

# Football Squad To Hold 1st Scrimmage Today

## Strong Reserve Material, Many Fast Backs Will Help Higgins In Forming Eleven

### Candidates Reported To First Practice On Tuesday

With first scrimmage of the year called for this afternoon, Bob Higgins' blue and white gridders are settling down to work in earnest and all indications point to some fierce competition for berths on the 1936 edition of the Lion eleven.

Over forty candidates reported to Coach Higgins at the initial practice session Tuesday afternoon, and it is from these men that Higgins hopes to whip together the most formidable varsity to take the field under a Penn State banner in many a year. Light practice sessions with passing, blocking, and kicking accentuated have been the rule this week, and tomorrow's scrimmage will mark the beginning of three weeks of intensive training in preparation for the opening game with Muhlenberg on October 3.

Stronger reserve material and faster backs—these are the improvements over last year's team which Higgins hopes to develop through the aid of last year's strong freshman eleven. Half of the candidates officially invited

Lion Grid Captain



CHARLES J. CHERUNDOLO '37

ed back for first practice Tuesday were sophomores and they should push many of last year's veterans hard for varsity positions, and will serve as a strong reserve force, a department in which State was woefully weak last season.

Of the sophomores, Bill Denise, Johnny Patrick, and Dean Hanley are most likely to land varsity berths. Denise and Patrick are candidates for the backfield. Both weigh in the neighborhood of 170 pounds and are excellent field runners. Hanley is a 200-pounder and candidate for a tackle post.

Heading the list of veterans who returned Tuesday bringing the footballs and shoes issued to them earlier in the summer, are last year's lettermen: Captain Chuck Cherundolo, center; Lou Barth and Johnny Economos, guards; Roy Schuyler and Dan De Marino, tackles; Frank Smith, end;

## Lawther Named New Cage Coach For '37 Season

### McAndrews To Mentor Football Yearlings; Follows Walke

Lion sport fans will have the opportunity of seeing whether a fellow that made a big splash in a little pond can accomplish the same in a big one when John D. Lawther takes over the basketball coaching reins here this year.

Lawther comes here from little Westminster College of New Wilmington, where he has produced duced crackerjack outfits that such stalwarts as Chick Davies of Duquesne and Red Carlson of Pitt were fearful of and seldom beat.

He succeeds Spike Leslie, whose initial season in the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference was blessed with no victories.

Martin S. McAndrews, a State graduate, comes from Bucknell this year to assume the coaching duties in football for the freshmen, thus verifying the COLLEGIAN report of last spring. He will succeed Nels Walke, who is doctor-degreering in Columbia University. He will be assisted by two Lion lettermen of last season, center Jim O'Hara and end Bill Miller.

Other summer athletic appointments included the former track coach of Carlton College, Northfield, Minn., Ray M. Conger, as an instructor in physical education, and the appointment of Earle L. Edwards and Albert P. Michaels as assistant varsity football coaches to Bob Higgins. Michaels will be remembered as a Lion quarterback two seasons ago when he roamed the gridiron under the name of Mike Lonis.

Red O'Hara, Rabbit Wear, Tommy Silvano, Paul Enders, and Walter Kominski, backs.

Other veterans include: Joe Adessa, Bob Corman, Harry Cromwell, Sammy Donato, Parkie Eshbach, Vic Grieve, Joe Krupa, Bob Morini, Fred Owens, George Palmer, Ed Sheridan, Mel Vonnax, Carl Waugaman, Tom Wible, Art Yett, and Nick Zochowski.

Several more sophomores are counted on to give the regulars plenty of competition. Alex Barantovich, end; Harry Harrison, quarterback; Sever Toretti, guard; Bud Kyle, halfback; Joe Peel, tackle; and Tony Sacco, guard, are the outstanding newcomers.

Because of a severe accident sustained while working on the State College high school athletic field last Friday, it is thought that Whitey Rhoda will be unable to attend practice sessions and may be out all season. Whitey did fine work as a substitute in the Nittany backfield last year and his absence will be sorely felt.

For the first time in State's history the football coaching staff will be composed entirely of Penn State graduates. Earle Edwards and Marty McAndrews, who are replacing Heme Everhardus and Nels Walke this year, will act as assistant varsity coach and head freshman coach respectively. Others aiding Coach Bob Higgins this season are Joe Bedenk, line coach; Al Michaels, assistant varsity coach; Bill Miller and Jim O'Hara, assistant freshman coaches.

## New Basketball Coach



COACH JOHN LAWTHOR

## Athletics For All Possible With IM Sports Program

### Point System To Make Competition High Among Groups

Under the now famous slogan, "Athletics for All," coined many years ago by Hugo Bezdek, director of athletics, a comprehensive system of intramural athletics is sponsored by the College for the benefit of all students interested in developing their bodies as well as their minds. In past years participation in intramural athletics has increased steadily and a large portion of the student body takes part.

Run on a competitive basis, all of the major sports and some minor ones are included on the program which is divided into fall, winter, and spring periods. Every fraternity may enter a team in each of the competitions and non-fraternity men are divided into units determined by geographical location in State College. Organized rooming and boarding houses may also be constituted as units.

A comprehensive, sliding scale point system has been worked out to include all sports, with the major ones receiving the largest rating. In addition points are awarded for varsity managementships, letters, numerals, and intramural board memberships. To the fraternity or unit having the highest total number of points for the year after the spring period is completed goes the Bezdek Cup. This cup is contributed each year by Director Bezdek and remains in the permanent possession of the winning club.

