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Grid Stars Flunking Was Not Harmful

Early last semester two of Penn State's top football stars were dropped from the College because of low grades. An immediate moan went up from the pigskin faithful who wondered what the effect would be on this year's grid team. So far, the loss of these two men hasn't appeared too disastrous.

But while the few moaned, most students and all educators agreed that the decision boosted Penn State's educational system. The College had proved that the State athlete must be a student as well.

In the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post (Oct. 11), a feature article titled "I'm Through With High School Football!" further points up this problem of the student as an athlete. The article, written by Don Group, discusses the high school situation in this respect in the Pittsburgh area.

The article states in part:

"Just as football is emphasized over teaching with the coaches at Scott Township High, so football comes ahead of studies for the players. If a boy lacks the capacity or desire to carry a tough classroom schedule, he is allowed to take the easiest possible courses. Anyway, an athlete only needs to be passing in three out of five subjects to stay eligible under the code of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. This classroom coddling is a shame, because one of the best things to be said for high school football is that it gives some boys who otherwise would not have had the opportunity a chance to go to college on athletic scholarships. Too many of them enter so poorly prepared that they are unable to benefit from it."

"My boy Don, Jr., is an illustration. He played four years of football at Scott Township High without ever having to study very hard. Last year he entered Penn State. Contrary to what you may think, there are few college administrations, however football-minded, that will sanction giving a boy passing marks just because he is an athlete. Like a number of other Western Pennsylvania athletes, Don found college work pretty tough. After one semester, he withdrew from his hotel administration course at Penn State and switched to physical education at Slippery Rock Teachers College. He has found the scholastic going rough there too."

These two paragraphs should raise the prestige of Penn State considerably in educational circles. But even more than that, the College has put a football team on the field that has shown itself worthy of praise, in spite of the scholastic requirements. Even the few who were moaning last semester have something to cheer for now.

Rec Hall Seat Plan Is Fine Suggestion

The proposal for reserving 300 seats in Recreation Hall for faculty, former students, and townspeople has been vetoed by the Women's Student Government Association. The Women's Recreation Association gave approval to the suggestion.

"We'll go along with the WRA, for the seating idea would be a fine gesture for the students to make."

The present setup in Rec Hall allows only students to attend the games. Outsiders get in only if they borrow AA books from students, or get complimentary tickets from players or the Athletic Association.

The proposal, which WSGA vetoed, was made originally by Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. He asked that 300 out of the 6000 seats in Rec Hall be set aside for non-students. These non-students would be required to purchase the 300 tickets.

The section to be reserved for the faculty and other non-students would not be choice center seats, but just average seats around the ends of the Rec Hall balcony. The question: Is giving up these few seats (only five per cent of the total) worth the good will it will create? We definitely think it is.

It would certainly be a step toward better student-faculty relations and better student-townspeople relations to allow these people to attend the games. And we think the alumni

deserve the right to see a basketball game if they come back to State for a weekend.

It is interesting to note that the WSGA representative on All-College Cabinet voted in favor of the recent encampment subcommittee suggestions which encouraged better student-faculty relations.

Among the suggestions approved by cabinet and the WSGA representative at that time was one which asked that faculty and students alike, in an attitude of mutual benefit, be encouraged to sponsor a program of informal social and personal relationships.

We think that allowing faculty to attend basketball and other Rec Hall contests is certainly a chance to demonstrate student willingness to encourage these relationships.

—Marshall O. Donley

Safety Valve—

Senior Class Gift Fraud Is for Cabinet to Solve

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to All-College Cabinet on its action of Sept. 18 in taking steps to check the reckless and indiscriminate publicity in the realm of senior class gifts. Had the regulations recommended to the senior class been in effect this past spring, it would not have been possible for supporters of the radio station to perpetrate a fraud on the senior class.

At that time, a check of the record will show, supporters of the radio station said that the appropriation of the gift of the Class of '52—\$8000—would make a radio station a reality—now. This completely unfounded claim, as well as other misinformation, publicized with the funds of the Radio Guild, a special interest group, I am certain was an important factor in producing enough votes (if there were actually enough votes, members of the class will never know; more of that later.) for the class gift to be split between the radio station and the student press. Of course, as has now been made clear, the addition of some \$4000 to the radio station fund still leaves the station far short on its financial needs.

What the radio station needed last spring, and still needs, is study and investigation, not money. A further check of the records will show that this is just what cabinet's own radio committee told cabinet and the student body last year. The special interests who want a radio station now, regardless of its service value to the student body, confessed to the truth of this statement themselves with the re-opening of school when they conducted the experiments in the West Dorms. The recklessness of their claim is illustrated by the fact that the slave transmitters they said would cost "from \$25 to \$75" have been estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$750 by a reliable engineering firm. The goal of these special interests is a "microphone" to talk into, regardless of whether or not there is anyone listening—or able to listen—at the other end.

I would like to correct the false impression given by the Daily Collegian story of Sept. 20, which in referring to cabinet's action said: "At that time members of the Radio Guild said they considered treatment of publicity for gifts in the Daily Collegian unfair." From this it would appear (1) that cabinet's action was inspired by prejudice and bias by the Daily Collegian in the handling of these stories and (2) that representatives of the Radio Guild initiated the action leading to cabinet's approval of gift publicity regulation.

