

## Literature By David

### "The Heel's A Wheel"

My name is Gertrude, but you can call me Gert for short. I'm a nylon stocking, and I'm fed up with this whole deal—of being a nylon stocking, that is. Yes, I'm sick of it, do you hear, sick, sick, sick! Not that I cared too very much in the beginning, but now everyone has carried this joke too far. I'm sick of being seen in Charm ads, Mademoiselle ads, newspaper ads, dripping over bathtubs, lying behind dusty store counters, being pulled over skinny legs, fat legs, scratchy legs, being thrown into trash cans, and being used for Halloween masks.

There I was, happy in old wood pulp and coal mines until this bright fellow decided to make me a nylon stocking. Well, you know how it is—try anything once. So I went along with the guy just to be more sociable-like and mercy monkey grease! Mother never even warned me about stuff like this; guess she really didn't know, though.

Well, otherhow, they hauled me into laboratories, test tubes, and factories, and I was stretched and pulled and shaped and manufactured and sold and worn by thousands of women. I was quite a sensation, too,—not that I'm bragging or anything like that.

Just about every woman with any fashion sense at all was wearing me practically all the time. Even those with no fashion sense were wearing me. I even kinda liked this importance—you know—going into fancy offices, and schools, and churches, and parties and all over the place, sorta.

But this ain't telling you my troubles. And honestly! Anywise,

after some lady picks me off her bathroom line in the morning, that's when my troubles start. She's very gentle like at first, rolling me from top to heel like a donut; but then she sticks her big foot into my insides and jerks me up her leg. The part I really don't like is those silly contraptions she uses to keep me from sliding back down her leg. (Ha! That's fun when those picky garters break and I plop.)

Well, throughout the day I'm stretching, bending, running, walking, and almost all covered up by a shoe and a skirt. And I'm so sheer I often wonder if anybody sees me at all. Guess they put the black line down my back so people notice me. Some ladies cheat, though, and paint a black line down the back of their legs and people go around saying, "Gee, look, there's a pair of nylon stockings," and I'm not even there. Well gosh, anyway, I don't think it's fair, not that I'm gripin' about it, really.

To be more continuous-like, at night time this lady that was wearing me all day bathes me. Here she goes again with her gentle routine—dunk up from the suds, dunk down in the suds, up and down, up and down, swish-swish, rinse-rinse, shake-shake, and back on the line to drip over the tub.

Well, that's life I guess, or "c'est la vie" as my cousin Gigi says it. Seems though her routine is more interestin' than mine.

But really, once in a while I have a pleasant experience, and there ain't nothing I like better than getting snagged and having a shiver tingle up my side. Honest!

## Ollie Sexton . . .

### Tickles Those Ivories

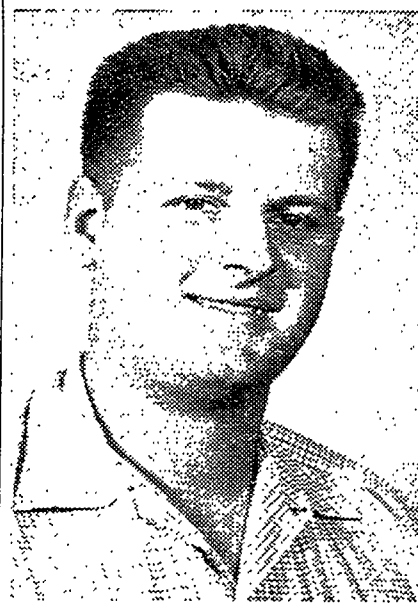
By Ruth Angelotti

If you should walk through the parking lot and hear the honk of a horn followed by a hearty "Howdy," you can be sure you're being paged by Ollie Sexton. Ollie is 6' 2", 253 pounds of sparkling personality and is a freshman at Behrend this year. He is majoring in civil engineering.

His favorite food is roast beef and mashed potatoes; however, whenever there is any kind of food, you are sure to find Ollie. When asked his pet peeve, he replied, "Silly women." Ollie's hobby is music, especially playing the piano. He can often be found providing dinner music at the Saga Club.

Born in Union City and raised in Erie, Ollie was graduated from Strong Vincent in 1954. A month after this he joined the Navy Sea Bees. He was stationed in the Philippines for two and one-half years and attained the rank of Crew Leader. His crew had the honor of setting an all-time national record by pouring 120,000 yards of concrete in six months.

While in the service, Ollie organized five different bands and was a member of another. During his last year he led a rock'n'roll combo, a western swing and hill billy combo, and a three piece dinner combo. They entertained the troops and provided dinner music at the Officers' Clubs and dance music at the enlisted men's clubs. They also entertained the service men's wives and children



Ollie Sexton

at Christmas parties and other social functions.

Ollie had the honor of being chosen from the entire Pacific Fleet to play the piano for one month in Japan, touring all the military bases in the area and entertaining the enlisted men. He has had the privilege of playing for three admirals at their change of command ceremonies.

Ollie was released from active duty on June 25, 1956, and during the past summer worked as a carpenter.

Since his arrival at Behrend, Ollie has taken an active part in the musical organizations. He will accompany both the Girls' Chorus and the Glee Club. At present, Ollie is in the process of organizing a combo here at Behrend.

His pride and joy is an electric organ which he recently purchased and plays any time he has an opportunity. He hopes to be able to bring it out to Behrend in a few months. We're all looking forward to hearing more of Ollie's music in the future.

## Fight On, State!

By Evelyn Bernhard

It was a day made especially for a football game. The air was cool and crisp, with perhaps a subtle promise of frost; the sun shown coldly through the tear in a ragged cloud formation; the blanket of trees with their changing leaves on Mt. Nittany made splashes of reds, oranges, and yellows as if a painter had taken his brush and haphazardly dabbled brushfuls of color on his canvas. Only the occasional green of a pine tree broke the pattern on the mountainside.

As we sat on the bleachers overlooking the football field, the sixty bands seated in the sections opposite us presented the pattern of a patchwork quilt in their colorful uniforms—gray and red, red and white, orange and black, and green and white.

Several minutes before the game was to begin, the Penn State blue band marched across the field in double time playing "The Nittany Lion." The sunlight glistened and flashed from the tubas, trombones, and saxophones.

A muffled roar announced the arrival of the Penn State squad. They were a heartening sight in their royal blue jerseys and white helmets. After the usual warming up exercises of knee bends, push ups, and sit ups, the national anthem was played.

The game itself was a series of first downs, punts, incompletes, fumbles, and an occasional touchdown. Despite the valiant struggle the William and Mary eleven put up, Penn State came from behind during the last half and won by the gigantic score of 21-13.

As we were pushed into the wave of excited students, I wondered how State would make out in the rest of her games and began looking forward to next year when I would be able to attend all of the Penn State home games.

## Dorm Hayride

Set Nov. 2

In a recent dorm council meeting, the boys decided to hold a hayride for the dorm boys and their dates. The time has been set for November 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Sunny Acres.

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