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# The Lyre Tree

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## Reverberation

By Kenneth M. Sowers '34

Misty, it was, and very early as I slipped, with the incoming labor gang, into the vast, heaped yards of the Lindlay Foundries. That was long ago, in the later nineties, when industry was even more anarchistically feudalistic than it is today. Industrial practices were jealously guarded. At general meetings, artisans and manufacturers discussed their practices only most broadly, never freely or in accurate detail. Trade secrets then, were secrets never to be divulged and were learned only through stealth. Competition was war. When you judged a rival to have improved his methods, you sneaked into his plant, observed and, if uncaught, both learned and appropriated. If caught, you were severely beaten, kicked out and, in addition, usually fired by your own company to cover their embarrassment.

Now, in those days, I had black hair upon the top of my head and was ambitious and impetuous. I was chief chemist in charge of the laboratory of the Brown Metal and Abrasive company. My staff consisted of myself and my shadow. My laboratory was a small, narrow hole in the wall with but one window. Even that was a great advance in recognition of the value in commercially applying new-fangled chemical ideas. Chemists had yet to earn their industrial spurs. They didn't think much of us then. Many's the time I received two identical samples of the same thing.

My pet in the plant was a reverberatory furnace, used for making malleable iron castings, in the design of which I had made a number of improvements. With it, through lowering fuel consumption and reducing melting time, we cut costs and produced a better product. Yet, the manager remained unsatisfied. He had to know what the Lindlays used inside of their high, forbidding fence.

And so, disguised as a laborer and pulling a well-worn cap down lower over my eyes, I passed the watchman at the gate in that forbidding high fence with the early labor gang at four o'clock in the morning. Inside, I paused to gaze at the gigantic silhouette of their plant stretching far up there into the grey dimness. There are times when I'm weak enough to wish I were an artist and could enjoy appearances without constructing their foundations. And the paleness in the early morning has most often marked my scientific relapses.

"Hey, you," bawled a rough, rasping voice from somewhere, "get a move on; you're supposed to be awake!" Obediently, I plodded forward, slowly passing huge heaps of scrap iron, pig iron, broken castings, vast mounds of coal and coke, until, after crossing the banked tracks of a railway siding, I came upon the long, grey bulks of the reverberatory furnaces. I knew what I was after. Now, when you know that, why then, all you have to do is to go find it and then, you have it.

This type of furnace, in case your education has been neglected, averages about forty feet in length, five in height to around six in width. It is roofed by small bricks whose shapes allow them to curve up, over the furnace's width and down to its further side, making an arch. These fire-brick arches cover the entire top. Although I was certain to be alone here at this early hour, still, I cautiously glanced about. Then, clambering

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## W. Phillip Shatts Depicts New York 30 Years Hence

### Regional Plan Assoc. Sec'y Speaks in Theater

Mr. W. Phillip Shatts, Field Secretary of the Regional Plan Association, Inc., and Mr. Paul Winslow, Secretary of the Taconic State Park Commission, lectured in the Laboratory Theater on Monday evening, March 5, on the progress of the regional plans for the metropolitan area up to the present time, and the further development expected in the not-too-distant future.

Dean Tewksbury introduced the speakers with a few remarks on the similarity between the plans and objectives of the organizations which they represented and those of St. Stephen's College. Just as the Regional Plan Association seeks to scatter the population over a fairly large area, and thus combine the advantages of city and country life, so St. Stephen's, through its alliance with Columbia University, seeks to combine the educational facilities of an urban university with the advantages of college life amid rural surroundings.

