

# Paper (Nittany?) Lion roars

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Competing as "an amateur among the pros" is worth the good times if you can survive the humiliation, Colloquy speaker George Plimpton said Friday night.

Speaking to a near capacity crowd at the University Auditorium, Plimpton related his experiences competing in various professional fields.

Plimpton's first "invasion" occurred when he was a student at Harvard. As an initiation rite to join the staff of the Harvard Lampoon, he had to run in the Boston Marathon.

Plimpton said he entered the race one block from the finish, right behind the leader. The leader and eventual winner of the race saw Plimpton over his shoulder and "put on a desperate sprint for the finish line."

Plimpton said he was discovered to be an imposter only after being interviewed in the press tent.

"I was on my way," he said.

He narrated a slide show while he spoke. The shots captured Plimpton boxing and playing football, baseball, golf and basketball.

When a shot of him sitting next to Whitey Ford in the New York Yankee

dugout flashed on the screen, Plimpton recalled his first experience in professional sports — pitching against players from both leagues at Yankee Stadium.

Plimpton first retired Richie Ashburn and Willie Mays on pop flies. Frank Robinson then ripped a double past his ear.

"The next batter Frank Thomas," Plimpton said, "and he hit one of the longest homeruns in Yankee Stadium. As it went out I thought 'look what he and I had done together.'"

One of his books, "Out of My League," was based on his baseball experiences. Plimpton captured the fantasy of the audience by talking about ways of having fun at Penn State.

"Where would you take Jane Fonda if she came to State College?" he asked. "I understand the HUB is the place to go." When the laughter subsided he came back with another point of local interest.

"You could always sit around in someone's room and listen to George Cernusca's tapes," he said.

Plimpton said he got the idea for his involvement in sports from Paul Gallagher, who boxed with Jack Dempsey for 38 seconds. After the fight, Gallagher wrote a book entitled "Farewell to Sport." He is known best as

the author of "The Poseidon Adventure."

He also told the tale of another imposter who wasn't as lucky.

Plimpton was playing on the Baltimore Colts squad in a scrimmage against the Miami Dolphins. The ball was on the 20-yard line.

He said a fan ran onto the field and attempted to make off with the ball. "He would have made it except for a middle linebacker the Colts had named Mike Curtis.

"Curtis has an instinct to remove the football from whoever is carrying it. He clobbered the guy and the ball popped loose. He was hospitalized with a wrenched back."

Plimpton added that the fan sued everybody in sight, including the Dolphins because they didn't come to his aid.

The tales of stunt after stunt continued. He would relate a serious incident and then come right back with a funny one.

"I once lost a swimming race to Don Scholander," he said. "By default. I almost drowned before he was even in the water."

He explained he could hold his own in

the water, but developed a scheme to win the race.

"I told him to give me a head start and wait until he thought he could catch me," he explained. "I thought I would clown around until I was out far enough ahead and then I would pour it on."

After he dove in the water he clowned too much, developed a cramp and had to be pulled from the water.

Plimpton contrasted sportsmanship and showmanship, explaining that, "sportsmanship is the best thing in human performance. And I hope I've had a part of it."

He said showmanship is something completely different, using the example of Mets fans bombarding Pete Rose with beer bottles.

"So be good sports," he joked, "and throw your bottles at Wake Forest tomorrow."

Answering questions from the audience, Plimpton said he has done something with the football besides fall down.

Discussing the television program "Quarterback Sneak," he said, "On the last play I ran and gained six yards. Then I fell down."

Plimpton's speech concluded a week of sports programs and workshops sponsored by Colloquy.



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## The professional amateur

WRITER GEORGE PLIMPTON entertained a University Auditorium audience Friday night by describing his exploits as an amateur sportsman among professionals.

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## Impeachment trial delayed

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The impeachment trial of Undergraduate Student Government President George Cernusca has been indefinitely postponed as a result of Friday's USG Supreme Court decision.

The Court voted 6-0-1 to forbid the USG Senate from entering a joint session of Congress for an impeachment trial until all grievances filed with the Court concerning the impeachment proceedings are resolved.

The order stated that "the constitutional questions involved are sufficiently grave to warrant an extended period of time in which to decide the matters at hand."

The request for the order was filed by Cernusca. Senators John Phillips and Sharon Spitz, and Duffy Lennig, director of USG's Department of Student Welfare and counsel for the plaintiffs.

Cernusca said the order will provide "breathing room" to present all the grievances filed.

According to the USG Constitution an

impeachment trial must take place three weeks from the beginning of impeachment proceedings. However, Cernusca said "the clock is stopped" during the deliberations of the Court.

Cernusca said he was "very confident" in light of the court's decision. In other Supreme Court action, Neil Krum, claiming "sadness" because of the futile attempts at improving USG, resigned Friday as Supreme Court chief justice.

