

Junior L.E.D.C. Conducts Rally

The Junior chapter of the League for Emotionally Disturbed Children Incorporated, held a membership rally on February nineteenth in the Meyer Levin Junior High School auditorium. The rally was chaired by Barbara Cutler of class 8D. The membership chairman of the chapter is Sandy Dolinger of class 8C.

Sound Squad Aids Faculty, Tidentites

For the past two terms, the Sound Squad has been under the direction of Mrs. Fritch. She is assisted by students who volunteer their services during their free periods. Some of the jobs the Sound Squad undertakes are the showing of movies, playing of phonograph records for dances, and the using of tape recorders and other visual aids.

The Sound Squad communicates from backstage to the sound booth at the rear of the balcony by means of a telephone. The hook-ups for the phone were made by a Squad member, Eddie Silverman.

This Squad has recently acquired two new television sets which are available for classroom use. In the future they hope to get the latest electronic apparatus, which would aid the students in understanding their studies.

L.E.D.C. was the guest speaker. He spoke about the differences between a mentally healthy child and an emotionally disturbed one. He also described the activities of the League School for Emotionally Disturbed Children. Children, who were previously considered incapable of training, are accepted by this school and are helped to find a place for themselves in society. The main objective of the school is to prove that every child can be educated in some way.

The Junior Branch originated in Tilden under the direction of Mrs. Friedlander, a former health education teacher. The Tilden students are now advised by Mrs. Rosenberg, Tilden's Senior records clerk. The Junior chapter primarily aids the national organization by raising funds to support all the activities of the League which include research, the League School, and an intensive public education program.

Pan - America Celebrates Day of Peace, Good Will

Many days are set aside to promote a particular ideal which, in reality, should be practiced all year round. April fourteenth will mark the observance of Pan American Day. The idea of this holiday, somewhat like Brotherhood Week, is to promote unity and understanding among all the citizens of the Americas.

For many years thoughtful people in both South and North America



have felt that the independent countries of the Western Hemisphere would be benefited greatly if they adopted a policy of cooperation. Simon Bolivar envisaged a brotherhood of free nations helping each other to accomplish common objectives and opposing racial discrimination. He proposed a council of the Americas in which the nations would be equal and would legislate in matters of joint concern and act as an international court of arbitration.

Math Team Formed

The members of the wandering association of Tilden's "Mathonians," who have their minds focused on some Euclidian or Pythagorean principle, do not allow their preoccupation to disturb them.

Tilden's Math Team, consisting of fifteen students, until recently had no classroom in which to meet, and no faculty advisor. Mr. Bass, head of the Math Department, has been assisting the students in their research and solution of problems.

The team, now in its third term of existence, is a member of the Interstate Scholastic Math League. This consists of the high schools that have organized math teams which compete semi-annually in a series of math contests. Thirty problems are given to each of the schools to be solved by a group of five students selected from the entire team. The student obtaining the greatest number of correct solutions in his school receives a prize. The school with the highest total scores receives a cup.

During the semesters, the members discuss difficult problems and gain a knowledge of math beyond the scope of ordinary high school math courses. The team also provides an opportunity for the mathematically inclined students of different schools to meet.

Future Journalists Join Special Class

For the journalists of tomorrow, the English Department is again accepting applications for its special Journalism class.

The curriculum of this course, which is taught by Mr. Benoy, covers the elementary skills necessary for newspaper work. Students are taught how to write news and feature stories, and to plan newspaper headlines and page layouts. In addition, they are taught journalistic history and traditions.

Members of the class have the opportunity of becoming members of the *Topics* staff. They are encouraged to participate in the various writing contests sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the East New York Savings Bank, New York University, and other organizations.

The class offers a splendid opportunity for journalistic training for students who excel in English and who plan to enter the newspaper field. Students who are Juniors or Seniors, have an eighty-five per cent overall English average, and a recommendation from an English teacher may apply for admission to the class next term.

Contests Spotlight Better Community

It was a dreary night in the city dump. The moon was quiet and still. Suddenly noises were heard. They became louder as teen-age figures appeared. Why were they here and what were those objects they were carrying? Scraps of paper and morsels of food left a path to follow.

The cylindrical objects they carried were none other than refuse cans. The teeners were trying to sell the scrap metal to earn money for teachers' apples.

Now from this (we hope) amusing story, two problems have arisen. One—what in a teener's inner soul prompts him to steal garbage cans? Two—do you realize the fallen objects which formed the paths also made the teeners litterbugs?

Wait! I'ai un solution. There are two contests now being publicized to solve our problems. Details? Fine!

The first contest is being sponsored by the New York Chamber of Commerce and is entitled "What I Can Do to Keep the City Clean." The four best essays are to be chosen on or before March twenty-ninth. Awards range from five to fifteen dollars. More information is on the bulletin board in the English office.

The second contest is being sponsored by the Mutual Savings Banks of New York State. It is an essay in which you are to complete this sentence: "The best way to fight juvenile delinquency is . . ." Best entries will receive awards including a set of the Encyclopedia Americana. More information can be found on the bulletin board inside the *Topics* office.

UNIVERSITY DATA

By JOYCE LEVENSON

Columbia College

Leaving Barnard, we cross Broadway at West 116th Street and find ourselves at Columbia College. Established in 1754, this school may boast of alumni such as Alexander Hamilton and John Jay. Tilden too, may boast of its alumni who are now attending Columbia. Two of these are Freshmen: Bruce Slave and Steve Remen.

Brace, former Editor-in-Chief of *Topics*, is now on the staff of the *Speciator* at Columbia. Other school publications include the *Columbia Review*, a literary and critical quarterly; the *Jester*, the campus humor magazine; and the *Columbian*, the college yearbook.

Columbia has an extensive sports program. Along with its football and basketball teams, the school has a fencing team which won the championship of the Ivy League. Steve, as a member of Freshman crew would certainly remind us of these "rovers."

Columbia has a campus radio station "WKCR," which broadcasts on P.M. There are also numerous clubs to satisfy different interests. Columbia does have, affiliated with it, many fraternities. Steve recently became a fraternity brother.

Bruce lives on campus and feels this offers him many advantages. He finds that he has more time for extra-curricular activities. Columbia has more available residence space than Barnard and prefers to have its students live on campus.

To Tidentites considering Columbia, Steve and Bruce give the following advice: It must be remembered that Columbia is a difficult school, academically; there is a great deal of extra reading to be done. However, the hard work is worth the results.

Having completed this thumb-nail sketch, we once more board our subway and return home to Tilden.



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