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CLIPPED FROM THE REAR?

In today's "Letter Box" will be found an item of universal interest, the letter headed, "Penn State needs a new head football coach!" This may be the match which will touch off a mighty conflagration; it is to be hoped not. It is well for such opinions to be aired, but such opinions should not be taken too seriously.

For the most part, the reasoning in this letter seems sound. First, there can be no question as to the sincerity of "Bob" Higgins. He has given his best to the development of the Penn State conception of athletics; he has spent much time and energy in interesting promising boys in the College; he has cooperated with the Alumni Association in promoting closer harmony among the Alumni regarding the present setup.

Unquestionably, it is a hard thing to say that he does not have the personality necessary to bring out the best in his material. The COLLEGIAN nor anyone else who is not a participant in the sport cannot say this with impunity. It is less hard to say that the team seems improperly equipped with plays. The varsity had a repertoire of thirty-three plays, but how many were brought out on New Beaver field, with the exception of a few short minutes of the Gettysburg game?

There is one point on which "A Senior" is very, very wrong. That is the Everhardus angle. Everhardus is nothing more than a last year's varsity backfield man, with no coaching experience. True, with his background of Big Ten football and the knowledge he will pick up in the next few years, there is nothing to stop him from becoming a very good coach. But to assume that he would make a good head coach now is foolish, extremely foolish. Too, at present, the only reason he would leave Penn State would be more lucrative financial inducements elsewhere. Who wouldn't leave with those same conditions?

Those in a position to settle such questions will do well to consider that portion of the new athletic policy which deals with the question of securing the best coaching talent available. This has been done in several cases already, where former coaches have found other positions or outlived their usefulness. It is safe to assume that the Board of Athletic Control will follow this custom.

It is well that this matter has been brought to the surface. For too long a time, there has been an unhealthy muttering concerning the situation. All sides will have an opportunity to state their cases in the "Letter Boxes". All this sub rosa matter can be made public; all rebuttals can be made—the matter will then rest in the hands of the properly constituted authorities.

MERCY MURDERS

A quiet, frail little Englishwoman of 62 years was sentenced to death last week because she painlessly removed her hopelessly incapacitated and imbecile son from the suffering of this world when illness threatened her own life. For thirty years, night and day, the noble mother devoted herself to him, even sleeping in the same room with him to attend to his every want.

Suddenly stricken ill and ordered to undergo a serious operation, she could not forget her own son even in the throes of her own pain. "I don't like leaving him behind," she said. One morning she gave him "100 tablets and then placed a gas tube in his mouth." A doctor testified that the son's life had been a living death and that his death had been painless.

After five minutes, a jury returned a verdict of guilty, adding "the strongest possible recommendation for mercy."

The jury is not to be censured. Under the present barbarian laws and clerical-fostering pressure that permits the continued torturing of mental and physical defectives under the ban of incurring a divine displeasure, no other alternative was possible. All the legal and social opinions since the so-called emergence from the Dark Ages aided the prosecutor in condemning that cultured, courageous mother. It is not the jury's fault.

Society stands indicted. Why does it force parents and relatives, or increasingly so, the state itself, to be burdened with human rubbish. Why, under the cloak of humaneness, does it permit those hopeless creatures to suffer and to rot through a brief existence. Why, considering the highly-touted economical and financial efficiency of our modern civilization, do the tax-payers continue to sponsor such a drain.

Naturally, this question concerns only the incurables, those pitiful specimens that no doctor, no treatment, or no amount of time will cure or restore. But

OLD MANIA

IBSEN IT A SHAME?

Whether it's the Christmas influence or not, we don't know, but our mail is picking up. In our great Christian spirit we print everything printable that comes in (Most of it isn't, but who are we to bow to the Letter Box?). Anyhow, here's the little dramatic item that arrived the other day:

Dear Maniac, We have come to you for help. (N. B.—appealing for sympathy, sec.)

