

Sport Slants



**Sports Editor Retires
Sine Tears or Pleas
Regrets Poor Teams**

By SID MIRKIN

A farewell column is usually a drippy sort of document. Some of my confreres utilized the last issue of *The Campus* to let their "dear public," and incidentally any managing editor on the lookout for a bright young 1940 edition of Richard Harding Davis, know how much they enjoyed working with Joe Doakes and Oscar Bloop, and how the experience they gained and the friendships they made will last forever. Unfortunately I don't feel equal to the task of spewing up that kind of stuff. In the first place I have another six months to spend in these hallowed halls, and secondly I realize that if I meet some of my "life friends" on the street a year or two hence, I might not recognize them.

I've spent a long time at the College and on *The Campus* and I've met a lot of people. Some of them will go places and some will still think they're living in the alcoves twenty years from now. I've received an education of sorts, for the most part not through any effort of my own. I do think that of the education one uses out in the wide world, the most important part is gained in extra curricular activity. Success in business, or anywhere else, consists mainly of the ability to get along well with people; something you don't learn in the classroom.

The chief regret of my semester as sports columnist is the fact that I came on the scene during the worst year the major Beaver teams have "enjoyed" in many decades. The football season was a terrific flopperoo and the basketball season is in the process of becoming the worst since Nat Holman took over the coaching job twenty-one years ago. I didn't know many of the boys on the football squad and therefore found it comparatively easy to whale hell out of the team. I directed a lot of criticism at Benny Friedman and still think that most of it was justified.

The basketball squad presented a different picture. Those of us who were supposed to be on "the inside" thought that this was to be the year. It doesn't feel so bad to be wrong on that, since even Nat Holman figured on the possibility of an exceptionally good season. The boys have tried their damndest and just won't make the grade against the type of competition they have to meet. I still won't advocate an easier schedule, because Nat is sure to come up with a top-flight team nine years out of ten.

As I look back at the past six months I know that I really enjoyed my work. And it wasn't only the fact that I could see all the games on the cuff. Athletics, to my mind, are one of the important things in that "college life" so many City men think they are missing. Even if I haven't scored any touchdowns or baskets for the Beavers I feel that I have been a part of the athletic scene at the college and I've learned enough to know that if the alumni and student body give the boys some solid support, physical and financial, City College can field teams that no one need feel ashamed of.

Mermen Ready To Meet F&M **5 Meets Left For Wrestlers**

You could hardly call exam week a vacation, but nevertheless the undefeated College natators have a three weeks' between-terms rest before travelling to Lancaster, Pa., February 9, to try to accomplish what the Beaver wrestlers and hoopmen couldn't—beating Franklin and Marshall.

At the moment, the tankmen are occupied with their final exams, which are probably tougher than those of any squad of swimmers in the country, but if the boys can do as well with pen and pencil as they have done in the pool so far this season, they're all certain of knocking off A's right and left.

Four victories in four meets is a perfect score in any language, and that is the record that Coach Radford J. McCormick's surprising mermen have chalked up in the first half of the campaign.

Before the season started, Coach McCormick was assigned to the fact that the College swimming team was in for one of the worst seasons it has ever experienced. To quote Mr. McCormick at that time: "The boys are hard workers and have grand spirit, but we just haven't got enough winning material." When the Beavers won their initial contest, 38-37, from the Fordham Rams, McCormick was happy, surprised, and still a bit dubious. However, when the natators proceeded to swamp St. Francis, 47-28, he realized, and gladly so, that he was coaching a swimming team after all.

Two weeks later, the mermen travelled to Scranton, Pa., and took the measure of the Scranton Tommies.

The College wrestlers, with a record of one triumph and one defeat thus far this campaign, face five more opponents before they hit the Inter-collegiate Championships on March 22.

The Beavers, who performed away from home in their first two meets, will give their first local exhibition on February 17, when they play host to the State Teachers College of Stroudsburg, Pa. Then, in order, come Brooklyn Polytechnic, Brooklyn College, Temple, and New York University.

