

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

Bob Wilson

## Mr. Higgins—Please!

I firmly believe that there is a Santa Claus, that a broken mirror means seven years' bad luck, that the moon is made of green cheese and that Penn State has the most beautiful coeds in the world. So you see, I'm no skeptic.

There are a few things, however, that I positively refuse to believe, for example, that a certain Penn State football coach can discard the huddle system of offense with the abandon of a schoolboy tossing pebbles into a creek and still expect maximum results. That simply doesn't sound like Bob Higgins.

Of course, Mr. Higgins may have some very good reason for adopting the signal system of attack. It may be that his players are arguing in the huddle. It could be that those same players are wasting time in the huddle comparing notes on the Kappas, the Thetas or the Chi Omegas.

There is some small talk, too, that Mrs. Higgins may have read something in her husband's horoscope that has prompted the change, although I hardly believe the Higgs is as superstitious as all that. To any end, the reason must be a darned good one else the Higgs, a dyed-in-the-wool conservative, would have written prognosis negative on the plan when it was first submitted.

But let's get right down to brass tacks. I have listed below, in very neat order, my reasons why the huddle plan is superior to the signal system.

1. In the huddle system signals cannot be stolen.
  2. The moral angle: A team huddles to talk things over. Information of the you hit 'em high, I'll hit 'em low nature can be easily passed in the huddle.
  3. Originally designed as a type of shift, the huddle provides cover for every formation. It enables the offensive team to set up or diagnose the play.
  4. There is too much going on in a football game to allow the players to decipher the signals perfectly every play.
  5. The huddle provides a rest for the team that it would not get otherwise.
  6. In the signal system too much is dependent on the judgment of one man—the quarterback.
  7. Successful teams use the huddle system.
- And so it goes. If left to the huddle system, Penn State's football lions, I believe, will do right by their alma mater. If, subject to the signal system, on the other hand, I am very much afraid those same Nittany Lions will make historians forget there ever was a retreat from Moscow.

## The Sahib Stumbles

Sahib Smallin, who was hired last week as exclusive sportscaster for the Collegian, failed so miserably with his first batch of prediction that the poor old fellow has lost face to the degree that would give a Japanese to harikari.

In attempting the ten biggest games of the week, the Sahib picked only four winners. Despite this disastrous beginning, Smallin will try again this week. And I have warned him that unless he shows a decided improvement over last week, his name will be Smello—not Smallin.

# Booters Trample Gettysburg In Mud, 4-1

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### Beaver Field Stands Enlarged To Seat 14,800

Enlargement of the East stands of the New Beaver Field stadium, an increase in the size of the press box, and other improvements around the field are being finished up this week.

An enlarged East stands now duplicate the West stands, and the total seating capacity of the stadium has been brought from 17,500 to 14,800. In the enlargement, room for 1,200 persons was sacrificed to increased comfort when the width of all seats in the stadium was increased from 16 2/3 inches to 17 5/8 inches.

The stands will be coated with a new sand treated paint which was given a successful test in some spots on the East stands last year. It was found that the paint stands up much better than that previously used.

Other improvements include a 32-foot increase in the length of the press box on the West stands. Because of this, no box was erected on the other side.

The additional space in the press box will be used to provide a box for President Hetzel and his guests, and a quarters for scouts. The electric scoreboard has been painted and a new curbing has been placed around the center track.

The addition to the East stands has reduced the length of the baseball diamond right field. To make up for this a wire screen will be erected at the back of the stands and it is expected that playing will not be seriously affected.

### Tomorrow Final Date For Fall IM Entries

Because of the small number of entries in before the last Saturday deadline, intramural registration will be kept open until 5 p. m. tomorrow, Eugen C. Bischoff, intramural director, has announced. Entries and fees should be submitted at Room 213, Rec Hall.

All sports to be conducted and the entry fees are: Football, \$1 per team; cross-country, 25 cents per man; horseshoes, 25 cents per man; swimming, \$1 per team; and golf putting, 10 cents per man.

### Second Co-ed Swim Party Set Friday

Calling the first co-recreational swimming party a success in spite of the fact that boys attending far outnumbered the girls, Recreation Director Ray Conger announced another swim party will be held again this Friday night in Glennland Pool from 7 to 10.