Not long ago we read in the COLLEGIAN that Prof. Cloetingh was planning a production of Peer Gynt. Ever since then, we have been trying to give him some valuable suggestions for it, but he is always too busy to listen to us. So, knowing that the entire college gives ear to whatever you may have to say, we submit to you this open letter to Professor Cloetingh.

We think that the faculty has been dreadfully neglected as far as dramatics are concerned. There is an infinite amount of talent to be found in that august group that have never been utilized by either Cloetingh or Neusbaum. We propose to save a lot of time by proffering this casting list, which would also do away with Cloetingh's rather expensive plan of using masks.

Professor Begriffenfeldt, Dr. of philosophy, director of the madhouse at Cairo Doc Ritenour Three Sacter Girls Mrs. Mack, Miss Brill, and Miss Chase The King of the Mountain Oscar F. Smith Anitra, daughter of a Bedouin Chief Mrs. R. W. Grant Huhu, language-reformer Prof. T. J. Gates Several Madmen with their keepers:

- Madmen: Tsehan, Galbraith, Butt; Keepers: Wyand, Brother Seamons, Mitch

The Trolls: Librarian Lewis, R. H. Dotterer, Monsieur Burrage, Benny-of-the-Bull-Pen

We think the above list, two which we have devoted hours of exhausting consideration, is pretty fine, especially our choice for the Trolls. Now, Professor Cloetingh, if you please!

Thanks, dear Maniac. We shall always come to you to solve our difficulties.

Very truly yours, Two Ibsenettes That's perfectly all right, people. We only have one suggestion to make. Don't you think you could have squeezed Prof. Cloetingh, himself, into one of the parts.

About town and campus: The biggest piffit so far this year—the Jennison-Fletcher bust, seems mendible, or so said the gatenian at Saturday night's Student union dance... at which, by the way, the boys had a dance, by the mere stratagem of charging fifty copers admission... the stags stayed outside Kanness (Hank), Della Chi fob' upholds the State Standards—he had his La Vie photo taken in a new way: 4 shots in a brown suit, 2 in a blue suit, and 2 with his coat and hat... Mary Wether's reports a Sigma Nu pin about these days!! SAE's Ketter moon's goodbye to Dag Hansen over "Grange" dorm stalin' case—stall when true love must be parted by one o'clock permissions... what drama' gent finally ditched his imprudent date the other night with a blunty "C'mon, ya sad job, why doncha go to bed?"... Judy Bernardi blushing refuses a proffered rather-keller fifty cents to do a snake-hips dance... the Phi Mus had themselves a porch climber the other night...

—THE MANIAC.

the issue must be settled. Sterilization, legal killing, scientific control of offspring, and others. They have both their good and bad points, now open only to conjecture.

With all the present reform and experimentation for improving this world, a really scientific experiment in this vein is highly desirable. There is no doubt that its success would greatly improve our social conditions.

Letter Box

To the Editor: Penn State needs a new head football coach.

It is about time to stop feeling elated over a season percentage of .500 and consider why that figure wasn't 1.000. The material needed to attain the 1.000 mark is available, all we need is someone to develop it. First of all we wish to accord to our present head coach all the honor due a son of Penn State and former All-American end. As a player, he was a great person; as a coach—???

Everyone knows that a coach should be a personality, an inspirational type of man. The boys at Columbia, Princeton, Pitt, Temple, Minnesota, and elsewhere are not "fightin'" for the ole college. That is a lot of rah-rah ballyhoo. Those players are playing and fighting for "Loot Little, "Fritz" Crisler, "Jock" Sullivan, "Pop" Warner, and "Bernie" Bierman. It isn't "Bob's" fault if he lacks what it requires, but nevertheless it is a fact.

Many of us have heard his "line" at the Alumni, Pep rallies in New York and Philadelphia every year. "We've got a great bunch of boys—all nice kids—maybe not the best football players in the country—but all nice boys—I'd like to predict victory tomorrow—but I can't—I think it will be a good game—etc., etc." Yeah, they usually are good games and State always has lost and nearly always in the second half.

