

# THE TICKER

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## Classes Complete Plans For Gala Term Functions To Be Held Xmas Week

**Pres. Robinson Expected To Appear At "Frosh Feed"**

**Fiorita Plays for Juniors**

**Luxuriousness Features Soph Strut at Hotel Astor**

After weeks of preparation plans for the various class functions have been finally completed.

The junior prom at the Hotel New Yorker will lead the parade to the strains of Ted Fiorito and his nationally famous band, on December 23.

Two evenings later the sophomores will hold their "Strut" at the Hotel Astor to the music of Mes-Kahn and his Temple Club Orchestra.

**Senior Prom**

On the night of December 28 the senior prom, the last major function of a vanishing class, a gala dinner and dance, will be held in the Hendrick Hudson Room of the Hotel Roosevelt. Music will be provided by Stan Austin, his nine-piece orchestra, and a prominent soloist and quartet.

As usual a great deal of mystery surrounds the plans for the "Frosh Feed". Under the guidance of Artie Wasserman, veteran of many stags and smokers, plans have been made for an enjoyable evening. The entertainment will consist of a number of interesting skits and movies. An unexpected pleasure is in store for the freshmen in the presence of Dr. Robinson, who has accepted an invitation.

**Sophs Feature**

The Sophs announce many special features such as: a lounge, a smoking room, a high-class bar, and a private elevator. In addition they promise some original novelties which are a Paul Jones grand march, and a "quartette from Rigoletto." These may account for the large advance sale of tickets.

**Debating Team Meets In Radio Debate, Wed.**

The debating team of the School of Business again enters the realm of intercollegiate competition with a debate against Long Island University. The topic selected for this debate is "Resolved that New York City Erect, Own and Operate A Municipal Power Plant."

The debate will be given over station WLTH Wednesday, December 18, from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. David Barash will captain the City College team which will consist of Murray Weinman and Isaac McKellop.

**"Date Expenses" Subject of Frosh-Soph Debate**

The freshman argued the affirmative and the sophomores the negative of the question, "Resolved: That Women Pay Half The Expense of a Date" Thursday.

The sophomore team consisted of David Barash, Fred Altman, Harold Zivitz and Walter Forman, while the freshman speakers were Charles Cohen, Sydney Gottlieb, Jerome Dukoff and Chester Gorlitz.

Murray Weinman, chairman of the meeting, announced that next Thursday, December 19, Frosh Chapel would be held in the auditorium.

## Council to Send Delegates to ASU

By Sloane and Wasserzug  
Unanimously endorsing the "formation of the American Student Union as a step forward in the student movement against war and fascism", the Student Council at its meeting last Friday voted to send two delegates to the Columbus convention at which the Union will be formed during the holidays. Lou Scher and Jack Kalish have been selected as the Council's delegates. A box is to be set up in the lobby to collect funds which will defray the expenses of the Council members, any balance to be contributed to official club delegates.

The Council members of the joint Student Council — Ticker Investigating Committee were directed, as a result of a motion passed at the meeting, to restrict (Continued on page two)

## City Trounces Dickinson Five By 41-26 Score

**Levine Stars in Strong Second Half Attack By Beavers**

**By Arty Hauer**

Unleashing a strong, sustained, second half attack, the City College Beavers trounced a fast, free shooting Dickinson College quintet 41-26, to garner their third victory of the current basketball campaign before a noisy crowd in the Lavender gym last Saturday night.

Phil Levine, chunky Beaver forward, was the shining star of the City offense. After being held to a single field goal and foul shot in the first half, Phil came back in the last period with four beautiful field goals and a foul shot to run his total for the game to 12 points.

**Strong on Defense**

Captain Sol Kopitko and Bernie Fliegel played their usual all-around dependable game. Aside from being towers of strength on the defense, each of these boys came up with a scoring total of 8 points.

The first half was nip and tuck all the way. At no point was either squad able to run up a sizeable advantage. The Dickinson boys, playing a fast, rough game had a number of fouls called on them. But the Beavers, shooting poorly from the foul line, let many of these scoring opportunities slip through their fingers. The half ended with City leading 17-13.

**Beavers Start Late**

Not until the game had progressed well into the last period did the Lavender really start to move. Then, with the score tied at 24 all, the Beavers, led by Phil Levine, launched a spirited attack which put them in the lead, never to be headed.

