

Running no routine to Gabriel

By DAVE BROWN
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What do Steve Gabriel and Puritan ethics have in common?
Gabriel, captain of the Penn State cross country team, is proving that success is attainable through good, old-fashioned Puritan hard work.
lot of time and mileage into the team captain and one of the better runners in the East," harrier coach Harry Groves said. "He didn't come into school that way though. He's worked his way up the ladder."
Despite his success,

Gabriel has received little recognition for his efforts. "I've gotten used to the lack of publicity for cross country," Gabriel said. "It's something you've got to live with. I guess it'll always be that way. Recognition from fellow runners is all that really counts anyway.
The 5-9, 135 pound runner is a different breed of athlete, as are most cross country runners. He may be pint-sized for football or basketball, but it's typical for runners. Also, the golden-locked senior doesn't mind the years of painstaking running—in all kinds of weather—that is

required to achieve even minimal success in a sport like cross country.
"Running is not just a sport you come out for, it's almost a religion or a way of life because that's what it has to be if you want to be a winner," he said in his quiet, sincere way.
The Springfield, Pa. native got hooked on this running mania by his high school coach Paul Samborn. Samborn instilled a "watered-down college type training program" which started him running everyday.
Gabriel, a political science major with a 3.5 average, has

steadily improved over the years until he is now one of Groves' key runners for the upcoming season.
Although it will be a different type of team in 1974, Gabriel believes the Lions have the potential to equal last season's 5-1 record and No. 10 in the NCAA Championships.
"We don't have the names like (Charlie) Maguire and (Greg) Fredericks, but we have enough guys to run as a team. Running a whole race in one single unit, that's how we'll have to get our points. That's the kind of running that'll win the big meets," he said.

IM feature games

Catty move blimps Columbia

Mercury Morris has nothing on Bob Morris, a member of the Wilkensburg House IM football team.
It was Morris, the Wilkensburg variety, who scored the game's only touchdown last night as Wilkensburg "blimped" Columbia House 7-0.
Morris picked off an errant Columbia aerial and used his "catty" (Morris the cat) maneuvers to outrun the opponents to paydirt. Teammate Omar Al-Saleh converted the point after to cap the scoring. Contrary to popular belief, the ball did not bounce off the blimp.
The Wonders, Wilkensburg's answer to the Doomsday Defense, sacked the hapless Columbia quarterback seven

times.
On offense, the Wonders' field general Joe Simatic put on his own air show, rivaling the one seen in the skies over State College the last week. College Ave. Joe (he's not quite good enough for Broadway) tossed his blimps 17 times. He completed 12, which isn't bad, but of course two of them were to the other team. No, they didn't hit the zeppelin either.
When the fog lifted and the final gun sounded the game ended.
By the way, the holder for the all-important point after touchdown was Byron Bilohalevek. (Aren't you glad?)
—By Dave Morris

Watts QB passes way to keg

Mark Berger and Jim "Pepe" Enders may never replace any of the legendary passing duos of the past but their combination of 18 points was enough to let the beer flow in their hall as Watts House blew by Hickory House, 24-0.
Before the game, Doug Fox, R.A. and "keeper of the tap" was quite confident that his services would be needed later in the evening. He made note of the fact that, "Watts finished second two years ago while they (Hickory) are coming from 142nd to try for the championship," and he was ready to celebrate after the game.
Watts took it easy in the first half as the only scoring came on the first of two Berger to Enders passes. Uberoth toed the extra point and the half ended 7-0.
In the second half Hickory took to the air to catch-up but Jack Pisarcit picked-off two passes for Watts and both lead to touchdowns. Berger connected with Enders for the second time and then Berger, the "Golden Arm" of the victors, got greedy and scrambled around in the backfield until "The

Hics" got bored enough to let him score. Both times Uberoth added the insult.
With the game put out of reach, "Golden Arm" permitted Hickory their only hero when one of his passes found its way into the arms of "Hics" defender Bob Hottle. Unfortunately for the losers, they had only one of him.
The final activity of the game came with only 11 seconds left when Watts set up Uberoth for a successful 30 yard field goal and sent their R.A. running to the nearest beer distributor.
—Chet Wade

The military academies



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The military academies have always been the most colorful and spirited opponents on Penn State's football schedule. But sometimes it's not much fun when they visit here because only seniors make the trip and Penn State usually kills the team in the game.

Penn State played all three service academies last year, and of all the nation's college campuses, none can touch the military academies for both beauty and tradition.
The Naval Academy, tomorrow's opponent, is in Annapolis, Md., along the banks of the Severn. Bancroft Hall, the Pre-Game Marchon, it's a very unique and storied place.

No school in the country takes a more traditional outlook on things than the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. And it seems it took the most breathtaking bend in the Hudson River to situate the school.

The Air Force Academy at Boulder, Colorado was built on the side of a mountain not far from Pikes Peak and Denver. Besides the availability of Coors Beer, the Colorado mountain setting is mind-boggling.

But aside from the physical differences between the service academies and most schools, there also exists a different attitude toward winning.

Winning seems to be more important to Navy, Army and Air Force than to most private universities.

The military academies use athletics as one means of proving the worth and superiority of their programs and institutions.

At Penn State football is a business for the Athletic Department, a diversion for the students and an experience for the participants. So whether or not the Penn State football team wins is no reflection whatsoever on the merits of the University itself.

In other words, if the Lions lose to Navy tomorrow, afternoon the students will just shrug it off to a lousy football team or poor coaching, to something, but it won't be chalked up as a reflection of any flaw in the University. Winning has always been an obsession with the

military, and this can be seen in its athletic programs.

Athletic teams at military academies seem to exist closer to the soul of the particular institution, so when the teams fail, as Army's football squad did in every game last year, it's that more painful.

George Welsh, former backfield coach at Penn State and current Navy head football coach, owns a career that has varied between the spectacular and the ho-hum.

When Welsh was a Midshipman he quarterbacked the football team and upset heavily-favored Mississippi in the 1955 Sugar Bowl. He followed that his senior year by leading the nation in both passing and total offense even though he played only eight of Navy's nine games.

After graduating, Welsh served aboard the USS Des Moines for 32 months before returning to the Naval Academy in 1960. There he assisted with the football program under Wayne Hardin, and went to the Orange Bowl with the Navy team in 1960.

After such renewed success in football, naturally Welsh packed his bags and once again went sailing, this time for a year aboard the destroyer USS Fletcher.

When he left the service in '63, Welsh went to work for Rip Engle at Penn State. He remained at State until taking the head job at Navy two years ago.

Navy had a 4-7 record last season, Welsh's first. But that mark is analogous to at least a winning season since Navy beat Army and Air Force.

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