

## Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

What we hope they get in their Christmas stockings and as their New Year cheer—Charlie Speidel—four heavyweight wrestlers, all over 220, one in each college class. Leo Houck—a couple of Eastern and National boxing champs. John Lawther—sharpshooting accuracy from his cage proteges like he got against Susquehanna when the Lions tackle Pitt, Georgetown, NYU, and some of those tougher nuts later on in the season. Gene Wettstone—his best season, plus another sizzling All-College Circus. Art Davis—an electric refrigerator, so he can make enough ice cubes for his hockey team to practice on. Max Dercum—a box car of corn flakes, they use it in movies for snow, why not here. Gene Bischoff—a nice new intramural setup which would replace the present wornout one. Bob Higgins—the twin brothers of Tom Vargo, Frank Platt, Wade Mori, Leon Gajecki, Carl Stravinski, Lloyd Parsons, Johnny Patrick, Chuck Peters, and Craig White. Joe Bedenk—a baseball campaign as successful as last year's. Chick Werner—two long distance runners, two middle distance men, and a half dozen reprints of Will (The Wabbit) Smith. Billy Jeffrey—an adding machine to keep track of his consecutive unbeaten record streak.

Leon Gajecki—a great afternoon against the Western all-stars on New Year's Day. Ridge Riley—a chance to send out a story sometime that announces Penn State in a "bowl" game. First assistant managers of all sports—a touch of conscience when it comes around to electing their successors. Bob Rutherford—a nice warm spring for his golfers. Nick Thiel—a couple of terrific replacements on his lacross team for George Ritter and Bart Buser. Ted Roethke—lotions of "love" for his tennis squad. Harry Krutter—several up-and-coming young blades for his fencing squad. and to this writer—a good trade for that palm beach suit, purchased November 22 in hopes of a trip to Florida or California.

## Success Of Gym Team Depends On Sophomores

Sophomore gymnasts will compose the greater part of Coach Gene Wettstone's squad when Penn State meets Navy at home in the first gym meet of the season on Saturday, February 1.

Expecting to produce the best Nittany gym team in several years, Coach Wettstone will enter Roman Pieo '41-in all events except tumbling. Although this action may affect Pieo's work on the rope, it will contribute to a well balanced squad.

The following men will work the indicated apparatus this season:

## Bargain Sport Cards In Store For Fans After Christmas Holiday

### Nine Events Slated For February 22

Bargain days will be here again for Nittany sports fans after Christmas when the winter athletic season swings into full stride and multiple-event sports cards abound.

Undoubtedly the biggest day of all will be February 22 when no fewer than nine sports events are scheduled on the campus. Activities start at 2 p. m. when swimming against Rutgers—Coach Bob Galbraith's Alma Mater—is set for the Glennland Pool and the gym team meets Minnesota in Rec Hall.

The program closes with a wrestling-boxing double-header against Cornell and Army, respectively, that night. In the meantime, varsity fencing and four frosh sports, basketball, gym, wrestling and swimming, will all be going strong.

Another busy afternoon and evening rolls around on March 1 when the boxers fight Wisconsin at 3:30, the matmen engage Army at 7, and the cagers meet Pitt in the grand finale at 8 o'clock.

On February 27 Coaches John Lawther and Charlie Spiedel collaborate in presenting another twin bill—basketball versus Muhlenberg and wrestling against Michigan. Basketball and boxing come together only once on the same night, February 5. West Virginia provides the opposition for the cagers and Syracuse for the fighters. As an added attraction the yearling boxers battle the Orange that afternoon.

Five events are on the slate for the following Saturday, February 8, as the wrestlers meet their arch foe, Lehigh; the watermen swim Temple; the fencers test Navy's Middies; the frosh cagers take on Wyoming Seminary; and the first-year matmen scrap with Lehigh's neophyte Engineers.

Three other double bills are also on the list. On January 10 the wrestlers and the swimmers face Maryland and Carnegie Tech, respectively. The gymnasts meet Chicago and the swimmers engage Pitt on February 15. Four days later Captain John Barr leads the cagers against Georgetown immediately after the frosh courtment play host to the Bucknell yearlings.

