

'On The Ball'



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The Dutchman's Plan Misfires

When it gets right down to the matter of effort and a conscientious determination to do the best possible job, you can't get away from it—this guy Dutch Sykes has done a masterful job as Director of the Summer Sessions Recreation Department.

They say you can only get as much out of a thing as you put into it. Perhaps that's the reason Penn State officials and students are pointing at the past Summer's energetic program as one of the most successful in the Session's long history. The effervescent Dutchman has accomplished his job in a workmanlike manner, and he deserves a big vote of thanks for his efforts.

But as in almost every success story there is usually one hitch in the load and Sykes finds his chapter no exception. What he regards as one of his most embarrassing moments occurred during the reception at White Hall.

President Eisenhower had graciously consented to appear as the guest of honor and mine host, envisioned photographing the new Penn State prexie in an informal pose. Catching Dr. Eisenhower unawares, the Dutchman (with flash camera in hand) padded up in his brown crepe brogans with intentions of snapping a portrait picture. As he clicked the shutter—horrors—the flash bulb blew up in his face. Luckily for Dutch, he was not hurt, but the explosion—in addition to scaring the daylight out of the assembled multitude—also scattered glass over everybody within a four-foot radius, including the startled Mr. Eisenhower.

All Dodger Problems Are (Dental?)

As well as running what is considered the most productive farm system in organized baseball, the Brooklyn Dodgers also boast a publicity staff which ranks second to none. Illustrative of the daffiness boy's public-relations work is their four-page spread concerning the doings of baseball's "Bums."

Recently every member of the Dodgers had his teeth inspected and collected, rubbed and scrubbed, drilled and filled. Whether this care of their enamelware will aid them in the National League "grind" only time will tell.

Our Bums are back with smiles that lack
No dentures with imperfections
Their grins betray no tooth decay
Impactions or infections.

Those x-ray shots uncovered lots
And hot the issue waxes
That now intrigues the major leagues
With oral prophylaxis.

With clearer eyes they field their flies
And charge the tricky rollers
Immune to pain and ache and strain
With sound and healthy molars

The aching tooth is now forsooth
A most unwelcome tenant
With baseball teams that cherish dreams
Of wrapping up a pennant.

So watch and wait. The hand of fate
Is sometimes temperamental
Let's cop the flag and then we'll brag
For reasons inci-dental.

Received Through The Mail—

Penn State's likeable, blond, tennis captain Owen Landon informs us that he is working as assistant to the tennis professional at the Maidstone Tennis Club on the tip of Long Gyland.

In addition to improving his own tennis game at what is considered the swankiest net club in the East, "Sunny" has the not-too-unpleasant task of giving lessons to a host of beauteous young debutantes which, he notes, "isn't the hardest thing in the world to take." He also rubs shoulders (if that is done among the hoy paloi daily with such celebrities as Robert Montgomery, Sonia Henie, Hedy Lamarr, Montgomery Cliff, Grantland Rice, and Igor (Cholly Knickerbocker) Cassini.

In the same mail comes a card from George "The Wild Goose" Vadasz, the only man ever to successfully engage brother Joe "Broadway" Copa in mortal combat over the king's english. One of the Daily Collegian's most popular sports reporters for the past three years—covering soccer and boxing—George is now working for the Erie Times as a blood 'n thunder police reporter.



The Brains . . .

Here are the guiding lights of the Lions' 1950 grid hopes. Coach Rip Engle (L) is shown with his captain Owen Dougherty.

Rip Engle Back at Work, Q-Backs, Centers Called

The end of July has also marked the end of vacation days for Charles "Rip" Engle, Penn State's tow-headed football coach.

His August, usually pretty much of a vacation month for coaches, will be a rush and tear affair signified by last ditch preparations for the opening of the Lions' fall grid training season, about the middle of this month.

The busy schedule starts August 17 when "The Ripper" plans to welcome his 1950 season quarterbacks and centers. The others will follow a few days later with practice expected to be under full swing by August 23.

Coach Engle has just returned from a 3-week vacation at Cape Cod where he has held forth every summer for the past six years. This year he spent a majority of the time there with an old football crony, Lou Little, head coach at Columbia University. No doubt their conversation never strayed too far from the grid game, a year-round topic with Engle.

For the past week—and every day up until the August 17 date, Engle and his staff will be up to their ears in organizational meetings and staff conferences. Six of Rip's staff of seven assistant men-

tors are already on campus with the seventh, Frank Patrick, expected in from the University of Pittsburgh, where he is taking his masters degree, by the end of the week.

Engle will first put his centers and quarterbacks, two of the most important positions in the new mentor's winged-T formation, through their paces. He has still

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Nittany Booters List Ten Games For 1950 Season

Ten games have been booked for the 1950 Penn State soccer team, opening against Bucknell, October 7, and closing against Temple, November 25.

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said six of the ten games will be played on the road. The 1950 season will mark Bill Jeffrey's 25th year at the coaching helm.

Jeffrey's booters are unbeaten in their last 15 starts, including a 2-2 tie with the University of San Francisco in the nation's first Soccer Bowl at St. Louis New Year's Day.

The schedule:

Oct. 7, Bucknell, at Lewisburg; 14, Western Maryland; 21, Navy, at Annapolis; 24, Gettysburg, at Gettysburg; 28, Colgate.

Nov. 4, North Carolina, at Chapel Hill; 6, West Chester, at West Chester; 11, Syracuse; 18, Maryland; 25, Temple, at Philadelphia.

Harriers' Tri-Meet Opens Card At Pitt

A triangular meet with West Virginia and Pitt, at Pittsburgh, October 14, will inaugurate the 1950 Penn State cross-country season.

Cornell, Michigan State, New York University and Manhattan are scheduled for dual meets in the card announced today by H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

The schedule:

Oct. 14, Pitt and West Virginia, at Pittsburgh; 21, Cornell, at Ithaca; 28, Michigan State.

Nov. 4, N.Y.U., at New York; 11, Manhattan; 20, IC-4A, at New York; N.C.A.A., at East Lansing, Mich.

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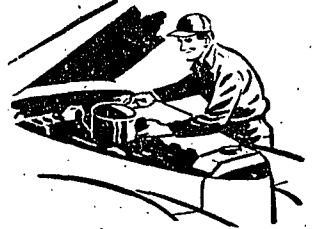
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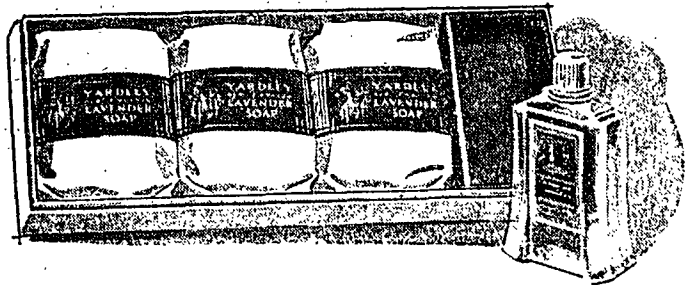
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