

VARSITY CAGEMEN HAVE FAIR SEASON

Inexperienced Quintet Wins Nine Games And Loses Majority Of Contests On Eastern And Western Trips

Facing a fourteen game schedule without a single veteran of last year's splendid five on hand for Penn State's varsity cagers tackled a real proposition this past winter but proved equal to the occasion and emerged from the smoke with a commendable record of nine victories and five reverses to their credit. All things considered, their showing was brilliant and warrants no little praise. Handicaps of all descriptions appeared from the very outset of the season and continuing through the trying days of actual combat, were a source of worry and anxiety to the players as well as to the coach. The "Jinx" which followed other athletic teams of Penn State persisted in chasing the basketballers and often caught them at the most inopportune moments.

Captain Wilson Ineligible To begin with, Captain Wilson, who was confidently expected to fill one of the forward berths this year, was declared ineligible because of scholastic difficulties and although he attempted to break back into the line-up after the first semester, his attempt failed and he did not play a single contest. Coach Hermann was thereby compelled to double his efforts to fill the Nittany offensive posts adequately and this naturally delayed progress to a considerable extent. Koehler was the only other player on hand who had any experience last year, his experience having been confined to about two varsity games.

Coach Hermann determined to build the team up around Koehler, who was made Acting Captain. Gradually the team took form from a large squad of candidates on hand and with Koehler and Koehler playing at guard, Smith at center, and Reed and Miller at forwards, Penn State opened her basketball season. The first game was with Juniata College. Jumping into an early lead in this contest the Nittany floor artists had little trouble in keeping ahead of the Juniata team, and won by a big advantage.

Holiday Break Up Training Following the Christmas holidays, which began shortly after the Juniata fray and kept the team busy training for almost three weeks, Hermann sent his proteges against Dickinson in the second game of the season. The Dickinson aggregation proved to be quite weak and Penn State's cagemen again had an easy time of it. Two complete teams were employed in this game in an effort to give the Nittany men a good line on the material available. The final score was 34 to 11.

A relapse suffered by the passives in the ensuing week lowered their efficiency to a very noticeable degree, but although they encountered a tough proposition in the form of Lebanon Valley on the Saturday of that week-end, they finally managed to pull through and won the third game of the year by 29 to 14. A rally in the second half was all that saved Penn State from defeat. Navy was scheduled to meet the Nittany basketballers the next week but the game was cancelled because of the examination period coming at that time.

It was two weeks, therefore, before the varsity passives got into action again, outside of the actual practice periods, and they were then ripe for a game with anybody. Bucknell happened to be the goat and was trimmed decisively by the score of 38 to 12. Reed played a great game during this battle, shooting a total of twenty-three points for the Blue and White.

Secure Even Break In West With the original line-up still unchanged, Penn State's floor stars departed on their annual tour of the western part of the state for battles with Pitt and W. & J. The game with the Pitt Panther on Friday night, February third, fulfilled all expectations by turning out to be a great spectacle. Both teams played remarkably but Hermann's men outdid themselves and surprised the sporting world by emerging the victors after a grueling struggle. The final score in this contest was 30 to 27, a good illustration of the closeness of the match.

W. & J. turned the tables though on the now-overconfident Nittanyites on the following evening at Washington. The teams ran neck and neck throughout the fight, the Presidents maintaining only a one point advantage at the

end of the first half, but toward the close the Blue and White contestants' nerves lost their pep and finally had to give in to a 23 to 26 defeat. It was the first setback of the season.

Bethany Puts Up a Hard Fight The following Saturday Bethany invaded State College. A stiff fight was expected from the Bethanyites and they lived their best to live up to the expectations. Superior floor work of Penn State however, told in the long run. After being held to a close score in the initial half, Hermann's passives broke loose and, with a shower of field goals from McMurray and Koehler, snowed the visitors under by a 10 to 20 count before the battle ended. The next week brought Pitt to Penn State for a return engagement at a time when the Nittany tossers were handicapped by sickness and were otherwise indisposed. The result was that the Panthers finally reaped a dream of long standing by noting out their rivals, 28 to 27, in the most thrilling game of the entire season. Pitt led by a comfortable margin until the last five minutes of play when the Lions launched an attack that would have meant victory had not the time run out. It was the first basketball triumph that Pitt has gained over Penn State in five years.