Actually, this is farthest from the truth: the Radio Guild opposed the plan when it was introduced; as a matter of fact, the plan was introduced to curb the activities of such special interest pressure groups as the Radio Guild. By further checking the record, any impartial observer would report that there was no favoritism or "unfair" treatment involved in the handling of news stories dealing with the gift suggestions during my term as editor of the Daily Collegian. Nor do I have any doubt that the same will be true this year and as long as the Daily Collegian continues to publish the free voice of student opinion.

On only one point did cabinet fall short in proposing regulation of senior class gift procedures: that of reshuffling the method of counting the ballots and informing the students of the results of the voting. It was suggested this past spring that the task of counting the ballots be delegated to the All-College elections committee and that the results be released as soon as they are available. In view of the unreasonable action taken by the presidents of the past two senior classes, I think this phase of the problem should be re-opened.

Members of the Class of '52 never have been told what the exact vote was on the gift, a gift which comes from THEIR pockets, and what is equally unfair, the results—that is, a simple announcement of the gift—were not disclosed until Class Night, which was attended by only a fraction of the class, so that only a small percentage of them now know where THEIR money has gone. Can you imagine any democratic body (except Women's Student Government Association, of course) holding an election, withholding the results for several weeks, and then simply announcing the winners without giving an accounting of the vote? I have met many members of the Class of '52 since graduation and one of the most frequent questions asked of me has been, "What happened to the senior class gift?"

I firmly believe that All-College Cabinet should take steps to prevent the recurrence of such high handed and undemocratic action in the future.

—Marvin Krasnansky, editor
The Daily Collegian, 1951-52

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Oh, they're losing yards on 'Time in the Huddle' all right, but I notice they make a touchdown on every play."

The Political Scene

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

This is the third in a series of interpretive political articles designed to inform the College student about the coming election, Nov. 4, and the issues and personalities surrounding it. The series is intended as a concise, unbiased discussion on a subject we feel should be stimulating and important to Penn Staters.

(Your comments—in the form of letters to the Daily Collegian—are welcome and the opinions stressed therein may well be used in the articles.)

3. Is Truman Adlai's Albatross?

The national political race, only three and one-half weeks from culmination, has become less and less a two-man struggle between the candidates than a five-or-six man mob rushing towards the finish line, hesitating occasionally to throw bricks in each others' paths.

Included in the "new team" fighting for the candidates is Sen. Robert Taft, and Sen. Joseph McCarthy for Dwight Eisenhower, and Sen. Estes Kefauver and President Harry Truman for Gov. Adlai Stevenson.

Of these four additions in the race, three have brought considerable attention to themselves, and much adverse criticism from the opposition. Eisenhower has been criticized frequently and bitterly for his acceptance of the support of both Taft and McCarthy. He has been called a sensationalist because of McCarthy and an isolationist because of Taft.

However, President Truman's arrival on the active political scene has been more bitterly attacked and more caustically considered than all other "second tier" men combined.

Truman began with a whistle-stopping drive in which he condemned Eisenhower, not personally, but on his platform and acceptance of associates. He said the general was a "front man" for the special interest fellows who run the Republican Party.

Eisenhower was later named by Truman as a gullible person who fell for the stories of Republicans who were looking out for themselves only, and, Truman said, the general is waging an emotional campaign.

The general, of course, violently denied the President's charges and referred to Truman's speeches as "blank salvos." "I've been fired at by real artillery," Eisenhower said, "and I'm not much concerned by these harmless blanks."

Although Eisenhower denies his fears over Truman's charges and Truman's type of campaigning, the general does have real cause for worry. The President has proved again and again that he is an effective campaigner, especially when the going is tough. And the going is tough now.

In 1948—and the Republicans remember the year well when they think of Truman—the President whistle-stopped himself into the White House, confounding pollsters, Democrats, and the GOP

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Gazette...

Saturday, October 11

BX BOARD OF CONTROL, TUB BX, 10 a.m.
HILLEL folk dance, Hillel Foundation, 3 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

LION PARTY clique meeting, 10 Sparks, 7 p.m.
LION PARTY steering committee, 214 Willard, 2 p.m.
POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB discussion, "Loyalty in a Democracy," Simmons lounge, 7:30 p.m.
SKULL AND BONES, 204 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 13

PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 105 White Hall, 8 p.m.
WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Edward Birkinshaw, H. Robert Buckler, Fred Diserod, David Fishburn, Froma Goldman, Edna Grabiak, Robert Grimmer, Ronald Harper, Robert Howard, Anne Lockwood, Del Rene Millner, Joyce Mitchell, Norma Moore, Chester Potash, Robert Reed, James Richardson, George Skawski, Gordon Stroup, Frank Wood.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

General Electric Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., I.E., Chem. and Phys. Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Westinghouse Airbrake Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., C.E., and E.E. Friday, Oct. 17.

Union Carbide and Carbon Corp. will interview Ph.D. candidates in chem. and phys. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23-24.

Shell Oil Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in chem. and chem. eng. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23-24.

Westinghouse Electric Corp. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and chem. eng. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23-24.

Columbia Gas System will interview January candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., chem. eng., pet. eng., home ec. and accounting Thursday, Oct. 23.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Substitute waiters for girls' dormitories. Boy to work for room.

Girl to cook main meal in evenings for two people five days per week.

Person to upholster and refinish chairs. Students from Altoona area interested in Christmas work.