

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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The other day I happened upon a bit of verse written by Mike Kerns, former "five-by-five" of the gridiron and wrestling mat, who graduated from here in December.

Mike, many of you will recall, made a hobby of writing poetry while an undergraduate here at State. In addition to athletics and poetry, he is remembered as Thespians' original Superman, and raconteur of the fatal shooting of the notorious Dan McGrew.

Now a Marine stationed at Parris Island, S. C., Mike sent the following piece to his former teammate, Aldo Cenci, who quarterbacked the Nittany Lions to a great season in 1942.

The piece contains a lot of description and information that should be of interest to all of you who are of draft age. It can be read, and enjoyed, by the 4-F'er. It paints the story of the man-in-the-service, without the customary eyewash of the recruiting poster.

"THE BEWILDERED BOOT"

I joined the Corps filled with idealistic FIRE.

To be a fighting man wearing "the blues" for the girls to ADMIRE.

I wanted the chance for battle—to get into it THICK.

The Marine gets there first, and there isn't a man he can't LICK.

Parris Island meant only the place where we were to be TAUGHT
The art of a soldier-sailor, and prepare for the battles to be
FOUGHT.

Then with an abrupt jolt, we reached the island down SOUTH,
And were herded like cattle and told to close our stupid MOUTH.

We found "the blues" were changed to DUNGAREES,
And that one day you burn and the next you FREEZE.
You learn that a floor's a deck, that a lavatory's a HEAD.
You don't say "yeah," but "aye, aye, Sir," and you just ate chow—
you weren't just FED.

At 4 a. m. you "hit the deck" and you're back in your sack at
quarter to TEN.

In the space that's in between you walk a million miles to make
you into MEN.

You're stuck with as many needles, and get no rest from the
SHOTS.

You do your own wash, clean the barracks, and make your own
COTS.

There is drill, drill, and more drill for EVERYONE—
The vacation is over—there's work to be DONE!

We found we were far from Marines but only RECRUITS,
That everyone was called "Sir" and we were called "BOOTS."

The D. I.'s have a gift of expression that is quite UNIQUE.
Your name may have been Joe, but now it's "you stupid FREAK!"

We found there was more to a Marine than dress PARADE,
That leathernecks thrive on the treatment, that weaklings FADE.

So, I guess we will survive, and you can turn it on ROUGH.
Yes, we found out the hard way—why a Marine is called TOUGH.

Incidentally, Boxing Coach Leo Houck's son, Leo Jr., who would have been a junior at American University in Washington, D. C., has just recently received his pilot's wings from the Army Glider School at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Cagers Still Hold Home Win Streak

Penn State's District Two championship basketball team has lost two games this year, but it still has clung to one record that will be hard to break.

They have now extended their present Recreation Hall winning streak to 16 games and when they meet Colgate in Rec Hall Saturday, they will be out to extend their string to 17 consecutive wins.

Not since February 5, 1941, when the West Virginia Mountaineers nipped the Lions, 35 to 29, has a Penn State basketball team lost a tilt in State College.

The Lions went through the entire 1941-42 season without a loss at home, and they have gone a long way in continuing that record through the present season.

The Lions have lost two games this winter, both of them on foreign courts. The first one was at the hands of undefeated NYU and the last one to Pitt at Pitt Stadium. This total is as many defeats as the Lions suffered all of last season.

With but six games remaining at home, the Lawthermen have scored four victories at Rec Hall already this winter. The games remaining at home are with Colgate, West Virginia, Pitt, Temple, Carnegie Tech, and Georgetown.

Those teams that have already fallen before the Lions in Rec Hall this winter are Washington and Jefferson, Susquehanna, Bucknell, and Syracuse.

Skull and Bones Meets

The monthly meeting of Skull and Bones will be held at the Delta Upsilon house at 9:15 tonight, according to Wallace G. Murfit '44, president.

The raffle to be held between halves of the Colgate-Penn State basketball game will be the topic of discussion at the meeting and will include possible suggestions for a contribution of Skull and Bones toward a prize.

Inter-class Gym Meet to Determine Starting Lineup

An inter-class gymnastic meet in Rec Hall at 2:30 p. m. Saturday afternoon will serve as a tune-up for the coming gym season which is scheduled to begin February 13 when the Lion squad tangles with the Navy lads at Annapolis.

A squad composed of freshmen and sophomores will oppose the team comprised of junior and senior gym members. The results of the exhibition will be used to determine the top three men for each of the six events that are run off at each intercollegiate meet. Winners of Saturday's exhibition will be announced by S. S. Atwood, intercollegiate judge.

"It is difficult to predict who will be in the starting lineup for the Navy meet since competition in every case has been so close that in each event three men of almost equal ability are fighting for the starting position," said Gene Wettstone, gym coach.

Freshman stars who will be trying for a starting spot are William Bonsall, rings and tumbling; Bill Meade, former PIAA champion, tumbling; Harold Frey, diminutive tumbler; James Clark on the side horse, and Marvin Mangus who will perform on the ropes.

