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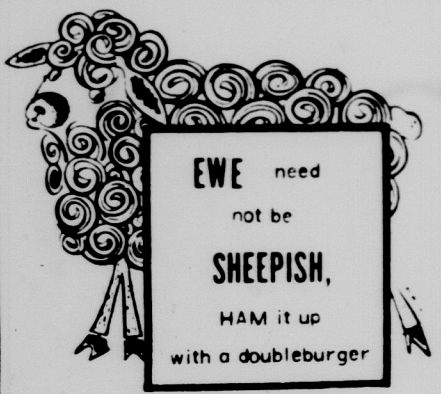
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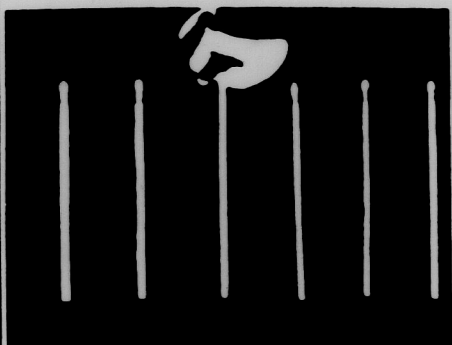
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Booters hobble to MSA meet

By NORM SAARI
State News Sports Writer

An injury ridden MSU soccer team will go after their second consecutive Midwest Soccer Assn. championship and No. 1 Midwest tournament rating tonight against Ohio University at Athens.

Trevor Harris, leading goal scorer for the season, and Tony Keyes, who led the Spartans in goals scored last year and was third so far this season, will not make the trip.

Harris suffered a muscle spasm in the lumbar region of his back in the booters' 3-3 tie Monday against St. Louis University and has not been able to practice this week. He has 20 goals for the year.

Team physician Dr. James Feurig said Harris had back trouble during high school competition and the injury Monday was a result of "accumulative

running and kicking in positions uncomfortable to the lower back."

Keyes strained a hamstring muscle two weeks ago in the Denison game then re-aggravated the injury against St. Louis. He has not practiced this week and probably will be held out until the NCAA tournament starts.

Replacing the two Jamaicans in the forward line will be Guy Busch at center forward and Gary McBrady at right wing.

Others starting in the forward spots will be Tom Kreft on the left wing and Ernie Tuchscherer and Alex Skotarek at inside right and inside left respectively.

Kenney said he was not satisfied with the way his defense played against St. Louis and definitely would be making some changes for Ohio.

Starting at left halfback for his first game of the season will be Ken Hamann, a 6 foot, 165 pound sophomore from Detroit.

"I can't say that I am sure at the rest of the positions, but Hamann will definitely be starting in the middle of the field," Kenney said. "He has come off the bench several times this year and played well. And I have to start thinking of next year."

Peter Hens, who has been starting at left half, will be moved to center halfback. Kenney said Barry Tiemann would continue at right halfback and the mid-field area.

He has not decided on his fullbacks though.

Tom Belloli injured his knee in the St. Louis game and has not been able to run at full speed during practice. He will possibly be ready for the game. Starting along with him at the fullback position throughout this season has been Terry Sanders.

Kenney said he would decide between these two and Nick Archer and Bert Jacobsen for the starting line-up tonight.

Joe Baum will continue as starting goalie.

Ohio has an overall 1-5-1 record this season and lost to Akron, 2-1, last Saturday. Akron is rated one of the top teams in the Midwest and led the Spartans 2-1 at halftime when the two teams met. MSU finally won the game, 4-2.

The Bobcats have scored seven goals this year and allowed their opponents eleven. Their only win was a 2-0 upset over Kent State two weeks ago.



Jump ball

Ken Hamann (right) prepares for a "head" ball in a game earlier in the soccer season. Hamann has been named to the line-up tonight against Ohio University, his first starting assignment of the year.

