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PENN STATE'S Football Plight Well, Mom, It's This Way

Editorial

Dear Mom,
I guess you heard the good news—Penn State 10, Pitt 0. It's really true, too.
The smoke from the many "victory" bonfires is still hiding us in a hazy Nittany valley which vibrates with the echoes of celebrating "We Beat Pitt!" cheers.
It took 20 years, but, oh my, how that triumph did climax the most successful Lion football season in many years.
Funny thing about this season, it's obvious that we of the Collegian had the wrong slant, because, if you remember, Mom, we tossed a two-fisted editorial attack into the Penn State football ring following the disastrous Cornell defeat which has fallen into the whirlpool of revelry following the successful year.
Many are of the opinion that the football situation was unjustly attacked in a much too bombastic, outspoken, and "half-cocked" manner. Adverse comment and ill feeling are the only tangible things created, some claim.
Naturally, Mom, we are in no position to argue that point, and it was debatable in my mind whether the pressure was more on us or on the coach. Later developments seem to bluntly indicate that the Collegian has been definitely "on the spot," because of our Sports Editor's premature judgment. As Dad would say, "The elections had been called before the returns were in."

You will agree with me, Mom, if you won't Dad probably will, that whether the tactics used in the opening blast were ethical; whether the time to strike was psychologically set, or whether the immediate outcome would be good or bad—all are matters of fervent debate.
We are all human beings—yes, even in the newspaper business. The content of Between the Lions was not released as a spur-of-the-moment personal affront. What was said was directed at a machine—a machine which merely did not fail to produce in a single attempt, but had sputtered periodically over a span of nine years.

Just as everybody is on the proverbial "bandwagon" now, so was everybody criticizing the machine at the time of the article. As I told you, Mom, there was a barrage of unkind and unkindly comments concerning the entire setup following the terrific lacing we took at Ithaca.
No one could quite realize how a team of such obvious strong potential power could take such a trouncing when it had been running smoothly. And there was plenty of factual material then which indicated that all was not right in the football setup.
Now the best Penn State season in years has been completed. If you want to check the record with Dad, it will show State has five victories, two ties, and one defeat—and that we didn't lose a game following the initial Collegian bombshell.
Whether the Collegian was instrumental in inspiring the coaching staff, the team, yea, the whole college to such a "We'll show 'em" fever, I surely don't know. You and Dad may like to think so. Yet, it may be purely coincidence.
In either event, I think we have proved the time-worn theory that there isn't any criticism, adverse or otherwise, which doesn't do some good.
The "Hig" (that's Coach Bob Higgins' nickname, Mom) really got mad. He hadn't been angry for quite a few years, so I've been told. And the "Hig"—loyal Penn Stater that he is recognized to be—gritted his teeth, which in turn gritted the teeth of his staff and of his team like so many gear-wheeled machines, to produce a polished product.

Your loving son,
Bill

Free 'Movies' Set Tomorrow

German Silent Film Will Be Shown In Auditorium

In the first of its free "movies" tomorrow night, Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary fine arts fraternity, will bring back "The Last Laugh," a German silent picture of 1924 that at the time of its creation constituted a revolution in the film industry.
As a part of its program to present the motion picture as a new medium of art expression through a brief examination of its history, Pi Gamma Alpha will show the film in Schwab Auditorium at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow admission free. Two more films will be shown during the year, the next probably in January.
Shows Post-War Cynicism
The film which will show tomorrow belonged to the period of exhaustion and cynicism which followed the post-war upheaval in Germany. Like others of its period it consisted of intimate and sympathetic studies of low life, all utilizing a minimum of characters and displaying a marked respect for the dramatic unit.

Scholarship Graft Charged

Group Seeks To Remove Awards From Senators

A campaign to stop the practice of allowing State Senators to award scholarships to Penn State and three other state aided schools has been launched by the Allegheny Scholarship Association which charges the scholarships are traded for votes.
Each senator at present has 12 four-year scholarships to award, three each to Penn State, Temple University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Pennsylvania.
The Association will seek a substitute for the system which the Attorney General's office has described as a "time-honored custom." Under the substitute system the state would appropriate money to a fund which would be available to all schools in the state for scholarships awarded on a basis of merit and need.

No ROTC Today

ROTC classes will not meet today, according to Colonel Ambrose R. Emery, head of the department of military science and tactics, because of the cancellation of part of the ROTC classes yesterday.

COLLEGE CELEBRATES VICTORY OVER PITT

Yesterday's Holiday Reward For Revival Of Old School Spirit

Orderly Week-end And Victory Parade Highlight Finish Of Successful Season; Bonfire Rally Attracts 6,000 Rooters

Hungry Penn State football fans, grown lean on a usual Fall victory diet, showed surprisingly good manners as they spent a specially extended week-end chawing on a Pitt victory delicacy they had sought, but lost for 20 years.
An unprecedented football holiday yesterday found only one match in the athletic holiday granted on March 24, 1924, after both the wrestling and boxing teams had won the Eastern Intercollegiate titles.
Last Thursday night some 6,000 students and townspeople gathered in a bonfire pep rally dedicated to Pitt victory, but when the heat was finally realized—there were 20,000 people on hand to celebrate.
Thousands poured out on New Beaver Field after the referee's whistle had made the 10-0 Pitt victory a matter of history and joined in the celebrating at the Pitt band, good sports to the last, matched the Blue Band in playing Penn State songs.

