

Rookies make their mark in NFL

By The Associated Press
It is called rebuilding. Sometimes, as in the case of a team like the Detroit Lions, it can seem to occur almost instantaneously. Then there are teams like the New York Giants, for whom rebuilding seems to go on forever.

Halfway through the season, 181 rookies dot the rosters of the 28 National Football League teams, 45 of them frequent starters.

In the Lions' case, the "rebuilding" tag is misleading. They were, after all, contenders for a playoff berth or a division title every year from 1969 to 1976. Then came the crash of '79, when a couple of key injuries (most notably their quarterback, Gary Danielson) resulted in a 2-14 record and, as hefts such a terrible showing, the No. 1 draft choice.

It was Billy Sims — and he has helped the Lions to roar back into prominence as leaders of the National Conference's Central Division. But Sims isn't the only newcomer to help Detroit's cause, even if he is the most visible. Consider kicker Elmer Blum and tackle Ed Whited.

Murray, a Nova Scotia native, was drafted out of Tulane in the seventh round, primarily to give place-kicker Benny Ricardo some competition. He ended up kicking Ricardo out of a job.

"He impressed us so much with his deep kickoffs and his accuracy on field goals that he was the obvious choice," coach Tom Clark said.

Murray was good on his first seven field goal attempts, starting with a 52-yarder against Los Angeles. His first kickoff wasn't quite as successful. Drew Hill of the Rams returned it 98 yards for a touchdown. Since then, though, few of his kicks have been back beyond the 20. And with 65 points he's the No. 2 scorer in the league, trailing only John Smith, New England's place-kicker.

Whited, ignored in the draft, was signed as a free agent out of Pacific as a kick-snapper. Center Tom Turner was drafted in the third round, had contract problems and didn't report to camp until the third week of the preseason, giving Whited a chance to make the squad. He took over the long-snapp duties when Turner was hurt in the third week of the

season. And when second-year tackle Keith Dorney hurt his knee two games ago, Whited became a starter.

"When I first saw him I didn't give him much of a chance," Clark said. "But he really worked hard. He almost changed the structure of his appearance (putting on 18 pounds, to 255). He was just a surprise."

The Giants, whose last winning season was 1972 and whose last title of any kind came in 1957, have 10 rookies on their roster, by far the most of any team. Cincinnati is next with 10.

Being a top draftee on one of the most consistently bad teams in the league — or on any team, for that matter — doesn't guarantee immediate success in the NFL.

Cornerback Mark Hayes, the Giants' top choice, was given a starting job by coach Ray Perkins the moment his name was mentioned at the draft. He proceeded to throw the job away in the preseason, regained it early in the season, lost it again and has it now only because Terry Jackson has a separated shoulder.

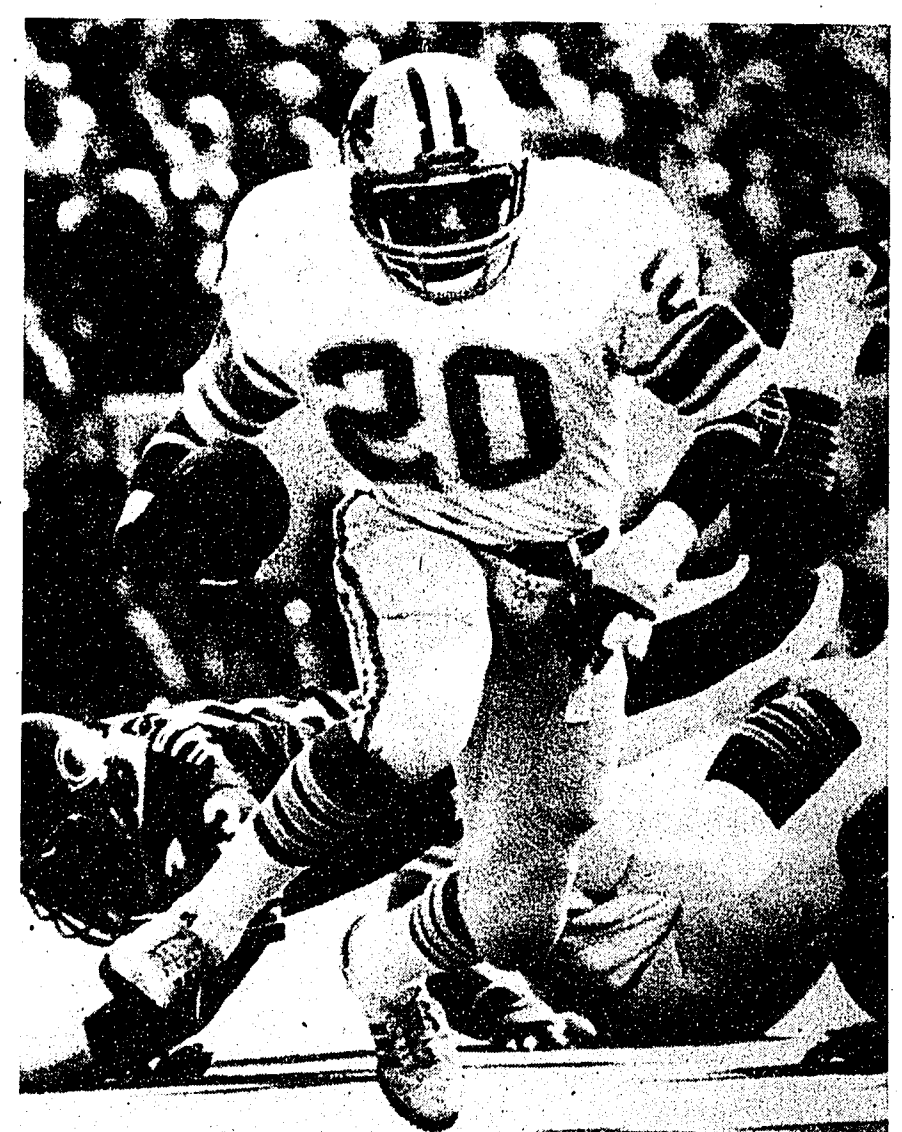
The other drafted rookies who start for the Giants these days are wide receiver Danny Pittman, picked in the fourth round, and safety Bud Hebert and linebacker Chris Linin, both taken in the seventh round.