Eastern Trip Proves Disastrous Still suffering from the effects of their hard battle with Pitt, the Nittanyites departed on their annual eastern jaunt in the middle of the next week. This trip however turned out to be most disastrous for them as they lost every game. Penn, with a remarkably strong team, started the ball rolling by trimming the Lions on Wednesday evening by 23 to 16. Penn State was then threatened by Quakers seriously in this battle and was lead throughout the game. On Friday night, Rutgers continued the work of Penn and, surprising the Blue and White team, simply swept it off its feet. The score of this contest was 35 to 28.

The following evening brought the complete downfall of the Lions' Princeton, with a team that was equally as powerful as Penn's, turned the trick for a great fight. Penn State's representatives were fully determined to make up for their defeats by Penn and Rutgers but lacked sufficient punch toward the end of the fray and were compelled to accept another setback, the score being 22 to 19.

Complete Season With Victories Defeats for the Lions stopped however with the eastern trip and from then until the end of the season, they walked through to victory each time. Creighton University from Nebraska brought one of the best teams of the middle west to try the strength of Penn State on the floor but received more than it was looking for and fell by a 49 to 26 count. The westerners seemed unable to penetrate the Nittany defense and could not keep up with the fast pace set by Hermann's proteges. Koehler played a great game for Penn State.

The following Saturday, W. & J. journeyed to Penn State for a return game but, minus the services of the two Conn brothers, failed to display much opposition and permitted the Nittanyites to reap revenge for the defeat that had been administered to them at Washington. The first half of the game was exceptionally slow for a varsity contest but in the second period Penn State speeded up and thereby scored an overwhelming victory. The score was 32 to 15.

The season closed last Saturday when former Penn State stars met the varsity of the annual Alumni game. This contest was slower than the usual game with the Alumni and resulted in the varsity passives scoring an easy victory. The final half proved the real undoing of the Alumni, the younger team scoring frequently from the floor and preventing the Alumni from approaching their own goal. The final score was 39 to 24.

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ALUMNAE CLUB PLANS NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

State College will be treated to a novel program on May nineteenth and twentieth when an entertainment will be given in the Auditorium including musical, literary, educational, and dramatic numbers.

The musical part of the program will center about the performance of The Seven Sins of Seaman, a group of vocal artists who promise to enliven the evening. A fantasia in three acts and an epilogue adapted from a poem by Alfred Noyes are some of the other highlights listed for the concert. Miss Ethel Sparks is the director of the production and Mr. Arthur Deering is to have charge of the dramatic parts. Costumes have been designed by Messrs. George Hoiser and J. Gordon Amend while Mr. Henry Porter has promised to arrange some special scenic effects. The entertainment is being given under the auspices of the Penn State Alumnae Club and The Association of University Women for the benefit of the Women's Gymnasium Fund. The prices and further details regarding this production will be published later.

FRATERNITY TOSSERS PLAYING SEMI-FINALS

League Race is Becoming Closer and Final Eliminations Will Soon Be Scheduled

The fifth annual Inter-Fraternity Basketball League, after one of the most strenuous and successful years is now in the most important and interesting part of the season. All fraternities in the league were divided into six divisions and so far this season the games played have been to determine the leading team of each group. Except in one division, all the division leaders have been determined by eliminations. With the preliminaries over, the league is now meeting the last lap by beginning the semi-finals.

Preliminaries in the third division resulted in a triple tie between Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, and Beta Theta Pi. In order to break this tie, Beta Theta Pi drew a bye. Sigma Nu and Kappa Sigma played last night, but this match was too late to obtain the results for this issue. Beta Theta Pi will play the winner of last night either Saturday or Tuesday night.

The leaders of each division are as follows:
Division 1—Phi Kappa Sigma
Division 2—Delta Upsilon
Division 3—Sigma Nu or Kappa Sigma
Division 4—Alpha Gamma Rho
Division 5—Alpha Delta Sigma
Division 6—Phi Delta Upsilon

The semi-finals between the above division leaders will be stated possibly Saturday afternoon if the Army can be secured for that time. If not possible, the semi-finals will start Tuesday night. The managers of the various teams will be notified by telephone as to the nights for their games.

