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**REMEMBER THE CASH CUSTOMERS**

**D**ESPITE AN EXPECTED low attendance, State College will run off her general elections tomorrow in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

Chief showman will be Wilbur Leitzell, seeking reelection on the Republican ticket, a fairly good recommendation here despite the tendencies of the rest of the country. His act lately has shown signs of going stale, which has occasioned relief in student circles.

Whether re-election will give him the impetus to go back in to the center ring, cracking a whip into thin air is hard to determine.

He will be faced by two new politicians here in Ruel Mohnkern and William Bell. The former has been a billed performer in the proceedings for some time. The latter can be classed in the special feature class. The spotlight turns on him between the original nomination and the main show.

Entering the race late, his chief hope is that enough people stay away from the polls to elect him. That probably is the case with Mohnkern.

Playing the part of the gallery is the student body. And as most shows go, the general tendency seems to be "the hell with the cash customers."

Playing a dual role for the College and the town is the faculty. Its obligation here is distinctly to the cash customers. It should do what it thinks will benefit student enrollment that buys its bread and water, directly and indirectly.

With the opportunity of speaking last to be considered, of course, Bell, none-the-less, seems to have run a clever note of amiability to the campus than have his competitors.

The faculty can swing the election. It is a chance for it, to utilize the superior intelligence with which it is said to be endowed.

Once that sentiment has been displayed, the students immediately will watch the actions of the elected. Should students be exploited, brow-beaten, unfairly treated, or in any way taken advantage of, student opinion is going to rise in a manner that will be effective and discerning enough to remedy the cause of such treatment. It can be done, if necessary.

**ONE HALF TOO MANY**

**V**ARIOUS NONDESCRIPT things seem to creep into the football picture at Penn State week by week, year by year, to defeat the avowed purpose each fall of "having the year" that State alumni, students, and team have been waiting for.

Against Syracuse, it was discovered that football games are too long for convenient use here. They should end after the first half.

To get away from the fundamental and painful part of such a disappointment as State experienced in the second half against the Orange, many probably are prone to pick out a goat for the game in the personage of Rabbit Wear, which is distinctly unfair both to the Rabbit and to State football as a whole.

If anyone was responsible for State being ahead at the first half it was Wear. If anyone was equally responsible for things being as they were in the last few minutes, it was Wear. The Rab gambled as he has oftentimes before when the going became tough, and he had no protection. He might have been a hero. At any event he tried, which was typical of what he was doing all afternoon Saturday and all season.

If anyone is to pull State out of the doldrums and on to victory over Penn it is Wear with the aid of Harry Harrison, and Sam Donato.

Why State came out of the rest period between halves as the lamb to be led to the Orange lion that materialized suddenly is hard to answer. Certainly the teams reversed their respective forms rather suddenly.

To come back from such a bitter disappointment is going to be difficult. To elude the apparently ever-present eight ball seems to be a custom here. It was done to some degree in the latter part of last year. It can be done again.

The indicated move now is to pull back again. If Penn and Maryland can be defeated, an improvement over last year will be noted.

If not, it will be time enough to look around and survey the situation more closely—after all opportunities for a comeback are allowed.

In the middle of the most important part of the season there is no time to think about things gone by. It is time to concentrate on the future.

**OLD MANIA**

**About Mice and Men:**

Robert Wilberforce Wistrand, latest Froth editor, is to be congratulated for his poet of poetry in a nationally known magazine. The boy definitely has something.

Robert's only vice, with the exception of his ignoring of the 5,000-odd students about the campus, is his love for mice. A cartoon and several bits of prose concerned mice in his first issue of Froth.

Studying late into the night last week, a Mac hall co-ed thought she heard a mouse prowling around in her waste basket. Being quite timid, and most Mac hall co-eds are, she became quite frightened. She picked up the nearest defense and flung it at the basket, where it landed.

It was the first issue of Froth. Mice vs. Mice.

**Love Remains the Sweetest Thing:**

Joe Disque and Mary Madison couldn't understand why their names had been omitted from the lovers' lists. . . . Baseball Joe, Bill Ford, is hitting in the pinches for Marie Perry. . . . Him is the word for Bob Meehling and Doty Bollinger. . . . and Boxer-Player Tapman is shadow boxing with Pearl Carroll. . . .

Doc Jarden is interrupting the Barbara Bowes-Fleteh Byrom affair. . . . Dimpy Nixon and Rodge Maurer were together Saturday night. . . . Ruth Boyer and Orlando Llano rushed hither and yon Friday P.M.

**It Happened at Syracuse:**

Pete Olexy being quoted: "First in war, first in peace, and fifth in cross-country."