Although the team has already had two encounters, it is still difficult to predict the future. The matmen opened their campaign in none too impressive fashion, when they were trounced 24-6 by a strong Franklin & Marshall squad. Only two Beavers managed to win decisions in this meet. Captain Leo Wiznitzer, and Morty Brown both managed to get the referee's nod against their opponents. The seriousness of this defeat is somewhat lessened by the fact that F & M is perennially one of the nation's top teams.

But it began to look suspicious when Coach Saporin's men, in preparation for their second match, went out of the College ranks to take a 21-9 beating from the West Side "Y," a powerful amateur team.

Then came the "Battle of Gettysburg," and with it the first Lavender victory when the matmen scored an 18-10 win over the Gettysburg wrestlers. In this meet, six Beavers won referee's decisions; Bob Levin, Clarry Shapiro, Joe Ginsburg, Les Freisner, Wiznitzer, and Bill Burrell all winning their matches.

Quintet Meets Loyola Saturday

**Grid Diary:
Won 1, Lost 6
Worst Season**

Diary of a College football fan:
Oct. 3, 1939 . . . Harry Stein covered more ground than any other player in Ebbets Field last Friday night, but unfortunately, he could not be everywhere at once and the Beavers dropped a 20-0 football decision to Long Island University.

Oct. 10 . . . He claimed he's given up bullfighting forever, but Stan Romero came out of retirement for sixty minutes last Saturday—just long enough for him to torture, and finally give the death thrust to an ineffectual Brill eleven from Buffalo University. The Beavers won 19-0 . . .

Oct. 20 . . . A little the worse for wear after their 31-0 trouncing by a powerful Scranton eleven—'nuff said.

Oct. 28 . . . Susquehanna's Crusaders staged a late drive to overcome an inept Beaver eleven, 14-6 last Saturday . . .

Oct. 31 . . . Benny Friedman's Beavers were hunting frantically yesterday for that elusive thing called a "winning formula."

For, after dropping their fourth football game of the season—a 7-0 decision to a sub par Lowell Textile eleven . . .

Nov. 8 . . . What's the use? Brooklyn beat us, 12-6.

Nov. 22 . . . Benny Friedman's undermanned football eleven dropped their last game of the season Saturday, bowing to St. Joseph's College 20-13, but Bill "Tiger" Wallach, senior substitute tackle, was the star of the ballgame . . .

That, in short, sums up the worst season in Beaver football history.

The boys just didn't have it. They were woefully inadequate in such fundamentals as tackling, blocking and punting. Harry Stein did a great job, but he could not play the other ten positions at the same time. Sometimes it looked as if he was doing just that.

**Intramurals Best Season
Topped by End-Term Dance**

Intramurals, the only true cross-section of College life, began and ended in true Beaver fashion; with plenty of flash and fanfare. The first tournament to be run off was the Road Race, and this was followed in order by the touch tackle and the Basketball tournaments with numerous other contests, less known to us mortals, but just as eagerly followed by their adherents, interspersed.

Finally, the Intramural Inter-mezzo Dance topped off a successful Intramural season in a darn successful manner. Despite the fact that the Intramural Board couldn't secure Idsweig, raconteur of Campus gargoyles or Sally couldn't secure Idsweig, raconteur between Berwin Cole and Mr. James Montague went over just as big if not bigger and lent as much toward making the dance a success as would Sally herself, much less her bubble. But, now to save those demon scissor men who thrive on Intramural clippings a lot of trouble; here follows a brief of the Intramural year.

Thursday Oct. 5: The Intramural season began with a bang as Abbe '40A, runner up in the touch tackle tourney, banged Harris '40 all over the Stadium to garner a 26-0 victory and start the Intramural ball rolling.

