

Between the Lions Wherein The Alumni Goes To Bat But The Prexy Singles To Center

Whether or not the administration will be putting itself out on a very dangerous limb will be forecast tomorrow when the trustees meet in Harrisburg to decide, among other things, just who will be the new Dean of Physical Education and Athletics to succeed Hugo Bezdek.

At a standstill over the selection of the new man since December 3, 1936, it has become apparent that somebody was getting a bit desperate and that others were becoming impatient. The alumni, supposedly all-powerful, endorsed a person who, first, was a Penn State graduate, and second, was a power in intercollegiate athletics.

But last week, the Collegian discovered that the man probably to get the recommendation of the president and perhaps the appointment of the trustees met neither of the requirements of the alumni. Dr. Carl Schott, the rumored appointee, has served for nine years only as Dean of a School of Physical Education and has had but little to do with athletics.

The administration wanted an academic man as dean. Dr. Schott may be this, although he has done little in his field. It seems rather queer that the administration did not force an academic person, with a thorough knowledge of both the physical education and athletic pictures here, to take the position. We refer to Dr. Ellwood C. Davis, who, as chairman of the committee running the School at present, won the respect of the coaches and others.

It is rumored that Dr. Davis was offered the position and refused it. If this is so, he probably did not welcome the athletic responsibilities. But the appointment of Dr. Schott, supposedly not an academic man, mixes the situation up again.

If Dr. Schott secures the appointment tomorrow, it will only be fair to give him a chance here. Perhaps he is a capable handler of intercollegiate athletic problems. If so, he will have to show it to a critical group of students and alumni.

Although boxing rightly so has been shunted into the background by spring sports, there still is time to bring up a last-minute bouquet. Johnny Sayers, a sophomore, was an intricate part of the undefeated Lion mites although he never appeared before an audience in boxing togs. During the week, he sparred with Sammy Donato and kept the welterweight in shape. On Saturday nights, he came into his own as trainer and second to the ring team. He worked hard, and his quick suggestions and soothing hands probably won more than one fight for Penn State.

When it came time to award the boxers for their services, Johnny wasn't named as winner of a major "S." Probably, if he remains here, he will be honored when he is a senior. It would be a fine gesture of the athletic administration to pay homage to a great sportsman before he has left Penn State.

Writing a sports column brings accusations that one is a sideline

Sigma Nu Cagers Capture IM Title

Last Minute Onslaught Tops Phi Delta Theta, 36-26, In Hard Battle

Sigma Nu won the intramural basketball championship by defeating Phi Delta Theta, 36-26, after a last-minute scoring spree which netted the winners 13 points to climax a nip-and-tuck contest, Tuesday night. Coach John D. Lawther officiated.

In making their way to the finals, Sigma Nu downed Unit 6, Watts Hall, and Varsity Hall, while Phi Delta Theta topped the Comets, Unit 2, and the B-R-B Club.

At the end of the first quarter of the title tilt the score was knotted at 8-8. In the second period, Sigma Nu outscored their opponents 9 to 5, and at half-time the score stood 17-13. Phi Delta Theta launched a vicious third period attack to again tie the count at 21-21. But just as the quarter ended Denise sank a long shot to put Sigma Nu out in front.

Scheuer High Scorer

In the final frame Phi Delta Theta, apparently stunned by a sudden barrage of Sigma Nu points, was completely routed and the game ended 36-26.

Don Scheuer, Phi Delta Theta forward, had a brilliant evening at the basket, registering six goals and three fouls for a total of 15 points. Denise with five goals and a foul and Thomas with five goals were high scorers for Sigma Nu.

coach, etc. This writer wants it known that what goes down here is just one person's opinion, and wishes to emphasize the point that other views are welcomed. Any letters pertaining to sports topics sent to this column will be printed, either in full or in part. We are only following the statement made recently by Leo Houck in answer to suggestions from "experts" as to who should make the freshman baseball team. "Come up today at four," said Leo, "and help me pick the team."
—J. W.

Nine Resumes Home Stand With Colgate

Frank Smith To Pitch Against Raiders Tomorrow

Idle since last Saturday, Penn State's baseball team resumes its scheduled six-game home stand at New Beaver field tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Colgate's Red Raiders supplying the opposition. It will be the Lions' third home game and sixth of the season.

Steady rains soaked New Beaver field Wednesday, forcing postponement of the Dickinson contest until Wednesday, June 2. Because of final examination week, however, Graduate Manager of Athletics Neil M. Fleming said yesterday that the faculty committees of both schools will be asked to advance the game into May.

