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ENGINEERS IN SPORT

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Tom Dumitre

OF all the unusual places to find a varsity football player, behind a ping-pong table is near the limit. But there he was, six feet two inches and a hundred and ninety-five pounds, flaying a lowly celluloid ball with all his might. As the game progressed, I wondered if this was the same fellow as Tom Dumitre, the sophomore. When he slammed across the winning point and flashed the grin that reached from ear to ear, I decided immediately that it was.

Tom is in electrical engineering and doing right well I hear. After stalling around for quite some time he finally owned up to a two point six cumulative average, which isn't bad on any man's engineering campus, I'd say.

Dumitre first saw light in old Roumania. His family moved to this country in 1920 and settled in Bridgeport, Conn. Here Tom learned his ABC's and later spilled his blood on the gridiron fighting for the honor of dear old Central Hi. As you know, Bridgeport is known in sport circles as a basketball town. Dumitre played on one of the best cage teams that

Bridgeport ever put out. The five of 1934 won the city, state, and New England championship. Incidentally there are several other members of crack teams from Bridgeport on the Campus.

Besides basketball, Tom played two years of varsity football and baseball. When commencement time rolled around Tom won recognition as being the only athlete to play an outstanding part in all three of the major sports.

Tom got a job in Cleveland after graduation and moved there. In 1936, he picked Ohio State as the place to continue his education.

Down here Tom played freshman football, basketball, and baseball. This year Tom plays varsity football and things look very bright for him to make the basketball and baseball squads also.

When asked the woman of his heart, Tom says she's a freshman. To make matters worse she was introduced to him by a freshman. It's a pity that the freshman boys cut off their own necks by introducing freshman women to upperclassmen.

Claude White

We all agree that those students who matriculate in the College of Engineering have a vast amount of work ahead of them, but there is one student in the college who, in addition to these academic duties, has a job which surpasses them. The student is Claude White and his job is filling the shoes of Ralph Wolf, co-captain of this year's varsity football team.

Ralph, as you know, is playing his last year for Ohio State, and when the footballers hang up their cleats and headgears for the season, one of the most dependable players who ever donned an Ohio State uniform will have played his last college football game. Ralph will graduate in the spring with a point-hour ratio which is equal to, or above, the three point mark and having completed the metallurgical engineering course will undoubtedly enter that profession after he has been presented his well earned diploma.

Because of the brilliancy of co-captain Wolf, Claude White has had little chance to become a luminary in the eyes of Ohio State football fans. There is nothing unusual about this, however. We can all remember that as the 1936 football season got under way, the big question in the minds of the football public was who would take the position of All-American Gomer Jones. This was soon answered when his understudy, Wolf, so capably filled the vacancy that no loss was felt by Jones' graduation.

Similar to this is the plight of next year's football team. At least this may be the opinion of the critics, but luckily Claude White is likely to duplicate the feats of Wolf. Claude is a sophomore this year. After a brilliant high school football record and a promising two year tutorial course in football here at

Ohio State he should be ready to handle capably the duties of the center position on the varsity team.

Claude was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, only nineteen years ago and has surely done himself justice in those years by attaining a weight of 190 pounds and a height of 5 feet 11 inches.

Prior to coming to Ohio State University, he played three years of football at Portsmouth High School under the coaching of Ralph Ness. Even then Claude showed great promise, and in honor of his splendid record he was named center on the All-Ohio high school eleven, quite an honor for anybody.

When White was asked for his opinion as to whether he would be called upon to take over Wolf's position, he frankly admitted that he would get keen competition from both his fellow beginners, Richard Wuellner and Steve Andrako. He stated that Coach Schmidt would not say whom he thought would get the position, but we may be assured that although Wuellner and Andrako are both good players they will have a real fight on their hands when they try to edge out White for the position. Claude is also interested in track but says he has been unable to participate in that sport here because football takes so much of his time.

Forgetting sports temporarily and looking at the academic side of Claude's life, we see a young man whose time is entirely occupied. He is enrolled in civil engineering, and although much of his time is occupied on the gridiron, he manages to get good grades. Although there is little discrimination among his academic courses as far as liking them is concerned, Claude stated that he believed he preferred engineering drawing to his other subjects.

When the team made the trip to California this fall, Claude was so impressed with the country out there that he decided he would like to spend the rest of his days enjoying the California sunshine. Unfortunately for him he had to head back to Ohio with the team and find that he had fallen far behind the rest of the class in his studies. On the other hand, it is fortunate for us that Claude did return, because with a man like him on the squad Ohio State University football worries as far as the center position are concerned are unjustified.

Two bugs were walking across the top of a corn flakes box. All at once one bug started to run as fast as he could.

Second Bug: "What're you running for?"

First: "Can't you read? It says tear across the dotted line."

Co-ed: "I want something to wear around the dormitory."

Salesgirl: "How large is your dormitory?"