

## Between The Lions

Word has been passed along the grapevine to us and before it reaches some of the freshmen, we would like to straighten a few things out.

We don't know when the whispering campaign first started but there has been a popular belief on the campus for quite some time that a freshman football player never gets a square deal from the coaches unless he has been "imported" to play ball and brings a high school reputation with him. Also he must be a "phys eder."

Every year promising gridders enroll at Penn State full of hope to win a varsity "S" on Bob Higgins' eleven. They come from obscure schools where even a Tommy Harmon in the making would fail to hit the headlines and attract college scouts. But they have every attribute needed to make a good football player, including the proper spirit.

It's just that kind of boys who usually outshine publicized prep school stars because they haven't been burned out in high school and develop gradually under the proper tutelage. Last year's great Leon Gajecki, Pepper Petrella, and others, too numerous to mention, brought with them lots of ability and no scrap books.

They come here in the fall all set to prove their worth during the first few days of practice if they get that far. Usually some disillusioned upperclassman who failed to make the grade on the football field because of lack of ability gets the ambitious frosh on the side and whispers words of advice to him. It usually goes like this:

"I hear you're going out for Marty McAndrews' crew. The coaches didn't get you a job and promise to take care of you here, did they? I thought so. Listen from one who knows, Bud. I came to State in the same boat as you and boy, did I get the shaft.

"Hell, I can play rings around Petrella and Krouse but did I get the chance they did? Not on your life. Unless you come here

on a football scholarship and get into the phys ed school, you haven't a chance. So take my advice and stop wasting your time."

After the poor freshman has listened to a couple of sour apples like that, he decides to give it all up and with it gives up a chance to develop into a damned good football player. It's to him and many others like him that we are directing this appeal.

Go out on the football field tomorrow and look around. On the varsity you will find that about half of the men are not physical education majors but are studying just about everything else. It's even more to their credit that fellows like Krouse and Gajecki could mix football with difficult technology courses and still succeed academically.

You will also find that a great many of Bob Higgins' standbys came here unknown but stuck it out until they attracted attention on the field and got their chance to make good. After that the going was comparatively easy.

It stands to reason that a coach isn't going to pass up any promising material at hand. He'd be cutting his own throat. So don't let anyone talk you into any foolishness you will regret later on, frosh.

### '45 Soccer Candidates Begin Daily Practices

A squad of about 25 freshman soccer hopefuls are attending daily practice sessions in preparation for the season's opener against Navy at Annapolis on October 22.

Freshmen interested in soccer who have not yet come out for the squad may still do so, it was announced yesterday.

Several practice games with opponents to be announced later will be held before the season officially opens.

## Soose May Drop 160-Pound Title

Billy Soose, former Penn State boxer and now recognized as middleweight champion by the New York State Boxing Commission, has announced intentions of vacating his title in order to move up a weight and fight in the light-heavy class.

Soose, just back from the West Coast where he fought Cerferino Garcia to a draw, said that he thought his pending title bout with Ken Overlin would never go through, because he was having too much trouble getting down to the 160 weight.

In his recent fight with Garcia, Soose weighed in at 169—an indication that he may be ready to move into the 175-pound division.

Promoter Mike Jacobs said, however, that he knows nothing of Soose's intentions, and that the latter's scheduled fight with Overlin is still booked for Madison Square Garden.

### Jayvee Mentor Issues Call For Candidates; Opener With Cornell

Coach Alex Atty, new junior varsity football mentor, yesterday issued a formal call for all jayvee candidates to report as soon as possible. All players must secure beforehand a special physical examination and a towel ticket at the Bursar's office.

Yesterday a few candidates reported, but no organized practice session was started. Former high school players were urged to try-out for the team which has three contests scheduled this year.

The jayvees open their season against Cornell at Ithaca on October 3, one day before the varsity's season opener with Colgate. The only home game will be with Pittsburgh on October 18. Navy will be the jayvee opponent at Annapolis on October 31.

With little more than a week to drill his squad, Coach Atty will have a big job on his hands.



MILD BILL—Coach Bill Jeffrey's gentle tactics have much to do with the development of his superb soccer teams.

## Mild Tactics Produce Results For Jeffrey

Perhaps the most outstanding trait of Bill Jeffrey's handling of his soccer team is the quiet manner in which he points out their mistakes.

While most coaches either yell out their orders or command the players as to what they should be doing, Jeffrey simply suggests, in his soft manner, a better way.

The genial Scot is to be found in the thick of each practice scrimmage, shouting a word of warm praise here and a gentle correction there. When he is on the losing team, he takes some good-natured kidding from "his boys." Always prevalent on the practice field is an attitude of tension-free cheerfulness.

Jeffrey's methods seem to produce results, since "Mild Bill's" teams have been outstanding for the past 15 years.

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