Not downcast over his defeat, Olexy went in for some horseplay Saturday P.M. He phoned Bill Smith, who accomplished something by defeating a great Syracuse runner for the freshman team, and proceeded to interview him, saying it was a famous sportswriter calling.

Smith fell for it, as did Al Grady, another frosh hill and daler. Olexy then told the boys to come down to the lobby, that he would like to meet them personally. They went down, but Olexy didn't.

**Why State Lost:**

Somebody called the office Sunday night and wanted to speak to a reporter. A very energetic sophomore sat down, pencil in hand, a ream of paper (maybe less than a ream), in front of him.

Said the caller: "I have discovered why Penn State lost to Syracuse. Bez is too near State College. He's in Cleveland. Why doesn't the Collegian start a movement to have Bez shipped at least as far as Kansas City?"

Bewildered, the reporter just sat. Not bewildered, the caller hung up.

It seems to us that if Bez keeps up his good work in Cleveland, he might get shipped farther than Kansas City.

—THE MANIAC

**Maryland Game Seats Arranged**

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1, Alpha Phi Delta; 2, Phi Delta Theta; 3, Alpha Sigma Phi; 4, Phi Kappa Psi; 5, Sigma Chi; 6, Kappa Sigma; 7, Colonial Club; 8, Watts Hall; 9, Triangle; 10, Delta Theta Sigma; 11, Sigma Tau Phi; 12, Phi Epsilon Pi; 13, Lambda Chi Alpha; 14, Phi Kappa Tau; 15, Tau Sigma Phi; 16, Phi Kappa; 17, Tau Kappa Epsilon; 18, Phi Kappa Sigma; 19, Alpha Tau Omega; 20, Theta Upsilon Omega; 21, Pi Kappa Phi; 22, Kappa Delta Rho; 23, Sigma Nu; 24, Pi Kappa Alpha; 25, Theta Xi; 26, Phi Gamma Delta; 27, Phi Lambda Theta; 28, Sigma Phi Sigma; 29, Alpha Chi Rho; 30, Penn State Club; 31, Frear Hall; 32, Chi Phi; 33, Phi Sigma Kappa; 34, Theta Kappa Phi; 35, Theta Nu Epsilon; 36, Beta Kappa; 37, Theta Chi; 38, Delta Chi; 39, Alpha Zeta; 40, Alpha Gamma Rho; 41, Delta Upsilon; 42, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; 43, Phi Mu Delta; 44, Sigma Phi Epsilon; 45, Alpha Chi Sigma; 46, Beta Sigma Rho; 47, Horticultural Club; 48, Delta Tau Delta; 49, Associated Commons Club; 50, Acaemic; 51, Tau Phi Delta; 52, Beaver House; 53, Alpha Kappa Phi; 54, Phi Sigma Delta; 55, Sigma Pi; 56, Beta Theta Pi; 57, Sigma Phi Alpha; 58, Delta Sigma Phi.

**Campus Bulletin**

**TODAY**  
 Red Wing Bird Society will meet in Room 35, Education Building, at 7:30 o'clock.

**THURSDAY**  
 Lakonides will meet in Room 318, Old Main, at 6:30 o'clock.  
 House of Representatives will meet in Room 305, Old Main, at 4 o'clock.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
 Fraternity presidents should call at Student Union office for their copies of the Student Union directory.

**Letter Box**

Oct. 29, 1937

To the Editor:  
 That information which led me to make an indirect accusation last week against two members of a campus orchestra has been corrected, and I feel that my sincere apology is due them. Here's hoping they read this before meeting me in a dark alley; the one, I know, is a big fellow.

Yours very truly,  
 BOOTH WATMOUGH

**Student Fire-Eaters Of 1923 Cut Classes To Fight Flames**

Students now use it as a newspaper reading room. But that room in the basement of the library once housed a truck—the fire truck of the Pennsylvania State College Student Volunteer Fire department.

Organized here before the turn of the century for the primary purpose of combating campus fires, the organization, boasting over 30 student members, existed until 1923, when the College deemed it advisable to transfer the duties of fire protection to the town department.

"Duty Calls Me"  
 Cutting classes was not accomplished with the same finesse the modern student displays. A fire alarm meant that classes were adjourned for the day as far as the student body was concerned.

"Where are you going?" amazed professors would ask.

"Duty calls," the student would answer. "I'm a member of the fire department!"

They Were Water-eaters, Too  
 A fire in town was the occasion for a gala student get-together. Encircling the flames, the joyous students shouted, hissed the fire fighters. The Alpha Fire company sometimes resented this, it seems. Switching the hoses, the fire-eaters on occasion trained them on their deriders and splashed them away.