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ELIGIBILITY AND GRANTS

Smith counsels athletes

By DAN DAHLSTROM
State News Sports Writer

Chances are good that most students have never heard of him or his job and duties. However, if you are an avid follower of Spartan athletics, you may recognize him and know what he does. And if you are an athlete, you have had considerable contact with him.

His name is Burt Smith and he is the assistant director of athletics. Perhaps a better title for him is the man behind MSU Athletic Director Biggie Munn.

Smith has been at his present post since April, 1965. He first came to Michigan State as a football line coach in 1954. In 1960 he became freshman football coach and administrative assistant to Duffy Daugherty. He remained in that position until his appointment as Munn's assistant in 1965.

One of the primary responsibilities of his office has been to check on a high school student's eligibility for a grant-in-aid, better known as an athletic scholarship.

There are two criteria which Smith personally checks on every candidate to determine whether or not he qualifies.

First, he reviews the individual's high school academic record and also scores received on the College Board examinations to see if they are up to Big Ten standards.

Second, the athlete must be

accepted to MSU. Smith points out that "MSU is one of the few schools in the Big Ten where an athlete must be admitted before he can be offered a grant-in-aid scholarship."

Another duty is to check the eligibility of every freshman who tries out for a sport, whether on scholarship or not, to be sure his grades are up to NCAA standards.

His work does not end when all the freshmen athletes have been approved.

Once an athlete with a grant-in-aid begins the school year, Smith has to be sure that he is not working as well as going to school and in this way receiving excessive aid.

He mentioned that recently a hockey player had to have \$47 taken off his tender because he had earned that amount on an outside job during the school year.

At the beginning of each term, the grade point of each athlete is reviewed to be sure he will be eligible academically to participate in his particular sport. If a student on a grant-in-aid is not eligible, he also loses his scholarship.

To help athletes in their studies, Smith also has a complete counseling service to supplement their regular advisors.

Smith keeps a file on every athlete's academic career and tries to help them in choosing a major. Most athletes come to

school as non-preference majors.

Athletes on tender are required to carry at least 12 credits to keep their scholarship. Usually they take a reduced academic load during the term of their major sport activity, but Smith encourages them to try and take the regular 45 credits during a school year.

To further aid the athlete, his office offers tutoring with about eight one-hour meetings per term. These classes are always held to 10 or under in size.

Besides all these areas of duty, Smith is also in charge of setting up clinics, helping athletes with housing, advising the Varsity Club, and representing MSU at Big Ten and NCAA meetings.

Last year, Smith even took over the varsity hockey team for two games against Minnesota. This marked his first contact with the sport in 16 years although he played professional hockey for one season after college.

Smith has had two offers of jobs from other colleges in the past year. In explaining why he turned these down, Smith said, "I've built up too many relationships after 14 years here at Michigan State with coaching and this job to leave. Besides, I enjoy working with the athletes in my present job."



Sparty's back

MSU mascot Sparty met Notre Dame's leprechaun last Saturday before the two grid teams clashed. The two had a "spirited" talk.

State News Photo by Jim Mead

Sparty comes home shaken but smiling

By GARY WALKOWICZ
State News Sports Writer

Sparty, the imposing Spartan mascot, will be back where he belongs this Saturday, roaming the sidelines and cheering the Spartans to victory.

The mascot is kept by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and escorted to the football games by members wearing red sport-jackets.

Sparty was stolen from the fraternity house early Monday morning following the Southern California game.

The fraternity members said that the theft was an unfortunate coincidence.

"Sparty is always chained down in one corner of our living room," one member said. "However, the furniture had just been rearranged and Sparty was temporarily placed in another part of the room where there was no place to chain him down."

Sigma Phi Epsilon President John Spencer said the fraternity was deluged all week with phone calls from people who thought they knew who had stolen the mascot and where it was.

The fraternity, however, discovered within two days who had really stolen Sparty—the Delta

Sigma Phi fraternity at the University of Michigan.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon members said the police wouldn't cooperate in getting Sparty back. Thus they immediately began work on a new Sparty and it was completed in five days.

