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## BETWEEN THE LIONS

Bob Wilson

Dear Mr Higgins:

I have just summoned the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Good Athletes to an emergency meeting here tomorrow.

I took the liberty of wiring them because I feel, like all of the undergraduates here at school and the alumni abroad, that drastic steps should be taken at once to aid your bewildered football lions—especially in the face of what happened to them at Cornell last Saturday.

As if I need to remind you, Saturday's defeat was the worst any Penn State football team has suffered in the past ten years. And yet, this was supposed to have been the best Lion outfit to stalk the Nittany Valley for a good many seasons.

Now don't get me wrong, Mr. Higgins, your team isn't bad. It's the way they're taught to play!

Your system might have been great back in the days when Penn State teams used to pack 'em in. I say "might have been great" simply because I can't find figures that prove you ever did coach a really great team.

In fact, a quick glance at your record shows exactly the opposite. In nine seasons (not counting the current one) as head Lion mentor your teams have won only 28 games against 40 defeats. Four games were deadlocks. The books also show that while your team managed to defeat Lebanon Valley and Lehigh rather consistently and maybe pull one upset a season, they were drubbed often and easily by teams from inferior schools. Pitiful, isn't it?

There must be some reason, then, for Penn State's perennially poor showing on the gridiron. I for one (and I am not alone) believe that the answer lies in State's inbred coaching system.

Eminent physicians claim that inbreeding weakens families. Eminent sportswriters claim that inbreeding also weakens football systems. And yours, Mr. Higgins, is certainly an inbred system. Penn State coaching staffs for years have been composed of Penn State men only—men who know no other system than the Penn State system.

Oh, I won't say your system is the worst in the country. But I can think what I damn please, and boy, am I thinking!!!

Well, as I was saying, I am meeting with the boys from the Cruelty Prevention Society tomorrow.

What shall I tell them?

Should I say that Bob Higgins has 45 good athletes, the majority of whom would be stars at any other college?

Should I point out that at Penn State they are not stars; that their talents are being abused?

Should I tell them that Bob Higgins is making sows' tails out of silk purses?

What would you tell them, Mr Higgins?

## '43 'All-College Party' Enters Political Scene

By WILLIAM E. FOWLER

Political history was made last week when the '43 All-College Party—a new name on Penn State's political horizon—was officially christened by a group of some 60 freshman politicians.

With the choice of Gloria M. Knepper as temporary secretary the new clique became the first to number a woman among its officers.

Not to be outdone, the '43 Independent group set a precedent by selecting George A. Palmer, a fraternity man, as permanent chairman.

Other Officers Elected  
Robert C. Bacon was chosen temporary chairman of the All-College Party, with William J. Murphy as temporary treasurer and George Cotten as elected permanent secretary by the Independents.

Plans for an all-freshman dance sponsored by the party, were discussed by the All-College group. The dance has been tentatively slated for the Army in the near future, with recorded music.

A committee to consider suggestions on clique organization and campaign techniques, with Jack W. Hanley, Howard A. Casselbury, and William P. Christman as members, was appointed by Bacon.

About 20 women were reported present at the meeting of the All-College Party, while the Independents listed seven.

The freshman Independent clique will meet in Home Economics Building next Thursday night. No meeting has been slated by the other '43 group until after the contemplated dance.

Anderson Recuprates  
Dr. A. K. Anderson, professor of physiological chemistry, has spent several weeks at the Mayo Clinic and is recuperating in Minnetonka, Minn.

Shigley Attends Meeting  
Dr. James Shigley, professor of veterinary science, will represent Penn State at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Medical Association at Harrisburg today and tomorrow. He is secretary of the association.

## Lion Eleven Crushed By Bears, 47-0

Cornell Capitalizes On Early Fumbles; Gajewski Outstanding

By DICK PETERS

A bewildered Nittany Lion football eleven, caught with their mouths wide open, swallowed one of the bitterest pills ever taken by a Penn State team Saturday afternoon, as Cornell's Big Red forces administered the unfortunate medicine in the form of a 47-0 dose.

Never in the running after the first two minutes of the walkaway, the Lions were completely taken unawares by two early first period fumbles by the Ithacans, both of freakish nature, and when the final gun sounded to end the slaughter, the Blue and White goal line had been cut to ribbons by the cleated feet of Big Red backs, who rolled on and on.