In his letter of resignation, Krum mentions the difficulties which have caused USG to become "meaningless."

"Indifference of the student body, virtual non-recognition by the University administration, and an awkward constitution are obstacles which guarantee difficulty in the implementation of any plans, large or small," the letter states.

Krum said the decision was not made on the spur of the moment.

Referring to the present impeachment proceedings, Krum said USG "seems to get wrapped up in crisis like this." He

said that as a result no work gets done.

USG President George Cernusca said Krum's resignation is "unfortunate" but he said he understands how such a decision could be made considering the circumstances.

Cernusca must now appoint a new chief justice from within the Court.

Cernusca said he has two options. He can appoint the chief justice himself and then receive the approval of the USG Senate, or he can ask the Court for a recommendation. He said he is still undecided on how to handle the matter.

Since the vacancy must be filled by a member of the Court, the Executive Council of USG must make an appointment to fill the empty seat caused by such a transfer.

Executive Council is made up of the presidents of Academic Assembly, the Organization of Town Independent Students, the Association of Residence Hall Students, the Intra Fraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, Black Caucus and USG.

Executive Council yesterday ap-

proved the nomination of Ann Dougherty to the Supreme Court but failed to reach a decision on Michael Coyle's nomination to a second vacancy in the Court.

Coyle and Dougherty were approved by the USG Senate last week. But Academic Assembly President Joe Kaplan Wednesday, petitioned the USG Solicitor General to file a Writ of Jurisdictionary Relief enjoining both nominees from being seated as Supreme Court Justices.

The USG Constitution states that nominations must be approved by the Executive Council before they are presented to the Senate. Cernusca failed to submit his nominations to this body.

Cernusca said he had acted under the impression that the Senate Judiciary Committee was entitled to approve the nominations without advance approval of the Executive Council.

With Krum's resignation and Coyle's fate up in the air, the Supreme Court now has two vacancies.

## Jury leads sheltered existence

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The jury of the Watergate cover-up trial read their newspapers over breakfast yesterday — but still do not know that Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, who masterminded the prosecution, has resigned.

He planned it that way. He decided several weeks ago that his task was nearly done and he could return to Texas, but he delayed his announcement until after the jury was sequestered so as not to affect the trial.

From now until the snow flies, 18 District of Columbia citizens will live a life few Americans experience — sitting all day in swivel chairs and eating out every night, all on Uncle Sam.

But they also will have their mail, phone calls and newspapers censored, will be sleeping alone and be sealed away from the world, forbidden to talk about what everyone else is discussing: Watergate.

This curious existence has befallen the 15 women and 3 men-chosen as jurors and alternates for the celebrated trial which gets underway in earnest today with opening arguments for the prosecution and defense.

John W. Dean III is expected to be the first witness tomorrow. He is the former White House counsel who became Richard Nixon's chief accuser. Nixon himself, said now to be too ill to testify, has been subpoenaed by both the prosecution and the defense, and may eventually be on the witness stand himself.

The trial will be unaffected by

Jaworski's departure, since the case in any event is being handled by a team of his assistants.

Despite the high-powered names of the defendants in the case, names like Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman, members of the Watergate jury will be the most important persons in the courtroom. It is for them the whole show is being staged.

They have comfortable swivel chairs

in the jury box, individual rooms at a downtown hotel, and a near-blank check to eat whatever they want for breakfast, lunch and dinner. But they are quickly learning that a place in history is not necessarily a bed of roses.

They will have no telephones, radios or television in their rooms. Marshals will listen in on their phone calls and read their mail, censor the news they read and hear, monitor visits by their

families, screen books and packages and watch them 24 hours a day.

Meals for the jurors — breakfast at the hotel, lunch at the courthouse and dinner either at the hotel or local restaurants — will run another \$2,500 a week and salaries for marshals will be about \$1,400 weekly. Transportation, recreation and incidental expenses such as newspapers — from which the marshals clip all Watergate stories — are extra.

## Kissinger, Arabs confer

CAIRO (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger flew to Egypt last night convinced from talking with King Faisal that Saudi Arabia will encourage other oil producers to lower prices, according to high-ranking American officials.

Kissinger, who went immediately into talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi despite his late arrival, told newsmen in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh:

"I explained to His Majesty our view with respect to the price of oil and the impact this can have on the whole structure of the world economy and the stability of the whole international system.

"His Majesty's attitude was constructive and enlightened," Kissinger said.

In response, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Omar Saqqaf said, "Saudi Arabia is following a policy on oil which bespeaks a sense of responsibility towards the welfare of the world community.

"As part of the world we want to build the world and not destroy it. And we hope that other members of the world community come to appreciate the gravity of this responsibility and the importance thereof."

