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**WAKE UP, ALUMNI!**

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It is not hard to see that this schedule permits little or no time for study—also one of the fundamental principles of Mr. Bezdek's beautiful plan which is interested in building not only muscles but minds.

Briefly this situation has been brought about by two factors, the first and most important of which is the schedule. When this policy of non-subsidization went into effect, President Hetzel stated to the COLLEGIAN, "It is the policy, however, that as rapidly as is possible we shall turn to competitors who are willing to subscribe to the same measure of good sportsmanship and fair play as we have established."

That policy has not been followed out. Year after year, the teams scheduled have been stronger; with good box office appeal and more or less frankly subsidized players. And, furthermore, in everywhere but President Hetzel's office and in pretty speeches, the emphasis has been on winning. If the policy stated by President Hetzel had been followed out we would not be playing Pitt, Syracuse, Villanova, and Bucknell, let alone trying to beat them.

The second factor is a result of the first—if Director Bezdek's policy of non-subsidization were to be carried out in full it would mean that there would be no effort made by the College, students, or alumni to get athletes to enroll here. In other words, Penn State's teams would be made up by the "take who comes" method.

However, in order to present a team that would make a fair showing against such opponents as Pitt, Syracuse, and Villanova, Higgins has been forced to recruit players by his own ingenuity, and without any financial aid or sponsorship by the College.

Because the best he can offer to a player, who has probably received offers, including all expenses, from other colleges, is the vague and unsupported offer of a job washing dishes or waiting table for board, Bob Higgins has been victimized by this vicious policy.

Higgins has been criticized by the alumni, the faculty, and the student body for having unsuccessful football teams. It has never been Higgins' fault if the teams were not what the critics wanted them to be because he has been forced to play subsidized teams with a team subsidized on one meal a day.

Higgins has been forced to take the rap because the parties who make up the schedule see fit to contradict the original purpose and plan of this non-subsidization policy as set forth by Dr. Hetzel when he said, "It is the policy, however, that as rapidly as is possible we shall turn to competitors who are willing to subscribe to the same measure of good sportsmanship and fair play as we have established."

Three years ago a plan was set up whereby every third year a fraternity would give an athlete a job working for his board. The plan worked the first year, struggled through the second, and died this year because of the pressing economic situation of most of the fraternities on this campus. As a result, Bob Higgins has been forced to find jobs around town so that these boys will be able to eat more than one meal a day. On the whole, he has, perhaps, been successful, but there are glaring cases of capable and needed players leaving school because, among other things, they did not get enough to eat.

The present situation is an intolerable exploitation of the football team under the guise of "decency and progress," "fair play and good sportsmanship;" it is neither fair to the team nor to Bob Higgins, nor to the alumni who spend time and money in bringing promising athletes up here, and certainly it is not in accord with the traditions of this College which, heretofore, have been based upon a realistic policy and not upon a wishful hypocrisy and one meal a day.

What can be done about this situation? The alumni, the students and friends of this College can unite with the COLLEGIAN in demanding that a training table, which serves three meals a day throughout the season be established. And in demanding that the Athletic Association recognize the unfairness of this situation which has developed because of their efforts to get big gates without paying anything for them. No one can say that it is fair for these boys to work as hard as college football players must on one meal a day and the apples they found under the trees around the dormitories as many of them had to do during the first part of this year.

There is a kitchen and dining room in Varsity hall which the Athletic Association could put into use immediately. It would give these boys three meals a day, boost their morale a thousand per cent, and there would be no one playing football without enough to eat. It could be financed by the increased gate and by charging ten cents for parking.

Heretofore when the situation became half as intolerable as this one, the coach complained and as a result had his head chopped off. Bob Higgins has put up with a situation that no other coach in the country would accept. He has not complained despite the burden he has been forced to carry. And the Penn State Collegian will not stand by and see another coach have his head chopped off because of conditions over which he has no control.

**CAMPUSEER**

BY HIMSELF

**PURE AND HUNGRY**

(An historical analysis of athletics at Penn State with little emphasis on history and less on analysis.)

Just when it seemed that athletics in American colleges a decade ago were to be forever submerged in the black muck of subsidization, the Carnegie Foundation, an organization about which nobody seems to know much and nobody, we might add, seems greatly to care, whipped together a report.

This report came out in 1926. That was the year when Dr. Hetzel came to Penn State and collegiate torsos were swaying to the rhythms of the Charleston.

The Carnegie's charges against Penn State's system of hired gridiron helpers elicited righteous denials from this campus which were largely based on the idea that we had beaten the Foundation to the punch.

