

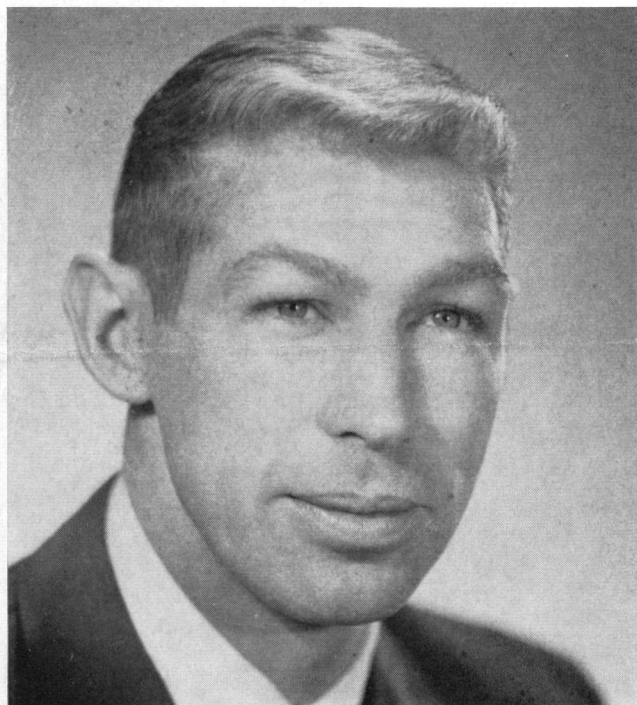
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Mr. Glen Davis—Ass't. Track Coach

The Cornell University Athletic Association, the track team in particular, enthusiastically welcomes the addition of Mr. Glen Davis, holder of three world records and three Olympic gold medals, as assistant track coach. Mr. Davis comes to Cornell from the Detroit Lions with whom he had spent two seasons of pro-football.

Shortly before graduating from Barberton High School in Barberton, Ohio, Glen Davis, the sole entrant from his school in the Ohio State Championship Meet, won the state title singlehandedly by taking first in the broad jump with 23' 1½," 220 yard dash with 21.1, and the 180 yard low hurdles with 19.1, and a fourth in the 100 yard dash with a time of 9.9 seconds. On the strength of a single qualified entrant, Barberton became state track champions by a score of 20-16 over Mansfield.

Mr. Davis then enrolled at Ohio State University in Columbus in 1954, where he set so many state, track, and school records that it is difficult to recall them all, much less list them in this space. In 1956 in the Los Angeles Olympic trials, after running the 400 meter intermediate hurdles only six times previously, Glen beat Eddie Southern in 49.5 seconds to earn his passage to his first Olympics, and then followed up his performance with a gold medal and a time of 50.1 in Melbourne; all this while only a sophomore in college.

After graduation from Ohio State in 1958, Mr. Davis went on tour with the United States European Team, setting several world records. In June of that

summer, he ran the 440 yard event in a world's record time of 55.7, and in August at Budapest lowered his 400 meter intermediate hurdle time to 49.2, similarly a world's record. Mr. Davis is also co-holder of the world's record in the 220 yard low hurdles around a bend with Martin Lauer of Germany in a time of 22.5. Upon his return from the European Tour, Mr. Davis effectively withdrew from active track participation and began teaching and coaching track in a Columbus high school.

In the spring prior to the Olympics of 1960, Glen began to work himself back to championship form, and with only three races behind him, won the 400 meter hurdle trials, and later in the summer a second gold medal with a 49.3 first place at Rome. The third gold medal was awarded for the first place 1600 meter relay team of Yearman, Young, Glen Davis, and Otis Davis which set a world mark of 3:02.2.

In coaching the middle distance events, Mr. Davis advocates training as "close to the combat pace as possible, without needlessly risking injury." He uses overdistance only to gain endurance in the very early stages of a season, and replaces road work with fast quarters, 220's, and 600's close to competition. Glen brings to Cornell track his energy as well as his coaching technique. This past Saturday, as the mile relay team was preparing to depart for the dedication of Syracuse's new field house, Glen, whose college degree is in industrial arts, was asked if Cornell should have a fieldhouse. "Find someone to give the materials, and I'll build it myself," was his reply. Future teams will no doubt reflect such enthusiasm.