But not in time for the Wisconsin game. It marked the first time Sparty missed a home game.

The new mascot was used at the U-M game. The old Sparty showed up at the stadium in the hands of his captors, and was painted maize and blue.

Sigma Phi Epsilon soon had him back though.

"Sparty was recovered when the police confiscated him at the stadium after the game as his U-M abductors abandoned him," Spencer said.

The paints on Sparty were water-based and were washed off. He was soon as good as ever.

When asked about what will happen to the new Sparty, Spencer said, "We'll keep him just in case the old one is ever stolen again."

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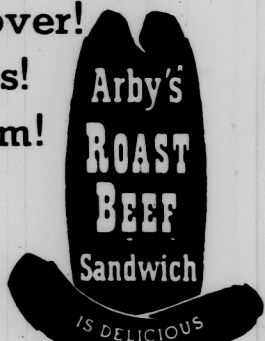
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Water boys 'washed-up'

By TOM BROWN

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A galvanized bucket, emblazoned with the school colors, and a tin dipper were the symbols of the water boy, that sometimes awkward, often derided, always romantic anonymity.

Whatever became of him?

It was the water boy who rushed onto the field during time outs; it was over his dipper that the quick, darting eyes of George (Ronald Reagan) Gipp plotted the single-handed destruction of Army.

As the only man in motion on a dormant field, this unknown Gunga Din was silently watched by the hopeful crowd, the courier of its silent prayers.

As chief candidate for "left out" or "end of the bench," the water boy of a losing effort was greeted by cat calls when he hustled onto the field—"Why don't you put in the water boy, Coach!"

Like wood steering wheel rims and grass in the Astrodome, the water boy is a victim of the plastic plot.

The little plastic bottle that replaces the bucket is as offensive to health and security as a baby bottle.

As for the dipper, that communal chalice has gone the way of the family glass in the bathroom, replaced by a plastic nozzle which is, of course, disinfected and sanitized.

And completely devoid of emotion and sentimentality.

Head Trainer Gayle B. Robinson was asked about the fate of the water boy.

"I think that it is a case of changing trends; of course, the



two-platoon game lessens the need for water on the field. The boys aren't on the field long enough," he said.

"If we had an offensive team that also played defense, we would take them water when we went out to check them during time outs."

Robinson cited sanitation as a factor.

"Fifteen years ago, when I went onto the field, I would carry a bucket with four soup ladles. They would dip in, drink what they wanted, throw the rest away, then drop the ladle back into the bucket."

"That is not very sanitary," he added.

Robinson noted the fact that

coaches handle the game differently today.

"They handle time outs more like the pros. They save them for the end of the half."

"I carry a squeeze bottle on the sidelines today, and if I went on the field, I would take it with me," he said.

"In the first two games, I didn't have to go on the field. We don't have a weather factor and the boys aren't in long enough," he added.

Left behind by changing trends, the water boy joins the flying wedge in oblivion.

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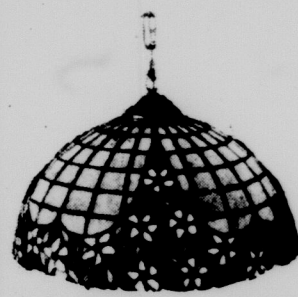
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By PHIL FRANK

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Proceeds will go to the MSU Alumni Fund.

Band to 'swing' for Homecoming

With new flags of the Big Ten universities, and what Harry Began, director of bands, terms, "quite an array of tunes," the Spartan Marching Band will add to the color of Homecoming as it performs at the Ohio State-MSU football game Saturday.

Kicking off half time, the band will maneuver down the field playing an arrangement by Bill Moffit, director of the marching band, of "That Old Fiddler Tune." A favorite Henry Mancini composition, "Not From Dixie," will follow.

The next song on the half-time bill, "El Cumbanchero," will feature the percussion, with soloists Dan Severn on bongos, and Chuck Suttles on timbales. Incorporating fancy footwork, and the band's famous "Patterns in Motion" style, the band will then step off to Moffit's original "Spartan Showcase."

