TRIUMPH AND TURMOIL: THE STORY OF YALE'S 1970 OUTDOOR CAMPAIGN

AT THE TOP — Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, Yale's track captain and record-setting hurdler, receives the William Neely Mallory Award as Yale's outstanding athlete, from athletic director DeLane Kiphuth at commencement ceremonies.

COACH'S CORNER

This corner bids fair to be an entire room at this writing. As of today, June 8th, seven letters have been received from alumni declining support of the Track Team for one of several reasons. Some because of an alleged "strike" by members of the '70 team; some because of the resolution passed at the Hept; and some because of the dissatisfaction with the Yale Administration's posture during recent and trying events.

These letters are few but many express opinions held by many former donors who remain silent while the response to the last newsletter is about $1,000 less than the normal newsletter return.

Your anxiety is understandable and shared by many of us on the campus but I thought I should inform you my anxiety is the result of the last newsletter or lack thereof.

Much of what you have read and heard is at least out of context if not completely out of focus with the spirit and facts of the true events.

Kingman Brewster can and has responded to your fears much more exactly and eloquently than can I. Parents, alumni, and interested parties have received true documents analyzing the situation and in proper context. My oversimplified quick reaction is "Things aren't nearly so bad as they look."

From our own vantage point we must say that the Track Team was never "on strike." In fact, it is incorrect to call the student-body's actions a "strike." No one but no one was prevented from attending this class. There was no violence committed, no repression expressed by any member of the Yale community. Almost track teams were exchequered the opportunity to take a "Satisfactory Grade" and they took all their exams, completed papers, fulfilled all academic obligations and set for regular grades. I am proud of our good sense, maturity, and responsibility.

As to our alleged "strike" on the date of the Penn Relays: This was the weekend before the May 1st and 2nd confrontations. At several meetings I explained to the members of the team that they had the obligation to form a free and right conscience and to give

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Yale's 1970 outdoor season was one of the most unusual in many years. Who could have predicted that the Elks would not compete against traditional foe Princeton, or that there would be no Army and Navy representatives in the Heptagonal Games?

Who could have foreseen that the Elks would have only limited representation in one of the most prestigious and important meets, the Penn Relays? And then, at the end, the weather conditions for the Yale-Harvard meet at Cambridge were so unusually bad that photos of runners slogging through rain and mud made many newspapers around the country.

Amid this turmoil and unpredictability, there was also triumph. Kwaku Ohene-Frempong proved a magnificent leader and found up his Yale career as an equally brilliant athlete, becoming the Blue's record-holding hurdler.

That happened during the ICRA Championships, an event in which Yale finished an astounding fifth, ahead of all other Ivy League rivals.

Ohene-Frempong, who earlier in the season had tied his own record of 14.1 seconds, which he shared with Jay Lack, broke the 14-second barrier by doing 13.9 in an ICRA trial heat of the 120-yard high hurdles. Then he won the event with a 14.0 clocking.

Dick Macdonald, who succeeds Ohene-Frempong as the best hurdler on the Yale squad, pegged a fine outdoor season with a second place finish in 52.1 seconds in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles.

A couple of Toms, Neville and Taft, by name, also carved their names into the Yale record book, setting Eli standards in the discus and pole vault respectively.

Neville, the 1970 football captain, tossed the platter 181.4 feet, 4 inches in the Boston College Relays. That wiped out one of the older marks extant, 177-11/16, set by Victor Frank in 1949.

Taft, who had become Yale's first 15-foot pole vaulter indoors during the winter season, was not the first vaulter to set a record last spring. That honor went to Steve Kulp, who did 14-11½ in a triangular win over Rutgers and St. John's in early April. That erased the previous mark, set last year, by Eric Klotzlerman at 14-6.

It was in the Heptagonals that the bearded Taft hit the 15-foot mark, although it was good for just a third place finish. He duplicated that effort in the ICRA's.

Don Martin, who tied Henry Thresher's 1904 mark of 9.5 for the 100-yard dash in 1949, did it again this year when he ran a 9.6 100 against Army.

There were others on the team who, while they did not set records, nevertheless turned in consistently good performances.
YALE TRACK ALUMNI

Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, 1970’s retiring captain, has had a scintillating year — practically without defeat. In an early season effort in March at the Florida Relay, he succumbed to Tom Hill of Arkansas State. Hill subsequently tied the world’s record of 13.2, held by Lee Calhoun, gold medallist in the 1965 and 1966 Olympic Games, who was recently added to our Yale track staff. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read more about Lee.