Frosh Parties Set To Name All Candidates

Independents Nominate Tonight; All-College Slate Will Appear Tomorrow

By WILLIAM E. FOWLER

Whom will the '43 parties run for office? This is the burning political question which will be answered tonight and tomorrow night by Independent and All-College organizations, respectively.
The freshman Independent Party will meet in 14 Homp Economics at 7:30 p. m. today to name its slate and approve a platform. Beyond the probability that the presidential nominee will be a non-fraternity man, little is known of possible independent candidates.
Freshman All-College politicians will announce their ticket after a meeting in 418 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow. While actual nominations were made last night, announcement of candidates has been delayed until after the independent declaration.
According to Chairman Bob Bacon, the All-College group will run a fraternity man for president, a non-fraternity man for vice president, and women for class secretary and historian.
All candidates must present petitions with 60 names to the freshman elections committee by Friday to gain a place on the ballot.
The Independent platform to be released tonight will be similar to those of the past in its basic points, George Palmer, independent chief, has indicated. The All-College platform will probably appear later this week.
With elections two weeks from today, both groups have made intensive preparations for campaign night after the deadline next Tuesday night.

Court Of Honor For Harvest Ball Queen Is Chosen

With All college voting for Harvest Ball Queen already underway, Josephine E. Condrin '41, in charge of the coronation, has announced her aides who will form the court of honor in rural splendor.

Hazel H. Stubbs '42 and Marjorie D. Cousley '42 will serve as the heralds. The coeds who will assist in the coronation are Marjorie M. Eberts '42, Ethel Taylor '42, and Gloria M. Knepper '43. The coronation ceremonies will take place during the intermission Friday night at Soph Hop. The two candidates for queen, Ruth E. Kennedy '40 and Helen B. Cramer '41, were introduced by maestro Hal Kemp. A photograph of the coeds and Kemp is displayed in the window of the Penn State Photo Shop.
Voting for the queen will end Friday at noon, the committee announced.

Open Letter To Prexy

Dear Prexy,
The student body wishes to thank you for granting the holiday yesterday. There is no doubt that the gratitude of the student body will outweigh and outlast any criticism which you may receive for your action.
The gesture is indicative of your attitude and the attitude of the entire administration toward the student body. Despite the desire of the majority of students, we realized that you had every reason to refuse us a holiday.
We know that such a policy disrupts a fine educational program—one which you have successfully established and are endeavoring to maintain.
We know that the connection between this educational program and the outcome of any football game should not exist.
We know that our victory over Pitt should be taken in stride, and not even suggest to Pitt that we think beating them is any more important than beating any other team.
All this we realize. Yet, because you are so close to the students, our request for a holiday was granted.
To the student body this means that you granted the football holiday because you are a real and sincere person and can see through the eyes of a student as well as an administrator.
In addition, you have given the student leaders your cooperation in every way possible which has been instrumental in knitting closer relationships between the entire administration and the students.
Many other things have been given us this year. That is why it really hurt to request another concession on your part. Thus it is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we give our most sincere thanks and appreciation.
Sincerely yours,
H. CLIFTON McWILLIAMS
All-College President

Roth Blasts Attack On Housing Program

'Says Post Script' Editor Disregarded Facts, Wrote From Biased Viewpoint

See editorial "A Letter to Mr. Rupert," on Page 2

A scathing rebuttal of the editorial blast against the Student Housing Board which Emerson H. Rupert '40 fired in the new Penn State Club "Post Script" was issued yesterday by Emanuel Roth '40, temporary Housing Board chairman.
Roth charged that he had given Rupert full facts about the housing investigation in a recent telephone conversation, only to have them disregarded in the editorial. Rupert wrote subsequently in which he called the housing investigation "much ado about nothing" and charged its leaders with "making a mountain out of a mole hill."
"Mr. Rupert, in his over-anxiety to present one side of the situation, chose to disregard these facts (which were presented to him)," Roth said.
"From his narrow viewpoint, the solution is very simple. If we pass up and refuse to rent until (Continued on Page Four)

DREW FIRST BLOOD



BILL SMALTZ—Penn State Back

Rupert's View Is Disavowed

Balog '40, P. S. Club Head, Hits Attack On Housing

The editorial written by Emerson H. Rupert '40 in the first issue of the new Penn State Club "Post Script" does not represent the opinion of the Penn State Club, Michael A. Balog '40, club president, said yesterday.
In the editorial Rupert attacked the housing improvement campaign begun last year and stated that the drive was "much about nothing."
"Rupert was wholly unwarranted in his attack on the Collegian housing campaign," Balog said. "The wishes of the club seem clear in view of the fact that the club itself, which represents 350 non-fraternity men, is a member of the Student Housing Board."
The 1939 edition of the "50 books" exhibition which includes the best examples of American literature of 1937-38 will be shown in the College Library starting today and will continue until December 11.
The 50 books were chosen from almost 800 volumes by the American Institute of Graphic Arts because of artistic appearance and intriguing subject matter.
J. Burn Helms, professor of architecture, will give an illustrated lecture concerning the artistic excellence of these books at 7:30 p. m. next Wednesday in Room 107, Main Engineering.

