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### 'May No Act'

Tomorrow dawns that Day of Days, when the ravenous Nittany Lion, with all his loyal cohorts, treks from his mountain lair, intent on stalking the Penn Quaker and rending him to bits.

Penn State will literally be on view and on trial before practically the entire nation. More than 80,000 are expected to watch the game from the vantage point of Franklin Field stands.

Other thousands will bunch around television screens. Perhaps millions will listen to the broadcast accounts of the epic battle.

What they hear and see will largely influence most people's opinion of the College, since they are unaware of all its other aspects and activities.

We know the players will disport themselves admirably by hard, clean blocking, tackling and running. But what about the fans in the stands, and around the city both before and after the game?

Unsportsmanlike conduct by the spectators can destroy the prestige so hardily won on the field. Radio listeners, for example, unable to see any alleged "dirty playing" or undetected rule infractions by an opponent, will censure Penn Staters as poor losers, if unfavorable breaks against the Blue and White are always greeted with boos.

While such rude conduct in the stands is not penalized directly, every Penn Stater stands to lose by it. None of us wants to miss a job opportunity on the grounds that "all Penn Staters are bum sports." It can happen.

Our behavior in the Quaker City can also influence our future relations with Penn. We should not take any chances of endangering the continuance of a rivalry that means so much to us all.

Property destruction of any kind is always reprehensible, and never justifiable under any circumstances. Many persons seem to think that goal posts are a legitimate exception, but we consider that attitude childish as well as antedated and dangerous.

Injuries are inevitable in a goal post skirmish, but so stupid. Unfortunately, it is the innocent bystander who is all-too-often the victim of the "fun."

Student leaders can give the reputation of the College a considerable boost by discouraging acts of unsportsmanship and destruction. They can and should exert their influence by dissuading those intent on showing Penn State in a distorted and unsavory light.

Let's all make it possible to sing sincerely, "May no act of ours bring shame to one heart that loves Thy name," by acting accordingly.

### Adult Measures

When students protest certain College rules through the proper channels, one can see that the situation is ironed out much faster than in adolescent strikes and gripes without an adult appeal to authority.

Evidence of an adult-like attitude toward the repeal of a College restriction was the recent steps taken by the Interfraternity Council to lift the ban on sophomore women entering unchaperoned fraternity houses.

Because student organizations appealed to a student body that had the power to act upon this rule, their efficient measures soon proved to be effective.

President of the Women's Student Government Association, Janet Lyons has expressed her appreciation of the efforts of the IFC concerning the dating code.

"We all realized how weak the code was enforced in many cases, so this is why the restriction on unchaperoned dating for sophomores and the rotating committee of house representatives visiting fraternities was devised," Miss Lyons said.

She also added that since the restriction on sophomore women has been lifted, thanks to the cooperation of the girls and fellows, we should all take the responsibility of not allowing the dating code to slip again.

If student reaction continues in the same manner toward the IFC periodical checks of fraternity houses and if the student body itself continues to help IFC in enforcing the dating code, we shall prove worthy of our right to express our opinions on administrative policies.

Maybe this efficient manner of handling a campus ruling which affected all of us, will give a clue to those, who, in an unorganized manner, attempt to achieve their desired ends by griping with no tort toward proper action.

—Pauly Moss.



### —But We Tried

Well, we're getting a day off for a football game. Three cheers to the administration. And we stayed in the Nittany valley the day of the presidential election, which rolls around once every four years. Once, during a college career!

Now honestly, who are the adults around here anyway? Maybe that's why cartoonists portray college students with a sack over their heads. Because we stay at school instead of going home to vote. Because we feel we can't afford to miss a four-hour lab or a blue book, or even a ten-minute quiz. Because we take a day off for a football game.

It certainly makes us red in the face when our college administration says no-no to election day, but sends us off with cheers for a game.

It's all over now—but you can't say we didn't try, in an adult manner, to exercise our greatest right, as adults.

Thanks, anyway, to the AVC for trying. And thanks to the College, too.

—Betty Gibbons

### In the Land of Jim Crow

By Ray Sprigle

Ray Sprigle, Pulitzer prize-winning reporter and staff member of "The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," recently disguised himself as a Negro and for four weeks "lived black" in the South among his fellow Americans. This is the fourth of a series of twelve articles in which he presents his findings. Mr. Sprigle has changed the names of persons and places in some instances to protect those involved.

She is worn and aged and bent beyond her time. Nearly a quarter of a century behind a plow and a mule under blazing Georgia suns have done that to her.

In a haze of dull despair, this broken, hopeless Negro farm woman sits in this little parlor in Black Atlanta and tells her tale of murder.

"When the white folks gave him back to me he was in his coffin. I held his head in my hands when I kissed him. And I felt the broken pieces of bone under the skin. It was just like a sackful of little pieces of bone."

"I put my arms around him for one last time as he lay there. All down one side of him there were no ribs—just pieces that moved when I held him."

#### Talking About Husband

That was her husband she was talking about—Henry Gilbert, 42 years old, Negro farmer, murdered by the white folks of Harris and Troup Counties, Georgia, May 29, 1947.

Henry Gilbert was victim of the mores of the white Southerner. When a Negro kills a white man and escapes somebody has to pay. Henry Gilbert just happened to be the Negro picked for slaughter.

Sunday night, May 4, Olin Sands, a white planter, in his pickup truck caught up with Gus Davidson, a young Negro with a bad record among both blacks and white, driving his father's car in front of the Union Springs Baptist Church. Sands accused him of driving over a calf lying in the road and began beating the Negro with a club. The Negro shot and killed him.

