

Suckers Born...

The Smart Money Boys—a small bunch of persons whom society scorns but tolerates, yearly “milk” Penn State students of thousands of greenbacks through “get-rich-quick” football pool slips. Feeding on a hungry-for-easy-money student body, the racket thrives unmolested. Student agents are used as a “front.” And the weekly “take” can modestly be called terrific.

Almost as old as football itself, the pool racket each year finds Penn State to be one of its favorite hunting grounds. Many of these “business men” fatten their over-weighted bank rolls at the expense of college students throughout the country.

Each week of the football season, pool slips are circulated throughout the College—in the classrooms, the corridors, the dorms and fraternity houses.

THE ASTUTE CHARACTERS who operate the racket never risk vending the slips themselves. Students work as agents for the pool backers and are paid on a commission basis.

HERE'S HOW YOU play the pool: Secure a slip from one of the agents—not a hard task in State College. Make your selections and return the stub together with your money—anything from a quarter up—to the same agent. Turning the slip in to any other agent would not be “ethical.”

IN SELECTING WINNERS you may give or take points, but a game ending in a tie favors the bookie. Odds vary. On one particular slip they range from 8-to-1 for those who select four teams correctly, to 200-to-1 for those who go “all out” and chose ten teams correctly.

Actually, the true odds are much greater than those listed on the slips, and the chances of “bitting” the pool are scarce. Usually the number of points awarded teams calculated to lose is shrewdly picked, but there are often one-sided “sucker” games thrown in as teasers to entice the gullible pool-player.

At Penn State, three or four large football pools operate yearly. One and sometimes two fold within a year's time, but others—often backed by the same persons whose pools went bankrupt—spring up to replace them.

State College pools which do not fold are generally those operated here by “business men” in large Pennsylvania cities, but with student agents. They use odds supplied weekly by a national bookmaker, who for about \$150 a season will mail selections and game odds to any pool entrepreneur. These “big-time” pools are smart and hard to beat.

Locally-backed pools are the ones which usually fold sooner or later, partly because their quoted odds may be too radical, thus courting financial disaster. But when successful, these local pools earn their instigators from \$300 to \$1,000 a week.

THE PRESENT LATE STAGE of the football season is critical, especially for the local pools. At the opening of the grid campaign they will gladly “pay off” a few big winners if they feel there is an eventual harvest to be reaped from State College students. But as the season progresses, they will fold quietly rather than “pay off” in the event many players “hit.” That's why it is bad sense to try for huge pool winnings right now; chances of being paid if you win are low.

The same pool situation existing at the College can be found on many campuses throughout the nation. Last year at Ohio State two students who were supposedly acting as agents for a local syndicate were expelled from school. But generally, the racket flourishes unmolested; State College pools are a small part of a nation-wide multi-million-dollar-a-year business.

The student agent's share of the “take” varies in proportion to the amount of business he does his commission usually running from 15 to 40 per cent of gross receipts.

“Payoffs” are made at the beginning of the week, but they are seldom necessary because of expert handicapping employed by the pool dopsters.

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Must be a commotion today!

Revised Planks At Stake In Frosh, Soph Battle

Here are the planks of the revised State and Lion party platforms for the class elections to be held Tuesday:

State Party

1. To work with other interested groups in separating the commerce and finance curriculum from the Liberal Arts school.
2. To work with NSA in instituting a “Campus Chest” at Penn State to support the charity drives, and to eliminate individual drives. The State party feels that this would cause less work on everybody's part.
3. To have the elections committee work on a better distributed plan of voting. In other words, during these elections, have voting places in all the schools and a centrally located one in the dorm areas.
4. To rearrange the seating at New Beaver Field more to the satisfaction of the students.
5. To attempt to have better recreation and social facilities for the men in the dormitories.
6. To expand the Student Work Agency so it can do a better job serving the students, and so that more students can obtain work from it.
7. To continue to publicize the need for a permanent Student Union building. The plans for it already have been drawn up.
8. To expedite the plan for the creation of a student press.
9. To utilize the cooking facilities in Atherton Hall for freshman girls.
10. To support the drive for the expansion of the BX so it will be able to fit the needs of the students in a better way.
11. To work for a revival of the

Lion Party

1. To support the present Student Union committee in realizing its goal of a permanent Student Union building in the near future.
 2. We will continue to support the efforts of Leonides and AIM in their benefits for all independent students.
 3. We will coordinate the work of the school councils in establishing an instructor rating system and improving the existing advisory system.
 4. We will support the All-College Cabinet committee in establishing a Campus Chest.
 5. To further investigate plans for alleviating the parking and traffic problem on campus.
 6. The points on our platform concern the freshman women in that they are students of Penn State, not a separate group. The Lion freshman candidates, while ever acting in the interests of their classmates, will strive to make the freshmen not a separate group but an integral part of Penn State.
- traditions that Penn State seems to have lost during the past few years; such as the interclass rivalry, the “hello spirit,” and basic enthusiasm for the school. There are some of the things that live the longest in the minds of Penn State graduates.
12. To erect sidewalks on campus where students can walk instead of having to traverse muddy paths.

Elusive Room

It's not just the freshman who get confused on the campus. Recently Norma Sue Goodman, a senior, spent a half hour hunting for her room in Simmons and finally went to report to the hostess that it had been moved lock, stock and barrel. When she got to the hostess's office she realized the cause of her difficulties—she had been wandering around in McElwain. Claims it comes from having too many 8 o'clock classes.

Safety Valve...

Expect Too Much

TO THE EDITOR: Daily, I have watched the squabbles so thoroughly aired in this paper concerning the “non-dates” versus the “import dates.” A few points should be exposed on both sides.

First, there are a few of the men at Penn State who do not want to date Penn State Coeds because of other reasons, such as: finances are limited; G. I.'s who have gone through this routine overseas, using natives in place of imports; fellows who don't care to date too far in the future; and those who have a true love in their own town.

On the other hand, the coeds seem to realize that the requirements of a winsome smile, pleasing personality, and a generous amount of patience are all that is necessary to gain friends on campus for future dates. The girl herself is the one who decides whether she will be dated, for her roommate's advice and the use of certain beauty preparations will make her attractive to at least one man.

Both sides are expecting far too much—the girls want a car, usually frat member, good looks, and a BMOG—the boy; a dream, personality plus, inexpensive, and class. This is Penn State, not an exclusive school where the Van Snoots are attending. Can't we sorta get together?

—Ed Howe

Gazette

Saturday, November 12
INTERNATIONAL Relations Club Committee on Model Security Council, 8 Sparks, 12:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 13
SENIOR EDIT Board, Collegian, 8 CH, 6:45 p.m.

Monday, November 14
PHILOTES, White Hall, 7:00 p.m.
COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Thursday: Lawrence Remstein, James Mongell.
Admitted Friday: Robert de Laval, Shirley Grow.

Discharged Friday: Robert Kreidler, Raymond Gomez, Richard Dumm, John Storer, Joan Zerden.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

The National Supply Co. Nov. 18 February grads in accounting.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., Nov. 17. February grads for non technical sales work. Single men only.

Sharples Corp., afternoon Nov. 30. February grads in ChemE and ME for development work. Applicants must have 1.55 or better average.

New York State Civil Service, now. February and June grads who are legal residents of that state.

AT THE MOVIES

Saturday
CATHAUM—Seabiscuit.
NITTANY—Valiant Hombre.
STATE—Home of the Brave.

Monday
CATHAUM—Seabiscuit.
NITTANY—The Quiet One.
STATE—Red Danube.

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