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### Wherein It Is Revealed That It Was Army 5, State 3

**Whose Goal:**

A letter to the Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics was referred to lacrosse coach Nick Thiel recently. It seems that the lacrossers spent a few moments in New York after their game with Army. The letter was signed "Elsie." She said she didn't know what the guy's name was, but she remembered what he looked like, and would the phys ed school please forward a picture of the lacrosse team so that she could pick out the culprit. It might be said that the official score of the game read, Army 5, Penn State 2, but that some Nitony Lion scored another goal that did not appear on the records.

**Powder-Puff Sayings:**

Sally Salberg and Mary Jane Veil were confronted with the powder-puff problem at one of our frat dens this week-end. This happens to normal people at the rate of once an hour over big week-ends. Their escorts squirmed them to the proper cubicle, in the rush forgot to stand guard. In stomped George Leydie, phipsi frosh, in quite a hurry. Ever nonchalant, he put all at ease with, "Sit still, girls, I just came in for my tooth brush."

**He's Gotta Note:**

Frank Allebach, social alumnus, diploma delayed, returned for the Prom and an audition with Glen Gray. At intermission Saturday morning, he appeared from behind the Chinese curtain at the bandstand and rendered a few low notes on the tuba. Rich in nasal quality and akin to violent action of the tongue upon vibrating lips, he dedicated his number to the Forestry School in memory of days gone by.

**Bird of The Week:**

Bird of the week goes to Hughie Williams, accountancy instructor, and is long overdue. His Salient Siftings in the Nitony News Window day by day leave him open for ridicule far and wide.

He now says the Pirates are cracking in the National League, because they lost to Carl Hubbell of the Giants. This after the most successful road trip in the majors. He further predicts Cincinnati's Redlegs to cop the pennant, and Pittsburgh to finish in the second division.

Personally, I can't see this. Everybody knows by now that it will be the Dodgers and the Browns in the World Series.

Pompous and dogmatic in his selections, he leaves no course open by which to swim out next September when once more he will be proved cuckoo. A little friendly advice might say to him that getting to his own 8 o'clock classes more often and into the Nitony News window less might help him get out of the second division in his own league.

**About Town:**

The week's rain giving the Corner Room its first good washing since Charley Goit gained notoriety. Now he's after Hermione Hunt . . . Reading the Collegian heads last time, I find that Jane Eames has "emotional possibilities" and intend checking who covered the beat . . . Don Rose of Philly's Evening Ledger writes a delectable bit in the last Saturday Evening Post, another Curtis Institution, about enjoying life at 47 despite psychoanalysis and other chologists the world over and their continual white rat derbies. Could anybody write in and tell me what the significance is of one rat running down a run-way faster than another one to get a piece of meat? I can think of but two answers. Either one rat is hungrier than the other one, or he is faster. I am waiting for psychologists to explain Jessie Owens and Man-O-War . . .

## Literary Tastes Of Students Revealed

Penn State students again showed their aesthetic tastes when they elected their favorite literary figures and books in a recent poll.

The fact that novels are best-sellers was substantiated by the students as this type of fiction was decisively proclaimed the most readable. The short story trailed far behind to place in second position.

The poll also disclosed that the collection is consistent. The favorite book was the novel, "The Magnificent Obsession," by Lloyd C. Douglas. The next three that rated were "Anna Karenina," "The Octopus," and "Ethan Frome," all novels.

Classical training scored in the choice of play. Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac" took first honors with little difficulty. The modern theater refused to be mosed out and placed second, third, and fourth with "Green Pastures," "Tobacco Road," and the hilariously funny "Three Men on a Horse."

Penn States put their stamp of approval on the Nobel Prize committee by naming Eugene O'Neill as their favorite author. Edgar Allan Poe seemed to be the best-known poet, but it was Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Renaissance" that met with the most approval and enthusiasm.

### Co-Edits

The fatted calf is being killed for next year's freshmen. W. S. G. A. is planning more parties, senior sponsor groups are being organized and freshmen are signing up for little sisters. Perhaps it's the crusading spirit that inspires many to sign up for the possibility of future rushing material.

Unfortunately this humanitarian spark dies out when the big sisters come back from vacation. The little sister is not the sorority type or it's such an effort to walk down to Pugh street to see her. She is taken to a movie and dropped.