Smith's Arm in Shape

His arm again primed for pitching duty, Co-captain Frank Smith is slated to face the Red Raiders in the 13th meeting of a series that began in 1896. Colgate has been able to win only three of the 12 games. No marked changes are expected, the position of right field, as usual, depending upon the opposition's pitcher.

Smith, with two victories in three starts this season, may meet a tartar in Colgate. The Red Raiders will come here with practically the same line-up that almost spragged the high-flying Nittany Lion machine last year at Hamilton, N. Y. The greatest disadvantage that the Raiders will have to overcome is the loss of Bob Wright, brilliant southpaw who held the Lions to eight safeties in their last meeting.

The infield will again consist of Mel Vonax at first base, Windy Wear at second, Harry Harrison at shortstop, and Johnny Waters at third. Co-captain Mike Kornick will be behind the bat.

Michoff Paces Batters

Getting four hits in ten times at bat, shift Sol Michoff tops the batting list with an average of .400. Break is runner-up, with five hits out of 13 attempts for a mark of .385. Other marks are: Harrison .285; Adessa .263; Crossin .250; Waters .200; Vonax and Benny Simoncelli, each .167; Wear .150; Kornick .130; Smith .100.

Batter Chatter

Simoncelli blasted the Red Raiders single-handedly last year, topping his eight-hit performance with a double with the bags loaded to give State a 7-4 victory. Incidentally, Colgate got off on the right foot last week, nipping Cornell, 4-3. Bedenk takes his usual daily workout by serving them up to his batters in practice. Brake exemplifies the perfect Pepper Martin, head-first, belly slide.—J.A.T.

Spring Sports Writers' Assignments Announced

Here are the sports writers who will cover the spring sports for the remainder of the year:

- Baseball.....John Troanovitch
- Fresh Baseball.....Tommy Boal
- Lacrosse (Frosh, Varsity).....Sal Sala
- Tennis.....Herb Cahan
- Track.....Bill Joachim
- Frosh Track.....Roy Nichols
- Golf.....Bruce Trabue
- Spring Football.....Al McIntyre
- Intramurals.....Herb Cahan, John Troanovitch, Bruce Trabue, Al McIntyre

8 Women Placed On Rifle Team

More Varsity Matches Held This Year; Baseball Practice Will Open Monday

Rifle honors were bestowed upon eight outstanding shooters who fulfilled the requirements of winning at least one match and completing the season with an average of 90 points. The honorary varsity includes: Helen Adams, Olive Brown, Bety Evans, Margie Lloyd, Madge Norton, Maybel Penley, Pudgè Saunders and Abie Taylor.

This year's rifle season has been more successful than previous recent seasons, not only in the number of varsity matches won, but also in the total number of participation hours. One hundred and four women signed up and were active in the sport with the grand total of 1275 participation hours.

Saunders Elected

Eleanor Saunders has been elected by the W. A. A. board as head rifle manager for next season. Assisting her from the junior class will be Helen Adams and Miriam Skladal has been elected the sophomore manager.

Baseball practice ended yesterday and the annual inter-class competition will open Monday with the senior-junior and sophomore-freshman games. Bety Wirtz will manage the sophomore team while Camilla Binder has been appointed freshman manager.

Before I hand over the sports typewriter to your new commentator, hearty thanks are in order to Miss Haidt, Jean Northrup and the board who made it possible this year for the Collegian women's sports writer to attend board meetings. I only hope that, in return, the column has been constructive to the board and to the actual participation.

Penn State's sportswomen should be commended for their excellent enthusiasm, which is comparatively greater than that in other colleges where better facilities are available.

Quakers Here To Meet Lion Lacrosse Ten

State Out For Third Straight Victory From Penn

Penn State's lacrosse team will seek its third successive win at the expense of the Pennsylvania squad on New Beaver field tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock.

The Lions will line up against a big Penn combination, most of the players coming from the football and boxing wars. The Quakers' ace goal-tender is captain of the boxing team and a blocking back on the football squad while their star attack man, Alva Nye, plays end on the eleven. In their defeat, at the hands of a strong John Hopkins' ten, the Penn men displayed a rough-and-tumble blocking and checking machine that makes for plenty of fast action. The Quakers defeated the Philadelphia Lacrosse Club which consists of former college players.

Last year, the Lions nosed out Penn, 5-4, in the closing minutes of play, to begin their season. That was played on April 25. Tomorrow, despite the fact that they are playing the fourth game of the season, Coach Thiel's boys have not as yet reached their top form.