In order that no trouble will arise over decisions by the referee in the games, C. B. Nesbitt, the long-time manager, has secured F. B. Huxton as a neutral official to referee in the playing of the semi-finals and finals. The full length floor will be used and twenty minute periods will be played.

SYRACUSE WILL HAVE GOLF TEAM IN COLLEGIATE GAMES
Syracuse University is one of the latest schools to adopt golf as an intercollegiate sport. With more than twenty candidates reporting daily for practice in the golf caps, prospects look bright for Coach Ackerman to mould a team that will give a good account of itself.

N. Y. U. STUDENTS MAY HAVE BOAT RIDE THIS SUMMER
Over 1500 pledges have been received by the committee in charge for a boat ride to West Point to be held in conjunction with a baseball game at that institution.

It is planned to leave the city in the morning and return between 8 and 9 o'clock at night.

HEREDITY AND EUGENICS DISCUSSED IN LECTURE

Widely Discussed Problems of Day Illustrated by Dr. Hill in L. A. Talk

Discussing the latest developments in the science of Heredity and Eugenics and clearly explaining his steps by the aid of stereopticon slides, Dr. J. B. Hill of the Department of Botany last Tuesday evening talked on the subject of heredity as the eleventh lecturer of the Liberal Arts Lecture Course. The Old Chapel was well filled with many who are interested in this science of increasing importance.

In beginning his lecture, Dr. Hill showed by slides the type of animals used in heredity experiments explaining that guinea pigs are almost entirely used in preference to horses and cattle because they are cheaper and breed much quicker, which is very important. The science of heredity is replacing the study of evolution and is being worked out by numerous experiments with such animals and plants as Dr. Hill described.

The first part of Dr. Hill's discussion of the subject dealt with the outstanding examples of heredity. In this he made use of many slides showing the results obtained by the crossing or hybridization of plants. The phlox is a plant upon which countless numbers of such experiments have been made. Dr. Kell of the Department of Botany is at present working similar experiments on this plant and is getting results which show the consistency of experiments performed by Mendel, an Austrian Monk and scientist who first made use of these experiments. By his slides Dr. Hill illustrated the laws which have been determined by hybridization and how they can be depended upon to always give the same results when plants or animals with different characteristics are bred.

Following this general discussion of the laws of heredity, Dr. Hill next explained the cause of heredity. By means of a slide he showed how in cell reproduction the chromosomes divide, one half of the original number going to the two resulting cells. These chromosomes in a cell, the lecturer explained, are things which give plants or animals their permanent characteristics. So in the reduction division of these chromosomes the characteristics of the parent are carried over to the progeny. These characteristics are sometimes hidden however. For example, in the first generation, the dominant characteristic covers or masks the weaker or recessive character. In the second generation three of the progeny will have the dominant character while one will have the recessive character.

In the last part of the lecture, Dr. Hill gave a brief discussion of the eugenics or heredity in human beings. Here it was explained that this subject could be divided into two parts, that which consisted of wild (genetics) for the betterment of the human race by absurd plans and the second or the scientific part. From the scientific point of view much data has been collected on the results of inheritance as regards color of eyes, kind of hair and the continued inheritance of color blindness in one sex. By these results it has been found that they follow the laws of Mendel and of hybridizations.

DEAN OF SWARTHMORE CRITICIZES EXAM SYSTEMS
Dean Adelbert S. Swarthmore College recently characterized examinations in American institutions of learning as too numerous and not severe enough.

PRE-LEGAL STUDENTS HOLD SPRING BANQUET

Rounding out its social activities for the year, the Pre-Legal Club held a banquet last Tuesday evening in the Woman's Building for the purpose of discussing plans for the coming season. E. E. Overdorf '22, was toastmaster. Miss Esther Priest '22, headed the program for the evening with two vocal selections. Then J. W. Solover '22 gave a brief of the history of the club. J. Dolan '21 outlined the plans for the club for the coming year.

