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Not Sweet Victory

"That team has poise," remarked an Eastern basketball expert as Penn State's Blue and White cagers pulled an overtime battle out of the fire and registered their first victory at Syracuse in 22 years.

It was a rousing victory for the Lions and one that was to mark the beginning of a determined drive toward a national championship. Several weeks later, West Virginia and New York University fell before the Nittany onslaught, and the coveted bid to enter the NCAA tourney became a realization for the first time in the history of basketball at Penn State.

Armed with that same poise that grew out of the Syracuse game, Coach John Lawther's basket-ers will stack their national title aspirations against those of Dartmouth in the opening battle of the NCAA tourney tonight. Regarded as colorless, as well as starless, the Nittany courtmen have everything to gain.

Dubbed as one of the dark horses of the tourney, Penn State will once again lay its sports reputation at stake. The Lions are without any individual stars; they lack a fast, thrilling scoring attack; their defense ties up the opponent's offense to the extent that fans lost interest in the game. Nevertheless, Penn State has a great team and Dartmouth will be the first to realize this.

What did the expert mean when he said that the Lawthermen have poise? He simply meant that the Lions could play under the fire of a close game and not get rattled. This stability, coupled with Coach Lawther's famed sliding zone defense is the combination that has carried Penn State through to a new all-time record of 12 consecutive triumphs.

Just how the average fan at New Orleans will accept this so-called colorless brand of basketball is another question, however. High scoring teams like Rhode Island State and West Texas are favorites of the fans because of their razzle-dazzle attacks that even fail to resemble basketball at times. It's a tough assignment for Lawther and his Lions since victory may produce quite a few sour notes from the average court critics.

Not Sweet Victory—Encore

Penn's failure to win the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling championship was a surprise that caught the Philadelphia representatives quite unaware. In fact, Penn has appeared decidedly dissatisfied with the outcome.

According to the Daily Pennsylvanian, it was a series of "fluke" wins and defaults that gave Penn State the Eastern Wrestling championship. In addition, the same paper assumed that "upwards to three thousand fans and eight opposing teams watched with sheer delight the downfall of the favored Penn wrestlers."

Since Harvard and Yale withdrew from the tourney, the officials decided not to seed the wrestlers. As a result, favored Penn found itself matched with major opposition in the opening grounds. In contrast, Penn State survived a comparatively easy first round, and placed seven men in the semi-finals. The Pennsylvanians used that as another alibi—and there were numerous excuses of equal caliber; but Penn State did win and had to take the credit, as usual.

—G. L. C.



Through The Needle's Eye

Comes the end of the school year and comes, according to PoKempner, the all-out-recognize-your-neighbor period. The campus is crawling with people whom "we hate to see go." The place is over-run with those who have made out, those who haven't made out, and those who don't give a damn.

Comes graduation, and, by the grace of the great god Hétzel and the War Production Board, there will be no priority on pieces of dead sheep, attractively lettered. The lads will put on their five-dollar gowns, just like they saw it in the movies. The High Priests of the Great Moment will sprinkle Latin and holy waters upon the air, and nine hundred and some graduates will hit the trail.

We were talking to a freshman after the Grid-iron Banquet; one of the lads who scurries around with the hope of editing this paper some day.

"You know," he said, "I'm not in journalism." He looked around furtively to make sure the sophomore board wasn't listening.

"I'm going to study people," he said. "Do you think that's a good idea?"

We thought it was a good idea.

"Just take courses in what I want," he said. "Just get to know about people."

"Psychology," we said.

"Well, anything. Anything that helps about people."

