

## Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

### The Tennis Predicament

Penn netmen blank Lions, 9 to 0; Cornell tennis team trounces State, 7 to 2. That's the way the sport page headlines read to the casual reader who remains under the impression that Penn State has another of its mediocre tennis teams, capable of holding its own against average competition, but completely outclassed when opposed to major competition.

"College authorities plan additional parking lots adjacent to the varsity tennis courts." The above statement seems to have no connection with the local tennis situation and yet, here in a nutshell, lies the answer to State's failure to compete on even terms with other institutions of its size.

Coach Ted Roethke has exactly four courts for the sole use of his varsity and freshman courtmen, and even those can be used only at specified times. The morning hours on the varsity courts are utilized by the physical education classes, who needless to say, leave the courts in rather sad condition.

### More Courts Needed

That limits the thirty or so candidates to an accumulative five hours of daily practice when each player should go through a stiff three-hour practice every day to be in shape for competitive tennis. This being the case, how on earth can anyone expect a coach to produce winning teams.

Obviously, the only solution to the predicament is to build additional courts. The necessary space is available in abundance and all that is needed is the sanction of the College authorities. Instead, plans are made for additional parking space so professors and students, all sadly in need of exercise, can ride to classes and the golf course.

Unfortunately, not only the varsity and freshman teams but also all the hundreds of men and women tennis lovers suffer on this account. Over a thousand prospective players, and only a dozen courts to satisfy this urgent need.

Why, the College had at least that many courts available for general use twenty years ago. Now with the student enrollment increased so greatly, tennis facilities remain on the same low level.

## Netmen Invade Navy Territory

Burly Joe Hunt, nation's No. 4 ranking player and leading college racquet wielder will lead his teammates into action this afternoon when the Lion netmen shooting for an upset, invade the Naval Academy courts.

Having won three and dropped four to date, the Nittany courtmen will try to even their average at the expense of a strong Middies team. State's Captain Mac Weinstein has several times expressed his great ambition to beat Joe Hunt. He will have to play much improved tennis to pull such an upset, however.

## Golfers Leave Today For League Playoffs With Princeton, Hoyas

With a three-way tie for first place in the Southern Division of the EIGA existing between Penn State, Georgetown, and Princeton, the Lion golfers will leave this afternoon for Stamford, Conn., where sectional playoffs will be held Friday.

The winner of this complicated triple playoff will meet the Northern Division leader, which has not been decided yet, on Saturday for the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association title.

Coach Bob Rutherford will take seven Nittany linksmen on the Connecticut trip. The roster includes Captain Jack Brand, Don Hart, Scotty Maxwell, Don Leyden, Chuck Seebold, Bob Wallace, and Chuck Fairchild. One man will serve as alternate.

The standings in the Southern Division:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Penn State	4	1	.800	28	17
Princeton	4	1	.800	25	29
Georgetown	4	1	.800	29	16
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	19	26
Penn	1	4	.200	23	22
Cornell	0	5	.000	11	34

## Nittany Nine Plays Panthers At Pitt Today

When the Nittany baseball team meets the Pitt Panthers at Pittsburgh this afternoon, they will be striving to pull out of an unusual mid-season slump, featured by losses to Navy and Syracuse on last week's road trip.

With their season's record standing at six losses and four wins, Coach Joe Bedenk's diamondmen face a not-too-bright prospect against the Panthers, who have piled up seven victories, while losing only twice. The Pittmen primed for today's game with a double header win over the West Virginia Mountaineers on Saturday.

Big Jim Richardson, Lion southpaw who defeated Pitt last year, will be trying to duplicate the feat on the mound today. Richardson has won one game and lost three so far this season.

Lions making the trip are pitchers Chuck Medlar, Bob Robinson, Ed Tuleya, Wes Smith, Al Mauer, and Richardson; catchers Jack Stauffer, Alex Basista, and Jim Sampsel; infielders Bill Debler, Captain Eddie Sapp, Whitey Thomas, and Freddy Ball; and outfielders Peany Gates, Warren Kolkebeck, John Ebersole, and John Perugini.

## Intramurals

### TRACK

With 27 fraternity teams entered, the intramural track meet in the fraternity league will be held on New Beaver Field at 2 p.m. Saturday, it was announced yesterday by manager Frank Wallace.

The following six track events will be run off: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard relay, 880-yard relay, 1-mile run, and 120-yard low hurdles.

In the seven field events are listed pole vault, high jump, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, hammer thrown, and running broad jump.

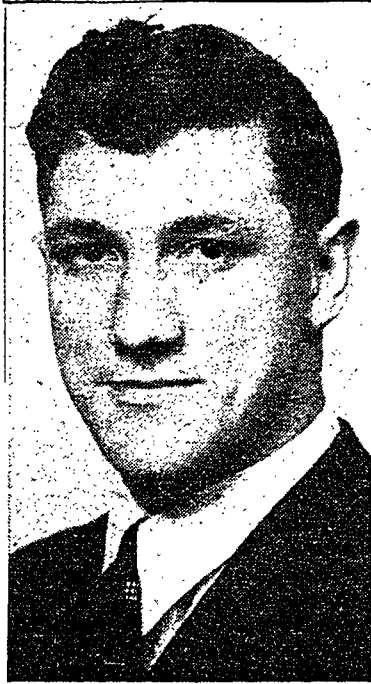
### SOFTBALL

Three games were played last night in the third round of competition in the independent league of intramural softball.

Sparked by the no-hit pitching of Art Borsa who struck out 17 men in the seven-inning game, the Maremore's defeated Penn Haven, 2-0. In other games Watts Hall Lemons defeated Nittany Co-op, 23-11; and B.R.B. (Billetts) defeated Irvin Hall, 6-5, in a drawnout nine-inning contest.

## Lion Yearlings Meet Colgate Diamondmen At Home Today

### Gets Appointment



Frank Platt, above, was chosen to attend the Marine Reserve Officers Training School.

Leo Houck's freshman nine will have its .500 win average threatened on Beaver Field at 4 p.m. today when a strong Colgate yearling team, victors over the Syracuse cub team that defeated the Lions last Saturday, takes the field against them.

A victory over the little Red Raiders today would snap the two game losing streak handed the Houckmen by Mercersburg Academy and Syracuse after the Nittany frosh had recorded wins over Cornell and Kiski Prep in the season's opening two games.

Coach Houck announced last night that the starting pitcher for the Lion yearlings this afternoon will be righthander Jim Stover, with Bob Fulton and southpaw Bob Vail ready to step in for relief duty.

Orient Martella will break into the lineup in the catching position, replacing Charles McFarland, who will be switched to first base, where Jack Germain had previously played.

Other Nittany starters will be the same as against Syracuse.

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## Frosh Lacrosse Team Faces Cornell Saturday

Still smarting from the little Quaker drubbing two weeks ago, Coach Murph Temkovits' frosh lacrosse team will go into intensive full field scrimmage this week in preparation for their second encounter of the season with Cornell at Ithaca, N. Y., Saturday.

During the past two weeks Coach Temkovits has concentrated on perfecting the stick handling technique of the Cub stickmen, one of their weaker spots in the Penn contest. One more game remains on the freshman schedule with Kenyon College here on May 24.

*At this time I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who supported me in my campaign for A. A. President and made it possible to win over my most worthy opponent Robert Brooks.*  
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