

A Statement  
By the Editor  
of THE CAMPUS

The Campus suspended by its alumni owners; one thousand students besieging President Robinson's office for four hours and un-animously voting to strike to keep Morris Schappes in College.

These are thunderous, historic days for the College. Events such as these, occurring with the crack- ing swiftness of lightning bolts, are driving thousands of students into a growing, swelling, roaring stream of resentment—into a trem- endous fighting force.

For twenty-one issues The Campus has faithfully reported every part of the vast picture, has fearlessly pointed out a progres- sive militant stand—a fighting, victorious stand. In this time we have earned the hate, the fear, and the respect of certain sections of the Faculty. The club of disci- pline has been held over our heads. But, although we were willing to admit our mistakes and misadventures we openly, clearly, bluntly refused to concede one single inch when we were convin- ced that we were right. And be- cause we were so stubborn, so grim, so strong in our struggle for our principles we have forced con- cessions from the Faculty; we have even won a grudging re- spect.

To the opposition we have met and so far beaten—to the opposi- tion which we could not but ex- pect—has been added another one, more vicious, more despicable: that of the leaders of the Cam- pus Association. These reaction- ary gentlemen, their hands tight on the purse strings of the paper, throttle and choke all liberal ex- pression whenever they have the slightest pretext.

Two days ago I notified them that I intended to resign from Col- lege, and naturally from the edi- torship of The Campus. I noti- fied them in advance of my actual resignation so that there would be no delay in the choosing of my successor. Promptly seizing this opportunity to square themselves with the Faculty, who have been pressing for my suspension, they appointed a non-staff member as my successor. The staff of The Campus, feeling that some person who has been connected with the paper this term should be the next editor, rejected this person and asked the Association to select some member of the present Man- aging Board. Whereupon the Ex- ecutive Board of the Association, through Mr. Louis Ogust, sus- pended the paper because of "flag- rant flaunting of authority on the part of the staff."

It is my opinion that under- graduate officers and editors should be elected by undergradu- ates, should be responsible to un- dergraduates for their conduct and that the alumni, while acting as advisers, should under no circum- stances have control of under- graduate activities.

The Student Council, publish- ers of this "Student," are of the same opinions as I. WE DO NOT WANT TO PUBLISH THE STUDENT! We feel that The Campus has been absolutely fine as our newspaper. We are proud of The Campus. We want to go

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# ASSOCIATION OUSTS CAMPUS

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—William Randolph Hearst.

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## HONOR ROLL

Whereas former and present students of Mr. Schappes have attested to his competency as a teacher, and

Whereas Mr. Schappes has been an active fighter against war and fascism in the College, and

Whereas we believe Mr. Schappes has been discharged for non- pedagogical reasons,

We classes and groups of the College protest his dismissal and ask those responsible to reinstate him to his former position.

Class of 1930	English 3AAA	History 3D
Dramatic Society	English 3E	History 5C
Inter Fraternity Council	English 3EEE	History 16R
Menorah-Avukah Conference	English 4AAA	History 26B
Evening Session Politics Club	English 4B	Latin 52D
Art 25	English 4GGG	Math 1CCC
Biology 2Y	English 4 PP	Math 2AAA
Economics 1Q	English 10	Math 15DD
Economics 1L	English 23	Philosophy 1A
Education 11D	French 1B	Philosophy 10
Education 16E	French 3A	Philosophy 12AA
Education 16F	French 4F	Philosophy 12C
Education 16G	German 1C	Philosophy 3F
Education 21F	Government 1X	Physics 12A
English 1EEE	Government 5A	Physics 4DD
English 1FF	Government 5F	Physics 7G
English 1Q	Government 5R	Public Speaking 2AA
English 2C	History 1P	Public Speaking 3E
English 2CC	History 1PP	Public Speaking 4G
English 2L	History 2D	Public Speaking 4QQ
English 2PPP	History 2RR	

## Students Join United Front On May First

Five-hundred students and instruc- tors of the College are expected to be in the ranks of the International Labor Day celebration today. This is the first time a United May Day Front has been achieved among all trade union, labor, liberal and political orga- nizations and over 300,000 workers it is estimated, will march up Fifth Ave- nue.

At the College, the Student Council, the College chapter of the ASU, the '39 class council and the Teachers' Union have passed resolutions urging students and instructors to march. The Teachers' Union will sponsor floats and placards concerning the expulsion of Morris U. Schappes. The Student Schappes Defense Committee will ap- pear with a horse-drawn hearse bearing the legend, "Hear Lies Academic Free- dom."

The College section of the parade will assemble on Convent Avenue at 10 a.m. this morning and then pro- ceed to MacDougal, Third and Bleek- er Streets. The Young Communist League and the Teachers' Union will meet at the latter point. The Young People's Socialist League will assem- ble at 9 a.m. on Washington Square South between MacDougal Street and West Broadway.

The May Day Call as issued by the United Labor May Day Committee, headed by Norman Thomas declares:

"May First, 1936, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the International Labor Holiday, founded by the American

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## Taaffe Succumbs To Heart Attack; Died Wednesday

Professor Thomas Gaffney Taaffe, an English instructor at the College since 1900, died suddenly of a heart attack last Wednesday morning at his home in Yonkers. He was sixty years old.

After coming to the College as a tutor, from the staff of Fordham University, Professor Taaffe became an instructor in 1905 and assistant profes- sor in 1922. For several years, he headed the English department at the downtown center, and was scheduled for promotion at the end of the current semester.

Professor Taaffe was noted at the College for his informal manner of conducting class. Lately, he has given only one elective course, a study of the styles of representative English authors from the age of Dryden to the present.

