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Thanks To Soccer For A Welcome Relief

Someday Penn State's soccer juggernaut is going to hit a snag and its string of games without defeat (now at 57 and in its eighth year) will come to an end.

No one expects that to be a particularly unhappy day for Coach Bill Jeffrey.

Last year he saw the strain of winning and keeping the streak intact wearing on his boys' nerves. He told them to go out and lose a game and get the streak over. Then, he said, they could get back to playing for fun.

He enforces no training rules.

Although an old man in terms of most sports, he plays the game better than his boys. He even played with them during an exhibition game with Franklin and Marshall this year.

From the heaviness and intensity of the harsh business-like, persistent drive for victory that marks most other intercollegiate sports, this is welcome relief. Granted, it would not be nearly as remarkable had it not been marked by constant success.

Thumbs Down? Thumbs Up!

Subsidization of college athletics has come to the point where the National Collegiate Athletic Association decided at its national convention last Christmas-time to frown on all kinds of unearned income given athletes, even to oust offending schools from the association.

The trouble with that threat, more than one coach has observed, is that not a college in the country with a big football team would be left in the association if the spirit of the law were enforced.

Penn State's athletic heads persistently worry about subsidization. Should it be done? If so, how much? How should it be done? And so on. Be it said here, as an aside, that the Collegian recognizes there are strong cases both for and against it but believes the ayes have it.

Some gloomy day, it may be well to return to this most serious subject, to ferret out the pros and cons, but the business at hand on this particular occasion is not nearly as serious.

The reader will do well to note that the particular story which follows has not been verified and could quite easily be false. True or false, it is a good story and illustrates a point.

It is also well to note two other things, first that it occurred before the N.C.A.A. looked for a whip, second that even with a whip N.C.A.A. couldn't touch it.

The center of the story is lanky Bob Peoples, whom all but Penn State freshmen will know as the only college athlete in America who was consistently better in the javelin than Penn State's Nick Vukmanic. Peoples also is no slouch on a gridiron.

Peoples is no flash in the pan. He threw the javelin 200 feet in high school and was a football ace. The colleges went after him. It simmered down to a choice between U.S.C. and Stanford. No fool. Peoples played them against each other for all they were worth.

Finally, Stanford made the offer that looked like the clincher: Go to U.S.C., see what's the best you can get, and we'll beat it.

After that Peoples spent a week at Palo Alto and that, apparently, was that. But he went home to a telegram from his sweetheart:

"Bob, I'm flying to Los Angeles. U.S.C. just gave me a full scholarship."

The story doesn't need a finish, but we'll add one. This will be Peoples' last year at U.S.C.



LION TALES

Only five days till the long awaited houseparty, but the effects of the Temple weekend still with us, we somehow can't work up any enthusiasm about it. Come next Friday, though, we'll don the white tie and tails (wanted: size 40, will return next June) and shake hands with Yehudi. That celebrated gent, you dumb saps (you must be if you read this tripe) is our houseparty chaperon.

From all reports, the only kick about the past weekend was that it didn't last long enough. As for yours truly, the trip was a success from light (they were all out of dark) lunch at Boalsburg Friday till the faithful lizzie pulled up in front of the deacon's outhouse in a photo finish with the eleven o'clock Sunday curfew.

Quaker City Jazz!

Sigma Nu's Pat Young made onehelluvamistake by inviting his cronies to a party Friday nite. His fraternity brothers, from the lowliest (and boy, are they low) pledge to the chief advocate of a milk diet, Carson Brogan, turned out en masse, in addition to Ed Schoemmel, phi psi, and Betty Martin, KKG, Harry Peirce, theta xi and Elinor Weaver, thetas' WSGA prexy; Les "the Bomber" Lewis, Audrey Schoemmel and Ibbey Kinsloe were the other gals there with Bob Montz, Pat and Bill Henning. Late arrivals were Don Taylor and Harriet Stubbs, Bill Wyan and Fran Talley.

Up at the crack of dawn just in time to make Temple Stadium for the kickoff. What a game! Read Dick Peters' colyum for the dope on that. Braved downtown traffic to meet the gang at Bookbinder's for dinner and lobster fit for a king. State took over the seafood eatery and cheered itself hoarse. Hum Fishburn, Ike Gilbert and Jimmie Leyden Sr. came in for hurras as they entered.

SRO Signs at Hot Spots

The Benny Franklin, Adelphia and Melrose Riding Academy put out SRO signs during the evening as the lads and lassies began to spend their poor dads' gold. In the Franklin former big wigs such as Bart Buser, Harry Harrison, Pat Costello, Bob Wilson, Skinner Couch, Ski Dick, Ted Lesko and Jim Olwein joined in the victory celebration with the undergraduate element, only several hundred in number. And our girl Friday reports George Schenkein around town with a terrific and beautiful eye-opener of an import from New York City tagged Jayne Mooney.

Weber's Hofbrau took the spotlight after the midnight whistle. Shots in the dark at the Jersey hot spot; Dee Paul calling up her beta love while her poor escort was hitting Van Inwagen for a fin; Polly Keifer, Evvie Johnson and Betty Widger AOPi's delegation trying to look unconcerned at a table (and they charged a buck minimum sitting down, too); Yvonne Wilson debating the pin problem with playboy Chuck Huyck.

City Panhel Group, Coed Delegates To Dine Today

Members of the City Panhellenic Association and a delegate from each campus sorority will dine in

the Home Economics Cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. today, Miss Julia G. Brill, president of City Panhellenic Association, has announced.

National secretary of Kappa Delta, Miss Edna Sommerfield, who is visiting here, has been invited to attend the dinner.



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