Hardly had the 7,500-odd spectators settled down in their seats at Schoellkopf Field, when the Bears began to take the Lion apart from tail to front insofar as an exchange of punts, with the ball in Penn State's possession on their own 25-yard line. Steve Rollins started out around right end and hit hard at the scrimmage line by a host of Big Red tacklers, the State tailback fumbled and the pill was promptly gathered in by Hal McCullough, a Lion tamer if there ever was one, who just as promptly scampered the 25 yards over the State goal line. Nick Drahos booted the conversion.

Touchdown Fumble Repeated.  
On the second play following the next Cornell kick-off, a duplication of the first score occurred. With the ball on the State 41, Rollins again started around end, this time the left side, and as he was tackled the ball sailed into the arms of Kenny Brown, Ithacan fullback, who dashed over for the second tally. Drahos missed the try for conversion.

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## 5 More Rooms Opened By GSA

Classroom Facilities Now Better, Watkins Asserts Of Shift In E. E. Building

Acting at the request of the College, the General State Authority yesterday permitted the opening of five more classrooms in the new Electrical Engineering Building.

The new rooms, 3, 111, 219, 220, and 221, will accommodate classes formerly scheduled in the Sandwich Shop, Water Tower, and rooms adjoining the slaughterhouse.

Four other Electrical Engineering rooms have been open to classes for several weeks. English composition, physical education, education, and other courses will be held in the five new units, which have a seating capacity of 218.

Temporary interruptions of classes in Electrical Engineering will be made necessary later in the semester by drilling of floors for seat pedestals, according to Scheduling Officer Watkins. The classrooms are at present equipped with straight chairs and lap boards.

The College is now "much better off" with regard to classroom facilities than earlier in this semester as a result of GSA cooperation in opening the new rooms, Mr. Watkins stated. He added, however, that classroom problems were by no means completely solved.

NYA Students To Affirm Citizenship In Old Main

All NYA students who did not appear before the notary public yesterday to affirm United States citizenship, should do so either today or tomorrow, Stanley B. Maddox, director of NYA, urged today.

The notary public will be in the first floor lounge of Old Main today and tomorrow from 9 a. m. to noon and 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. Matriculation cards are necessary for identification.

## Artists' Course Signs Cleveland Symphony

With the engagement of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra now definitely set for March 29, the Artists' Course Committee, enlarged last Spring by President Ralph D. Hetzel, will soon announce the selection of the remaining members in this year's series, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

In selecting the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, the committee followed the preferences turned in by last year's subscribers to the course. The National Symphony Orchestra has appeared here the last four years.

Dr. Marquardt stated that "we are not only obtaining the services of a fine orchestral group but are responding, as we always attempted to do, to the expressed preferences of subscribers. There appeared to members of the committee to be unmistakable evidence of a growing preference for a new orchestral group and the Cleveland Symphony has not appeared on our series for six years."

The committee includes four students, as well as several residents of State College and faculty members. The group includes David E. Pergrin '40, senior class president, Jane A. Romig '40, president, A. William Engel, Jr. '40, editor of Collegian, Frank C. Anderson '40, president of Interfraternity Council; Miss Jessie Cameron, modern dance instructor; William F. Dantzscher, director of public information, Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, Richard W. Grant, professor of music, Burton K. Johnson, professor of architecture; Edward Steidle, dean of the School of Mineral Industries, William K. Ulerich, managing editor of the Centre Daily Times, and William L. Werner, professor of English literature.

Glee-Thespians' Swing Pinaflore Script Adapted

To those of you who have seen conventional presentations of Gilbert and Sullivan's immortal operatic saga of the English Navy, "H. M. S. Pinaflore," the ultra modern Glee-Thespians Fall Houseparty production of the opera in swing tempo will put a refreshing new zest into the oft told drama for you. To those of you who have never seen the saga in its 19th century dress, it will be a sparkling new musical comedy, as modern as tomorrow.

Under the able pens of Morry Feldbaum '40 and Mike Brozman '40, even the familiar plot loses its hoarseness. These two veteran adapters have been working on the script since early last summer, making the dialogue as streamlined as the battleship which will be the setting, and the wisecracks as racy as the modern costumes.

