

## Between the Lions with The Sports Editor

There we were sitting peacefully at our bridge game and being set three no trump when someone breathlessly elbowed into the room and announced that Nate had resigned as track coach. We felt as though someone had bearded us with a sledge-hammer. The thing seemed unbelievable. Surely, not Nate!

Well, we thought about it for a while and then decided to investigate. Something was wrong somewhere. First, we read the story in the Pittsburgh papers. "Recognized as one of the most efficient tutors in the country" was the way the Press eulogized him. Since we, along with hosts of other students, were ready to add hearty affirmations to that statement, we decided to go further. We wanted to find out, if possible, just what was the trouble. If even the press considers Nate as valuable a coach as students themselves, why in thunder was Penn State relinquishing such a man? We were determined to know and so we started the rounds of all those whom we thought might have had a hand in the pie.

It took a long while to burrow down deep enough in the red tape to discover the real reasons. When we finally did reach the core of the matter we found that Nate had not lived up to the terms of his contract. And that, is something to College officials who maintain that it is only a matter of good business ethics to oust a man for such action.

BUT, what does this mean to the average student who is interested in the Lion track team, Coach Cartmell's national reputation, and Penn State athletics in general. It means NOTHING. If it is the policy of the College to "can" a valuable coach simply because of some minor business technicality or some petty personal feud, then, to the student, that policy is wrong. And this student viewpoint cannot be ignored! How can student ideas be shoved aside when Penn State's entire athletic program is by the student, for the student, and of the student?

Well, after lengthy deliberation on the matter we finally decided that this was the "snake in the grass": Any system which seeks to make men of Mr. Cartmell's calibre conform to administrative physical education rules and at the same time entrusts the destinies of varsity sports to physical education instructors is not the best system which could be evolved. For instance, is there a sane mind in the College that could possibly evolve any legitimate reason why Nate should have to "work-out" with Phys ed classes in a fast game of Badminton or volley ball? Such a situation is laughable simply because there should be other more suitable duties for Penn State's track coach.

Years back when Penn State turned "lily white" so far as athletics are concerned (Nate is and was all for it) it was cited that a high calibre coaching staff would be maintained to compensate for scholarships. Now then, can a student body which willingly sacrificed the greater part of its athletic prestige in the battle against athletic subsidization be blamed if it demands that the material that does represent the Nittany Lion be given the best coaching available? Although good in theory, any system which does not allow coaches to do their best with the material at hand cannot be justified.

It is true that in our investigations we uncovered arguments both for and against the recommendation of the Athletic Board of Control. In other words, legitimate reasons may be cited for the action of the Board. But will these reasons successfully neutralize all the student sentiment which has crystallized in Cartmell's favor? Will these same reasons successfully knock down the student arguments for a good coach, and a coach in which they can place their whole-hearted trust and confidence?

These are the questions which the Board of Trustees must consider before they accept Nate's resignation. After all, the voice of the student must be considered!

-W. M. S.

## CARTMELL RESIGNS COACHING POSITION

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of his resignation as released to Pittsburgh newspapermen:

"My resignation from the position of assistant professor of physical education at Penn State was tendered President Hetzel the last of March. It now remains for the trustees to either accept my resignation or give the circumstances leading to my action thorough consideration.

**Claims Violated Confidence**  
"These facts were to have been a secret until July 1, giving the College and myself an even opportunity to readjust ourselves, if necessary. It is known now that Hugo Bezdek, director of athletics, having learned of the resignation, has violated a confidence by writing to close friends of mine in such a manner as to force me to assume a compromising position.

"I, therefore, wish to inform my friends, associates and followers that unless the trustees make a thorough investigation of the circumstances leading to my resignation, I shall not be affiliated with Penn State in either the summer school of 1938 or during the collegiate year of 1938-39." While student sentiment ran strong-

### Cartmell's Champs

Allan Helfrich.....Half Mile  
"Crip" Moore.....High Hurdles  
Bill Cox.....Two Mile  
Al Bates.....Broad Jump  
Marion Ide.....Hammer Throw

ly in favor of the retention of Cartmell as a Lion coach, those faculty members concerned with the matter were inclined to make no statement. Director Bezdek was the only member of the Athletic Board of Control who cited reasons for the removal.

