

Bezdek Relates Story of Career in Athletics

A short life history of a Penn State coach will be printed in subsequent issues of the Collegian. These articles are published with the purpose of further acquainting Penn State students with the lives of their sports mentors.



Thirty-five years ago Hugo Bezdek was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was a hard life, but circumstances and destiny conspired to thrust the future Penn State coach into the center of America's throbbing life. It was not to Bez, yet so quickly did he acclimate himself that the next several years found him excelling in sports at grammar and high school. At the age of sixteen he was instructing classes of twelve-year-old boys in gymnastics at a turn-of-year, and incidentally preparing for his career.

As a youth, Bez, although always interested in athletics, contemplated medicine as a profession. With this purpose in mind, he eagerly completed his high school course in three years, and in 1902, when he was twenty-one, he entered the University of Chicago. Here his ability in sports speedily evinced itself, for in his first year the medical student was cracking the football lines as a varsity halfback and scooping hot grounders as varsity second baseman.

All-American. This was the beginning of a meteoric climb to success. Alonzo Stagg, Chicago's "young old man" placed the stalwart youth at fullback in 1901 and at once Bezdek began to crash through opposing forwards. Many were the victories won by the changing dimes of this hunting Madison grumman, who is considered by many to be the best line-backer returned out of Chicago. In 1905 Walter Camp honored Bez with his second All-American eleven while the then equally famous Caspar Whitney selected him for Collier's All-American first team.

While at Chicago Bez became a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, and was elected to the Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity and the Owl and Serpent honorary senior society. After his graduation in 1906 he immediately assumed charge of the University of Oregon's athletics department.

Recalling the championship Chicago grid teams of 1901 and 1905 on which he played, Bez daily remarked that in 1907 Chicago met and defeated fourteen opponents. Although the eleven would frequently play two games a week, Chicago lost only four games during Bez's four years. During that period, Michigan defeated the Maroon three times and Army turned the tables once.

Bez at Arkansas and Oregon. The present Penn State coach accepted an attractive offer from the University of Arkansas in 1908 to become its director of athletics as well as its graduate manager. He turned out three creek baseball teams there and led his Arkansas eleven to a championship in 1910. That year President Barney Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh Pirates secured Bez as a scout. For the next seven years the present Nittany coach divided his attention between baseball and football and finally, after touring the United States and Canada for ball players, became manager of the Buccaneers near the close of the 1918 season. The previous year he spent in coaching the United States Marine football team at Mile Island, California. Bez settled down to the time-taking job of managing a last place team and in 1919 changed the Pittsburgh bunch from tailenders to a first division team.

It was Bezdek's record at the University of Oregon that first brought him into national prominence. While coaching Oregon, his teams went through three years dropping but three games and in 1916 Bez gave Oregon its memorable champion com-

petition which defeated the University of Pennsylvania 11-0 at Pasadena. The previous year he had helped organize the Pacific Conference.

Comes to Penn State. Bez's first step after coming to Penn State was to revamp the whole system of physical education. First organizing a physical education department, Bez then centered upon increasing sport facilities for the students. Under his direction, the New Beaver baseball field was laid out, twelve tennis courts made, a cinder track completed and a nine hole golf course, later increased to eighteen, constructed. The crowning event was the erection of the New Beaver field stands and the building of the new Varsity Hall.

Seeking to further his system of mass athletics, the director organized interannual sport leagues and established boxing, golf, lacrosse and soccer on a sound foundation. A cement tennis court, his latest project, will be ready next spring, and in the winter will be used for ice skating. At present Bez is planning a new recreation plant seating five thousand to be located west of New Beaver field. The new structure, on which work has already started, will house the physical education offices and also will contain several gymnasiums.

With Bezdek at its football helm, Penn State started a four-year stretch of football supremacy in 1919. The students shared his popularity with the country when in 1921 Bezdek's tutelage resulted in a national championship. During this period the Blue and White mentor received numerous offers to coach college football teams, but turned them down. In 1922 Bezdek was offered a contract to manage the Philadelphia National league baseball club. It was thought that the popular gridiron tutor would leave, but loyalty to Penn State kept him here. A mass meeting in the Auditorium made Penn State history. Hugo Bezdek answered the students' appeal of "Don't Hu-go Bez" by signing a ten-year contract to remain here.

UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT TO INCREASE FACULTY. (Continued from first page) M. C. A. These vacancies are for a three-year period. Robert College in Constantinople needs a man who is willing to become a permanent member of the faculty to teach economics and commerce. Anyone interested in these positions should communicate with Registrar Hoffman.

LOST—Saturday afternoon on College avenue a winged cap for gasoline tank. Finder please call 314. 11pd

INCREASING POPULARITY MARKS SOPHOMORE HOP

(Continued from first page) taining engraved programs with a St. Patrick's design embossed on the exterior. A bell-shaped canopy with a myriad reflector suspended in the center furnished the setting for the second annual Hop.

Dave Harmon and His Orchestra were selected to vent melody at the 1921 Hop. Dancing from nine until two o'clock, hundreds of underclassmen whirled beneath a net effect of Old Gold and Harding Blue. Favors were small purses containing novel souvenir programs and embossed with the Penn State seal. The program included numbers by a dancer and entertainers from Chicago.

The fourth annual Sophomore Hop, held last March, was well attended and insured its future as an annual affair. Danny Deyer officiated from the orchestra box while decorations were designed with a motif of purple and silver.

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DINING ROOM AND TEA ROOM OF State College Hotel
Table d'Hote and a la Carte
7-10 11:30-2 5-7

Players Show "First Year" in Local Debut

(Continued from first page) Anderson, and Grace Livingston, stayed by Miss Reed, meet. After falling in love with Grace, "Tommy" who turns out to be a somewhat bashful suitor, furnishes many laughs while attempting to propose. The lovers finally become engaged mainly through Miss Livingston's personal initiative, since she is forced to make every advance.

Complications. The scene then changes to the apartment of the newly-weds in Joplin, Missouri. Dick Loring, a former lover of Grace played by R. W. Huston '27, arrives in time to delay a big deal that "Tommy" has arranged with Easton, a prominent railroad magnate, and insured its future as an annual affair. Danny Deyer officiated from the orchestra box while decorations were designed with a motif of purple and silver.

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