

Teams Need Sophomores As Managers Student Work "Behind Scenes" Called Important

Of major importance to Penn State's athletic prowess is the work done by student managers and assistant managers, they are the backbone of the "behind the scenes" work of every athletic team.

Under the direction of the graduate manager of athletics, Harold "Ike" Gilbert, student managers care for equipment, serve as greeters to referees and other sports officials, handle expenses on away trips, submit accounts of athletic contests for official records and carry out other duties in assisting players, coaches, officials and visiting teams.

All sophomore men are eligible for candidacy as a second assistant manager for fall, winter and spring sports.

Sophomores who are interested in managerships for football, cross-country and soccer are urged to apply now or next week, at the Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics' office in 107 Old Main.

First Assistants

Within two weeks following the completion of the season of each sport, three first assistant managers are chosen to serve for the following years. With this advancement more responsibilities are delegated to the first assistants, including the supervision of the second assistant candidates and the accompanying of the team on away trips.

One head manager is chosen from the three first assistant managers. The head manager serves in that capacity his senior year while the two defeated first managers are considered associate managers in that sport the succeeding year but they are inactive.

As manager of an athletic team one holds an enviable and respectable position on campus. Full responsibility in every line of service to a team during practice sessions, on a trip and at at-home games is delegated to the head manager.

Athletic awards are given to the head manager and associate managers for each sport. With football considered the major sport at the College, both the varsity letter winners and the head manager receive eight-inch block letter "S".

For all other sports varsity letter winners and head managers receive six-inch block letter "S". Associate managers in all sports are awarded 4 1/2-inch block "S" letters.

All award winners receive sweaters with their awards. Graduating seniors, besides their letter, receive a gold award and also an engraved certificate of the letters that were awarded to them and the year they received them.

In the past, student managers have rendered a great service to Penn State's athletic teams in the fulfillment of their duties, according to Gilbert.

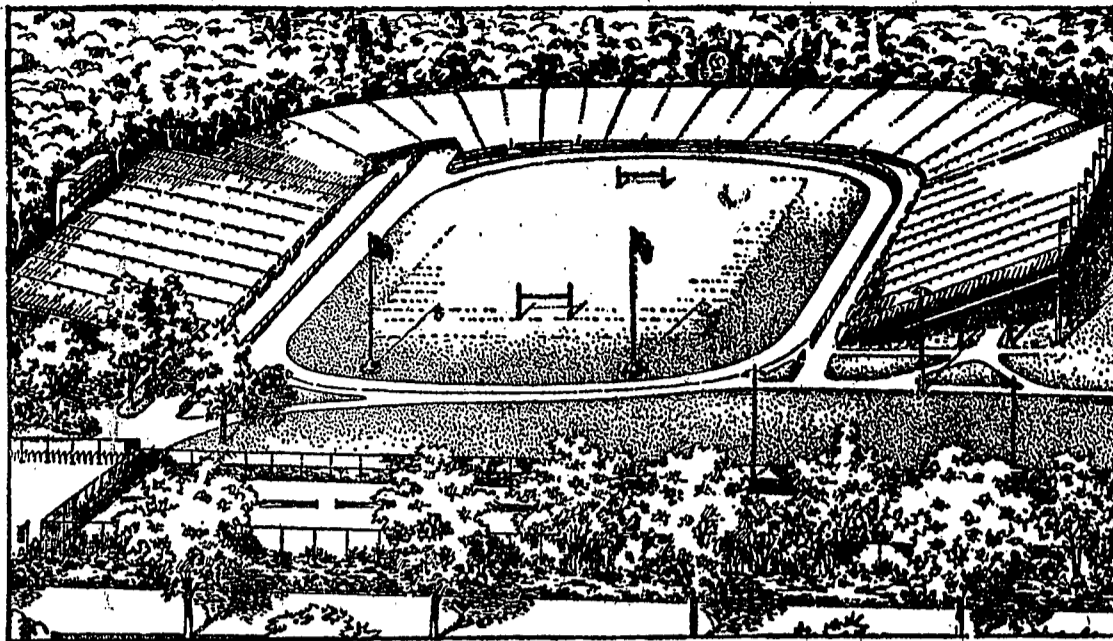
Thiel Issues Lacrosse Call

Although the first game is over half a year off, Coach Nick Thiel has issued a call for lacrosse candidates to report to Room 221 in Recreation Hall on October 3.

"You don't have to know anything about lacrosse to be able to play it," said Thiel. "Only one man on last year's team, Ed Belfield, had ever played the game before coming to Penn State. Everyone else on last year's squad knew nothing about the sport and picked up everything they knew in fall and spring practices."

Fifteen lettermen have left via the graduation route and with just five men returning from last year's team, Coach Thiel must begin building from the bottom this fall.

All sophomore men interested in trying out for the team should take their athletic physical exam at the same time they take their regular entrance physical.



HERE'S WHAT PENN STATE'S FOOTBALL STADIUM will look like when work is completed on the new all-steel stands at the North end of the field. Addition of new stands will boost the permanent seating capacity from 14,700 to approximately 28,000. The new stands will be ready for occupancy when Villanova opposes the Lions at State College, Pa., Saturday, September 24, in Penn State's opening game.

