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## Back To Pitt

Barring more snow and other forms of disaster, Penn State and Pittsburgh will finally get their twice-postponed football game played this afternoon on Forbes field. It would not, however, be too much of a surprise or shock to anyone were the game cancelled once more. The 1950 football season has been just that kind of year.

HAD ANYBODY dared at the start of the season to predict that Notre Dame would lose three games and tie another and that Michigan, a team with a similar mark, would play in the Rose Bowl, he would have been sent to psychiatrist. Occupying the couch next door would have been the prognosticator who predicted that Penn State would win four football games this season.

But Penn State's football team has already done just that. What's more, it can give the experts another swift kick in their dignity by winning its fifth game of the season by upsetting the favored Panthers this afternoon.

The "smart money boys"—the same ones who made Temple a favorite over Bucknell, Ohio State a cinch over Illinois, and SMU a walk-in over Texas, just to name a few—have also made Pittsburgh a one-to-two-touchdown favorite over the Lions. They say the bookies have had a hard year, but frankly we cannot evoke any sympathy for them. As a matter of fact, we would be delighted to see Penn State make the season a little rougher for the betting brethren.

REGARDLESS of who wins, however, we have little doubt that this—the 50th game in the football relationship of two great institutions—will live up to the fine athletic traditions of both schools.

Having urged Penn Staters to be "On to Pitt" last week and having beaten a hasty retreat with frozen tail between our legs, it is with great trepidation that we urge:

Back to Pitt!

—Marv Krasnansky

## Cross-Country

Cross-country has long taken a back seat to other sports, not only at Penn State, but on most other campuses in the country.

WHILE COACH Chick Werner has long produced good teams, and outstanding individual stars, this is the first time he has come up with not only an IC-4A winner, but a victorious entry in the NCAA meet at East Lansing last week.

Werner and the boys were given sort of a pep rally before they left for the IC-4A's two weeks ago. And that was the first sign in a long time that the College knew such a thing as the cross-country team existed.

We venture to guess that a few people actually know anything about the sport. It's evident as spectators groan when a State team comes up with the lowest score that they don't know the team with the lowest score wins the run.

And yet, the fans cannot be blamed, for cross-country cannot really be classified as a spectator sport.

UNLESS THE FAN is equipped with a car, and the five-mile course is laid out so he can follow the runners around, he only gets to see the start and finish of a race. It's a little nerve racking to sit around for 25 minutes or so while the boys are fighting for position before they finally come into view.

It's a gruelling sport, and only the best can stand up under the combination of pressure and fatigue.

Werner came up with the best this year, and by the way State students were pulling for the team to come through, it looks as though a sudden interest in the sport has manifested itself.

—George Glazer

• The College owns or leases 7523 acres of land. These include the main campus of 236 acres; a golf course and other land for athletic purposes, 153 acres; and the College farms and agricultural experiment grounds of 2605 acres. These holdings total 9994 and lie adjacent to the borough of State College.

## TV's Future

To exploit the facilities of television for educational purposes as well as television's customers for commercial reasons would be a boon both to the industry and the educator.

BUT THE WATCHING public would have the most to gain. As the programs are now arranged, television is simply the youngest indignity of the 20th century.

Owners of TV sets should agree that a lot of the current programs are aimed directly at the cradle or age groups very little above that. Comedy shows, even the better ones such as Milton Berle's, depend largely on slapstick humor. A fruit bowl hat and a man in his underwear fail to amuse after two or three performances.

CONSIDERING the imperfections in television reception, the networks ought to give the viewer a better break. If a man wants to take the time to watch a set, his eyes are attacked enough with insulting his brain as well.

By setting aside several channels now, as Dean Trabue has suggested, more responsible elements of our society would have a chance to work with the medium before the Howdy Doody crowd gobbles up all of the facilities. The industry could use some respectability or it will be facing more and more remarks such as Fred Allen's that future generations will have "eyes as big as cantaloupes and no brains."

—Herbert Stein

## Guard Coats

During these cold-weather days when heavy clothing is required, students should keep a careful eye on personal property to avoid being victimized by petty thieves who appear at the College as regularly as winter snows.

