

### Between the Lions with The Sports Editor

Sports followers in the student body, focusing their attention on winter prospects with the official close of the fall season, are bound to be somewhat shocked at the announcement that the varsity basketball schedule has been cut to eleven games.

There is no doubt that financial conditions in the athletic association necessitate retrenchment somewhere. However, with most high schools playing from fourteen to eighteen contests and the average college card consisting of twenty games, it is indeed unfortunate that the basketball schedule, which has been pared to fifteen games for the last few years, again had to come under the knife of economic necessity.

Examination of over a score of schedules of leading colleges in the East reveals only one school, Lafayette, whose thirteen-game card comes anywhere near the short Lion schedule. The quintets of most of the institutions, including Penn, Villanova, Princeton, Columbia, Temple, Carnegie Tech, and West Virginia, will play schedules averaging twenty games in length.

While a card of over thirty games, such as Pitt went through last year, can prove positively injurious, we feel that too few games are just as harmful to a team's condition. We sincerely hope the schedule will resume its normal length with a return to richer days, financially.

Sure evidence that the open season for all-star grid team selections is again upon us is borne out in the official Associated Press All-Eastern selections-reposing on our desk. How much proximity to a metropolitan newspaper can mean to a team in these selections is revealed by the fact that not one Penn State man was mentioned either on the two elevens selected or in the list of over a hundred players given honorable mention. While we may be prejudiced, we refuse to believe that there isn't one player here who measures up to the calibre of this number.

#### This and That

Passengers on a certain Thanksgiving bus are authority for the statement that Mike Zeleznock is well-qualified to sing opposing ringmen to sleep. . . . Bez was named to a half-back position on the all-Chicago U. team Coach Stagg recently picked. . . . (Just think of all the puns we could make on stag) . . . State Secretary Richard J. Beamish, who visited here Wednesday, was once football coach at St. Thomas, the pride of Scranton. . . . Villanova just recently announced the abolition of future athletic scholarships. . . . Hats off, Wildcats, we'll be seeing you, no doubt. . . . And if the man sitting next to you in class squirms in his seat, mutters strange words, and clutches imaginary water-buckets you can bet he's a fall sport record-assistant manager waiting for elections. . . .

—S. H. B.

## Leslie Works With Squad Of 35 Nittany Basketeers

### 5 Lettermen Vie for Positions on Lion Court Team

By W. M. STEGMEIER '34  
A new coach with new ideas, an early opening game looming not too far away, and thirty-five varsity aspirants dotted with no less than five of last year's lettermen makes basketball the reigning winter sport in pre-season practice up at Recreation hall.

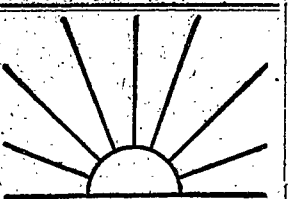
Although daily practices have been held for over three weeks, additional candidates are still welcome. "The team really belongs to the students themselves and it's up to them to support it by trying out for the sport. I'll give anybody a chance that wants to try," Coach Spike Leslie said. "Nothing's settled, all positions are still open."

#### Seeks Center

Included in the squad list are McFarlane and Thomas, forwards on Dutch Hermann's five last year, and McMinn and Conn, who handled most of the defense work on the same club. Captain Moser, who has been absent from practice sessions for the last few days because of a serious illness in his family, is expected to return to the squad this week. Jack Meyers, another of the lettermen, will be eligible for the team for the remainder of this semester.

Coach Leslie's biggest problem of the year will be finding a center large enough to qualify there. Possible candidates for the position include Cummings, last year's freshman pivot man, and Wittum, varsity substitute of the past season. As an experiment, Leslie has shifted McFarlane from forward to center several times during practice and it is possible that Norry may see more service there.

In addition to Cummings as a potential member of the team, Fletcher, Kilmoyer, Symington, and Stocker are other sophomores who are out to take advantage of openings. Any one of them may develop enough power to clinch a varsity berth, Leslie said. Drill in the fundamentals of the game has occupied most of the time of the aspiring courtmen in the daily afternoon sessions. However, Spike has already begun to experiment with different offensive and defensive combinations in several scrimmages held this week.



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### 1933 Court Schedule

Susquehanna, January 4  
Pennsylvania, January 7 (At Philadelphia)  
Western Maryland, January 14  
Washington, Jefferson, January 21  
Army, January 28  
Lafayette, February 8  
Temple, February 15  
West Virginia, February 18  
Carnegie Tech, February 25  
Colgate, March 3 (At Hamilton, N. Y.)  
Syracuse, March 4 (At Syracuse, N. Y.)

### 6 TEAMS REMAIN IN I. M. TOURNEY

Final Game of Football Competition Scheduled Next Saturday, Manager States

Six of the forty-four teams that entered the competition two months ago have reached the quarter-finals of the intramural football tournament, according to William H. Crown Jr., '34, manager.

Phi Gamma Delta defeated Frear Hall and Alpha Chi Rho eliminated Phi Kappa Sigma by yardage victories on Tuesday. Sigma Phi Epsilon downed Kappa Sigma by a yardage victory and Theta Kappa Phi bowd to Sigma Chi, 7-to-0, Wednesday.

Lambda Chi Alpha will play Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi will meet Pi Kappa Alpha tonight for the right to enter the semi-finals. Manager Crown has announced that the semi-finals will be played off early next week.

The final game of the tournament will be played on New Beaver field next Saturday afternoon, according to present plans.

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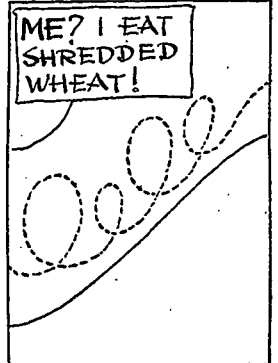
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