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### A Little Fun

*"Every college has a legend,  
Passed on from year to year . . ."*

Traditions are the things about a college that make it distinctive, that differentiate it from all the rest. They are excitedly lapped up by green frosh and fondly reminisced about by Old Grads.

Not all traditions are desirable, of course. Those which may be physically harmful or morally degrading ought to be ruthlessly stamped out.

But the innocuous customs, which leave only pleasant memories and promote a feeling of unity and College spirit, are worthy of perpetuation.

Among these is the practice of seniors wearing well-decorated Lion Coats, not to set them apart from the lower classmen, but as a sign that four long rough years are nearly at an end.

With the advent of War, this legend, like so many others, was securely locked in the file marked "These things are non-essential to the war effort." Returning veterans, battle-toughened, belligerently unsentimental, refused to open the drawer.

True, the coats are singularly unattractive when new. But touched with the imaginative and inspired decorative talents of the soon-to-be-gone-but-not-forgotten senior, they quickly blossom forth in all their colorful gaiety.

A serious approach to the problems of Life is an essential. But a little fun mixed in will make a whale of a difference in its enjoyment. Let the seniors of the class of '49 participate in the Lion Coat tradition.

It can be lots of fun.

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### The new partner



### Too Independent

Independents can be too independent.

This was proved by the old Independent Men's and Women's Associations. While they tried to serve as independent representatives on All-College Cabinet and elsewhere, they suffered from general student apathy.

The Association of Independent Men and Leonides, women's organization, are newly organized. They are truly representative, for their members were elected from every living unit in town and on campus.

The new organizations could accomplish a lot for independent welfare, governmental and social, if they successfully unite the scattered independents who compose more than one half of the student body.

It will be a shame if the independents defeat their own purpose by being apathetic toward their organizations. The possibilities are unlimited. Social mixers, lounges, dances, governmental action, only hint of what a functional independent group could do.

Let's hope the independents won't ruin a good thing by being too independent.

—Betty Gibbons.

### The Safety Valve

#### Hort's Stumps

TO THE EDITOR: The damage that has been done to Hort Woods as a natural site is already serious and irreparable, considering that 24-inch trees do not grow overnight. Walking the length of the plot you can count upwards of 50 stumps, and the number is increasing. The woodchoppers are pretty busy in there nowadays, stacking up fuel for fireside sessions and laying out big freshly cut logs as seats for an unused and unneeded "outdoor chapel." I am told by authorities who have no axe to grind that most of this cutting is not really necessary, unless—and this is the disturbing possibility—unless the ultimate intention is to trim out all Hort Woods like a picnic grounds, or like the genteel grove of shade trees behind the Nittany Lion. If and when that happens, the game will be over. Hort Woods can then go to blazes, as too much of it already has.

Sentimental considerations aside, this place in its present state fulfills a need. Professor Arnold's remarkable inventory has shown its botanical riches, and the area might well be stocked with additional specimens. Bird watchers know it as their only nearby hunting grounds. The College could enlist warmest support and approval for an announced decision to retain this last wild spot on the campus as a convenient and useful nature laboratory. There are so many who wish that unemployed lumbermen might hereafter be exercised harmlessly on apparatus in Rec Hall.

—H. E. Dickson.

### Collegian Gazette

Thursday, January 13

RUSSIAN CHORUS, 415 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 405 Old Main, p.m., Friday.

NAACP, 401 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.

KAPPA PHI, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

ALL-COLLEGE CABINET — 201 Old Main, 8 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECH. ENGINEERS, Student Chapter, 219 EE, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, 200 CH, 6:45 p.m.

NSA, 8 Sparks, 7 p.m.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Yellow Sky.

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