Mr. Winslow spoke concerning the work of the Taconic State Park Commission, with headquarters at Poughkeepsie, which was created to develop the area comprised of Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, and Rensselaer Counties. It is one of nine such commissions organized by the State of New York in 1927, before which time there was no unified park system in the State. It is at present in possession of some 12,000 acres of land and has three major projects under consideration. One is the development of a Tri-State Park along the Taconic Range, with the co-operation of Massachusetts and Connecticut. It was agreed that the three States together would contribute some 40,000 acres for this park, of which the share of New York State would be about 9,000 acres. The commission has already acquired this land. Another project is the development of a piece of land owned by the commission along the banks of the Hudson at Staatsburg as a park and camp site for yachting and motorboat parties which have, at present, no place to put in overnight. The third and greatest project is the Eastern State Parkway which, when completed, will serve as a parallel highway to the Albany Post Road. Beginning at the northern terminus of the Bronx River Parkway Extension at the village of Shrub Oaks, just south of the Westchester and Putnam County line, it will proceed northward through a rugged and heretofore inaccessible part of Putnam County to East Fishkill in southern Dutchess, and

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### Dragon Club Elects Three

The Dragon Club has extended invitations to Messrs Harry Jones '34; Bostwick Ketchum, '34, and William Saner, '36 to become members. All three men have accepted. Election to this honorary organization is based on excellence in scholarship and extra-curricular activity.

The club has called off the dance which was to be held on Saturday, March 24.

## Theater Group To Open Playhouse On Thursday Night

### Casts Announced For Each of Three Plays

With the formal opening of the Laboratory Theater scheduled for a week from tonight, all the speed possible is being put into production by the directors of the theater and the English 34 class.

Rehearsals for the three plays are well under way. Each play will have had eight when the curtain goes up on the opening night. A different cast has been picked for each of the "one-acters." "The Romancers", Rostand's fantasy which was to have opened the program, has been shifted to the final play of the evening. Tchekhov's "The Boor" will instead be the first play to be produced in the new theater. "The Public Pulse" will be the second piece, as originally scheduled.

The sets for each production have been built and are now being painted by John Keppler '34. The lighting effects have been worked out in rehearsal by the directors. Costumes have all been designed and are being made by Mrs. Alvah Stickle, of Red Hook.

The curtain will go up at 8.30 sharp when the theater is opened on March 22. Tickets for the three evening performances are on sale at the college, the Notion Shop, in Red Hook, the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, or at the Madalin High School. The price is fifty cents a seat. The number of spectators for any one performance is to be limited to one hundred. A sellout has been made to Ward Manor for the Saturday matinee.

The casts and staff for the first plays follow:

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## New Deal Subject Of Politics Club

A group of students, interested in politics and related subjects, met in the recreation room Wednesday, March 7, to organize a politics club which will conduct debates and discussions on current topics of interest. On the Friday night previous, this same group had met with Dr. Flournoy at which time the possibility of organizing such a club was discussed. It was decided at that time that the small group of students present should form a nucleus to arouse interest in the proposed club and to announce a formal meeting later.

At the second meeting, the question was brought up of whether or not the society should have a fixed organization. After some discussion it was decided that the group should be called the Politics Club but that it should have no definite organization. Various topics were suggested for future discussion and the members agreed to conduct an open forum on March 21st. At this time Mr. Martin Goldstein '35 and Mr. Edmund Spillane '35 will consider the topic, "The Roosevelt Administration: will it lead to Socialism or Fascism?" Mr. Goldstein will champion Fascism, while Mr. Spillane will take the Socialist point of view. Immediately afterward, there will be an open discussion. Additional forums and debates planned by the club will be announced later.

## Five Loses Final Game To Wagner

### General Seminary Downed On Night Before

The St. Stephen's basketball team completed its season last Saturday evening when it went down to defeat at the hands of the Wagner five by the score of 33 to 25. The Saints thus finished their season with a record of four games won and seven lost.

Coach Leeke's forces have been unsuccessful in four of their last five contests. The game with the highly rated Trinity five was probably the most important game of the season. The Saints held the men from Hartford 15-16 at the close of the first half, but Trinity showed its superior ability when it began to accumulate a safe lead early in the second half. The game ended 48 to 29 in favor of the visitors.

