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Fire Victims Amazed At Drive Plans

The 19 victims of the Gentzel Building fire are amazed at the plans which the Penn State student body has initiated on their behalf—amazed and overjoyed because in their desperate circumstances many of them lost all personal possessions. They welcome any kind of help.

The All-College Cabinet fire victims committee has put plans in motion for a solicitations campaign. A minimum 25 cent donation will be asked of the students. The Association of Independent Men has scheduled a benefit tea-dance Sunday in the West Dorm lounge. A donation of 50 cents for an individual or 75 cents for a couple is being asked of those who attend this dance.

Even if the Penn State student body backs this worthy drive in the spirit with which it gave blood in the recent Blood Drive, the fire victims will not receive nearly enough money to cover their losses, which are estimated at over \$5000.

The drive cannot possibly reimburse each victim but it can show the goodwill of the student body and also help the victims over the tough weeks ahead while they get their affairs straightened out.

Many students may say that the Campus Chest was supposed to take the place of all campus charity drives. But this is an emergency and should be considered outside the realm of the Campus Chest. A fire is an unforeseen disaster whose destruction can only be alleviated by a fund already set aside for that purpose or by a special drive such as this.

Penn State has no fund already set aside, so we must resort to fund drives and benefit dances.

The members of the cabinet committee, the AIM, IFC, Panhel, and Leonides solicitors, PSCA, and the West Dorms have donated various things—time, tickets, space for dancing, etc.

The least the students can do is support the solicitations drive and the benefit dance. The least they can do is give up one hamburger so another student can buy a shirt.

—Moylan Mills

AIM Welfare Body Needs Suggestions

A letter from John Laubach, president of the Association of Independent Men, to dormitory council presidents has announced a new AIM student welfare committee to arrange a program which will correct a number of "objectionable practices."

Practices among male students which need correcting, are, the letter says, "riotous conduct at football games, obscene speech and writings in dining halls, improper remarks over dormitory telephones, disrespect for the courtesies due women, general ill-mannered conduct in town and on campus."

"No one can abuse his home without suffering the consequences of a dwelling which becomes less adequate for enjoyment, with each abuse," the letter states, and "because of these truths, the recent examples of riotous and obscene conduct on the part of independent students has caused me and many of my friends in student government great concern."

The letter continues:

"It is needless to say how proud we are at seeing our members turn out en masse for blood drives, Campus Chest, etc. The good will thus established makes our efforts as student leaders so much more effective when we make attempts to better the conditions surrounding independent men.

"Is it no wonder that many Penn State coeds prefer to date our fraternity friends? As small germs cause big diseases, it is my belief that this infection of our group is reducible to a small number of individuals who are entirely ignorant of the benefits of decency.

"For this reason I believe student leaders in cooperation with College officials should take steps to help students realize these benefits of decency. We have no pledge training system, but we need some educational program similar to this."

The need for such a committee should be apparent. But it cannot be expected to do the major job handed to it without help, help in the form of constructive suggestions, help in the form of better conduct for a better Penn State.

—Jim Gromiller

Good Conduct Needed in Football

College football—an illegal, brutal contest, or just hard football?

Pros and cons are appearing almost daily on the above question in newspapers, sports journals, and magazines. Bitter coaches and players explain upsets through the loss of their star due to some injury received during the course of a game. When accused of rationalization, they produce pictures and movies citing examples of "gang tackling," slugging, and rough knee and elbow work, showing that there may be something in what they say.

One outstanding example of so-called "roughing" has brought this matter to public attention. Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, who received the United Press award of football's back of the year, was forced to leave a game with Dartmouth this season with a slight concussion and a broken nose. Dartmouth's big end, Don Meyers, was cleared of any roughness on his part by officials after he was accused by Kazmaier's teammates of intentional roughness.

Coaches are accused of condoning such action on the part of their players by giving praise to their "roughing" and actually lauding players when, in some way, they cause the removal of a standout from the opposing squad. Some sources go so far as to imply that players are taught dirty tactics. Most sports writers, however, are of the opinion that roughness is due to over-emphasis of the sport. They say that if winning is emphasized beyond a degree that is reasonable, unsportsmanlike conduct is sure to follow.

Conferences, usually insisted upon by coaches who believe their teams victims of unnecessary roughness, have met to discuss these problems. Some solutions offered are a penalty of half the distance to the goal and/or removal of the fouling player.

The viewpoint taken may depend wholly upon the standing of the accusers and the accused. Accusers, teams and coaches who lay their losses on dirty football, are usually on the short end of a grid tilt, while the accused defend their win by saying it was a "hotly contested battle."

Whether these charges are true or not is for the authorities to decide. Sportsmanship and proper conduct have been instilled into American athletics by early greats. Present day athletes should strive to live up to these high standards.

—Charles Obertance

Werner, Jeffrey Worthy of Praise

When the time arises for imparting credit for a job well done, we mustn't forget Penn State's Bill Jeffrey and Chick Werner. For these two have done more than their share in adding to the soccer and cross-country archives during their reigns.

