

## Between The Lions

With DON DAVIS

### Tribute To Dave Alston

Penn State has been touched by a great tragedy. In hushed tones, news of Dave Alston's sudden death Saturday morning spread rapidly over the campus. Everywhere the reaction was the same. "It can't be true; not Dave Alston."

During the short time that Dave has been on the Penn State campus he had made himself known as a friendly, intelligent young American with a fun-loving nature, yet with a serious purpose in life. Enrolled in the pre-med curriculum, he intended to be a doctor, and, as he put it modestly but with confidence, "a good doctor."

On hearing of Dave's death, Football Coach Bob Higgins said: "The passing of Dave Alston was an unspeakable loss to his parents, relatives, and to his race. Penn State has been deprived of a student of whom it was very proud."

Higgins went on to draw a parallel between the promising career Dave might have had and the career of Paul Robeson. Robeson was an All-American football star at Rutgers and then went on to a musical career which has brought great credit to his race. Dave also showed great likelihood of attaining All-American honors and of then going on to become a credit to his race in the field of medicine.

Knowing Dave to be the son of a Baptist minister in Midland, Ross Kauffman, Philadelphia sports writer, queried him one day at last Fall's practice on the subject of religion. Kauffman was more impressed than ever with Dave when he came back with the retort, "I guess it doesn't matter much what our religion is as long as it comes from the heart."

Despite Dave's almost unbelievable ability on the gridiron, his attitude was unassuming and in daily practice he was always one of the hardest workers on the field. Cliff St. Clair, backfield teammate and one of his closest friends, summarized Dave's qualities in these words, "He was one of the cleanest-living boys I have ever known. He would go out of his way to help anyone."

Dave Alston's sincerity and sportsmanship both on and off the gridiron have made their mark and will live on in the heart of Penn State.

### Plesser Announces Additional Awards

Additions to manager elections and awards made recently by the Athletic Association were released by Bernard A. Plesser, AA president.

Tennis associate managers elected were John E. Allison '44, and Kenneth White '44, while associate manager awards went to Kenneth Cotton '43, and Bertram S. Green '43.



**DRAFTED** — Johnny Patskian, star end on Bob Higgins' football squad, yesterday became the 17th member of the Nittany Lion grid squad to be drafted into the armed forces. Higgins and staff were relying on "Potsy" to be the mainstay of the line during the forthcoming season.

### Johnny Patskian Drafted; Becomes 20th Lion Star To Enter Armed Forces

Johnny Patskian, who Football Coach Bob Higgins simply describes as a "great player—an All-American possibility," will do his playing, if any, with the United States Army this Fall.

The Hig received word yesterday that "Potsy" is being inducted today. He becomes the 20th man to be lost to the squad since last season—the 17th to enter the armed forces.

According to End Coach Earl Edwards, "We regarded 'Potsy' as one of the best defensive ends in recent years. I am sure that he would have been at least honorable mention on a couple of All-American squads this year. He ranked right up there with Tom Vargo, 1940 squad star."

Patskian will be remembered for his great performances in the West Virginia and Syracuse games of last year when his fast, vicious tackles threw opposing backs for constant losses.

### Pro Golfers Beat Lions In Exhibition Match, 3-2

Penn State's golfing captains, Dick Stephens and Ducky Swan, were beaten by the professional golfers, Ken Rutherford of the Centre Hills Country Club, and Johnny Musser of the College course, 3 and 2, on the College eighteen Sunday.

The Rutherford-Musser combination shot a four-under best ball score of 65, taking that part of play from the Nittany golfers by four strokes. Best ball score for the co-captains was 69.

### Packard On 'American'

Vance Packard '36, son of farm foreman Philip J. Packard of the College, has recently left the Wide World Syndicate staff to join the editorial division of the "American" magazine. While at Penn State, Packard was a member of the Collegian staff.

## Courtmens Close Season With 8-2 Win Over Faculty

Taking all but two matches in a special ten-match contest, Penn State's varsity tennis team finally closed out its Summer schedule with a sweeping 8 to 2 triumph over the faculty on the varsity courts Saturday. The Lion netmen held a 10-5 decision over the faculty in their earlier meeting this Summer.