The contests with R. P. I. and Albany State teachers, held away from Annandale, resulted in victories for the opposition. Rensselaer overcame the Saints by a 60-18 score while the teachers maintained a 51-27 advantage.

Last Friday evening the General Seminary basketball team met defeat at the hands of the St. Stephen's five. Snyder and Brady starred for the victors while Mitton, Spinosa and Good were outstanding for the home team. The final score was 31-25. The following evening the Saints travelled to Staten Island where they were defeated by the Wagner College five. Burgevin starred for St. Stephen's in this encounter while Lewin was high scorer for the home team.

John Burgevin, left forward and co-captain of the St. Stephen's team, is high scorer for the season, with a total of 113 points. Bill Nieman, right forward for the Saints, has achieved a total of ninety-three points during the course of the eleven varsity games. Paul Woodruff, left guard and co-captain, William Snyder, center, and Jay Molyneaux, right guard, also scored well.

The Junior Varsity five has also completed its season with a record of five games won and seven games lost. Clarke, Mason, Leone and Brady have been outstanding for this five.

In the face of unusually difficult opposition, Coach Leeke's teams have made a creditable showing. With Nieman, Snyder, Molyneaux and Brady as a nucleus for the varsity, the team looks forward to a highly successful season next year.

### Indoor Baseball League Starts Play Next Week

With S. A. E. having carried off the bowling honors in the matches completed this week, the various groups on campus now are turning their attentions to warming up their arms in preparation for the annual indoor baseball games.

The sore-arm squad has been working out in the gym in an effort to develop a fast ball and still keep control. Five teams are entered in the league. Kappa Gamma Chi has made two entries whereas the Non-Socs as yet have named no team. The faculty seven is reported to have shown strength in training although their star catcher, Dr. Deal, signed up last spring with Wagner. Games will start next week. Double-headers will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

## Lyre Tree's Plan For Elections Draws Comment

### Communications Received Show Varied Opinions

The Lyre Tree publishes here several communications and Comments concerning the election of Convocation officers and Student Council members as outlined in our last issue. A number of interesting plans have been submitted. Editorial comment upon these letters will be found on page two.

#### Council of Seniors

To the Editor of the Lyre Tree:

I cannot regard as feasible your proposed change of our student government personnel. As I read your recent editorial concerning our present political set-up, it seemed to me that you had failed to realize the potential weakness of the present system nor had provided, in the new plan, for effective checks against them. I doubt if your proposals will cover the actual needs for student government.

Apparently your only objection to the present scheme is that it is a 'machine government', for which you wish to substitute 'representative government', claiming for the latter inherent strength and efficiency. Control of any college group, even by its own members, is a difficult task because of a preponderance of individuality which opposes legislation for the mass. This is especially true of our campus, I believe. A student government which attempts to govern is doomed to loss of support, as demonstrated by experience. The power to govern the student body is held by the college authorities, and this truth should be openly acknowledged; the function of a student government should not be executive but judicial,—that is, the selected Council should be a group intermediate between student and college official which will treat with the central authority as a council of the students, yet at all times co-operate with the college. This theory very definitely was before the contemporary Student Council when we formed the system of dormitory supervision by student proctors who are responsible directly to the Student Council; the council then presents its evidence to the college for further collaboration.

These, then, are the actual needs of a student government. Will they be filled by representative government?

I think not. Obviously, what is needed is an impersonal, judicial group, and no representative group can fail to be partisan. Of the three classes eligible for representation, only the Seniors should continue as officers or councillors, since they are likely to act least partisan and any tendency toward corruption will be easily discernable by the remainder of the college. There is no need for Juniors and Sophomores to be members of the governing body.