## Wechsler Outlines A.S.U. As Non-Partisan Body To Combat Reaction

**Clubs Take Photographs For 'Lexicon' Thursday**

The following organizations will take pictures for "The Lexicon" this Thursday in room 903.

1:00 p.m., The Bar; 1:10 p.m., Photophile; 1:15 p.m., Pegasus (English Lit.); 1:20 p.m., Jewish Opinions; 1:30 p.m., Italian Club; 1:40 p.m., Interclub Council; 1:50 p.m., Dem., Officers' Club; 1:35 p.m., Bating Society.

"The Lexicon," service class annual is published by the '36 class. George H. Heyman Jr., Opoznauer and Samuel Warantz are the editor, business manager and managing editor of the magazine, respectively.

**Speaks Before Hundred Students at Student Council Forum**

**Shows Fascist Threat**

**Cites College Administrators Who Clamp Down On Peace Advocates**

Declaring that the American Student Union will not be an organization composed of communists and socialists, James Wechsler, former editor of the Columbia Spectator, spoke before a group of over 100 students here last Thursday under the auspices of the Student Council. All who wish to maintain peace and who oppose reaction should join, he added.

**Three Forms of Reaction**

Mr. Wechsler examined three forms of reaction and demonstrated the need for an American Student Union which will thwart fascism.

The first form of reaction, he said, is the Hearstian kind — continual baiting together with opposition to every kind of reform. Second, he indicated, administrative pressure clamped down upon those who advocate peace or oppose fascism. Describing President Robinson's technique as "the umbrella technique in education", Mr. Wechsler suggested that our president permitted the November 8 peace mobilization only because student pressure forced him to do so. At California, President Ingalls, employing "the sprinkler system" tried to evict students from the campus by showering them with water, Mr. Wechsler reported. Finding their spirits undampened, the president tooted a whistle during the meeting in a vain effort to silence the peace advocates. His red squad, the speaker asserted, by slugging girl students and others finally broke up the meeting.

**Countrywide Repression**

All over the country college administrators are trying to silence the rising student movement, Mr. Wechsler stressed. Using a subtler procedure, at the November 8 peace mobilization, (Continued on page two)

## Anti-Fascist Association Unanimously Censures Dean For Forbidding Distribution of Its Paper in Mail Room

Censure of Dean Justin H. Moore for forbidding the Anti-Fascist Association to circulate its bulletin freely through the faculty mail boxes was unanimously voted at the last meeting of the A. F. A.

In its resolution, the A. F. A. "defined Dean Moore's actions as curtailment of its freedom of the press and condemned this curtailment."

The resolution was adopted after a report which pointed out that the Dean had made the circulation of the bulletin difficult for over a year, and that, in this instance, he was partly responsible for initiating protests against its distribution.

According to a letter from the Dean received by the editors

of the Bulletin "so many protests were received from instructors regarding this unauthorized insertion in their mail boxes of the A. F. A. Bulletin, and so many men have said they did not wish to receive the publication in the future that the bundle just delivered to the mailroom is being held for further orders." He added that if the A. F. A. supplied him with a list of its downtown members, he would see to it that they received the Bulletin.

The resolution in full follows: Whereas Dean Justin H. Moore of the School of Business of City College has sent the following letter to A. F. A. of staffs of City College through editor of Bulletin, and whereas it is known

that Dean Moore is himself partially responsible for these requests that the Bulletin be not distributed

Whereas other organizations such as the American Association of University Professors, the American Legion, Lavender Cadet, I. S. H. and Red Cross have used the college mail room for distribution of their publications,

"Therefore be it resolved that the A. F. A. of School of Business of City College defines this tailment of its freedom of the action of Dean Moore as a curtailment, and it further instructs press and condemns this curtailment. The Executive Committee to take the necessary steps to remove

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## Concert Bureau Offers Reduced Opera Prices

With the opening of a new Metropolitan Opera season on December 16, the Concert Bureau will offer tickets to all performances at reduced prices.

Tickets will be on hand at the Concert Bureau one week in advance, for every performance. Tickets to Broadway shows for Christmas and New Year's eves are also available at reduced prices. The Concert Bureau office is room 1421A.



## Editor Urges Student War On Reaction

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he showed Western Reserve officials proposed that the students hold a silent meeting while University of Pennsylvania administrators suggested prayers.