The band will be bigger Saturday with the addition of the flags of the Big Ten. The introduction of the flags will be highlighted when the band plays a medley of fight songs of the universities in the Western Conference.

As a concert number, the band will play an updated arrangement of John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Moffit has arranged this number to accentuate the unique instrumentation of the band.

After the presentation of the Homecoming Queen, the band will conclude the half-time performance with the well-known "Spinning 'S'" and the Alma Mater.

Leonard Falcone, Professor Emeritus, and past director of bands, will direct the Alma Mater after receiving a citation from the Michigan Legislature.

For the pre-game show, the band will direct itself to the student section when playing "I Got Rhythm," originally written by George Gershwin and now on many hit charts. "If anyone feels that the band is theirs, it's the students," stated Began.

Also for pre-game, the band will play a new Moffit arrangement of "Muskrat Ramble."

'S' bandsmen defeat Bucks says 'Dare'

The powerful, top ranked Spartan Marching Band defeated the Ohio State marching band in one of the season's most exciting contests, reports the magazine "Dare."

The satirical article by Ray Puechner says that, "Although the Buckeyes, ranked number four by UPI, AP and the Juilliard School of Music, used their quickness and agility to strong advantage, they were simply no match for MSU's steamrolling forces."

"Dare" calls itself a magazine for the "man who wishes to remain active within society, yet, at the same time, maintain his individuality and his personal independence."

"Dare" explains that it is satirical, pragmatic and tongue-in-cheek. But it also claims a serious and sensitive purpose. According to "Dare," both bands performed elaborate maneuvers in their attempts to outdo each other.

Ohio State won the toss and started the proceedings.

While hopping backwards on one foot, they formed the word OHIO and went 90 yards down-field playing "Beautiful Ohio." The Buckeye majorettes, dressed in 19th century costumes, waltzed along the sidelines.

MSU retaliated by playing "America, the Beautiful" while spelling out the Preamble to the Constitution. The baton twirlers formed a gigantic Statue of Liberty whose moving arm twirled a baton in an exciting reenactment of the annual Miss America pageant.

The "Dare" article ends by reporting, "In the regularly scheduled football game MSU beat OSU 24-23."



