

**Basketball  
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Tonight**

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Partly Cloudy and  
Slightly Colder**

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## Commerce Club Banquet Plans Set

The program for the Commerce Club's testimonial dinner for Penn State's football team was drawn up at a committee meeting last night.

John Henry Frizzell was chosen to give the invocation to open the affair in Recreation Hall Monday at 6 p.m.

Guy Woods of the College will provide an organ interlude and Frank Gullo, also of the College staff, will lead singing of Penn State songs.

Following the dinner, Chester L. "Chet" Smith of the Pittsburgh Press will take over as toastmaster.

The "Inside of Sports" program dedicated to Penn State by Bill Brandt and talks by Dick Harlow of Harvard, Steve Owen of the New York Giants, Bob Higgins and Matty Bell of Southern Methodist will follow.

In between the speeches, presentations by various groups will be made.

College students will be admitted to the dinner at the start of the speaking program.

One addition to the program may be made, it was announced by E. J. Reilly, committee chairman.

Reports were received on tickets, decorations, and food from members of the committee.

## Late AP News

Courtesy Radio Station WMAJ

## Duff Names Fred Waring New College Trustee

HARRISBURG — Governor James Duff today named the noted band leader, Fred Waring, as a trustee of Pennsylvania State College. Waring, a former student at Penn State, was appointed to succeed Mrs. Clara Phillips of Washington, Pa., whose term has expired.

At the same time Duff named Frank Denton of Pittsburgh a member of the College board, succeeding Harry Moses, also of Pittsburgh, who resigned.

## 'State of the Union'

WASHINGTON—President Truman last night put the finishing touches on his "state of the union message" which he will deliver in person this afternoon to a joint session of Congress. The President called a special meeting of his Cabinet yesterday and White House sources say the President's message is going to hit congressional Republicans right between the eyes.

## Fifteen Letter Error Makes 'Red' Roth Very Red

It was only the 15-letter difference between an "a" and a "b" but it disrupted a class and raised one of the reddest blazes of the season on Wilbur Roth.

Roth had received a post-card telling him to report in 304 Sparks at 9 o'clock for an English Usage test. So at 9 a.m. he showed up in 304 Sparks where Prof. J. Paul Selsam was lecturing on European history.

Several curious stares followed him as he sought a comfortable seat in the rear of the room. Then slightly bewildered by references from the lecturer to an "intellectual revolution" he approached Professor Selsam and proffered a post-card.

A blush that put Roth's flaming hair to shame greeted the announcement by the professor that the card said 9 p.m. not 9 a.m.

As he departed from the room abashedly the remark was heard that though there were no more freshmen to provide humor, the sophs were doing a pretty good job of taking their place.

## \$5,000 Goal Set for Hetzel Memorial

All-College Cabinet, sponsor of the Hetzel Memorial Fund, today begins a two-week drive for funds to establish a memorial library in tribute to the College's late president, Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel.

The proposed library, for which a goal of \$5000 has been set, will contain books concerning a variety of subjects including adventure, philosophy and psychology.

The campaign will extend to students, faculty, and alumni. Each fraternity, sorority and campus organization is asked to contribute. The Alumni Association has contacted 7,000 graduates through the Cotton Bowl edition of the News Letter, and over 30,000 alumni will be notified of the drive in the next issue of the alumni magazine. Publicity is being given the campaign by newspapers throughout the state.

Individual contributions may be placed in boxes at Student Union, the Corner Room, Rathskellar, diners, girls' dormitories, and other places in town.

The library, which was instigated by Interfraternity Council, is an attempt to express the gratitude of those who realize the heights to which "Prexy" raised the College.

## Higgins, Nolan Request Stoppage Of 'Dissension, Gripping' Rumor

By ALLAN W. OSTAR

Head coach Bob Higgins, representing the coaching staff, and co-captain John Nolan, spokesman for the Lion football squad, last night signed an open letter indicating their desire to bring to a close discussion over team-coach dissension. Nolan signed for the squad since the other co-captain, John Potsklan, has not returned to campus from his home.

The letter which is printed on this page was submitted through the efforts of the Daily Collegian to clarify reports of dissension on the Cotton Bowl trip. These reports have received wide publicity.

Nolan said last night that he was "sorry the situation had gotten so far out of hand. Everything is too distorted for anyone to believe anything."

Higgins said that statements which had been attributed to him by press associations and newspapers throughout the state were entirely erroneous. Some of these statements quoted Higgins as indicting the whole squad for bickering and dissension. He denied singling out wingback Jeff Durkota as a ringleader and troublemaker.

"I realize that mistakes were made both by myself and the squad, but don't forget that we were inexperienced in making bowl trips. Things would be done differently if we had to do it over again," Higgins said.

The trouble arose over gripes by team members over such things as no laundry service after it had been promised, poor food which was served in the Dallas Naval Air Station where the team was quartered, the denial of sufficient privileges to permit the players to visit Dallas, and the lack of entertainment at the base.

As a result of these complaints the players jumped the fence surrounding the air station and went into Dallas without permission.

As for Durkota being singled out as the main troublemaker, Nolan and other players stated that the big wingback didn't do anything that the other 39 members of the squad didn't do.

