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The Art Of Cheering

When the Nittany Lions take the field against Bucknell this afternoon, Penn State grid fans will get an extra treat in the way of sideline entertainment.

But first, let's look over some background material, which will show why Penn State football games have grown more colorful during the past few years. The mighty Blue Band has become the pride of Nittany Valley, chiefly because of its quick marching tempo. In the eyes of Penn State and other eastern colleges, the Band has attained par excellence, and places second to none.

Then comes the Nittany Lion mascot, which has undoubtedly added that extra touch that had been lacking at Penn State football games of the past. And while the College is busily engaged offering these extra colorful attractions to supplement the football scene, the team itself is battling into the national spotlight with other top grid aggregations of the country.

All in all, it now appears that Penn State is attaining the much dreamed-of heights on the Saturday gridiron. But, until this year, there was still a glaring weakness in an otherwise near-perfect football program, simply because cheer-leading and cheering itself has not reached a standard comparable to the rest of Penn State's grid program.

Evidence that this weakness is also being bolstered will be shown on the gridiron this afternoon, when the cheerleaders will put on a show that promises to match the spectacular performance of the Blue Band. Now, if the fans know the cheers, Penn State's football scene should near the peak of perfection. The freshmen and sophomores will uphold their end of the cheering, but the juniors, seniors, faculty, and townspeople may be somewhat lax in their cheering, if performance of the past is used as a basis of comparison. It is this second group that has the best seat at the game; yet it is this same group that shows the least spirit when it comes to cheering.

Now that the College is in the process of improving its cheerleading personnel, it may be worthwhile to revise its cheering sections at the same time.

Much Ado About Cyclists

Bicyclists are getting to be as great a problem to borough officials as autoists were two years ago.

When automobiles began to disappear this year, cyclists took over the streets and sidewalks of both town and campus.

Complaints received by borough police have forced them to impose restrictions on town cyclists and College students alike, and as has been the custom, students have failed to heed the warning. The fines that follow are declared "ridiculous", and "just another attempt by borough officials to fill their pockets."

Such accusations of course, are foolish and entirely unfounded. Borough officials realize that if cyclists do not obey traffic laws, accidents will occur and the police force will then be to blame.

Is it any reason then that students who go through red lights are fined?

These rulings bear repeating:

Bicycling will not be permitted on sidewalks or on the wrong side of the road.

Riding two on a bicycle is prohibited.

Cyclists should not go through stoplights and should obey all other traffic signals.

They should use lights and horns at the proper time.

Police in State College have never fined a student without first warning the student body through the Daily Collegian or the administration that an ordinance is being violated. The warning has already been posted, so do not say you were not notified, if you are fined for some future violation.

—D. L. W.



Native Hues

(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and are not necessarily those of The Daily Collegian.)

We, too, like to tell nothing BUT the truth. Sometimes it isn't quite so simple, nor so whimsical.

Yesterday we went up to the library. But not merely to browse around the stacks like our sworn-in witness of Wednesday's columns. We were looking for a definite book for a definite assignment.

Without any trouble, we found the book's listing in the catalogue, copied down the numerals on a card, and took it over to the desk.

The clerk was gone behind the stacks for about five minutes. He returned, shrugged his shoulders. No book.

No book? But we had to have the book.

The clerk was polite and very sorry. He would check again.

This time he returned with a slip of paper. The book had been missing since July. There was nothing he could do about it.

This made us sore, so we decided to do some investigating. Report as follows:

The 'missing' book problem is a bigger thing than one would ordinarily imagine. The actual amount lost in a semester is hard to estimate because in a building the size of the library it is impossible to check the complete inventory as often as would be necessary for this. However, the amount of invested capital that seeps out through these channels is by no means anemic.

Some of this is carelessness, some plain stealing.

A library worm picks up a book from the stacks or the Headlight collection, sits down somewhere to read it. Halfway through a chapter he may suddenly remember a class or an appointment down town. This worm can't be bothered to take the book back where he found it. He tosses it on the nearest shelf, or merely leaves it lying on a desk for someone else to pick up. You can see what that means. If someone comes in for that book the next day, chances are he won't find it. It doesn't make much difference to the worm, but the guy on the other side of the fence gets damned mad. And you can never tell when you're going to be the guy on the other side of the fence.

This is one situation where there is no line drawn between students and faculty. It's hard to say who is the worst offender.

—Jackson

Three Groups Get Late Hour Grants

Permission for three campus organizations to extend meetings past the 8:30 p. m. deadline was granted, and one group refused by the All-College committee on late hours, Bernard A. Plesser, group chairman, announced.

Campus Patrol was given a blanket permission, Portfolio's monthly pre-publication meeting will be permitted to be late, and Tribunal was told it could meet until 9 p. m. each week permission is requested. Past decisions demanded that the Newman Club's petition for late hours be refused.

