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## Cagers Put State In Sport Limelight



Although there were no huge throngs to greet Coach Elmer Gross and his Lion basketball team when they returned from their all-victorious road trip, we are certain that the campus recognizes and appreciates the way they have put Penn State on the collegiate court map.

The cagers' four successive wins during mid-year vacation gave them a surprising 11 game victory string and a seasonal record of 13 victories against a lone defeat. Overlooked by basketball observers at the start of the season, the Lions have moved into national prominence.

Skeptics refused to rate the Nittanians even while they were compiling the winning record, but Saturday's upset of tenth-ranked West Virginia should open the eyes of the country's leading sportswriters. The victory over the Mountaineers, coupled with successes over other top teams like Navy, Syracuse, Michigan, Pitt, and Colgate should elevate State from last week's 24th place national ranking.

This week the dribblers will attempt to further their accomplishments and snap the College's all-time one-season winning streak of 12. If the Lions should maintain their great play and defeat Rutgers Wednesday, and Georgetown Saturday, they would establish a new winning streak.

The team has already broken the modern one game away from home record and number of total points scored in one game. It's 89 points against Dickinson snapped the former mark of 76, and the 155 points scored in the 85-70 Gettysburg win set a new two team total.

Undoubtedly, the basketballers owe much of their success to Coach Gross and his magnificent handling of the team. But not to be overlooked has been the team balance and effort. The boys have been able to come through when the pressure was on, and that's the sign of a good team.

The cagers still have ten games left and all will be tough—for when you're on top everyone likes to beat you. Each victory adds more prestige, and with it pressure. But no matter what it does the remainder of the season, the 1951-52 quintet will long be remembered.

—Dave Colton

## An Eye for an Eye . . .

From Time Magazine, Feb. 4.—In Rio de Janeiro, after a snake bit him, Francisco Feliciano chased and caught the viper, bit it to death.

"A wise man reflects before he speaks; a fool speaks, and then reflects on what he has uttered."—Delile

Planes in the Berlin airlift carried 2,343,315 tons of food and coal into Western Berlin between April 1, 1948, and Sept. 30, 1949.

El Paracutin, Mexico's youngest and most active volcano, erupted Feb. 20, 1943, in the middle of a farmer's field.

## Profs Neglecting Fair Play Rules

Every semester we hear reports of battles between professors and students over finals. Each one adds up to something we do not like.

The other day we got first hand a story about a certain professor who refused to show a student his final examination paper. The student had gone into the final with a passing grade and ended up with a failing mark. He couldn't figure it out so he went in to the professor's office. He received no satisfaction.

Another student in a more or less similar predicament, was not even permitted to see his professor.

Rumor has it that this student was the victim of a "perfect curve" in which some students must fail a course, regardless of their final average.

It was an understanding we had when we arrived on the campus that professors were something not to be afraid of, but, to the contrary, people quite human and more or less eager to assist students in obtaining a broad, unbiased education.

There are, of course, situations contrary to these examples, but they have of late been forced into the background by recurring instances of sheer hard-headedness.

Why couldn't the student see his final examination if his failing or passing the course depended on it? If there is any reason for it, we want to find it.

An editorial appearing in the Daily Collegian several days before the suspending of publication for final examinations, which discussed "piling up" of work on students in the final week of the semester, received many loud and dissenting comments from various members of the College faculty. We hope professors will view this more constructively and "take the hint."

—Bob Fraser

## Everybody Benefits By BX Plan

As a student-initiated, student-supported project, the Penn State Book Exchange and Used Book Agency cannot possibly hope to function without student interest.

That interest is needed now, and it is the kind of interest from which students can profit—in a very real way.

The Book Exchange is short on used text books—2000-3000 short—by the latest count. One of the prime reasons the Used Book Agency was set up as a part of the BX was to act as a means by which students could get a fair return for their used books.

In most cases—where texts are in reasonably good condition—the student can get back as much as 60 per cent of his original investment. We doubt that there is another place in State College where such a fair deal is available.

At the same time that the BX enables some students to get a fair return on their used texts, it enables students who need texts to get them at a cost little higher than the price set by the seller.

But students cannot get fair prices on their books and other students are unable to make a saving unless books are brought to the Used Book Agency.

If you have a used book lying around collecting dust, take it to the BX in the TUB. That book can earn money for you and save money for somebody else.

## New Frosh Face Bright College Era

Freshmen entering the College this semester can look forward to a bright future as far as the College is concerned.