This was not altogether fiction devised by undergraduate minds since we already had decided that paying \$43,400 for subsidization in 1925-26 when we won only 571 of our games that year was not heady finance before the report came out. In other words, Something Should Be Done About It.

But we dilly dally. We trifle. And with so much of consequence to report on, too.

A plan was adopted in 1927 after "a very exhaustive study participated in by student, alumni faculty, and trustees," and it became effective in 1928, although several years elapsed before the slimy tentacles of subsidization really unwound their grip.

Before this, athletics here had been supported by class subsidizations or by scholarships authorized by the Board of Trustees and the lads were quartered in the old Track house until Varsity hall was built. All this had made Penn State as vulnerable as a short suit to charges of subsidization.

The scholarship athletes had become clannish, like English composition instructors, and alumni clamored for scholarships for Deserving Boys from their home towns with big biceps who could read and write.

In 1930 when he resigned as football coach, Hugo Bezdek (who has been fired the last several years by everyone in these mountains except his employers, the Board of Trustees) was referred to as "The Grand Old Man of Football." He had coached here for 12 years before retiring to devote his efforts to heading the new School of Physical Education which he founded shortly after and learning to become an idealist.

After a summer of bickering, Bob Higgins, who was a good football player here in the days of sinful subsidization, was appointed coach from a field of thirty.

Since that time Penn State's athletic policy has been carried on in a manner above fear and above reproach, but without outstanding success, despite glowing prophecies condemning the old maxim of virtue being its own reward. So Director Bezdek and Penn State's football teams have been roasted on the gridiron of their own idealism.

Although some slightly agitated inmates of the press pound succeeded in making an issue out of what was a profound triviality, the usual talk of "What's the matter with the team?" was annually passed off like charges of insolvency in the Bank of England. There was, of course, the incident of Nate Cartmell's resignation in May 1933, but the resultant sound and fury signified less than nothing as far as disturbing Mr. Bezdek's concept of athletic purity went.

Now, somebody not altogether bright, has started the unsubstantiated rumor that one of the football players fainted at practice the other night from too long hours of work with insufficient sleep and infrequent meals. Other rumors of dissatisfaction float down from uninformed figures on New Beaver field.

And so the question resolves itself in the minds of the players as to whether they are to have enough to eat or Penn State will continue to be athletically pure and impotent.

Possibly Mr. Bezdek is in favor of offering the varsity players three square meals a day so that they will not have to work for their meals and can manage to sleep and even study.

If he is not, it is only fair to warn him he's doing it the hard way.

**Hort. Show Will Open At 7 O'clock Tonight**

The annual two-day Horticulture Show will open in Room C, 120 Creamery Dairy building, tonight at 7 o'clock. It will be open until 11 o'clock and tomorrow from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10.

Thirty dollars in prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners. Ribbons will also be given. Fruits, flowers and vegetables will be on display and there will be exhibits of baked apples, pies, and jellies submitted by sophomore home economics food classes.

Door prizes of a peck of apples will be given away every hour. Concession booths operated by women students in landscape architecture and horticulture will be open.

One of the features of the show will be a large scale model of the range of proposed greenhouses, experimental gardens and nurseries to be erected north of the stock judging pavilion. This model was constructed by landscape architecture classes.

**Art Exhibit Features Drawings by Campbell**

Featuring thirty-seven water color drawings by David A. Campbell '19, assistant professor of architecture, the first art exhibit of the 1935-36 season was hung on the third floor of Main Engineering building on last Friday. The show will remain on exhibition until Friday.

In addition to Mr. Campbell's drawings of various quarries throughout Centre County the permanent College exhibit of original oil paintings by well known artists is being shown. Other features included in the exhibition are examples of student work in structural drawing and models in working drawings, drawings from casts, water color sketches, and charcoal sketches of local buildings.

Mr. Campbell, who became interested in the artistic possibilities latent in the various quarry cuts in the county this summer, has completed his gallery of thirty-seven drawings since June 21. In his interpretation

of these local scenes, Mr. Campbell has laid particular emphasis on rock formations, strata composition, and his attention to detail has resulted in picturizations as nearly accurate as is possible to the naked eye.

Tables were turned at Columbia recently when the Spectator, student newspaper, gave faculty members an intelligence test. The results—the average score indicated a mental age of 20.

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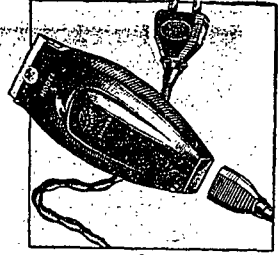
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