

LAWTHER SILENT ON SEASON'S PROSPECTS

Court Candidates Total 17; Team Will Begin Campaign With Only One Regular Out

By JOHN TROANOVITCH

"I've got to watch these fellows and keep yelling."

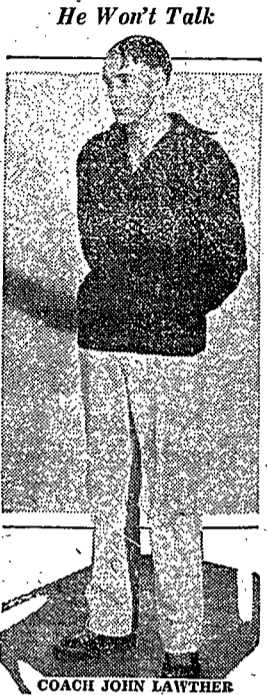
Thus, with a reassuring nod, varsity basketball coach John D. Lawther dismisses all queries, hazards no predictions, doggedly picks up where he left off last year, determined to fill the one vacancy and smooth the weaknesses of the crack array that stumped the Eastern Intercollegiate Conference last season by skyrocketing from the league's dorm to within one game of first place.

Replacing Spike Leske last year at the helm of a team which had not won a single conference tilt and amassed a record of only six victories in 17 starts, Lawther injected a shifting zone defense, sprinkled with speed, craftiness, and grit, to mould a combination feared in Eastern court circles.

New to the Lawther system, the Lion brigade did not hit its stride until the vespers half of the season when it suddenly turned on the steam, catapulting to within striking distance of first place on the crest of a four-game win streak that numbered among others the champion Pitt Panthers.

Only 1937 cog missing from the present machine is Center Jay McWilliams, who was graduated last June, but the problem is expected to be solved by big, rubberized Charles Prosser, who alternated with McWilliams at the position last season.

Increasing the number of candi-



COACH JOHN LAWTHER

He's too busy moulding another crack basketball brigade.

Gym Exhibit Set For Court Clinic

The varsity gym team, led by Capt. Sam Beck and Ray Runkle, outstanding holdovers from last year's squad, will display the talent acquired from two weeks of practice between halves of the exhibition game at the basketball clinic tomorrow night.

Coach Gene Bischoff has available the largest number of candidates ever to turn out, but he is uncertain as to the calibre of the material. Beside Beck and Runkle, lettermen returning from last year are Al Kligman and Julian Parton, performing on the horse and ropes, respectively. Sophomore aspirants who probably will secure places on the varsity include Stan Feldman, Stan Haigh, Herm Shmukler, Merrill Beck, and Norm Gordon.

Four meets are scheduled for the season with the possibility of a pre-season meet with West Chester in January. The schedule opens February 5 with Army at West Point; M. I. T. comes here February 12; and a road trip on the 18th and 19th of February takes the squad to Princeton and Temple, respectively.

DTD Downs Beta Sigs

Romping over Beta Sigma Rho by a score of 19-0, Delta Tau Delta won the championship of the Locust Lane football league Wednesday afternoon in a fast passing game. In reaching the finals DTD conquered TNE, TKE, Alpha Chi Rho, Chi Phi, KDR, and SPE, all members of the eight-team league.

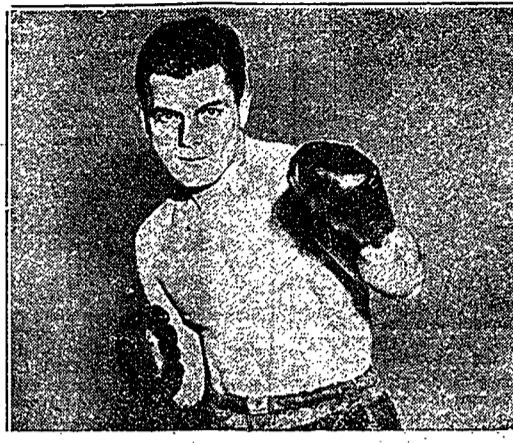
Nineties' Newspapers Openly Accuse Teams And Officials

Back in the Gay Nineties when Richmond Straight Cut was a leading cigarette and the Bellefonte Central ran three trains a day, the sports reporters apparently didn't beat around the bush in criticizing opponents for dirty playing, professionalism, and "fixing" the officials. Seldom did State lose a football game unless they were absolutely cheated of it.

