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Football Half Holiday Should Be Granted

Penn State upsets Illinois . . . Lions break jinx at Syracuse's Archbold Stadium . . . Moore and Blockson rated top one-two punch in the East. It's a great year for football at the University.

The Lions will make their home debut Saturday and play here again the following week, but then, away games again. Come Oct. 30, one of the two biggest games of any year, Penn State vs. Penn—in Philadelphia's Franklin Field.

The excitement of a traditional rivalry is always enhanced when one team is tops, and the other is fighting for an upset. Penn State vs. Penn should be football at its best.

And, with this in mind, there'll be the annual exodus from the Nittany Valley to Philadelphia.

Then, in November, for the final game of the season, there'll be the annual fight for the coal scuttle against Pitt. Again there'll be mass migration, this time to Pittsburgh.

But—and there must always be a but—what about Saturday classes?

Students who in the past attended these away games are planning to attend them again, regardless of the classes they have Saturday morning. Only announced quizzes, if these, will keep them on campus.

Up to and including fall semester last year, it was the practice to grant one half day football holiday each fall. Because of the adoption of the new class sequence calling for Saturday

classes in all schools, the half holiday has been abandoned.

The reason behind this, apparently, is that because more students have Saturday classes, more educational time will be lost. This seems very logical. But, let's look a little deeper.

Formerly those classes which met Saturday were, for the most part, laboratory sections or technical courses, confined mainly to the College of Chemistry and Physics and the College of Engineering and Architecture. These colleges which have added Saturday classes include Liberal Arts, Business Administration, and Education—classes which are mainly discussion or lecture.

Surely there is much more to be lost by missing a laboratory class than by missing a lecture or discussion, the material for which is usually found in the course textbook.

It is true that more students will profit by a half holiday this semester—if you consider having a day away from classes profit. But it is true also that no more and possibly fewer students will suffer educationally, if you consider how a missed laboratory period never can be redeemed.

The University this year has a football team to be proud of. Let's give the students a chance to show our rivals how proud we are by granting a half holiday for one of the two biggest games of the year.

—Ann Leh

On the Name Change

The executive committee of the "Committee of 50" which is crusading for adopting Mt. Nittany as State College's new name finally saw fit to make the group's membership public Tuesday.

Until then, this group, acting as an official body and working with the State College Chamber of Commerce, refused to let the membership of the famous "Committee of 50" become known.

The committee, which includes 18 persons now or at one time affiliated with the University and one student, had the courage to go against popular opinion in urging that the Borough's name be changed. We agree with its decision.

But the committee didn't have the courage to work openly and publicly. It hid behind an ominous title. With this, we thoroughly disagree.

If the committee earnestly sought to help State College and the University by urging the name change, it should have had the courage of its convictions. It didn't.

The opposition, meanwhile, did. Meeting publicly last week, the "Friends of State College," allowed reporters and the public to attend its session. It has promised to release the names of its executive committee when members are selected.

The "Committee of 50," by remaining secret, very well may have harmed its cause. Public opinion is always against secret groups.

Tuesday's action was commendable. But it should never have been necessary. The famous 50 should have operated openly from the very start.

Perhaps this is one more lesson the Borough will learn from the name-change controversy, despite the result.

—Mike Feinsilber

Frosh's Last Stand

Penn State freshmen, whether they realize it or not, will be together as a body for the next-to-last time come Saturday afternoon, standing united with blue dinks, and witnessing Freshman Customs Board's last violation punishment.

Freshman customs ended officially this year before the first home football game, but freshmen will be required to wear dinks to both the Virginia game Saturday, and the West Virginia game next weekend.

Part of the halftime spectacle will be provided by customs violators, who either forgot or refused to wear customs, wore incomplete customs, or neglected to carry their 'bibles'. The freshman men, who will compose the frosh band, will doubtless provide keen competition to the Penn State Blue Band.

The freshman men and the freshman women, who will be brightly attired in sandwich signs at the game, are neither to be condemned or praised, although the frosh section will no doubt give them shouts of encouragement. None can say that customs board was unjust in doling out these punishments.

The whole idea sounds like a lot of fun for anyone not involved in it, and although it doesn't seem like much fun for any frosh band members now, it should be taken in good spirits. Customs are over, with the exception of Saturday afternoons at two football games. And the convicted frosh can always tell their dates next year, "See those frosh out there. I had to do that too." After all, they asked for it.

—Joe Beau-Seigneur

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.—Seneca

Gazette . . .

- AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW, 7 p.m., 127 Waring
- BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 206 Agriculture
- BOWLING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall alleys
- CABIN AND TRAIL DIVISION OF PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 10 Sparks
- DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy Building
- ED NEWSPAPER ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 128 Sparks
- FIELD AND STREAM DIVISION OF PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 10 Sparks
- MODERN DANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall
- NITTANY GROTO, 7:30 p.m., 121 Sparks
- PENN STATE RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., Temporary Union Building
- PRE-VET CLUB, 7 p.m., Home Ec Living Center
- THETA SIGMA PHI, 7:30 p.m., 202 Willard

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Jesse Arnelle, Ralph Batdorf, George Corl, Joseph Da Vanti, William Douglas, David Evans, Roosevelt Grier, Robert Heilman, Thomas Hollander, Carol Jamison, William Kane, Alfred Kohler, William Kostyzak, Meryle Little, David Llewellyn, Michael Marcus, Peter Petroff, Joseph Racik, Shirley Solomon, John Spatz, Jean Wagner, Richard Washko, and Rosemary Yohe.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT SERVICE
Those qualified for interviewing are: undergraduates who will receive degrees in January, 1955; M.S. candidates who have completed at least one semester of study; and PhD candidates who will receive degrees in 1955. Arrangements for interviews may be made now in 112 Old Main.

DIAMOND ALKALI CO.: B.S., M.S., & PhD candidates in Chem. & Ch.E. Oct. 11.

GENERAL MOTORS: B.S. candidates in ME, EE, IE, Ch.E., Metal. E., Aero. E., Chem., Phys., Math., L.M.R. & Ind. Ed., for Ind. Management, Foundry Operation, Bus. Ad. & Lib. Arts, Oct. 12, 13 & 14.

S.K.F. INDUSTRIES, INC.: B.S. candidates in IE & ME Oct. 12.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP.: B.S. candidates in EE, IE & ME Oct. 12 & 13.

GENERAL ELECTRIC: B.S. candidates in EE, IE, ME, Phys., & Aero. E. Oct. 14.

HASKINS & SELLS (Phila.): B.S. candidates in Acctg. Oct. 14 & 15.

DU PONT: B.S. candidates in Ch. E., Chem., Phys. & ME, Oct. 14 & 15.

SOCONY-VACUUM: B.S. candidates in Ch. E., ME & Analytical Chem.; M.S. & PhD candidates in Analytical Chem. Oct. 15.

MCDONNELL AIRCRAFT CORP.: B.S. candidates in Aero. E., CE, EE, ME, Math., Phys., IE & Arch. E.; M.S. & PhD candidates in Aero. E., EE, CE, ME & Math. Oct. 18 & 19.

DU PONT: PhD candidates in Ch. E., Chem., Phys., ME, Ceramics & Metallurgy Oct. 19, 20, & 21.

STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA: B.S. candidates in Ch. E.; M.S. & PhD candidates in Chem. Oct. 19.

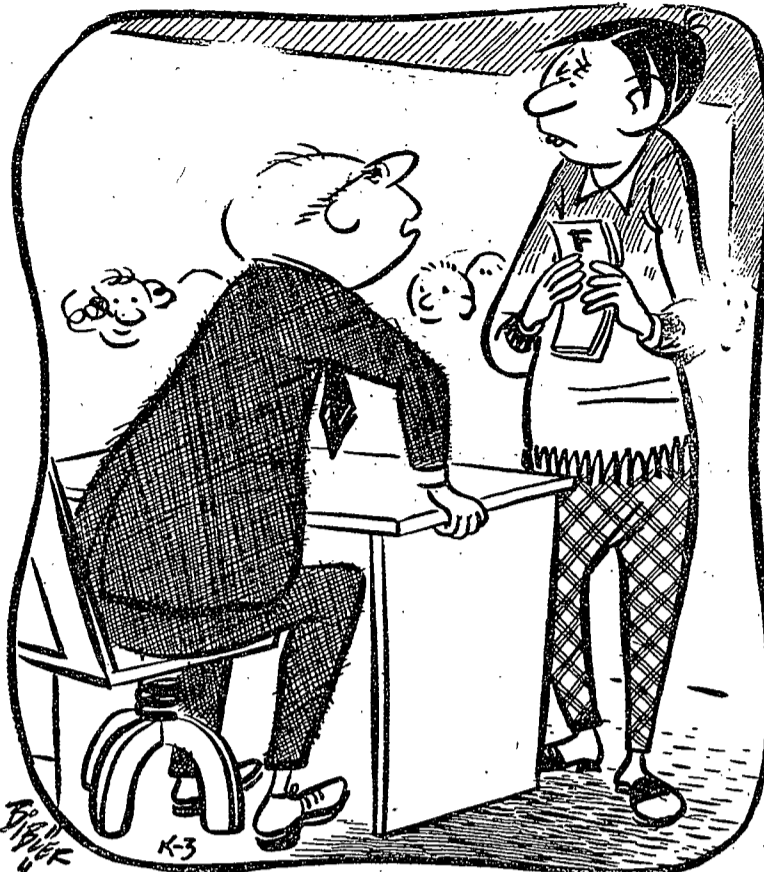
MALLINCKRODT CHEM. WORKS: B.S., M.S. & PhD candidates in Chem., Metal. Ch. E., ME, EE & Comm. Chem. Oct. 19 & 20.

