

# Frosh Harriers In IC-4A's Mon.

## 'On The Ball'

By RAY KOEHLER  
Sports Editor

### Engle's Gridiron Gamble Pays-Off



They laughed when Rip Engle sat down to mull over the Penn State grid picture last Spring. They wondered at the thought of his gambling on an excellent record at Brown University to accept a position at a school whose entire grid experience numbered only 10 lettermen. They smiled smugly when they found that Rip would have to convert a singlewing back into a slippery T field general in the space of only a few months.

In fact, at the outset of the campaign one unkind observer went so far as to snicker semi-humorously that Engle may have come to Penn State as a gift of Providence (Rhode Island, that is) only to possibly step into oblivion.

All that came at the beginning of the season—before Rip and his assistants had a chance to demonstrate the power of their gridiron sagacity, and the worth of the wing-T offense.

The experts said that if Engle and Co. won as many as three of the games on their 1950 card, that in addition to being downright lucky, they would be eligible for membership in the Society of American Magicians.

All of which is to magnify the fact that with two games remaining Rip has already equaled this quota with three wins over Georgetown, Boston College, and West Virginia, in addition to tying Temple.

But win, lose, or draw in the remaining contests with Rutgers and Pitt, Penn State students and alumni have shown that they are solidly behind the former Ivy League perfectionist.

Granted by all that Rutgers and Pitt will be rough—Engle is now in the position to show that his decision to come to Penn State was the right one.

Monday's IC-4A cross country championship meet in New York definitely assumes the proportions of a five-way struggle between Penn State, Army, Manhattan, Michigan State, and Syracuse.

Although Chick Werner, Nit-

## Lions Rate Strong Threat To Crown

Freshman runners will get the test of their young college careers when they race for inter-collegiate cross-country supremacy Monday at Van Cortland Park, New York.

Lion harriers can expect special trouble from Syracuse and Manhattan. The little Orange swept past Army and Cornell without losing any of the first five places. The Jaspers romped off with victory in the New York Metropolitan.

### Swamped Pitt

Victors over Pitt by a wide margin early in the season, the charges of ex-State running ace Norm Gordon have not been idle since that time. Their swift trial runs plus much hard work must rate them as a strong threat to the IC-4A freshman title.

Best bet for State trackmen appears to be the Philadelphia flyer Don Bagby, a consistent team leader all season.

Reds Hollen has dogged Bagby since the opening of the season. Gus Omrod has posted times as fast as Bagby, but he needs confidence and adjustment along the cross-country route.

Carl Godshall, Pete Judd, Jim Cressman, and Dick Grice round out Gordon's team which will elbow with 253 athletes from 38 schools.

relishes the top dog position before any engagement, it appears as though that is exactly what is happening. Army's Dick Shea and State's Bill Ashenfelter are expected to scrap for individual honors, but the Nittany team is seen by many as being the more strongly-balanced outfit.

The winner of the IC-4A's will be rated as an odds-on favorite to take the highly-prized NCAA trophy the following Monday at East Lansing, Mich.

Pondering over the distinction on between the IC-4A and NCAA we approached Werner and asked to be enlightened. Dividing the two in sections he explained that the IC-4A Inter-collegiate Asso-

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## Lion Vignettes

# Pitt Tilt Is Cripps Best; Stew Hoots At Owls

By GEORGE GLAZER

It seems strange for a football player to consider as his best game one his team lost, but tackle Dick Cripps thinks his biggest thrill came in the Pitt game last year. He feels that that was the best game he's played for State, and a lot of people agree with him.

"Cripto" has always been, is, and probably always will be a tackle. He did not play freshman football but won a berth on the varsity last year and is starting at defensive tackle this year.

Besides football, Dick puts the shot and throws the discus for track Coach Chick Werner. He did the same thing for two years at Upper Darby High, one of the many suburban areas around Philadelphia. He also put in two years as a tackle there and wrestled in the 185-pound class.

One of Dick's most bitter gridiron opponents in high school was his fraternity brother and teammate, Len Shephard, who played for Lower Merion.

Another high school opponent was Bill Henn of Army.

Vital Statistics—6-foot 1-inch, 225 pounds, 22 years old... spent two years in the Army in Japan as a corporal.



Dick Cripps



Stew Scheetz

Stew Scheetz once belonged to Temple and Josh Cody let him slip through his fingers, if a 240-pound tackle can slip through anything unnoticed.

But Stew's high school record was all against him at Temple. He only played about "15 or 20 minutes in three years" at Lansdale High.

The story at State has been entirely different. It might have been the three years that Stew spent playing sandlot ball, or the year playing in the Army, but something made him more than just a tackle that plays only occasionally. He's been a fixture on defense all this year, and thrives on it.

Though he's a junior now, Stew still has two years of eligibility left.

Vital statistics—6-foot 2-inches, 240-pounds, 23 years old. A native of Lansdale.

## SCOOP...



Arthur Benning

Assistant Sports Editor

Art, a tall lanky senior in journalism who turned 21 last spring, has been writing for Collegian since 1948. He now serves as assistant sports editor. He is probably the only Senior Board member in recent years to hold two different positions during the same semester.

Originally named assistant managing editor, Art answered the call when boss, Ray Koehler, found that the job of covering the vast sports program at the College was a 25-hour-a-day job.

This year Art will be Collegian's boxing writer. After graduation he plans to work in the sports field in either radio or newspaper.

Started As Sports Writer  
As a freshman, Art attended Lock Haven STC. Writing sports, he accumulated more copy in two semesters than any other staff member, and received recognition in a special Recognition Day Service for students.

He was recently initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism honorary, and named editor of "Who's in the News at Penn State."

A four-letter man at Harford high school, Art pitches for his home town baseball team during summer vacations. His favorite nicknames around the sports desk are "Scoop" and "Bugs."

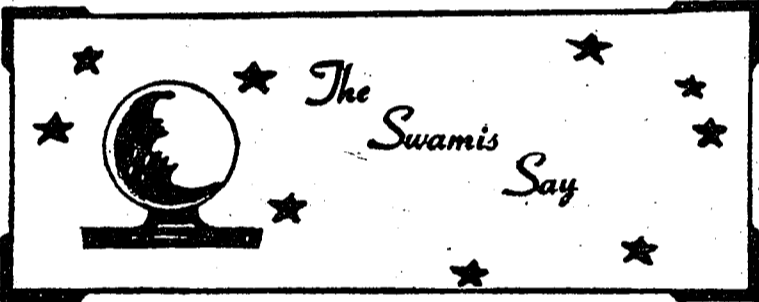
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