Wally Triplett, Nolan, and other players took exception with the statement in yesterday's Centre Daily Times which said that a minority of Penn State football players apparently were not willing to make sacrifices for their Negro teammates. The players stated that their rooms at the air station were excellent, but that they weren't given enough freedom to visit Dallas.



BOB HIGGINS



JOHN NOLAN

### Let's Stop Talking . . . And Look Ahead

(An open letter to the Daily Collegian from Coach Bob Higgins and his staff and Co-Captain Nolan and his teammates.)  
To All Good Penn Staters:

We know you've heard a lot of talk about team dissension since the Cotton Bowl game. Some of what you've heard is true. Most of it is not. We know because we've heard a lot of it bouncing back in completely distorted form.

Let's just say that both of us made mistakes—the coaches and the team members. We're human and we err; and we're being honest about that.

But the important thing right now is not the past — it's the future. Both of us agree that there is absolutely nothing to be gained by further spreading of what happened in Texas. That's

history, as far as we're concerned. We want to forget it, and we'd appreciate it if everybody else would.

Remember there's a Community Banquet coming up in a few days for the team. Townspeople and others have poured plenty of time and money into it. Let's not do anything to sour it and to shake their confidence in Penn State football.

Instead, why can't we make the banquet a starting point for an era of cooperation and good fellowship? We had a wonderful year, you must remember, and have been talking about another fine year in 1948.

So we're shaking hands all around. We hope—and know—that you'll get into the spirit of the thing, too. Thanks a lot.

Very sincerely,

Bob Higgins,

(For the Coaching Staff.)

John Nolan, co-captain,

(For the ENTIRE team)

## State Gets \$66,453 From Cotton Bowl

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 6—Penn State's share of the largest melon in the 12-year history of the Cotton Bowl was \$66,453.59, Game Director James V. Stewart announced today.

Southern Methodist received \$61,453.59, since the first \$5,000 of the home team's share automatically goes to the Southwest Conference.

A sell-out crowd of 45,507, including 5,886 student tickets at half price, paid a gross gate of \$189,388.53.

## French Film Showing Tonight at Atherton

Two French films entitled "Lamartine" and "Comedie Avant Moliere" will be shown in the northeast Atherton Hall lounge at 7 o'clock tonight. The Office of Cultural Relations, a French government agency, has furnished the movies.

The film on Moliere deals with the writer's ties with the past and "Lamartine" depicts scenes familiar to Lamartine's life and includes excerpts from his poetry.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

## Lion Fans Select Top Ranking Back, Lineman

Today students of the College as well as Centre Countians will have their chance to select their favorite lineman and back on Penn State's 1947 undefeated grid juggernaut.

Ballot will be printed in today's Daily Collegian and the Centre Daily Times and only votes cast on these official ballots can be counted to determine these two players.

The contest which originally was scheduled for the last week in November but was postponed when the all-victorious Higginsmen received an invitation to the Cotton Bowl classic so that no dissension or jealousy would arise within the team over the winners of these awards.

Deadline Saturday

The balloting was actually started when both the Daily Collegian and the Centre Daily Times published ballots after the Pitt game. All of these votes which were then cast have been tabulated and saved and will be added to the votes cast this week.

All the ballots must be turned in by Saturday in order to have them tabulated in time for the testimonial dinner at Rec Hall on Jan 12. Ballot boxes will be

placed at the office of the Daily Collegian, the office of the Centre Daily Times and Student Union.

The trophies which will be pre-

sented to winner of the polling are now on display in the Athletic Store window. Each trophy is a statue of a miniature football player; the linesman trophy is finished in silver while the trophy for the favorite back is of copper. Both are mounted on a mahogany base.

Every member of the Penn State football team is eligible to receive votes. In the votes already received 18 players have been mentioned. All students as well as residents of Centre County are eligible to cast ballots selecting their favorite back and lineman.

It is expected that student voting will be heavy because of the tremendous interest shown throughout the year at pep rallies and grid games. County voting so far has been heavy too—most of it being mailed to the Centre Daily Times office.

The Centre Daily Times and the Daily Collegian which are the co-sponsors of the balloting and the trophies are doing it solely for the purpose of giving added

recognition to the Penn State grid team and its players.

Coach Bob Higgins, who guided the '47 grid combine to nine straight victories and a 13-13 tie against a favored SMU eleven in the Cotton Bowl has endorsed the idea of the balloting. Says Higgins: "I think it is a fine idea if it is handled right."

When voting for the players students are asked to consider outstanding play throughout the entire season and not just one or two games. O.T. opinion should be expressed and not some newspaper columnist's.

The choice will be a hard one as Coach Higgins stated: "On my squad of 40 players, one fellow performs just as well as the next. It is difficult to single out any stars on my squad."

Final results of the voting will be announced at the Commerce Club-sponsored banquet at Rec Hall next Monday night and results of the balloting will be published in next Tuesday's Collegian as well as in the Centre Daily Times.

## DAILY COLLEGIAN CENTRE DAILY TIMES

AWARDS TO THE OUTSTANDING PENN STATE  
LINEMAN AND BACK

My choice for lineman is \_\_\_\_\_

My choice for back is \_\_\_\_\_

Ballots should be mailed or taken to CENTRE DAILY TIMES, Box 89, State College, or COLLEGIAN OFFICE, Carnegie Hall, Campus, or dropped in any convenient ballot box in Bellefonte or State College.