Nowadays the Collegian wouldn't dream of printing that we think Pitt's football team lines up at the pay window every Saturday night, but the Free Lance of 1892 says of the tremendous odds they faced when losing to Penn, 20-0:

"In the first place, we have to pick an eleven from 300 while the University has the choice of 1,500 students; and yet pays salaries in an indirect way to professionals to complete the makeup of their team; and besides this we played on their grounds and had to battle twelve men instead of eleven, if the referee could be considered a man, for his decisions intimated that he lacked good judgement, or was devoid of that quality of jus-

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"Steve Hamas... a college product who has gone higher up the ladder to pugilistic fame than any other former Rah-Rah boy" was the tribute paid to one of Penn State's greatest all-around athletes.

Most everyone knows of Steve's accomplishments in the squared circle—of winning 27 straight fights, 24 of them by knockouts; his climactic victory over the great master, Tommy Loughran; and then of his saddening loss to Max Schmeling two years ago in Germany.

Before his graduation from Penn State in 1929, Steve won three letters in football, three in boxing, two in basketball, two in track, and one in lacrosse—eleven in all.

He played football and basketball in his sophomore year, and after the latter season Coach Leo Houck persuaded this 195-pound youngster to don the gloves. Two weeks later he won the intercollegiate heavyweight championship!

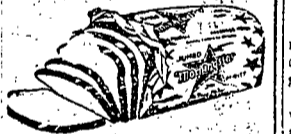
On the afternoon of the final basketball game of the 1927-28 season, Houck persuaded the basketball coach to permit Hamas to box in a dual meet with Temple. He won by a technical knockout over Swede Hansen of the Owls in the third round of this fight and that evening played a full game of basketball, topping off the day by going to a dance later.

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backs. No protests were made, however, when midway in the second half Coach Johnny Poe, former Princeton star, came into the game as a Virginia substitute.

During the school year 1887-88 Penn State boasted of a faculty of 17, 140 men students, and 27 women undergraduates. Seventeen degrees were given under the supervision of George W. Atherton, who was president of the College. It was also during this school year that the Agricultural Experiment Station was established.

Playing the University of Virginia in the first game of the 1892 season, the Lion gridgers again won on a forfeit when a spectator slipped down Atherton, one of State's star

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Hikers Journey To New Ski Trail

The fifth all-college hike will be held this Sunday at 2 o'clock and will be to the newly constructed ski trail on Bald Knob Mountain.

Members of the hiking party will meet at Rec hall where automobiles will be provided to take them to the foot of the ski trail where the hike proper is to begin. A small fee of fifteen cents will be charged to take care of incidental expenses.

This series of hikes was begun early this fall under the sponsorship of the School of Physical Education with Ray Conger in direct charge of the work. The first hike in which over forty persons participated was held late in October and was to Shingletown Gap. The second and third hikes were to Little Flat Tower and Scotia, respectively. Only about 30 persons attended each of these hikes, but the next hike, just before Thanksgiving recess, showed a decided rise in interest for over 50 faculty and student members attended. They hiked to Nittany Mountain in what, according to Conger, was the best hike of this season.

All members of both the student and faculty groups are welcome at these hikes. Students on the elective basis in physical education should keep in mind the fact that class-attendance credit is given to all elective students who go on these hikes. They should bring their elective cards and have them signed for credit.

Here is a Penn State yell of the days when the college cheer was only a chirp—vintage 1887: "Yah, Yah, Yah, Yah, Ye, Whick, Wack; Pink, Black, P. S. C."

5 Nittany Booters Place On All-East

Five of Penn State's undefeated soccermen are included in Coach Bill Jeffrey's selections for an All-Eastern team. Syracuse follows with two, and Army, Navy, Temple, and Yale each placed one.

Jeffrey's team lists: Goalie... Haines, Navy Left Fullback... Pickard, Army Right Fullback... Schuler, Penn State Left Halfback... Spyster, Penn State Center Halfback... Trani, Syracuse Right Halfback... Maudel, Penn State Outside Left... Sembo, Syracuse Inside Left... Mlehoff, Penn State Center Forward... Nemehick, Temple Inside Right... Taylor, Penn State Outside Right... Pond, Yale

Harrison, Economos, Wear, Gain 'All' Posts

Harry Harrison, Penn State's 150-pound back, was unanimously elected to the Pitt all-opponent team recently. Harrison and Windy Wear, the dynamic mite Lion sparkplug, also gained recognition by being given honorable mentions on the Associated Press All-Eastern selections.

Co-capt. Johnny Economos, despite the fact that he suffered from an injured knee most of the season, gained a guard position on the N. E. A. All-Eastern second team.

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