

« Between The Lions »

By WALT FREUNTSCH

We believe that beneath the exterior of the average male student here there beats a heart of 99 1/100% gold. Oh, to be sure, they occasionally act like dolts and perform tricks that you wouldn't believe possible of college students. We refer especially to the puerile practice of throwing pennies on the floor of Rec Hall at athletic contests. That this is done by unthinking morons is incontestable; that it is a dangerous and pointless practice is more so.

Now nothing has been done about it to date, and the rah-rah boys undoubtedly are counting on it to supply them with more amusement at coming athletic meets. As long as their smart aleck stuff only made themselves ridiculous in the eyes of surrounding spectators, there has been a tendency to hold off. Now another factor enters the situation.

No one will deny that the temptation for the children to run out on the floor is too great to be resisted. After all, money dropping into their hands like that is manna—or something.

Saturday night an active effort will be made to keep the children from running out when the deluge of coins starts. Should this fail, the children will be barred from all future Rec hall contests.

Now do the thoughtless spectators see what their actions will cost the young fans. By being smart—in its worst sense—the unfunny undergrad will be depriving the grade school children of an opportunity to attend Penn State indoor meets. We repeat; the goodness of heart of the Penn State student is unquestioned. We are sure that it will assert itself Saturday and prevent any drastic

action from being taken. MORAL: If you have a yen for philanthropy, take some kid down town and buy him a 'burger; don't make him scramble for pennies on Rec hall floor.

Athletics at Penn State takes the first big step ahead in 1936 with the inauguration of swimming as a varsity sport. Saturday's meet with Syracuse should be worth attending. Coach Mahatma Galbraith has driven those water-minded athletes until they are in rare form. Predictions are hardly in order, but it's a certainty that the fans won't be disappointed in the showing.

Saturday's Sports Events

- 1:00 Freshman basketball with Bucknell Freshmen
- 2:00 Swimming with Syracuse at the Glennland Pool
- 2:30 Gymnastics with Illinois
- 3:30 Wrestling with Pittsburgh
- 7:00 Boxing with M. I. T.
- 8:30 Basketball with West Virginia (Conference Game)

Women in Sports

Miss Marie Haidt, women's physical education director, Mary Lou Clippinger, head basketball manager, and Betty Springer, president of W.A.A., selected the varsity basketball team from the three upper classes.

Ginnie Goodman '37, Dot McGuire '36, and Helen Ketter '38 were the forwards selected. Ollie Evans '38 and Flossie Taylor '37 were the strapping centers chosen. Tiny Pudge Smith '37 was selected as side center.

Florence Brigham '37, Jenn Northrup '37, Charlotte Walker '38, and Gene Ziegler '37 were the guards chosen.

The varsity team is chosen at the close of each basketball season and is made up of the best material found in the three upper classes.

Girls interested in the elections for hockey managers are urged to sign up on Mac hall bulletin board.

2 Russian Scientists Examine Laboratories

Prof. Michael B. Markovitch, professor of chemico at the Technological Institute at Leningrad, Russia, and V. L. Gurvitch, chemical engineer and chief chemist of the research laboratories at Neftiproekt, Russia, visited the School of Mineral Industries here last week.

They observed the laboratories of the school and reported that they were greatly impressed by the fine equipment and facilities the College possesses for carrying on experiments and other work in the mineral industries line.

Nittany Basketball Team Faces West Virginia Squad Saturday Night for Third League Game

Virginia Quintet Has Strong Offensive Play; Lions Stand at Bottom of League.

By DICK LEWIS

Saturday night, the Penn State basketball team bolts into action for its third league to meet the West Virginia mountain men in Recreation hall at 8:30 o'clock.

With Carnegie Tech's victory by two points keeping the Lions in last place in Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball conference standings, the Nittanymen take another pot at the League scoreboard.

The Mountaineers have conquered Carnegie Tech; Carnegie Tech conquered the Nittanymen; but Saturday night's game is a conclusion, foregone or otherwise. West Virginia presents the toughest league competition the Lions have met to date.

What the Crystal Reveals

Although this Swami-crystal-gazing business tends to become hazardous when it comes to making advance guesses as to future contests, we venture to predict that the Nittany Lion basketball machine will give the oncoming Morgantowners a dose of hard basketball. For the Blue and White has shown consistent improvement under fire.

Earlier in the season, the Lions took a 45-23 beating from the Pitt Panthers. The Panthers fell before Carnegie Tech 24-to-20. And last game, the Nittanymen led the Panthers at the end of the first half; and only a late Tech rally pulled the invaders into the lead to eke out a two-point victory, 32-to-30. All of which statistically represents a gain in strength for the local five.

Penn State has won six and lost three encounters with the men from Morgantown in past scrimmages. Reports show that the West Virginians have an iron-clad defense, and an all-around fast scoring combination. Strictly interpreted this means nothing more than a hard game Saturday night.

How They Stand

The Penn State quintet has won four out of seven games played in the season's schedule to date; lost two league games and one non-league game to Navy. This puts the Nittanymen up to a .570 season average.