The party will be conducted along the same lines as last Friday's except that prizes will be given to race winners. The first 75 girls and the first 75 boys to appear will be admitted, although Director Conger said he was reasonably sure couples would be assured admittance.

Girls need only their matriculation cards to be admitted, while freshmen and sophomore men need their recreational swim tickets. Junior and senior men may purchase recreational swim tickets at the Bursars' office.

### Lion Varsity Eleven Trounces Frosh Spuag In Muddy Practice Game, 50-6

#### SPORTOGRAPHIES

## Two Fall Captains

### 'We'll Take Pitt,' Captain Alter Says

"So you won't make a prediction on the season, Spike?" "Well—I-I, that's sort of putting me on the spot, but you can say that we'll get the most trouble from Syracuse, Penn., and Army." "You left out Pitt, didn't you?" "Yep. This is our year to beat them. I worked with four of their fellows this summer, and they don't feel so good about their chances."

Sid Alter, rugged Lion football captain, speaking. And he wasn't fooling about Pitt. For the first time in 20 years Penn State is going to beat Pitt, he says, you can put that in your book, even though it is a Pitt without Jock Sutherland, Goldberg, Stebbins and the boys.

There's a lot more about Sid—by his own word he has no girlfriends here or at home in Pittsburgh, i. e. "steadies" got his biggest thrill two years ago when he went back to his home town and caught a pass on the goal line to score against mighty Pitt. He got out of Fifth Avenue High in Pittsburgh in January, 1933, then spent three years working for a florist, butcher, and a hardware company. Tired and hitchhiked around the country nine months—then Tommy Slusser

### 'Cross-Country Captain Is Photography 'Bug'

"Nuts on photography." (in his own words) is Penn State's cross-country captain, who spends some of his happiest hours in a dark room. He also collects stamps, runs varsity half-mile and mile, sparks the harriers, holds down two jobs—and goes to college.

Frank Maule's track career started in grammar school at Media, Pa., where practice teachers from West Chester urged him on. His biggest thrill came in '36, when he tore off a mile in 4:28, set a new state high school record—after being sick in bed the week before.

After a summer spent in caddy-ing at Rolling Green country club, the diminutive speedster is ready for his best season. He's been varsity on both harrier and track teams for three years, was beaten out by two feet in the indoor intercollegiate at Madison Square Garden last year.

"Thank the Lord," Frank has been heard to say, "I won't be running against Johnny Woodruff this year. He's the most invincible runner I ever saw."

Vital statistics weighs 130 lbs., 5' 8", C & F'er. thinks cross-country "much more fun than track" belongs to a first day cover club. you can see him at Metzger's (adv.)

### Loss Of Arm Overcome By '43 Gridiron Candidate

Having proven to his high school associates that a physical disability is a handicap to only the weak in spirit, Howard Walker '43 is out to prove the same to Penn State.

Although his right hand was amputated at the wrist in an accident with a meat-grinding machine when he was 10, Howard played first string guard on the Upper Merion High School team last year as well as playing trumpet in the school band. He is out for guard on the Freshman football team here and his big handicap is his weight—165—not his disability.

Rather tall, Howard is a serious-minded, good-natured boy. It is not hard to see why his classmates elected him class president for four years nor why he was editor of his school yearbook.

He came to State with the intention of majoring in Phys. Ed., but changed to Liberal Arts when he was told it would be difficult to obtain a job after graduation. Although still interested in Phys. Ed., he is more interested in showing his father that a college education is valuable.

Naturally right-handed, Howard had to relearn to write and play the trumpet with his left hand. His main ambitions right now are to make the Freshman football team and Blue Band. He saw considerable service in the varsity-frosh game Saturday, and according to Coach McAndrews has been showing up well in practice.

### Frosh, Varsity Swimming Candidates Meet Tonight

A meeting of boys interested in trying out for either varsity or freshman swimming teams will be held at the Phi Sigma Kappa house at 7 o'clock tonight.

Coach Bob Galbraith announced try-outs will be held at 4 p. m. tomorrow and Thursday at Glennland Pool.

