

# College Still Undecided On Frosh Eligibility Rule

'No Need For Hasty Decision,' Says Schott

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Questioned last night regarding the possibility of making freshmen eligible for varsity sports, Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics stated that there is no need for Penn State to make a hasty decision.

Indicating that no definite policy has yet been formed on this matter, Dean Schott said, "Penn State will do what is necessary when the proper time comes."

A nation-wide poll released by the United Press yesterday listed Penn State among those colleges opposed to the plan of permitting yearling athletes to engage in varsity competition, including football, next autumn.

Harvard introduced the plan a week ago and found a large number of colleges supporting the idea in view of uncertain war-time conditions. The proposal if effected will alleviate conditions which now threaten to curtail varsity athletics in certain institutions.

Prof. Franklin L. Bentley, member of the Athletic Advisory Committee, supported Dean Schott's view of the situation and revealed that his committee had not replied to the poll.

If necessary, Penn State can wait until the end of second semester before adopting a definite policy on the question, Dean Schott said. It is believed that freshmen would fill positions vacated by drafted and enlisting athletes and provide further physical training benefits for the first year men.

Among the 83 representative colleges polled by United Press, 42 were in favor of, 27 opposed, and 14 uncertain about the "Harvard" plan.

The survey indicated that although Eastern colleges may consider the eligibility change the Big Ten regards it lightly. Four of the Western Conference institutions voted against freshman participation while only Minnesota favored it.

Some of the leading colleges leaning toward the proposal are Fordham, NYU, Michigan State, Carnegie Tech, Harvard, Navy, Texas A and M, Miami U, South Carolina, and Holy Cross.

Among those listed as opposing the change are Penn State, Columbia, Missouri, Texas, Temple, North Carolina, Hamilton, Rensselaer Poly, and Northwestern.

## Rec Hall Deseried Until Saturday Events

Penn State students won't have any athletic contests to take their minds off registration and studies until Saturday, although the Lion cagers face Army at West Point Wednesday.

In the Saturday attraction, the University of Princeton grapplers come here for a match scheduled to get underway at 8 p. m. Frosh courtmen take the floor in the preliminary against a quintet from the Aberdeen, Md., Testing Grounds, while varsity basketballers will be battling Temple in Philadelphia.

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DR. CARL P. SCHOTT

**CLARIFIES ISSUE**—Dean Carl P. Schott of the School of Physical Education and Athletics indicated last night that the College has not as yet determined its policy in regard to freshman participation in varsity athletics.

## Lion Stickmen Lose To Hoyas 5-3

A game but outmatched Lion hockey team fought desperately against a favored Georgetown University squad, only to come out on the short end of a 5-3 score Saturday night in Riverside Arena, Washington, D. C. The game was witnessed by a capacity crowd of 4,600 which included 1,000 Penn State alumni.

Deegan of Georgetown opened the scoring on an assist from Bernier at 7:45 of the first period. Cassidy, of Georgetown, assisted by Pender, added the second tally at 8:15. State countered with its initial score by Cauffman on a pass from Dufford at 10:45. Johnson of State and Perpich of Georgetown were sent to the penalty box for tripping.

State came back strong in the second period to tie the score at 2-2 when Johnson sent a pass from Fedock into the nets for the only goal of the period. Johnson was again penalized for tripping.

In the third period the Hoyas completely dominated the play behind the brilliant skating of Deegan who scored again at 7:10 on an assist from Pender. Ten minutes later he repeated, this time assisted by Cassidy. Deegan made the fifth and final Georgetown score on another assist from Cassidy at 17:50.

In a desperate but futile last minute rally State made its last tally when Dufford sent a pass from Johnson through the nets at 18:50. Fisher of State was sent to the penalty box for tripping, and Conway of the Hoyas made the visit for interference.

Four of the Georgetown goals were scored while State men were in the penalty box.

## Wrestlers Will Renew Intensive Mat Practice

Delayed by curricular activities of "finals week," intensive wrestling practice will be resumed this week with both inter-class and varsity competition expected to get under way.

After a two-week schedule lay-off, Coach Charlie Speidel's grunt-and-groaners will meet Princeton on the Rec Hall mats this Saturday.

Although Penn State has already met two teams of the EIWA, Princeton will be making her debut of the season. Also scheduled for Saturday are Syracuse at Army and Yale at Lehigh. The Lions ran rough-shod over Syracuse on January 14 but will not meet Lehigh until February 28.

## Between The Lions

With GORDON COY  
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### Tall Texans

When the West Texas State basketball team invades Madison Square Garden Wednesday night, Eastern court fans will get their first chance to see the world's tallest team in action.

The traveling cowboys, who have scored more than 1,000 points already this season, are scheduled to make their debut in the East against the highly rated passers of Long Island University. Together, these two court titans have won 30 out of 32 games during the present campaign, and Eastern basketball adherents are anxious to see the towering cowboys in action.

Following their one-night stand in New York City, the Texans will move into Philadelphia to play St. Joseph's in one half of a bargain bill in Convention Hall Saturday night. The other half of the double feature has Coach John Lawther's Nittany basketballers booked against a tough Temple outfit. The attraction will afford some of the best basketball action that Penn State rooters will see this season, and many are expecting to take advantage of the opportunity.

### Wishful Thinking

West Texas State will floor a team that might well cause a lot of wishful thinking on the part of Penn State's mentor, John Lawther. The Lion coach advocates the use of tall players, and he will undoubtedly get plenty of satisfaction out of watching the Texans, who average 6 feet, 6 inches.

Charlie Halbert, West Texas center who towers six feet, 10 inches, is the tallest college basketball player in the nation. The shortest men on the starting lineup are two brothers, Frank and Bill Stockman, who are 6 feet, 3 inches. The Texans have won 16 games this season, and all but four of their encounters have been played away from home.

