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Baseball Proves First Love For 'Rapid Robert' Gahrett

By LOIS MARKS

It's spring, and in spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball. Baseball, the All-American game. More people spend their summer Sundays throwing peanuts at the umpire than throwing yawns at the preacher. And baseball is one of the major sports here at the College.

One of the rising satellites on Joe Bedenk's baseball squad is Bob Gahrett. Bob has been pitching on the squad for batting practice all semester and took over the mound for the first time in the Lafayette game for two and two-thirds innings.

Called Rapid Robert

A tall, rangy blonde, Bob teasingly says that he is called Rapid Robert by the baseball team because of his fast ball. He was on the frosh ball team in the spring of '42, but the army cut his ball playing career short.

Bob came back from the army this semester to finish college. He wanted to go out for the baseball team again, but was a little afraid. His right-arm had been wounded in Germany and he was worried that it might not stand up under the strain. But so far, everything seems to be turning out all right.

"By the way," Bob says, "You don't have to mention that I'm an ex-GI. Most of the fellows up here are, and it's nothing spectacular. And don't quote me."

Baseball Is First Love

Bob came to State in 1941 from Lewistown. He went out for both baseball and soccer in his freshman year, but insists that baseball is his first love.

"Baseball has always been my favorite game. I love it, and I need the exercise. In fact, I guess I love all sports; I played on the football, baseball, basketball and soccer teams in high school."

But Bob isn't entirely a muscle man. He is in a tough course, Chemical Engineering. He claims that he's not too bright, but since he is a Druid, he must have something on the ball. Yet Bob is a modest sort of a guy; he is one hatman who is seldom seen parading in his little black hat. He is a member of Alpha Chi Rho, and is vice president of the fraternity. He claims that this is nothing to boast about, since there are only six undergraduate members of the frat, all of them officers.

Last but not least, Bob was asked how he could play baseball and still wear glasses.

"Why, I don't know," Bob laughed, more than a little surprised. "I've been wearing glasses to games for years, and I've never broken a pair yet. Maybe it's just luck, but I bet I'd have more trouble and more accidents trying to play without them."

Masquerettes Announce Membership Requirement

Any coed who has participated in two Thespian shows is eligible for membership in the Masquerette Club which is currently being revived.

The club's new officers will be elected at a meeting in Schwab Auditorium on Sunday at 7 p.m. All members of Masquerettes who have not been contacted, along with those coeds who wish to join are requested to leave their names and addresses at the Student Union.

Baseball Satellite



Robert Gahrett

All Colleges Face Similar Vet Problems

Veteran adjustment to college life and housing problems are the main issues confronting the veterans and the housing administrators on the campuses of the country, said Daniel DeMarino, assistant Dean of Men.

Recently returned from the Dean of Men's convention at Purdue University, Mr. DeMarino reported that the problems of the returned soldier are almost the same all over the country. However, he said that the biggest problem is the housing of married veterans.

At Purdue, the College is building cottages for the married students. At Michigan, the facilities of the Willow Run bomber plant are being utilized. At Illinois, the men are living in the barracks at Chanute Field.

Reporting on the veteran organizations in this country, the delegate said that the American Veterans Committee has 125 posts in the United States, and 15 posts overseas. It has a membership of 30,000 men, all from this war. The American Veterans have a membership of 100,000 men, and the American Legion has posts on 24 campuses.

Commenting on his trip, Mr. DeMarino said that he considered the trip extremely beneficial. It brought him into contact with men who are handling the same kind of problems as he is.

Do You Want Nylons? Cowslip Dream Sue Gives Them Away

Deciding that Cowslip Dream Sue has no use for nylons, the Dairy Science Club which is sponsoring the annual dairy exposition, has decided to give these sheer stockings to the winners in the Coed Milking Contest, a feature of the show which will be held in the Stock Pavilion at 1 p.m. on May 11.

It is not too late for coeds to enter this contest. Anyone is eligible, and novices may get a few lessons in the fine art of milking by going to the Dairy Barn where they will be presented with a cow—just to use, however.

Several more students are needed for the main showing and fitting contest in the Jersey, Guernsey, and Ayrshire breeds. Applicants should apply to John Wilson, show manager, or to the breed managers.