You have retained in the new proposal the deplorable condition which makes mere figure-heads of the officers of the Convocation while continuing the powers of the Student Council. To have two groups of leaders has seemed always to me unnecessary. A more practical procedure would be to make of the Student Council a Nominating Committee, as you have suggested, but which should

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## A Change In Government

We are glad to see that a good deal of interest has been aroused concerning the matter of student government elections. The President of Convocation has announced that before long he will call a meeting of Convocation to determine just how many of the student body do favor a more representative council. It was inevitable that sooner or later the growing dissatisfaction of a good number of students with the type of election and council which we have now would lead to action of some sort. The Lyre Tree, in anticipation of this, presented its plan for student government in this college in the last issue.

Since the Lyre Tree plan was printed, the Editor has received a number of interesting communications, comments, and criticisms having to do with this plan. Some have presented new suggestions as to elections. The Lyre Tree plan, some of the writers have declared to be "too unwieldy and complicated." Mr. Jones, in his letter, writes "there can be no complicated system of government such as outlined." He further states that such a plan would have to be explained "about one hundred different times to one hundred different voters." He asks for a plan which will keep the students interested in their government. We do not believe our system too complicated for efficient government, nor have we heard any one state that he misunderstood the manner of election suggested. As for interest in the student government, we feel that a government with equal representation from all groups will command greater respect and be far more satisfying to the college as a whole, than a government elected as it is now which can never be taken seriously, no matter how conscientiously it works.

Both Mr. Joseph and Mr. Davis believe that the Student Council should remain entirely made up of Seniors. We fail to see why such a council will act "least partisan," as Mr. Joseph states, or how "any tendency toward corruption will be easily discernable by the rest of the college." Leaving control of student affairs completely in the hands of one class is certainly no assurance that that class will not control affairs toward its own interests. The Lyre Tree does not call for two groups of leaders, as Mr. Joseph thinks, but asks that the newly elected Student Council elect the four Seniors in the council to the Convocation officers.

Mr. Ketchum believes the Lyre Tree plan too unwieldy. His modification of the plan, also doing away with the danger of a deadlock in a Student Council composed of an even number of representatives, is well presented. However, as we state in the foregoing paragraph, the business of the Convocation officers and that of the Council being closely connected, we think it a wiser plan to have one group of leaders. The reason for the eight man council advocated by this paper is to do away with inter-fraternity politics. A council composed of a lesser number would still contain the danger of that element. The Student Council should act as a non-partisan body, working in the interests of the student body as a whole. Any group with this purpose constantly in mind should have little trouble in coming to an agreement on matters which it has to judge.

## Politics Club

In the last issue of this paper we expressed the hope that debating would in the near future become an integral part of the extra-curricular activity of the college life here. Since that editorial appeared, a Politics Club has been organized for the purpose of discussing and debating about current affairs. This is a step in the right direction. There should be some such organization for those students whose work is at present, or whose professions of the future will be, concerned with world affairs. We hope that the club will prosper and receive proper support. It is a valuable asset to the depleted list of organizations at the college. In addition, we hope that it will lead to the founding of a debating team which will represent St. Stephen's in intercollegiate circles.

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dissolve immediately upon the fulfillment of its purpose: to nominate leaders and present them for election to the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Marshal of the Convocation. The five men elected will form the **Convocation-Council**, taking on the combined duties of Convocation officers and Student Council members. They will form a select group whose very size indi-

cates them as distinctive and endowed with power.

Naturally, these remarks are in no way to be assumed the opinions of the Student Council, of which I am a present member.

Theodore R. Joseph '34.

When interviewed by a staff member of the Lyre Tree, Mr. Thomas Davis's comment on the Lyre Tree's plan was that it would tend to make student government "too complicated". It is his belief that "Politics, in some form or other, can never be eliminated from elections." However, as long

as we are to have some sort of student government, we should strive to make it as simple, and as easily understandable to the average student who is not too well acquainted with the details of its organization and operation, as possible. To this end he suggested that "the Student Council be comprised of four men, elected from the Senior Class," pointing out that a body of eight men would be somewhat unwieldy and inefficient. He specified that Seniors only should be elected because they hold a position of more dignity and respect in the student body, and because, as a rule, they are more disposed to treat the problems that arise seriously and intelligently. He further specified that these four Seniors should be chosen with no regard whatsoever to the group to which they belong, thus eliminating, as far as possible, inter-fraternity politics.