Rings—Soloman P. Small, Jack Krouse, Roman Pieo.

Horizontal Bar—Louis J. Bordo, Edmund P. Trybala, Roman Pieo.

Parallel Bars—Soloman Small, John Teti, Louis Bordo, Roman Pieo.

Side Horse—Soloman Small, John Teti, Roman Pieo.

Rope—Arthur S. Hand, Roman Pieo, Charles E. Senft, Ben Stahl.

Tumbling—William S. Loeber, Warren R. Reck, Edward Trybala, Louis Bordo.

With the exception of Pieo, Stahl and Senft all are sophomores.

The freshman squad will begin competition on January 17 in the interclass meet.

## Welker '40 Selected Outstanding Forester

Joseph Welker '40 was last year's winner of the Senior plaque given each year by Xi Sigma Pi, national forestry honorary, to the outstanding student in the graduating forestry class, it was announced at a recent meeting of the fraternity.

Plans for the selection and initiation of new members to be pledged this semester were also discussed at the meeting.

## Substitutes Weak, Lawther Says

Pessimistic about the chances of his cage team in three tough battles immediately after the Christmas vacation, Coach John Lawther last night bemoaned the play of his reserve courtmen in the Susquehanna game.

"We can't win ball games with a first team and nothing else," he said. "I think we'll be mighty lucky if we defeat NYU, Pitt and Syracuse."

Lawther said that his four best substitutes in order are Bob Crowell, Bob Ramin, John Egli and Johnny Silan. Crowell, a senior and a veteran member of the squad, looked particularly impressive on recoveries after his teammates missed shots. Crowell recovered four times and converted three of the chances into goals.

The team will return to the campus on December 30 and gain an extra week of practice before swinging into a 16 game campaign which will make or break the 1940-41 Nittany court season.

The 10 cagers invited back for this vacation-time practice are Captain Johnny Barr, Scotty Mofatt, Herky Baltimore, Elmer

## Speidel Predicts Tough Schedule

"The bigger they come, the harder they fall," Coach Charlie Speidel says about this year's mat rivals, who form one of the hardest wrestling cards that the Penn State wrestlers have ever faced.

With only Maryland, who travels here January 11, termed as an underdog for the Nittany wrestlers, the Lions will match half-nelsons and scissors holds with the toughest teams in the East.

Speidel's matmen will invade the Syracuse stronghold on January 18, the Orangemen indicating that they are going to be one of the most feared grappler squads in collegiate ranks.

After a two-weeks break for final semester exams, the matmen meet three dangerous foes in three days, when they encounter Princeton away, Lehigh here, and Navy away, on February 4, 8, and 15. Lehigh and Princeton snatched first and second places in the Eastern Intercollegiate championships last year.

Three straight home matches with Cornell, Michigan, and Army on February 22, 27, and March 1, will complete the dual meet schedule. Michigan defeated the Lion grapplers, 16-14, last year when Heavyweight George Elliott, who was leading Michigan's Forrest Jordan, fractured his ankle.

To round out the schedule, which promises to furnish plenty of grappling action, the Nittany Lions will compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate at Columbia, March 7-8, and at the national championships at Lehigh, March 21-22.

Gross, Dick Grimes, John Linde, Crowell, Egli and Silan. These 10—or at least part of them—will undoubtedly make up the traveling squad when the courtmen take to the road for nine games away from home between now and March 5.

## Merry Christmas— And A Free 'Plane Ride

How would you like to get an airplane ride halfway across the continent for a Christmas present?

Five chemical engineering seniors were awarded the trip, all expenses paid, by a St. Paul, Minn., concern.

No, there aren't any strings attached.

The quintet, Charles K. Etnier, Vincent N. Hurd, Jack W. Strong, Woerne, left yesterday from Pittsburgh for St. Paul traveling by airliner, to be interviewed concerning employment after graduation.



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