The organization of vigilants is the third form of reaction. Mr. Wechsler continued, adding that we have not seen very much of it here in New York — "yet." At Michigan State University, an agricultural school, a small group of student-farmers held a meeting last November 8, he said. The president, characterized by the speaker as "an authority on beef" promptly sent the R. O. T. C. to the rescue, and those who tried to discuss the question of peace were thrown into a nearby lake.

Appealing for American Student Union support, the editor pointed out that those who oppose reaction must fight it now "before the storm troops win out." Fascism will come in the guise of "Americanism," he warned, adding that storm troops will not distinguish between liberal or radical. "Reaction will come at every one of us," he concluded.

Jack Kalish, chairman at the meeting, urged all clubs to send delegates to the conference at Columbus where the American Student Union will be formed during the Christmas holidays. The freshman class, it was later announced, will send two delegates. Arrangements are being made for transportation at \$5.00 round trip. For the next two weeks, contributions will be solicited throughout the school in order to build up the treasury.

Mr. Wechsler arrived late at the meeting and explained that he had been involved in an "accident." He was to have spoken in a private home to a group of Swarthmore High School students Wednesday. The administration having refused the use of a school room for a discussion on the American Student Union, forced to walk up six flights of stairs, since the elevator operator would not carry "communists," he found some officers of the law with several young students in their custody. He too was invited to join them. Later he was taken to the school, where he was interviewed by the principal, and was released.

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## Lavender, Fiction Magazine, Features Radical Stories

By Herman Singer

Sociological overtones dominating its pages, *Lavender*, the quality magazine of our unhaloed precepts of higher learning, made its appearance this week. Concerned with fascism, expulsions, and kindred subjects, the more serious literary lights of the College have succeeded in turning out an issue which can stand as a model for subsequent endeavors by any organization.

The inspiration for the present issue seems to be drawn from the amorphous *Story* magazine style and the proletarian approach to literature as it is revealed in the pages of the *New Masses*. Thorough assimilation of both these sources is apparent on every page.

Ezra Goodman is easily the

outstanding contributor, with a masterly sketch of a young man awaiting expulsion from College, and a poem, which if it does nothing else, makes clear his position on war.

Next in point of merit is Philip Gorno's portrayal of a fascist purge. This is handled with a great deal of skill. The other stories run in a similar vein although they lack the effectiveness of those mentioned.

Apparently the high quality of the writing has communicated itself to the inanimate pages, for *Lavender*, in a new format, appears even to better advantage than before.

Ten cents makes you a literary adventurer and you may experience the thrill of discovering an embryo Shakespeare, Proust or Mike Gold.

## A. F. A. Censures Commerce Dean

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this abrogation of the A. F. A. rights.

Giving strong support to the American Student Union, the A. F. A. in a resolution, "encouraged the movement towards unity against war and fascism as expressed at the convention to establish such a united student organization in Columbus, Ohio on December 28 and 29, and urged the students of the College to send delegates to participate in these deliberations." This action was prompted by Robert Brown, president of the uptown Student Council, who spoke in behalf of the American Student Union.

## Council to Send Delegates to ASU

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their activity solely to securing the setting up of an alumni committee before which the communist party may submit its evidence.

In an effort to secure an effective employment bureau, the Council voted to write the Employment Bureau Committee asking permission to contact outside employers directly through a downtown agency. This group will cooperate with the uptown one which is chartered to secure jobs for downtown students also.

After balancing its accounts with the evening session, the Council appropriated \$10.80.

## Labor Forced To Violence, David Holds

Although violence plays little part in the theory of the American Labor movement in the past, the movement has been forced to resort to such means, declared Mr. Henry David, of the history department, during a discussion of "Violence and the American Labor Movement" in the nineteenth century.

Mr. David, collaborator with Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes on the "History of Western Civilization" spoke before the History Group last Thursday.

Mr. David concentrated his attention on the Haymarket Riot of May 4, 1886, showing the economic and psychological influences which were at work at the time, and the "inner logic" which was to produce one of the "blackest chapters in American justice."

## BULLETIN

The Law Society has placed in the library catalogues of twenty law schools. They are available for use of all students.

## Twelve Elected To Honor Society

Ten seniors and two juniors were elected to active membership in the N. Y. Epsilon Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honorary business society, at its meeting on December 3.

