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Current News

Not much time remains... in the 2014 Friends of Football fiscal policy period. We need your financial support. Fiscal year ends June 30, and our goal is to surpass the budgeted income projection of $370,000. You can donate two ways:

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• Check made payable to Lafayette College (PLEASE remember to write "Friends of Football" on the memo line). Mail to: Lafayette College c/o Adam Stauffer, 307 Markle Hall, Easton, PA 18042.

Friends of Football is also responsible for funding one player scholarship each year. There are several Endowment Funds being created to meet this financial obligation:

• Annual Scholarships (minimum $15k per year over four years)
• Class of ’88 Championship Endowment... Joe Sarra Scholarship Endowment...
• Friends of Lafayette Football Scholarship Endowment... Class of ’58 Championship Endowment

I don’t like to ask for money. We all have different financial backgrounds. However, we all want to win. We want to beat Lehigh. Please give our players, coaches, and training staff the edge it takes to come out on top by providing money to purchase equipment, scouting and travel services, supplements, and other resources.

Quarterback News

Where Are They?— please help us track down these quarterbacks to get them on the email list: Scott Bailey ’84, George Bartlett ’56, Wayne Cipriani ’60, Michael Dill ’62, Mike Fritz ’79, Joe Madden ’76, Gary Marshall ’67, Shawn McHale ’97, Frank Novak ’84, Dean Rivera ’87, Andrew Shoop ’12, and Tim Grip ’73.

Leopard Trivia

Jim Finnen, public address announcer for Lafayette football and basketball since 1964, is one of just two inductees into the Maroon Club Hall of Fame who is not an athlete, coach or administrator at the College. Who is the other one?

Questions, Comments, Suggestions: Contact Gary Uzelac ’80 and Bill Wasylenko at lafqbclub@gmail.com
At Phillipsburg High School, Gene Harrison quarterbacked his team to an undefeated season and a state championship his senior year. He was fortunate to play with future HOF, Green Bay Packer center Jim Ringo. However, in college, Gene had to play against Jim, when Jim was starring for the Orangemen of Syracuse. The Leopards did not fare too well that day, and former teammate Jim Ringo had a lot to do with that.

Asked to compare the game of football today versus the early 50's, Gene mentioned several differences. "We didn't have face masks, we played only nine games a season, we ran from the T formation with two running backs and a fullback, the QB called his own plays, I don't recall any FGs being kicked, and our team had only three coaches."

Gene mentioned the differences in defenses today: "Defenses were very stationary. Yes, there were blitzes, but defenses did not jump around or move before the ball was snapped. Today's players are bigger, faster and in better condition. We didn't even have weights to train with."

Gene also recalls playing against the great Dick Kazmaier, Princeton's All-American QB, who won the Heisman Trophy and Maxwell Award in 1951.

Today, Gene and his wife Beatrice live in Bethlehem after residing in Easton for over 51 years. Being close to the college has given Gene the opportunity to watch the Leopards play when they have a home game. "I have missed only one Lafayette-Lehigh game since 1957. That was the 1987 Ice Bowl, when my company's union went on strike, and the salaried staff ran the plant."

Asked how he fared against Lehigh when he was a senior, Gene proudly declared, "We beat Lehigh 33 - 13, at Taylor Stadium too."

Gene worked in the portland cement industry for 36 years, advancing to VP of MFG. Following retirement, Gene was a golf coach at a local high school for six years.

2014 is a big year for Gene -- he will be celebrating 60 years of marriage, and attending his 60th college reunion. Way to go Gene!

Contact Gene at 484 281 3641 or peanutgene32@gmail.com
Students Roar As Rutgers Loses 13-6; Undefeated Maroon Tally Twice After Tranavitch Intercepts And Races 87 Yards For Only Score; Kearns, Simmons Star

Once again the Lafayette Leopard roared as its gallant sons turned back the scarlet tide from New Brunswick, 13 to 6, although the Maroon goal was crossed for the first time this season.

Early in the first period Kearns dropped back to pass, but Tranavitch, high point producer of the nation, plucked the pigskin from the air, and went 87 yards for the first score against the Leopards.

It was not long before the Maroon gridders had proved their ability to come from behind. Tommy Kearns, Lafayette’s pride and joy, running from a punt formation, went sailing around right end for 63 yards and the tying six points. Previously Weldon had blocked Tranavitch’s try for the extra point and this time the Maroon attempt was likewise thwarted when the ball went wide of its mark.

The margin of victory came midway in the third period following some fancy passing by George Lentz and catching by Harold Simmons. With the ball on the Scarlet nine, Lentz threw a short one to Simmons on the five, and eluding three tacklers Simmons went over for the score. Using a fancy trick pass for the extra point, Sweeney threw to Kearns in the end zone.

**Lentz’s Score Called Back**

Shortly after the first Maroon score, George Lentz crossed the Scarlet goal line after intercepting Tranavitch’s pass, but the play was called back to the 3-yard line where a Lafayette player had been detected tripping. This gave the Leopards the ball on the Scarlet 18. Rutgers eventually took the ball on downs after pushing the Maroon gridders back to the Rutgers 25.

Toward the end of the fourth quarter, Kearns got away around his right end from the Scarlet 14, but after crossing the goal line, was called back to the Rutgers seven. The game ended with the ball on the three yard line after Cavallo hit center for four and Kearns was stopped on two line bucks.

Rutgers was a dangerous foe at all times in the game. Using Tranavitch as a battering ram, and mixing in a few passes, they moved down to the maroon five but there the line held, and on the third play Simmons broke through the Scarlet interference and threw Perry for a nine-yard loss. Perry then passed into the end zone, incomplete, and the Leopards took the ball on their own 20.

Jim Braddock, former world’s heavyweight champion, made an appearance in the press box. The crowd was estimated at 18,000, the largest in years. It was also the first time the Leopards had taken the measure of Rutgers since 1931.

Once again Tommy Kearns outbooted the opposing team. Incidentally the boys are there to down the ball providing they come within hailing distance.

The try for the extra point that involved a trick pass was startling in its rapidity. Sweeney was down to hold the ball. The next thing everybody knew, Kearns was standing in the end zone with the ball and the extra point.

**Tommy Kearns ‘38**

The boys tried a trick spread but Toohey trying to sneak through the left side of the line was mangled by a few of the Rutgers lads after gaining a yard.

Tranavitch was as good as predicted. The team has had lots of experienced stopping plungers like him. Williams from NYU and Roeder from F and M, namely. They hit Tranavitch very high a number of times. This proved very effective. Nothing succeeds like success. The alumni turned out en masse for the game.

Tom Kearns’ run for a touchdown, seven of the Rutgers players were flat on their back and the rest were merely chasing the fleet-winged son of the fighting Marquis.

**Guess the QB?**

Harry Armstrong ‘02, OC & QB Coach
At Wilkes University