



## Coaly, the Mule, A College Legend

By Jack Reen

A campus tradition of long standing has been re-discovered in the hayloft of the veterinary hospital on Ag Hill.

The tradition, beyond the memory of present-day Penn Staters but deeply etched in the remembrances of many past alumni, is in the form of a mule's skeleton.

This pile of bones is all that remains of Coaly, one of four mules and two horses that hauled stone from a front-campus quarry to build the original Old Main in 1857. With that date began Coaly's long period of service to the College which ended with his death in 1893.

### Becomes Pet

As mules go, Coaly was not exceptional. But his innate stubbornness was tempered by good nature and patience which made him the pet of the all-male student population of the time.

Coaly labor for the College did not end with the completion of Old Main. The mule stayed on until his death, accumulating through the years the love of increasing numbers of alumni.

Coaly gained such a prominent place in their lives that it was seen fit, when he died, to place his skeleton in a wild-life museum on the second floor of the building he helped construct. There he languished, for the museum was not a popular place, it seems.

### Coaly Moves

When Old Main was replaced by the present building in 1929, Coaly's skeleton was stored for a time in the basement of Watts Hall with a few other relics from the museum.

Although preventive measures had been taken, most of the specimens had become so moth-eaten in three or four years that they had to be destroyed. But not Coaly's skeleton.

Dr. James F. Shigley, who retired last year as veterinarian, heard about the skeleton and took charge. He restored the bones as best he could, but never could find a place to display them.

Then, not so long ago, William F. Ackerman of the department of public information at the College re-discovered Coaly's plight. As yet, no action has been taken. So Coaly gathers dust and cobwebs, while the hay in his loft threatens to evict him. He needs a better home. Any offers?

## Students Favor Campus Chest

Seventy five per cent of student ballots tabulated so far are in favor of a campus chest fund that would combine the money-raising drives of a number of charities, Mary Fox, chairman of the fund committee, announced yesterday.

The Campus Chest Fund committee is one of the activities of the College's National Student Association committee, which was asked by All-College Cabinet to examine the idea of a combined drive.

Of the ballots counted, 1,479 were in favor of the fund and 492 were against it. More of the referendum forms are still being received by committee members.

## Dormitory Area May Get Post Office Station

The possibility of a U.S. Post Office sub-station in the Nittany-Pollock dormitory area to handle the large amounts of mail earmarked for the men living there has been brought to light.

Representative James Van Zandt, of this congressional district, has been contacted and it is expected that an agent from the Post Office Department will be in State College some time in the near future to investigate the need for a sub-station. The announcement follows close on the heels of State College's receiving top priority on a new borough Post Office building.

Meanwhile, action has been taken through housing director Russell E. Clark to speed up mail delivery through present channels. Clearly numbered boxes and four distribution windows in dorm 20 have done much in eliminating the congested lines which previously formed at mail time.

In addition, another window has been opened on the outside of dorm 20 exclusively for the use of those calling for packages. A macadam walk leading to the window has been constructed for the convenience of those using it.

## Debaters Enter Vermont Meet

Four local debaters will attempt to keep the reputation of the College as an outstanding debating center today and tomorrow, when they participate in the Vermont Debate Tournament at the University of Vermont.

The College tied for second place in 1948, while Richard Schweiker and Herman Latt were one of seven undefeated teams throughout the tournament.

Today Schweiker will team with Richard Schultz on the negative side of the question, "Resolved: that the United States should nationalize the basic non-agricultural industries."

James McDougall and Peter Giesey will present the affirmative. Both men are veteran debaters at the College, McDougall having been a standout in the annual Dickinson College Debate last year, and Schultz participated in the West Point Regional Tournament at Temple University.

The Vermont Debate was the season's opener last year, but Schweiker already has taken part in one debate in 1949, and Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien, debate coach, believes the squad is capable of bettering last year's second place tie. Over 40 colleges will take part in the three rounds of debate and the model legislation which follows.

