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## Drinking at Games Should Be Curbed

We received a letter yesterday from Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, in which he expressed his concern over student drinking at the last two football games. His concern is echoed by a good portion of the student body.

Last year, the drinking business got so bad that the College issued a policy statement forbidding the use of alcoholic beverages on College property. At first, however, no effort was made to stop students from carrying liquor into New Beaver Field.

Now, however, some definite action has been taken. Beaver Field attendants have been notified to confiscate beer and liquor before students are admitted to the field. At the last game, a number of section ticket takers also refused admittance to the section until bottles, jugs and cases were eliminated.

The adage goes "There is a time and a place for everything." A crowded football stadium does not seem to us the place for drinking to take place. In addition to the spectacle that a few students make of themselves by becoming obnoxiously intoxicated, there is a safety factor involved. One student at the Temple game was struck in the back by a liquor bottle that had been thrown from higher in the section. There is no need to go into the possible consequences of such an incident.

It is well nigh impossible to eliminate drinking at football games altogether. A flask or bottle can be concealed without too much difficulty, especially on a cold day. Jugs and cases, however, can easily be sighted and confiscated. In addition, students who do become intoxicated at the games are easy to locate and should be punished for their abuse of College rules. These rules specifically prohibit the possession and consumption of intoxicating beverages on College property. Beaver Field and other recreational areas are College property.

The reaction of Penn Staters to the protest raised over the goal post episodes has shown that students can be effective in discouraging practices that are unbecoming to a large school student body. We believe that most students do not approve of drinking at football games, and hope that in the future they act to discourage the practice.

For those student who insist on becoming drunk, we suggest they be brought either before Tribunal for the dean of men's disciplinary committee for appropriate action. It would probably take only a few examples of this kind to show that the College means business.

## Praise Deserved For Lion Funds

If the rest of the campus shows as much interest in a new suit for Penn State's mascot as have the women in Thompson Hall, the Nittany Lion should have little fear of going naked next year.

Without any organization pushing the idea, several students collected \$122.00 toward the purchase of a new Lion suit. The money was

presented to the Daily Collegian yesterday.

The last suit, purchased two years ago, cost about \$400, so there is still some distance to go.

It is hoped that students, especially upperclassmen, will follow the lead of the Thompson coeds.

Fraternalities, sororities, and campus clubs and organizations should consider contributing to the fund.

The women of Thompson Hall must be congratulated for their interest and campus spirit in taking the lead in the campaign for a new suit for the tattered Nittany Lion.

—Jim Gromiller

## Coffee Hours Offer Informal Setting

The practice of holding Dean of Men's coffee hours was resumed Wednesday for the third consecutive year. The coffee hour program has been held in high regard by both students and members of the faculty in the past, and is a custom which should be continued regularly.

The formality of the office and the classroom gives way to informal discussions on mutual problems of students, faculty members, and administrative personnel. During the first coffee hour this year, discussions centered on freshman customs, seating problems at basketball games in Recreation Hall, seating in Beaver Field, and goal posts.

These are problems that are of interest to everyone. Through the discussion of these problems, faculty members can better understand the students' viewpoints. Conversely, the student is provided with a better means of understanding the faculty member and those connected with the administration.

Penn State is a big college, but it is not so big that the students, faculty members, and administrative personnel, must remain in separate camps. Coffee hours provide a means for breaking down the walls constructed by the complex administrative procedures necessary for the operation of a big college.

Coffee hours are a step toward providing the unity that the College should have. A unity that will make Penn State a better place in which to study, to work, and to live.

—Dick Rau

## Blow Off Steam

The best and most effective way to speak your piece about campus doings that either gripe or please you is through the Safety Valve column of the Daily Collegian.

The Safety Valve is not only an outlet for student gripes; it is the channel through which you can offer constructive criticism to the staff of the paper. If a particular editorial goes against your thinking, your side can be presented by contributing a letter to the Safety Valve.

Lack of space requires that letters be limited and the editors reserve the privilege of cutting, but most things worth saying can be said in a few paragraphs.

Each year Safety Valve receives a great many letters unsigned. These as well as those signed with false names must be rejected. However, the paper will withhold your name from publication at your request.

Next time you feel like blowing off steam or handing out some praise make use of the Safety Valve; but remember, too, to sign your letter.