For instance, Coach Jeffrey, who has been at the helm of the Nittany Lion soccer team for the past 26 years, has established a coaching record in soccer circles which is superb. State's 5 win, 1 loss, and 2 tie record this season marks the seventh time in succession that the Jeffrey men have ranked above .500. The last time State fell below that mark was during the war years when all sports were at low ebb.

Starting with a victory over Maryland in 1948, the State aggregation ran up a 21-game streak before being upset 1-0 by West Chester last year. Going back into the annals even farther, Jeffrey's clubs were practically unbeatable, for they won 65 consecutive matches. That notable skein began Nov. 19, 1932 with a 2-1 conquest over Army, and ended when the same contingent turned the tide Nov. 15, 1941, winning 1-0.

State harriers are also in the thick of things when it comes to vying for national honors. Coach Werner, who has been chieftain for the past 19 years, has for the second successive season directed his charges to an intercollegiate cross-country title. This feat marked the sixth IC4A trophy that a Werner-coached machine has brought to the Nittany valley in the 43-year history of the College's hill-and-dalers.

Only Cornell, with nine team titles, has won more times. The Big Red, however, hasn't won since 1921. Last season the Lion harriers climaxed an unbeaten dual meet season with a sweep of both intercollegiate and national honors.

With only two returning veterans, this season's squad, which was carded against some of the best teams in the East, managed to finish with a 5-1 log.

After winning the IC4A title a few weeks ago, the Lions had the National team title apparently in their grasp, but the Nittany hopes collapsed when freshman sensation Lamont Smith, who was running fifth going into the final turn, dropped from exhaustion about 50 yards from the tape and was unable to finish. As it turned out Syracuse, whom the Lions had defeated by some 30 points in the IC4A meet, walked off with top laurels. Although it was a heart-breaking ending for the Wernermen, the future looks exceedingly bright.

Needless to say both records speak for themselves, now that they are in the books.

—John Sheppard

Because of its deleterious effects, the sale of absinthe is prohibited in some countries.

The Bahrein Islands have a Mohammedan population of 120,000.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"The report on your aptitude test shows that you are not qualified for anything—Have you ever thought of teaching?"

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES

China Air Power Is Threat to U.S.

By LEN KOLASINSKI

A basic rule of war is never to underestimate your enemy. During the cold war with Russia the U.S. and the West have continually violated this rule. The results of that error are now displayed in Korea by the sudden build-up of the Communist air force.

Months ago no one would have conceded that Russia would be willing or capable of aiding China's adventure into Korea to the extent that she has. Now the fact of this matter is presented by General Hoyt S. Vandenburg, the Air Force's chief of staff.

General Vandenburg has labeled the recent build-up of the Red air force a sinister change. He points out that China has become one of the major air powers of the world almost overnight. And he says that U.S. air superiority in Korea is diminishing.

The threat isn't grave yet. At best guess, though, the Communists now have 1400 Russian-made planes with about half of them MIG-15 jet fighters. General Vandenburg's report continues that the enemy in Korea is rushing ahead with the construction or repair of three big airfields.

What all this activity spells out for the truce talks isn't predictable.

More hair-raising is General Vandenburg's statement that the Russian planes do outclass the U.S. F-86 jet fighter in certain respects. It has been shown in combat that the MIG can outmaneuver the F-86 at higher altitudes and that it is better armed.

The general suggests that the

reason the UN cannot gain mastery of the air in Korea is the restriction on bombing the Red bases across the Yalu river in Communist China. He was quick to point out that this restriction, although it has hampered the attainment of complete air supremacy for the UN, has not left the Air Force impotent. That can be readily seen from the numerous strikes against the enemy's troop concentrations and supply lines.

What the build-up means to the UN if the war continues is that it may be forced into going beyond and into the sanctuary of Red China. That, of course, is what the Pentagon leaders and the Western world does not want. However, it would be foolish to linger in Korea if the truce talks break down and by lingering the UN permits Russia to expand her armaments and conserve her men. Just as the free world was firm in defending South Korea, it must also strike boldly at China—if that measure is necessary and even if it should antagonize Russia.

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, December 5

COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
DEMOLAY CLUB, 107 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 220 Electrical Engineering, 7:30 p.m.

FROTH promotion staff, 3 Carnegie Hall, 6:30 p.m.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA organization meeting, 1 and 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION and breakfast, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 7 a.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, lecture-discussion, Rectory basement, 7 p.m.

WRA BOWLING, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White Hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Connie Cecaes, Ariana Dickson, Joan Foight, Frances Katz, Phyl Rishel, Ruth Tranter, John Zug.

2 Profs to Speak At 'College Night'

Two professors at the College will be among the guest speakers for the "College Night" program tonight at State College High School, Miss Edith Geuther, guidance co-ordinator at the high school, announced yesterday.

The program was planned by Dr. Frank J. Simes and his Education 474 class.

Dr. Clarence I. Noll, assistant dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, will speak on chemistry and physics.

Dr. Donald G. McGarey, associate professor of education, will talk on elementary and secondary education training. His talk will also be broadcast over WMAJ on the weekly Wednesday night high school program.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: An American In Paris
STATE: Red Badge Of Courage
NITTANY: Black Magic