

EDITOR SAYS DEAN CAUSED HIS OUSTING

Heller, City College Senior,
Blames F. B. Robinson for
Loss of Campus Post.

ACCUSATION IS DENIED

Head of Publication Board Asserts
Student Was Removed by Directors
After Editorial on Faculty.

Harry Heller, a senior at City College, who was removed from the editorship of *The Campus*, an undergraduate newspaper, following the publication of an editorial deriding the Faculty, blamed Frederick B. Robinson, Dean of the School of Business and Civic Administration, yesterday for his dismissal. Dean Robinson denied the charge, and Edward W. Stitt Jr., a lawyer, of 40 West Fortieth Street, President of the Campus Association, a body of graduates which owns the periodical, said the Campus Association dismissed the editor on its own initiative.

Heller was dismissed on March 27, one day after *The Campus* printed an editorial headed "Oracular Mysticism," in which an unnamed professor was quoted as saying that students should not, as they had requested, be allowed to attend Faculty meetings, because the "Faculty was entitled to privacy at its meetings. Its announcements should have an oracular mysticism." The editorial added that the Faculty "dreaded" to permit students to attend the meetings for fear of appearing awkward and losing their professional dignity, "a quality," it added, "very useful to an inferior man," and concluded as follows:

"Oracular mysticism, then, is the only guard against appearing ridiculous that some professors possess. It is the only resource of those that cannot explain their conduct in terms of reason."

Heller said he had quoted Lewis Sayre Burchard, a professor of commercial law, who "saw nothing in the editorial that offered grounds for disciplinary action." He also said Dean Robinson had said he would not take action on the editorial, but on the same day, when Heller refused to remain silent about the Faculty denying permission to a member of the Social Problems Club to speak in a classroom, Dean Robinson telephoned the Campus Association, complaining that the editor of *The Campus* was generally "undesirable."

"I never removed Mr. Heller from his position nor asked anybody else to remove him," said Dean Robinson. "Furthermore, the Faculty took no official notice of his insolent and impudent editorial."

Mr. Stitt said the Campus Association removed the editor on its own initiative after Heller had failed to observe an assurance made a week previously that he would be governed by "ordinary rules of decency."

"We lost all confidence in the good judgment of Mr. Heller, which any college editor should have when the breach occurred, a few days after his reassurance," said Mr. Stitt. "The association felt it had made a mistake

in electing Mr. Heller in the first place and feared that its responsibility for the publication would be imperiled should Mr. Heller continue to be its editor."

Professor Burchard said he had spoken to a Campus reporter "under an express pledge of confidence," and denied he had said he saw no grounds for disciplinary action against the editor. He also said he considered the editorial "very insolent" and "very unfair to use my statement in the way Mr. Heller did."