Smaller cups or plaques, appropriate to each sport, are also presented to the winning teams in each sport and medals are given to the champs in the individual sports. Administration and running off of the entire program is entirely in the hands of the students themselves with authority vested in the Intramural Board, whose members are appointed by the students. All cups, medals and keys are provided for through a system of entrance fees which must be paid for each sport by all competing fraternities and units.

In addition to all of the major sports, handball, volleyball and horse-shoes are included in the winter program. Touch football is substituted for the more dangerous sport from which it springs during the fall, and in the spring the most popular sport is mushball. Winter activities included basketball, wrestling, and boxing. The School of Athletics and Physical Education cooperates closely with the Intramural Board by furnishing referees and umpires as well as equipment to the competition.

Through the action of the College several years ago classes after 4 o'clock in the afternoon have been eliminated as far as possible and many fraternities have advanced the dinner used for skull practice.

It is almost impossible to predict when the tower and team rooms will be completed, although authoritative sources indicated that water may be supplied to the College from the tower in November.

Track Under Stands Started

Trackmen's complaints that the wooden track in Recreation hall is unsuitable for winter training have been rewarded with the planning of a 100-yard cinder track to be built under the West stands for winter use. Rest rooms will also be located under the West stands.

Last but not least is the construction of new ticket gates and houses on the South and East to help supply pasteboards to the anticipated increased sales that are to result from the larger seating capacity.

## Werner Brightens Track Outlook With H. S. Stars

If things work out the way Track Coach Chick Werner expects them to at fall registration, Penn State will boast of the finest crop of star high school athletes ever to matriculate at any Pennsylvania College.

Many of the prospective Penn State stars were the winners of the individual events at the P. J. A. A. track meet, last spring here. Probably most outstanding is Rick Vuckmanic, Jefferson Township high school javelin thrower who broke the national scholastic record with a throw of 296 feet 10 inches last spring.

Another of the promising boys is Don Kinzle, Altoona track captain, who skips over the low hurdles in the fast time of 23.8.

John Woodruff, Pitt Olympic winner, set a record for the mile here, two years ago, but it did not stand long when Maule of Media ran the distance in 4:28. He is also expected to enter here this week.

State College will be represented by Roger Maurer, a broad jumper who has done 22 feet 10 inches.

Others who will bear the blue and white emblem in the future include Jenkins of Forty Fort, who does the high hurdles in 16, the lows in 26, and high jumps 5 feet ten; "Blackie" White, sprinter; and Booth, of Duquesne.

Efforts of Coach Werner to get good men have been untiring throughout the summer and seemingly have been well rewarded. Indications are that State will have the finest freshman track team in its history this spring. But watch these boys in a couple of years.

## "Collegian" Will Conduct Presidential Straw Poll

A straw vote on the presidency of the United States will be conducted by the COLLEGIAN during the fall registration. Ballots will be distributed to both freshmen and upperclassmen as they complete registration in Recreation hall. Upon these will the students signify their popular candidate.

A table at the end of the registration line will insure a minimum of inconvenience. Polls have been conducted throughout the country, notably by the American Institute of Public Opinion, but few have been conducted that show any accurate indication of actual student opinion on the election. The COLLEGIAN believes that as future citizens, students have intelligently considered this November and that the poll will be an accurate one.

## Football Stands Made Larger; New Beaver Improvements Many

As the opening home date of the Nittany football team draws near, workmen are hurrying to complete the gigantic improvement works that have been partially effected upon New Beaver field during the summer.

Chief among the works are the new steel football grandstands. The 2,400 capacity steel West stand has been augmented to seat 8,000, and the old wooden East stands have been torn down and a steel structure to seat 2,400 put in its place. Thus the seating capacity for home football games has been boosted to 10,400, plus the temporary wooden bleachers that can be erected for emergencies.

The press box that was at the top of the former West stands that were put up two years ago has been raised 20 rows to the top. The West stands are now 306 feet long, and the East stands 180 feet. The first steel stands were centered on the 50-yard line, while now the structures cover the entire West sidelines.

New Fences Erected

Another improvement is a high wire fence that encloses the entire field from the tennis courts on the south around the football field on the West to the baseball diamond on the North and East. A smaller fence has been erected around the track that circles the gridiron.

A new pole vault standard and pit have been erected. The new measuring device is of the latest type and involves but the turning of a crank to raise the height of the bar.

Water Tower Work Delayed

The new College water tower that is being built behind the West stands is still far from completion, the work being delayed by delinquent steel orders. When completed it will supply water to the entire campus, as told in a COLLEGIAN story last spring. Underneath the tower will be team rooms for the participants in sporting events on New Beaver field. Dressing will still be done in Recreation hall, but between the halves of the games the teams will retire to the team rooms instead of retiring all the way to Recreation hall. They will also be

## Soccermen Practicing For Season's Opener

Slowly but surely the soccermen of State are returning to town and preparing to get into shape for the season's opener on October 10 against Bucknell. Coach Bill Jeffrey has been practicing with a few of the early-comers for the past few days on the golf course field.

The first few days of practice will be devoted to dribbling, offensive passing, and angle attempts at the goal. After the "kinks" have been taken out of the feet the squad will begin a serious scrimmage period. Defensive tactics will be stressed as a major asset.

Bill McEwan captains the team, while Alvin S. Newmeyer '37 will act as manager. Several State College High graduates are bidding for berths.

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