The win enabled the Lions to finish their season with a straight .500 average—the same mark they compiled for their regular Spring season. They had previously defeated the Naval Reserves and Cornell, while losing three to Colgate and one to the Big Red. Their win over Cornell on Victory Weekend was the first Penn State victory over the Big Red since the two colleges began court competition.

At the leadoff position, Cy Hull played brilliant tennis to overcome Ray Dickison, former Colorado University captain and Rocky Mountain champion, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Herb Kraybill stopped I-Ying Li in the longest match of the afternoon, 7-5, 0-6, 6-0, while his teammate, Dick Armbrust, halted William Goode in two sets, 6-2, 6-3.

Jim Lawther dropped the only Lion singles match when he fell before the slants of Bob Mathieu by 6-1, 6-4 scores. Stan Spurgeon, was extended to three sets before he finally downed Harry Mosher, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Horace Smith came from behind to edge George Szasz in a thrilling three-set match, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, while Hal Benjamin, another sophomore newcomer, had little difficulty in halting Bruce Tegge by 6-1, 6-2 counts.

In doubles the Lions dropped their opening contest as their coach, Ted Roethke, teamed with Dickison to trounce Hull and Spurgeon, 6-3, 6-1. The win was the second and final score for the faculty.

Kraybill and Armbrust coasted to an easy victory over Li and Goode as they set the latter down, 6-1, 6-4, while Lawther and Smith outlasted Mathieu and Mosher in a marathon three-match affair by 0-6, 7-5, 6-3 scores.

## Phys-Edders Meet '46 Nine Tonight

Seeking a win after dropping their past three games, the freshman baseball nine will meet a team made up of students of the School of Physical Education on New Beaver Field diamond at 5:30 o'clock tonight.

The season's record for the freshmen stands at one win against three losses for an average of .250 thus far. Winning their first game from the Presbyterians of the State College Church League by a score of 9-8, the yearlings were defeated in their next three starts by the Lutherans, 4-0; Irvin Hall, 9-6; and the Mineral Industries School, 10-4.

Coach Leo Houck will probably post Jack Berlin on the mound, Fred Shaw at first, Don Myers at second, Jack Gracey at third, Jerry Stern behind the plate, Bud Dietz at short, Wayne Kreidler in center, Jerry Waxman in left, and Jack Battles in right.

Diamond positions for the Phys Edders will be filled by Freeman at backstop, Silan hurling, Van Lenten on first, Borsia on second, Chenowith on third, Qualey at short, Perugini in left, Gales in center, and Ebersole in right.

He who naps helps Japs is the slogan of the workers in the Westinghouse Plant at Nuttal, Pa.

## College Prepares To Pay Tribute To Alston

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was class valedictorian, and was voted "most popular boy."

As a student here at Penn State, Dave had distinguished himself in the classroom as well as on the gridiron. His ambition was to become a physician.

During his freshman year he sparked Marty McAndrews' Lion freshman squad to their first undefeated season in recent years. One expert went so far as to say that Dave was "the best since Jim Thorpe."

Weighing over 200 pounds and standing well over six feet, Alston was a great triple-threat prospect. For all of his size he had amazing speed, and could kick and pass more than 60 yards.

Alston's father is a retired Baptist minister and survives along with Mrs. Alston, two brothers, Warren and Harry, and three sisters.

Harry teamed up with Dave in the freshman backfield last season but dropped out of College at mid-semester to take a defense job.

Attending the funeral as representatives of the College will be Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics; Coach Higgins; assistant coaches Earl Edwards, Al Michaels, and Marty McAndrews. Jerome H. Blakeslee '43, All-College president, will represent the student body, and James A. McKechnie '45, sophomore class president, will attend the funeral for the class of which Dave was a member.

Jack Kerns, Aldo Cenci, Cliff St. Clair, Johnny Jaffurs, and "Sparky" Brown have already signified their intentions of representing the football squad. Coach Higgins said last night that additional members of the squad will probably travel to Midland to attend the funeral.

## Two Nittany Boxers Win Navy Championships

Following recent final bouts in U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C., it was announced that two Penn Staters won championships. They were Gilbert Zuccarini '42, new 158-pound champ and Irving Jontow '42, new 165-pound champ.

According to Lieut. Alfred Wolff, boxing coach at the training station, both men are outstanding among the boxers on the post. Although neither was a varsity boxer while at State, both were outstanding in the intramural ring with Jontow reaching final rounds two years.

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