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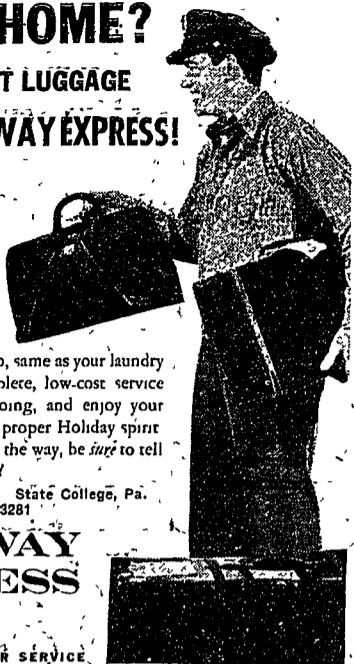
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BETWEEN THE LIONS

Bob Wilson

November 20, 1939

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Four short weeks ago you threw an editorial bombshell right into the middle of the Penn State football situation. Many of your readers thought you were justified in writing such an outspoken piece; just as many were convinced you had gone off "half-cocked." It was six of one, half a dozen of the other.

I didn't subscribe to either belief, Mr. Wilson, for I was, and still am, on the fence—a rather convenient perch from which to crow, don't you think? Anyhow, I am of the fifty-fifty opinion that while your article may have been rather clamoratory in spots, it must have done some good.

At least Penn State hasn't been defeated since it appeared. Which certainly bears out that ancient adage "Tread upon the worm and it will turn." For if ever a worm turned, the Nittany Lion team did. Proof? A stunning upset victory over Penn and an impressively begot deadlock with Army.

But a far more important worm (that sounds nasty, but it's really well-meant) than the team itself began to turn this week, Mr. Wilson. And it's primarily about that worm that I am writing you. The annelid (more polite than worm) I refer to is the "student body"—an indispensable factor in the success of any college athletic team.

Mr. Wilson, you should have seen the impassioned mob of students and townspeople that greeted the team off its return from West Point Sunday morning. Pomp and pageantry, color and courage—more than you can imagine! Downright "school spirit"—that's what it was!

Let me tell you what happened. About 8:30 Sunday morning the gang met at the Corner Room. After a few songs and cheers they, in procession, headed by former cheerleaders Buckley Taylor and Dumpy Rhodes, moved to the corner of Fairmont and Atherton where the team was met.

Ropes were hooked on both sides of the bus by the local fire department. Man-power and woman power took over. With Coach Bob Higgins in a car between the double columns, the gang tugged that bus clear back to the Corner, where more songs, cheers and short speeches followed.

It's an old Penn State tradition, Mr. Wilson, a tradition that was renewed Sunday for the first time since 1920 when Penn State's "wonder team" of that year returned from Dartmouth, victims of a shocking upset. But win, lose or draw in those days, the student body kept pulling for the team.

You probably didn't know it, Mr. Wilson, but last Sunday's flash of that intangible thing called "school spirit" was not the brain child of the student body. It was conceived wholly by local businessmen—and townspeople.

I think you'll agree then, Mr. Wilson, that if the local businessmen and townspeople are as solidly behind the team as this recent incident proves them to be, the Penn State student body should be expressly more so.

And if I were in your position, Mr. Wilson, I'd certainly tell 'em just that.

Saturday Penn State's football Lions close their season against the University of Pittsburgh's Golden Panthers. It's going to take more than just Penn State football brawn and brain to beat Pitt. You know that as well as I do, Mr. Wilson.

So when you sit down to write your next column, Mr. Wilson, do me just one favor. Beg the student body, individually and collectively, to get out there and show not only the townspeople but the TEAM that it still has some of its old fury.

Very sincerely yours
BOB WILSON

Smith, Ickes, Bigott Lead State Scorers

Petrella Trails In Grid Scoring By One Point

A rugged veteran fullback, a wiry Venezuelan hooper, and an undersized "man-machine" harrier—these three have led the Lion scoring in their respective sports this fall.

Lloyd Ickes, high-scorer last season, boosted his total to 31 points with a 54-yard jaunt against Army Saturday. Close behind in the race for football honors is Pepper Petrella, fiery halfback, with 30 points.

All-American Gus Bigott, tallying in almost every contest, led the soccer men with a 1939 scoring mark of 16 goals.

Sensational "Wild Bill" Smith paced the Nittany cross-country squad by annexing first place in three out of four dual meets this year.

The scoring totals:

Football	TD	EP	PG	Pts.
Ickes	5	1	0	31
Petrella	5	0	0	30
White	2	0	0	12
Rollins	1	0	0	6
Kins	1	0	0	6
Kjara	1	0	0	6
Polinec	0	6	0	6
Patrick	0	1	1	4
Stuartz	0	2	0	2
Eigenrauch	0	1	0	1
Totals	15	11	1	104

Soccer	Pts.	No Meets
Bigott	16	18
King	6	6
Ernst	5	3
Schuler	3	3
Hosterman	3	3
Megrall	2	2
Green	1	1
Corman	1	1
Hartman	1	1
Total	38	38

Cub Booters Defeat Mont Alto Team, 3-1

The Nittany soccer Cubs defeated a hard fighting Mont Alto team 3-1 Saturday afternoon, completing an undefeated season.

State's yearlings forged ahead, 2-0 in the first period when Stan Prawdick blazed a swift boot past the Foresters' goalie, and scored again when Oliver Jones pushed a sharp angled kick into the net.

Mont Alto slipped the ball past Bob Donaldson, State goalie, for its first tally, but Oliver Jones repeated again in the last quarter to score the final marker.

Football

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yards over the goaline Art Frontczak booted the conversion. Time marched on until the third period before the Lions produced their second tally, with the elapsed minutes full of interceptions, fumbles and otherwise inefficient football. Eight minutes into the third quarter, the Lions had the ball on their own 44. Ickes going off the short side tackle on a fake reverse, outlan the completely-fool-ed Army eleven and tip-toed his way down the sideline 56 yards for touchdown. Pollock converted.

State Takes Charge
From then on it was State, State, State all the way until the Cadets took to the air. All afternoon the Lions had bottled up the Army aerials, but just one is all it took. That one came with three minutes left in the game. From the State 44, Jack Hatch, leading Army thorn in the Lion's side all afternoon, tossed to Harry Heffner on the Lion three, where Ickes dia-gged the Cadet back down in his tracks. Frank Waddell, sub-quarterback, drove over on the second play following and Ivan Sattlem, Army kicking specialist, tied the score with a nice boot.

Army State	Yards
First downs	10 6
Yards gained rushing	162 173
Forward passes	17 10
Forwards completed	10 7
Yards gained forward	115 7
Forwards intercepted by	4 6
Number of punts	7 8
Avg dist punts, yds	36 39
Runback of punts, yds	40 28
Fumbles	4 2
Own fumbles recovered	4 2
Penalties	4 3
Yards lost penalties	45 50

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