

Bowl Game Will Be a Step Toward Equality

The bowl fever has hit the campus with a sudden impact following the Pitt victory. Local enthusiasm seems to favor a trip to the Cotton Bowl for the Lion team, but in the excitement it must not be overlooked that the College officials may spurn any bowl offer.

Before making a decision, it would be wise for the Athletic Advisory Board to carefully weigh the local and national reaction to a refusal. This is particularly true of the Cotton Bowl bid because of the nature of the reports coming out of Dallas about Southern Methodist's attitude concerning the racial question.

Beginning with the final whistle in the Pitt game, Penn State has had more and nicer things said about its football team than any time in recent years. Words of praise came from every major news syndicate, from the mouth of every radio sportscaster in the east, and the story of our successful year was splashed on the sports pages of every newspaper in the area plus countless papers we'll never get to read.

That this team deserves to meet the undefeated Mustangs of Southern Methodist University is beyond question. The big issue, up to this point, concerns the two Negro players on the Lion squad. Justly, Higgins stated that we wouldn't play any game without them. This racial question is not new to Penn State, it came up last year concerning the Miami game, and again concerning our participation in the boxing tournament which was staged in the Sugar Bowl without our entry.

After our recent decisions the Penn State policy appeared to be final. The entire student body at Penn State agreed with the decisions of the policy makers. In fact, newspapers from coast to coast ran stories commending us for adopting the stand we took on the issue. In a way, Penn State was portrayed as an example of an institution which upheld the true democratic spirit. Though not participating in an active crusade, our decision, nevertheless, set an example for other eastern and northern schools to follow. A precedent had been set.

Reports coming out of Dallas indicate that Matty Bell and his Mustang team favor Penn State as their New Year's Day opponents. It would be the only bowl classic which would pit two unbeaten teams together. According to all standards, it would be a natural.

Coach Bell is well aware of our Negro players. Today's newspapers quote him as saying that Southern Methodist would be willing to let Triplett and Hogard play in the game. Speculation seems to be that the Cotton Bowl officials would also give their assent. The only concession that we would have to make is that the Negro boys would be roomed in separate quarters if the team stayed at a Dallas hotel. Also, they would not be able to attend the luncheon given by the bowl officials.

Coach Higgins' reply to this went out over the United Press wire. He said that Penn State would agree to make other arrangements for the two boys.

The Hig's decision was an intelligent one. The very fact that the two players will be in uniform and eligible to play in the game is the first step toward racial equality in this instance. It may take years before Negro players are accorded full rights in Dallas, Texas. The full solution to the problem is not near at hand, but our acceptance of the bid under the proposed conditions would be a big step in the right direction.

If for any reason the College officials should refuse to play in this game after the Dallas school and the Cotton Bowl officials have made clear and definite concessions, it would be a direct insult to both Texas groups. Even more important, we would be dropping the banner of righteousness which we willingly unfurled a year ago, and have waved on occasions since then.

The Athletic Advisory Board will make the final decision. It could mean the start of a new approach to equality—not through the voting polls, but through the field of sport. —LGF.

My Twisted Tale

By Dave Adelman

Ah, Pittsburgh, they loved us there!

We would at this moment like to see the bartender at the William Penn who swore on a stack of Martinis that State wouldn't score in the first quarter. He wasn't on duty Saturday night. We would also like to see the slightly inebriated gentleman to whom, on the eve of the game, we gave 27 points. We wagered \$75,01. Does anybody know him? He lives in Canada.

In a town full of shall we say stirring scenes, we think the most stirring was provided by Dave Pincus, who in more lucid moments throws the discus for the track team. Shortly before the end of the game, he came tearing down the aisle of section 21, shouting, "Let's get the goal posts!"

"But Dave," someone said, "they're steel. They won't come down."

"Huh!" he said, faltering momentarily, "They won't come down?" And then in the manner of Henry V leading his men into battle, a great light came into his eyes. He shook his fist at the crowd, and continuing his mad career, yelled, "Let's get 'em anyway!"

They got 'em. They also got wet paint, on the goal posts in case of such an emergency, all over their hands.

But the sack of Pitt Stadium was not completed with the demolition of the goal posts. The Penn State marauders continued the pillage until every yardline marker disappeared under the protective camouflage of someone's overcoat. Today, three days after the raid, all the plunder is as yet not in. The ZBT's, for example, are anxiously watching the mails for an eight-foot fragment of cross-bar which they had sent to them by Railway Express.

While the battle for the goal posts raged down on the field, a Penn State family in the stands provided an object lesson in how to bring up children.

There was class of '69 with his finger in his mouth, and his small body in his mother's arms. There was his father down on one knee desperately imprecating. There was a small crowd of sympathizers surrounding the family and sharing his father's anxiety. Would it be only, "Da Da"? "Mama"? What would it be? The small crowd was tense. Waiting.

Finally class of '69 took his finger out of his mouth. The small crowd moved forward and heard, "Beat Pitt." Wild Cheers.

We want to add one more to the list of those whose faces we'd like to see. Whoever it is who does Mr. Ebert's work for the William Penn Hotel—he too must be carrying a rather interesting expression around with him today.