Lee Calhoun has also been elected assistant coach of the Pan-American team by the U.S. Men’s Olympic Track and Field Committee, of which Giegengack is chairman — only a coincidence, we assure you, if he has only one vote.

Ohene-Frempong, as you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, established new Yale records in the 120-yard high hurdles, finally reducing the mark to 15.9 and breaking the 14.1 he held jointly with 1964 Olympian Jay Luck.

Very recently, representing Ghana in the British Commonwealth Games at Edinburg, Scotland, Captain Kwaku won the silver medal, losing in very fast time to Dave Hemery of Great Britain — the 1968 400-meter hurdle Olympic champion and world’s record holder. This is known on the basis of scattered and incomplete results (more later, as we confirm results). It is assumed that Kwaku lowered his Yale record, but we await certification.

A new Yale and U.S.A. international star has streaked across the firmament of international skies in the person of Frank Shorter, 69. Franke has established himself as a prime threat to the Gold Medals of the Pan-Am Games and the Olympics in 1971 and 1972 respectively.

After an uneventful three years (failing to score vs. Harvard or in the Heptas), Shorter settled down to business in his senior year, setting numerous long-distance records. In a brilliant and steady performance, he capped his senior year with a surprising six-mile win in the NCAA Championships. This year he won the three and six-mile AAU titles and was voted the U.S.A.’s outstanding performer.

As a television commentator described it, Frank reduced the famous Russian champion to rubble and gave the world famous Ron Clarke of Australia a sad farewell at Oslo this August. Early in the year, Shorter was described as “the unknown, surprising upset, 5,000 and 10,000 meter star.” From Yale, very quickly he started being referred to as “the veteran U.S.A. star.” He intends to enroll in medical school this fall.

FIVE ELIS EARN ALL-Ivy HONORS

Five Yale athletes earned places this spring on the All-Ivy outdoor track team, which is based on Heptagonal performances and consists of 48 performers.

The Elis on the team, with their events in parentheses: Mel Currie (440-yard relay), Earl Downing (440-yard relay), Dick MacDonald (440-yard hurdles), Don Martin (100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard relay), Kwaku Ohene-Frempong (220-yard hurdles, 440-yard relay, triple jump).

CALHOUN, EX-OLYMPIC GREAT, JOINS YALE TRACK STAFF

Lee Calhoun, Olympic gold medal winner and one of America’s all-time great track champions, was named an assistant coach at Yale last June.

Calhoun comes to Yale from Grambling College, Grambling, La., where, since 1967, he had been serving in the dual capacity of head track coach and physical education instructor. “All of us at Yale are delighted at the prospect of Lee Calhoun joining our already fine coaching staff,” Yale Athlete Director DeLaney Kiphuth said in making the announcement.

“Lee will share the coaching of the running and hurdling events with Giegengack,” Kiphuth said. “Bruce Resock will continue to handle the field events as he has so effectively since 1968. We feel,” Kiphuth concluded, “that the addition of Calhoun will give us a remarkably strong combination of talented coaches in this sport.”

So strong was Calhoun’s competitive performance a decade ago that he still holds world records in the 50, 60, 70 and 120-yard high hurdles, the last in 0:13.2. He was a gold medal winner in the 120-yard high hurdle event in both the 1968 and 1960 Olympics, the former at Melbourne, Australia, the latter at Rome. Yale’s Giegengack served as a coach of the team in Melbourne.

Among other affiliations, Calhoun is currently serving as a member of the U.S. Olympic Men’s Track and Field Committee, of which Giegengack is chairman.

An Indiana native, Calhoun was graduated from Roosevelt High School in Gary and was awarded a bachelor of science degree from North Carolina College, Durham, N.C., in 1957. He was a master’s degree in physical education from the same institution in 1965.

Calhoun’s wife, Gwendolyn, holds a master’s degree in art education from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. They have two children.

HARRIERS SLATE NINE MEETS

Yale’s cross-country team suffered through its worst season of the post-war years in 1969, posting a record of 1-13. Coach Bob Giegengack, starting his 24th season as cross-country coach, hopes for improvement, but is necessarily pessimistic, since the freshmen did only slightly better: 2-6.

Captain Karl Fields of Jenkins, Ky., will lead the Elis for the second successive year. Five other lettermen also return — seniors Robert Quinn and Andy Misek and juniors Fred Coute, Dave Helwig and Pat Miller.

All gained a lot of experience last year and while that is of limited value in cross-country, it should help them improve their performances.

