will wrestle varsity when we hit Franklin and Marshall?" he said. "Well, that's a tough question. I've got a great gang of boys this year, and they're fighting like the devil for starting assignments. There are only three positions that I'm fairly well decided upon. Captain Leo Wisnitzer will weigh in at 175 pounds, Clarence Shapiro is in at 128 pounds, and at 121 pounds we'll have Bob Levin again.

"But even those boys can be challenged by any member of the squad. And there are two or three men battling for every position. That means a well balanced team this year, with strong reserves. Uptown we have Irv Wolf, Morty Brown, Les Friesner and Bill Burrell in the running.

"We've got a tough schedule. But with practice six days a week, we ought to be in trim by December 16, when we travel to Lancaster, Pa. Can we beat them? Well, our chances are good."

That was that; and then the four time national champion got down on the mat with one of the boys.

## Capacity Crowd Sees Beavers in Second Pre-Season Contest

With two pre-season contests already on the records, Nat Holman's 1940 edition of the College basketball team rates as the busiest five in metropolitan court circles. The Beavers added a notch to their record by beating the Evening Session quintet 37-18 at the Commerce gymnasium Saturday night. The game, played for the benefit of the Dr. Sidney Stein Memorial Hospitalization Fund, drew a capacity crowd to the downtown gym.

The Beavers had little trouble taking Sam Winograd's charges into camp, as the Night Owls showed little offensive ability. The varsity moved through the Owls zone defense without much trouble, and only Holman's liberal use of second and third stringers kept the score down.

The game provided Holman with a chance to see how his reserves would shape up in competition, and he was not disappointed with their showing. "I was particularly pleased with the play of Eddie Edwin and Marty Schenkman," Holman declared. Edwin tallied seven points, to wind up one point behind Harvey Lozman, high scorer for the evening.

The entire squad of sixteen players was used, and the scoring went down to the third team. Dave Laub, lanky soph center, from whom Coach Holman expects great things, kept control of the ball under both baskets, and added five points to the score. Angie Monitto, Jack Carpen and Iz Schnadow, the three speedy midgets, raced through and around the Owls all evening.

The game gave the Beavers a chance to work on defense, and the score demonstrates the success of the shifting zone employed.

The strength of the Beaver reserves heartened supporters of the cage sport at the College, who foresee a successful season beginning with this Saturday evening's game against Montclair State Teachers College at the home gym. The Beavers meet seventeen opponents this year, including Oklahoma A. & M. and Santa Clara University at Madison Square Garden, and Butler University, Indiana Conference champs, at Louisville, Kentucky on February 12.

## Eight Veterans Form Tank Team Nucleus

Eight veteran natators will form the nucleus around which Coach Radford J. McCormick will build his 1939-40 Lavender swimming combination. The returning veterans are headed by co-captains Paul Slabodski and Harry Lieber, who will form the backbone of the team. The others are Robert Gyroy, all around man; Albert Kuzen, breast stroke; Rubin Seidin, distance swimmer; Jackie Zieger, backstroke and Albert Maporl, second quarter man.

Conrad Dalman, who was on the sick list most of last year, will further bolster the team. The swimmers are engaged in intensive daily practice sessions in preparation for the opening meet December 15 against Fordham. Coach McCormick is endeavoring to come up with enough men from the Jayvee and the many newcomers to round out his squad.

## Frosh—Get in the Swing!

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## Frosh Speech Worsens Clinic Survey Finds

The speech defects of each succeeding freshman class are steadily growing worse, according to a survey made by Mr. Victor A. Fields, (Public Speaking Dept.), director of the speech clinic.

The evidence for this assertion is the fact that in 1931, when the clinic was started, 120 students were given instruction and, by 1939, the number had increased to 800 students, almost half of the freshman class.

Mr. Fields found that the students from Queens had the best speech and those from Brooklyn were next. Residents of lower Manhattan, he said, have the worst speech habits, the most prevalent defects being foreign accents and the distorted "s."

Students residing in Manhattan above 59 Street had trouble with "l" and "r."

Bronx residents were more susceptible to stuttering, and also had difficulty with the "s."

The lack of adequate speech instruction in the city's high schools was blamed by Mr. Fields for the prevalence of the defects.

The most widespread faults are hurried speech, improper use of the tongue, dulling the clarity of consonants, "s" distortion, use of "d" for "th," nasality and hoarseness.