A high-ranking American official said it was not expected Saudi Arabia would take any unilateral action by lowering oil prices themselves but rather would encourage others to do so in a multilateral form.

The official said Faisal also outlined several steps the United States could take to help bring about lower oil prices. No specifics were given.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said

in Washington recently that the United States had not taken as firm a policy with Iran as it could.

Kissinger met with Faisal just after announcing agreement in principle and procedure for the next phase of the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, which he outlined to Faisal before the statement involving oil was issued.

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, Kissinger said, "I've had a very useful, very interesting trip, in which I spoke to the leaders who I met about how to move the Middle East to a just and lasting peace. This is really what I will explore tomorrow also with President Sadat and tonight with Foreign Minister Fahmi."

Commenting on Kissinger's frequent visits to the Middle East and the American peace moves, Saqqaf said, "At first I used to doubt Kissinger's methods, but now it has become clear that he is following the right path."

In Tel Aviv, Kissinger said he and Israeli officials had reached agreement on approaches to a peace.

"We agreed on principles and procedures which might be followed, and the general tone was harmonious," Kissinger said after talking with Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

While Kissinger declined to give any details of the "principles and procedures" agreed on, American sources said the basis for the next round of talks must include the Arab desire for return of Israeli-occupied lands, the Israeli desire for greater security and possibly a nonbelligerency agreement, favored by Rabin.

Kissinger's itinerary was to take him back to Damascus before he leaves tonight for Algeria.

## Rocky's hopes left in jeopardy after disclosure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Nelson A. Rockefeller's chances for smooth confirmation as vice president were damaged — perhaps seriously — by his acceptance of responsibility for a derogatory campaign book and his disclosure of massive gift-giving, members of Congress said yesterday.

"There's no doubt it's a deteriorating situation," said Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., a member of the Judiciary Committee which is holding Rockefeller's confirmation hearings in the House.

Opinions varied on how far Rockefeller's confirmation has been set back.

Sen. Howard Cannon, D-Nev., chairman of the Rules Committee which is handling Rockefeller's confirmation in the Senate, said a vote on the nomination might be delayed until late December by the new developments.

Edwards said the House might vote on confirmation by the first week in December.

But Rep. Wayne Hays, D-Ohio, said there is a possibility the confirmation process would be slowed so much by the new hearings that no action could be taken until after a new Congress is in session next year.

"I might tell you if it goes over to the next Congress, I don't think that improves his chances," Hays said.

Cannon told UPI in a telephone interview that his committee "in all probability" would recall Rockefeller to testify about the book and about his gifts worth more than \$2 million to 21 political associates, aides and friends between 1957 and 1974.

"I would say there certainly is more concern on the part of a lot of people as a result of these developments," Cannon said. But so far, he added, there has been no evidence of legal or moral wrongdoing on Rockefeller's part.

The book for which Rockefeller accepted "full responsibility" was a derogatory biography about former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg published in 1970 when Goldberg was opposing Rockefeller for the New York governorship. It

was written by author Victor Lasky and published with a \$60,000 investment by Rockefeller's brother Laurance.

The gifts included \$50,000 to Henry A. Kissinger in 1969, before Kissinger joined the Nixon administration; \$625,000 between 1958 and 1974 to Dr. William J. Ronan, head of the New York port authority; and \$100,000 in 1960 to New York GOP chairman L. Judson Morhouse, who was imprisoned on a bribery conviction in 1960 and whose sentence was commuted by Rockefeller in 1970.

A few years ago such matters might have posed few difficulties. But in the post-Watergate era of concern over political ethics and the exercise of power they raise questions Congress wants answered.

"I think this is exactly the kind of thing we've gone through the last few months in the Watergate affair and we don't want to see repeated," Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., said in a televised interview on ABC-TV Issues and Answers.

"I think this puts the Rockefeller nomination in jeopardy."

But Rep. John J. Rhodes, D-Ariz., said in the same interview, "I think it's not in any permanent jeopardy."

While Rockefeller's nomination originally could have gone through with little trouble, Hays said on NBC-TV's Meet the Press, "now it seems to be in serious trouble."

Hays said that in his own 18th district of Ohio "most of the Republicans don't want him, and the Democrats dislike him." He said he had not decided how he should vote on the confirmation.

Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., campaigning this weekend for Oregon Senate Betty Roberts, said President Ford should withdraw the nomination because of a "clear conflict of interest."

Rep. Robert Drinan, D-Mass., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said yesterday in Brookline, Mass., "there is a serious deepening question about the likelihood of confirmation. There are many questions to be answered."

## Weather

Cloudy and mild, with periods of rain likely through tomorrow. High today and tomorrow, 63-67. Low tonight, 55.