The action of the swing opera hinges around the fortunes and misfortunes which befall "the lass that loves a sailor."

Until recently when the uncertainty about new dormitories began to arise," he said, "there was never any trouble with the housing. Now people are afraid to spend money on improvements because they don't know whether the College will build dormitories."

If the College will state definitely that there are going to be no new dormitories, the ex-burgess said, then householders will be ready to make improvements and

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Ag. School Organized First Council In 1937

Editor's Note—This is the first in a series of articles concerning the organization and functioning of the respective School Councils, written in an effort to acquaint members of each School with their Councils.

First of the school councils to be organized, the Agricultural Student Council adopted a constitution on December 9, 1937.

By the terms of this document "any organization whose object is the promotion of any phase of agriculture or home economics is eligible to membership in the Council."

Today a total of 21 departmental clubs, including one honorary club, including one honorary fraternity, Alpha Tau Alpha, are represented on the Council. Each of these is entitled to two representatives, one of whom must be an officer of the group he represents.

Has Ready Check On Opinion  
Through the club setup, the Council which meets once a month can quickly ascertain undergraduate opinion. At the request of Acting Dean S. W. Fletcher, it recently conducted a survey which revealed that students want a dean's list published for the School of Agriculture.

Among the matters handled through the organization last year were the continuance of judging team fees and the opening of Ag Library Sunday afternoons.

Two all-College dances, Harvest Ball and Ag Frolic, are sponsored by the Council. In addition an Ag-Home Ec mixer is conducted and

## Forensic Council Contests Debate Fee Split; Suggests Faculty-Student Committee

### An Open Letter From The Forensic Council

In its issue of October 20, the Penn State Collegian devoted considerable space to the present debate fee controversy. Included were a genuine impartial account of the student cabinet meeting, the results of a somewhat haphazard student poll, and a two-column front page editorial espousing the cause of the glee club as opposed to debate. If the Collegian wishes to promote the glee club at the expense of debate, that is the right of a free press. It is also the Forensic Council's right to present the case for debate, and that privilege is herewith exercised.

To begin with, the Forensic Council lays down the fundamental proposition that it is proud of the Penn State Glee Club. If the glee club's organization is insufficient for its needs, certainly adequate funds should be provided from other sources. The Council will cooperate in securing such funds. The Council objects to destroying debate by a 50 per cent cut as a solution. Nor does the Council believe that a knock-down, drag-out fight between debaters and glee clubbers in student cabinet sessions offers the best way out.

Rather, we suggest calm, deliberate action by a joint faculty-student committee, as proposed by formal petition to the Student Cabinet on October 20. We propose the following names for that committee: Mr. Adrian O. Morse, Assistant to the President in charge of Resident Instruction, Professors John H. Frizzell, Richard W. Grant, and Theodore J. Gates, and Messrs. Harvey Levin, Sam Gallu, A. William Engel, and H. Clifton McWilliams.

While the Collegian has been fair in not attacking debate as such, some account of what this activity does for Penn State seems in order. The Council submits that debate furnishes direct participation to 150 students annually, draws campus audiences of between 5,000 and 6,000 each year, and carries the name of Penn State to at least 10,000 more persons in extension and trip audiences. Other countless thousands listen in to our annual broadcasts over such stations as WOR, WYNG, and WHP.

In addition, the name of this College has been carried to at least 100,000 additional persons by the unparalleled publication of Penn State debates, seven having appeared in the outstanding debate publication in America, "Debater's Digest," between 1928 and 1935. The complete details of this unusual record are submitted herewith.

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## 'Keep America Out Of War' Drive Brought To Campus

A student campaign to "Keep America Out of War" will begin here tomorrow with a peace meeting in Room 405 Old Main at 8:15 p. m. Part of a national campaign which had its beginnings on the Princeton University campus, the drive is not intended to advocate any method of neutrality but to show Congress that students are united in their desire to stay out of war.

Presiding over the meeting will be H. Clifton McWilliams '40 who has been made temporary chairman of the steering committee which will conduct the drive.

Speeches will be made by J. P. Selsam of the history department, McWilliams, and David E. Pergrin '40.