There were times, however, when the student organization got a bit too ambitious and raced the Alpha boys to the scene of a town fire. The College boys, veterans report, did nothing but stand around and obstruct action. The College administration finally took steps to relieve the rivalry be-

**Co-Edits**

Freshman women celebrated the loss of name cards Saturday with parties and decorations. The green ribbons will be left at the dorms on Thanksgiving day. May we suggest an organized funeral for those relics of hazing.

The open house parties Thursday, which mark the beginning of rushing season, are not restricted to freshmen. Transfers should feel welcome to attend any of the functions at the sorority houses which are sponsored by Panhellenic for women who have not attended this College before this semester.

We hope that the women will visit all of the houses during the three open houses instead of concentrating on a few. They will have a better basis for comparison if they meet women from every sorority. This will give them a chance to see which group they are suited to instead of judging by rumors.

Miss Hazel Richards, national editor of the Mortar Board Quarterly, will be the guest of the Penn State chapter here tomorrow to Friday. She will meet formally with the senior activities honorary on Thursday night.

Rushes of the Louise Homer club, women's music honorary, were entertained at a party in Grange playroom Tuesday night.

Iota Sigma Pi, women's chemistry honorary, held a tea recently in honor of freshman women in the School of Chemistry and Physics.

The Alpha Chi Omegas carried home a bushel of apples from the annual Mac hall Halloween dinner Thursday night, the prize for the best theme in table decorations and costumes. Judges were Dean Charlotte E. Ray, Miss Burkholder, Miss Betty Bell, and Mrs. Morris.

The Alpha Chis were dressed as sailors and their girls to typify the theme "The Fleet's In." The Mac hall dining room was decorated with jack-o'-lanterns and cornstalks.

The Phi Mus opened their new house with a Halloween party Saturday. TPAs gave a Halloween party for their little sisters Thursday.

The Thetas were dinner guests of the DTD's Saturday.

A number of downtown dorms gave Halloween parties this week-end. 326 East College entertained Mary Taylor and Shirley Helms Friday night. Cody Manor and 158 South Frazier street held open house Saturday night. 126 East Foster held a Halloween dinner Wednesday, and 140 West Nittany gave a dinner in honor of Mary Taylor and Ann Bonine Tuesday.

Senate has announced that women will receive 11 o'clock permission for Thanksgiving night and 1 o'clock permission for Thanksgiving eve.

**Bell, Leitzell, Mohnkern In 3-Cornered Burgess Race**

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The leaders and to the better sense of the students. No outside police officers would ever be called in as I feel that they would do more harm than good by agitating the students. However, I would like to confine to the campus as much as possible, all such demonstrations.

"Suspected student robbers, I believe, should be dealt with by the College. I would let the College recommend the disposal of such cases. No attempt would be made to unduly embarrass first offenders.

"As long as the students would play fair," Bell said, "I would play the same game with them."

**Past Incidents Recalled**  
 Today's election will be directly opposite from the beer referendum two years ago and to the first three years of the incumbent's tenure of office.

There is no question that Burgess Leitzell has been distinctly quiet in both actions and manner in the nine months or so preceding today's selections.

Students remember the famous "break out the rifles" incident in connection with the Alumni Day bonfire three years ago, when the present Burgess was very much in the news. But they look with askance at the opportunity of competing with the seemingly strong Republican machine in town without a voting privilege, many student leaders feeling that the best bet in securing cooperation would be leaving the issue up to the faculty who comprise a determining majority of the voting strength in town.

**Issue Left to Faculty**  
 Students have left the issue up to the faculty, whose job it is, they feel, to practice what it teaches in the political science matters.

Leitzell is well-known by the faculty both in person and by his actions. The others are not, being two political newcomers.

It would appear that today's outcome will be a fair test of the interest of the faculty in the interest of students.

**Whitmore To Address Chemists At Waldorf**

Dean Frank C. Whitmore of the School of Chemistry and Physics will speak at the closing banquet of the Chandler centennial program at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City Thursday.

The program will commemorate the birthday anniversary of Dr. Charles Frederick Chandler, one of America's first great industrial chemists, who died in 1925. He was the founder of Columbia University's School of Mines.

**Contest Winners Get Awards For Sketches**

William Orris '38 and George Bowman '38 won the top prizes of \$10 each, offered by Scarab and Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary arts fraternities, respectively.

Orris submitted a water color painting, while Bowman entered a pencil drawing.

Prizes of \$10 in books were presented to Earl Strunk '39 and George Horn '39 by Keeler's and the Athletic store.

Judges were Prof. B. K. Johnstone, chairman; Prof. J. Burn Helms; Harold Dickson, Prof. Andrew Case, and Francis Hyslop.

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