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# Perles tells Spartans to hold off on agents

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George Perles, who worked the other side of the street as a defensive coach with the Pittsburgh Steelers for 10 years, including four Super Bowl championships, offers basic advice to his Michigan State players that is good for any collegian dealing with agents and the NFL draft. "You don't need an agent until after you're drafted," says the Spartans' third-year coach.

"After you're drafted, it's a simple technique. You put on your coat and tie, take your father and a family attorney who understands the language and go talk with the team's negotiator.

"You get his offer, you thank him and go home. What you've got then is all yours. Then you hire a high-class agent and give him his percentage on what he gets you over what you've been offered."

Perles says the player should make it clear that he makes all the decisions himself on when to go to camp. No player should deliberately antagonize the team, Perles says, "because you have enough problems making the club without getting people teed off before you get there."

FAMOUS CLIENTELE: Michigan State players seeking guidance have an adviser who rates highly with Perles right next door.

Dr. Charles Tucker, who works in the Lansing school system, lists among his clients linebacker Carl Banks of the Super Bowl champion Giants, recent No. 1 Giants draftee Mark Ingram, and the NBA's Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Mark Aguirre, Isiah Thomas, and Jay Vincent.

PURE WHITE: MSU tailback Lorenzo White, whom controversial New York agent **Norby Walters** claims he has signed and paid money to, is "clean as a whistle," Perles said.

Perles said he hopes his players will be called by the federal grand jury in Chicago probing **Walters'** activities "so they can tell under oath how clean they are."

CONTROVERSY: Midwest Conference commissioner Ralph Shively doesn't buy the cries of shock and dismay from University of Chicago baseball coach Larry Warzecka over the ouster of the Maroons from the league playoffs for using an ineligible player.

Shively said that limiting competition to undergraduates always has been in the Midwest Conference constitution and Warzecka was reminded before the Chicago-Ripon game that medical school student Bruce Montella was ineligible.

COACH CHANGES MIND: Dennis Bridges has had second thoughts and will return next winter for his 23rd year as Illinois Wesleyan basketball coach.

Bridges, 48, has doubled as the Titans' interim baseball coach the last two seasons and had announced he would quit basketball and stay with baseball.

Now Bridges has decided that (a) he isn't ready to walk away from basketball, and (b) that baseball assistant Dennis Martel, 28, is ready for the head coaching job. Martel will continue as Bridges' aide in basketball.

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