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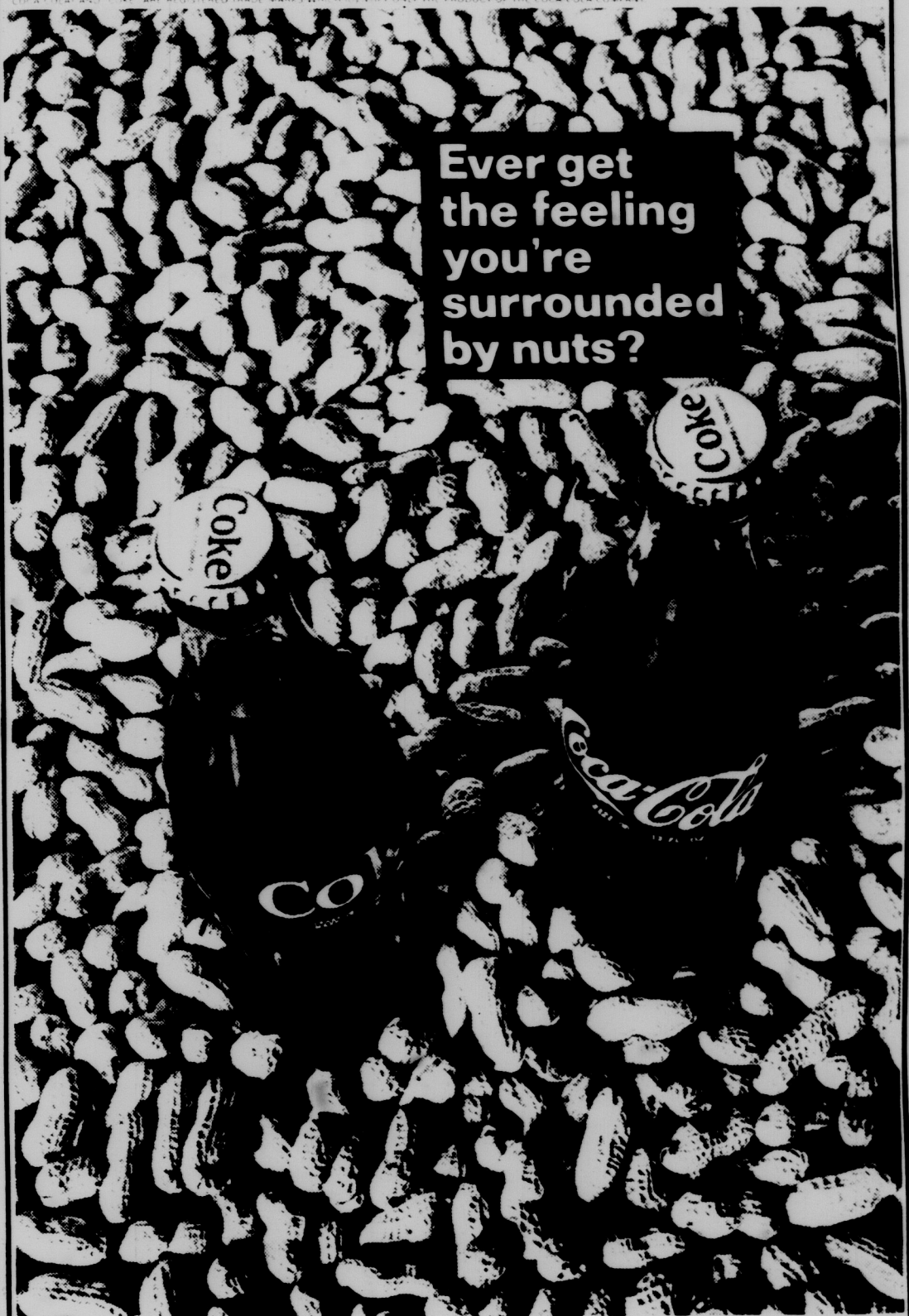
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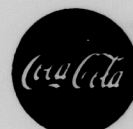
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A STAR IS BORN?

Bump & Duffy trade woes for 'yuks'

By TOM BROWN

Nielsen doesn't rate it, but a statewide Sunday television show has outlasted the best.

Fourteen seasons.

That's a record that would have them drooling on Madison Avenue.

Those 14 years, incidentally, coincide with the number of years that Duffy Daugherty has been the ringmaster of the Spartan Stadium Saturday circus.

After a 12 year solo on television, the affable Spartan head coach now shares top billing on "The Bump and Duffy Show" with Bump Elliott, his counterpart at the University of Michigan.

Why Elliott?

"We're in different markets," Daugherty explains. "We're on in Detroit, Jackson, Grand Rapids, across the state."

"It also gives us a chance to show people that the two of us can be gracious in victory and defeat, no matter what happens on the field."

They proved that last Sunday.

The show is taped on Sunday afternoon and shown at different times around the state. Locally, "The Bump and Duffy Show" is on WILX-TV at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Both coaches present a player who performed well, and together they go over a film of the highlights of their Saturday games, commenting on the outstanding plays.

The final portion of the show is devoted to answering questions from viewers around the state. These questions cover everything from what the players eat before a game to how a play is called in the huddle.

The product is leavened with

a sprinkle of humor and a twinkle of an Irish eye.

Daugherty has as many facets as an expensive diamond.

As an author of books and a

newspaper column, and as a humorist whose mark is found in any anthology of sports humor, Daugherty, the raconteur and gallant, does everything but explore the Amazon.

And he would do that if it had a reputation for growing nine-flat halfbacks.

As an actor, Daugherty has no pretensions.

Unlike that other boy from Syracuse, he has no desire to be machine gunned on the silver screen.