## Today . . .

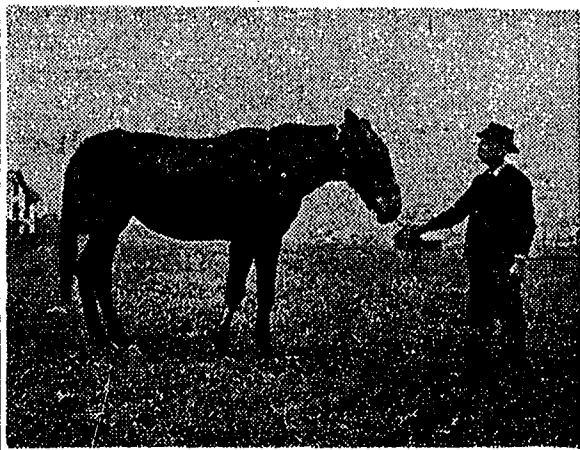


### The Nittany Lion Roars

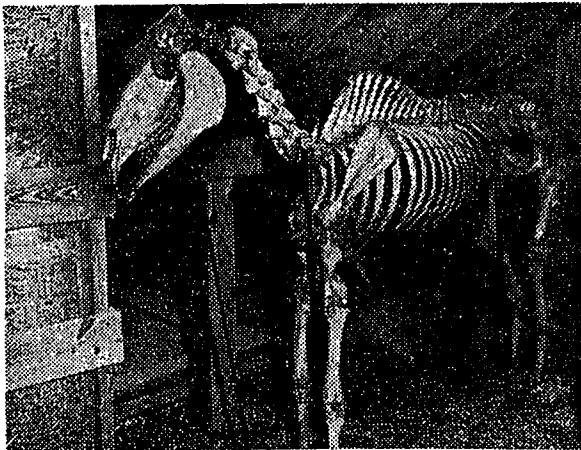
FOR Oscar Fleischer, student manager of the Student Dry Cleaning Agency, which provided for a much needed service for residents of the dormitory areas.

Beside providing dry cleaning service, the agency has recently taken in two laundry companies which will give service throughout dormitory areas.

## This is Coaly . . .



AT LEFT: Coaly, the mule who helped build the original Old Main, with Johnny Carrigan. At right: Coaly's bones as they look today in their hayloft home.



## Frosh Bows Go

Freshman women will be allowed to remove their green hair ribbons at 5 o'clock this afternoon, according to Pearl O. Weston, dean of women. However, all other hours and regulations will remain in force.

## 'Lion' Wins Old Main Fray

The Nittany Lion won this Saturday's battle with Pitt last night on the steps of Old Main when the mighty Big White defeated a bedraggled Pitt Gridder, 14-0.

A spirited crowd of 500 witnessed the mock battle, and saw the Lion score a touchdown on the opening kickoff and boot the extra point through a pair of goal posts two feet high.

Pitt, alias Edward Cleary, fumbled the second half kickoff and the Lion sped all the way, 16 steps to be exact, for the final score.

The battle, narrated by Hank Glass before the eyes of a television camera thoughtfully provided by Richard Clair, head Lion cheerleader, was resplendent with the Penn State Blue Band and the Harmonaires.

Gridsters Negley Norton, Francis Rogel, Kenneth Bunn, Jack Storer, Lloyd Amprim, Charles Murray and the injured Paul Kelley, were all escorted into the fray by two freshman women, one on each arm.

## Players Show Closes Saturday

The Players production of Glass Menagerie will make its final appearance this weekend at Centre Stage. The Tennessee Williams' Critics' Circle award drama has run during the past five weeks, and this will be the last chance to see this show.

Dan Wargo will play Tom Wingfield who narrates the play; Tim Hayes as the gentleman caller; Francine Toll as Laura; and Diane Scuderi as Amanda. The following night, Miss Toll and Miss Scuderi will reverse roles.

Tickets for both shows still are available at Student Union, \$90 for tonight and \$1.25 for Saturday, refreshments included.

## Collegian Names Board Promotions

Two members of The Daily Collegian staff, Roger Bartels and Ed Noyes, were promoted to Junior Board by action of Senior Board this week. Bartels is a member of the business staff, Noyes of the circulation staff.

Collegian Business Manager Marlin Weaver said yesterday staff coffee hours will be discontinued until after Thanksgiving vacation, when they be resumed at the TUB, Saturday mornings between 10:30 and 11:30.

