



YOU WANNA FIGHT? The two contenders eyeing each other are indicative of the state the football teams they represent will be in when they clash Saturday in Beaver Stadium. The Navy claims the goat, Penn State the Nittany Lion.

Flashcards, Mascot Give Sideline Color to Football

Cheering crowds, blaring bands, the Nittany Lion mascot and the Block "S" Club — a 1,000 member flashcard section — are all traditions at Penn State football games.

The Block "S" Club, organized in 1960, consists of 1,000 students who fill a section of Beaver Stadium on the 35-yard line.

On cue from the director who stands in front of the group with a microphone in his hand, each member displays a flashcard — blue or white — to form a design which covers the entire section.

A GROUP of these designs is presented as a half-time show by the club.

Memberships in Block "S" are available at \$1 for a book of five tickets. If a member attends all five home football games, he will receive a 50-cent refund.

The Nittany Lion mascot has been a part of football tradition since 1923. The first mascot was

designed as an African lion which crawled on "all fours" and roared in true Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer tradition.

HE HAS since developed into the lovable Nittany lion, who runs on two feet like any student. He roars occasionally, but everybody knows he isn't as ferocious as he pretends to be.

Bands are always in evidence at football games, and the Penn State Blue Band is no exception. Conducted by James R. Dunlop, the Blue Band performs before games or during halftime in rain, snow, sleet or hail.

BAD WEATHER is also a football tradition. At least two home games each year are usually marred by rain or snow.

But the weather never dampens cheers, especially the frosh, who compete with the upperclassmen to see who can make the most noise.

Stoner Receives '62 Teaching Award

Richard G. Stoner, professor of physics, was presented the President's Award for Superior Teaching for 1962 during commencement exercises.

The honor, awarded by President Eric A. Walker, consists of a plaque and a check for \$1,000. It was established in 1958 "to recognize outstanding service, encourage superior teaching and advance the cause of higher education generally."

Stoner received his bachelor of arts, master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees, all with majors in physics, from Princeton University.

Other recipients of the award have been Kinsley R. Smith, professor of psychology; Kent Forster, professor of European history; Harold E. Dickson, professor of history of art and architecture; Henry A. Finch, professor of philosophy; and Harold I. Tarpoley, professor of electrical engineering.

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