Henry Gilbert, a deacon and

treasurer of the little Baptist church, was inside the church counting the evening's collection. Mrs. Gilbert and the wives of the other deacons were waiting in front. At the sound of the shots they called their menfolk and everybody started for home in short order.

#### Sheriff Appears

Two weeks later E. V. Hilyer, Sheriff of Troup County, with two officers from Harris County, appeared at the Gilbert home at 4:30 in the morning. They arrested him on a warrant charging him with aiding and abetting the escape of Gus Davidson, despite the fact that a short time before Gilbert had had Davidson arrested and jailed for creating a disturbance in the church. Davidson, his father, Lovett Davidson, and their white employer, Luke Sturdevant, had all told Gilbert that they'd get even with him. The officers drove away with Gilbert just as it was getting light.

Ans that last glimpse of him in the early dawn, three gun-hung white men shepherding him into their car, was the last time Carolyn Gilbert was ever to see her husband alive. He'd be dead "when the white folks gave him back."

For the next ten days Henry Gilbert drops out of sight while Georgia law drags him from jail hurried to Hamilton. She was told her husband has been "carried" to Columbus, where "the FBI" wanted to talk to him." Not until May 29 did Mrs. Gilbert get any definite word as to where her husband was being held. That

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### Safety Valve

#### State on Display

The greatest weekend of the year is about to be a reality, giving rise to varied observations and a few points especially to remember.

The combination of a grid contest between two well-matched opponents who are classic rivals, along with a week-end away from the very suggestion of academic problems is conducive to the most expansive celebration.

Last year, our big week-end was in Pittsburgh, where the memory of our good time is overshadowed by recollections of the few people whose idea of a celebration was destroying property and being a general nuisance.

We must remember that on trips such as these, Penn State is on display. The few who make the greatest display of reprehensible action will be termed as indicative of Penn State in general.

All of us who make the trip this week-end should be particularly conscious of the impressions we leave. We should curb our fellow Penn Staters when their behavior is not in keeping with the minimum standards of proper conduct.

There is absolutely no reason why we cannot have the best time of the year without undue destruction or thoughtlessness to others' rights.

Let's all cooperate to make this week-end one we can remember without having a guilty conscience about property destroyed or having the name of Penn State soiled with reference to the inconsiderate actions of a few.

William Lawless  
All-College President

#### Ike's an Old Meanie

TO THE EDITOR: As a loyal Penn Stater, I want to say that I consider the action of Mr. Gilbert, concerning coed cheerleaders, as backward and reactionary.

I thought we were living in a modern world, but I am beginning to doubt it very much, since there are still some old fogies in this world that are living back some twenty years in the past. Does Mr. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, know that we are living in an age in which the weaker sex is considered equal to the male, at least in some respects?

With what earthly reason could a minority of alumni convince him that we, the students of Penn State, should not have coed cheerleaders? I do not think that the female cheerleaders have done anything which would derate the standing of our College, but I think Mr. Gilbert's action is an act which can bring disgrace to Penn State, and I don't think it is symbolic of the College's character. I think Penn State is a liberal and broad-minded college, but when I hear of acts like Mr. Gilbert's—I begin to doubt it.

Mr. Gilbert, as a faithful Penn State rooster who yells his lungs out at every game, I am asking you to think of us, the students, rather than a few alumni and let us have our coed cheerleaders.

—Walter F. Munhall.

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Monday, November 8

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 106 ME, 6:45 p.m.

#### College Hospital

Admitted Wednesday: Tom McDermott, Ralph Hartman, David Doan and Frances Rogers.

Discharged Wednesday: Israel Dinner and Pat Pomeroy.

Discharged Thursday: Robert Klein and Robert Howard.

#### College Placement

Brown Instrument Co., November 9 and 10, eighth semester men from EE, ME and Physics.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., November 8 and 9, eighth semester men from ME, IE, EE, CE, Metallurgy and Chem Eng.

Sylvania Electric Co., November 8, eighth semester men from EE, ME, Chem Eng, Chem, and Ceramics.

Armstrong Cork Co., November 11, 12 and 13, seventh semester men in IE, ME, Ph.D. in Chemistry, Chem Eng and Physics.

Bell System, November 9, 10 and 11, eighth semester men from EE, ME and IE. B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. men in EE and Physics.

Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Co., November 15 and 16, eighth semester men from CE, ME, EE, IE and Chem Eng.

Shell Oil Co., November 11 and 12, men graduating in January with B.S. in Physics and Chem, M.S. in Pet. and Natural Gas Eng, Mining Eng, Chem Eng, EE, ME, Physics and Chemistry. Ph.D. candidates in Physics, ME, Physical Colloid or Analytical Chem.

National Supply Co., November 11 and 12, eighth semester men in IE, ME and C&F.

General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and Timken Roller Bearing Co., eighth semester men from CE, EE, IE, ME, Arts and Letters, C&F, Metallurgy, Mining Eng, Chem Eng, Physics.

Radio Corporation of America, November 17 and 18, seventh and eighth semester men in EE, ME and Physics.

Armco Steel Corp., November 18 and 19, seventh and eighth semester men from CE, IE, ME and Metallurgy.

#### Student Employment

Students interested in working as substitute waiters and dishwashers, etc., over the week-ends.

Girls for light housework.

Veteran's wife to make beds.

#### At the Movies

CATHAUM—Kiss the Blood Off My Hands.  
STATE—Saxon Charm.  
NITTANY—Street With No Name.

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