IT IS DIFFICULT to avoid hanging heavy clothing in halls when attending classes, but it is the wise individual who removes all valuable items from coat pockets. A favorite item with campus thieves has been wallets left in unguarded coats.

—John Ashbrook

## Gazette . . .

Monday, December 4

PENN STATE glee club will rehearse in 10 Sparks.

PHILOTES special meeting, WSGA room, White hall, 6:30 p.m.

ICG, J. F. O'Brien, parliamentary procedure, 108 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

National Tube company will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Met. at the B.S. level on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

A representative of the Boy Scouts of America will be on campus Dec. 4 to interview January candidates interested in a professional scouting career. Scouting experience is a prerequisite. Graduates 25 years old or over preferred.

A representative of the Young Women's Christian association will be on campus Dec. 6 to interview sociology and physical education M.S. candidates.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber company will interview January graduates in M.E., Chem. Eng., I.E., and E.E., at the B.S. and M.S. level on Wednesday, Dec. 13. This was previously scheduled for Nov. 29.

Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance company will interview January graduates for insurance sales Dec. 6, 7, and 8. They are particularly interested in contacting prospective agents in the following counties: Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, and Cumberland. No priority.

Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance will interview girls who are being graduated in January with a secretarial course Dec. 6, 7, and 8. No priority.

Procter and Gamble Distributing company will interview January graduates interested in retail sales work Dec. 6. Tall men with extra curricular activities preferred. No priority.

E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & company will be on campus beginning Dec. 11 to interview 1951 PhD candidates in the following curricula: Chemistry, Physics, C.E., Biochemistry, M.E., Engineering Mechanics, Metallurgy, Plant Pathology, Plant Entomology, Bacteriology, Food Technology, and Meteorology. No priority.

International Business Machines corporation will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., and Physics, Dec. 4. Standard Oil company, Elizabeth, N.J., will interview 1951 M.S. and PhD candidates in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8. No priority.

National Lead company will interview January graduates at the B.S. level, and 1951 M.S. and PhD candidates in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering on Thursday, Dec. 7. They are especially interested in PhD physical and organic chemists; also organic chemists for synthesis work. No priority.

Bell Aircraft corporation will interview January graduates at the B.S. level and 1951 M.S. and PhD candidates in Aero. Eng., E.E., M.E., Phys. and Math.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Urgent — Permanent and substitute waiters: off-campus residents with good schedules. Large number wanted.

Permanent weekend substitutes for local diner: total four hours counter work in exchange for six meals.

Permanent kitchen help for fraternity: remuneration in meals.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: Getelle Mendelsohn, Audrey Klein, Patricia Vester, Rosemary O'Rourke, Howard Mason, Herbert Groff, Forbes Ryder, Warren Moyer, Arthur Snyder, William Gibson, Robert Hobbes and Nevin Horak.

### AT THE MOVIES

Saturday

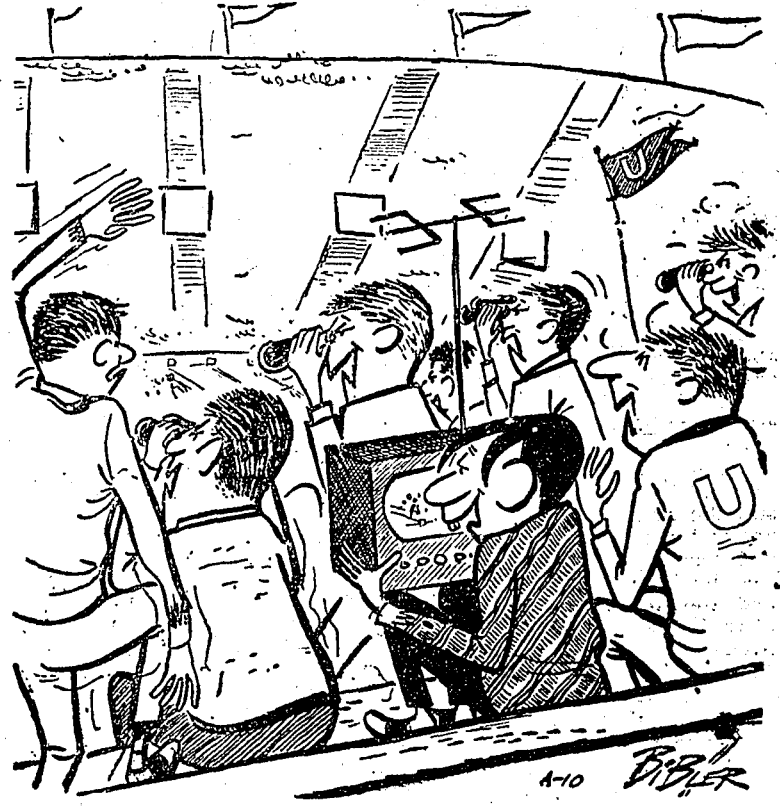
CATHAUM: Two Flags West  
STATE: King Solomon's Mines  
NITTANY: Navajo Trail Raiders

