#### Harriers host Eastern USTFFs

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Eastern USTFFs are this Sunday, but
what lurks in the back of each and every
Penn State cross country member's
mind are the NCAA's scheduled for
November 21.

A meet where the highly regarded Lions attempt to make mince meat of teams made up of Kenyans, Mexicans, Europeans and even Plutonians (if they too could run as fast as the wind) imported as freely as sardines.

Meanwhile, coach Harry Groves' speedsters — who follow the philosophy of taking one meet at a time — are looking forward to the competition and preparation USTFFs (on Penn State's blue course) present.

"There will be a few top individual entries there," senior Mike Wyatt said, "but the important aspect is the team competition. Our objective is to run together as a team, run as a pack. It's important for us to cut down the distance between our first and fifth man."

If last Sunday's intrasquad race is any indication, the Lions are ready for any and all opponents. Wyatt called the ten mile trek confidence building experience where "the times were all fast."

The Lions' opponents Sunday will be most fearful of the team's long list of capable runners.

"This is a well balanced team," Wyatt said, "with a lot of depth. So even if our top one or two men have bad days, the other guys can hopefully move up."

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Lately it has been Wyatt making the

biggest move of all.

"I've gotten in better shape since the summer," Wyatt said of his late season emergence. "One of the biggest factors is the mental aspect of running. Even if you have the physical capabilities, the mental aspect of running is extremely

important."

The Buffalo native who transferred from Rochester Institute of Technology ("I wanted to combine both academics and athletics. Rochester had the academics but not the running program."), is a natural 800 or 1500 meter runner who made the transition to cross country when he entered the

college ranks.
"Originally I just wanted to run it (cross country) as a base for the track season and it did help me." Wyatt said.

"Only in the past couple of years have I become more serious about cross country," he added. "The better I get the more interested I am."

While Wyatt's interest has grown, he's encountered a public totally unappreciative of his sport.

"Cross country and track don't get enough recognition," Wyatt said. "Considering the calibre and all the All-Americans that have been here. I realize it's a minor sport. (George) Malley finished third in the World Cups this past summer which is the equivalent of a bronze medal in the Olympics and yet the Collegian and all other local papers overlooked this. . . . I'll put it this way, people in cross country and track are unnoticed and underrated."

While track and cross country strive to gain that notoriety, Wyatt will always remain one of its faithful followers even after graduation.

"I'll definitely continue running,"
Wyatt said, "although once you
graduate, unless you're one of top
runners in college, the competition
drags considerably.

But one thing is for sure when the Lions take their show off to the NCAA's at Washington State Nov. 21, an abundancy of competition will await Mr. Wyatt.

"We'll all be giving it 100 per cent," Wyatt said.

Something Wyatt has always given despite his non-recognition.

CORNERS: There will be a "runner's night" tonight at the Kern Building starting at 7:30 p.m. It has been arranged to help answer questions running enthusiastists might have

# The Daily Collegian Football Forecast

Below is the Daily Collegian's football forecast for the weekend. The favorites, underdogs, and point spreads are the "Las Vegas Line" odds, while the far right column are the Collegian's picks, giving or taking those point spreads. A "plus" after the team's initial means we are taking the points, a "minus" means we are giving. We stress that these picks are made in fun only. This week's picks were made by sportswriter Gary Silvers

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٤	THE PROS							
	Favorite	Odds	Underdog	Collegian				
٤	Atlanta	4	Detroit	A-4				
١	Pittsburgh	5	Cleveland	P-5				
3	New England	0	Miami	M				
	New York Giants	6	Tampa Bay	NY-6				
٤	New York Jets	10	Seattle	S+10				
	Chicago	612	Kansas City	KC+10				
3	Los Angeles	1012		LA-1012				
	San Francisco	1	<b>New Orleans</b>	· SF-1				
:	Minnesota	212	Cincinnati	M-212				
	Denver	4	San Diego	D-4				
	Oakland	13	Houston	H+13				
	(Monday Night)							
	Dallas	612	St. Louis	D-612				

