

Search for Place to Build Fire Leads to Nittany Lion Shrine

Although it doesn't seem like a logical sequence of events, the Nittany Lion Shrine owes its being to football enthusiasts of 1939 who could not find a place to build a fire.

Expressing student opinion, the Collegian of that year screamed in a banner headline—"Wanted—A Place to Have a Fire."

Because there was no central meeting place for sports rallies, the 1939 season saw some rather destructive rioting, serious enough to bring about a meeting of student leaders with President Hetzel.

The decision of this emergency committee was that some place must be provided where students could find the right sort of outlet for sports hysteria. And thus the Lion, a gift of the Class of 1940.

The symbol of the Lion, of course, dates farther back than the time of its materialization into stone. It dates back to an impromptu drama on the Princeton campus in 1904, and concerns a Penn State freshman and two Princeton sophomores.

Freshman's Story

The freshman was H. D. Mason, member of the Class of 1907, and in 1904 a part of the soon-to-be-called-Lion baseball team that visited Princeton.

Mason, who was present at dedication ceremonies of the stone Lion, tells this story: The Princetonians, anxious to impress their Pennsylvania opponents, paused on a tour of campus to point out a statue of the Bengal Tiger.

"See our emblem, the Princeton Tiger, the fiercest beast of them all," one boasted.

Mason, unwilling to admit his own school's lack of symbolism, replied, "Well, up at Penn State we have Mount Nittany right on our campus, where rules the Nittany Mountain Lion, who has never been beaten in a fair fight, so Princeton Tiger, look out."

According to Mason, the Lion brought luck, because that afternoon Princeton lost 9 to 1 and the

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Tiger failed to take a baseball game from the Lion for four years.

Writes Editorial

A senior in 1907, the baseballer was still thinking about the Lion. He wrote an editorial in the then-current campus publication, "The Lemon," urging that the Nittany Lion be adopted as the College emblem.

Mr. Mason says, "It must have been a very potent editorial, because it took just 33 years to get results. Finally, the Class of 1940 voted funds for the erection of this magnificent work of art."

Heinz Warneke, noted American sculptor who made the symbol tangible, sent a message which was read at the dedication ceremony—"Please tell the students that I hope the Lion roars them to victory after victory."

Center Club

Sidney Eboch, president of the Center Club, announced its first official meeting will be held in 121 Sparks May 22 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Mr. David B. Pugh, who will supervise the meeting, said this club is a unique one in that its objective is to help new advanced students orientate themselves on campus. Interest must be developed through big brother-sister spirit.

With its present officers the club will make plans this semester in order to be in functioning order for the fall semester when hundreds of ex-GI's will be coming in from the four centers.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

... honored its new members at a semi-formal pledge dance Friday night. The Campus Owls played for the affair, to which representatives from other fraternities were invited.

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Windcrest Gets Library

As erection of the community hall in Windcrest nears completion, plans for a library to be opened in the building are making progress, according to Burgess Stanley C. Gross.

Mrs. J. Edward Drew has been named chief librarian. She will select a staff of volunteer assistants who will take turns in working in the library one hour per week. Books will be made available through the Central Library at the College.

Gross also announced that a committee, consisting of the Burgess and his wife and the respective zone council member and his wife, still call on new residents of Windcrest to welcome them to the community. They will explain to them the system of government in operation, introduce them to other residents of their area, and assist them in whatever way they can.

Windcrest council also is studying a method of government that could be used after the community expands to include occupants of trailers now being installed north of the present borough, and single veterans who will live in pre-fabricated dormitories now under construction.

Additional expandable trailers are arriving and being installed west of the original settlement. Like other units in the community, they are being painted cream, trimmed in apple green, and topped with silver-colored roofs.

All trailers are being re-numbered, Gross announced. Those on Wagner Lane have numbers in the 100 series; Reiter Drive, 200 series; Fisher Lane, 300 series; Thomas Drive, 400 series; and the unnamed street in the new section of community, 500 series.



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Research Labs Open Stations

Two new branch stations of the Ordnance Research Laboratory at the College now are in operation, according to Dr. Eric A. Walker, director.

He also said that work is underway in temporary quarters at Key West, Fla., where another branch station will be opened and that the station at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., continues in operation.

The new field test station at Black Moshannon State Park is designed primarily to calibrate and test underwater devices, while the new branch station at Newport, R. I., as well as the one at Key West, both points where ships and docks are available, will enable the laboratory to conduct work at sea.

The station at Newport has facilities for shallow water testing; where preliminary tests may be conducted, thereby eliminating the danger of loss of equipment at a deep water station. There are necessary offices and laboratories, a full scale drafting room, small machine shops, and an overhaul shop.

At Key West, there will be laboratories for research, machine shops, a precision shop,

FFA Initiates Dean Jackson

Dr. Lyman E. Jackson, dean of the School of Agriculture, was initiated as an honorary member of the College chapter of the Future Farmers of America Monday night.

A special FFA ceremonial was held to induct the dean and William V. Dennis, veteran professor of rural sociology, into the club as honorary members.

Officers of the club who took part in the initiation are: Rudolph Brannaka, president; Lee Bridgman, vice-president; Charles Stauffer, secretary; Fred Feister, treasurer; Max McMillen, reporter; and William Robinson, sentinel. Adviser to the students is Russell B. Dickerson, professor of agricultural education.

stock rooms, a photographic laboratory, and office and storage space.

The Main laboratory, a million dollar plant, was opened at Penn State last Fall. It was established to enable skilled scientists to work independently on underwater ordnance research projects they considered important and then make the results available to the Navy.

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