### Rogers' Work Shown In College Library

An unusual collection of books, pictures, sketches, engravings, title pages, and book plates illustrative of the work of Bruce Rogers who has been characterized as the most distinguished designer of books of our time, and was put on display in the Library yesterday and will continue to October 1. The exhibition is being shown in the first and second floor lobbies.

It came to Penn State from the American Institute of Graphic Arts and is being shown at a number of the prominent libraries of the country.

### '43 Team Scores Lone Tally On Recovered Fumble

BY DICK PETERS

Whether you were on the thousand-odd fans, one of the varsity or freshmen football players or whether you were one of the several footballs which were used in Saturday's practice game the situation can still be sized up in one brief statement—it was wet and muddy.

Despite the terrific downpour and the slippery condition of the playing field, the Nittany Lion varsity squad tuned on a stream of touchdowns—eight in all—to sink the freshmen gridlers, 50-6. The lone freshmen tally was rung up by Harry Thompson, leaping end who fell on one of the numerous varsity fumbles over the goal line.

It didn't take the varsity long to make their first score. After the yearlings had fumbled on the 15 yard stripe, Pepper Petrella and Lloyd Ickes smashed to the 1 yard line, from which point the latter went over. Patric's try for conversion was good.

In a few minutes it was Tom Vargo, regular end, who punched across on an end-around play. Patrick came through again with an extra point. After the freshmen had tried a few plays following the third kick-off, Petrella put on the best show of the day by returning a punt 60 yards for another tally.

Ickes came up with the fourth touchdown on a nice piece of running soon after—a 35 yard off-tackle jaunt to bring the score up to 26-0.

Following each of the next three freshmen punts the varsity eleven drove down the field to tally thrice more, with Bill Smalts and Hank Day on the scoring end, Smaltz hitting pay dirt twice.

Thompson Scores It was with the score at 44-0 that Thompson covered a varsity fumble in the end zone for the McAndrews-coached boys' only counter. The scoring festivities ended a little later when Larry Elgenrouph tossed a strike to Paul Klins in the end zone for the Higginsmen's last touchdown.

With conditions as bad as they were and the number of substitutions that were made, it is difficult to point out any particular men who were outstanding. Day and Petrella did fine work in the varsity backfield, while Len Frieckel and Captain Spike Allen were doing their bit in the line.

Freshmen who looked like possible material next year were the two ends, Thompson and Bob Davis, Joe Marcus at guard and Bob Perugini at tackle. Bill Baller's punting was outstanding when the elements are considered, while Chet Adessa (a brother of Joe) and Ralph Venturco were other yearling backs who stood out.

### Sophomores Pace Lions To Triumph

#### Soccermen Tally 46th Win Without Defeat

Sophomores led the way as Penn State's miraculous soccer team launched its 1939 season in a driving rainstorm and muddy field on Saturday.

When it was over, the Lions had turned back Gettysburg, 4-1, to make a successful start on a seventh consecutive undefeated season. It was the 46th straight contest without defeat played by Coach Bill Jeffrey's boys since 1932.

The rain and mud failed to hamper the clever footwork of the Lion eleven. Short, perfect passes, combined with power boots which meant scores, gave State the upper-hand throughout.

Although sophomores—five of them—held the key positions on the Eastern Championship eleven—there was no noticeable lack of efficiency on the Lion teamwork. The result of the contest was never in doubt.

All four Penn State goals were contributed by sophomores playing in their first varsity game. Don Megrail, younger brother of last year's scoring leader, accounted for two, Garry Green, a State College High product, came through with one and the fourth was supplied by Ned Corman, another younger brother of a former star, who hails from Zion by way of Hubersburg High.

The lineups Penn State Gettysburg  
G...Leshkars...Zimmerman  
R F...Lange...Menaker  
L F...Schuler...Miller  
R.H...A Jones...Cov  
CH...Megrail...Muhlenberg  
LH...Green...Zell  
OR...Hartman...Spangler  
I R...King...Coleman  
CF...Ernst...Henrickson  
I L...Corman...F. Muzell  
O L...Durain...H. Muzell

Score by Quarters  
Penn State...1 1 1 1—4  
Gettysburg...0 0 1 0—1  
Goals—Megrail 2, Green, Corman, F. Muzell

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