His vibrant voice and glowing per- sonality had won much popularity for his courses, especially in the reading of poetry. When he came late to a class this semester, his section paid him the supreme compliment of wait- ing twenty-five minutes until he ar- rived.

Professor Taaffe specialized in the study of Shakespeare and was the author of "Shakespeare and the Super- natural." In his youth he was active- ly engaged in journalism, contributed to many magazines and newspapers. He was on the editorial staffs of the New International Encyclopedia and the In- ternational Encyclopedia.

## Association Bans Campus

### Louis Ogust Takes Action After Staff Challenged Group's Authority

The Campus was suspended yesterday by Louis Ogust, president of the Campus Association.

His action came after the Campus managing and associate boards had un- animously voted a resolution challeng- ing his authority to appoint an editor with- out the consent of the two boards.

Ogust had informed The Campus staff that he was selecting a successor to Lawrence Knobel '36, editor-in-chief they were to consider his recommendation that Irving H. N. Knobel '36, last term's editor of The Campus be designated to follow Knobel. The staffs voted by an overwhelming ma- jority to veto the nomination of Knobel, and by a similar vote they desired Gabriel Wilner '36 to succeed Knobel.

Knobel's resignation from the edi- torship was forced by financial difficulties at home. They would not, he said, permit him to continue attending school for the remainder of the term.

The Executive Student Affairs Com- mittee of the Student Council voted yester- day, upon hearing of the suspension of The Campus, to resume publication of The Student, official newspaper of the Council. They elected Herbert Robin- son '37, vice-president of the Council and Charles Saphirstein '36, president of the Senior Class, to act as editor and business manager, respectively, of the new paper.

The Student ceased publication last year with the beginning of the Spring term. It had been published for one year as a chartered school publication. Pre- viously it had been sold off college grounds.

## Roedder Accepts Heidelberg Bid

Professor Edwin F. Roedder, chair- man of the German department, has accepted an invitation to attend the 50 anniversary celebration of Heidel- berg University in June. The Student learned yesterday. Professor Roedder will not represent the College, but he has received a bid in recognition of his scholarly activities and because he took special courses at the University in his youth.

In class, Professor Roedder has fre- quently denounced the Nazi regime, and has vehemently condemned anti- semitism.

Professor Roedder declined to give any clarifying statement to The Cam- pus beyond that he was motivated by personal reasons. He said that his wife had also been invited because she is a direct descendant of the founder.

He refused to comment on the ques- tion of the College's participation in the ceremonies, but said that he might issue a statement next week explaining his position.

## Students Ask Statement On Schappes Dismissal

### Robinson Evades "Sit-Down" Strikers in Corridor; Cole, Honors Student, Addresses 1,500 at Outdoor Rally; Burnham '36, Rubenstein '37, Freeman Speak

Student determination to block the dismissal of Morris U. Schappes reached a new pitch yesterday when one thousand students sat before President Robinson's office in a five hour siege from 1 to 6 p.m.

The demonstration, staged in an effort to obtain a satisfactory state- ment from Robinson concerning his proposed action in the Schappes case, forced the president to make an escape by a side entrance. A student of the School of Technology, who refused to divulge his name, declared the president had rushed to a waiting car after declining to make any state- ments. The car, owned by Dr. W. Park Richardson, then drove away with Mrs. Richardson at the wheel.

## S. C. Boycotts Charter Day

The Student Council voted yester- day to boycott the Charter Day exer- cises to be held next Thursday if RO TC men in uniform acted as the col- our-guard for the occasion. A propos- al, introduced by Professor Babor which called for a colour guard of RO TC men to carry the American flag while the city flag would be carried by members of Lock and Key, the senior honorary society, was defeated. The resolution is as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Student Council request the faculty and Professor Woll as Chief-Marshal to ac- cept Lock and Key members instead of ROTC men as colour-guard for the Charter Day exercises. The Student Council will call upon the students not to participate if ROTC men in uniform act in any official capacity."

Last year the Student Council and The Campus, under the editorship of Seymour Sheriff, also voted to boycott the exercises. The same reason was given. At the exercises last year, only 1,000 students showed up.

The council, at its meeting today, endorsed United Labor May Day "in view of the fact that it has supported labor in the past."

John T. Flynn, member of the Board of Higher Education, declared yester- day.

## EDUCATION CLUB HEARS KLAPPER

Dean Paul Klapper spoke before the Education Club yesterday, and deliv- ered a scathing indictment of "The Fut- ility of Debate in Education."

"Instead of debating and holding dis- cussions," said the dean, "there should be actual controlled discussions. Then, on the basis of the facts discovered, it is possible to decide on reforms."

Various commentaries by some of the teachers in the audience were made during the discussion following the speech. An anonymous interrogator made known the fact that, until very recently the school superintendents be- lieved that "experimentation in the schools was indicative of their poor supervision and therefore discouraged it."

## Meyer to Speak On News Guild

Ernest L. Meyer, New York Post col- umnist, will address the Campus Club next Tuesday afternoon on "The News- paper Guild and how I organized a local in my home town with the aid of a barrel of beer." The meeting will take place at 4 p.m. in room 308.

Mr. Meyer, whose daily column, "As the Crow Flies," is syndicated in news- papers throughout the United States, contributed an article on "1917: A Remin- der to College Presidents" to the April issue of the Student Advocate. He at- tended the University of Wisconsin during the World War and was expelled for radical and anti-war activities. Later, when drafted, he was remanded to Fort Leavenworth and other military canton- ments for six months, as a conscientious objector. Politically, he is a Socialist, coming from a long line of German So- cialists.

The Campus Club has invited mem- bers of all College publications and the Literary Workshop and all pre-journal- ism students to attend.