Smaltz Tallies First

To big Bill Smaltz, sophomore fullback, starting his first game in place of senior Lloyd Ickes, goes the honor of putting the Lions out in front. Leon Cajuack, the outstanding player on the field all day set up the first score when he recovered "Dashing Dick" Cassiano's fumble on the Pitt 22-yard line. Chuck Peters went off right tackle for three yards before Craig White turned left end on a reverse to go 18 yards to the one-yard stripe. Smaltz dove over on the next play.
Overlooked by many fans and sportswriters was the quality of the extra point conversion by Ben Pollock. A reserve tackle, Pollock was called in to make his 22nd attempt at conversion having missed only three times in two seasons. The pass from center was low, Ickes had trouble getting it in position, but Pollock toed the pigskin through the uprights with the coolness of a penguin.
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Roaring Lions Revenge 20 Years Of Defeat With 10-0 Whitewash

Crowd Of 20,000 Urges Spirited Nittany Gridders To Season's Biggest Upset; Favored Panthers Completely Outplayed

"The Great Pitt Mystery" or "Why The Lion Always Gets His Tail Twisted," an unsolved problem for 20 years, was unravelled very decisively Saturday afternoon by a pack of bloodthirsty Nittany Lions, who clawed and tore a once-proud Pitt Panther to little bits. Twenty thousand throats marked up a new high in tropical excitement over the Lions' 10-0 triumph.
In the greatest football show ever to be staged in the Nittany Mountains one which would have made the Mighty Bannan smile Coach Bob Higgins' spirited gridders surprised the Panthers with a touchdown late in the first period plus an extra point, continued to outplay the favored Glided Cats in every department for the next two periods and in the third period had the nerve to add a field goal to their scoring total.
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Cabinet Meets Today To Solve New Problems

Will Take Action On Soph Hop, IMA Hat Society, ROTC Addition At Meeting Tonight

After sponsoring the biggest bonfire pep rally in Penn State history, the All-College Cabinet will renew activity at its meeting in the Alumni Association office at 8 p. m. tonight.
Several important subjects will be discussed and acted upon by the Cabinet at its meeting tonight—Soph Hop, compensation, proposed IMA but society constitution, and the additional ROTC unit.
President H. Clifton McWilliams will also appoint a student library committee which will function in the selection of new books and in aiding the authorities in setting up library regulations.
McWilliams also stated that there is a possibility that additional members will be added to the Lion shrine committee in an effort to divide the increased work in view of the present importance of the proposed project.
The Cabinet must act on the matter of compensation for the Soph Hop chairman, since the committee had agreed to forfeit any compensation should the dance have been a financial failure.
At its last meeting the Cabinet decided to table the proposed IMA set society question until the group could present a constitution. If the document is presented the Cabinet will probably take definite action tonight.
The Cabinet will also discuss further the advisability of a new ROTC unit here because of the existing crowded conditions.

Higgins Starred On Team That Beat Pitt Last

It's been a long time since Penn State's football Lions have been the master of the Pitt Panthers. As a matter of record, the last time State won was in 1919.
That may seem like a whole lot of nothing, but when you delve further into the record books and discover that one Bob Higgins was the star of that victory it takes on a different aspect. It may be remembered that "The Hig" also played a big part in that 1919 win over Penn and then 29 years later took a Penn State aggregation to Franklin Field and walked off the field with a 10-0 win, the same score as the tilt 20 years before.
As captain of the 1919 Lion outfit, Higgins tallied on a forward pass to aid in the scoring of a 20-0 victory over Pitt, the last for the Blue and White. The ball was on States five and everyone had expected fullback Hess to punt, as he was standing about five yards behind his own goal line, but Quarterback Robb called for a pass to Higgins and that is exactly what happened. Bob snatched the toss on the 25 and, with timely blocking by lineman Cabbage, evaded the safety man to share in State's 20-0 triumph.
Those who believe in history repeating, bolstered by the recurrence of the identical Penn game score were ready for a repeat win 20 years later.

Moral Re-Armament Plans Nation-Wide Rally December 1-3

With a nation-wide rally planned for the week-end, the campus group working with the national Moral Re-Armament movement is preparing an extensive drive to bolster interest and active participation among the students. It has been declared by James R. Sausser '40.
In consideration of the fact the MRA has gained such wide acclaim and has such a vast following among college men and women, the Penn State group is anxious to acquaint the students with the values of this movement started by a former PSCA secretary, Frank Buchman.
The Moral Re-Armament movement has been particularly attractive to youth throughout the world as is evidenced by the support it has received from athletes, college students and young people in general. Last year at the World Assembly for MRA in California approximately 30,000 followers attended a convocation in the Hollywood Bowl.