

Review of Our Athletics.

The pace set by Penn State's athletics of 1906-07 was of such a high standard of excellence that our varsity teams of this year were hardly able to maintain the stride. However many notable victories have been scored, and we are still proud of the representatives of the White and Blue. The record for 1907-08 to date is as follows:

	won	lost
Football	6	4
Baseball	10	3
Basketball	10	4
Track	0	2
Totals	26	13

Football.

As was stated before, in reviewing the football season of last fall we cannot laud our college or our team so much for victories gained as for the manner in which our heart breaking defeats were accepted. The memorable defeat of Cornell by "Bobby" Burns and his followers was the greatest event of the season and was well worth the praise allotted to it. The overwhelming of our old rival Dickinson by the score of 52 to 0 was another bright line added to our football annals. The defeats by the Indians, Penn, Annapolis, and W. U. P. were of the character which showed that The Nittany Lion could not wear the proverbial "mule-shoe."

No better squad of coaches could be had than "Tom" Fennell, "Lefty" McIlveen, "Pop" Golden, "Mother" Dunn, Yeckley and Junk; and had it been possible to have them here the whole season, the hard strains of battle would have been erased from the members of our team, and a better showing no doubt made.

The season could well be called successful—successful because of the fact that Penn State has such men as "Bobby" Burns, Ritchey, Kunkle, Weaver, Gray, Cyphers, Smith, Campbell, Maxwell, Vorhis,

Hermann, Hirshman, McCleary, Zink, Coulson, and Barnett, who can withstand the pangs of defeat and gain the loyalty of alumni and undergraduates.

Basketball.

The most successful basketball season that Penn State has had in many years was experienced during the last season. With the veterans of last year's team on the floor, a very fast five was developed and the games that were lost to Lehigh, Penn, Bucknell, and C. C. of N. Y. were played under the handicap of a small floor or on a strenuous trip. The strong Swarthmore team was twice defeated and games were won from such teams as W. U. P., Delaware, Fordham, Manhattan, and Wyoming. The degree of excellence that was attained in passing, shooting goals, and general team work won applause everywhere. Captain DuBarry and his team certainly did great work for Old State and again we have gained prestige in the basketball world.

Track.

The loss of the men from last year's track team by graduation was sorely felt when the makeup of Captain Smith's team was begun. A good start was made towards a winning team, but the sad reverses due to sickness and injuries to different members was the cause of great disappointment. However, the grit and perseverance displayed under such circumstances was of the finest and although dual meets were lost to Syracuse and Lafayette and a somewhat low percentage made in the inter collegiates at Harrisburg, we can safely say it was directly due to the poor physical condition of the team. We are sure that the Commencement meet will find the team in better shape and they will be able to show the results of the long days they have spent in training.

Baseball.

With two games yet to play the baseball season of this year may be summed up as successful and yet unfortunate since but thirteen games have been played out of the twenty-three scheduled. Two great victories have been scored over Princeton and Cornell. The Cornell game was a fine exhibition of the usual Penn State baseball, and the excellent pitching of Mitinger as well as the timely-hitting of the team won the game. This was the second time in the last three years that we have won from Cornell and the ability of the State athletic teams now has won the respect of the Ithacans.

After losing to Princeton last year on a fluke, Captain Cree and his men did credit to themselves by defeating the Tigers in a great game. Vorhis and Lynch both did fine work in the box and the game was won squarely. The three games lost were to Williamsport Tri-State, Bucknell and Villanova. In each instance our opponents won by playing better ball, although previous to the Bucknell game our team had been able to practice but twice in three weeks, and the men were somewhat out of practice. In the other games no trouble was experienced in defeating Virginia, Mercersburg, Dickinson, Syracuse, Rochester, Susquehanna, and Carnegie Tech, and had not so many games been cancelled on account of rain, a longer list of victories would certainly have been the result. As it is we can call this a successful season, and with the W. U. P. and the alumni games coming on we can expect of Captain "Birdie" Cree and his team a fitting ending of the season of 1908.