This is how the conference teams rate so far this season:

School	W.	L.	Pct.
Carnegie Tech	4	1	.800
Temple	3	2	.600
West Virginia	2	2	.500
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500
Georgetown	1	2	.250
Penn State	0	2	.000

Writing Contest Date Announced by Banner

The writing contest for high school seniors staged annually by Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity, will open February 15, according to Prof. J. Franklin Banner, head of the department of journalism, upon returning from the annual convention of Pennsylvania newspaper publishers at Harrisburg last week. Only high school seniors who write news for their local newspapers are eligible.

Prizes of \$20, \$15, \$10, and \$5, in the order named, will be awarded the winners at the annual newspaper conference that will be held here April 25.

The advisory committee that will judge the applications consists of the following newspaper publishers: E. Arthur Sweeney, of the Greensburg Tribune-Republic; John L. Stewart, of the Washington Observer-Reporter; Charles R. Long, of the Chester Times; Harold Farquhar, of the Bethlehem Globe-Times; Dean Hoffman, of the Harrisburg Patriot; Charles M. Meredith, of the Quakertown Free Press; Floyd H. Miller, of the Waynesboro Democrat - Messenger; and Marion S. Schock, of the Selinsgrove Times.

Twenty out of fifty-seven universities and colleges recently questioned report that they maintain motion-picture service for about 5,000 other schools.

In view of this record, a number of fans remain in doubt as to the Lion's actual strength.

A lot of people around here, however, put their nickels on Pennsylvania when the quintet journeyed down to the Palestra last month, because Penn looked good in the light of a long string of victories over Lion cage teams. But the Lions won. Then the Syracuse Orange rolled into town with an impressive record of busting the best Eastern teams wide open; and again the odds were laid out of town.

The Nittanymen have made a slow start into League competition, and immediately the boys who run the opposing teams come to the conclusion that Penn State isn't much to worry about on account of Penn State is at the bottom. This highly unscientific method of rating a team has its advantages—for the team so rated. And so we cast most caution into the nearest winds and venture to predict a surprise for a strong and confident invading Mountaineer aggregation and a bunch of spectators who have been reading the papers and who have already come to conclusions.

Co-Edits

Girls living at Mac hall will give their annual dance on February 15 in Mac hall dining room with Bill Bottorff's orchestra furnishing the music. Squads of freshman women have been delegated to wax the floor for this dance, which is one of the most successful of the women's dances. Tickets may be obtained from any girl living at Mac hall, the admission charge being one dollar per couple. Although the dance is held by Mac hall women tickets will be sold to members of both sexes. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Claudia A. Bodes '38 and Winnie Feldman '37, have left our midst. Claudia was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and Winnie doesn't live at L-Amite anymore.

A farewell party was held at the State College Hotel on Sunday evening for Miss Feldman.

Ruth B. Evans '37 spent the past few days visiting with friends at Buffalo, New York. Miss Evans is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and has recently moved to Waynesboro, Virginia, from Buffalo.

Women's rushing is nearing a climax. The last few weeks of rushing are always the most interesting and exciting, but the girls are behaving very well this year, thank you.

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Illinois Provides First Opposition In Gym Contest

Big Ten Champs Meet Sophomore Team; Ropes Barred.

Minus the services of Captain Pete Lektrich, the Penn State gymnastic team will open their 1936 season Saturday against Illinois, Big Ten champions for the past three years. The time of the meet has been delayed until 2:30 o'clock, and will take place immediately after the freshman basketball game.

According to rules set up by the Big Ten Athletic Association, the events for the gymnastic meets do not list a rope-climb. Because of this, Coach Nels Walke has agreed to strike this event from the program, although the rope-climb is one of the featured contests in eastern competition. The barring of this event means that Captain Lektrich will not compete, and this is a severe blow to the Nittany gymnasts. Lektrich has piled up an impressive record in three years of competition.

Leading the varsity gymnasts will be Sam Beck and George Turwillinger, two of a group of four sophomores that comprise the main strength of the 1936 team. Besides Lektrich, other veterans on the squad are Ervin Rohrbach and Ray Mattern.

Beck and Turwillinger will compete on the horizontal bar and the parallel bars, with Ed Burgener joining them in the latter event. Rohrbach will start on the horse and the rings, with Harry Garton, another sophomore, also entered on the rings. Ray Mattern's event is tumbling.

The invading gymnasts from the mid-west present one of the strongest teams in the country. Foremost members of the Big Ten champions' squad are three men who are considered bright prospects for the 1936 Olympics. These compete in the tumbling event, on the horizontal bar, and the parallel bars.

Doggett, Tarpley Read Paper Before A.I.E.E.

Prof. Leonard A. Doggett and Prof. Harold I. Tarpley returned last week from New York where they presented a paper at the winter conference of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The paper was

titled "Electrical Power Measurements," and dealt with instances in everyday practice as well as special cases where ordinary instruments will not suffice.

The paper was discussed by various representatives of electrical instrument companies, and a representative of the United States Naval Academy.

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