

Between the Lions

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Probably every fan who has attended a football game at Beaver Field has wondered at one time or another why there isn't more broadcasting of the game over the P.A. system. This fact is particularly noticeable when the action takes place at the far side of the field and some spectacular tackle or block is made—and the first question is "who made the play?"

Armed with this question we went in search of the man behind the P.A. "Voice," Sherman Fogg, who is also the varsity tennis coach.

"The Athletic Council has several reasons why there isn't a play-by-play account," Fogg explained. "Of course, if there are enough fans who want such broadcasting they could have it."

"But, as it is now, the majority like it the way it is with just a few minutes of announcing during the game," Fogg said. "They feel that they came to see the game and if they wanted to hear a play by play they would listen to a radio."

The "Voice" said that besides the many spectators, the radio people also like the present system since it permits good, clear radio announcing without interference. (The radio announcers are located two decks above the P.A. system room.)

"Even if we would have a running account, do you think it would be heard over that yelling mob?" Fogg asked. "It would be very hard, especially when State is on the move and going for a touchdown or when one of those passes just missed the receiver!"



"Our chief function is for emergency broadcasts and announcements of some important event. And these we have to sneak in when the noise subsides or they'd never be heard!"

Another problem that would have to be met if there was ever a play-by-play would be the extra

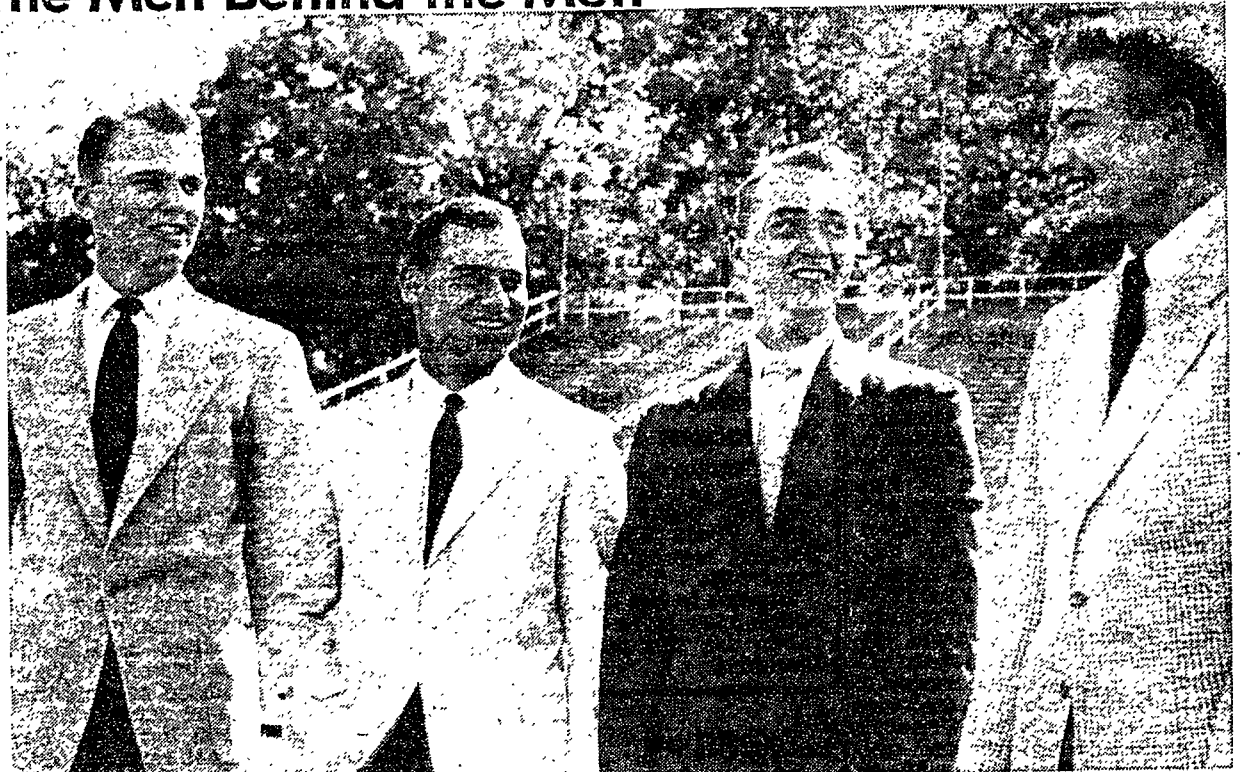
space for the two spotters the announcer would need. As it is now, the score board official, his assistants, and the "Voice" are all crammed into a small room. And to have an accurate account, at least two, spotters would be needed.

"Maybe a possible solution could be worked out with a clinic on 'How to Watch Football!'" Fogg said. "I mean by this, that movies could be shown on the previous game and some coach or person who knows football could explain all the different plays and why they were used instead of others."

