

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

Tech Wakes Up

Of the many surprising results in Saturday's football games, the one which caused most eye-brow raising in this corner was the Notre Dame-Carnegie Tech outcome. Not that the Irishmen's victory came as any surprise but the 18-0 score certainly did.

Remote as all this may sound to Penn State minded fans, we mention the item above because it shows better than anything how closely football teams and college splits are correlated. Notre Dame was scheduled to plow the Tartans under a 60-0 score but the underdogs got a shot in the arm before the game, with very obvious effects.

That shot in the arm was nothing more or less than the whole-hearted backing of Tech's entire student body. Probably the drop from the top of the eastern gridiron heap in 1938, to the point where even a first down was something to cheer, was too much for the students to swallow. So they decided to do something about it.

Strangely enough, they didn't blame the coach or the players as is the usual procedure on campuses where morale, rather than actual victories, prevail. They knew that football at Tech had been so de-emphasized that Doc Baker was lucky if he could find enough players to hold one scrimmage a week. With such conditions prevailing, playing teams like the Fighting Irish was plain suicide.

Genuine College Spirit

The college officials could have offered material help in the form of scholarships and jobs to needy football players but they washed their hands of the whole matter and told the coach he would have to do the best he could with the few students he could prevail upon to come out. But as gridders, the willing candidates were great slide-rule wizards. They just didn't have the stuff.

Things came to a point last week. An aroused student body, organiz-

ed by its own leaders, banded together and decided to help the players. Not by cheering or criticism but by more substantial means.

A thousand dollar drive was started, the money to go toward helping needy footballers whose only previous aid had been a slap on the back from alumni. The first day of the campaign netted \$600, and with students donating only fifty cents each, that means that 1,200 contributed. (Carnegie Tech's enrollment is less than 2,500.)

The readers may wonder by this time where Penn State comes in. Ask some of our own players and you'll find out very soon. State gridders come here because they like the College and what it has to offer, and not because it promises them anything close to the fabulous offers granted by other institutions of similar size.

What About State?

What little they are given, or rather should say earn, is made possible through the backing of the fraternities and a few alumni. The latter go out among the high schools and sell promising players on State. The fraternities give the boys jobs to keep them going after they get here. It's a wonder that State competes as well as it does with colleges offering future All-Americans a free four-year ride with all the trimmings.

If all the players brought here remained, we'd have a great team every year. But sad to say, that isn't the case. No less than three of the finest schoolboy prospects in the east have already left this year for greener pastures and no one knows who is next.

This should in no way be construed as a direct plea to follow Tech's example. But as long as the students, alumni, and officials in the drivers' seats start griping at the coaches and players every time State finishes on the short end of the score, they might as well realize where the root of the blame lies.

Yearling Gridders To Face Syracuse

With its red-hot backs and stone-wall line, Penn State's freshman football team will tussle with a strong Syracuse eleven and attempt to keep its slate clean on New Beaver Field at 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

No opponent has crossed the frosh squad's goal yet this season, and if the team continues to improve as it has in the last week, it may go through undefeated.

Syracuse's yearlings were handed a defeat at the hands of Cornell last Saturday, 13-6. So far this season, the Lions trampled Bucknell, 18-0 and rolled over Colgate, 21-0.

After the game with Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y. last Saturday, the little Red Raiders congratulated Penn State for its fine playing. The Raiders confessed that they had never met, such a hard-charging line and such shifty backs. The week before, Colgate had encountered Army, but declared that the Lions could out-match the West Pointers.

The only change in the frosh line-up for Saturday will probably be Reid McCloskey at right guard. McCloskey has been improving quickly in scrimmage against the varsity.

Semifinal Golf Matches Will Be Played Sunday

The two semi-final matches of a freshman, will also be played the first flight All-College Golf Sunday.

Tournament will be played Sunday, it was announced yesterday.

In the second flight Bob Zwiggie hopped off to a 4-up lead on Playford Boyle in the first part of their semi-final match, played yesterday.

The winner of the Zwiggie-Boyle match will meet Howard Snowden in the final. Snowden defeated Jack Dorrance on Tuesday to become the first finalist of last year's winner, and Allen Hack, the tournament.

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Two Get Army Transfers

Two Penn State graduates, Pvt. Edward W. Koon '41 and Pvt. Robert E. Russ '41, have been assigned to the Post Operations Department as dispatchers in the 99th squadron of the Air Corps Advance Flying School at Victoria, Texas.

Fencers Called

All freshmen interested in trying out for the fencing team are urged to report at Rec Hall any day next week between 4 and 5 p. m., according to Coach Harry Krutter. Fencing experience is not necessary.

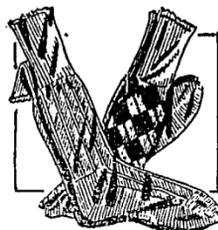
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