Engelbrink Elected Captain For '59 Cross-Country Team

By GEORGE FRENCH

Dick Engelbrink has been elected captain of the 1959 Nittany Lion cross-country team succeeding Fred Kerr.

Against Manhattan, the 20year-old junior from Glenside ran a 26:03 over the five-mile Penn State cross-country course - the third fastest time ever turned in by a Nittany harrier.

The only faster times-25:39 against Michigan State and 25:42.3 against Manhattanwere recorded by track captain Ed Moran.

In the IC4-A championship meet at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City, Engelbrink was the first Lion finisher, placing eighth in the 140-man field.

Besides running cross-country, Engelbrink has been a valuable asset to the indoor and outdoor track teams, running in the halfmile, mile and two-mile events. In last year's IC4-A outdoor meet, he placed fifth in the two-mile run.

In 1957, Engelbrink slashed a half-second off the freshman records in the mile (4:18) and



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the half-mile (1:55), which were set in 1956 by Moran.

Moran was nominated as the most outstanding athlete on the team and Steve Moorhead was elected honorary captain of the freshman harrier squad.

Moran was the team's most consistant winner during the season. He holds the Penn State records for the mile (4:09.7) and the halfmile (1:50.2). In track meets last equivalent to a 4:00.2 mile.)

Moorhead—the 1958 Pennsyl-vania Class "A" schoolboy mile champion — m issed setting a new freshman cross-country record by just a second in the Geitysburg meet.

Walter Cottom was elected head manager for the 1959 team and John Springer was named first assistant.

Varsity letter winners included Kerr, Moran, Engelbrink, George Jones, Ernie Noll, Herm Weber, Chick King, Denny Johnson and kead manager Dean Rossi.

Freshman numeral winners were Mike Miller, Fred Larson, Dave LaHoff, George Machlan, and in 1956 by Moran. In other cross-country awards, Denny Dinsmore and Moorhead. something to say.



Rafer Johnson's selection as the sporting world's "Man of the summer, Moran ran a 4:01.7 mile Year" for 1953 by the nation's two leading athletic journals-Sports and a 3:43.7 1500-meters (roughly Illustrated and Sport-came as expected to most of the sports populus.

> Johnson, the president of the student body at UCLA, made quite an impression last summer with his Decathlon performance against the Russians during the State Department-sponsored European Track and Field tour.

But what is the towering Negro athlete really like? For the answer to this question we contacted Penn State's talented trackman Ed Moran, who made the good-will sojourn along with Johnson and 58 other American athletes.

"Rafer was one of the finest men on the team," Moran said. 'He was very well-liked and seemed very educated. And he took everything in stride. Gaining all that fame didn't phase him, He didn't have a swelled head at all and he acted the same after the trip as he did before.

"He was one of the most reserved persons I have ever met . . . very quiet and never boisterous. And he only spoke when he had

"Rafe was real nice to the kids, too. He took a couple cartons of Tootsie Rolls" with him and everyplace we went the kids flocked to him. They loved him."

"Did he get involved in any amusing experiences?" we asked. "It's funny you'd ask that," Moran laughed, "for he did. He bought a guitar in Moscow and played it throughout the rest of the trip-Poland, Hungary and Greece. He had a very nice voice and he could really play that guitar. He kept us laughing all the time with his funny remarks."

"Did the fact that he was a Negro affect the Russians in anyway?"

"Not in the least," Moran answered. "In fact, our interpreter told us that the Russians treat the Negroes better than the Whites because they hear that the Negroes are being persecuted over here. The Russians were surprised we had so many Negroes on our ieam. Over a third of the men's team was made up of Negroes and there were only three or four whites out of 20 on the women's team."

"How did you enjoy the trip yourself?" was our next question. (Continued on page eight)

1947 to a 1958 record of seven burgh on Saturday, Nov. 21, instead of Thanksgiving Day as previously announced.



Lehigh to Be 'Real Test' **For Undefeated Matmen**

Despite the 19-10 victory over Colgate in the season's opener three weeks ago, the quality of this year's Penn State wrestling team is still unknown.

But that "mystery" will be cleared up by Saturday night when the Lions host perennially-strong Lehigh at Recreation Nugent of Florida State as its new Building.

Even the Nittany grapplers themselves will admit to the inferior standing of Colgate's wrestling team in comparison to Penn State's. But not so with

crucial.

It's too early for Coach Charlie Speidel to pinpoint a starting lineup-and even if he did have one

That starting array against Colgate included Joe Cramp at 123, Don Wilson at 130, Dan Johnston at 137, Neil Turner at 147, Sam Minor at 157, George Gray at 167, Hank Barons at 177 and Johnston Oberly at heavyweight.

If any changes are made they will probably be done at 137, 157 and heavyweight. Veteran Guy Guccione, who failed to make

not be ready for Lehigh. His status is still unknown. However, sophomore Bob Gilmour

will be available in his place. Speidel is leaving room for who was forced to quit Dec. 8 anges in the other weights too who was forced to quit Dec. 8 to Penn State's. But not so with Lehigh. For the Engineers, like the Lions, are ranked among the country. Add this to the long-standing State—41 meets— and one can State—41 meets— and one can see why Saturday's clash is so

However, with Speidel anything can happen-and it usually does

up-and even if he did have one he probably wouldn't reveal it. However, the crafty Lion men-tor has indicated that he will probably go along with the one that preformed against Colgate except for a few minor changes. That starting array against Colgate included Joe Cramp at 222 Den Wilson at 130. Dan

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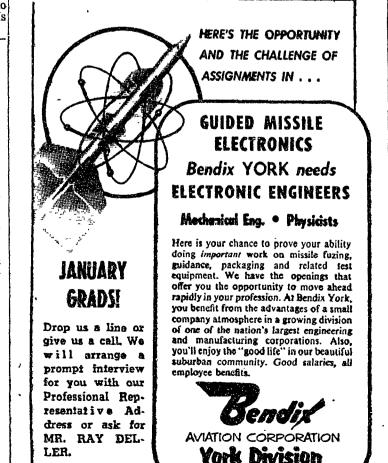
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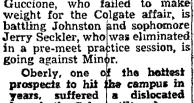


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