THE CULLEGES							
	Favorite	Odds	Underdog	Collegian			
	Notre Dame	10	Clemson	ND-10			
	Michigan St.	22	Northwestern	MS-22			
	Pittsburgh	25	Army	A+25			
	Syracuse	1	Boston College	S-1			
	Brown	15	Columbia	C+15			
	Princeton	7	Cornell	P-7			
	Dartmouth	1	Penn .	P-I			
	N. Carolina St.	0	Duke	D			
	Georgia Tech	312	Navy	GT-312			
	Yale	11	Harvard	Y-11			
	Ohio St.	24	Indiana	OS-24			
	Michigan	18	Purdue	M-18			
	N. Carolina	16	Virginia	NC-16			
	S. Carolina	11	Wake Forest	SC-11			
	LSU	8	Mississippi St.	MS+8			
	Arizona St.	612	Brigham Young	AS-612			
	Kentucky	. 7	Florida	K-7			
	Illinois	1	Minnesota	I-1			
	Wisconsin	3	Iowa	W-3			
	Alabama	25	Miami (Fla.)	M+25			
	Arkansas	0	Texas A&M	Т			
	Baylor	24	Rice	B-24			
	Oklahoma	17	Colorado	C+17			
	Iowa St.	12	Kansas St.	KS+12			
	Nebraska	20	Kansas	K+20			
	Tennessee	1	Mississippi	T-1			
	Missouri	4	Oklahoma St.	M-4			
	Texas Tech	11	SMU	TT-11 -			
	Vanderbilt	712	Air Force	V-712			
	California	19	Oregon	C-19			
	UCLA	1412	Oregon St -	UC-1412 :			

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## Hawks' gamble on Criss has both in bliss

ATLANTA (AP) — At 5-feet-8, Charlie Criss was a gamble. But Atlanta Hawks Coach Hubie Brown took the chance.

Criss, 28, a basketball vagabond from Yonkers, N.Y., via New Mexico State, the Amateur Athletic Union and the semipro Eastern League, made the most of his opportunity in the land of the 7-footer, the National Basketball Association.

"I can play in this league," Criss says confidently. "I'm quick. I can shoot and I can play defense. And I've been waiting a long time for my chance."

"It's a real storybook story," said Brown. "He's another Calvin Murphy Houston's 5-8 guard, quick and strong."

If not for Brown's faith in him, Criss, who finished his college career in 1970, would have quit the game and gone to work as a data processing clerk in New Rochelle, N.Y., earning \$9,000 a year.

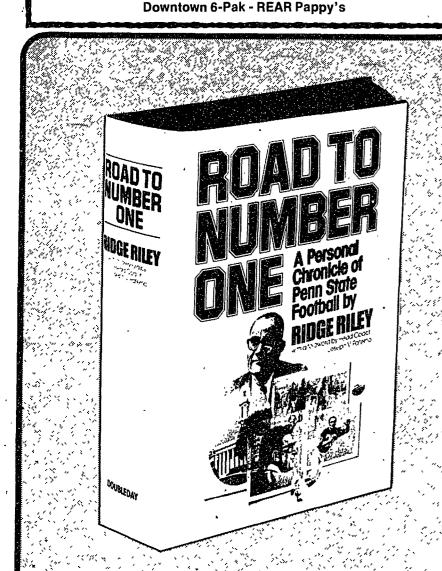
Now, however, he's making the NBA minimum salary of \$30,000 in addition to a bonus for making the club. He also has contributed to the Hawks' quick start by averaging 10 points a game, playing about 20 minutes a game.

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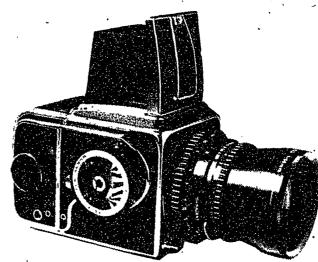
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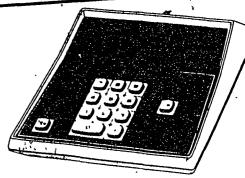


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