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Hope to see you at one of the meets this year.

IN MEMORIAM

September 17th marked the tragic death of a great and spirited Cornell runner, Ray Westendorp. Ray was the kind of boy who reached his peak track ability while in high school and came to college with an excellent record. However, due to academic pressures, injuries, and frustrations, he did not improve on this record during his first two years at Cornell.

Then, during his junior year, he began to show the drive and spirit which makes great runners out of mediocre ones. During one month of his junior year he lowered his best mile fifteen seconds, from 4:27 to 4:12. During the next fall Ray led the cross-country team to a Heptagonal Championship and ran the third fastest time ever on the Moakley Course. Also that fall he won the Poughkeepsie ten mile Thanksgiving Day Road Race, beating his nearest opponent by a minute and lowering the course record some two minutes.

Last spring Ray was again beset with frustration; due to a fall he strained the ligaments in his knee at a time when he was in his best running condition ever.

However, after six weeks in a cast, he slowly but surely came back to make the English team and to run his fastest two mile of 9:25. In England Ray set a new track record of 9:29 for the two mile at the University of Birmingham. In Ireland he turned in a 14:47 three mile in the pouring rain.

Ray's running career was not at an end as he still had another year of track eligibility when fate intervened. All that remains for us now is to try to be as dedicated and spirited as was Ray.

EDITOR'S COLUMN—INDOOR SEASON

Cornell track during the coming indoor season may not produce the string of victories that coaches hope for, but it certainly will not be an altogether unpromising year that begins with Dartmouth in Ithaca, January 12. Our present squad, which in past years might have been described as strong or well rounded, in the face of fast improving Ivy League competition is merely average. For example when before has Cornell opened a season with two fourteen foot vaulters, and when has it had less chance of a Heptagonal title in that event? With sophomore strength from last year's outstanding freshman team, the Red will have contenders in events written off as nine-point forfeits in previous seasons. But the number of outstanding athletes (guaranteed first places) that a successful season requires is lacking. The squad briefly shapes up as follows:

Distance: Cross country Captain Byard and cohort Sims comprise Cornell hopes in the two mile and mile. Byard's best clocking for the longer distance is 9:26, while the two run a mile in 4:27 and 4:23 respectively. Cary will round out the entry, being capable of 4:30. Needless to say, if Steve Machooka is not on probation during the spring term, the mile could be our strongest event, but if at Cornell is a three syllable word spelled probation. We can only hope.

Middle distance: The shining light here, of course, is junior Fran Smith with a 2:13.1 best in the 1000 and 1:11.9 in the 600. Modesty forbids from talking about records, but Mealy's mark of 2:11.0 and Moores 1:11.0 are certainly within easy reach. The rest of the junior contingent, Engstrom, Dawson, and Frisbee with Glen Davis providing training momentum may perform well in the 600. Vic Sancho, who last spring dropped below :50.0 for the quarter, may be out with a persistent back injury.

Weights: Cornell is in the strangely enviable position of having as many weight coaches as weight throwers, as Eino Keerd and Ted Bailey, last year's weight of hammer champion in both the Heptagonals and IC4A meets, have taken over in this department. Eino Keerd has contributed his time and mechanical talent to building weight lifting racks for Schoellkopf - no longer must trackmen endure the fragrance of the weight lifting club, Teagle Chapter - and Bailey's tosses of sixty feet plus added to his teaching ability serve as excellent inspiration for fledglings. Sophomores Les Stroh and Tom Gage have both topped fifty feet in practice, while junior Dick Price has throws of fifty-five feet. Gage, freshman record holder in the shot, is now capable of fifty feet there as well. Last year both these events were free points for most opponents - not so this season.

Hurdles and sprint: The 60 yard high hurdles and sprint will be difficult events in which to take points. Byran Westfield, recently returned from football, is fast improving in the hurdles, but must run against such names as Reynard of Pennsylvania and Flippin of Yale. Sophomore Paul White, member of the English Team, is now on probation and his services in hurdles, broad jump and sprints will be unavailable at least until February. To fill out the hurdles, Bruce Hoffman will doubtless be recruited, but vaulting and high jumping make such a triple difficult.