Whatever pleasure Coach Lawther might get from watching these rafter-scrappers in action might well be overshadowed, however, by decided disapproval. The Texans show definite contempt for all forms of defense, in contrast to Lawther's system, which is built around the famed sliding-zone defense.

Bradley Tech is the only team that has defeated the colorful Texans this season. The Tech five earned its victory the hard way, however, when they fought up-hill all the way to win 52-49, after having trailed the cowboys by a lopsided 21-8 count early in the game.

### Melchior Started Career

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confined to villain roles in opera?" He proceeded to explain how the rules of operatic composition invariably set the gallant hero's music up in the tenor octaves, leaving the villain roles for the baritones.

His own escape from the baritone's doom occurred while he was touring the Scandinavian countries in a Danish opera company. The star of the company was Madame Cahier.

"It is to her I owe my career as a tenor," Melchior declared. Madame Cahier peered through his booming baritone voice and found a fine lyric quality and an extraordinary range of two and one-half octaves. She pleaded with the opera director to give Melchior a chance at a tenor role, and finally he consented. That role was Tannhaeuser."

Today Melchior's "Tannhaeuser" is the model for tenors the world over.

Since the heros that Wagner created must be sturdy fellows with voices strong enough to outboom a multitude of trombones, Melchior's early training in strenuous baritone roles gave him the immediate advantage over the fairly light voice of the average tenor.

# Minnesota Gophers Top Lion Gymnasts, 25-18

Star-Studded Team Barely Edges Lions



Coach Eugene Wettstone's varsity gymnasts, after downing a stubborn University of Chicago team Friday night, suffered their first defeat of the year at the hands of the Golden Gophers of Minnesota 25-18 Saturday and terminated their mid-western tour.

Complete results of the meet were not obtainable before the Collegian went to press last night. The loss of Small and Bordo, after both contestants suffered badly torn hands in the Chicago tilt, was thought to be the outstanding reason for the turnback.

Wettstone expected no easy contest when he invaded Cooke Hall last night as was exemplified Friday night when he forecasted the encounter as an "unpredictable meet."

It took a star-studded Minnesota aggregation to edge out a victory over the Lions, however. The Gophers boast of such champions as Newton Loken, Big Ten all-around champ and winner in three events when his team was handed a licking here last year, and Grossman, the Big Ten Rings titleholder in 1941. Bob Berg and Loken are both sensational tumblers who have beaten Penn State's Hal Zimmerman in AAU meets.

Minnesota's victory squared the series between the two colleges at one apiece. They were defeated last year 26-20 when they made their first appearance in Rec Hall. The Gophers placed second in last season's national intercollegiate meet and won the Big Ten title in 1940.

Hal Zimmerman will probably be the standout performer of the mid-west tour after he gained two first places in the Chicago meet. Zimmerman defeated Courtney Shanken, national all-around gym champ, on the parallel bars and displayed sensational form in the tumbling event to defeat Earle Shanken. The Shanken brothers divided all of the Chicago markers between them.

In Friday's contest, Wettstone also cited the work of Ed Trybala. Trybala's outstanding work on the Horizontal Bar was one of the clinchers in the meet.

## Tribunal's Generosity Unknown To Majority

Now that the frosh customs scrap victory is duly entered in the record books, a story which tells of the human, helpful attitude displayed by Tribunal may be told.

The tale concerns a '45 violator brought before the seven man board with a charge of wearing a dink in Old Main against him. This was at the time when the campus tongue lashing of the judiciary was at its height.

The leniency of the board was shown when they handed down a decision of "no penalty." The freshman surprised the whole group when he started to cry, but an explanation of the breakdown was given in the college history of the boy.

When he realized that the older boys were treating him like a brother, he told them of the drafting of his two elder brothers, his difficulties in a chemistry course, his failure to find a meal job, and his lack of funds for the second semester.

The boy's sincere thanks for the efforts of the Tribunal in getting him a waiting job for his meals, a job to finance his college, and special tutoring from his chemistry professor, were expressed at the next Tribunal meeting.

**MAY RETURN**—Bill Debler, Penn State's baseball captain and football halfback, has left school, at least temporarily, to discover his status with his local draft board. Bill may join the Marines in June, thus making him available for baseball season this spring.

## Hornstein Lost For Army Battle

Dave Hornstein, sophomore guard on the Nittany basketball squad, will not see action against Army Wednesday night, because of an ankle injury, which has confined him in the College infirmary.

This is the first major casualty to hit the Lions' court ranks this season, and may seriously hamper their chances against the West Pointers. Coach John Lawther also intimated that Hornstein may not be ready for action in the crucial encounter with Temple in Philadelphia's Convention Hall Saturday night.

The Lions were idle during the past week, and have had plenty of time to brush up on several flaws that cropped out during the devastating West Virginia game, when the Nittanymen suffered their worst defeat since the Lawther regime began in 1937.

Following the West Virginia setback, Lawther switched his starting lineup for the Pitt game, and the Lions responded by rallying to a 34-30 victory. Against Pitt, Lawther started Hornstein and Larry Gent in place of John Egli and Dick Grimes. With Hornstein on the casualty list, however, Lawther will again be faced with the problem of a starting lineup.

Although they lost a 44-32 verdict in the Georgetown battle Saturday night, the Army passers have been playing better than average ball, and will be seeking a comeback following the loss to the Hoyas.

## Defense Council Meets

To determine the exact purpose of colleges in the defense program will be the purpose of a meeting of the State Defense Council at Harrisburg on January 30, to which the presidents of all the colleges in Pennsylvania have been invited.

## At The Movies

CATHAUM: "Remember The Day"  
STATE: "The Bugle Sounds"  
NITTANY: "Shadow of the Thin Man"

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