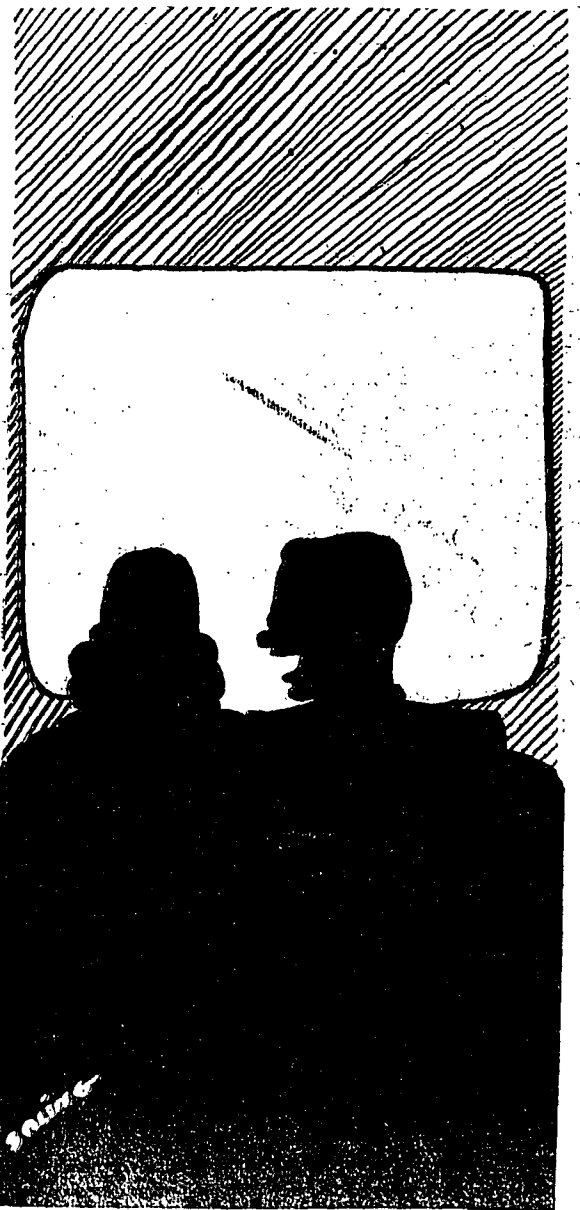
Yeah, we thought, yeah.

Take about fifty courses, stack up the credits, slip the right people your gown fee, collect the presents you send out your announcements for, and make dust. Maybe make it this year with a khaki suit or a snappy blue one. Maybe gumshoe up a production aisle. But make dust, anyway. Get out of town.

There's got to be a moral. We can't waste this space and your time without a moral. Like the kid said, then, "get to know about people." Take your chances on "all-out-recognition week," but ooze up beside the next guy and give him the eye, and use your brain while you're at it. If he's a nice guy, shake his hand, or better, loosen up and get to know him. If he's a stinker, keep your right up, but move in and smell for a while anyway.

Recognition Week is always here, but don't let The Daily Collegian do it for you. Have a shot at prophesy yourself. Everybody, simply everybody's doing it.

—GABRIEL



"But Gary Cooper can't take you to The Corner!"

Party Posters Distributed

Political posters bearing the pictures of each party's candidates were distributed yesterday by the All-College Elections committee to clique chairmen.

Drawings for positions on the ballots in the All-College elections were conducted yesterday and the Independent party won the top spot on the ballot for All-College office. The Campus party won the right to place its candidate first on the ballot for senior class president. Each party alternated its position in the other classes.

Jeanne C. Stiles, chairman of the Elections committee, voiced the group's warning that no "dirty" campaigning will be allowed. The warning was made to prevent each party from using posters to discourage voting for the opposite party.

Stage Seats On Sale

Stage seats for the last two Artists' Course Series numbers will be placed on sale Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26, according to Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, Artists' Course chairman. Cost of tickets to the Melchior and Anderson performances will be \$4.00, \$2.60 less than the total for single tickets.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Portfolio may be obtained at Student Union.

Philotes meeting, Philotes Room in 302 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Freshmen are urged to sign up at the PSCA office for a joint cabin party in the PSCA cabin. The group will leave Old Main at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Prattley Lecture, Dr. Henry B. Hass, 119 New Physics, 7:30 p. m. WSSF strategy committee, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p. m.

Open House, Old Main, 7:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m.

Players Show, "Mr. and Mrs. North," Auditorium, 8:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

All-College hike to Mt. Nittany sponsored by WRA Outing Club. Group will leave from back of Old Main at 2 p. m. and will return by 5 p. m.

IMA Sweater dance, Armory, 9 p. m.