Frenchy Julian, All-American lacrosse player from Rutgers, will referee the game. Frenchy is considered the best official in the business by his colleagues and lacrosse coaches. His stunts and acts on the field have given him the title of the "aerobatic official."

The following is the probable line-up to face Penn at the opening whistle: Cohen and Caskey, homes; Busser and Snook, attacks; Captain Conley, center; Hoff and Hontz, defenses; Eisenman and Proksa, points; and Meyer, goal.—S.S.S.

Lion H Plays Teachers

With a month of intensive spring practice behind them, the Lion football squad will engage the gridmen of Bloomsburg State Teachers College in a regulation length practice game at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on New Beaver field. It will be the gridmen's second practice game this spring.

Freshman Baseballers Play At Mercersburg Tomorrow

Seeking to avenge a 13-2 walling administered last year by Mercersburg, the Nittany Cubs will leave tomorrow morning for the southern Pennsylvania school. Counting on three weeks of fair practice days Leo Houck will present a well-knit team on the diamond.

Bob Goodrich is slated to take the mound for the Houckmen in the opening game. Five pitchers besides Goodrich will accompany the players to Mercersburg. The starting lineup finds Chuck Plumber as lead-off hitter with Sherwin batting in the sacrifice position. Dean Stover, shortstop, and Paul Menzie, third baseman, bat in the clean-up positions. Chuck Qualley, left fielder, Mike Cooper, center fielder, John Relic, right fielder, Paul Steber, catcher, and Goodrich, pitcher, complete the lineup.

Coach Houck expects his usual good season of only one loss and the rest victories. He is noted for whipping teams into shape on short notice as, for example, his cubs of last year who sent a strong team on the field with only three hours' practice. This season, with three weeks of pre-game practice, much is expected of the sluggers.

Mercersburg Boasts 4 Victories

Boasting four victories out of five starts, the Mercersburg nine should find little trouble in cutting down the Cub team. Wins over Harvard and Princeton freshmen feature their 1937 record. Captain and first baseman of their squad is Joe E. Brown, Jr., son of the famous movie star and ex-Yankee third baseman.

Completing the squad to make the trip to the Academy includes: Amery Dunn, Bill Hile, Al Bolder, Milan Buchanan, and Sam Stiver, all pitchers. Utility men to go are: Martin Valeri, Sam DeFranco, Dick Parsons, Joe Hetra, and Roy Gensler.—T.A.B.

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15 Trackmen Run at Penn Relays Today, Tomorrow

Coach Chick Werner's three relay quartets and three individual entrants make up the Penn State delegation which left early this morning to take part in the 43rd annual Penn Relay Carnival at Philadelphia today and tomorrow.

The first team which will see action will be that of Co-captain Howard Downey, Burt Aikman, Len Henderson, and Pete Olexy in the distance medley relay. The four will run in this order. Each man runs a different distance, Downey a 4-10; Aikman the half-mile; Henderson the three-quarter mile; and Olexy the mile. This is the only event in which State will take place today.

State will be up against one of the greatest teams of all time in the Indiana distance entry. The mid-west team will star two Olympic runners, Don Lash and Tommy Deckard. Lash set a world's record for the two-mile run at Princeton last June.

The same four will make up the four-mile relay team for Saturday's event. Here again Indiana is the big threat. Downey will probably start off the race, while Olexy will run the anchor leg.

A favorable break, but one that will not have much effect on the outcome of the races, is the one by which both of the Lion distance relay teams

drew the pole in their races. The race is so long that the effect of starting from the pole will be almost negligible.

Coach Werner expects the other Lion varsity entry, the shuttle hurdle relay team, to provide plenty of opposition for all teams entered. Miller Frazier, a sophomore, will join with three veterans, Dave Bauer, Jim Redmond, and Greg Thompson, to make up the team of four. This event will also take place on Saturday.

Bob Clark, Gene Feldman, and Co-captain Mike Brown are the three individual entries. Clark recently set a new college mark in the pole vault. Brown holds the college shot-put mark. Feldman has been improving rapidly and stands a good chance of placing in the Carnival hammer throw event.

As a result of a fine showing made in Monday's time trials, the freshman relay team will also compete. Hutchings, Galer, Yohn, and Kauffman will carry the baton for the freshmen in that order.

Kauffman won the time trials, running against the wind on a poor track in 51.6 seconds. Hutchings, Galer, and Yohn were all under 52.5 seconds. This places the freshmen at least on a par with most of the first year squads in the east.—W.B.L.



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