Haynes was the No. 8 selection in the draft. The No. 2 pick, for the other New York team, was Johnny "Lam" Jones, the fleet receiver from Texas. The Jets, everyone said, would be devastating with Jones and Wesley Walker. Today, Walker is injured and Jones, ineffective from the start, rides the bench much of the time while Derrick Gaffney, who started last year, does the same this season.

At least he's still around and available. Penn State defensive end Bruce Clark, the No. 4 choice in the draft, opted for Canada instead of life with the Green Bay Packers, just as another first-round pick (Buffalo's No. 1 a year ago), Tom Cousineau, did a year earlier.

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Detroit running back Billy Sims, the current National Football League rushing leader, is one of many rookies making it big in the NFL so far this season.

dominate a game," said Hannum, "and Costello and Greer made the best backcourt combination I've ever been associated with."

Auerbach, now the president of the Celtics but their coach when they won eight straight titles from 1959 through 1966, said he heartily endorsed the selection of Russell as the all-time player.

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scoreboard

NBA				NFL			
Atlantic Division				Central Division			
New York	7	2	776	San Antonio	2	8	111
Boston	6	3	778	Utah	2	8	111
Philadelphia	5	4	785	Los Angeles	2	8	111
New Jersey	4	5	786	San Diego	2	8	111
Washington	2	7	722	Golden State	2	8	111
Central Division				Midwest Division			
Milwaukee	2	8	711	San Antonio	2	8	111
Atlanta	2	8	711	Utah	2	8	111
Cleveland	2	8	711	Los Angeles	2	8	111
Chicago	2	8	711	San Diego	2	8	111
Detroit	2	8	711	Golden State	2	8	111
Western Conference				Pacific Division			
San Antonio	2	8	711	Phoenix	2	8	711
Utah	2	8	711	Golden State	2	8	711
Los Angeles	2	8	711	Seattle	2	8	711
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All U Day celebration to begin

By MARGIE MARRON
Daily Collegian Staff Writer
Commonwealth campus and University Park students will join forces this weekend as Penn State prepares to celebrate "All U Day" tomorrow.

"The theme of All U Day this year is 'Celebrate Penn State: 125 Years Together' with an emphasis on the word 'together,'" Carole Olson, spokeswoman for the Keystone Society, said.

"It is basically a day to unite all of Penn State's campuses," she said.

The Keystone Society and the Hertzel Union Board are sponsoring this year's

All U Day.

Olson said activities for All U Day will include a banner competition during the Penn State-Miami football game. Each commonwealth campus can enter one banner, and each banner will be judged by the Nittany Lion and the Penn State cheerleaders during the game, she said.

The All U Day committee is also sponsoring a dance in the HUB Ballroom from 8 to midnight tomorrow night. Admission is \$1.25 and music will be provided by the group Metz, Olson said.

An information center will be set up on the ground floor of the HUB from 9 to 11

Residence halls radio stations ask ASA for funds

By ANNE CONNORS
Daily Collegian Staff Writer
West and East Halls' radio stations have requested funding from the Associated Student Activities' Budget Committee for the first time since 1974.

ASA postponed immediate decision on the request, which the stations made yesterday, because only four of the eight committee members were present at the meeting, ASA chairman Bill Snyder said.

WHIR, the West Halls radio station, requested \$1,000 for new equipment, including a transmitter, cassette recorder, amplifier and broadcast board.

The new equipment would allow WHIR to expand their broadcasting from Warrenton Dining Hall to all of West Halls by Dec. 7, said Mark Moser, general manager of WHIR.

The East Halls station, WEHR, requested \$1,000 for a record subscription service, two new turn tables, new tone arms and tape cartridges.

If WEHR had this new equipment it could increase its flexibility, raise its quality and diversify its program selection, said Matt Wolchko, personnel manager for WEHR.

WEHR President Greg Lachs said the station cannot afford to buy the equipment.