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION: B.S., M.S. & PhD candidates in Aero. E., CE, Arch. E., EE, & ME Oct. 20.

OHIO DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS: B.S. candidates in CE Oct. 20.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"If you want to improve your daily papers, why don't you drop out of school for a few days?"

Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MACDONALD

Does anybody know just where our football team is rated today? Take a wild guess, and you'll be right, at least as right as anyone else is.

One of the mysteries of the modern age is how and who says which team will be where and on what basis. But even more mysterious is the strange way a team can go from fifth place to 13th on somebody's list during the night between Tuesday and Wednesday, when no collegiate football games were played during the interim.

It seems to be a matter of personal opinion on the part of the sports-minded gentlemen of the press whether the Lions or the Tigers or the Panthers or some other creatures of the wild will be number one on today's list of excellent elevens.

Some of these pressed gentlemen have tried to explain to me the formula by which are calculated the all-important ratings. It seems that if a certain college doesn't have certain other colleges on its schedule, it can't possibly get any higher than a certain rating anyhow, due to the estimated potentiality of aforesaid opponents.

By this token, Balthaser, Garrity, and Company ought to have climbed to great heights by defeating Illinois and Syracuse. But if they succeed in swamping the Cavaliers of Olde Virginia, their rating will probably do a nosedive since the Wahoo's aren't supposed to be too red hot.

Sometimes it's almost better to let the little boys run all over the big boys, because the sports-writers and powers-that-be always can explain it away by terms like "crippled due to injuries," "softened by idleness," and so on.

Another crucial criterion in this foolish little game of rating is who the team you beat has beat before. It makes a world of difference if Holy Cross has slaughtered Sweetbriar or Stanford before you slaughter Holy Cross. Why does it? Who knows! Who cares?

But in the final analysis over slide rules and computers, it's the points that count. That is, they count if they are scored in the proper quarter against the proper team with a proper, rugged schedule. And if they are scored by the proper player. If your star end catches a TD pass, that's not half as important as if the water boy does.

But nevertheless, we still can't see how eastern and western teams who never get within punting distance of each other can be put on the same list, especially when the first seven or eight are always from the west. This isn't exactly easy to take.

Oh, well. We suppose there's

some system to all this. But we'll never understand. We don't know how the baseball leagues figure out who is leading who by how many games, nor just what constitutes a half game.

Majority of Students Are Protestants

Approximately 59 per cent of the students on campus are of the Protestant faith, according to an unofficial tabulation of religious preference cards turned in by students at registration this semester.

Other faiths listed were Roman Catholic, 20 per cent; Jewish, 7.7 per cent; other groups, 2.5 per cent; no preference, 6.3 per cent; and no card returned, 4.5 per cent.

These percentages are merely rough estimates; official data will be released at a later date, Luther H. Harshbarger, University chaplain, said.

All but 519 students of the 11,589 who registered between Sept. 15 and 17 turned in a religious preference card, Harshbarger reported.

A tabulation of the cards showed that 2233 registered Roman Catholic; 1672 listed Presbyterian; 1452, Methodist; 1369, Lutheran; 871, Jewish; 609, Episcopal; 463, Evangelical and Reformed; and 369, Baptist.

A number of smaller religious groups, such as Evangelical United Brethren, Friends, Unitarians, Mormons, Church of Christ, Eastern Orthodox Greek Catholic, and Congregationalists, were represented.

The cards are kept in order of religious preference in the office of the Chaplain for about a month and then placed in alphabetical order for easy reference. Each church has a directory of students registered in that denomination.

Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:30 Adventure in Research
 - 7:45 As You Believe
 - 8:00 Concert Cameos
 - 8:30 Just Out
 - 9:00 Serenade in Blue
 - 9:15 Symphonic Notebook
 - 10:30 Sign. Off