These 600 freshmen will probably be here to see the College reach heights undreamed of in the Nittany Vale in the early days of the Farmers' High School.

With the \$17,500,000 appropriation recently given the College by the state General Assembly, freshmen will see increased faculty salaries, an added drawing card for a high caliber faculty. Better utilization of the present available classroom space can also be seen since the hasty building projects have ceased for the time being.

College policy concerning the draft will be more stable because of the more or less stable policies of the Selective Service system.

The athletic outlook at the College is much brighter for future years than it has been in the past. All the major sports show vastly improved teams since the arrival on campus of the present senior class.

Penn State, long known for its middle-of-the-road policies in athletics, has finally helped bring such actions into the limelight in an attempt to place intercollegiate sports on a sane level.

The days that the Pennsylvania State College was considered "just another small-time institution" have indeed passed. Freshmen will have even more right to be proud of their college than those who will leave in June.

—BF

The Iranian oil field in the southwest territory at the head of the Persian Gulf is the richest single field in existence.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"The boys whipped up a little party for you, Worthal—Ed opened your letter from the dean's office."

## Dynamic Plans Used by Russia

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. Associated Press News Analyst

A lot of people throughout the world still are unable to decide whom to believe—Russia or the Western powers—about this matter of war intent.

For many of them, it's merely a matter of the pot calling the kettle black, and a situation where they seek only to keep out of the way of both sides.

The past week-end, however, has brought the publication of figures as good as any which are likely to be obtained showing who is preparing for war and who is reacting in self-defense.

The Soviet Union, says the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, is devoting more of its resources to military preparations than it did during the feverish year of 1940, after war had broken out in Europe. In 1951, the report said, the Soviet devoted two thirds more to military preparations than it did to defense and all other investment in its economy in 1937, when it was already known to be arming at a greater rate than any other nation in the world.

When you stop to think that in the Soviet Union all investment in economic development is government investment, the result becomes awesome. Seventy-five per cent of the entire national investment for two years devoted to arming! And we can't know how much they are spending on atomic energy under their so-called "education" budget.

This compares with 30 per cent of the U. S. national budget in 1950, and 67 per cent in 1951, in the feverish effort to overtake in three or four years what the Russians have built up in six years of such super-attention to the military field. And that's government budget, not nationwide investment.

The Russian figures show few gains for many years in agricultural production and consumer goods, despite rapid population increases, where American consumer production has been at an all-time peak in an economy which already surpassed, in that respect, all the rest of the world.

But when, at the close of 1951, U. S. authorities decided Russia would probably not strike immediately, the war program was "spread" from three to four years in order not to interfere with private consumption and the country's long-term economic strength.

The whole picture indicates it is Russia which has the dynamic plans; Russia which is

preparing diplomatic adventures and indirect aggression which might produce war, and Russia which intends to have the military machine to back these other policies if necessary.

## Gazette . . .

- Tuesday, February 5
- AMERICAN CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL and FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA joint meeting, Dr. Charles M. Long speaker, Southeast Atherton Lounge, 7 p.m.
- CAMERA CLUB, 1 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.
- CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN business staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN sophomore editorial board, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, TUB, 6:45 p.m.
- FENCING CLUB, Beaver Field water tower, 7 p.m.
- LIEBIG CHEMICAL SOCIETY, 105 Frear Laboratory, 7:30 p.m.
- PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, Grange basement, 7 p.m.
- PENN STATE CLUB, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- TRIBUNAL, 201 Old Main, 7 p.m.
- WRA OUTING, White Hall playroom, 7 p.m.
- WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGE PLACEMENT
- Bethlehem Steel Co. will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., Ch.E., I.E., M.E., and Metal. Monday, Feb. 18. Persons in the upper third of the class are preferred.
- E. I. DuPont will interview June B.S. candidates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Chem., Metal, Phys., Ch.E., E.E., I.E., and C.E. Monday, Feb. 18.
- National Supply Co. will interview June graduates in Acct., C.E., I.E., M.E., Metal, and P.N.G. Monday, Feb. 18.
- Standard Oil Development Co. will interview June graduates in C.E., I.E., M.E., Ch.E., and E.E. Monday, Feb. 18.
- Texas Co. (Beacon Laboratories) will interview June graduates in M.E. Monday, Feb. 18.
- Westinghouse Electric Co. will interview June B.S. candidates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Metal. (Physical) Monday, Feb. 18.
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Baby sitters for Wednesday afternoon. Students with Chem. background for part-time work.