Thursday, Oct. 19: Clifford Goldstein, current hope of the track squad took the one and a half mile Road Race in a little under seven minutes. Goldstein, ex-De Witt Clinton cross country star was first man away from the barrier and first to re-cross it followed by Henry Garmendia and Mourad Nessimian.

Thursday, Oct. 26: Harry Zweig '40, captain of the All Stars, last year's Intramural Basketball champs, won the Basketball field day by a margin of one point from Nathan Glassman, with a total of 42 points.

Thursday, Nov. 16: Abbe '40 copped the volley ball tourney from the Wintras, two games to one. The Wintras went into an early lead topping the House Planners 15-8. Abbe came back to take the next two games 15-5 and 15-11 to beat the Wintras and take the Volley ball crown.

Thursday, Dec. 7: Outrushed

outpassed, and generally outclassed, a weak Abbe '40A touch tackle team fell before the aggressive tactics of the Basketeers 30-0 in the finals of the Intramural touch tackle tournament. The Basketeers led by Babe Adler, Sambo Meister, and Manny Jarmon completely demoralized the weaker House Plan team with their rough tactics.

**Winograd Worries
JV Doesn't Jive**

Just which five hoopsters will comprise next term's Jayvee basketball team is the question puzzling Coach Sam Winograd at the moment. So, while Sam's worrying over his starting five for Wednesday's Seton Hall game at Lawrence, L. L. let's recount the glories and exploits of last term's club.

Opening the season against the Evening Session team (which won its first game only last week), it was a question of the lesser of two evils, so the JV's won, 32-20. St. Francis '43, next on the schedule, was too strong, winning out in an overtime, 40-38, and inaugurating a pretty City losing streak. Manhattan's Frosh crew kept in the swing of things, winning 31-30.

Then something remarkable happened, for our side beat the St. John's powerhouse Jayvee, 29-28. Things came back to normal the next week, though, for Winograd's bunch had to travel all the way out to Willowhy Street, Brooklyn, to take a 47-36 drubbing in the return game. The Hebrew Orphan Asylum's quintet then reached the height of something or other, by taking the Baby Beavers into camp, 34-32, and everybody decided to pack up for the term.

With his two best operatives boosted to the varsity, Winograd has plenty to worry about. Still, a dozen newcomers may come through. Last term's holdovers, including Red Phillips and Hal Judenfriend, may continue their improvement. Winograd will be walking around the College with a smile yet.

**Capt. Adler
High Scorer,
Monitto Next**

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) crowd of 18,000 people, was the scene of the cracking of the dam and the beginning of the flood that was to wash away any hopes for a great season. The Beavers played good ball against Oklahoma A & M in the first half to lead 15-13 when the last period started. Then the Okies went to town, scoring at will to triumph 36-24 over the prone Beavers. With the skids set under them, the Lavender next received a completely demoralizing 60-26 pasting at the hands of an inspired Marshall team. To this date the Beavers are still under the spell of that crushing defeat, the worst at-home loss in College history, after six successive lickings by Santa Clara, (52-30); St. Johns (33-26); St. Josephs (34-28); and Franklin and Marshall (44-32) in that order.

Against St. Johns in the Garden, City hopes were high for twenty minutes as the Beavers, using a man-to-man defense for the first time, started strongly with a smooth working offense that dead-locked the favored Redmen 14-14 at the half. However Dame Fortune still had the cards stacked against our boys, resulting in another collapse and bad performance for an inexcusable 33-26 defeat.

Ten Games to Go
With ten games to be played on the schedule and Loyola of Baltimore invading St. Nicholas Terrace on Saturday night, things are no brighter as Holman seems about to resign himself to fate and let our old friend Lady Luck try her hand at helping the hapless Beavers. All of Nat's schemes for squeezing a victory out of this ill-fated group have been in vain.