The ten seniors are: Marsha Cooperman, Abraham Finkelstein, Joseph Fisch, Esther Goldberg, Harry K. Gregory, William C. Hansen, Jr., George H. Heyman, Jr., Walter J. Keller, Charlotte Rosner, and Lottie Tunick. Charles Gollup and Eugene C. Zorn, Jr., are the juniors.

Formal announcement of the election will be made at the Dean's assembly, next Thursday.

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## The Sport Round-Up

By Lee Sharfstein

With last Saturday's games the metropolitan basketball circuit was in full swing. Every quintet has now begun its 1935-36 court campaign. It is of course impossible to estimate the potentialities of each at this early stage of the season. Also, we haven't seen them all play. Notwithstanding, having done a little research work on the New York teams, we wish to make a few bold opinions and predictions.

### N.Y.C. Should Repeat

Our first stop is at the stronghold of N. Y. U's Violets in the Bronx. The Hall of Famers annexed the mythical Eastern championship last year by virtue of victories over every major squad in the city except L. I. U. The Blackbirds, by now a fixture in the court firmament, have thrown such a scare into the elite of New York because of the prolific scores they roll up that they could not arrange an important inter-city game, besides St. John.

According to this department, Howard Cann's team was also national champion. Despite the controversial contest with Kentucky, in which N. Y. U. nosed out the Colonels on a disputed foul shot by Sid Gross, there was no other quintet that deserved to be dubbed "the best team in the country." And all because of a tall slender guard named Lenny Maldman.

In our estimation Maldman overshadows every player in the country, including the sensational Wes Bennett of Westminster. Besides being a bulwark on the defense, he was absolutely deadly under the basket. It is because of Maldman that we quote N. Y. U. as having the outstanding court squad this year.

City College a Mystery  
We proceed to Manhattan and City College. And what a task it is to predict their positions. The current five is better than that of last year, and yet it is not a great team. For one, it is too erratic; secondly, there is not enough scoring punch.

In Captain Sol Kopitko, the lanky center, Coach Holman has an excellent floor general who knows the intricacies of the game — Schneidman and Goldstein promised to develop into brilliant stars, and Bernie Fligel has proved his worth by virtually cinching a starting berth. But Holman still has no fifth man. Both Sid Katz and Phil Levine are too undependable. Neither seems capable of playing every game in a satisfactory manner.

And yet, we have a hunch that the Beavers will not do so badly. Brooklyn College, which lost to City by a 29-28 score, looms as the most improved club of the year. Certainly, the Kingsmen will cause no little trepidation among the City bigwigs. Fordham and Manhattan do not impress us as any serious threat, in spite of the Ram's Mr. De Phillips, while St. John, with an all veteran array will prove no snap for the Metropolitan titans.

## NYA Records To Undergo Corrections

All N.Y.A. workers who have found that information given in their applications is not entirely correct are requested by Professor Alfred D. Compton in charge of N. Y. A. at City College to make corrections at once in room 307A. All doubtful cases will now be investigated.

Students who immediately correct errors will not be punished, Professor Compton says, "but those who are found to have made misstatements and who allow them to remain uncorrected will be dealt with severely." Particularly bad cases will be reported to the committee on discipline.

Professor Compton also announced that graduate students will work thirty-three and one-third hours monthly at a rate of 75 cents per hour, giving them \$25 monthly.

The Student Relief Workers' Association, a proposed organization of student N. Y. A. workers and applicants for relief, whose charter is now before the faculty, is now considering complaints sent in by students. All further complaints should be addressed to the student N. Y. A. committee.

## Swimmers Sunk By Fordham Team

Opening its season, the City College Swimming team, composed almost entirely of newcomers, many swimming in intercollegiate competition for the first time went down to defeat before Fordham in the City pool Friday night. The score was 41 to 30.

A fighting and fast-improved water-polo team, led by George Darby and Lahti sank a strong Bedford Y.M.C.A. team to the tune of 26-15.

City's next swimming meet is against Manhattan College on January 3rd. Coach McCormick voiced approval over the way his green team had fought Fordham and stated that his lineup against the Keileys would probably be the same.

## BULLETIN

There will be an issue of The Ticker on Friday, December 20. Copies will be issued only upon receipt of the regular "U" Book stub.