Letters from the Editor's Mailbox

Brands Y.P.C.A. Red

TO THE EDITOR: Upon reading Mr. Bensch's first letter urging the support of all for the Y. P. C. A., the subsequent reply by Mr. Kelly, and now the defense offered by Mr. Bensch, I am moved to comment.

First of all, I don't like these reds hiding behind the name "progressive." They may be out to make "progress," but their idea of progress and the idea commonly held by their beloved cousins, the red-baiters, are quite different. We can see what Communists call "progress"—and it hasn't been "liberty and justice for all." Remember, Mr. Bensch, everything is relative.

Oh, sure, for a "front" they say they want haircuts for all races, they want liberty and justice for all, and they have faith in a government of the people, by the people and for the people. What organization doesn't say that when it is appealing to good Americans? But that's just a very thin coat of white paint over a thick layer of red, beneath which is a rotten inner structure—Communism.

Frankly, I am a red-baiter of the first water, if that's what an anti-Communist is called by a Communist. I never took these commies seriously until close association with Mr. Bensch and his friends woke me up to the fact that these people really do have themselves believing in the Moscow line.

Yes, Mr. Bensch, it is indeed tragic that so much bitterness and hostility prevail in the world today. But as long as we have people who insist on sneaking around under the guise of "progressivism" trying to undermine these great freedoms they speak about, there will always be bitterness and hostility.

I'd like to add that price controls are Communist. They certainly are not free economy in this land of freedom you speak about. Therefore, by your own admission, there is no doubt as to what your Y. P. C. A. stands for. It's evident that there's something more than haircuts on your minds. Thank goodness there are some intelligent students in this college like Mr. Kelly and his friends who can see thru your disguise. But please don't worry about the crosses.

Sincerely,
Charles B. Adams

An Answer From YPCA

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Kelly in his recent attack on YPCA has proven himself to be woefully misinformed about the organization. Obviously enough, he has never read the constitution of the organization or discussed its policy intelligently with any of the members.

The comments made by Mr. Kelly are not as insignificant as they may seem. They exemplify an increasing tendency of the American people to brand as "Red" any organization that advocates progressive thinking. The obvious result of this "Red baiting" campaign has been a pitiful reduction of outspoken liberal elements in the United States. YPCA is diametrically opposed to the extinction of this invaluable "middle of the road class" so therein lies their crime. The crime of YPCA consists of being a minority of politically minded students organized on a campus where women's skirts are regarded as more important than the Marshal Plan.

Yes Mr. Kelly, YPCA will "fight the good fight," but her slip is just as red, white and blue as your own.

James D. Stevenson
Charles J. Vitabile

Racial Equality

TO THE EDITOR: The NAACP on October 16 presented the following document to the U.N. on behalf of the Negro people of the United States:

"A statement on the denial of human rights to minorities in the case of citizens of Negro descent in the United States of America. An appeal to the U.N. for redress.

"There is a general agreement that the fundamental human rights, which the United Nations are pledged to promote for all peoples, without distinction as to race, include education, employment, housing and health. The Negro in the United States is the victim of wide deprivation of these rights."

The recent statement by the President's Committee on Civil Rights only re-emphasizes the NAACP statement. We hope that an aroused public will back the civil rights statement and demand its enforcement by the Federal Government. We salute the NAACP for exposing our greatest shame—race oppression—to the eyes of the world.

The Y.P.C.A. of State College has urged Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to support this petition.

William R. Meek, Chairman.
Harriet R. Cohen,
Corresponding Secretary of Y.P.C.A.

Glad You Like It

TO THE EDITOR: As Secretary of the Inter-Religious Council of State College, I have been requested to write this letter expressing our appreciation for the church column you are including as a part of your paper.

The members of the Council wish to commend your paper for this very fine service which you are rendering.

—Bruce E. Gideon, Secretary,
Inter-Religious Council

Popular Paper

TO THE EDITOR: When I go for my Collegian at Student Union after my one o'clock class, I am usually greeted with a sign "Sorry, no more Collegians." This is especially true on Fridays. I can see no reason for not having enough papers to go around. There are many other students who have the same complaint.

—R. F. G.

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Pittsburgh Woman Wins Automobile

The Pontiac Torpedo Sedan Coupe awarded by the Penn State Alumni Scholarship Fund was won by Mrs. S. S. Solof of 1252 Malvern Street, Pittsburgh. The drawing was held following the Pitt game at Pittsburgh.

Second prize of a \$100 Victory bond was won by J. H. Cassler, 83 Nutt Avenue, Uniontown. The \$75 bond went to Margie Casey, Detroit, and the \$50 bond to Charles H. Fleming, 410 Park Avenue, Scottsdale, and the \$25 bond was won by D. T. Fawcett, Brownsville.

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Discharged Thursday: Barbara Cooper, Robert Weitzel.

Admitted Friday: Francis Rettzo.
Discharged Friday: Henry Cole, Marshall Zimmerman, Richard Slaviv, William Kauffman, Peggy Kester, Elaine Katz, Paul Gehert.

Discharged Saturday: Clemens McMahan, Andrew Buchanan.

Admitted Sunday: Earl Supplee, Negley Norton, Robert Duffield.

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