

Between The Lions

With DON DAVIS—Sports Editor

One For The Frosh

In trying to hit upon the most appropriate subject for this freshman issue, we stopped and thought back as to what we were most interested in as a freshman. Immediately the subject came to us.

What is Penn State's position in the football world and what are the prospects for this Fall's campaign?

Let's first look back a few years—back to the post World War I period. With football stars returning from the war to finish college, Penn State had a really great football aggregation. In 1919, present Coach Bob Higgins was one of the State men to return and served as captain of the squad. At the end of the season, he was chosen All-American end.

The Golden Years

During this season State beat Penn and Pitt, losing only to Dartmouth. Incidentally, it was the last time the Lions topped Pitt until last Fall when they took the Smoky City boy's measure, 31-7. For the next five years Penn State enjoyed what is known as the "golden years of football." During these years of generous scholarships, such All-Americans as Harry Wilson, Charlie Way, and Glenn Killinger were developed.

In 1922, the Lions were undefeated, only to be passed up by the Rose Bowl authorities. In the

following year, however, the State squad was invited to the West Coast, even though they had lost three games and tied one. Maybe those Rose Bowl consciences began to hurt, but, at any rate, the Lions went West and were beaten by California, 13-3.

Change Of Coaches

Joe Beenk was Penn State's last unanimous All-American in 1924. And from then until 1933, the Nittany squad hit the long downhill trail. Bob Higgins took over the coaching reigns in 1930 from Hugo Bezdek just when the future looked blackest. During this period the impossible was attempted. The same top notch schedules were kept, but the caliber of players was left to Lady Luck. It was apparent that more than Lady Luck was necessary, what with 135-pound centers playing against the best teams in the East.

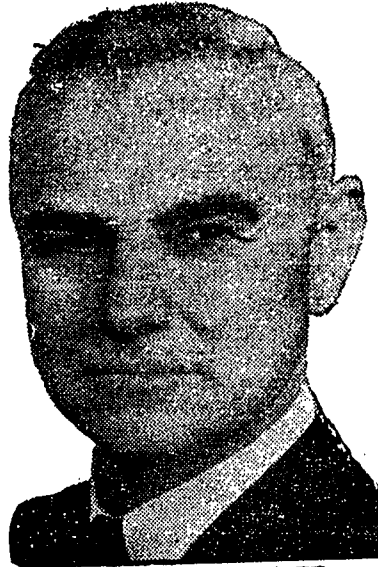
Low ebb was hit in 1931 when we beat Lebanon Valley in the opening game and then failed to win another during the nine-game schedule. Such teams as Waynesburg, Dickinson, Muhlenberg, and Bucknell consistently took the local boys during these dark days.

After 1934 things began to pick up and in 1940 and '41, Penn State again had football teams that ranked high in the East. The biggest disappointment was in 1940 when the Lions went undefeated until the last game of the season, only to lose to Pitt. Revenge was sweet last Fall, however, when Pitt was clawed by the Lion, 31-7.

Frosh—Take Notice

As for this Fall's prospects, Coach Higgins has one very capable team. But that's about the extent of it. The losing of nearly 20 men to the Armed Service didn't help things at all. And this all brings up an interesting point. Bob Higgins was the last freshman to play on the varsity. That was in 1914. The lack of players this Fall may again make it possible for freshmen to play varsity ball. We would like to see this happen. With a few good reserves, Penn State's football stock would jump considerably.

Toughens Things



DR. CARL P. SCHOTT

Dean Carl P. Schott, head of the Physical Education School, has formulated a toughened required physical education course for underclassmen.

Phys Ed School Stiffens Required Course For Fall

Freshmen and sophomores will undergo a toughened physical education program with the start of the Fall semester. With the accent on physical fitness during war time, the Phys Ed School has stiffened the two-year required course in order to better condition Penn State men.

The new 175-yard obstacle course will play the main role in the new program. This course strength, endurance, speed, and will be used to test students' agility.

Dean Carl P. Schott, head of the School, has also recently announced a proposal to separate the hygiene course which was formerly part of the required program.

Four Fall Sports Available For Frosh

Although a special proposal to have freshmen athletics combined with varsity competition is now under consideration by athletic authorities, coaches for the three Fall sports, football, soccer and cross-country, are following out their original plans for organizing Class of '46 squads. Freshman candidates for Lacrosse will also be called this Fall.

Coach Marty McAndrews, frosh football mentor, stated last night that he will issue a call for try-

outs sometime during Freshman Week and that optional practice sessions will start immediately.

Both Bill Jeffrey and Chick Werner, coaches of the soccer and cross-country teams respectively, stated that freshmen for their sports will be called out just as soon as possible, probably shortly after registration.

For the first time this year freshmen interested in the Lacrosse team will be asked to report during the first semester.

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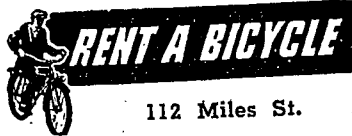
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