## Seniors Topped by '38 Quintet After Last Minute Rally, 13-12 'City' Amateurs To Entertain At A. A. Show

Displaying a last minute burst of speed, a fighting '38 quintet swamped an inferior '37 squad, 15-4 as scores of jubilant frosh roared approval. The '39 lead of five points at the half steadily increased when Alterowitz tipped the ball through the hoop on a pass from Herman, and Herman sank difficult shots from the center of the court. From the starting whistle the game was a losing proposition for the juniors, but Gibbons, Berman and Siegal refused to accede to the conquering frosh, and fought to the finish.

The handball doubles claimed victory for the '36 and '37 teams when Levine and Millner, '36 smote Geiger and Altschuler '38 a 31-12 blow, and Gerard and Greenberg '37 overwhelmed Levitan and Berman '38 to the tune of 31-19.

The '36-'39 and '37-'38 tilts in basketball and handball are scheduled for December 19.

## Boxers Scrapping For Team Berths

The boxing team aims to put City College on the boxing map this semester. The men are in such fine condition and there are so many candidates for each position that Mr. Justin Siruts' only worry is whom to omit from the team.

The chief prospects are: R. Schweet and D. Lubarsky in the 110 lb. class; J. Ladenheim, E. Nussbaum and A. Proffitt 126 lbs.; A. Caserta, co-captain and D. Barchus 135 lbs. In the 145 lb. class there is a wealth of material of which J. Siegal, last year's varsity man, and V. Zimet, freshman prodigy, stand out; there is also a surplus in the 155 lb. class where E. Millstein, E. Grovesky, and R. Pennington are fighting it out; S. Alterowitz and I. Rifkin; Cy Zamos, co-captain and S. Silbert are rivals for the 165 lb. and 175 lb. posts respectively.

## Organized Gym Team To Perform A. A. Show

For the first time in several years, the college will have a gym team.

They will give their first performance in the A. A. show this Friday night. At present they are going through their paces under the tutelage of various members of the Hygiene department. Their program will include several interpretive dances and acrobatic stunts.

Shades of Major Bowes! The new craze that swept the country has finally arrived at the portals of City College. Sponsored by the Inter-Class Athletic Committee, with the aid of the Hygiene department, an amateur show and a dance will be presented at the gym of the Commerce Building, Friday, December 20, at 8 p.m.

A tentative schedule with 8 acts has been arranged. Heading the list, are the Terrace Tap Girls, who will be followed by the Eberhardt gym squad, Gordon Osborne and Jordan Horowitz in novelty acts, Pollack and Shultz dialecticians, Angelo Theodore tap dancing, Harold Spitzer piano recital; and Sol Smith and his Student Serenaders. Mr. John Ferguson of the Hygiene department was chosen to ad lib for the evening in the form of master of ceremonies. After the show, the committee has arranged for spotlight dancing, to the strains of a flock of new records, continuous until midnight.

The prices for the affair are: 15 cents for a single ticket with a "U" stub; 25 cents for a couple ticket with the stub, and 25 and 40 cents respectively without stubs.

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## Funds for the A.S.U.

ALL this week efforts will be made to raise funds to send a large delegation to the American Student Union convention at Columbus, Ohio.

The A. S. U. is by far the most significant step in the entire history of student activities. It marks the possibility of a broad, non-political organization which will not be governed by extremists, but by students who constitute the large progressive element in the College.

The importance of this amalgamation makes it imperative for the College to support and subscribe a delegation. If every student gives ten cents to the A. S. U. fund, more than twenty delegates will be able to attend the convention. GIVE A DIME TO THE A. S. U.!

## Commercial Arithmetic

STUDENTS who took the last commercial arithmetic teacher's qualifying examination are generally agreed that it was the fairest test of its kind ever given. The list of those who passed, moreover, is longer than it has ever been.

But this improvement in the content of the test should not lead us to accept an examination which is educationally not sound. While this test is probably valid as a measure of ability in commercial arithmetic, it certainly is not valid as a means of eliminating those students least equipped to teach. We do not see of what value a knowledge of commercial arithmetic will be to a teacher of stenography. It was shown last term that in the stenography group, students superior in general scholarship and in their major field failed in the test while less qualified students passed.

If any qualifying examinations are to be given, they should be similar to the teacher-in-training tests.

## Joint Committee

THE Ticker entered a partnership with the Student Council in a joint investigating committee several weeks ago. Without the approval or over the knowledge of its partner, the Council at its last meeting, voted to alter the character of this committee. The Council members on the committee are now forbidden to investigate. This action was taken with no attempt being made to notify The Ticker's end of the committee. This procedure is illegal and humorously inconsistent with the Council's past emphasis on parliamentary polish.

