

Editor's Mailcall

In Answer to 'Spectator'

TO THE EDITOR: It is not a habit of mine to bandy remarks with such a bantling as the Spectator presents himself to be but I feel that this occasion warrants a special exception.

In his inane letter to the COLLEGIAN the Spectator takes the stand that we should not criticize, reform, and rebuild State until we have achieved the proposed "Better Penn State," but that we should blindly close our eyes, give three boisterous Hurrahs, and forget our sorrows in a mug of diluted brew. Maybe he's right!!

Maybe we should not have things such as the Short Skirt Skip and the last issue of FROTH, both of which are concerned with the utterly senseless matter of the length of girls' skirts. Let's not worry whether the football players stand or not. Aren't they one of the top teams in the Nation? Let's not criticize the women's regulations. Let's all sign our Insurance Policies, as well as our checks, over to the Nittany Dorms and Pollock Circle.

What's wrong with Penn State now? Why go to all that trouble and effort to make a better State? Let's just sit back and backbite everyone who writes to the COLLEGIAN . . . and just so that no one knows who we are, we won't sign our name.

—Earl C. Supplee Jr.

To the Spectator: I have just this little postscript. Let's not carry this any further. I'm out of stamps. I just took what little bit of money remained from my check and gave it to the Bursar, and he neglected to give me any stamps. When I asked him for some, he reminded me I wouldn't need them . . . I'm going to be too busy shouting, "Hurrah!!!"

—E. C. S.

• The name was signed to the letter but we were requested to withhold it.

He Joins The Crowd

TO THE EDITOR: Everyone (I hope) is complaining about the Pollock Circle mess hall—why shouldn't I? My complaint is not about the food—I expect ulcers anyway—instead, it is about the serving schedule. Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 8:30. Get there before 8:30 and everything is fine. BUT! try to sneak in at 8:31! If they have stopped serving, and a student is from ten to fifteen minutes late, I wouldn't have much of a complaint. But when there is still food, and still a "chow-line," I can't see why a student is turned away for coming in late.

I presume that they make enough food for every man in the Circle; then why can't that food be eaten instead of thrown away? Those who saw the propaganda picture "Patemkin" know that a revolution was started by the cry "for a spoonful of soup." Beware! Or the cry

Behind the Back Door

By Howie Back

Tops on the gossip list today is, of course, Pittsburgh—the town and the college of the same name. A mass migration is planned by most of the student body for Friday evening. Although there were no official protests after last week's battle, student leaders and College officials are worried by the upsurge of destruction and vandalism which took place Saturday night in Baltimore. Any recurrence of this type of public exhibition will probably bring strong censure and perhaps action from the authorities.

Incidentally, with the fire Wednesday morning at the transmitter putting local station WMAJ on the blink for at least two weeks, students remaining in State College may have difficulty in tuning in the game. However, station officials have informed us that WMRP in Lewisburg, and KDKA, Pittsburgh, will air the game.

The so-called big men in campus politics, the clique leaders and powers in the know seem pretty well agreed that a decisive defeat of the Nittany-Independent candidates at today's election (No results are in at this writing) would mean the end of the N-I party.

Purely in the rumor category is talk of an extended Thanksgiving vacation should our gridders defeat Pittsburgh tomorrow. Now don't quote me, but an extra day's vacation, perhaps starting Tuesday at noon, could be in the offing.

Results on the poll for a campus co-op store showed a sweeping majority in favor. And it does seem certain that most students would be in favor of such an enterprise. But I do think the voting method was very poor. In the first place, the questions were so worded that, psychologically, the "Yes" answer could hardly be avoided. And then the distribution method was poor.

Now don't get me wrong, I think the co-op idea has a lot of merit, but the polling method was very poor.

"for a mouthful of coffee" will turn the Circle into a den of mad men.

There will always be late-comers, for various reasons, and they should be taken into consideration. They're paying for the meal, it's not a gift from the mess hall; why can't they eat? The supervisor should use the "come late, serve yourself" method, if she wants the help to stop working on time. Instead, everything is taken back to the kitchen, and a "tough luck, try again" attitude is implied.

I'm not complaining for myself, as, so far, I have gotten there just before the executioner drops the knife. I'm complaining for those whom I have seen get their stomachs cut—and pay for it too!

Oh! oh! I've spent too much time on this. It's 8:29! I'll never make it by 8:30! Where's my luger?
—S.R.K.

After Pitt, What?

A post-season football game between Penn State and Rutgers University to be played in New York City's Yankee Stadium has been suggested by Stan Lomax, Mutual's sports commentator.

Since Rutgers has turned down bowl bids because of the ban on Negro gridders, and Lion coach Bob Higgins has stated that his team will not play where Penn State's Negro players are not welcome, Lomax suggested that a game between the two schools could be billed as the "Freedom Bowl."

"A football game should be played according to the quality of the players, and not on the pigment of their skins," said Lomax in his Tuesday broadcast.

Last night Bill MacKenzie, editor of the Rutgers' Targum, telephoned the Daily Collegian and said that student enthusiasm over the possibility of a "Freedom Bowl" game is tremendous despite the administration's policy to play no post-season games. Petitions are now being circulated among the students at the New Jersey school.

The game would be a "natural" as the sports scribes say. Rutgers, while not receiving too much national publicity, is having an impressive season since dropping the opener to Columbia, 40-28, in a wide-open contest. Since then the Scarlets have downed Western Reserve, Princeton, Fordham, Lehigh, Harvard, Lafayette, and NYU by healthy margins. A Thanksgiving game with Brown remains to be played.

Lomax claims he can obtain the New York Stadium for either December 6 or 13 and believes that the game would draw a capacity crowd.

Since the College has committed itself not to participate in any bowl game that would not accept Negro players, and regardless of the outcome of the Pitt game, some arrangements should be made to play a post-season game.

Among the suggestions to be carefully considered before the football togs are put away in the mothballs are Freedom Bowl plan and the proposed game with the Nittany Lions' traditional rivals—Penn.

Empty Glasses

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to "Spectator" (who won't sign his name): "Sound the alarms! Man the guns! Call the police and notify Alcoholic Anonymous! The "Hurrah Boy" undoubtedly meant three Beers for State.

We're giving odds that that raised beer mug was drained before he wrote the noble composition.

—Deep Freeze Unit 14,

Pollock Circle

—Phillip Preston.

—Ronald Saxe.

—Steve Vargo.

—James Rockwell.

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