Some of the sophomores may be able to help the situation. Among the sophomores vying for a letter will be Ted Bellis, Andy Hillman, Dan Larson and Jay Laughlin.

Yale, which did not lose a man from last year’s squad, will face all of its traditional foes once again — the Iveys, as well as Fordham and Connecticut. This year the Elis have added Rutgers to the slate. Yale will face the Scarlet when Penn provides the opposition on October 16 at New York.

The only triumph last year came against Columbia. The Elis were eighth in the Heptagonals and did not place in the ICAA’s. The 1970 season will be a difficult one, but it could turn out better than 1969.

1970 SCHEDULE

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MARTIN NAMED
TRACK CAPTAIN

Don Martin, one of the top sprinters in intercollegiate track, will captain Yale's track team next season. The junior from Carrollton, Mo., who has won two letters each in track and football, succeeds Kwaku Ohene-Frempong.

A two-year football starter and the Elmis' top ground-gainer last year, Martin also earned the Millett Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to that member of the track team who excels in sportsmanship, courage and inspiration.

In his two varsity seasons, Martin has captured the 100 and 220-yard dashes twice apiece in the outdoor Heptagonals. As a sophomore he set a Heps record of 21.2 seconds for the 220. He won the IC4A 100-yard dash title as a sophomore and finished third this year.

Martin is co-holder of the Yale outdoor record for the 100 (9.6 seconds) and also ran the anchor leg on the Elmis' record-setting 440-yard relay team in 1969. The unit turned in a 40.5 clocking. The 6-0, 180-pounder is also co-holder of the Yale indoor record for the 90-yard dash, 6.2 seconds.

Last spring he finished fourth in the 100-meter dash with a brilliant time of 10.3 in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., International Freedom Games at Villanova. Ahead of him were such outstanding sprinters as John Carlos, Charlie Greene and Ben Vaughn.

Martin posted his usual double victories (100, 220) in the Harvard-Yale dual track meet and was named the meet's top performer, despite the fact that the Elmis were beaten handily.

"Don is as intense a competitor as I've ever coached," said coach Bob Giegengack. "He never says a whole lot, but he always produces."

John Lynch of Hartford was named manager of next year's track team, replacing Ross Pollack.

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YALE TRACK ASSOCIATION AGENCY STATEMENT

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In spite of the fact that our balance has increased more than $2,000 over what it was at the time of the last newsletter, we are still in need of more funds. It is definitely planned that Yale and Harvard will go to England in June of 1971 to compete against the Oxford-Cambridge team. In addition, the track team will undertake its usual late March trip South. Thus, we shall need every dollar that can be spared by our membership to finance both the spring trip and our share of the journey to England. Southern trips (like everything else) are getting more expensive, so are newsletters. There may also be occasions where the association will be called upon to assist prospective candidates for admission to visit Yale.

Make your gifts just as large as possible. They are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to Yale University for the Track Association.

Endowments

Harold W. Cheed $ 2,500.00
Alfred C. Gilbert 1,145.00
Alan Fox Memorial 4,118.88
Howard C. Paulsen 29,101.09
Track Memorial Fund 3,177.11

**Total—As of August 1** $40,312.08

Since the last report, gifts to the Track Memorial Fund have increased its total by just under $500. The total of all endowment funds now exceeds $40,000, but we are still far short of our goal of $50,000.

GEORGE COOK, III

George Cook III, 45W, Captain of the 1948 Yale Intercollegiate Championship Team, died suddenly at his home in Darien, Connecticut on May 29th.

Cookie was a veteran of World War II and returned after the war to graduate in 1948. He was Gieg's second Captain and his team was the first to win the IC4A title since 1924 of which '44 team Charlie Gage was a member and a close friend of Cookie's.

George was also IC4A Champion in high hurdles; a President of the Yale Track Association; and a current member of the Yale Graduate Track Committee.

The news was all the more shocking since Cookie and Gieg had met two days earlier at Mory's while entertaining a prospective candidate.

A great champion and loyal supporter of our whole track effort, he will be surely missed.

We recommend to all his friends and teammates and the more recent generations that we perpetuate his memory by honoring him in our gifts to the Yale Track Memorial Fund, of which project he was so fond.
1970 OUTDOOR SEASON
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shooter Cal Norhi, who exceeded 50 feet just about every time out; long jumper Frank Moore; sprinters Earl Downing and Mel Currie and hammer throwers Mike Wolak and Tom Schultz.

