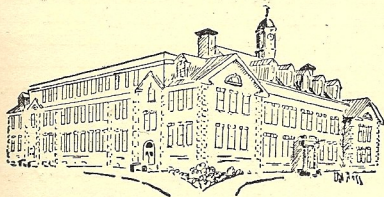


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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Brain and Brawn

A very interesting, as well as strong re-action was taken by the student body to the papers read in chapel on the subject "Brain or Brawn?" More opinions are printed in this issue.

As an aftermath to the editorials written on "Brain or Brawn", it seems that a brief treatise on the subject, with arguments pro and con, would be suitable as a summary. There are innumerable arguments, some favoring brawn, others brain, but there is no doubt that if either is present to a great degree, one slighting the other, the possessor will not reap much benefit from his over-development.

In arguments for brawn, writers have pointed out the fact that such men as Delaney, Dempsey, and other famous fighters possess great strength to deliver the terrific blows by which they paralyze their opponents. That is true, but the writer evidently forgot that without a keen, clear and fast-thinking brain these men could not time their blows and co-ordinate their muscles into a swift, smooth working machine, the essential qualities a good fighter must possess.

Then again, other writers have mentioned Edison, Rockefeller, and Ford as proof of brain's superiority over brawn. Without some brawn what could these men have accomplished? Nothing! Rockefeller is perhaps the most noticeable proof of this statement. Although over eighty years of age he is still strong enough to transact his business affairs, play a game of golf and perform similar acts. It is easy to perceive that he must have possessed some brawn if he worked hard enough in his youth and middle age to amass so large a fortune and yet retain so much of his strength.

Taking into consideration these facts it is evident that neither brawn nor brain can claim a decided victory but that each must share the spoils with the other, meanwhile awaiting another opportunity to meet upon the field of battle.

### Students Attend Convention

These people represented the Port Washington High School at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association: Bob Hubbard, Doug Miller, Al Beach, Frances Greene, Louise Petersen, Gertrude Roe, Peter Bruce, Jay Langley, Bill Newland, Bud Graham, Reginald Burdick, Colby Ardis, Miss Gaylord and Mr. Dimmick.

This was the third annual conference of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association held at Columbia University and sponsored by Mr. Murphy, secretary of that organization. The main object of conducting such conferences is to gather young people interested in journalism and members of school publication staffs in groups to discuss the significant features that should be incorporated in the good newspapers or magazines.

Our delegates who had the opportunity of hearing many helpful lectures, will give you the benefit of the information they gained in the next issue of the Port Weekly.

### Circle Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the "Circle" was held in the High School Library, last Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Arguments waxed hot and interesting, before adjournment, even though previous to this meeting, the members had not had much business on the program.

Assuredly, the most important thing discussed was the fact that eight new members had been admitted into the "Circle". These names will not be disclosed until a later date, that is, after initiation which has been set for the evening of March 23.



Help us raise the "May Pole"  
By MARGARET RUSSELL 10B

### This Friday Night

At 8.15 in the auditorium, at fifty cents admission, there will be a program of plays and music. "Maypole Morning," our entry in the Washington Square Player's Dramatic Contest will be presented. Tickets can be secured from home room presidents or Mr. Merrell. The expense for producing this play both here and in the city is very great. Admissions have been kept low in hope that the attendance will be large.

There will be selections by the High school orchestra, directed by Mr. Dimmick, selections by the Clee Club, directed by Miss Johnson, and three vocal solos with harp accompaniment by Miss Holt.

"Darger," a radio play will be given on a dark stage. The announcer is Bob Markland, and the maker of "under-the-earth" sounds of the mine is Bill Lieber. The cast is as follows:

Jack—Bob Jacobi

Mary—Betty Duffield

Mr Box—Harold Tins

There have been added to the cast for "Maypole Morning": Douglas Miller, Cynthia Newman, Jean Anderson, Seeds Mallon, Gloria Luey, Jane Bird, John Mange, and John O'Neil.

The stage crew, Mickey DeMeo, Dave Stone, and Bill Lieber, aided by Colby Ardis, Jay Langley, William Burns, and Joe Marro have been putting in strenuous hours sewing painting, and hanging curtains.

Tickets for the contest at New York University on Saturday night are now on sale in Mr. Merrill's office. If enough sign to make such arrangements possible, a bus will leave the High School at 6.15. The cost will be \$1.40 per person.

The cheering for Saturday evening will be led by Bob Hubbard.

### In the Limelight

The Fraternity is in the limelight again. At the weekly meeting last Thursday night, it was decided to attempt to stage a post-season basketball game between the Fraternity and the Thursday Night Faculty Club. If all the Fraternity's plans work out, the game will probably come off some time during the week of March 21. It will be accompanied by another Freshman-Junior High game. Watch for the date!!

A drive is now on for new members! At the next meeting, on Thursday March 24th, new members will be voted on. This next meeting will be a gala affair—refreshments, movies, 'n everything!! If you want to join the Fraternity and if you're over 15, don't fail to show up in room 35, Thursday, March 24 at 7.30.



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## Another For Brawn

Even after hearing two strong attacks on my editorial, "Brawn Takes Lead", I still maintain that brawn is the greatest asset an individual can possess. In one attack, the speaker stated that pugilistic and other champions of brawn retire into oblivion after the loss of their titles and records. How absurd!

