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Sucker Bait

King Football is back, and along with him
the big time gambling syndicate and its weekly
football pool.

EVERY YEAR, three or four of the pools
spring up in State College, and the weekly
"take" is estimated to be between \$300 to \$1000.
A student is usually the vendor of the slips, but
he is only a little wheel in a network that
blankets the entire country.

Each week syndicates issue lists of 20 odd
games to be played that Saturday. Along with
each game, a point spot is given to one team.
You have your choice of taking either team.
You pick as many games as you like and the
odds go up with each choice. Sounds pretty
easy. Especially for armchair quarterbacks who
read every line written about every team in the
country.

What most of the people who play the pools
don't know or just don't want to know is that
they're matching wits with men who are
professional at picking winners.

One of the prize tricks of the pool makers is
to place a juicy piece of bait on the pool. They
spot points on a sure winner. The player cleverly
sees this "sure thing" and puts up a buck, in
the meantime picking three or four or more
teams. After the games are over he finds that
he "missed" three or four or more, but he did
pick that sure thing right. Maybe that is some
consolation—or is it?

ANOTHER THING that leads the player on
is the betting odds. A guy plays four games
with the odds ten to one. But if he picks one
more game it's 16-1, and one more its 25-1. More
often than not, he ends up playing the maxi-
mum of 10 games at 100-1. The chance of pick-
ing that many winners is next to nothing.

Oh, you'll win at times. The pool makers
aren't perfect. But 19 times out of 20 you
won't. And then there's the problem of col-
lecting if you do hit. Chances are when a num-
ber of hits are made on the same weekend, the
syndicate will fold in the area and no one
gets paid.

And you can't do a thing about it—not a
thing—because you can't beat a gambler at his
own game.

—Ernie Moore

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Panic In The Streets
STATE: The Furies
NITTANY: Caged
STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Chicago Deadline

Safety Valve . . .

Playing At West Point

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to inquire
why the State football team always plays Army
at West Point?

Penn State plays at Pitt and a few other
schools every year, and I can understand why—
because of the larger crowds. But Michie Sta-
dium at West Point only seats 28,000 while our
own enlarged stadium holds approximately
30,000. It seems to me the enlargement of Bea-
ver field was useless.

—Raymond George '51

Letter cut

Ed note—Regulations of the military aca-
demy prohibit Army from playing more than
a few games each season away from West
Point, according to Harold R. Gilbert, grad-
uate manager of athletics. In addition, sched-
ules are arranged from three to five years in
advance which means that this game was
contracted while Beaver field held 14,000.

Half A Loaf

TO THE EDITOR: Your editorial concerned
with whether we are fighting Russia or com-
munism omitted to say that the two are not
entities, but the producer and the product of a
destructive scheme for world domination.

Nations do not just fight, as you infer the
United States and Russia are doing, without
the trappings that give reason for that struggle.
We can call it democracy versus communism,
but more, it is freedom versus tyranny. Would
you consider these minor issues to be shorn
from the nations who represent them just to
bring a peculiar sort of clarity to the situation?

The allies we have are not whitewashed in
the people's concept of such things, even though
the government is working in another direction.
Sometimes it is better to have half the loaf,
corrupt as it is, than nothing at all.

—Joe Hudak

Letter cut

Plan For The Union

TO THE EDITOR: I'm for a Student Union
building, naturally, but I'm not at all in favor
of the method used to finance it.

A student book store—one that sells new
books is the only real solution to raising money
for the major part of the cost. I'm not asking that
we print our own books as they do at Harvard,
only that we sell them and keep the profit for
our own benefit.

A few years ago we were refused permission
to operate a book store because of pressure put
on the board of trustees by certain townspeople.
It seems the reason given the students was that
it was undemocratic, or uncapitalistic or some
such thing. If democracy, or capitalism, there
means making money, why shouldn't the stu-
dents be given such a noble opportunity to
practice it? Why should we give up the fight
for a new book store, especially now when it
seems that we'll have to shell out an extra 7.50
or 10 dollars every semester for the rest of our
stay here?

—Joseph K. Geiger

Gazette . . .

Thursday, October 5

PENN STATE FORESTRY SOCIETY, 105
White Hall, 7 p.m.
SIGMA TAU, 219 E.E., 7 p.m.
NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion "reli-
gion and science," 106 Osmond, 7 p.m.
PENN STATE POULTRY CLUB meeting, 204
Hort Building, 7 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool 7 p.m.
WRA OUTING, 2 White Hall, 7 p.m.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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should stop in 112 Old Main.
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Admissions: Kenneth Hager, Richard Mock,
Henry Stewart.
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ard Patterson, George Watson, Margaret Con-
sidine, Theo Isenberg.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"What's this I hear about the new coach
working out a hidden ball play?"

Oliver Says—

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ready sent copies to Secretary-
General Trygve Lie and President
Nasrallah Entezam of the Gen-
eral Assembly.

Links North Korea, Russia
Oliver called Soviet possession
of the letter "another direct
proof" of the connection between
North Korea and the Soviet
Union and said that the contents
of the letter were turned over to
the Russian foreign office when
the Communists seized Seoul.

Former manager of the Wash-
ington bureau of the Korean
Pacific Press and author of "How
War Came To Korea," Dr. Oliver
is now acting as counselor to the
Korean delegation to the United
Nations.

Club To Sponsor Belle

The Penn State club voted un-
animously Tuesday night to spon-
sor a girl in the Belle Hop Queen
contest. Club members should
turn photographs of their choices
to the club office, 411 Old Main,
no later than Tuesday, Oct. 10.

A new rule of the club states
that all members must attend at
least one of three successive
meetings.

Plans were made to begin a
club combo, which will play at
all club functions. Ray Evert,
club treasurer, will be in charge.

Hat Men To Usher

Members of Blue Key and An-
drocles who will serve as ushers
for today's inaugural ceremonies
are asked to report to David Mc-
Kinley, College marshal, in 121
Sparks at 8:30 a.m.

ROTC Units Show Increase

Numerical strength of the
Army ROTC units on campus
stand at 1135, Col. Arthur R.
Walk, professor of military sci-
ence and tactics, revealed yester-
day.

This is an increase of 610 stu-
dents participating in the mil-
itary program at the College.
Much of the increase represents
the influx of freshmen, who in
previous years received their basic
training at cooperating schools.

Commenting on draft defer-
ments for the ROTC students, Col-
onel Walk said deferment quotas
regulate the number of fresh-
man and sophomores who will
not be drafted. All advanced ca-
dets are at present in a deferment
class.

Freshmen in ROTC on the cam-
pus and at cooperating schools
who are exempted from the draft
number 453, and 440 sophomores
fall into that classification.

Students finishing the four year
course offered by the ROTC may
be called for two years active
duty, the Colonel said.

Women's Debate

A preliminary meeting for all
sophomores, juniors, and seniors
interested in women's intercolle-
giate debate will be held in 2
Sparks at 7 tonight. Tryouts for
upperclassmen will be held next
Thursday night.

Those freshman women who
did not attend the preliminary
meeting last night may report to
2 Sparks at 7 p.m. next Wed-
nesday. There will be no fresh-
man tryouts.

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