**Sackett Refuses Comment**  
Dean Robert L. Sackett, chairman of the Athletic Board of Control, said he had no statement to make regarding the action, while Dr. R. Adams Dutcher and Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock, also members of the Board, said they had nothing to say for publication in regard to the recommendation of the personnel committee.

Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, said, "I am a member of the athletic organization, but my hands are tied. Any statement regarding the action must come from President Hetzel or Director Bezdek."

### Letters Show Student Indignation

To the Editor:

Cartmell has resigned. The man who developed Cox and Moore, Bartholomew, Rekers and Offenhausser, Bates, Detwiler, Meisinger and Dunaway has decided to leave State at last; not to go to another school for a better contract that he can easily obtain, but because he can "no longer keep his job and maintain his self-respect."

For the last several years the Bezdek-Cartmell feud has been a subject of common discussion among undergraduates. It is Cartmell's conviction that the program of building up the Physical Education School by emphasizing intramural athletics and de-emphasizing major sports is, to put it bluntly, tripe; and that this system is "capitalizing and sucking the very heart out of real athletics." His contempt for "Sears Roebuck" coaches has been great; and freely and openly expressed.

Naturally, the Physical Education School has become antagonistic. They couldn't fire Cartmell openly without raising a great cry for justice among alumni and undergraduates; but they could make things exceedingly difficult and trying for him in little petty ways—and they did. The West Virginia incident of last year in which Cartmell incurred the enmity of the Faculty Board of Control is a fine example.

Now at last Nate has resigned. The resignation will undoubtedly be accepted with alacrity, and with him will go one more large piece from State's sadly tattered athletic banner. He told his team before the Pittsburgh met on Saturday that he thought as much of them as of any of his former stars and that he had no quarrel with the non-subsidization system, but that the treatment he had been receiving was unfair to the team as well as himself, and there was nothing left for him to do.

State has lost a great coach and what will they receive in return? More talk of "Sport for sport's sake and not for the sake of victory"; more intramural competition in which a few fraternities enter untrained, unconditioned teams for the sake of another cup as a rushing argument; and one more team fit to represent Penn State, the Farmer's High School, against Waynesburg, Dickinson, and perhaps West Chester State Teachers' College.

Cartmell has resigned. Mr. Bezdek is becoming a very fine dentist for an ageing Nittany Lion.

-W. V. K.

To the editor of the COLLEGIAN and the Students of Penn State:

We are faced with an occurrence that is, and should be, unprecedented in the annals of Penn State's athletic history. Are we as lovers of the sport of track to stand idly by, while one of the leading, if not the best track coach in the country, is forced to leave, merely because he dared to buck what might be termed "misplaced authority"? Are we, to speak frankly, to permit the ousting of a man, who is honored and respected by other coaches to the traditions of State? Must we patiently watch a man who is honored and respected by student and faculty members alike, leave the scene of his successful endeavors, while another who sits idly by drawing a princely salary is allowed to remain?

The whole College knows that from the day Nate Cartmell took up his duties as track coach there has been a bitter enmity between his department and the head of the Phys. Ed. School. And now, Nate, the only man who ever stood up for his rights, (if a track coach has any) is forced to resign. Others have gone before him but they went meekly, and offered no criticism though it was plain to all eyes that what the eminent Dean, Bezdek wanted was, not good coaches, not men who through their efforts would bring honor to reflect on the school, no indeed. What Bezdek wants is a crew of "yes" men. Nate, unfortunately perhaps, was not born to be a "yes" man and in consequence of that, is leaving the field to another but certainly not a worthier opponent.

You all know the record Nate has compiled since he took over the coaching position. For five years following his advent here he placed teams on the field that went through the toughest of seasons undefeated. A streak of hard luck pursued him then but aren't all coaches troubled in like fashion at some time or other? In 1930 he again sent an undefeated team through an exceptionally grueling schedule and in the I. C. A. A. A. meet compiled a total of twenty-seven points! And yet this man, simply because he will not kowtow to a man who violated a confidence placed in him, must leave a school that he has literally "put on the map" in respect to the track world. Are we going to be spineless and submit meekly to this imposition made by the worthy Dean Bezdek?