Jumping and vaulting: Captain Bob Potter, Bruce Hoffman, Tom Morrow, Tom Brennan and Jim Moore make Cornell certainly as deep in vaulters as any school in the East. The first two have cleared 14' and the last three at least 13'. With the Heptagonal record probably going near 16' this year (Plymale of Army - 15' 9¾") success might be limited. Hoffman, Morrow, and Potter will also high jump in order of descending height, 6' 4" to 6'. Newcomer Bosu, a sophomore who did not compete last year, shows promise in the broad jump with 22' efforts, and with White returning from probation could add needed points.

The league is strong. Plymale of Army and Mitchell of Princeton are 15' vaulters, Hartnet of Princeton has cleared 6' 8¼" in the high jump, and Ashworth of Dartmouth near scared the life out of Frank Budd at the indoor IC4A 60 yard dash. Bobby Mack and Bill Flippin will lead the Yale squad, and Art Doten of Harvard might well equal his brother Stan in the weight throw. Freshman Cornell Jim Straub's brother Bill of Army, who last year outran Mack in the Heptagonal two mile is also back. The Heptagonals should be great, certainly worth seeing.

vard, Wells of Dartmouth, and Crain of Harvard, in that order. Despite placing three men in the top six Harvard lost the team prize to a well balanced Navy team. Princeton finished a close third and was followed by Army, Brown, Yale, Cornell, Penn, Dartmouth and Columbia.

Next year's race appears even at this early date to have the makings of a great fight with three of the first four finishers (including Byard) returning to school in September. Personally, my money is on Jim Byard of Cornell.

IC4A—NOV. 19

The IC4A Championships, held on the same course as the Heps in Van Cortland Park, New York are always rather anticlimatic after the latter. The colorful and closely fought Heptagonal are always the high light of the season. Lost in a sea of humanity comprising approximately two-hundred runners and dominated by such athletic plants as Villanova, Michigan State, and Penn State, it is usually a long afternoon for Cornell and the rest of the Ivy League. Jim Byard ran a fine race and finished 13th, despite the natural let down from the Heps and a long bus trip, which blunted his razor sharp condition.

For the freshmen, the IC4A race is the highlight of the season as they do not compete in the Heptagonal. Lynn Cunningham ran an excellent race, finished ninth, against the roughest competition to be found in freshmen ranks. The race was marred by the injury to Jim Straub, who took a bad fall on the rocky course while running up with the leaders. Other competitors for the freshmen were Cory Byard, Gurski, Ingraham, Johnstone, and Levy.

TURKEY TROTS—

Running in post-season competition as the Cornell Track Club, four members of the cross-country team competed in Poughkeepsie's annual Thanksgiving Day road race. Commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and run in a steady drizzle to boot, this colorful event attracted its usual enthusiastic crowd.

Speeding through the main streets of the city, Jim Byard defeated the defending champion going away. With the aid of a friend from Wesleyan, the Track Club was able to gain second place in the team competition behind the formidable N. Y. A. C. Comprising the five man team were Jim Sims, Jim Byard, Pete Kuck, Charles Robinowitz, and Davis, the latter not from Cornell. These boys finished well up in the pack of more than fifty, in fact 7th, 17th, 18th, 22nd.

It was the late Ray Westendorp who carried the Cornell colors to victory in last year's Poughkeepsie 10 miler, and in so doing, set a race record.

Jim Byard emerged the winner in the annual Hobe Young eight mile road race. Though an intra-team race plenty of incentive is supplied by the first place prize of an eighteen pound turkey. Finishing close behind Byard, after staging a great battle almost the entire distance, were Cunningham and Straub, the two freshmen stars. Jim Sims finished fourth. As for the turkey—it was devoured at Sim's home in Kingston following the Poughkeepsie race.

