

Sideline Chatter



"Thanks for your excellent story on Haskell. I, too, have long felt that Haskell's exploits have been overshadowed by Carlisle. At the end of the story you said it's a shame the NCAA doesn't include pre-1937 records in their annual record book. I agree. I have a copy of a 1969 "Football All-Time Record Book" in which they do list Mayes McLain's record of 38 TD's."

- Don Newton
Cupertino, Cal.

"I very much enjoyed Mark Purcell's article 'Boston College Ain't Got It' in the Feb. issue. His argument is valid and I have noted that through the years of college football 'expert' ratings, strength of schedule usually places second to an actual win/loss statistic."

- Glen Lindas
Little Rock, Ark.

"I have to say how much I enjoy the on-going series of football cartoons that appear at the top of page 1 each issue. For decades, cartoons such as these appeared regularly in many major papers around the country, and they help to set a 'nostalgic' tone for the Journal."

- Archie Prescott
Oxnard, Cal.

"For years I have extensively pursued research into the many statistical aspects of college football history. I would be interested in hearing from any Society members who share a similar football interest."

- Terry Dotson 1531 Waukesha Helena, Montana 59801

"Having just read the Mayes McLain issue I realize how much there is to learn of the lore of the college game. I would like to mention to the members of the Society that I have my booklet 'The Penalty Flag in American Football' available at a cost of \$4 (California residents add 7% tax). It was originally a speech given to the North American Vexillological Association in Pittsburgh in 1982. Does anyone know when the original and formal acceptance of official's hand signals began?"

- Phil Allen 2140 Shattuck Ave, Apt #2084 Berkeley, Cal. 94704

"Your research on Mayes McLain is very important. Did you know that Parke H. Davis, the historian of that time, credited another player with the national scoring and touchdown championships in 1926? And this player had fewer points and fewer touchdowns. Parke Davis was mistaken."

- Pat Harmon
Kings Island, Ohio

"I was first introduced to collegiate football as a young boy, when our housekeeper encouraged me to listen to a radio account of St Mary's vs California (ala 1938 or 1939). That was really a great series. I really miss USF, Gonzaga, Portland and Loyola of Los Angeles."

- Herb Tiedemann
San Carlos, Cal.

"Enjoyed the CFHS Journal for Feb 89. They keep getting better and better."

- Chuck Hershberger
Ferndale, Mich.

We would like to tell everyone that a member of the Historical Society, Mr Ed Gilleran Jr of Helena, Montana, was inducted into the Fordham University Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies in New York City on Feb. 4, 1989, for his many years of writing about Fordham sports. Our congratulations to Ed on this great honor.