Monday

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STATE: King Solomon's Mines  
NITTANY: Women of the Casbah

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



## A Soured Reviewer Scans The Minivers

Sometimes it's as much fun seeing a lousy movie as a good one just to be able to design the delicate shades of cranky language that could go into a movie panning.

Such is the opportunity afforded by "The Miniver Story" which played in town last week.

A FRIEND OF MINE would categorize this picture simply as a sack of saccharine slop. This alliteration is not entirely fair in view of the exhibition here of some highly polished techniques of lighting and direction, but I fear that highly polished teeth were sometimes substituted for highly polished acting.

One might well ask, "What is the purpose of this picture?" Maybe it's just to make money and we should all try to write pictures like this and get rich. But bound by a curious idealism, I feel that even for 55 cents a citizen is entitled to a story that is at once plausible and entertaining.

Mrs. Miniver, you see, is a stalwart old girl—fixes everything. British, you know. She straightens out the lives of her husband, her daughter, her son and a British general and then kills herself off, all in a swoop that leaves many of the more emotional in the audience dewey-eyed. My date cried four kleenexes worth.

I didn't cry. I was glad she died. If she hadn't, we would probably be hearing her troubles on a radio soap opera for years to come.

Realistically, of course, the picture has two purposes along with money. One is to cash in on the current series of films in which heroic females are catching some disease or dropping off like flies. We never do find out what this particular disease is, but we know it leaves her in surprisingly good shape until pretty near the end. Fortunately, we are spared the deathbed scene, so maybe movies are getting better.

THE OTHER PURPOSE is to tie up the loose ends left hanging in "Mrs. Miniver," a dandy war film about Britons under the blitz. But one of the major theses of the story is that wartime acquaintances have to be forgotten in the adjustments to a post-war world. I think the producers should have taken their own advice.

—Herbert Stein

## On Other Campuses

At the University of Pittsburgh, the enrollment in Russian language classes has doubled this year. A questionnaire given to the students showed that the political situation today has much to do with the increase. As one student put it, "Lord knows what will happen!"

Testudo, the University of Maryland's 400-pound bronze mascot which has been missing since the George Washington game, has finally been located. This time the statue, a terrapin, will be filled with concrete and cemented to a pedestal in front of the stadium. Future abductors will have the dual job of crushing the concrete and raising the statue.

Syracuse alumnae this year ended a 42 year drive to raise funds for a women's recreation building. Excavations for the new building were begun last week.

A project to name the campus streets of Michigan State is nearing completion by the Men's council. The plan to name the streets after prominent past college officials has been discarded in favor of "functional" names. For example, the street near the auditorium will be designated Auditorium drive.

Franklin and Marshall has a combination mind reader, magician and escape artist. An undergraduate with the help of a speech professor recently projected 16 numbers and a color from the classroom to a hotel in the city. The items were selected by the class. The student, one Don Krill, also specializes in escaping from handcuffs.

Plans to remove some 525 women from dormitories at the University of Connecticut have been abandoned partly because of the large number of men who have left for military service. Men were originally scheduled to occupy the dorms.

A large floodlight is being placed above a statue of Abe Lincoln at the University of Wisconsin to help night watchmen guarding it. The statue has been painted and whitewashed three times since the beginning of the semester.

A week-long training course was held recently at the University of Virginia to outline methods for reducing street and highway accidents. D. A. Weaver, assistant in fleet training here at the College, supervised the course. Outdoor road tests and demonstrations were included in the program.