Resenting this casual attitude in the past, freshmen have complained that their big sisters have either accepted them as a duty or neglected them entirely. This antagonistic feeling can be avoided in the future if big sisters are only those who enjoy being with all kinds of people and who are willing to take time to become thoroughly acquainted with their little sisters.

Panhellenic Council which is getting back on its feet is sponsoring an intersorority sing to be held at Holmes field at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

### School Leaders Hold Annual Meeting Here

The Central Pennsylvania Schoolmen's Conference will hold its regular quarterly meeting here, Wednesday, May 28. The organization is composed of the superintendents and principals in the central Pennsylvania area.

A panel discussion on the topic, "Adjusting the Curriculum to the Non-Academic Pupil," will be held, and will be followed by a dinner in the Sandwich Shop.

### Rick '37, Hort Student, Wins Two Fellowships

Charles M. Rick '37, who completed a four-year horticulture course here in three and a-half years, has been awarded a \$500 fellowship for graduate study by Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary fraternity. Rick will study plant physiology next year at Harvard University, which has also awarded him a scholarship of \$400.

The fellowship won by Rick is one of three given this year. The awards are presented in honor of E. E. Sparks, a former president of the college.

### « Feline »

The girl from home stepped into our silver slippers again last week-end, leaving us with our knitting. Echoing Dean Stewart's lament in "Fardon My Glove," we moan, "Why do they always bring them in from the outside? Why can't they take one of our girls? It's so discouraging."

Peeking out of a Corner Room booth we decided that the import's wit must be the drawing card. It couldn't be the platinum bangs and the weird hat, but when we heard her nasal twang delivering stock phrases we blamed it on the system.

We really couldn't condemn the men. After all, who wants to leave a party when it's in full swing? This complaint was made by the co-ed at the Phi Gam house Saturday night. Being the only one of her species she naturally rebelled at the injustice of missing all the good clean wholesome fun after 2 o'clock. It was the system.

Think of all the footwear we could save if we co-ed could move into the fraternity houses on big week-ends like they do at Cornell. Of course the men would have to move downtown, but after all they are the hale and hearty sex.

Mulling it over, the college authorities might have a petty objection to this, so we've devised a plan that would meet their smiling approval. Hours for imports would solve the problem and eliminate our lop-sided competition.

The death knell of the after-dance parties could ring 15 minutes before the Saturday night 2 o'clock curfew. Realizing that imports have to keep civilized hours and that carfare is such an expense, the men would gradually realize their obligations to the co-ed, who is after all far more sensitive and witty than the girl from Punnxsutawney.

### Sackett Given Scroll For Engineering Work

Dean Robert L. Sackett was presented with an illuminated parchment scroll in recognition of his leadership in the engineering field at the 17th annual Industrial Conference held in the Nitony Lion Inn. The scroll was signed by all those registered for the conference.

At the announcement of the conference, E. B. Roberts, director of personnel of Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, organized a committee to pay tribute to the retiring head of the School of Engineering for his 22 years of service here.

Col. John P. Jackson, Sackett's predecessor as dean of the Engineering School, related the growth of that school under the administration of the retiring dean. He explained that the committee is determined to select the most capable man in the country to succeed him.

### Education Professors Conduct C.C.C. Survey

Dr. Bruce V. Moore and Prof. Clarence O. Williams, of the department of education and psychology, are assisting this week in a nation-wide survey of C.C.C. camps. The study is under the direction of the National Council on Education at Washington, D. C.

### Club Elects Officers

George W. Mattern '39 was elected president of the Pre-Veterinary club for 1937-38. Dr. James F. Shigley, college veterinarian, announced today. Other officers elected were Herman A. Costow '39, vice president, and Frank L. Gardner Jr., '40, representative in the Agricultural Student Council. William P. Bond '38 is the retiring president.

## Pfaff Wins Radio Award; Heard By Japan

Nights of continuous vigil at the key of WQYA, the College radio station, augmented by a convincing manner with foreigners, combined to bring to William A. Pfaff '40, the QRX award of the station staff. Pfaff is the first freshman to be so honored.

Presentation of the award was made during the festivities which marked the semi-annual hamfest of the group, comprising government-licensed operators who have also passed the station entrance requirements set up by the staff. The award this year was to be made to the first operator to receive written verification of a two-way contact with any Asiatic station.

