

# Foreigners on inside track

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A hot issue these days in the track and field world is the controversy surrounding the influx of foreign athletes in American college track and field programs.

The issue has come to light recently when the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) captured its second straight NCAA indoor championship earlier this month. UTEP's top-scoring track personnel happen to be from foreign countries like Sweden, Jamaica, or Kenya and other African nations. Now this personnel happens to be superior to most of the talent that prevails in America. Hence teams like UTEP, Seton Hall, Villanova, and assorted others have been able to dominate track and field circles over the last 8-10 years.

"What this does is discriminate against American kids who are trying to develop in track," Penn State track coach Harry Groves said yesterday. "We're not developing our athletes because of the foreign athlete. And it's not fair that our kids have to wait to be given the chance to develop."

"Many times American kids aren't given aid for college because it's given to the foreigner."

There's a stipulation to all this however, said Groves. "I'm not that opposed to foreign athletes competing in the track and field programs in this country if they can qualify academically for college—but most can't," the coach said.

Groves related an incident at the indoor championships. "I presented the All-American awards at the meet," he said, "and three guys couldn't talk to me when I presented the awards. I mean what came back wasn't English. It was ridiculous."

"I don't think it's right," lamented All-American hurdler Mike Shine. "It deprives the U.S. kids the chance to come up through the ranks and get ahead. It not only deprives a university that doesn't have the foreign athlete and which must compete against the ones that do, but it's also bad for the high school athlete who would have a chance at a scholarship but cannot get one because of these foreign athletes."

"You don't see American athletes going over to Europe to compete. The whole thing is a big farce."

Shine feels the NCAA officials should go one way or the

other on the issue.

"It's not right that these guys from Africa, Ireland, and Sweden and all that compete for schools like UTEP and Brigham Young in this country should also be permitted to compete for their own country when it comes time for the Olympics," he said. "That leaves the schools in America hurting. It doesn't make any sense to me how these guys could compete in NCAA meets and then go back to their own country for the Olympics. They should either go all the way with this thing or forget it."

Penn State's NCAA 440 champion Mike Sands didn't find it easy to comment on the subject. See, Sands happens to be from a foreign country himself. Sands hails from the Bahamas.

"I am diabolically opposed to using 'ready-made' foreign athletes who are 24 or 25 years old and who start out at that age as freshmen in college to be allowed to compete in this country," Sands remarked. "But by the same token, you can't say that the foreign athlete doesn't belong here. It would be stupid for a foreign athlete to refuse offers by American college coaches to go to America, the Land of Opportunity, to go to college."

"Unfortunately the foreign athlete is being exploited by these coaches. It's not our fault that we're here."

Sands, as Shine and Groves, would advocate that a limit be placed upon a college as to how many foreigners should be allowed to compete for an American school.

"A limit should be put into effect so that we're not discriminating against either the foreign or American athlete, Groves said. "The NCAA right now is trying to come up with a number that would be fair to all. The only question is whether they'll be able to do it within the bounds of the U.S. constitution."

"But something is gonna have to be done," the coach continued. "I mean, you take a school like Eastern New Mexico State. There's not a guy under 25 on the track team there. They're the NAIA champs right now. They recruited their team right out of the 1972 Olympics."

"I think a school should be allowed a limited number of foreign athletes," Sands added, "like maybe one over a one-year span or maybe six over a four year period."



Penn State track coach Harry Groves would like to see a limit on the number of foreign track performers

Photo by Ira Joffe

## Notes for the 'expert' hiker

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What does an "expert" back-packer do when he suddenly becomes misplaced on an unfamiliar trail in a soaking rain without food, matches, or map with darkness approaching?

Does he trudge onward, dauntlessly flaunting the elements? Does he break camp and attempt to make a fire by striking two water-logged pieces of bark together while standing in five inches of water?

Or maybe he just swallows his pride and back-tracks to that hunting camp he passed—there to beg for a ride back to the trusty car.

One "expert" (whose name will go unmentioned) chose the latter after attempting to locate a party of friends on a section of the Mid-State Trail, east of Potter

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Mills. Having started with only a canteen, he had hoped to meet friends by three in the afternoon.

By six-thirty the only things he had met were water-logged shoes and a wilted hat.

It turned out that he had made a slight miscalculation—he was on the wrong trail.

But he had committed a multitude of sins, breaking all the cardinal rules of hiking. It might be wise to jot down some of the errors. With Spring right around the corner, undoubtedly many nature-fans will attack any of the numerous trails present in central Pennsylvania.

For one—make sure a map is kept handy. In our friend's case, he was lost before he started—although he only realized it later. A map would have saved him plenty of grief.

The Penn State Outing Club has maps available. Also, local State Park and Forest offices can provide help.

It pays to stay in a group, especially if a hike is to last more than one day. And if a group splits up, make sure there is an equal distribution of food.

Matches should be a main-stay of any hiker's equipment. Take care to store them in some kind of water-proof container. (Pockets, in themselves, are rarely water-proof.)

Though water was not a critical factor in the "expert's" trip, a canteen of fresh water should always be carried along.

Finally, if the trail does not correspond with the map—figure that something is wrong. If you're lost, admit it—sacrifice your pride and turn back. Pressing on to the next ridge ("Maybe East Halls is just over the next rise!") rarely does much good.

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