

# Live Lion Cub Gave Statue Competition as Nittany Mascot

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Ever wonder what it would be like if Penn State had a real, honest-to-goodness lion for a mascot instead of an animated catskin? Well, once upon a time we did. But it didn't go over too well. Why? It's like this.

During the war in November of 1943, a student group then known as the Independent Women's Association brought the popular radio program "Vox Pop" to campus for a coast-to-coast hookup show.

Parks Johnson and Warren Hull conducted the hour long show interviewing campus leaders and presenting each with gifts. The two were famous for appropriate selection of

gifts. And that night they were in rare form.

## Cenci Catches Cub

Near the end of the show the Recreation Hall audience was convulsed when a "live and breathing" lion cub was carried onto the stage. Lion met lion when huge Aldo Cenci, football quarterback and captain, was called to accept the gift for the College. The College was made a nationwide center of attraction when the Associated Press wired a photo of the cub in the enormous paws of the Nittany griddler to all the AP affiliated papers.

The cub's debut was immediately a big hit with the student body, but the "oohs" and "ahs" of the Rec Hall audience were not echoed by the faculty members who had to care for the cub. James F. Shigley, State College veterinarian then in charge of College livestock, was appointed custodian.

## Cub Kept Infant's Hours

"I didn't mind caring for him," Shigley once remembered nostalgically, "but feeding him every two hours night and day got to be too much."

The lovable cub of rather dubious potentiality immediately won the hearts of hundreds of Penn Staters, and scores of admirers trekked up daily to the Veterinary lab, where he was taking up residence, to pay their respects. Coeds were heard to "ooh" and whisper, "isn't it cute?" and even rugged athletes had to wag their heads at the indifferent bundle of fur.

## Great Stone Face Objects

The lion cub was soon billed as the chief rival for the affection of the stone Nittany Lion in front of Rec Hall, and Collegian reporters who interviewed said lion for his comment on the subject were greeted with a stony silence and the inevitable, "No comment."

A few short days after the suspicious appearance of "Leo," as the cub was dubbed, Collegian reporter Ted Rubin reported that he was suffering from "the Freshman disease of homesickness," and said he finally had to be sent back to his home in Central Park Zoo, in New York City. And along with "Leo" went scores of hearts from the Nittany Vale.

Original plans had specified that the cub was to be returned to State College, but he grew so rapidly that College and zoo officials decided it would be better to keep all four legged Nittany Lions away from State College. But this was not the end of the tale of Leo the Nittany Lion. For some time after his departure Collegian writers utilized the human interest angle of Leo's visit for feature material, such as "Letters from Leo" and others.

Leo was last heard from in February of 1947. At this time he weighed 275 pounds and ate seven pounds of raw meat a day, although he was only four years old. He was 30 inches high. Leo's visit to Mount Nittany

# 13 Are Named To RIL Group By Eisenhower

A committee of 13 persons has been named by President Milton S. Eisenhower to serve as a program planning group for Religion-In-Life and centennial religious programs and as a consulting committee to the chaplain on the religious aspects of the University religious program.

The committee, which works with Luther Harshbarger, University chaplain, includes representatives of all the religious faiths.

Members of the committee are Russell Bond, Matthew Miller, Paul Kennedy, Helen Sidman, Grace Bassel, and Kay Kerr, students; Clifford A. Nelson, associate professor of economics; John Mourant, professor of philosophy; Harold K. Schilling, dean of the Graduate School; Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn; Father John C. O'Leary; the Rev. John S. Duley; and Harshbarger.

The committee was set up to coordinate the religious faiths in planning and executing the religious activities of the University, such as the Religion-In-Life Week observance and the University Chapel.

# Women May Work On Leonides Booth

Independent women interested in helping with the Leonides Mardi Gras booth may contact Barbara Blowers, 117 McElwain. Mardi Gras will be held Nov. 12 in Recreation Hall.

Volunteers are needed for decoration, publicity, set-up, and clean-up committees. Women will also be needed to work at the booth for one hour shifts during the carnival.

# Journ Group to Meet

Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism fraternity will hold pledging at 8:15 tonight in the Beta Sigma Omicron suite, 129 McElwain. A business meeting will follow.

was not a long time, but he did make quite an impression. A Collegian editorial shortly after Leo left stated that he had lifted school spirit to a high peak, perhaps the highest seen here for a long time.

Oh, yes, at last reports the one-time big city rival of the Nittany Lion was still living in New York City. He doesn't write much any more, but there is reason to doubt that he has forgotten his many friends at State College. After all, he received quite a welcome. And, who knows? Some day he may be back for a visit. Purely a social call, of course. Think you'd be glad to see him?

# Co-Edits

## Phi Kappa

New officers of Phi Kappa are Joseph Mijares, president; William Smith, vice president; John Kunda, secretary; and George Ebbert, treasurer. Leo Tarkett is Interfraternity Council representative.

Members of the fall pledge class are James Bizzack, William Gallager, Daniel Gildea, Walter Heiler, Ignatius Hokaj, Charles Horvat, William Kirsch, Richard McCann, Douglas Millar, Joseph Muldowney, John Pollick, Donald Savon, Francis Walsh, Leonard Windish, Gene Zite, and Donald Zugates.