The report follows:

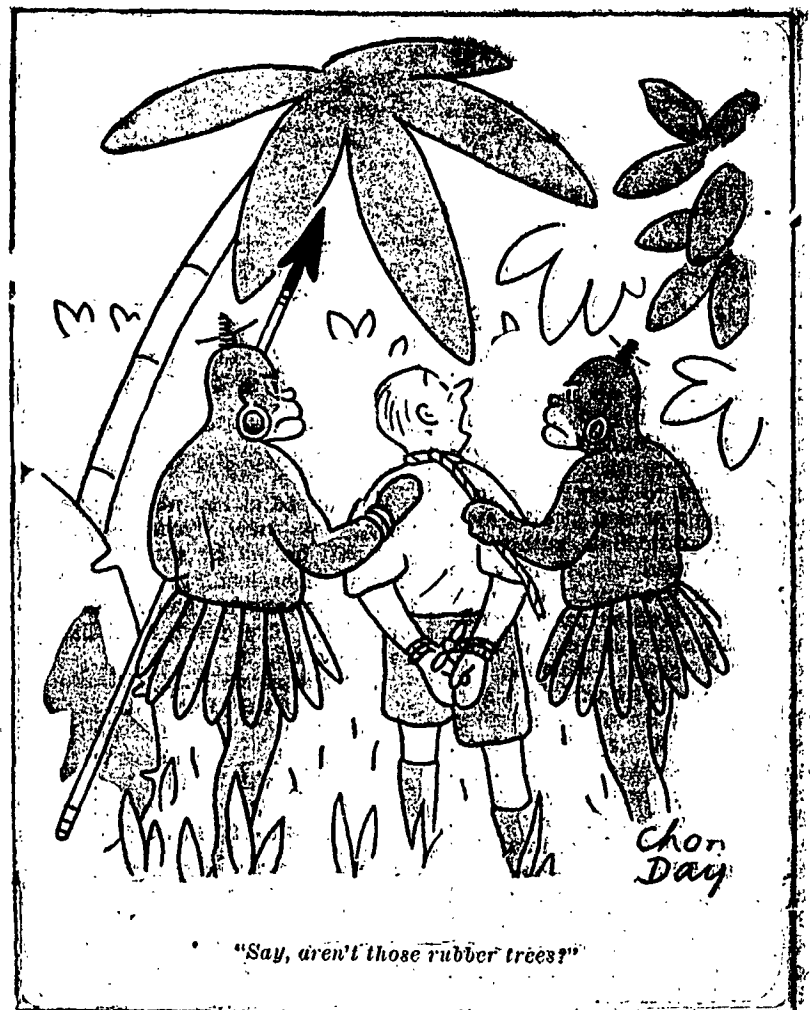
The Campus Patrol will be given a blanket permission for late meetings due to the quick turnover in force, the subsequent rapid re-training of new recruits, and its undecided nature.

The Newman Club's petition for late request was refused. Such action was taken because it was felt that such an organization is not a necessary one to the war effort, either directly or indirectly.

Actual time requested had no bearing on the decision; the refusal was based more on the principle and the precedent already set by refusal to such groups as the P. S. C. A., and All-College Cabinet.

The monthly pre-publication meeting of Portfolio can be held on October 6, as petitioned for. Time limit will be set by the editor.

Tribunal's second petition for lengthening its hours of conducting business was considered and granted with exception. The Chairman of Tribunal will determine the number of cases to be reviewed and if in his estimation extra time will be needed, the group will be allowed an extension to 9 p. m. at its regular Wednesday meeting. The Chairman must ask each week for the extra time limit; unless such a request is made, it will be assumed that the meeting will last only to 8:30.



1000 Couples Attend IF Ball

More than 1,000 couples thronged Rec Hall last night to dance to the offerings of Teddy Powell and his "Surprise Band of the Year" at Penn State's first "decoration-less" wartime Interfraternity Ball.

Marked by clear, warm weather—a welcome departure from typical IF Ball weather of the past several years—attendance at last night's dance showed a corresponding increase over that of the last several seasons.

Weekend festivities will be continued tonight with nearly a score of fraternities holding dances. Climax of IF Weekend activities will be the football game between Bucknell and State on New Beaver Field at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

WRA Open House, White Hall, 7 to 10 p. m.

Wesley Foundation cabin party, Ralph Watts Lodge, 5 p. m.

SUNDAY

Chapel Service, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m.

Hillel Record Concert, Hillel, 2:30 p. m.

Special student communion service, Grace Lutheran Church, 6:30 p. m.

MONDAY

'Beginners' class in Hebrew, Hillel, 4:15 p. m. All are welcome.

Independent '46 Clique, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m. Committee members are urged to attend.

We, The Women A Job Done— Almost Perfectly

It worked!

A job that looked like a mountain at a glance has been done successfully. Five hundred green-ribboned frosh are full-fledged College coeds . . . and all because women's organization heads were put together and a wise division of "labor" resulted.

One newcomer commented after the first few weeks, "We had chances to see everything, and even had time to talk things over." That was the BWOC's aim. This is the first year that the namecard-bearing crew found a few minutes to rest between physical exams, psychology tests, and mixers.

Next week freshman women will be entertained by and will be hostesses to downtown men's groups at exchange dinners, sponsored under the same extensive orientation program. Operating their own activities; WSGA-Freshman Council will go into active duty.

If every Big Sister had done the job she volunteered to do, we could sincerely say that the program was 99 44/100 per cent perfect.

—J. H. M.

Campus 4-H Club mixer, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

"La Boheme" opera tickets on sale at the Athletic Association.

Portfolio on sale at Student Union and the Corner Room.

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