"Giants" Dave Laub, Harvey Lozman, and Al Winograd, have shown occasional flashes of brilliance but have been sadly ineffective over a full time stretch. "Set-shot specialist" Jack Carpien is the biggest failure with but ten goals in eight games; and the team's high scorer is, of all people, captain Babe Adler with 45 points. (Lobello of LIU is the city's high scorer with more than 200 points) Monitto is next

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Dram Soc's 'Excursion' Scores Hit

New Officers Consider Plans for Festive Spring Show

Adding another page to its glittering fifty-two year history at the College, Dramsoc continued its ten year old tradition of producing an original musical comedy in the spring and a dramatic piece in the fall, by producing during this past term, Victor Wolfson's Broadway hit, *Excursion*.

The play was hailed by critics as among the outstanding productions in Dramsoc history. Directed by David Greenwald '31, who was in charge of last year's *Idiot's Delight*, the play starred Seymour Woroboff '39 and Wendy Lehrman.

Beginning work on next term's spring musical immediately after the presentation of *Excursion*, the society held a midnight conclave during Christmas vacation, electing officers to supervise all phases of production. Under the direction of President James Nesi '40, work on the play has been progressing rapidly. David Greenwald has been retained to direct the show, all scripts have already been written and casting was completed Saturday.

During the past semester, a branch of Dramsoc—the Dramatic Workshop has attracted widespread attention at the College. Established two years ago, the Workshop put on its first production this term—presenting *Air Raid*, *Aria Da Capo*, and *John Brown*, at various times in THH Auditorium. These productions were directed by Norman Sobol '40 and Daniel Levin '42.

Adolph Lewisohn House Dedicated; Addition Doubles Plan Facilities

The House Plan, on Thursday, January 12, officially dedicated the Adolph Lewisohn House at 294 Convent Avenue. With this it more than doubled previous House Plan facilities. The dedication ceremony itself was among the outstanding social events of the year, drawing such notables as Mrs. Adele Lehman, wife of the Governor; Mr. Sam A. Lewisohn, son of the noted philanthropist, whose gift made the purchase of the new house possible; Acting President Nelson P. Mead; Former President John H. Finley; Dean Morton Gottschall and others.

Opening of the new house, which was completely renovated and refurnished this term, almost entirely by student effort, will allow a greatly expanded program of HP activities in the future. A reception room, a dining room, a lounge, two meeting rooms, kitchen, washroom, ladies powder room, and publication offices were added to available facilities.

The past term saw more students than ever before take seriously the House Plan adage that "You, too, have time to enjoy College." Close to eight hundred students joined the Plan, an increase of more than ten per cent over previous membership.

Standout among the purely social HP events was the fourth Annual "Gay Nineties" Carnival, which was held Saturday evening, November 18. This gala affair, which transformed the lunchroom into a miniature Coney Island, will be long remembered by the eight hundred-odd couples, who taxed the facilities of the Main Building to capacity for this affair. It marked the first time in recent memory, that a celebrity advertised to make a personal appearance at a College affair, actually did appear. Orchestra leader Ben Bernie shattered this precedent, appearing for the Coronation term two weeks ago, the outgoing ceremony at the Carnival.

News of Term

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) Session) and Arthur Compton (chairman, English Dept.), and Henry Neumann '00, head of the Alumni Association, the committee has given no public indication of the candidates it is considering, although student representatives have been pressing for a voice in the selection it makes.

Acting President Mead, general-

ly considered a leading candidate for the job, created a stir last November by asking in a letter to the committee that his name "not be considered for this position." Expressing a desire to spend his few remaining years at the College in the classroom, Dr. Mead declared that the new president should be young enough "to look forward to at least ten years of active service."

In direct contrast to the quiet

process of choosing a new head for the College was the brief but bitter controversy which arose early in December when the epidemic of invitations to Earl Browder, following his indictment for passport fraud, struck the College. Originally extended by the student Legislative Congress which was planning a forum on civil liberties, the invitation was fought as a misuse of the name of the College student body by a political minority which had gained control of the Congress.

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