And politics?

Like Bob Hope, the coach is one actor who isn't running for anything.

"I'm happy in my present position," the top banana of "The Bump and Duffy Show" says. And so are we.

Swim meet

As part of this year's Homecoming program, there will be a swimming meet Saturday in the Men's Intramural Building.

Included in the meet are members of the MSU varsity and freshman swimming teams, plus MSU faculty, staff members and alumni.

The building will open at 10 a.m. with the meet beginning at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.



Would George's show next month rate higher than Bump and Duffy's?

Managers: unsung but important

Unknown, unheralded, but certainly not unimportant: that is a brief but accurate description of those men behind the men, the managers of the Spartan football team.

Bryce Adolph and Bob Bouma are the head managers of this year's crew, which also includes Steve Clupper, Harry Resis, Gary Baker, and Bob Berry.

On a practice day, the managers report before the players do to set up dummies on the field and perform other tasks like picking up a new recruit at the airport or reserving rooms for players at Kellogg Center on Friday night.

Once practice starts, the managers must be available to answer the calls of the coaches and aid a distressed griddier or anyone else who needs attention. The manager acts as a liaison between the coaches and the players, relaying messages from one to the other.

At the end of practice, the managers must see that all equipment is returned to its proper place. Then they return to the locker room to attend to the players.

Each night three of the managers eat dinner at the players' training table, and on Friday nights before home games they stay at Kellogg Center with the team and assist the coaches in checking to see that everyone is where he is supposed to be.

On the day of the game, some of the managers must report to Spartan Stadium at eight a.m. to get everything ready. The others report in at noon. During the pre-game warmups they work with the kick-off and punt specialists.

Once the game begins the managers keep a record of how many minutes each player plays toward earning his letter. They also make general equipment repairs.

When the team goes on the road two managers go along. They make sure that everything is packed before they leave. When the team is settled for the night, they take phone calls intended for the players.

The managers are not paid for their services. They work from September till the end of the season, seven days a week.

But, as Adolph said, "managing the team makes you feel more like a part of the university."

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY--WOLVERINE

Bucks to mix air with 'dust'

Aerial duo faces weak 'S' defense

By GAYEL WESCH
State News Sports Writer

The times they are a changing. Even the Ohio State football team isn't like it used to be.

The Buckeyes, who'll provide the Homecoming Game opposition for MSU Saturday at 1:30 at Spartan Stadium are still coached by Wayne Woodrow (Woody) Hayes and have their usual group of tough players, but their characteristic "three yards and a cloud of dust" offense may not be as evident as most would expect.

The backfield contains three strong runners and the line features a pair of giant tackles, the prime ingredients for the "three yards" type offense. But quarterback Bill Long and end Bill Anders provide a passing threat Hayes' teams haven't had in the past.

Long passed 192 times last season, four short of the all-time season record for a Buckeye quarterback, and has passed 56 times this season although starting only two games.

A leg injury forced Long to spot duty in the first three games.

Kevin Rusnak and Gerry Ehrsam, haven't been afraid to throw the ball either. The Buckeyes

tried more than 100 passes this season.

Anders has caught 18 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns.

If they choose to revert to their typical offense against MSU, halfback Dave Brungard and fullbacks Jim Otis or Paul Huff will get the biggest share of the rushing duties.

Dick Himes, a 243-pounder and 246-pound Dave Foley are the Buckeye tackles and will be key men in the ground attack.

Himes is a senior who played defensive end and tackle in his first two seasons. Foley is a junior in his second year at offensive tackle.

Even with Himes and Foley the offensive line averages only 223 pounds.

Their defensive line is also small compared to Minnesota and Notre Dame.

The front five average just 212 pounds, and only 238-pound right tackle Bill Urbanik, the biggest, reaches what Notre Dame averaged.

Duffy Daugherty had praise for Nick Roman, a 219-pound junior right end.

The three Buckeye linebackers, 208-pound Mark Steir, 197-pound Kirk Worden and 208-pound Jim Nein are all lettermen at the position. Nein is the only senior.