Suggesting another field in which reformists would do well to give some thought, Mr. Davis said that "it would be a good idea if something was done to keep order in Convocation Meetings." This, he believes, is one of the reasons for the present dissatisfaction in the present state of affairs.

Mr. Davis summed up his comment by a re-enunciation of the principle that "the simpler the system is, the easier it is to check up on it and keep it in working order."

## Interest in Government

To the Editor of the Lyre Tree:

The first plan that should be put forth for the bringing about of a representative student government is a plan whereby the men of St. Stephen's would remain interested in student government after the first flush of freshness has worn off. The student council as it now stands is made up of representatives of each group on campus. These men are Seniors because it is thought that they will conduct themselves with the utmost decorum and have the most experience. It is not the fault of these men that they think as Seniors—each group has a right to demand that the representative express its attitude on matters of student government.

The Seniors who represent the groups would do this but nobody seems to have the interest to do so. But the **Lyre Tree** demands a representative government. I think that it should say a more representative student government.

The student Council this year has attempted to act as a mediary between the administration and the student body. Any failure on their part can be attributed as much to the attitude of the men they are supposed to be leading as to the mistakes that the council makes in acting.

I do not think that the plan outlined in the Lyre Tree is a workable system. In the first place there are only four seniors who will receive an office—and they hold two offices. The Student Council, where possible, should be independent of the Convocation officers and not the same persons. Popular election of Convocation officers, despite the dangers of machine government or election, is more feasible and more appealing. There can be no complicated system of government such as outlined. In the first place it would have to be explained about 100 different times to 100 different voters. Secondly, the more simple, the more effective the government.

A larger student council is more desirable but the number must be small enough to be controllable and odd so that there may be no deadlock voting. What that number should be I am not prepared to say. I believe that the present Student Council composed of Seniors is adequate for the size of the college. The best plan would be the one first mentioned—a plan to keep the interest of the student body in their student government.

Harry M. Jones '34

## Abolition of the Machine

To the Editor of the Lyre Tree:

In the last issue of the Lyre Tree you proposed a plan for a more representative student government. Since I have always been strongly opposed to the present system, and since the great preponderance of student opinion at last seems to be that almost any system which will abolish the "Steam Roller Machine" on campus would be a relief, I would like to add to, and alter some of the proposals you offered. I do this, not in a spirit of controversy, but in the sincere hope that the students will seriously consider the various proposals, and that, before this year's elections are held, we may abolish forever on this campus one of the worst features of modern college life.

In the first place the proposed plan calls for a student council of eight men, four seniors, two juniors and two sophomores. The two lower classes should certainly be represented, but a council of eight men is far too unwieldy and loose a body for the governing of so small a student body. I would suggest a council consisting of four seniors, as at present, and one member from each of the two lower classes. The four seniors should be chosen, one from each group on campus, by popular election. The representatives of the other two classes should be elected so that each one is a member of a different group.

It was also proposed that the officers of convocation be elected from the members of the council. Is it representative to have the same four seniors on the council, and also hold offices in convocation? I would propose that these four also be elected by popular ballot. One member from each group should hold an office of convocation. The election of all of these officers should take place by the method of progressive elimination proposed in the last issue.

Since it is decidedly unwise to have a student council composed of an even number of men I would suggest that the man elected as president of convocation be also a member of the student council.

As soon as the new council is elected they should retire and, among themselves, elect their officers. By having this group elect their own officers the possibility of their having a leader suited to command their confidence is greatly enhanced.

I sincerely hope that the student body will take the matter of honest government into serious consideration. If ever a body of students needed a government which can honestly claim to be representative, we, with our intimate relationships and close contacts, are that body.

