

The Sportseer



Goodbye PSU, I Quit!

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Sports Editor

DEADLINES, FRIENDS AND CAMPUS—GOING...GOING...

This column will come as a welcome relief to many of you—especially to my would-be-journalist brethren at Rec Hall. Yep, the old Sportseer is finally hanging up his hatchet.

I've learned a great deal about the newspaper racket since I first stepped into Dutch Sykes' habitat some four years ago to pick up intramural bowling results. And in this 11th hour endeavor, I'd like to pass on my impressions of the Penn State athletic mecca.

I've developed a lot of friendships in my line of duty—some very close, most of them too close. I became so involved with the Rec Hall fraternity—its glory and its heartbreaks—that often overlooked my true purpose as a newspaperman.

A sports editor should be on friendly and cooperative terms with the athletes, coaches and officials that he works with, but not to the extent that he covers up the truth. He should report an event fairly and accurately and should give credit where it is due. But he should not be afraid of giving his own views on a subject, even if it means criticizing a friend.

This latter statement particularly affects me. For I must admit that I held back many criticisms during my career because of my friendship ties.

And when I did speak out, first on basketball and then on Dean McCoy's Alumni Game ban, I found those friendships breaking up. In the eyes of the Rec Hall gang, I made the mistake of thinking that Penn State could do wrong.

In some quarters, I have even been accused of being anti-Penn State. How far fetched can one get? I'm a loyal Penn State sports fan—all the way. I've never written anything with the intent of hurting our athletic program, only to improve it. And contrary to the opinion of many, I do think it needs to be improved.

Penn State is at the threshold of a new era in athletics. The proposed nation-wide football conference, which we will be included in, is closer to reality than most people think. And what will come next? A basketball conference? A baseball league?

This will be big time sports at its best. A track conference? Now is the time to plan for the future. Now is the time to build up a financial reserve to support a big-time program. And if necessary, now is the time to make coaching changes that will strengthen our athletic teams. As the old saying goes: "Don't bolt the barn door after the horse is stolen."

But getting back to those friendships, we made some which we will never forget. How could we ever forget the humor of Joe Bedenk. Or the double talk of Charley Speidel. Or the personality of Ken Hosterman. Or the friendliness of Dutch Sykes and Chuck Medlar. Or the bad luck of Dick Dill.

Who else but Rip Engle would use a crying towel seven days a week? Who else but Chick Werner would carry a 24-hour grudge against the Collegian? And who else but John Egli would speak to me after that basketball column?

What would I have done without the advice of Ridge Riley and Jim Coogan? The condolences of Jim Tarman and Bill Ackerman? The smile of Louise Nixon? The voices of Mickey Bergstein and Steve Fishbein. The kidding of Bill Davidson.

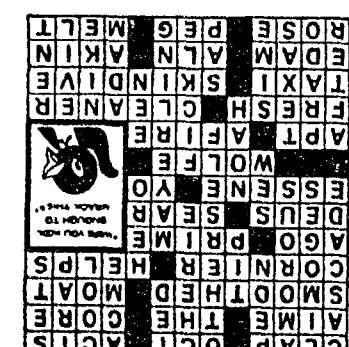
Who can forget the antics of Ron Rainey. The determination of Johnny Johnston. The arm of Bob Scrabis. The boxing talk of Ed Sulkowski. The hair cuts from Joe, the barber.

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A's Defeat Senators On Lopez's Fly in Ninth

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Hector Lopez hit a sacrifice fly in the last of the ninth inning, enabling Bill Tuttle to scurry home yesterday with the run that gave the Kansas City Athletics a 7-6 victory over the Washington Senators.

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Baseball Is Serious Business To Lions' Rightfielder, DeLong

By SANDY PADWE
The fellow in right field didn't look like a ballplayer. He was small and you could see a glare coming from the thick glasses he wore.

Back out on the field, the bases were loaded and Penn State was protecting a 3-0 lead, with two out in the fifth inning. Ohio State's cleanup man smashed a drive deep to right field and it looked like a sure extra base hit.

But the little fellow who didn't look like a ballplayer took off and ran 30 yards to make a sensational running catch which saved the game for the Lions.

The rightfielder trotted into the dugout and was met by a happy bunch of handshaking and backslapping teammates. Without changing his expression he walked up to the plate and doubled, but still no smile.

To Zeke DeLong, Penn State's rightfielder, there was no reason to be happy—at least not yet.

For as far as DeLong is concerned the game of baseball is serious business. The Lions' rightfielder finds time to smile and laugh after his team wins and he goes 4 for 4 and plays brilliantly in the outfield.

That's not such a bad attitude for a player who's just in college. But there's a reason behind it. DeLong, like so many other college ballplayers, wants to sign a big league contract after he graduates. But he still has two years to go at Penn State.