The situation is before you. How are you going to meet it?

-W. A. C. '35

## CONFLICT EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Conflict examinations will be held during the period for regular examinations, Wednesday, May 24 to Friday, June 2 inclusive. All examinations scheduled BY APPOINTMENT will be arranged by instructors with the students concerned.

Conflict cards are available at the Office of the Registrar for those students who reported conflicts. The cards are permits to take the conflict examinations and should be presented to the instructor at the time of conflict examinations.

The schedule of conflict examinations is as follows:

AgEc 1—By Appointment  
Agro 20—By Appointment  
Art 55—By Appointment  
Art 74—May 29 10:20 107 MEng  
Bact 1A—May 27 10:20 206 PH  
Bot 2—May 31 10:20 304 BL  
Bot 22—May 31 8 208 BL  
Bot 27—May 31 10:20 208 BL  
Cer 420—By Appointment  
CHE 2—By Appointment  
Chem 2—May 29 10:20 8 CA  
Chem 4—May 29 10:20 11 CA  
Chem 20—By Appointment  
Chem 30—May 29 8 CA  
Chem 31—May 27 8 12 CA  
Com 15—By Appointment  
Com 17—By Appointment  
Com 41—May 29 2 23 SLA  
Com 60—May 29 10:20 14 SLA  
Econ 2—May 27 8 16 SLA  
Econ 14—June 2 10:20 25 SLA

Econ 22—May 29 10:20 16 SLA  
Ed 25—May 31 2 11 CA  
EE 2—By Appointment  
EE 9—May 27 10:20 213 EngD  
EnglComp 1—By Appointment  
EnglComp 2—May 29 2 11 CA  
EnglComp 5—May 29 2 11 CA  
EnglLit 1—May 26 10:20 15 SLA  
EnglLit 5—May 27 8 110 NLA  
EnglLit 21—May 26 2 117 Dairy  
EnglLit 22—May 27 8 108 NLA  
EnglLit 51—May 29 2 102 NLA  
EnglLit 61—May 29 10:20 108 NLA  
EnglLit 65—May 27 10:20 108 NLA  
EnglLit 100—May 29 10:20 109 NLA  
EnglLit 401—May 31 10:20 109 NLA  
EnglLit 471B—May 29 10:20 108 NLA  
EnglLit 484—May 31 10:20 109 NLA  
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Fr 1—By Appointment  
Fr 2—May 31 10:20 108 NLA  
Fr 4—By Appointment

Fr 54—By Appointment  
Fr 302—By Appointment  
Fr. 406—By Appointment  
Geol 32—By Appointment  
Ger 2—May 27 8 109 NLA  
Ger 4—June 1 8 109 NLA  
HIE 104—By Appointment  
Hist 2—May 27 10:20 19 SLA  
Hist 12—May 29 2 9 CA  
Hist 19—May 26 2 208 BL  
Hist 21—May 29 8 200 Hort  
Hist 23—May 29 2 19 SLA  
Hist 28—May 31 10:20 14 SLA  
Hist 422—May 27 8 19 SLA  
Hyd 2—May 27 10:20 214 MEng  
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Math 5—June 1 10:20 108 NLA  
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PolSci 26—May 31 2 19 SLA  
PolSci 419—By Appointment  
Psy 2—May 29 8 208 EngA  
Psy 14—May 31 2 203 EngA  
PubSp 252—May 29 8 19 SLA  
RR 20—By Appointment  
Soc 2—May 31 8 13 SLA  
Soc 5—May 29 2 22 SLA  
Str 1—By Appointment  
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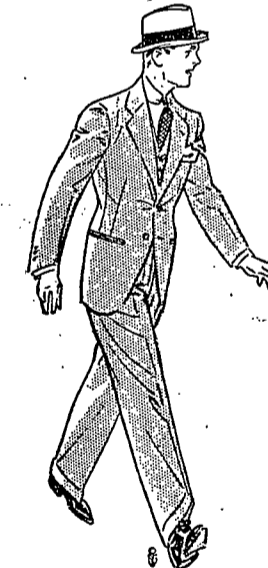
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