University Owns Real Lion! May Be Living in Bronx Zoo

By JIM MORAN

Remember the letter in yesterday's Collegian, in which somebody thought that Penn State should have a real, live lion? And remember how you laughed at such a preposterous idea as you took another sip of coffee?

Well, brother, the laugh's on you. Penn State does have a real, live lion. At least, it might have.

Exactly 16 years ago this week, a wartime nationwide radio program, "Vox Pop", pre-

sented the University with a lion cub. The man to talk to about this episode is Dr. J. F. Shigley, State College veterinarian. He had to feed the lion every two hours for one week, back in 1943, when he was professor of veterinary science and in charge of all the University's livestock.

Dr. Shigley explained how the radio program was coming to Penn State to do nation-wide radio broadcast. Featured in the show were Warren Hull, who is still active in television, and Parks Johnson, prominent ra-dio personality of the day.

"Well, a few nights before the show," Shigley recalled, "I got a phone call around 10 pm. from Ridge Riley, secretary of the Alumni Association. He told me to get ready because I was going to

take a trip to Lewistown.
"I told him that I wasn't going anyplace that night, but he finally talked me into it and I found myself on the way to Lewistown."

When they arrived in Lewistown they met a late train. On the train was one representative of the Bronx Zoo and one scared lion cub.

"Riley told me that the University was going to be given the lion, and that it would be my job to take care of him," said the veterinarian. "The man from the zoo informed me that I would have to feed the cub every two hours. Well, we came back to State College and I took the lion to my hours and hours and hours. to my house and began feeding

"They had a lot of entertainment, and about halfway through the show, they brought the lion out and announced they were giving it to the University. So, I took him back home and kept on feeding him every two hours.

Shigley said that student spir-



LIONSITTER-Dr. J. F. Shigley (center) holds the lion presented to the University in 1943 by "Vox Pop", a wartime radio program. He is flanked by the show's stars, Park Johnson (l.) and Warren Hull. The picture was taken at the time of the presentation.

Shigley told how he mixed the lion's meals every two hours, a guard was thrown up around the managing to catch a few cat naps, as he referred to them, "lion naps." in between feedings.

"Of course. I had to teach my classes in the day time," he continued, "So I packed him in a crate and hauled him off to classes with me. I had to feed "After the students saw the into a 220-pound beast. I haven't heart from the zoo since, so I haven't heart fro

classes with me. I had to feed him in between classes."

The night of the show came. Shigley said he had to take the lion to rehearsals several times before the big night in Recreation Hall.

"After the students saw the cub, they fell in love with him immediately," Shigley went on. "Coeds by the dozen came out to lion to rehearsals several times my place to admire the little fellow. Fraternities offered to guard hall." him. I kept on feeding him every two hours.

Finally the chore became too great for Shigley, and the University could not find anyone else to take care of the lion. They decided to send it back to the Bronx Zo and to its mother. he said.

it was at a peak in preparation for the Pitt game that year. he weighed eight pounds," Shig-

Students were up in arms over they said. "I talked to the veterthe chipped nose on the Nittany inarian at the zoo a year later and Lion statue, which was only he said our little cub had grown one year old at the time. he said our little cub had grown into a 220-pound beast. I haven't

Shigley feels the lion is better off in the Bronx. "I don't know what they would have done with him here. I sure wasn't going to lead him out on the football field, unless we pulled his teeth and filed his (Continued on page twelve)

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ster Eggs. In the true spirit of the time it should be the patriotic duty of every Amecican to dye Easter eggs next year with cranberry juice left over from the days of the Great Contamination.
When Arbor Day rolls

around, ceremonies across the nation would feature the plant-

ing of cranberry bushes, the new national bush.

And finally we reach Independence Day. On July 4, 1960, another new flag will be made official. Isn't the government morally obligated on that day morally obligated on that day to make final amends for its cruel destruction of Thanksgiving and the free enterprise system? There is just one course open to them. They must replace the 49 stars in the American flag with 50 round,

red cranberries.

But one of our professor's had an even better idea. Since the contaminated berries give rats cancer, he said, the government should buy them up and use them as poison to wipe out rats in the United States. Well, Happy Thanksgiving.

Soc Club to Hear McClain

James McClain, probation officer for Huntingdon County, will speak on juvenile delinquency at a meeting of the Sociology Club, at 7 tonight in 110 Electrical En-

German Club Celebrates

The German Club held a bicentennial celebration last Thursday, honoring the famous German dramatist, Frederick Von Schiller who was born Nov. 10, 1759.

Professors from the Department of German read several works by Schiller which included: "The Glove," "Division of the World," and the "Victory Feast."



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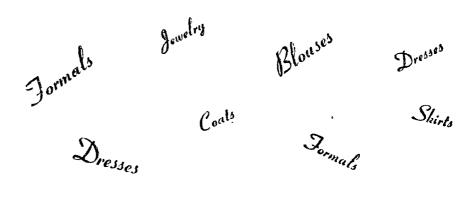
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