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You Probably Won't Print This, Mr. Editor

Dear Editor:

You probably won't print this, but . . .

Interested Reader

Dear Interested Reader:

Your letter starts the same way as two or three others I get every week, and you're wrong.

I will print your letter if you'll do just two things:

- (1) Let me know your name, (I'll withhold it from print if you ask me to); and
- (2) Stay within the bounds of decency. Perhaps it's unnecessary to mention the last; few readers overstep.

What you think IS important. Whether it agrees with what Collegian believes doesn't matter one iota. The letters to the editor column is an open forum. It's the closest thing Penn State has to a Town Hall.

Sometimes letters can not be printed as soon as they are received. They may be held a week or more because of space restrictions. For this same reason, it may be necessary on occasion to condense a letter. The editor always reserves the right. Cutting, however, will not interfere with the sense of the letter or in any way alter the arguments presented. The only reason letters are cut is so that more letters can be published and more people heard from.

No, Interested Reader, you're wrong when you say your letter won't be published. If you have the courage to sign it, Collegian has the courage to publish it.

The Editor.

Football High Road

Penn State has hit the football high road. And it's fun to be on top.

It's fun to read in the New York Times: "Penn State, which has been going along unnoticed, showed the virulence of Eastern football by defeating Temple 18-0 in another of Saturday's surprises. This observer saw Temple defeat Michigan State, a team good enough to hold Tom Harmon and Michigan to 21-14, and it was his conviction that Ray Morrison's eleven, with Andy Tomasic, would be all that any opponent could handle from then on. Possibly he overrated Temple, but it is more likely that Penn State has been vastly neglected and underrated or struck its stride Saturday."

It's fun to hope that this may be Penn State's first unbeaten season in 20 years.

It's fun to know that, already, this season is only one victory short of being second best in Bob Higgins' 10-year coaching career, surpassed only by last year when Cornell was the only team to spill the porridge.

It's fun to hope the conspicuous empty space in Rec Hall's football Hall of Fame may get another member in the person of either Captain Leon Gajacki or Tom Vargo. It's fun to hope the full length pictures in that Hall of Fame may be evened up, three on each side.

It could be true.



A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

For one reason or another every time we are feeling particularly full of bonhomie we are obliged to write this column against time. Thus it is that no one ever sees us in the proper light, for we tend to become a trifle acid when rushed. Our perspective narrows, so to speak. This time, however, despite a deadline that looms but a fleeting minutes away, we intend to preserve our love for our fellow men. Let us proceed.

Situated as we are in the bosom of the mountains it is not strange that the adjective "provincial" should be hurled at us by the cliff-dwellers from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and other foreign places. This department has, until very recently, stoutly maintained that this adjective is undeserved. Where else can one find such a superior culture as the morning coffee-drinkers at the Corner has developed? Where find more sophistication than at a Player's rehearsal? This attitude on our part, as we have stated, lasted until only a few days ago. Then we spent a happy hour at friend Alexander's tap room. At the end of this happy hour the gentlemen with whom we were sitting summoned a waiter. Or at any rate, one of those chaps who bustles about in a white jacket bearing glasses and malice. The gentlemen, knowing the state of our personal exchequer, presented the waiter with the necessary cash to pay the bill. He included an extra dime, with the admonishment, "Here Son, go buy a cigar." Same sort of thing one bables to a porter one wishes to be rid of, or the chap who blacks one's shoes.

After that nothing happened for several moments the time being spent in an endeavour to arouse the determination to leave. As we arose, our boy the waiter dashed to our table. With the air of a man who has just delivered a message to a well-known Cuban mercenary, he placed upon the table a nickle and a cigar. "Your cigar. Only cost five cents."

This is perhaps indicative of something. Just what, we aren't in a position to say. We are taking our coonskin cap out of storage, in the event things go from bad to worse.

"What we need is not so much technological development but an increased development in the art of living. We've made great progress during the last 40 years in mechanical development, but there's been a tremendous lag in social development." Dr. Marion B. Smith, assistant professor of sociology at Louisiana State University, suggests a re-weighing of emphasis in America's educational institutions. operation.

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CINEMANIA

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The movie co-stars Marjorie Rambeau and Alan Hale. Tugboat Annie maintains that she is the best "man" in the tugboat fleet despite her company's belief that she is through. Needless to say, Tugboat Annie proves her point and therein lies the story.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:

A student Union dance will be held in the Armory at 4 p. m.

Alpha Phi Omega, national boy scout fraternity, will meet in 318 Old Main at 10 p. m. All pledges and freshmen invited.

Tryouts for all-college women's swimming championship will be held in White Hall, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

FRIDAY:

Commission to Collegian solicitors will be available at Student Union.

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