In addition to the fifth place finish in the IC4A's, Yale was second in the Boston College Relays and third in the Heptagonals. In dual and triangular competition, the Elis defeated two opponents and lost to five.

Following are the meet summaries, with events listed in which Yale athletics scored:

SOUTH CAROLINA 78, YALE 67


Shot Put - 1. Nordt (Y), 51-9; 2. Poston (SC), 48-1; 3. Revell (Y), 47 1/2.

Pole Vault - 1. Kulenkampf (Y), 14-6; 2. Taft (Y), 14-6; 3. Scott (SC), 14-0.


Mile - 1. Miller (SC), 4:23.2; 2. Warszelewski (SC), 4:23.3.


440 Yard Dash - 1. Newell (Y), 4:41.2; 2. Harris (SC), 4:41.4; 3. Hoy (SC), 4:41.5.

100 Yard Dash - 1. Martin (M), 9.8; 2. Small (SC), 10.0; 3. Harris (SC), 10.1.

220 Yard Run - 1. Kaczka (SC), 22.6; 2. Newell (Y), 22.8; 3. Harris (SC), 23.3.


Mile Relay - 1. South Carolina, 3:16:2.2; 2. Yale (O'Henry-Freeman, Inman, Moore, Martin), 3:17.2.

MEL CURRIE

FLORIDA RELAYS

100 Yard Hurdles - 1. Hill (AS), 13.7; 2. Barber (Ohio St), 14.2; 3. O'Henry-Freeman (Y), 14.2; (ties his own Yale record, also held by Jay Lacy); 4. Ryall (S.C. Baptist), 14.3; 5. Macintyre (Y), 14.4.

440 Yard Dash - 1. Burgeman (Ohio St), 52.0; 2. Brower (Ohio St), 52.6; 3. Breier (Asbury), 53.7; 4. Vincent (Farm), 53.7; 5. tie between Mcnab (Y), 53.4; and Harvey (Harvard), 53.4.

Discus - 1. Miller (M), 189; 2. Martin (Y), 189; 3. Miller (M), 182.

Hammer Throw - 1. Kenaff (Penn State), 173.5; 2. Schult (Y), 176.5; 3. Babjak (Y), 181.6; 4. Glass (Penn St), 181.6; 5. Wolak (Y), 175.7.

Note - Former Yale star Frank Shorter, running for the Florida Track Club, was second in the mile run in 4:45.8.

YALE 19, RUTGERS 56, ST. JOHN'S 45

Hammer Throw - 1. Schultz (Y), 144-2; 2. Wolak (Y), 140-10; 3. Torellas (S), 142-14; 4. Fletcher (R), 131-10.


High Jump - 1. Bartlett (S), 5-10.6; 2. Shipp (P), 5-10.4; 3. Miller (M), 5-8.4; 4. Thomas (Y), 5-8.


Triple Jump - 1. MacIntyre (Y), 53.5; 2. Sabo (Y), 53.5; 3. Price (R), 52.94; 4. Banon (S), 52.8.

Mile - 1. Ewen (Y), 4:19.2; 2. Edsberg (R), 4:21.4; 3. Legakos (Y), 4:23.5; 4. Rosen (R), 4:25.3.


ROBB QUINN

HEPTAGONALS

Hammer Throw - 1. Davies (Dart), 199-11; 2. Dineen (Dart), 190-9; 3. Nosal (Harv), 189-9; 4. Furtch (Col), 186-4; 5. Moore (Yale), 186-2.

Pole Jump - 1. Jones (Col), 22-3.2; 2. Hare (Harv), 21-3-4; 3. Galliers (Harv), 23-3-4; 4. Faussett (Col), 21-6.5; 5. Moore (Yale), 20-4.

Shot Put - 1. Green (Penn), 53-4-4; 2. Martoski (Penn), 52-3-4; 3. Price (R), 51-3-4; 4. Nordt (Y), 50-9; 5. Furtch (Col), 50-9; 4. Remmer (Dart), 50-8.

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FRANK MOORE

TOP PERFORMANCES 1970, OUTDOORS

Long Jump—Moore, 22-9; Hall, 21-10
Triple Jump—Ohene-Frempong, 49-3 3/4
High Jump—Taft, 6-8
Pole Vault—Taft, 15-0; Kulenkamp, 14-11 1/4

1970 OUTDOOR SEASON (continued from page 4)

Hammer Throw—1. Nosal (Ho), 1767; 2. Wolak (Y), 1688; 3. Schultz (Y), 154-4.