Basketball Team Gets Invitation

During the middle of August when the professional baseball teams were in the midst of pennant fights and football coach Joe Bedenk was planning fall grid practice, basketball stole the spotlight for a day with the announcement that the Penn State court team was selected to play in the Dixie Invitational Basketball Classic at Raleigh, North Carolina December 28-30.

H. R. "Ike" Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, who made the announcement, said that North Carolina State, one of the East's top court powers, will be host to the three-day tournament. Other teams enrolled in the tourney are Rhode Island State, West Virginia, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, University of North Carolina and North Carolina State.

The tournament, which will come early in the Lions' schedule, will be held at North Carolina State's new Coliseum, which seats 13,000.

Competition

The four visiting schools will be paired against the four North Carolina schools in the first round of play, and then will play to a tourney as well as a consolation championship. Games will be played afternoon and night on all three days.

Although prospects are not exceptionally bright for the Lions this winter, Elmer Gross, in his first year as head coach, will have a handful of last year's starters with which to work.

Tocci

Heading this season's quintet will be little Joe Tocci, fast-dribbling senior, and his lanky pivot teammate, Martin Costa. Ken Weiss will also be back for his second year on the Lion varsity.

Nittany Football Stadium To Seat 30,000 Fans

Expansion of Penn State's football seating capacity will release an estimated 10,000 tickets for public sale, announced H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

Heretofore, only a handful of tickets were available to the general public because of the limited seating capacity at Beaver Field. New construction now has boosted the permanent seating capacity from 14,770 to 28,000 and temporary stands in the South end zone will raise the over-all total to 30,000.

Houck Better After Illness

Becoming ill while handling a boxing clinic at the College, Leo Houck, venerable Penn State boxing coach, underwent a serious operation in St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster last month and at latest reports his condition was reported as "satisfactory."

"He is improving very slowly," the hospital said, "but he is still quite ill."

After a brilliant career as one of the nation's leading middleweight boxers, Leo was appointed to the Penn State coaching post December 13, 1922. During his more than 200 professional bouts, he was acclaimed champion of Europe and Cuba but never was recognized in the United States, despite his victories over middleweight champions of his era.

An advocate of boxing rather than "slugging", Leo has developed many champions while serving as coach of the Nittany boxing team.

Several of his proteges went on in addition to guards Lee Schisler and Jack Storer.

Gross, a star under John Lawther in his undergraduate day at the College, will be aided by his former teammate, John Egli, who coached Lion freshman teams in Penn State undergraduate centers until this season.

Work on the new all-steel stands soon will be completed, closing in the North end, horseshoe style, while the addition of two new sections at the South end of the East and West stands will convert the stadium into a veritable bowl. The stands will be ready for the season's opener against Villanova College September 24.

An attractive home schedule, which will send the Nittany Lions against Villanova, Boston College, Nebraska and Syracuse here before the end of October, prompted the decision to increase the seating capacity. Last year, a new single game record was set when 24,000 persons overflowed the stands to see the 14-14 thriller with Michigan State.

Four Newcomers

Penn State's first four football opponents in 1949 are newcomers to the Lion schedule.

to success in the professional ring. Men like Steve Hamas, a heavy-weight title contender of 20 years ago and Billy Soose, who captured the world's middleweight crown over ten years ago were students of "Doctor" Houck.

Between



The Lions

With Elliot Krane Sports Editor

The chill fall breeze that whipped across the campus yesterday brought with it a faint smell of burning leaves and a pleasant reminder that King football will take his throne once again in the lair of the Nittany lion.

New students here at the College will be treated to a view of a team that has lost only one game in the past two years—and old students will find that Penn State football, 1949 version, has undergone a face-lifting operation and is now modernized in line with the present trend toward a wide-open offensive.

For years an exponent of the single wing attack, the Nittany team this year will use the fast and flashy wing-"t" and straight "t" formation interspersed with solid, single wing plays.

The new head coach, Joe Bedenk, plus his two new assistants Sever Toretta and Frank Patrick, have transformed the slow but sure Penn State offense into one that can explode at any moment into a high-scoring attack.

But with the new system comes a schedule that would give any new coach a case of the chills. Opening with Villanova, the Lion team tangles with top-ranking Army and then has to buckle down for the following week's clash with Boston College, a tough battle with Nebraska and then hit always dangerous Michigan State.

Those five games plus the next four climaxed with the Pitt contest will provide enough grid thrills for the fans who look for a hotly contested contest every week.

Yes, Penn State has other sports besides football, and we'll run over the prospects for the 15 other major sports now, so that Joe College of an athletic bent, will be able to see where his efforts can be utilized best.

Fall Sports

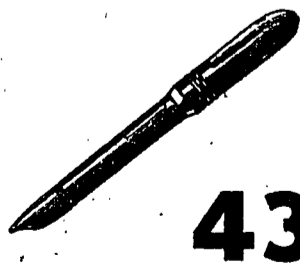
In the line of fall sporting goods, the College offers soccer suits, lacrosse uniforms and running togs. The soccer team has been practicing for almost a month in order to prepare for the season's opener against West Chester, but coach Bill Jeffrey is still looking for sophomore talent.

Cross country practice will start Monday and Coach Chick Werner, with an all junior team, is always in the market for a boy who is interested in running on the hill-and-dale team.

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