

Sport SPOTLIGHT

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AN OPEN LETTER TO VARSITY LETTERMEN

Football captain Don Balthaser and 1953 grid manager Dick Crafton put their heads together recently and came up with an idea that could give athletics at Penn State a lively boost. The pair have initiated the idea of a University "S" Club.

They and seven of your fellow lettermen have already laid the ground work for the organization. The constitution has been adopted, officers have been elected and the charter has already passed the Senate-sub-committee on athletics.

Director of Athletics Ernest McCoy has given his whole hearted support to the new group and has indicated he will work in any way he can to help the club get its feet on the ground.

The idea isn't a new one. Leading sports colleges in the country, including Michigan, Michigan State, Indiana, Iowa, and many more, have lettermen clubs now, and have been very successful with them. A school with the athletic stature the size of Penn State's shouldn't be without one any longer.

All it needs now is your support. This club can be one of the strongest organizations on the campus. There are over 100 varsity letter winners—both athletes and managers—here now, enough to give the club needed strength. But yet there are not so many that its exclusiveness would be hampered.

Membership in this organization will definitely serve as an honor to you. But just as important—remember you owe something to the sport or sports that have given you the name you have now. This is an opportunity—through membership in a group dealing exclusively with athletics—to help, in a sense, repay these sports for what they have done for you.

Through the work of an organized group of athletes, untold benefits can, and probably will be given to the University, more specifically, to the Penn State athletic system.

Balthaser, as president-elect of the charter group, and the small band of charter members, have already made some future plans. But their success stems purely from participation by athletes qualified now to become members.

Plans call for the sponsorship of certain athletic events, the organization of a committee to serve as hosts to visiting teams, and in general to work in harmony with the athletic department in the promotion of Penn State's intercollegiate reputation.

Any organization needs money. And that shouldn't be too tough to get either. First of all there are concessions. The group, from all appearances, will be in charge of those. Dances, shows, an unlimited number of special athletic events, could all be used to bring in cash.

In the distant future a scholarship fund could be established and an alumni group organized. Both of these would boost this University's rating just a little higher. Of course, that's a long way off right now. But whether it ever happens or not depends on you.

If this group can strengthen itself now while it is still young, within a few years it will be one of the strongest and most active organizations on the campus. The possibilities are unlimited. One hundred per cent attendance at the next meeting is the best way to get it started.

Bannister Sets Sights On Half-Mile

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—Roger Bannister announced yesterday he will return to the track May 26—and may try to add the world half mile record to his monumental 3:59.4 mile mark.

The lanky 24-year-old medical student said he would run the half mile for London University against Oxford University at Motspur Park, Surrey, in an inter-universities meet.

America's Mal Whitfield holds the present world record of 1:48.6 for the half mile. Track experts argue the mark is especially vulnerable and may go by the board this summer. They contend the time is well within the scope of a number of Bannister's capabilities.

Originally Bannister was a half-mile specialist. Then he concentrated on the mile with the four-minute mark his goal.

Now that he has achieved that he probably intends to concentrate on the half mile.

Bannister has another London date June 12, for a combined Oxford and Cambridge meet against Cornell and Pennsylvania universities. Officials aim to ask Bannister to run the half-mile at that event.

The former Oxonian is eligible to run for London University against his old university because he is finishing his medical studies here.

Lions Open 3-Match Road Trip Friday

Penn State's undefeated golf team will go after its 13th consecutive win this weekend when it starts a three-match road trip. The Lions will travel to Colgate Thursday morning to meet the Maroon Friday afternoon.

After the Colgate match, Coach Bob Rutherford and his seven-man squad will move into Ithaca, N.Y., to meet the Big Red's links team.

Last season, the Lions defeated Colgate by a slim 4-3 margin, but this year the Maroon will have the advantage with the match set for its course at Hamilton, N.Y.

Last to Beat Lions
Colgate was the last team to beat Penn State since the Nittany squad started its recent 12-match victory streak. The course at Hamilton, N.Y., Rutherford said yesterday, is very hilly and rather tight. "In fact," the Nittany coach said, "Dartmouth's tough course reminded me somewhat of the Colgate course."