## It Can't Happen Here

ADD "It is Happening Here." Police said apartment when high-school students meet to discuss formation of the American Student Union. Sinclair Lewis "It Can't Happen Here" is barred from Townsend Harris Library. American flag must be displayed prominently at all public meetings. State Senator McNaboe calls for exhaustive legislative investigation of Communist activities in the public schools of New York State.

**BECAUSE the American Campus is the scene of a growing student movement, and**  
**BECAUSE social problems are now as integral a part of undergraduate life as the curriculum, athletics and social activities, and**  
**BECAUSE a student union will reflect the collective interests of students, and remain independent of any political party,**  
**I SUPPORT formation of an American Student Union embodying the principle of protection of student liberties.**

Name ..... Class .....  
 (File this pledge in the ballot box, main lobby)

## Book Blurbs

By Herman Radolf

*Guillotine Party and other stories by James T. Farrell, published by the Vanguard Press, New York.*

When I took my first English course at City College, I had an instructor who used to stand up in front of the class, look fierce, and exclaim, "A story's got to have fight."

In "Guillotine Party" by James T. Farrell we have a collection of stories which get along quite well without that supposedly indispensable characteristic. There is no climax, no denouement. There is simply the presentation of a situation, a character, or a group of characters surrounded by a set of circumstances which, more often than not, are not unusual.

Yet, these stories are fascinating to read, provoking despite their lack of provocative statements. They argue strenuously without indulging in debate. They deal with drama without becoming dramatic.

Seldom does the author vary from an objective treatment of his material. He tells his story, presents his characters, and, when the job is finished, he breaks off without drawing a conclusion.

To the reader who demands a social viewpoint, and a constructive solution based upon the dramatic presentation of a situation, these stories may prove a disappointment. But the author, in some of his stories, so handles his material that the reader is forced to an inevitable conclusion.

The stories excite the reader to an intellectual rebellion against the useless existence which is the lot of James Farrell's characters. Their is a wasted life. They live in a society which they do not understand or to which they are inadequate—a society to which they do not contribute constructively and which is itself incapable of directing their lives for its own benefit.

These stories are warped with senseless antagonisms and prejudices. Many of his gang have negroes. They believe that in driving Alfred and Booker from the bathing beach they are protecting white women from the depredations of the "niggers." Yet, their own interests do not extend beyond a senseless attention to the chastity of every attractive female who crosses their path.

"Lost, wholly lost, without an inward fire," reads the quotation from George Santayana which serves as the forward for this book. This one line eloquently sums up the purpose of the author. Mr. Farrell is telling the story of people lost in a maze of stupid irrelevancies, and going nowhere. His accurate portrayal of their lives is in itself a constructive work. It is an object lesson to every reader, and not a defeatist presentation of the status quo.

Those who are familiar with the same author's "Gas House McGinty" and "Swiss Longan" trilogy will recognize in this new book the same brutal and ineffectual characters. They will find an extended study of people not savage, not inhuman, but rather excessively human and bewildered. That these people are merely the product of the society in which we live is fact. How we are to change these people without changing the society that created them is indeed something to be concerned about.

## Correspondence

### Insignia Selections

To the Editor:

Four years of attendance at the college have given me a clear insight into the workings of school activities and their significance. During this period, certain students have been particularly outstanding in the services they have rendered to their respective organizations.

To reward them for their activities an Insignia Board of Governors was set up. In the past this committee has recognized true merit and outstanding service as indiscriminately as possible. Why does the committee now impair its reputation by offering a petty technicality as the excuse for not recognizing the achievements of Gabe Oppenauer and Phil Villarsa?

The committee justifies itself by saying that Major Insignia are awarded to those who have contributed outstanding service to the school. In the case of these two men, the committee has stated that their work was devoted chiefly to the betterment of the Class of 1936. Is not the Class of 1936 an integral part of the college, and does not its betterment concern the college as a whole?

On the basis of comparison with other recipients of Minor Insignia, Mr. Oppenauer and Villarsa were most certainly not given their just reward. Insignia awards have always meant much to their recipients and the school at large. Therefore, I urge the Insignia Committee to reconsider the awards of Messieurs Oppenauer and Villarsa. I am certain that the Class of 1936 supports my stand.