Summer in England

CORNELL-PENNSYLVANIA vs. OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE

The combined track squad of the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell traveled to England this past summer for the sixth meeting with the combined team of Oxford-Cambridge. The twelve Cornellians who had positions in the twenty-two man contingent were Captain Mikulina, Steve Machooka, Henry Betts, Bob Schmidt, the late Ray Westendorp, Fran Smith, Jim Byard, Ben Lewis, Bruce Hoffman, Byran Westfield, Paul White, and Jim Moore, the latter three being freshmen at the time.

Remembering the warnings of English track might last year that resulted in a 8-7 win for Cornell-Pennsylvania, members of the squad regarded their rating as underdogs lightly, and entered the meet June 13 brimful with confidence. This year, however, the ratings were correct, and the Americans were beaten 11-4, scoring first places only in the high jump (Mikulina, 6' 4"), pole vault (Moore, 13'), Shot-put (Batlorf, 50'), and discus (also Batdorf, 163' 3½"), with no first place in a track event. Oxford Captain Adrian Metcalfe won both sprint events with a 9.9 and 21.4 in the 100 and 200 yard dashes respectively in his first appearance after his illness. Steve Machooka, despite his 4:10.6 timing in the mile, suffered his second loss of his career (the first was to Mullin of Harvard) to Mike Heath of Oxford-Cambridge, the latter finishing in 4:04.6, his university and this meet series record. It should be mentioned that sophomore Fran Smith, Cornell halfmiler, had suffered a sprained ankle two weeks before the trip and was unable to compete in the English meet.

Englishman Colin Bacon set a javelin record for the series with an effort of 225' 9½", defeating Cornell record holder Bob Schmidt. The 4 x 110 yard relay also saw a new record of 41.9 by Cook, Smouha, Hogan, and Metcalf, four Oxford-Cambridge men who individually accounted for other points, Hogan winning the 220 yard hurdles. Tom Blodgett, former Harvard trackman and now a Rhodes Scholar at Cambridge, took the 120 yard high hurdles from teammate Hogan in 14.5 seconds.

The next meeting on the tour was in Birmingham with the combined squad of Birmingham and Loughborough Colleges. This meet was decided in the final event by Cornell's Bob Schmidt, who threw a javelin 205' 6½" to give the match to his team by an 8-7 margin. The visitors left two stadium records as souvenirs, one by the late Ray Westendorp with a 9:29.0 in the two mile and the second by Batdorf in the shot with a mark of 50' 6¾".

Machooka scored a double in the mile and half with time of 4:16.6 and 1:51.5 respectively. Hoffman won the pole vault and Mikulina and Batdorf repeated, taking the high jump and the discus as expected. Birmingham - Loughborough took all track events through the 440, the hurdles and the broad jump, again displaying the English preference for running and hurdling rather than throwing or jumping.

Traveling then to Ireland for two matches with a combined international team, Cornell-Pennsylvania

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THE TRACK TEAM'S DICK LAFRANCE

For the past ten years Cornell trackmen have been fortunate to have Dick LaFrance serving as team trainer. It is, however, a bit unfitting that a fair proportion of Red athletes whose sprains and pulls Dick so carefully treats know a great deal less about him than he does about them, and Dick is somewhat handicapped in gathering information on those around him, as he can rely only on the inflections and tones of voices, the size and heaviness of an approaching footstep, and the pressure of a handshake. Dick LaFrance has been blind since April of 1945. It is, therefore appropriate that Spiked Shoe's "Wastebasket" should take upon itself the pleasant task of introducing an extraordinary person to current members of Cornell track and alumni as well.