B. W. Ketchum '34.

## Make Government Govern

To the Editor of the Lyre Tree:

A controversy concerning student government is admirable and shows definite interest in an interesting problem. However, it is apparent to the writer that the wrong phase of the subject is being discussed and in its present form the argument is a gross waste of time because of existing circumstances. Here at St. Stephen's the student council has no important position—it neither influences the students nor the administration.

In previous years the council only expressed the will of the administration or acted as a poor buffer between the administration and the student body. Certain small concessions have been made under the new regime, but not because of the different views of the administration. Never, in the knowledge of the author, has the body been of a governing nature. If a change is to be made in the character of the council, the first step to be taken is to make it an influential governing body, one that will be heeded by both the administration and the students. At the present time membership on the council gives six men opportunities to become round-shouldered from 'self back slapping'.

On various occasions when the

provost steps on the council's toes it becomes active and attempts, in its meagre manner, to do something about student capers. The council has proven itself to be of no significance and rather than wasting time wondering how the officials might be elected, it would be far better to utilize this time to ascertain how the body may be made significant and a real governing body. Then, when this has been accomplished, determine how the body shall be elected.

Kenneth M. Sowers '34.

## W. Phillip Shatts Depicts New York 30 Years Hence

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thence northward past Washington Hollow and Pine Plains, entering Columbia County at Jackson Corners.

Mr. Winslow went on to explain that this program was really an anticipation of the increased recreational needs of a population living under different social conditions. "As the general trend of the working day is going," he said, "there will be less working hours and more leisure time for the city, of 'white collar,' worker. This fact is one of the chief considerations which the planning board is taking into account in mapping out the numerous parks and playground areas."

Mr. Shatts spoke of the new type of society which the Regional Plan Association is hoping to create, which he called "rurban" community life. The idea is to provide people with fresh air, beautiful natural surroundings, and not too close neighbors, and, at the same time, swift and dependable transportation, good highways, good schools, and other improved features of city life; in short the plan is to combine the best features of both rural and urban society. Comparing this program to that of St. Stephen's College, he said, "Even as the educational world is acknowledging the advantages of decentralizing its educational plants, so will the more thickly populated areas of our country be decentralized through the medium of the regional plan." He spoke favorably, in this connection, of Henry Ford's scheme of erecting numerous small plants in rural communities rather than one big one in a large city, thus annihilating the industrial worker as a distinct type in our society, and creating more work in country districts.

Mr. Shatts illustrated his lecture with slides, depicting some of the more interesting features of the plan sponsored by the Association, as well as the achievements of some other agencies which have co-operated with the board, notably the Westchester County Park Commission. \$1,250,000 has been spent in the collection and assimilation of material for this plan.

Among the features graphically represented were the proposed belt-line railway system which is intended to handle freight passing through the city, the inter-urban transit system which will probably use, to a large extent, the same bed as the belt-line railway, the needed extensions to the network of through highways and parkways already built, particularly in Westchester, and the local air ports which will be established for the sake of more rapid communication with the city and other parts of the suburban area. In relation to the unemployment problems he said "the real problem is not to find work, but to get the necessary capital to finance these unfinished projects." This financial problem is not wholly a matter of overcoming the influences of the depression, for "strange as it may seem the program of the Regional Plan Association will actually advance more if the depression continues for a while than if it ends in the very near future." This is largely because of the factor that labor is cheaper



during depression than in good times.

Mr. Shatts also showed slides demonstrating the proper manner of designing a suburban community, in which the business section

is placed at intersections of main highways, and the civic center definitely away from the heaviest flow of through traffic. As for industrial plants, he said that they should be scattered over as large

an area as possible, with towns and residential sections between, rather than concentrated in one place, forming a "factory district." He spoke of the village of Radburn, New Jersey, as a case in

which the ideal in the way of residential communities has been attained.

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James P. Fusscas is studying law

at Columbia. He lives at 1757 Sheepshead Bay Road, Brooklyn.