The clinic has treated over 4,000 students since its organization. 61 per cent were discharged within one term, and 23 per cent within a year.

## New HP Building Will Be Dedicated On January 11

The Adolph Lewisohn House at 294 Convent Ave., the new addition to the House Plan, will be officially dedicated Thursday, January 11, Frank C. Davidson, director of the Plan announced Monday.

Work on the new building is almost completed, and the House will be ready for occupancy long before its official opening date, Mr. Davidson stated. New curtains and teacups for 294 have just been purchased.

At 3 p.m., tomorrow, the House will hold the third in its series of Athletic Forums. The speakers will be Mr. James Peace, director of the Intramural Board.

## '41 Class Dance

"We don't want any outside prom queens" is the rallying cry of this year's Junior Promenade. When the '41 classmen gather in the Terrace Room on the Hotel Capitol on December 8, the queen will be selected from the feminine half of the assemblage.

The '41 impressarios gave solemn promises that a number of radio entertainers will be on hand to make the occasion anything but solemn.

For \$1.25 juniors can get two tickets to the affair, which will feature a dance contest open to all couples.

## Rotation--

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) to replace them; satisfactory service is not sufficient." The Committee argued that such a standard could be used either to retain or to dismiss any member of the staff regardless of his competence.

Such important changes in policy, the letter concluded, should be suggested "only after consultation with the Faculty Council, the persons affected, and the Board (of Higher Education) itself, in the true spirit of democratic procedure as established by the By-laws."

The letter was signed by the Continuations Committee for Staff Members on Temporary Appointment, consisting of Messrs. Ernest Borek (Chemistry Dept.), Robert L. Fisher (Government), Max Hertzman (Psychology) and Joseph L. Mendells (Hygiene).

## Social Worker to Talk On Settlement Work

Mary K. Simkhovitch, Director of Greenwich House, will discuss settlement house work in a talk before the Sociology Society tomorrow with particular stress on her work at Greenwich House. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. in 315 Main.

Upon the recent resignation of Alfred Rheinlein from the chairmanship of the New York City Housing Authority Mrs. Simkhovitch was appointed Acting Chairwoman. She is also a member of the New York State Board of Social Welfare and author of Neighborhood. In 1937, she was an unsuccessful candidate for the City Council.

## Faculty, Students To Discuss Youth In Radio Broadcast

"College Youth and its Relation to Community Living" will be the topic of a panel discussion to be broadcast Friday at 3:15 p.m. over Station WNYC.

Participating in the panel will be Professor Abraham Edel (Philosophy Dept.); Professor J. C. Rathbun (Civil Engineering Dept.); William Rafsky '40, President of the Student Council; David Shair '40, Editor of The Campus; and Norton Savage '40, Chairman of the Tech Seminar.

The discussion will be the fourth in a series of panels on various topics of current interest and sponsored by the College.

This is the first time that students will participate in the series. It is the result of a request to acting president Mead by Rafsky to devote one of the panels, in which students could take part, to youth problems.

## Engineering Photographs, Electronics, Redeem 'Vector'

By WILLIAM GOMEZ

Examination of the present issue of Vector and the one which came out last June indicates that the magazine is printed merely by substituting in a formula and manipulating a slide rule. The result is that the November Vector looks prosaic and plodding. The quality of the subject matter also has on the whole been greatly reduced.

In the lead article, "Naval Stores," by Theodore Cantor '39, a section of the chemical industry resting on Southern timber is explored. The article, however, is inadequate compensation for what seems a large investment of time in diligently compiling general information. It might have gained tremendously in quality if the section had been narrowed down to the engineering problems and treated more thoroughly.

Sidney Moskowitz '40, in "Velocity Modulation of Electron Beams" contributes a redeeming feature. Yet even in this article the absence of unusual effort is noticeable and it is only the subject matter that

earns any merit for it. Aside from the photographs of engineering equipment especially that on the cover depicting the assembly of large electrical machinery, nothing deserves a star rating.

## In Brief

### CIRCULO FUENTES

Professor Federico de Onis of Columbia University, Director of Instituto de los Espanas, will address the Circulo Fuentes tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in 306 Main. His subject will be "Nueva Significacion de Hispanoamerica."

You are cordially invited to hear

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