The proposed plans will embody the holding of a moot court before the student body, a trip to Philadelphia to watch the legislature in session, a visit to the United States Circuit Court in Bellefonte, and the holding of banquets and dances throughout the year. The club will also endeavor to bring out-of-town speakers to address the society and other students interested in subjects pertaining to the law profession.

Miss Ruth E. Jackson, head of the Social Speaking Department, Dr. J. Tanager, of the Political Science Department, and Dr. A. E. Martin head of the History Department gave short talks emphasizing the fact that the faculty in the History and Political Science Schools would lend their aid in the accomplishment of the club's plans.

After the speeches, card games and puzzle games were the chief amusement.

INDICATIONS POINT TOWARD MAMMOTH RELAX CARNIVAL

All of the big colleges of the East without exception and many from the West have sent in entries to the Pennsylvania annual relay carnival, which will be the most important track and field feature held any place in the world this year. The indoor season just drawing to a close has shown that the coming games will be the finest ever held in this country. Already some of the athletic critics predict that all of the existing relay records will be either broken or closely approached.

To handle the army of athletes that will be on the field on April 28 and 29, thirty-five hundred contestant's tickets have been ordered. This alone gives an indication of the magnitude of the meet, but from the college standpoint the real merit of the carnival lies in the fact that the college athletes are to be the pick of the track teams of the entire country.

WESTERN COLLEGE GRADUATES PLAN DINNER FOR APRIL 4
A Big Ten (Middle-West) Conference Dinner is to be held Tuesday, April 4, in the Women's Building. The "Big Ten" is composed of the State Universities of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa, Northwestern University, University of Chicago and Purdue.

The graduates of these Universities are reminded that they should notify the chairman of the University group before Friday, March 24th, if they wish plates reserved.
KANSAS APPROPRIATES SUM FOR ERECTION OF GIRLS' DORMITORY
The State of Kansas has appropriated the sum of \$112,000 for the erection of a girls' dormitory at the Kansas State Agricultural College. It is proposed that the building will have facilities for the accommodation of between five girls. The plans are that it shall be the first of a group of dormitories which are to be erected and constructed of native limestone as are the rest of the buildings on the campus.

AGS PREPARE FOR SIXTH ANNUAL IMITATION SHOW

First and Second Awards Will Be Given For Proficiency In Bidding and Fitting

The annual mock stock show and auction sale which is held by the students of Animal Husbandry has now been practically arranged for and is scheduled to take place Saturday afternoon, April first, in the stock judging pavilion. Students who are taking part in this mock sale are now fitting and preparing their individual animals, which they intend to present at the show.

This mock show and sale, which will be the sixth to be held in its many years, deserves to give the students of Animal Husbandry a practical application of the fundamentals in fitting for show the four classes of animals, horses, sheep, swine, and cattle. This work of preparing animals for the show is an important part in the breeder's work as the condition of the animal itself. Much emphasis is laid on the appearance of the animal as it is placed in the show ring.

After the show has been staged the mock sale will take place. This will be in the form of an auction sale and will give the students a practical idea of the way in which stock is put up on the block and bid for. The auctioneer puts the stock up for sale and the students judge their value and bid accordingly. The animals will have previously been appraised by a valuation committee of Animal Husbandry professors. It is upon this basis that the bidding of the students will be judged. After the show and sale have been completed the judges composed of members of the Animal Husbandry department, will award the ribbons to the winners. For proficiency in fitting, first and second prize ribbons will be awarded in each class and a grand

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS ON FIVE SUBJECTS ANNOUNCED

The local postal authorities have received communication from the Civil Service Commission that examinations will be held in the near future throughout the United States for five positions under their jurisdiction. These examinations are scheduled to be given on April twenty-sixth and May seventh.

Examinations for the positions of Junior engineer, computer in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Junior physicist, Junior technologist, and domestic science teacher in the Indian Service were held recently but the number of applicants that qualified was not sufficient to supply the open positions and so the commission has cleared these supplementary examinations. The second, third and fifth named positions will be filled from the exams given at the earlier date while the others will be filled from those given in May.

Persons interested in these examinations or in others should apply to the Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board at the local postoffice for detailed information and application blanks.

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