Charles Flint Kellog of 911 South Main Street, Great Barrington, Mass., is now at the General Seminary.



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## Down The Grind

### Ebenezer's Last Stand

"freddy the rat" of "archy and mehitabel" fame experienced no more terror in his mix-up with "little torpedo" the tarantula than did Ebenezer, the late rodent resident of one of our newer dormitories, who lost out in a battle to the death the other evening with about twenty per cent of the student body. Ebenezer it seems found his way into this particular building while looking for a home during the recent cold spell. Nobody objected to the animal's desire for comfortable shelter, but when Ebenezer took to filling his empty stomach with delicacies meant for mortals the hunt was on. Three floors of outraged students kept their eyes peeled for a sight of the offender. In preparation for the inevitable, arsenals were inspected and text books placed in handy positions. Ebenezer, however, was not to be out-manuevered. Carefully and almost "super-rodently" he always delayed his nocturnal raids until the enemy, fatigued by constant vigil and the realization that "tomorrow is already here," postponed the attack.

Last week however, Ebenezer unexpectedly one night found himself a victim of circumstances. The hour for foraging had come. As usual the dormitory was quiet. Ebenezer, growing bolder and more confident through continued success in his nightly raids, ventured forth in search of nourishment. Light blinded his eyes; he stopped. The building was usually dark at this hour. Cautiously he retreated a little and waited. Not a sound broke the air except that caused by his own rapid breathing. With all the courage that a rat can muster, Ebenezer again crept forth. Stealthily he made his way down the hall toward a room which he knew contained a laundry case well stocked with dainties; dainties which, for three nights now, had raised him far above the subsistence level of the common rat and placed him in the luxury class. He drew closer to the wall as he approached the door and stopped. A light glowed inside. Ebenezer listened. Still no sound struck his sensitive ears. Warily he thrust his head around the corner to see whether or not the coast was clear. Horrors! An aspiring embryologist, brow wrinkled, was bending assiduously over a book. Ebenezer whirled about and tore back down the hall. He never could have known that on the morrow numerous quizzes were to be held. His only chance was to get off that floor as quickly as possible and to run the risk of coming forth again later. But his quick movement, the moment he started his retreat, caught the the corner of the student's left optic. As Ebenezer scurried away he heard the rise of a wierd and fearful war-cry. He felt a premonition that the moment had come when he must employ all his faculties for the purpose of self-preservation. The hole in the wall which was the rat's front gate was a good forty feet away. Ebenezer ran as he had never run in his whole life of ravaging, his only thought in life for the moment being to reach that gate before destruction caught up with him. While the war-cry echoed through the building, the terror stricken little beast covered half the distance to his fortress. But, alas, despite all the speed he had acquired as a child down in the dump by the hockey rink, Ebenezer never reached his haven. The enemy had mobilized too quickly. Twenty other students, all up to this minute engaged in deep academic research, switched their immediate pursuits from books to rat. Five blocked his path to home with a barrage of *Illiads*. Seven *Readings in General Psychology* attacked him from the rear while *Funk and Wagnalls* were held in reserve. Ebenezer cowered for a moment but then, seeing an opening through the right flank of the enemy, took advantage of it and made a flying leap into an adver-

sary's bedroom. Triumphant, the host holding the advantage pressed in after him, eager for the kill.

In the shade of a Simmons mattress Ebenezer was able to ease his trembling little form for a brief respite. But a sudden onslaught of hockey sticks set him in a panic. Again he took the long, although the only chance and flew for the nearest opening. This time he found himself in the room across the hall. Once more his aggressors were right after him. No escape was offered him this time, however, for the opposing field general gave strict orders to close the doors. Exhausted beyond measure and too frightened to move, little Ebenezer lay in the corner shaking and begging mercy with his dazed eyes. But the powerful host knew no mercy; the successful outcome of a long planned campaign was about to be realized. A long, slender, cold piece of steel descended to within two inches of the vanquished one's brain. Ebenezer waited, not knowing what to expect but with his eyes still steadfast on the victors. A terrific report rang out and the cheers of twenty undergraduates followed as the small, furry body slumped. The battle was over, but as the world honors all military heroes, so was reverence extended to Ebenezer. Borne by the general of the conquering army in a casket made by the National Biscuit Company, he was laid to rest beneath a young evergreen which stands before the field of battle.