A plan of action to be formulated at the organization meeting tomorrow is likely to include the circulation of a student petition, to be presented to Congressman James Van Zandt, McWilliams indicated yesterday.

Groups backing the peace drive have also indicated they would like to bring speakers here for peace mass meetings during the year, and launch a button campaign to raise funds to conduct the program. An Armistice Day meeting is likely to be the first objective of the group.

## Dinner Opens CA Fund Drive

Solicitors To Contact All Faculty Members, Alumni, And Students This Year

With the beginning of its 65th year of activity on the campus, the PSCA began its annual fund drive among the students and faculty today.

Following up on the Kick Off Dinner for division leaders and solicitors, held last night in the Nittany Lion Inn, a group of active members are now on the job in individuals contributing \$2.50 or more will receive a one-year membership card.

Funds received from students will be devoted exclusively to the services and program features of the Association while salaries and general overhead expenses are provided for by the College, faculty, alumni and friends. In this way the students' contributions are returned dollar for dollar in work benefitting them.

Campaign Is General  
Every student and faculty member will be solicited to support the PSCA this year. Students unable to contribute immediately may sign pledge cards which will enable them to give active support but make payment with their next semester fees.

The purpose of the PSCA as stated in its program is "to aid persons to the fullest possible self realization and for furthering the social and religious interests of campus life through fellowship and activities centered around the discovery and achievement of Christian values."

Borough Council Wants Stolen Street Markers

"No questions asked," was the bargain made by Borough Council last Tuesday evening as they appealed to the students to return the street signs which were allegedly stolen by fraternity members during the last pajama parade.

The Council issued a final warning that they plan to conduct a search until the street signs are found, and will inflict penalties upon the guilty persons.

## Special Cabinet Meeting Tonight To Decide Action

'Drastic Cuts' Listed; Debaters Deny Alleged Squandering of Funds

Proposing "calm, deliberate action by a joint faculty-student committee," the Forensic Council took a determined stand against the possible split of the present 50-cent debate fee in an open letter to the student body yesterday.

The Council has petitioned the All-College Cabinet to refer the current controversy over the debate fee for investigation and recommendation to a committee composed of the following:

Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the President in charge of resident instruction, Prof. John H. Frizzell, head of the division of speech, Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the department of music; Prof. Theodore J. Gates, head of the department of English Composition; Harvey Levin '40, president of Forensic Council, Samuel Gallu '40, president of the Glee Club, A. William Engel, Jr. '40, editor of Collegian, and H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr. '40, All-College President.

Cabinet Meets Tonight  
Whether such action will be referred to this committee will probably be decided at a special meeting of the Cabinet tonight.

In the open letter published in the adjacent column, Forensic Council once again stressed the outstanding points in justifying debate and opposing the slash in fee.

Five items were listed as "drastic cuts" brought about by last year's cut in the budget in an attempt to show that the debate team does not only need its present income, but could use more.

Numerous matters of finance were touched upon in the letter as the debaters denied any squandering of funds on trips. Whether the authorizations mentioned are justifiable or not has been left to the student body to decide.

Again no effort was made to oppose the Glee Club as the Forensic Council pronounced that "it is proud of the Penn State Glee Club" and advocated the securing of sufficient funds for the musical organization.

Forestry Society Has Outing; Prizes Awarded In Contests

About 80 forestry students and faculty members attended an outing sponsored by the Forestry Society at Stony Valley on Saturday.

Rail-splitting, chopping, sawing, log-rolling, water boiling, and smoke chasing contests were held in the afternoon. After dinner a campfire was held, members of the group providing entertainment.

William McDermott '40 led group singing.

Both the chopping and rail-splitting contests were won by William F. Johnston '42. He received a hand axe and a watch chain as prizes. William H. Guertant '40 and Werner Lange also were awarded axes as winners of the log-rolling contest.

Edward P. Farrand '40 reared 400 yards, then filled a can with water from a small hand pump in four minutes and 25 seconds to win the smoke chasing event. He was given a sheath knife.

Arthur L. Bennett '40 and Robert R. Blumenstein '40 received hand axes for winning the sawing contest. Bonnett was also the winner in the water boiling event.

Bohm '39 At C. I. T.

David J. Bohm '39, who was awarded a John W. White Fellowship last term, is now doing full-time graduate work in physics at the California Institute of Technology.