It is my earnest hope that this injustice be righted to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

EDITH M. GREENHUT, '36.

### Gilotine Again

To the Editor:

So many students have discussed the contents of my last week's letter with me that I feel that this letter must be written. Although a majority of these students think that the "Gilotine" is the best piece of reading in the "Ticker," still opinion is evenly divided as to whether or not it belongs in the paper. I repeat that I am not writing against the column's contents, but rather against its place in the "Ticker," for I believe that a school publication should concern itself with the school, its affairs and its students. A column dealing with accountancy, law, chemistry or some other interesting subject could be used to a much better advantage than the column in question.

I also cannot be overboard. For there have been columns of this sort in previous issues of the "Ticker," some terms ago. I would suggest that the body in authority select a new editor with a view towards giving the students something to read besides one page of worthless reading, two pages of boring and uninformative news, and almost one entire page of advertising. I noticed that the only applicant for the recently resigned position of editor was refused. As far as I am concerned, and I don't know how many others, the "Ticker" has sunk to such a low level as a school publication, that it has absolutely nothing to lose by selecting the young lady whose application was not accepted.

I hope that the students interested in my thoughts and ideas, pro and con, would write to the "Ticker" concerning theirs.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM SILVERMAN, '37.

### "Best Sellers" Available

The following books are available for general circulation, at the library:

Wilkie — American Secret Service Agent. Intimate details of white slavery—captivating, etc.

Forrest — Behind the Front Page. Unpleasant news that were censored.

Yung — My Country and My People. The latest story of China.

McComas — Ghosts I Have Talked With. The dope about spiritualistic mediums.

Sandor — Old Jules. A picture of Jewish experience.

Brown — It Seems To Me. The eminent fan-poker.

Allen — Lords of Creation. A story of Wall Street.

Stone — Lost for Life. Vincent Van Gogh.

## ... Dispatches ...

Delay in transmission, prevents publishing of the regular column, "Gilotine". The column will be published as soon as cables are repaired.

In better circles it is known as being a sycophant although upon many college campi, the phrase "apple polishing" neatly covers the same ground.

We think we have discovered the ultimate in refined "apple polishing."

In one of our state universities, which the Rockefeller foundation would no doubt list among the 10 best, a young man labored long and hard upon a thesis for his M. A. One of these things: "The Influence of Sixteenth Century Philosophy upon Science and So." The examining committee turned down the poor boy because one member violently dissented with the majority report. Feeling certain he had covered the ground very well, the cagey boy made quiet inquiries as to the dissenter's reasons. He found:

The professor had objected to the paper because, in the bibliography, the writer had not included mention of a five-page paper on the subject written by the professor some 20 years ago.

The boy re-wrote the thesis, cited and quoted from the paper, and passed the examination nicely. Thank you.

COLUMBIA, MO. — There may be something to the American theory of universal college education, and then again...

Here are some of the answers that turned up in a recent University of Missouri quiz:

Q—What experiment led to the establishing of the Mendelian law?

A—Cutting the tails off mice and breeding them.

Q—What do we learn from astronomy concerning our physical universe?

A—Many astronomers have tried to discover ways so that we could actually catch a star but as yet it is a impossibility. They also have discovered and that some day we might agree that the clouds are coming down really be able to discover just what a cloud is composed of.

Q—What was Peter Lombard's theory of the universe?

A—Peter Lombard thought the earth was a sphere and that he had absolutely gone all over every point and that he couldn't possibly be wrong.

Mr. Joe E. Moore, of North Carolina State College, is an enterprising fellow, and a gentleman of parts in the psychological field. He has recently published, in the Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology, a treatise giving the results of an experiment he undertook to discover the annoying habits common to the college professor. Mr. Moore had a class of 123 elementary psychology students study professors for two weeks and then turn in a report on the teachers' annoying habits and mannerisms.

Twenty-five unpleasant things were listed. Heading the list of mortal sins, according to the testimony of 76 students, was "rambling in lectures." Then came "Twisting mouth into odd shapes," with 63 earnest young psychologists recording their aversion to this pleasantry. "Frowning" came next, with 55 votes, then "Playing or tinkering with objects" — type of object unspecified—and next, "Cocking head" pulled an even 50 votes. The list runs on like that for quite a little while, various attitudes and mannerisms being listed.

"Whatever Are We to do With People Who Mean Well"---Wolfgang Von Goethe