## Tribunal Delivers Warnings On Windcrest Traffic Rules

Three Windcrest area residents were warned by Men's Tribunal this week that failure to close the road-gates recently constructed around the trailer camp will in the future constitute a punishable offense.

Since residents had not been notified of this policy, Tribunal decided not to levy fines on these first three cases. Tribunal indicated it will handle the offense as any regular traffic violation.

The six new gates were built earlier this semester to reduce speeding and excess traffic through Windcrest where there are a number of children on the streets, Tribunal Chairman Robert, Keller explained. Driving through the camp is not prohibited, Keller added, but it is the driver's responsibility to see that the gates are closed. This regulation includes pedestrians as well as drivers.

The three who appeared before Tribunal were reported to the Campus Patrol by members of the Windcrest Council but, according to Council rules, any resi-

dent may report future violators. Since the gates were built, Keller said, the Council has had little co-operation in keeping them closed.

In other hearings, six more drivers were fined \$1 for a first offense of parking or driving on central campus roads during daylight hours without permit tags. Keller defined central campus roads as extending from Burroughs road to Shortlidge road and from Pollock road to Curtin road, including Hort Woods behind the Central Library.

One defendant was given a second offense fine of \$2 for ignoring a summons to appear before Tribunal. His fine was suspended. This means that if he is guilty of the same violation again, Tribunal may re-voke the \$2 fine and add a \$5 fine for a third offense.

Another driver who had received a ticket while escorting a visitor around the campus was reminded that visitor's permits may be obtained from the Campus Patrol office in 320 Old Main.

## Vets Must Request Entitlement Letters

All veterans who plan to graduate in February and wish to continue work toward advanced degrees on the Pennsylvania State College campus must have supplemental letters of eligibility and entitlement.

The request must be made before December 1, 1949. Forms for the request are available in the Veterans Affairs office, Room 3, Willard Hall.

## Secondary Education

Secondary Education Association will hold a meeting in Hillel Foundation 7 p.m. Monday.

## Phi Epsilon Kappa

Phi Epsilon Kappa, men's physed honorary, will hold an initiation dinner in the Allencrest Tea Room at 7:15 p.m. Monday. Initiation will be held in the Alumni Room, Old Main at 6:30 p.m. Each pledge should bring a clean white handkerchief.

## Late AP News Courtesy WMAJ

## President May Use Labor Law

WASHINGTON — President Truman told newsmen that if he intervenes in the coal dispute, he will act under the Taft-Hartley Law. This apparently rules out the possibility that he will appoint a fact-finding board. He did not indicate when he might take action.

## Pick Bridges Jury

SAN FRANCISCO — A jury has been chosen to hear the government's case against C.I.O. Longshore leader Harry Bridges who is charged with perjury and conspiracy. The government has accused Bridges of having lied at his naturalization hearing when he said he had never been a Communist.

## Country's Top Dairy Breeding Center To Open

The country's foremost dairy breeding research center will be opened at the College today when all buildings and facilities of the center, on the College farms a mile north of the TUB, will be open to public inspection for two days.

An informal dedication ceremony will be held in 117 Dairy Building at 2 o'clock. Miles Horst, state secretary of agriculture; Albert E. Madigan, president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Artificial Breeding Cooperatives; and acting College President James Milholland are among the scheduled speakers. Following the addresses, Dr. John O. Almqvist, director of the research

center, will conduct a tour of the establishment.

Hundreds of dairymen are expected to visit the new facilities to be devoted largely to artificial breeding, although other research will also be conducted. Already some lifetime nutritional studies have been started. The buildings are equipped with all possible safety factors, many of which had to be custom-built by the contractors.

The 1947 legislature appropriated \$95,000 for the construction of the center, which began in the summer of 1948. Since then, many artificial breeding cooperatives have added over \$34,000 for the purchase of research equipment.

Offices and separate laboratories for physiological, bacteriological, and chemical studies make up the headquarters building. The calf barn has controlled heat and humidity. Each calf has an individual pen with running water, and in this barn are the breeding racks and other equipment.

The bull barn is equipped with fireproof walls, an all concrete floor, and is insulated and verminproof. It is complete with running water and flush toilets in each stall. Each bull has his own private exercise runway which he can enter or leave whenever he chooses and there are safety devices for handling bulls that might become vicious.