To anyone who has ever had the urge to judge a contest—here is his chance. Amateur judges are needed to help judge dairy products. Information may be obtained in 106 Dairy Building. The judging will be held in 4 Dairy Building at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday. Deans will issue excuses to students helping in this event.

Penn State Club To Hold Outing

Penn State Club members and friends who wish to attend the Ski Lodge outing on May 11 are asked to sign up in the Penn State Club room, 312 Old Main, from 4 to 5 p.m. today and Monday, according to Michael Horen, president.

The Ski Lodge outing will be in honor of the club's new members. The party will leave from the Corner Room by bus at 3 p.m. and return at midnight. Between 3 p.m. and midnight there will be softball, volleyball, dancing, a campfire, and other games.

A charge of \$1.20 per couple is being made to cover refreshments, the bus, and other expenses, and should be paid when signing up at the club room.

An initiation meeting of all new members will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. From Monday to Wednesday will be the actual initiation, "the rough stuff," as described by Horen, and at 7:30 p.m. Friday the formal initiation will take place.

Experiment Station "Cans" Warships As Preservation

Experiments in the canning and preserving of foods have been underway for many years at the College, but "canning" or preserving a warship is something else again.

For the past two years engineers at the Penn State Engineering Experiment Station have been playing a major role in perfecting a method of storing warships.

For the work they've done, the Engineering Experiment Station, under the direction of F. G. Hechler, recently was awarded the Navy's Certificate of Achievement. The station operates as a department of the School of Engineering under the supervision of Dean Harry P. Hammond.

The Navy's plan for storing more than 2000 inactive warships is based on a dehumidifier, a machine that will keep the humidity of the air inside the ship below 35 per cent. This will prevent moisture and atmospheric conditions from causing corrosion, mold, or mildew which would destroy vital instruments and other parts of the ship.

Simple Principle

The principle of the plan is very simple as Everett R. McLaughlin, assistant professor of engineering research, who has worked with Hechler on much of the testing, explains it.

As the ship breathes due to temperature and barometric changes, humid air is drawn into the ship's space. The dehumidifier circulates the ship's air through an absorbing desiccant bed containing either silica gel or activated alumina. This removes a large part of the moisture vapor and the dry air is returned to the ship through the fire-main system.

To conduct the tests on the dehumidification equipment, a Climatometer, constructed at Penn State in cooperation with the Office of Production Research and Development, War Production Board, was used. In this heavily-insulated room, 30 x 24 feet with a 17-foot ceiling, various conditions of temperature, humidity, and other climatic phenomena can be reproduced with great exactness. Temperatures as high as 135 degrees Fahrenheit or as low as 60 degrees below zero Fahrenheit can be produced.

Man-Made Weather

It was in these various types of man-made weather that extensive tests on the dehumidifiers were made, tests that brought about modifications which added much to the efficiency of the units.

"Under normal conditions, the dehumidifier will operate only

about eight hours each day, mostly at night when the breathing ship inhales air," McLaughlin said.

The dehumidifiers are made in three sizes. The small units are used for installation under coverings for mounts, guns and searchlights and for use in isolated compartments. An intermediate size is utilized on landing craft and small vessels.

The larger units, which cost about \$1500, are used in compartments of the larger ships. Six of them will be used on a large warship.



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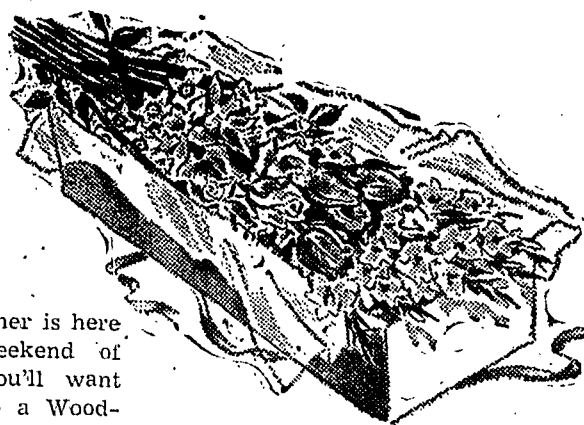
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