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The Pitt Weekend

Because it came at the very end of the season, the Pitt defeat was made the bitterer for Penn State sport fans.

Had the game been the first on the schedule, had the Lions gone on to take everything after that and finished with a 25-0 victory over N.Y.U., everything would have been glorious by now.

The record reads the same either way: Six victories, one tie, one defeat—better than any other Penn State football team since 1921. Out of the season has emerged, too, a Penn State All-American, the first since 1923.

Hats off then to a great captain, a great team, and a great season.

The College Considers Assistance For The Dean Of Men

Whether the College will increase the size of the Dean of Men's office as recommended by the All-College Cabinet and the Dean himself is no longer a matter of whether this change is desirable.

Since the suggestion has been made publicly there has appeared no opposition to it. Everyone, from President Hetzel down, has expressed approval of the general outlines of the plan. It is reasonable to believe that, knowing this, the Board of Trustees will also approve.

The reasons for not appointing the desired assistants now are wholly financial. If the College had the finances it considers necessary for full and best operation of its plant the assistant deans would already be at work.

The truth is that the College probably never has had all the money it thinks it needs, at least not for long. Like a growing boy, even its biggest suit is soon too small.

There are apparently two courses the College can follow:

- (1) It can enlarge the Dean of Men's office right away out of funds held back for an emergency; or
- (2) It can wait until the State legislature and Governor James decide on the 1941-43 biennial appropriation to the College and hope to finance the change from the increased appropriation the College has asked.

Each of these courses deserves brief consideration.

The emergency funds which the College holds back could be used to enlarge the Dean's office at once. Is the matter an emergency? The members of the All-College Cabinet committee who talked the plan over with President Hetzel agreed that it is not. Only a nincompoop would argue that it is.

The plan, however, is worthy of adoption as soon as that adoption can be effected without serious inconvenience to the College. That should be no later than next year.

The Governor and the legislature in January will begin consideration of the biennial budget which goes into effect on June 1, 1941. In this budget, the College hopes to be granted an increase of approximately one and a half million dollars over the 1939-41 biennium. The increase is regarded as entirely necessary if the College is to operate its expanded physical plant and effectively instruct its fast-growing enrollment.

Somewhere among these million and a half extra dollars are several thousand earmarked to expand the Dean of Men's office.

But suppose the full increase is not granted? Records show that the budget has grown less slowly than the College would like it to. In 1931-33 the figure was \$4,000,000; in depression-ridden 1933-35 it was \$3,708,000; in 1935-37 it was \$3,708,000; in 1937-39 it was \$4,275,000; and in 1939-41 it is \$4,425,000.

If the full increase is not granted there will have to be a paring down of the budget requests which the College regards as essential for the welfare of its 7,000 students.

In that possible paring down lies the fate of the increased Dean's staff.

Nation's Students Attend Classes Conscientiously

AUSTIN, Texas, November 24.—How serious is the problem of class cutting? Are many college students wasting their time by failing to appear at lectures? How often does the average student cut a class?

Those are questions that have perhaps been answered locally in many schools, but a national study, as far as is known, has heretofore never been possible. Student Opinion Surveys of America, leaving the field of social and political issues this week, has used its coast to coast structure to measure the extent of class cutting going on today on the American campus.

The survey reveals that a good majority (62 per cent) during a typical week in October attended all their classes. The remainder of the students interviewed (38 per cent) declared that they had cut at least once. But over half of these (20 per cent) missed class only one time during the week.

Cut no classes during week62%
Cut one class20
Cut two classes10
Cut three classes4
Cut four or more classes4

Less than one per cent of the students refused to answer the question or did not remember. Tests conducted by the Surveys have shown that on questions such as this very few students fail to give truthful answers; so the results above should give a satisfactory indication of conditions over the nation.

The entire United States is represented because the schools in which the polls are conducted, including Penn State, make up a proportionate sample of all types of educational institutions as listed by the U. S. Office of Education.

In connection with this poll, it may be recalled that last February 64 per cent of the collegians in a Survey expressed the opinion that compulsory class attendance should be abolished.

Although the frequency of attendance is quite uniform from one section of the country to another, New Englanders and Southerners appear to be at the two extremes. In the north-east corner of the nation cuts are at a minimum, only 25 per cent of the students having missed one or more classes during the week of the poll. In the South over half of them, 57 per cent, said they had cut at least once.

Thanks to Fred Waring's Chesterfield Pleasure Time for the copies of "The Hills of Old Penn State" that were distributed to the music department and other interested groups. More copies are on the way and we are told they will be given to fraternity and sorority groups.

Thanksgiving Vacation Transportation

GREYHOUND LINES WILL AGAIN PROVIDE BUSES WITH SEAT RESERVATIONS

Buses will leave Central Parking Area on Campus back of Chemistry Building at 12:45 o'clock, Wednesday, Nov. 27th, bound for

GREENSBURG - WILKES-BARRE - NEW YORK - HARRISBURG - JOHNSTOWN - PITTSBURGH - SCRANTON - SUNBURY - PHILADELPHIA and Intermediate Points

In order to be guaranteed a seat on any of the special buses, it will be necessary to purchase your ticket by 8 p. m. tomorrow. Tickets may be purchased at the Bus Depot, lobby of State College Hotel.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:

Traveling art show of Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Main Engineering Gallery, begins today and will be on display until December 27.

Social Action Committee of the PSCA's forum on "Unionism" will be postponed to December 3.

Candidates for varsity, freshman, and intramural boxing report to ring in Rec Hall at 3 p.m.

Candidates for assistant management of boxing report to ring in Rec Hall at 3 p.m.

Sound motion picture on "Pipe and the Public Welfare." Room 107 Main Engineering, 7:30 p. m.

Black and white prints of Associated Artists on display in College Art Gallery, Room 303 Main Engineering.

Joint Thanksgiving service sponsored by Hillel Foundation and PSCA at the Foundation at 8 p. m.

TOMORROW:

Nutrition Exhibition on Vitamin C foods in Room 209, Home Economics, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Freshman mass meeting, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p.m.

"Fiber-glass," a talk by Walter Sykes, of the Owens-Corning Fiber-glass Co., in Room 121 Liberal Arts, 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Annual Thanksgiving Sunrise Communion, Wesley Foundation, 6:15 a. m.

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THROUGH BUSES

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Lv. State College	8:00 A. M.	2:05 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Ar. Bellefonte	8:30 A. M.	2:35 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
Ar. Lock Haven	9:30 A. M.	3:45 P. M.	8:30 P. M.
Ar. Williamsport	10:30 A. M.	4:45 P. M.	9:35 P. M.
Lv. Williamsport	8:30 A. M.	3:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Ar. Lock Haven	9:40 A. M.	4:05 P. M.	8:05 P. M.
Ar. Bellefonte	10:40 A. M.	5:10 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. State College	11:10 A. M.	5:40 P. M.	9:45 P. M.

LOCAL BUSES—STATE COLLEGE and BELLEFONTE

From State College	8:00 A. M., 12:10 P. M., 2:05 P. M., 5:10 P. M., 7:00 P. M., 10:00 P. M.
From Bellefonte	7:15 A. M., 10:40 A. M., 1:10 P. M., 3:00 P. M., 5:15 P. M., 9:15 P. M.

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