## Gamma Phi Beta

Gamma Phi Beta recently initiated Aloyse Cokewell, Joan Lewis, Mary Lou Rank, and Lynne Slaboski.

The sorority recently entertained Phi Kappa in the Grange room.

## Alpha Chi Sigma

Alpha Chi Sigma recently entertained Alpha Gam. Delta with a dinner, followed by dancing and a skit presented by the Alpha Chi Sigma pledges.

## Phi Mu Delta

Leon Williams has been elected vice president of Phi Mu Delta. He replaces Wilbur Hofecker who resigned.

Recent pledges are John Beam, Gerald Beam, Barry Bowman, Charles Thursam and Mark Brumback.

## Chi Omega

Newly-elected officers of the pledge class of Chi Omega are Susan Brainerd, president; Roberta Lerch, vice president; and Virginia Leary, secretary-treasurer.

## Alpha Sigma Phi

Alpha Sigma Phi recently initiated John Freyler, Thomas O'Haren, Harry McBurney, LeRoy Nikiischer, James McCloy, and Frank Doherty.

New pledges are John Nute, James Herlocher, and Donald Fillman.

## Delta Chi

Delta Chi recently initiated Robert Ott, Charles Teyssier, William Walker, Roger Rue, John Evans, Bert Welliver, and Jere Friday.

# Outing Club Will Hear Kepler Talk

Donald Kepler of State College will speak on game bird hunting to the field and stream division of the Penn State Outing Club at 7:30 tonight in 317 Willard Hall. Kepler will demonstrate turkey calls, recommend stocked areas for hunting, and answer questions on hunting. The meeting will be open to the public.

Harold B. White Jr., assistant professor of physical education, and Frank Gordon of the Housing department will present an illustrated talk, "Canoe Tripping in Algonquin Natural Park," at a meeting of the cabin and trail division of the Outing Club at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in 121 Sparks building.

Plans are being made by the club to mark a series of trails along Tussey Mountain by using an official Penn State Outing Club metal marker. The markers will be made by the club members.

The club will hold an outing and Halloween party at the Forestry Cabin in Stone Valley Sunday afternoon and evening. Students interested in attending will meet at 2 p.m. in back of Old Main. Supper will be furnished at the cabin. The program will include Halloween games, folk square, and round dancing, and outdoor recreation.

One group of students will help with cutting trees and clearing a site for an Adirondack shelter at Beaver Dam Sunday afternoon. This group will go to the Forestry Cabin for supper with the rest of the club.

# WSGA, WRA Finalists Announced

Finalists in the Women's Student Government Association and Women's Recreation Association primary elections were announced last night.

WSGA finalists are Carol Brady, Katherine Dickson, Patricia Lehr, and Stephanie Sills.

WRA finalists are Joanne Bedenk, Barbara Drum, Marie Harvey, and Elizabeth Savidge.

Final elections will be held Thursday. Women living in Thompson Hall will vote in their dormitory. Women living in town, Women's building, and McAllister hall will vote in MacAllister hall. Voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Women will vote for one candidate in the final elections tomorrow.

Following the final election, WSGA will appoint one freshman senator.

# Women's Club to Meet

The Campus Business Women's Club will hold its annual Halloween Party at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Temporary Union Building. Square dancing, prizes, and entertainment will highlight the evening.

The luncheon club will meet at noon on the first Tuesday of each month at the Allencrest tea room.

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# Bell, Book and Candle

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**Rushing Correction**  
Delta Gamma is not participating in informal rushing this semester as was reported by the Daily Collegian Oct. 22.

# King Contest Deadline Set

Women's groups participating in Mardi Gras Nov. 12 may sponsor one candidate for Mardi Gras King.

The deadline for submitting 5 by 7 inch photographs of candidates at the Student Union desk in Old Main is 5 p.m. Nov. 4, rather than Nov. 5, as announced in letters sent to each group invited to participate by Mortar Board, senior women's hat society.

Each picture should include the name of the candidate and the sponsoring group. Three king finalists will be selected at Mardi Gras according to the total money votes collected. Each penny donated will constitute one vote.

The king will be chosen by audience applause at the Mardi Ball, to be sponsored by Chimes, junior women's hat society, Nov. 13 in the Temporary Union Building.

# Stockwell to Talk On China Tonight

The Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, one of the last Christian missionaries to leave Red China and author of "With God in Red China," will speak on present China under communist control at 7 tonight in the Methodist Church.

The lecture, sponsored by Kappa Phi, national Methodist women's service club, is open to the public and will be followed by a forum period.

Stockwell will also be in charge of a devotional period at 7 a.m. Thursday in the Wesley Foundation which will be followed by breakfast.

# UCA Will Sponsor Recognition Service

The University Christian Association will hold a recognition service and chicken barbecue at 5 p.m. today in Hort Woods.

All paid members may attend the service and barbecue. In case of rain, the group will meet in 100 Weaver.

The UCA Cabinet will conduct the formal recognition service which will include initiation of new members, a pledge to the UCA, and group singing.

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for date time . . . .

there's nothing more appropriate to wear than the merry mix-up of a new fall jumper and contrasting blouse topped off with a smart leather belt.



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