He already has received offers from the Phillies, Cardinals, and Redlegs on the basis of his high school performance. When DeLong was in high school, he was a pitcher and a mighty good one.

In three years at Allentown High he won 18 and lost only one. When he wasn't pitching he was playing the outfield and ripping the cover off the ball.

"I hit something like .400 in



Zeke DeLong

high school," DeLong said modestly, "but I'm really not certain." "One thing I do know, though, is that I love to hit." And he means that, as his .367 batting

average this year clearly shows.

DeLong said that he prefers playing the outfield to pitching only because he can get up to the plate more. When he came here last year he was primarily a pitcher but a sore arm forced him to the outfield.

Then this spring he developed a sore muscle in his pitching arm and again moved to the outfield. But baseball coach Joe Bedenk is probably happy that things happened that way.

"Zeb (Bedenk has his own set of names for all his players) could develop into a real good collegiate player," said Bedenk. "He has the right attitude and loves the game and he sure likes to hit."

Assistant Coach Chuck Medlar voiced the same opinion. "DeLong is a fine ballplayer and I think he'll get better with more experience."

DUGOUT CHATTER—DeLong and Lion second sacker, Larry Fegley, were teammates in high school . . . Correction—Harry Beans lives in State College, not Boalsburg . . . The Lions' game with Penn Saturday will start at 2:30.

Lambda Chi Alpha, SAE Win Matches in IM Golf Openers

Now that the 1959 IM golf season is officially open and the first few rounds of matches have been played, it would appear to the casual follower that competition in the fraternity division is again shaping up as a private dual between last year's champion, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the team they defeated in the finals, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Lambda Chi Alpha has already displayed its power by defeating its first two opponents, Zeta Beta Tau and Delta Chi.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in their first match, whipped Phi Sigma Kappa and will next play Pi Kappa Phi.

In other match play, Beaver House won its first over Alpha Phi Delta and Phi Epsilon Pi defeated Alpha Tau Omega. Phi Sigma Delta and Phi Delta Theta were victorious over Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Delta Rho, respectively, and will meet each other in second round playoffs.

Alpha Kappa Lambda downed Beta Sigma Rho and Tau Kappa Epsilon beat Phi Kappa Tau in other IM action.

In the only action last night Acacia won over Alpha Gamma Rho and Delta Upsilon took its match with Sigma Alpha Mu by forfeit.

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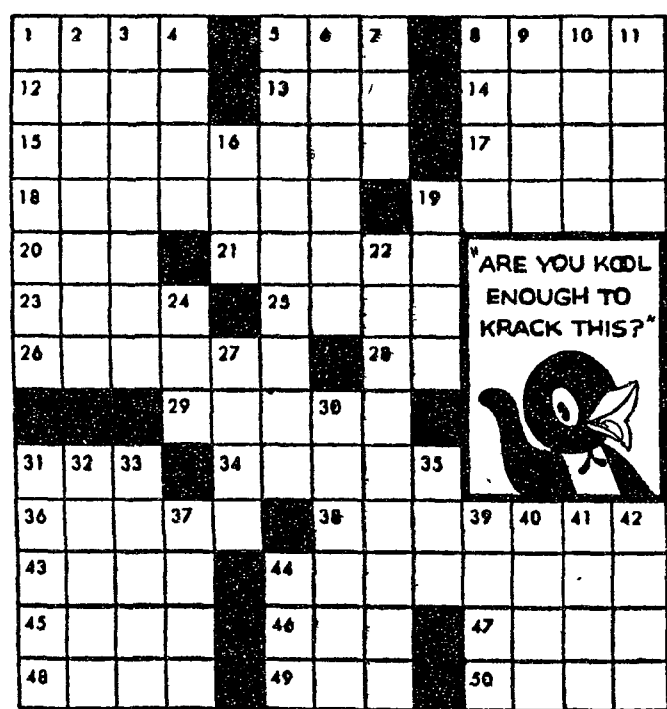
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- Watery surroundings
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- Kind of ribs or minister
- God (Latin)
- Burn
- 2nd-century ascetic, in essence
- Split Yo-yo
- He looked homeward, angel
- Pat is confused
- A hot time
- Kools are Snow —
- Kools give you a — fresher taste
- Transportation luxury
- Go under, dressed in goggles
- Cheese that's made backwards
- River literally in England
- Related
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- Mumbly gal
- Dissolve

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- Waterfall
- China in France
- Not quite glamorous, but oh, boy!
- He'd be flowery with a Y
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- A word for Brigitte
- Walloper Williams
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- Man, those Kools are —!
- Part from the back
- They may be love for Olmedo
- Filter part of a Kool
- The good guy
- Old Boyer movie classic
- What a Singer does
- He chaperoned some wild couples
- She loves me, she loves me not
- Kind of math
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