Director chosen for Mental Health Center

By ROSA EBERLY
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David J. Brown has been named director of the University Mental Health Center, effective Nov. 1.

Brown, an affiliate associate professor of psychology, has been serving as acting director of the center since last October.

The center is effective now but can be more effective in the future, Brown said.

Brown said he plans to make several changes at the center in the future because "there are a lot of holes that can be filled."

First, Brown said he plans to advocate a movement toward a "more extensive, diverse group program, instead of individual one-to-one counseling."

In a usual year, he said, the center conducts five therapy groups per term. This term, Brown said, 15 groups were organized.

Brown said he also plans to move the Mental Health Center away from being "so reactive a center to the misconceptions of mental health care," Brown said.

Rather than waiting for people to come to the center for services, Brown said he hopes to implement several preventative type services or "more active, proactive initiatives."

"I think that a third change was reflected in the fact that we will probably change the name of the center sometime this year away from the mental health center... to lay to rest stereotypes and misconceptions of mental health care," Brown said.

The term mental health center has negative connotations, Brown said.

In the future the center will be checking its effectiveness by data rather than just opinions, Brown said.

Party reps. debate campaign platforms

By KAREN KONSKI
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Representatives of four of the five major student political organizations presented differing views on important issues of the presidential campaign in a debate last night at the HUB.

Each representative answered five questions dealing with his or her party's platform and candidate's personal opinions.

"President Carter has displayed a sincere commitment to ERA through actions," said Elizabeth Price, representative of the College Youth Democrats.

Price also said Carter supports the right of the woman's choice in abortion decisions.

"Our dependence on foreign oil is a crippling vulnerability," said Reeves on energy. He said Anderson will research all of the options "from hydroponic to fusion" and then decide which energy source is best.

Reeves said Anderson was "shaken by the accident at Three Mile Island" and will put a moratorium on nuclear energy.

Carter's numerous appointments of women to high government positions were proof of his belief in the equality of women, she said.

Anthony Christino, College Republican representative, said, "ERA is now in the hands of state legislation."

Christino said the Republicans support ERA, and Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan even signed the bill while governor of California, but that Reagan thinks the time extension for the amendment presents a dangerous precedent.

Reagan also believes in giving federal aid to help fight crime, but that crime was best handled by the states, Christino said.

To ban legalized abortion would be "to drive young women back to the back alley, coal-banger days," said Tom Ortenberg, spokesman for the College Consumer Party and candidate Barry Commoner.

Ortenberg also said Commoner

Russell voted best player in NBA history

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Russell and Red Auerbach, two of the key figures who helped the Boston Celtics win 11 championships in 13 years, were named yesterday as the greatest player and the greatest coach, respectively, in the history of the National Basketball Association.

The balloting was conducted by members of the Professional Basketball Writers Association of America in conjunction with the NBA's 50th anniversary.

Russell and Bill Chamberlain were among 11 men chosen for the all-time NBA team. Joining them were center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and George Mikan, forwards Elgin Baylor, Bob Pettit, Julius Erving and John Havlicek and guards Oscar Robertson, Jerry West and Bob Cousy.

Russell, a five-time NBA Most Valuable Player, beat arch-rival Chamberlain for the outstanding player honor. But Chamberlain received a measure of consolation when the 1966-67 Philadelphia 76ers on which he played was voted the league's greatest team.

"They didn't want to make this an all-Celtic affair," quipped Auerbach.

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O'Grady challenges Watt

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Jim Watt, the 32-year-old Scot who was an unfashionable domestic champion for years before winning the World Boxing Council lightweight title, makes his fourth defense against an American 11 years his junior at the Kelvin Hall Arena early tomorrow morning.

Sean O'Grady, a 22-year-old puncher from Oklahoma City, Okla., has won 73 of his 74 professional fights, 65 by knockouts.

The fight will be televised live in the United States by NBC at 9 p.m. EST tonight.

Their confrontation is a lucrative one for Watt, one full of opportunity for O'Grady, who turned professional at 15.

Champion Watt, a southpaw who has lost six of his 44 professional bouts, is confident.

"I'm in great shape mentally and physically," he said.

"Evening has gone according to plan so far, and I'm very confident that the title will still belong to Scotland at the weekend."

O'Grady's buildup has been a troubled one — his father-manager has been involved in clashes with the WBC and the

promoters over the appointment of the officials — but Pat O'Grady said yesterday: "We will abide by the decisions that have been taken. There will be no further trouble from us."

O'Grady, a clean-cut youngster who constantly blows bubble gum, even when training, will go into the Glasgow ring a longshot outsider.

Watt has proved almost invincible on his home turf, where his supporters make life uncomfortable for his challengers, but the O'Grady camp — whose attitude has been surprisingly pessimistic — still give their fighter a chance.

"Sean will definitely be champion whether he beats Watt or not," said his father. "He is only 21 and can always come back again."

O'Grady's sparring partner, Frankie Newton, has been impressed by the challenger's condition.

"Sean's always in shape and is punching hard. If it goes more than five rounds, there can only be one winner," he said.

"When you look at the 65 KOs, you have to consider that Sean's biggest asset is his power," said his father.

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