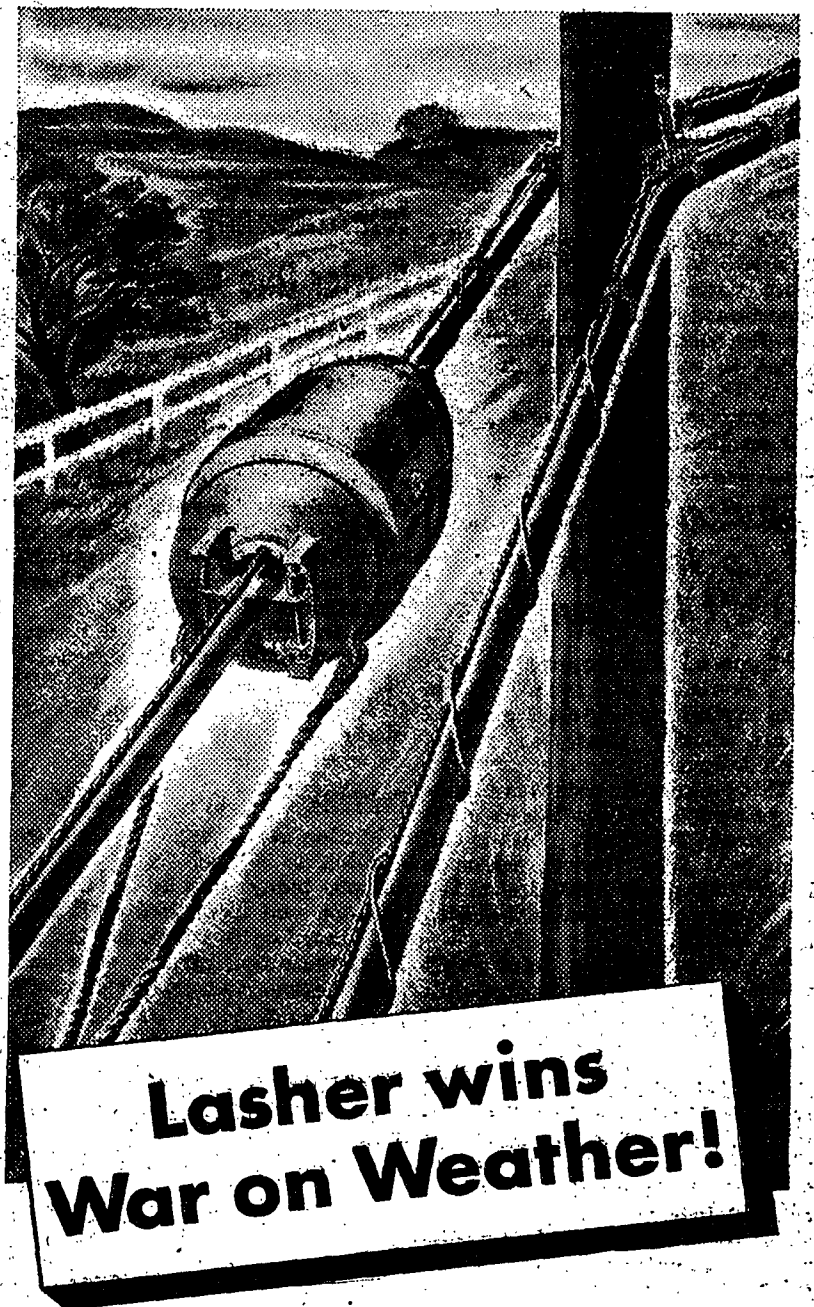
Players Show, "Mr. and Mrs. North," Auditorium, 8:30 p. m.

Forum-Council, Lodge, 2 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

IF Ball Booth money due at Student Union, 5 p. m. Wednesday.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS



For years, telephone cable has been hung by stiff wire rings from its supporting strand. But repeated expansion and contraction caused by temperature changes sometimes proved too much for even the best cable sheath. Fatigue cracks developed near the poles—this meant leaks—possible service interruptions—expensive repairs.

Recently, men of the Bell System developed a machine that lashes the cable and strand together in such a way that the concentration of strains near the poles is minimized. The Cable Lasher has also proved a great aid in the speedy installation of some of the new cables needed for airfields, camps, bases and war factories.

There are many opportunities in the Bell System for men with the urge—and the ability—to do a job better than it has ever been done before.