Gilbert L. Crossley, instructor in radio engineering, was the master of ceremonies. Others on the program were Sidney W. Koran '35 and Paul H. Fickenscher '39.

Interest centered about the fact that although many conversations were being conducted with stations in that continent, all of them had failed to send the written verification required for certification by the International Amateur Radio Union, which issues what are known as "worked-all-continent" certificates to qualifying stations.

The contact for which verification was received recently was made early in the morning on a frequency of approximately 14,000 kilocycles with a Japanese station operated by M. Okada of Kumamoto, Japan. His communication says that he received the college station extremely well on a superheterodyne receiver of late design. Only 20 watts input into a crystal-controlled transmitter was used by Okada. The input of the college station is several times as great.

### 2 Students Selected To Make Child Survey

Mary R. Strubber '37 and Elizabeth D. Roseberry, graduate student, have been selected by the United States department of agriculture to conduct a survey of Pennsylvania to standardize children's patterns.

The survey will last for seven months, during which time the two women will measure children in order to standardize their sizes. They are now in Washington taking a course in anthropometry in preparation for their work.

## New Sorority Feted

Mrs. Neva Morris, housemother at Grange Dormitory, gave a tea Thursday in honor of the Alpha Epsilon Phi, women's fraternity. The fraternity, formerly Astrind, became a member of the national fraternity in April.

This was the second of the affairs honoring Alpha Epsilon Phi. The first was given by Alpha Omicron Pi.

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### 2,000 STOOGES ON THE HOOF

YESTERDAY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 little stoozes donned uniforms, picked up their rifles and went through two hours of the silliest burlesque on record in these parts. Most of the time they stood around waiting for stuffed-shirts to get ready to give the medals for the year.

An appropriate speech for the presentation would have been:

"Son, to you we give this medal, this symbol of empty honor, because you were a better stooze than the rest. You did all those silly things we do out here just a little better than did your companions. For your excellent stoozship, we give you this memory of R. O. T. C. at Penn State. May it stand you well in the next war."

And it certainly will do a lot of good.

And so, while a few choice medals were handed out to a few choice people, hundreds looked on as part of a great organization to which they do not want to belong. At a ratio of at least 3 to 1 they are against it. At such a ratio do students here not want to take R. O. T. C.—in this, our American democracy. In America, "the land of the free and the brave." In America, the land where people can do the things they want to.

Thus is the world "safe for democracy." Thus is it guarded against tyrants and dictators. Thus is the common man emancipated.

This is the intelligent way America is keeping out of war. This is the way she is furthering her "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." For her people, she is doing this.

And so amid the blaring of horns and the beating of drums, 4,000 feet shuffled in disorder, but none-the-less plodded firmly forward, to the next war to make the world safe for God only knows what.

### BREATHE DEEPLY

TILT BACK YOUR heads, students, and breathe deeply. It is real healthy to go this far that is where the College Health Service is now—up in the air.

Another school year is drawing to a close and, as usual, nothing much has been done about the glaring deficiencies in the Health Service.

A committee was appointed some time ago to study the situation and make a report regarding it. It is understood that such a report is ready, a report prepared by Doctor Ritenour and submitted to a few administration stalwarts for their opinions. Of course, these stalwarts will do nothing to embarrass anyone or jeopardize a fellow-worker's job. That is—to his face. They might knife him in the back, and then look up the situation in the rule book.

But what was expected of an administration committee has happened. The whole question has been shelved rather effectively until the end of the year with the hope that all will be forgotten until next fall.

And it probably will be until somebody dies again. Or until the water supply catches "spring fever" again.

A good motto concerning the physical welfare of students might read:

"We prepare them for death on the R. O. T. C. drill fields, and then kill them in the College Health Service."


But the question cannot be discarded with this levity. Something drastic must be done about College Health Service. Expenditures for student health are last on the proposed list for buildings. The College is straining every muscle to enlarge, expand, and get more students here. But it is unable to look after the welfare of those it already has.

How about bringing Doctor Ritenour's report out into the open and letting the students know where they stand in the administration's eyes? Let them know if something constructive is being done. Or must they take the alternative and surmise that nothing much is being done about them?

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