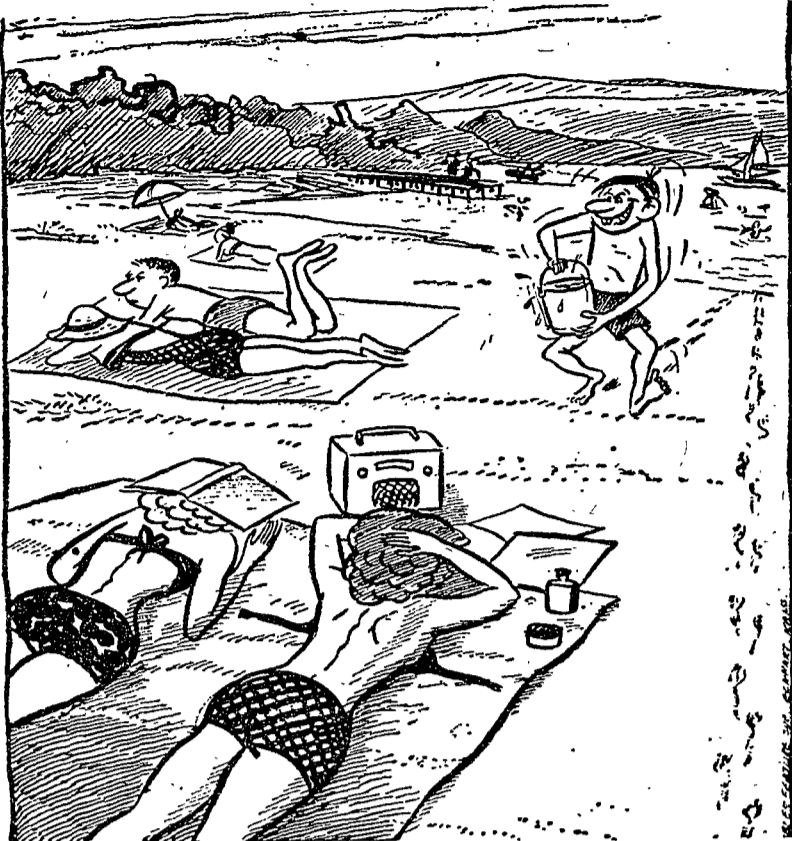
—Jim Gromiller

## Gazette...

Friday, October 3  
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.  
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.  
COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Chem. Eng., Arch. Eng., and Chem. and Ceramics Tuesday, Oct. 14.  
International Nickel Co., Inc. will interview January B.S. candidates in I.E., M.E., Metal., Chem. Eng., and Phys. Wednesday, Oct. 15.  
Wagner Electric Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E. Wednesday, Oct. 15.  
Carter Oil Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in E.E. interested in seismograph work for foreign assignment.  
Reynolds Metal Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in E.E., I.E., M.E., Chem. Eng., and Chem. Thursday, and Friday, Oct. 16-17.  
Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.  
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Girls for babysitting during William and Mary football game.  
Boys for radio repair.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Talk About

### Penn State of the Past

By JIM GROMILLER



Not always was Penn State the massive educational institution that it is today—and not only was the school small in the beginning, but social opportunities were almost non-existent.

Until the late 1880's there were but two types of student organizations on campus—the "Literary Societies" and the YMCA. And one history of the College portrays the principal social event of the week as the meeting of this "Literary Society" at 7 p.m. Fridays on the fifth floor of Old Main.

But in the 1890's up popped fraternities. The "Literary Societies" began to lose ground and out went the Friday evenings spent listening to debates, essays, and orations—never again to return.

Incidentally, for many years both the trustees and the faculty looked upon fraternities with great disfavor and refused to grant permission for their establishment at Penn State. At one time freshmen were required to pledge that they would not join any secret fraternity as a requirement for admission. In 1872 a chapter of Delta Tau Delta was started at the College, but with frowns from the faculty it was quickly dissolved.

Next to organize was Q.T.V. In 1884, some 12 years later. This local later became Phi Kappa Sigma. Fow Epsilon Tsét, a German letter fraternity, came into existence in 1888 and met in the basement of Old Main.

By this time the real fraternity movement had begun; the trustees lifted their ban on fraternities, and in the spring of 1888 the first regular national fraternity to be established at the College, Phi Gamma Delta, was begun. Beta Theta Pi followed several months later. In the beginning both fraternities occupied houses in town, but later moved into homes on the

campus, beginning with the Beta Theta Pi house erected in 1894.

By 1905 there were nine fraternities at the College: Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Sigma Phi—all still active on campus.

From this point the fraternity system at Penn State grew rapidly under the reins of Penn State's beloved late emeritus dean of men, Arthur R. Warnock. Today 52 fraternities are on campus.

Dancing was not permitted on the campus until 1890 when the trustees, bombarded by student pressure, finally relented.

The students of the early days had their share of pranks.

Around 1889 began the custom of burying professors in effigy on the lawn of the front campus, beneath a tombstone inscribed, "Sacred to the Memory of . . . Gone but not forgotten." This practice lasted until the 1920's.

Of perhaps greater present day interest, however, was the "great strike" of 1905 in protest against a College mandamus that classes could not be cut within 24 hours before or after a vacation. At the time students were permitted to cut six per cent of their classes, as long as the cuts were not in  
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