He went on to state that this clinic might possibly add to the enjoyment of the game since the average fan usually doesn't know too much about the many plays as such. The spectator mostly watches the ball and the backfield and knows little of the other seven players and what they are doing.

With this clinic, the spectator would be told why the guards pull back on certain plays; how to look for certain types of plays; and the fan probably would enjoy the game more and not need a play-by-play account.

The Men Behind the Men



BENNY THOMPSON, far right, head football manager, seems to be the center of attraction as he and his three assistants take time out to pose for this picture at Beaver Field. Standing with their boss are (l. to r.), Dick Crafton, Ron Angerman, and Herbie Wolfe.

Manager Ben Thompson . . .

He Once Carried Water

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

"Remember, wherever you go, whatever you do as new head manager of our football team, that you're representing Penn State." This statement, made by Ike Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, to head football manager Ben Thompson, will forever be remembered by the congenial Ridgway youth.

It was this sage piece of advice rendered by Gilbert to Ben, after his election as head grid manager for 1952, that enabled Ben to perform his duties in the splendid fashion he has thus far. Ben participated in many sports in Ridgway High School, among them football, baseball, basketball, and track. He was particularly fond of the grid sport, and after he enrolled at Penn State in 1950, wanted to become associated with the college football team in some way. Although he had enjoyed some success playing football in high school, Ben felt he didn't quite have the makings of a college athlete. So, here is where his managerial debut had its start.

During Orientation Week of his first semester on campus, Ben spied a small sign hanging in Rec Hall asking for second assistant football managers. Needless to say, the very next day Ben journeyed to the football practice field and returned to his dorm that night a brand new second assistant manager.

Ben worked hard that year, and was satisfied with carrying water and passing out towels—like every other second assistant had done before him. He had no thoughts or worries then about becoming a head manager. But the good impression he made that fall earned him a promotion to first assistant manager.

"Surprising enough," said Ben, "being elected first assistant manager was more of a thrill than being selected as head manager. Since there were 16 of us second assistants," explains Ben, "the possibility of my being named one of the three first assistant managers was almost nil."

After the 1951 football season, the climactic moment came. Because only two of the first assistant managers were eligible for the head manager position, Ben had a 50-50 chance. After the ballots had been counted Ben was declared the winner.

Ben's weekly duties are many and far-reaching. He is responsible for the football squad's actions—especially on the road—hotel requisitions, and the hand-

ling of the team's finances while it is traveling.

One of Ben's foremost ambitions—going to Franklin Field, Philadelphia, to see a football game—will be fulfilled this year. As a matter of fact, he can take pride in going there not as a fan in the stands, but as a part of one of the participating teams—and a pretty important part at that!

Lettermen Honored

Lettermen of 25 and 50 years ago in three sports—football, soccer and cross-country—will be the guests of the Penn State Athletic Association at the Penn State-Nebraska football game here October 18. This custom was initiated as a Homecoming feature three years ago.

by Rosalind Welcher . . .

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Sports Briefs

Game of the Day

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP)—Princeton aims its football scoring sights on powerful Pennsylvania in the East's "Game of the Day" Saturday with two targets hinging on a bullseye.

Running its victory string to 25 straight games and possibly cornering the Ivy League title.

A sellout crowd of 49,000 already is assured for the battle in Palmer Stadium.

Yanks Get \$6176

NEW YORK (AP)—Each member of the New York Yankee baseball club received \$6,176.51 for his share in winning the World Series.

Each Brooklyn Dodger got \$4,242.45, according to an unofficial breakdown today of the series receipts.

Opener Delayed

ST. LOUIS (AP)—American Hockey League president Emory Jones said yesterday the league's season will not open this weekend.

Polio Hits Player

LAWRENCE, Kans. (AP)—Morris Kay, regular defensive left end on the University of Kansas football team, was in a Lawrence Hospital yesterday with polio.

Hawks Open Year

MONTREAL (AP)—The Chicago Black Hawks, a changed team in personnel and mental attitude, open the new National Hockey League season here tonight against the stand pat Montreal Canadians.

While the Hawks and Canadians are battling, New York Rangers will play at Detroit in the only other game of the night. The Toronto Leafs open at home Saturday night as hosts to the Hawks.

Maryland Booters

Bill Jeffrey's Penn State soccer men, who play their first five games on home soil, face Maryland, here Saturday. Navy, Colgate, and Army follow in that order.

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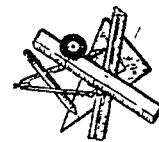
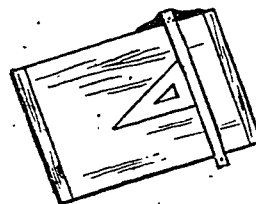
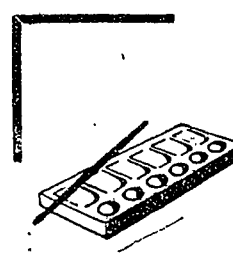
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