The defensive backfield has seniors Tom Portsmouth and Sam Elliott and sophomore Ted Provost. Provost has been the real ballhawk with seven interceptions.

The Buckeyes have established a pattern of winning every other game this season, and are due



End Billy Anders

for a victory. MSU has lost two games, won two and then lost another pair. They too are due for a win if the pattern is to continue.

Jimmy Raye will probably start at quarterback and Maurice Haynes is expected to return at end. Larry Smith will stay at tackle, as Joe Przybycki has been suffering from a stomach ailment and missed practice this week.

Defensively, Don Law is expected to return at defensive guard.

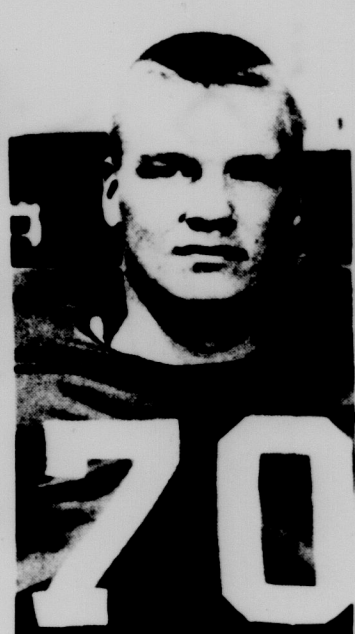
Daugherty has been experimenting with some new sets in the offensive backfield, but the regular starting unit of Lamar Thomas, Bob Apisa and



Tackle Dick Himes

Dwight Lee will probably remain intact.

MSU has been the opponent for Homecoming once this year and



Tackle Dave Foley

lost to Minnesota. The last time OSU was the rival for Homecoming here was in 1960 when they won 21-10.

Harriers face Oakland

MSU's cross-country team will travel to Oakland University in Rochester Saturday for the annual Oakland Invitational.

Leading MSU's drive to get back on the winning track after a 16-46 setback at the hands of Notre Dame last week will be juniors Roger Merchant and Dean Rosenberg.

Rosenberg posted his best time of the season last Friday as he took fifth against the Irish.

Others making the trip for the Spartans will be junior Pat Wilson and sophomores Gary Bisbee, Bill Bradna, Ken Leonowicz, and Rich Stevens. Alternate is junior Dale Stanley.

Eastern Michigan is the defending champion in the meet. Western is strong again this year, despite an upset loss to the Air Force Academy last week.

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FB 45 Bob Apisa

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'S' cheerleaders find fans quieter

By TRINKA CLINE
State News Staff Writer

The biggest difficulty for a cheerleader is not the mechanics of it all, but the need to "get the message across to the crowd, to make them respond."

And Tom Carlson, Manistee junior on the MSU football cheerleading squad, continued that the major "hump" the new cheerleader must conquer is to learn to spontaneously think of the right cheer to go with the action and to honestly take a "leading" position.

No one could disagree that this year's fan-in-the-stand is less bubbly, warm, receptive and enthused than would be ideally desired. A winning team sparks an equally "winning" crowd.

Janice Richter, Niles, Ill., senior, said, "they forgot last year pretty fast and seem to feel 'we're on the way out.' They could show a lot more spirit."

Some squad members say there is a new stress this season on working with the crowd instead of just performing "before" the crowd.

Carlson also emphasized interaction with the people in the stadium. "People sometimes think we're showing off, but we're interested in the crowd, not ourselves. It's great to establish personal relations with students or alumni in the crowd and talk with them. It makes them feel more 'with us' and not so alienated."

Molly Sapp, St. Johns junior, said the group has done less pyramid work and goes up in the audience more. "We've done more comic things this year. Usually we are thought of as a rather formal group; it has helped to ease some tension between the squad and the fans."

Doug Lamb, Fort Worth, Texas, junior, said he tried out for the position because "it's generally known among my friends I have a big mouth. I figured I could learn the rest."