Peace again reigns in the dormitory but in that silence there is the feeling of a missing spirit. Somehow or other, despite a half-gnawed chocolate cake, I miss Ebenezer.

—Ferdinand Fitch.

### Theater Group To Open Playhouse Thursday Night

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**The Boor**, by Anton Tchekhov  
Mrs. Popov—(a poor widow)  
Pierre Oustinnoff '35  
Smirnov—(a landowner)  
E. Yale Clarke '34  
Luka—(servant),  
Homer Economos '35  
Director: Professor Edward Voorhees; Asst. Director: William Easton '37.

**The Public Pulse**, by Harvey Fite Baker—(commander)  
Gordon Hopf '36  
Mills—(navigator)  
W. Van Kirk Brownell '34  
Walton—(mechanic)  
Hugh Gage '36  
Donovan—(newspaper correspondent) ..... Dr. Jesse Mauzey  
Hays—(wealthy publicity seeker),  
Seymour Liebermann '37  
Starkey—(cub reporter)  
Alfred Brewer '37  
Hiller—(Arctic explorer)  
Martin Goldstein '35  
Director: Mr. Harvey Fite; Asst. Director: W. Van Kirk Brownell '34.

**The Romancers**,  
By Edmond Rostand  
Percinet—(a young lover)  
John Hicks '36  
Sylvette—(the loved one)  
Miss Betty Otis  
Pasquinet—(father of Sylvette)  
Arthur T. S. Kent '35  
Bergamin—(father of Percinet)  
Thomas Wilkinson '35  
Straforel—(master swordsman)  
Andrew Hicks '35  
Director: Mr. Harvey Fite; Asst. Director: Harry Best, '34.

**Theater Staff**  
Production Manager,  
Hugh Gage '36  
Stage Manager,  
Bartlett Chappell '37  
Electrician..... Harry Jones '34  
Costumes... William Reinhold '37  
Bartlett Chappell '37  
Properties..... Carlisle Smyth '37  
House Manager,  
Arthur T. S. Kent '35  
Stage Crew..... Herbert Dienst '35  
William Easton '37  
Jay Molyneaux '35  
Costumes designed by the English '34 class; executed by Mrs. Alvah Sickle.

Settings designed by the English '34 class; executed by Mr. Fite and John Keppler.

The Laboratory Theater is in connection with the English 33-34 course in dramatic theory and production, under the direction of Professor Edward Voorhees and Mr. Harvey Fite. Other members of the college community are assisting in this production.

### Reverberation

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up on top, I took out enough bricks to pass through. That done, I let myself down, and soon, crouched upon its cold, clammy, fire-clayed floor. My fumbling fingers brought forth from my pockets a candle, matches, pencil, paper, and a tape measure. I made complete measurements of the dark interior. "That's peculiar," I thought to myself as I proceeded, for, when I was through I found the furnace had exactly the same measurements as characterized mine. Those dirty crooks, through some parasitical spy, had stolen my furnace.

### C. Smyth Is Winner In Paddle Tennis

Carlisle Smyth, winner of the fall tennis tournament last October, proved last week that he could wield a paddle as effectively as a racquet when he downed Joseph in the finals of the first annual paddle tennis tournament played in the Memorial Gymnasium. Paired with Joseph in the doubles, Smyth also emerged victorious in that department of the tourney.

### Alumni Forming Club

Plans are on foot to establish a St. Stephen's Alumni Club in New York City. Arrangements are being made to hold a monthly dinner and meeting at the Columbia University Club.

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