The Lions also defeated Cornell in the two teams' last meeting. Cornell previously held its 18-hole matches on a nine-hole stretch, with the teams playing it twice.

Cornell Seventh
In the Easterns, Cornell pulled away from the Lions by placing seventh among the 18 schools entered. The Big Red posted a 623 total stroke score, leading the Lions by ten strokes.

Scores for the Easterns this year were comparatively high in relation to scores for previous years. Yale turned the trick again, winning the Eastern crown for the second straight year with 603 strokes. Last year the Bulldogs won it with 599 strokes.

Dartmouth Second
But the gap between the winner and second-place Dartmouth was much wider than last year. Dartmouth placed second with 617 compared to the Lions' 601 last year for the second slot.

Penn's Edward Wallace won the Eastern individual crown, beating John Tosca, Holy Cross, six and five. Tosca—along with the Lions' Rod Eaken and Yale's Gerald Fehr and Murray Vernon—was a pre-tourney favorite. Eaken failed to qualify, and Fehr, last year's EIGA individual winner, lost in the second round eliminations.

New Managers Named
Angello Cullura has been named head basketball manager for the 1954-55 season. First assistants are Lawrence Shenk, Ron Griffith, and Al Jordan. Al Pomeroy is the new gymnastics manager. His first assistants are Bill Groscup, Bob Eisenuth, and Sol Cohn.

Football on TV
NEW YORK, May 10 (AP)—The National Broadcasting Co. jumped back into the football television picture today with plans to televise Canadian pro football this fall on Saturday afternoons.

Major League Baseball

National League

Milwaukee 2, Brooklyn 0
Chicago 7, Philadelphia 7 (9)

American League

Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 0

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—Monte Irvin's booming triple scored Alvin Dark in the eighth inning to climax an uphill drive that gave the New York Giants a hard-earned 5-4 victory over the Cincinnati Redlegs today.

The Giants never led until the eighth when Alvin Dark opened with his second hit, a single, was sacrificed to second, and scored the winning run on Irvin's triple.

Ted Kluszewski gave the Redlegs a 2-0 lead with his tenth homer of the campaign with Bobby Adams on base in the first. The blow was Big Klu's eighth homer

in the last 11 games.

DETROIT, May 11 (AP)—Washington's Bob Porterfield cooled the league-leading Detroit Tigers with a strong four-hitter today and nailed down a 5-3 victory with a home run in the ninth inning.

Porterfield held the Tigers hitless through the last 5½ innings. Washington scored the winning run in the eighth inning, snapping a 3-3 tie with the help of a defensive lapse by Detroit second baseman Frank Bolling.

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Fulton Needs 3 Goals To Set Lacrosse Mark

By EARL KOHNFELDER

Al Fulton, center midfielder for the Penn State lacrosse team, stands an excellent chance of shattering the individual Penn State scoring record for one season. Fulton scored four times Saturday against Rutgers to bring his season total to 19, just two short of the record 21-goal output.

The existing record was set by Jack Wilcox in 1951 and was equalled last year by Wayne Hockersmith. With two games remaining to be played, Fulton appears a sure bet to set a new mark. Fulton's high for the game this season is five. He did that against Kenyon.

Bob Hamel, who already has established a new single game record, has an outside chance for the season record. Hamel, who comes from Mineola, N.Y., has scored 15 times. His new record of eight goals in one game broke the previous mark of six which was shared by George Ritter and Paul Raffensperger.

Upon the shoulders of Hamel and Fulton has rested an incredible scoring burden. They have combined to score 34 goals while the team as a whole has scored only 80. In fact, coach Nick Thiel sadly revealed that the second midfield has scored only once all

season. That goal came from the crosse of Frank Locotos, sophomore from Pittsburgh.

STRAY SHOTS—The lacrosse picture has not always been a dismal one here at State. As recently as 1951, the Lions enjoyed a fruitful season. In that year, shutouts were registered over Ithaca and Western Maryland.

The high spot of that campaign was a 7-6 overtime victory over the Maryland Lacrosse Club. The Lions played what Thiel termed "the most perfect" game ever.

People who live in Baltimore or the surrounding area take their lacrosse very seriously. The same may be said for Long Island where Hamel played his high-school lacrosse.

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