Evidently, the attacking speaker does not know the meaning of oblivion! If your father is an "old timer," just ask him where the champions of his era are? Are they broke and in oblivion? They are not! Ex-heavy-weight champions and champions of brawn in other lines of sport, top the vaudeville stage of the world after the loss of their titles. From your father's era I am immediately reminded of Sharkey and Jeffries, two of the ring's greatest specimens of brawn, and the finest that the ring ever produced. These two men tour the country exhibiting their strength and brawn.

To go further, other champions and stars conduct gymnasiums where they teach safe and sane methods of reducing and adding weight. Still others teach the art of their profession to the younger generation who aspire to fame and fortune in the sporting world.

Besides this, when a great boxer or athlete is in his prime, he receives much bally-hooing and publicity. He is swamped with movie offers. His name is in demand by manufacturers who wish to use it on their products. "Babe" Ruth is but one illustration of this point. His name will never die. It will be eternal in the hearts of every American!

That is but one side of the case. Now, how many millionaires or wealthy men are there who would willingly sacrifice all their wealth and riches for good health and brawn? No matter what rich man you mention, you will find that he is afflicted with some serious ailment or illness which medical treatment cannot cure! The wealth of a man of brains is a detriment to him. He loafs, he lacks exercise, his muscles tighten—paralysis results—he is doomed for life. What good is his wealth to him? Ford and Rockefeller are exceptions to this case. On the other hand, a man of brawn and wealth need not fear illness for the keeping fit of his strong constitution demands consistent exercise! The average length of life of a man of brawn is far greater than the man of brain.

Also the New York Evening Graphic is instituting a drive for more brawn and less brain. If you have been a constant reader of the daily newspapers, you will notice that a wave of suicides has swept over the modern youth. Why! Too much brain! A well-known scientist states that too much brain is driving students to insanity and suicide. More brawn is demanded! If a student's

## Inter-Class Basketball

Well, I see that the girls have started inter-class basketball teams and although they are a little late, there is no lack of enthusiasm on the part of those interested.

Rather quite the contrary according to the snappy practice on Monday between the Juniors and Seniors. This practice resulted in a tied score, an indication that you may count on seeing a good "peppy" game Wednesday. The girls show true school spirit in promoting the games.

The Senior team has decided to wear bright red ties to distinguish the players from their opponents.

The first games will be played Thursday at 3.30 and the girls hope to have a good crowd to cheer them along. There will be two games played Wednesday, Juniors vs Seniors and Sophomores vs Freshmen.

The schedule for the rest of the games has not been completed.

## Westbury Wins Again

On Friday the 4th, Westbury defeated Oyster Bay in the title game for the Championship of the North Shore. Oyster Bay scored two points a quarter, Westbury totaled twenty-eight points. By this victory Westbury will contend with Baldwin for the County Title.

## Freshmen Triumph Over Junior High, 30-13

The inter-class champions of the High School upheld their reputation by soundly defeating the smaller but snappier team from Junior High. The size of the Freshmen was one of the vital factors in their winning so handily, for they were able to score almost at will. The Junior High put up a plucky game now and then crashing through the almost unbreakable defense of the Freshmen to score.

## Miss Johnson in Glee Club

I'll give you the Keys of Heaven.  
Jane Bird: Where are they?

## Spilled

Class president Moore: There is a motion on the floor already.  
Voice from the rear: Wipe it up!

constitution is not strong, he cannot stand the strain!

Again, when you have visited New York City, have you noticed the puny, delicate specimens of mankind shoving and jostling about the street like cattle in a stampede? Have you noticed how a man of brawn brushes them aside like "Tiny" Hewitt going through center? Of course you have! Brawn is in great demand. We need more of it to protect ourselves in the cruel "woild".

Now, in concluding, I hope I have convinced many of you ardent brain followers that brawn is greater in demand than brain—.

## Brain and Brawn

The editorials of this paper have discussed the topic brain or brawn. I believe that both are necessary. Take for example, a boxer. What good is his strength if he has no knowledge of the game? What good is he if he is not "brainy"? I shall take a specific instance. The fight between Dempsey-Firpo was a farce. There were two different men in the ring; Dempsey with strength and brain; Firpo with brawn and no brains. Had the South American had the boxing experience that Jack had, he would have knocked out the great Dempsey, therefore, I maintain that brain and brawn go hand in hand.

Now Holman is considered one of the cleverest basketball players of today. His great floor work has earned him a position with the Celtics, present leaders of the American League. Would he have earned his position as guard had he been clever and not strong? I should say not. It takes brawn to play the game, and play it right. Brawn together with cleverness determines a basketball player.

Baseball, the sport of millions, is played by everyone. But who is it that receives a large salary for his work? No one but the person who can hit the ball and who is a quick thinker during a game. It has been said that Hornsby is earning \$40,000 per year because of his brawn. Where would the Cardinals be had he not been the advisor of the St. Louis team last year? I'll admit he is a hitter, but doesn't his brain have to react with his muscles in hitting the ball? His cleverness has made him a dangerous man when on the bases. It is, therefore, easily seen how Hornsby has succeeded not because of his strength only, but because of his knowledge of the game and his hitting power. I maintain, that brain and brawn are essential in sports for what is the good of having the one without the other?

## Heard in Class

Miss Shempp: Jay, what are you chewing?

Jay Langly: My tongue!

Miss Shempp: You had better go back to your home room, yours is the first tongue I've known that smells like Beech-Nut chewing gum.

Phil Serphine: Well, Eddie, how are you going to feather your love nest?

Eddie Gore: Oh, a little down here and a little down there!

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