Lamb credited the fans with a relatively good support of the cheerleaders. Lamb said he felt perhaps the crowd follows their lead more than when the team is repeatedly winning and fans feel like yelling more on their own.

Comparing the MSU student body to others, Carlson noted that perhaps Notre Dame students are less inhibited at games because fewer male students are there with dates. "Here the guys have dates and are more likely to be reserved in their actions."

There's one thing the cheerleaders don't have according to Carlson, and that's a view of the game better than the crowd view.

"It's sometimes hard to tell what's going on, but overall, I think we have a more meaningful outlook on the game," he said.

The squad of six men and six women, plus an alternate squad of the same number, was selected last spring following an eight-week try-out period.

This year's group was chosen from 100 female candidates and 15 male candidates.

Female members are Miss Richter, Miss Sapp, Mary Lu Pilton, Williamsville, N. Y., senior; Kriston Powell, Okemos junior; Fran Weaver, Breckenridge senior and Margie Poplawski, Athens junior.

Male cheerleaders include Lamb, Carlson, Bill Risto, Bridgman senior, Bill Jones, Wayne junior; Gary Gray, Trenton sophomore and Dave Pumphrey, Rochester junior.

Ruggers vs. U-M

MSU's Rugby Club will meet the University of Michigan Rugby Club Saturday at 4 p.m. at Old College Field following the MSU-OSU football game. The Spartan ruggers will be seeking their first win of the season.

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ALL NEW
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Punchier 'S' fight song sought

By GARY WALKOWICZ
State News Sports Writer

With student approval, the words of the Spartan fight song will be changed to give it more spirit and intensity.

The new version came from Curt Hanes, a writer for the State Journal in a story that happened several weeks ago.

He said that the Spartan fight song needed words that gave it more vigor. He gave a proposed version called "Spartan Thunder." This version, with a few minor changes, is the one being proposed as the new Spartan fight song.

In his article, Hanes wrote that "Spartan teams deserve a fight song with the same spirit and pride that they have." He said the present song doesn't

have powerful enough words, "it tells of fighting with a vim! Can you imagine George Webster or Bubba Smith fighting with a vim?"

But there is no thought at all of changing the music itself. Marching Band Director Bill Moffit summed up what most people feel about the music when he said that "our fight song is a great one. It is very stirring and has wonderful melody and harmony. It is distinctively MSU."

Perhaps new words can better express the pride and enthusiasm that Spartan fans have for their teams. People on campus seem to think so.

Secretary Jack Breslin says the idea is an excellent one. "The new version is much more

appealing than the old one. I'm very hopeful that the students will vote to accept the new lyrics."

Athletic Director Biggie Munn said that he "liked the punch of the new version." He also commented that the song had been changed before and said he would like the first line of the chorus to be the way it was in the early 50's, "Go right thru that line of blue."

There is, of course, the question of tradition. Some alumni may be opposed to such a change. Director of Bands Harry Beglan mentioned this possibility but added that it is a "good thing for the students to be interested in their fight song and to decide what it shall be."

Also, as Munn mentioned, the

words were changed before; in fact they have been changed several times since 1915 when the song was written by an MSU cheerleader.

The members of the Spartan Marching Band made a point well worth repeating. When asked about changing the words they said that no matter what the words are they don't mean very much unless they are sung, and very few fans sing when the band plays the fight song.

The State News is putting the question up to the students. Your opinions are very important because it is your fight song.

With the same melody here's:
SPARTAN THUNDER
Fill the sky with Spartan thunder

Cheer the men in Spartan green;
Hail the conquering legion,
Greatest warriors even seen;
Lift your cup to Spartan courage
Give a toast to Spartan might;
Hold high the only colors,
Green and White.

CHORUS...

Loyal sons of MSU
Fight for Spartan glory;
Spartan pride will turn the tide,
Fight on to vic-to-ry.
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Spartan spirit can't be crushed,
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Fight! Fight! Rah! Team, Fight!
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