Dick LaFrance was born in Ithaca in 1919, attending Ithaca High School where he established himself as one of the top area athletes. Along with CUAA's publicity director Ben Mintz, Dick helped set a sectional record in the 880 yard relay (1:31.1) in our own Schoellkopf field as well as throwing the shot an exceptional 50' as a senior. Remember that in 1936 the sixty foot shot put was still a theoretical human maximum and fifty feet by a high school athlete was promising, to say the least. But football was Dick's love, and in 1937 he accepted a scholarship to play for William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. After a fall of freshman ball, Dick transferred to Tennessee Wesleyan where he played end on a team comprised of such greats-to-be as Ray Graves, now head coach of the University of Florida, Buster Ramsay, now line coach of the Steelers, and Otis Douglas, at various times since a trainer with the Cincinnati Reds, and an all pro-tackle five times over with the Eagles, retiring in 1952 at an age of 42. Returning from Tennessee, Dick graduated from William and Mary in 1914 with a degree in education. Scant days after graduation, LaFrance enlisted in the Army, June 15, 1941 with the rank of private. During that summer, he was transferred to the Armor School Fort Knox with the grade of Technical Sergeant, and finally was commissioned in the spring following Pearl Harbor and assigned to the 12th Armored Division, the unit he would remain with throughout the war in Europe. At this time he married Betty Lou Foster from Cincinnati, but was transferred two years later to the European Theatre and England, where the massing Allied forces were preparing for the D-Day invasion of Normandy. The 12th Armored followed on the heels of the invasion, and was in action across France, southern Belgium, and finally became trapped in the Bulge Outbreak. Dick, at that time a 1st Lieutenant, describes the ten days in which his tank company, of which he was commander, were cut off from allied communication and surrounded by Germans as the most tense of the war.

The date then was winter, 1944, and the hard pressed Axis was backing up upon the Rhine valley, Germany's precious frontier. The 12th Armored, with LaFrance's company leading the way, spearheaded the breakthrough at Treveres, and was then assigned to Patten's 3rd Army in the southern sector. Now the 12th had served with every American army in France (1st, 3rd and 9th) as well as beside the 3rd French at Colmar. In late February Patten was in a race to

beat the Germans across the Rhine, before all the then existing bridges were destroyed by the retreating forces. At Speyer on the Rhine, 1st Lieutenant LaFrance, commanding the lead tank, saw the bridge he would have crossed in another hundred yards leap into the air. Says Dick of the incident, "I'm glad they blew it when they did, seconds later and they would have caught us on top of it, or worse alone on their side."

On 1 March, 1945, Dick, again commanding the lead tank spearheading Patten's attack, advanced 135 miles in the night assault across the engineer's bridge thrown up at Worms, trapping an entire German army in the rear against the Rhine they had fought fiercely to defend. Over 100,000 enemy troops surrendered as a result of this bold maneuver. During the next month the 12th Armored crossed the entirety of southern Germany and reached Czechoslovakia where it turned about and headed again for the Rhine. Allied intelligence informed the 12th that Nuremburg was the last resisting city in the south, defended by the 21st Panzer, Hitler's personal guard, and on the night of 29 April, 1945, Captain LaFrance led a detachment of four tanks and a jeep (his original company somewhat depleted) into Nuremburg to reconnaissance enemy strength and positions. The four tanks became enmeshed in a withering artillery fire, and during the fire fight, a 88 mm German shell exploded across the turret of LaFrance's tank, spreading shrapnel into the 1st Lieutenant's eyes and face. The wounded commander was removed from Nuremburg across the hood of a jeep, and taken to France for medical care. Flown from France to Scotland, then to New York in June 1945, then to the Valley Forge Hospital, and finally to Avon Connecticut School for the Blind, Dick contacted "Doc" Kavanaugh and Bob Kane at Cornell and secured his present job of trainer to Big Red athletic teams.

At present Dick lives with his wife and four children, two boys, two girls outside of Ithaca in Groton. His eldest son Rick, 16, is a promising heavyweight wrestler with records of 10-5 and 11-3 in past years. If any trackman wants an afternoon of humor, ask Dick about the day he drove to Mecklenburg by ear, or cursed over a national network radio setup. He'd be only too glad to tell you.

England—Cont'd.

momentarily made the campaign a winning one by taking a two night affair by 9-6. Bob Schmidt's fine effort of 209' 9" which broke his own school record was the highlight of the meet. Mikulina, Batdorf, Hoffman, Machooka and Westendorp repeated their victories of the previous meet. The 440 sprint relay team managed its first victory on foreign soil, and Ron Hines of Pennsylvania broke the English-Irish streak of broad jump victories. In the second meet, the visitors were somewhat weakened by the return to the States of some of the team members and hence were trimmed by the same team it had soundly beaten before. Thus the tour ended up in a 2-2 record despite the lack of sprinting talent. In no meet did Cornell take points in a race under 440 yards.