The games this year were lost in the second half. State needs a coach to inspire its men. Then after the inspiration before the game and between the halves, the team needs some plays to enable it to go out there and play football. It's impossible to expect to win from Columbia or Syracuse with two or four plays. Everyone knows how sickening it was to continually watch Higgins' "fronson" off-tackle slants and end runs this year. Hardly any other plays were used. None of the top-notchers this year got to the top using four plays.

What would those end runs have gained if it hadn't been for Everhardus? The work that "Herm" did this year needs no comment except perhaps to say we derive much pleasure from day dreaming of Penn State's success were he head coach.

The former Michigan star had some plays which I never saw used. One of the backs this year showed me a great forward pass play which "Herm" had submitted—but it wasn't used.

It wasn't so hard to hear along with Higgins during the first three years when material wasn't so good. But the record should have been better than .500 per cent and this year Penn State should have "comeback" with an undefeated team. A good coach could have done it.

What was Ohio State for the last few years? The team like Penn State—always putting up a good fight, but usually losing the game. Ohio State got a new coach; the material was there; Schmidt had what "it takes," and Ohio State lost only to Illinois this year. To be fair, U. of I. Indiana "come back" under "Bo" McMillen—and it won't require five years. Crisler brought Princeton back in two years. Penn has its Gates plan, but Harman is a good coach and Penn won't be everyone's doormat for five years. "Hunk" Anderson lasted three years at Notre Dame. Notice what Snavelly has done at North Carolina in his first year. And Penn State hasn't won a major game in five years!!!

Part of the agreement in abolishing athletic scholarships here was to provide the best coaches possible. This has been done recently, but the need now is for a good head coach. Although no official statement has been issued, it is generally known that Everhardus is leaving us at the end of the year. One can hardly blame him for he knows his football and could "do things" for State if given

332 Artists' Course Student Tickets Left

Two hundred and forty six of 692 student tickets for the Artists' Course were sold yesterday at the Athletic Association's office, Old Main. The other half of the 1384 seats will go on sale to faculty members at eight o'clock this morning.

One hundred and six student tickets at \$3.10 remain to go on sale tomorrow morning for underclassmen. Any unsold tickets remaining from the faculty allotment will also go on sale then.

State loses only four varsity men this year and much good material coming up from Nels Walke's freshman team (orchids to Nels)—must all this go to waste in the next few years???

Higgins hasn't been able to be all that the title "Head Coach" implies. This should be cited in fairness to Higgins. During "Bob's" first year, "Bez" couldn't forget he was a school head and no longer the head coach. Game time found him in the stands. At the quarter he was in the dugout alongside of the track and by the time of the second half he was on the coaches bench telling "Bob" what to do. No coach could do his best under this conditions.

We all know "Bez" is "in" with the Trustees and there isn't much chance of his leaving. So, as long as you are "in there" "Bez," how about getting us a good coach—one who can develop the wealth of good material we now have? Unless there is a new coach next year, Penn State won't but even hit the .500 mark. We will win from Lebanon Valley and Lehigh and that is all. No amount of that "Franklin Field spirit" talk will enable State to beat Penn's team of next year!

Yours for a new coach, A Senior

Local Petition Favors Continued Survey

Petitions urging the continuance of the recently appointed Senate investigating committee, which has revealed of armament manufacturers, will be circulated throughout the College to get startling facts concerning the work day and tomorrow by the P.S.C.A.

This petitioning is a direct result of a move on the part of colleges

throughout the country and a resolution adopted by the Friends General conference, a national peace association, to show President Roosevelt the interest aroused in the reports of the investigating committee. The Friends General conference believes that the revelations of this committee has aroused the fears of the men with profits at stake to such an extent that they are bringing tremendous pressure on the Senate to stop these hearings by refusal to grant the needed further appropriations.

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