Discus—1. Neville (Y), 731-10, 2. Luck (Y), 158-4; 3. Towner (Ho).


400-Yard Hurdles—1. Laubnitz (R), 51.8, 2. MacDonald (Y), 52.6; 3. Johnson (Ho), 53.8.


110-Yard Hurdles—1. Ohene-Frempong (Y), 16.1; 2. Johnson (Ho), 16.3.

Mile Relay—Yale (Ohene-Frempong, Dunning, Currie, Martin), 3:30.6 2/3.

COACH’S CORNER (continued from page 1)

priority to the greater good or lesser evil in putting first things first. I would be as
persuasive as I could be in helping to arrive at the best conclusion but if theirs differed
from mine there would be no sanction otherwise their conscience would not be free. It
was completely understood and enthusiastically accepted that no criticism by teammotes
would redound to either those who went or those who remained on campus, and this
was religiously and faithfully fulfilled.

On Wednesday afternoon the team effort to be 100%. By Wednesday night it be
came obvious after several meetings of the student body that assignments allotted to
some members of the team made it necessary for them to remain at home to make
e mergency plans to protect Yale and the community from violence on May 1st and
2nd. This was the major concern of the students, administration, faculty and coaches.
There was absolutely no disagreement on this main point even though individuals in both
the student body and on the team varied throughout the entire spectrum. Papers reported
that of 25 Yale entrants, 16 blacks went on strike. There were actually 21 entrants
originally; none were on strike; there were 5 black Yale entrees. Since a relay team
needs 4 men if one or two felt it necessary to remain home, there was no sense to run-
ning a relay of two or three men. Five individuals competed on Friday and returned
back immediately, the 2-mile relay came down Saturday, ran and returned to New Haven
without delay. All who failed to compete decided not to with great personal sacrifice,
great reluctance, and considerable pain.

To my arraignment all who remained at home practiced Friday and Saturday.

Although I was not in complete accord with every decision and questioned the reasons
leading to some, subsequent events indicate an overriding wisdom in all their plans. The
minimum of violence, the sanctity of the May 1st and 2nd meetings, the protection of the
New Haven and Yale community bear vivid witness to a magnificent accomplishment
which dwarfs even the winning of eight or twelve medals or gold watches.

Up to and after May 1st weekend, the track practices were practically 100% attended.
In view of the time of the year, the outside pressures, exams, papers, etc., nothing in my
24 years here has exceeded this expression of loyalty. And you can be sure I run no
popularity contest, yesterday, today or tomorrow. It is my personal opinion that the reading of the resolution at the Heap was not in
good style, not in good phrasing, not in fit timing, in proper place or what have you.
Other forms exist for such expressions. Be that as it may our effort was 100% and ex-
traordinarily fine. Army and Navy (in my opinion) although unintentionally were offered
an impossible dilemma and had nought to do but retire from the field. A re-examen-
tion of conscience by the Monday following brought many qualms. Even at the most itself
several of every Ivy team, our own included, withdrew with Army and Navy in protest-
ing the protest.

Army’s withdrawal hurt our championship ambitions most if not exclusively. Our
points were mostly first and Army would have committed great attrition behind us against
the two other contenders—but split milk! We end on an unhappy and tasteless season despite our many new records.

Some of you may well ask “Why does a coach involve himself in such matters?”
Simply because this is our educational role. We are educators first and coaches second.
That is the track and field rather than the Math or Philosophy so why can one re-
compenses more? Respect if you will with our assured attention, sympathy, good will
and charity.

But have I answered your questions? We need your support if you still or again feel it justified.

1970 LETTERWINNERS

Richard Cirillo, ’72; Melvin R. Currie, ’70; Earl S. Downing, ’70; Thomas J. Dunn, ’71; Karl B. Fields, ’71; Russell C. Green, ’70; Victor M. Hall Jr., ’72; Robert D. Inman, ’71; Steven P. Kulenkamp, ’71; Wayne P. Liebman, ’70; Gregory C. Luck, ’72; John T. Lynch, ’72; manager; Richard J. MacDonald, ’72; Donald J. Martin, ’71; Franklin C. Moore, ’71; Thomas B. Neville, ’71; Philip C. Nordt, ’72; Peter W. Ochs, ’71; Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, ’70; Ross D. Pollock, ’70; manager; Robert S. Quinn, ’71; Thomas J. Schults, ’72; Thomas P. Taft, ’71; Michael A. Wolak, ’72.