Sophomore prospects include Ray Sorensen, all-around athlete who works the side horse, horizontal bar and rings; Dayton Greenly, horse; Richard Gray on the parallel bars, Stanley Wirtschaffer, ropes, and Louis Mammel, tumbler.

The junior and senior squad boasts of such members as Captain Lou Bordo, parallel and horizontal bar; George Barclay, ropes; Charles Lebow, horizontal bar and ropes; Maurice Posner, rings; Sol Small works all-around on the horse, rings, and parallel bars; John Teti on the horse and parallel bars, and Freddie Young.

Intercollegiate rules this season have been changed, making it possible for a team to garner only 18 points by taking all places. Each event will see the best, the second best, and the third best performers meeting each other, with the winner contributing one point to the team total. This will serve to make the matches more competitive and place the men on an equal basis.

Only three men can be entered for each event, and a member of the team cannot enter more than three events. Decision will be made by three judges, thereby eliminating ties. The point system formerly used will be dismissed entirely.

Following the Navy meet, Indiana will be the guests of the Lion squad February 20, while the following week will find the Blue and White at West Point for their third match of the season. The Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Championship meet will be held at the College some time in March.

VonNieda Leads Nittany Scoring Despite 'Slump' In Pitt Contest

Despite the fact that Stan "Whitey" Von Nieda scored but six points in the Pitt game, he is still far out in front as far as Penn State's individual scoring is concerned. Von Nieda has averaged better than nine points a game for the eight contests thus far this season for a winters' total of 78 points.

In racking up the leading Lion total, Whitey had to make up for a poor start in the initial three tilts of the season when he accounted for only 15 points against the weaker opponents of the tough Nittany schedule.

Von Nieda must have had a fine Christmas vacation because when he returned following the two week layoff, he started to hit the net for game totals that consistently led the Lions. In the NYU fray, he scored 12 points; he netted 18 points in the Temple tilt.

Returning to Rec Hall, he dropped in 15 markers against Syracuse. During last weekend's Pittsburgh trip, he tallied 12 points against Carnegie Tech and "slumped" to six against Pitt on Saturday night.

Far behind Von Nieda, but in second place is substitute forward, Jack Biery, who has netted 51 points during the season. His high for one game was the 22 points that he scored during the Susquehanna game early in the season. This mark set a new Rec Hall individual record for one game.

Close behind the runner-up and bunched for third place are three of the Penn State starting lineup. Leading the trio is Herk Baltimore with 47 points, which is just enough to edge Hornstein, who has tallied 46 points thus far this season, Larry Gent, by virtue of the 12 points that he scored in the Pitt contest, jumped to within one point of Dave Hornstein with a 45 total.

Ahead of the varsity five in the matter of shooting fouls is two sophomore substitutes, Jack Biery and Bob Beck. Both have top averages for percentage of fouls made. Jack has dropped nine out of eleven attempts this year, and Beck has netted five out of six charity shots.

Leading in quantity of shots made from the free shot lane is pivot man, Dave Hornstein. The six foot five inch pivot man has sunk 18 free tosses out of 26, which is 60 percent of his attempts.

Penn State individual scoring for the season follows:

Players	G	FA	FM	Tot.
Von Nieda	32	23	14	78
Biery	21	11	9	51
Baltimore	16	26	15	47
Hornstein	14	26	18	46
Gent	18	17	9	45
Egli	7	20	12	26
Lawther	4	12	6	14
Beck	2	6	5	9
Cohan	1	2	1	3
Zeltich	0	1	1	1
Stabley	0	0	0	0

Cornell, Syracuse Cancel Fencing Meets With Lion Foilmen

Transportation difficulties have once more hit Penn State's athletic teams. Cornell and Syracuse have cancelled their fencing meets with the Lion squad, which was to open its season this Saturday afternoon against the Big Red in Rec Hall.

The other match, the one with the Orange foil-wielders from Syracuse, was to take place here on February 20. Fencing Coach Charles E. Myers, in an interview last night, stated that in place of the matches cancelled, the team will hold intrasquad meets, the members being divided into two teams in each of the three events—foil, epee, and saber.

Until further notice the remaining matches scheduled for the team will stand. The first intercollegiate competition Coach Myers' men will

Obtain Draft Form

Men who wish to obtain release from Local Draft Board No. 2 at Bellefonte to join the Navy are asked to follow instructions issued for such cases. After applying at the nearest recruiting office, an applicant who is approved must go to his draft board to obtain form No. 165. The release date is specified by the Navy recruiting officer.

face this year will be Navy at Annapolis on February 6. Three weeks later, on February 27, the team will travel to Philadelphia to encounter the Temple Owls.

The only nome meet of the year will be held in Rec Hall on March 6, at which time the fencers will see action against Lehigh. New York University will then be the next team the Lions will face at the Violets' home on March 13. The season will be completed with the Intercollegiates in New York City on March 19 and 20.

How About A Change Of Mood?



What your wardrobe needs is a new touch... the freshness of a smartly tailored shirt or a feminine blouse. Come in and choose from a large selection of long and short-sleeved blouses in a variety of fabrics. Give those sweaters a breathing spell!

You'll Find It Wise To Patronize The

SMART SHOP

SOUTH ALLEN STREET

ALL EARS!

