

## BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Sports Editor

Despite efforts of college sports officials, the draft, rationing, and the petrol problem are slowly and surely whittling down some once healthy looking athletic schedules.

Penn State felt it first when West Virginia canceled its wrestling match which was set for Rec Hall last Saturday night.

Now word has just come in that the Pitt swimming team has signed en masse for bigger splashing with the armed forces, and so has dropped the sport for the duration.

Syracuse, which feels lucky that it can still keep a basketball team on the road for occasional "outside" appearances, has also come through with a sympathy card regretfully announcing cancellation of its swimming met with the Lions.

Here's hoping Coach Galbraith's aquatic aggregation can hang on to the remainder of its schedule to substantiate recent reports which describe it as one of the surprise teams of the season.

So far, Bucknell has been the only school to cancel its boxing match with State, but there is a possibility others may follow suit before the season's over.

Fortunately, the basketball team is still above the scooter and bicycle transportation state, since it does most of its trekking by rail, standing or sitting, depending on local conditions.

Many colleges are giving up the sport for the duration, or at least effecting drastic cuts in schedules. Some Pennsylvania high schools are resorting to daylight meets, so as to take advantage of "uncrowded" taxis, trolleys, trucks, and other "non-pleasure" modes of traveling.

### Froth on Sale Soon

Froth will go on sale Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Corner Room and Student Union, Gerald B. Maxwell Stein, newly-elected business manager announced yesterday. The price will continue at 15c despite shortages and priorities and it will be published five times this semester. Subscriptions will be sold on a single semester basis.

# Mermen To Open Season With Bright Prospects

BY LEWIS L. JAFFE

When the Penn State swimming team opens against Carnegie Tech at the Glenland Pool this Saturday afternoon, it will mark the beginning of what may be one of the most successful seasons in recent years.

With several outstanding freshmen stars at his command, Coach Galbraith will send a strong team against the Lion's opponents during the next few months despite the fact that this year's captain, Johnnie Miller, is leaving for active duty in the Air Corps.

Leading Penn State's parade of capable mermen is freshman Bob Cowell from Pittsburgh. Cowell placed first in the junior AAU 100-yd. backstroke title last year and has a long list of other swimming titles won in the Western Pennsylvania and Ohio district.

Although he has only been swimming in competition for a year and a half, Cowell is remarkably fast and cuts through the water easily with a graceful and smooth stroke.

Curl-haired Billy Christy, another freshman who hails from Philadelphia, will take care of the 50-yd. free-style assignments. Starting at Blair Prep last year, Bill finished third in the National Prep School Championships.

For the 220-yd. and 440-yd. free-style competition, Galbraith will count heavily on another Philadelphia product, Bob Musselman. Last year, Musselman, who also excels in the breaststroke, managed to cop second in the National Interscholastic contests. Besides Bob, Galbraith has another good 220-yd. free-styler in junior Herbie Hirshfeld.

Though he won't be starting in this week's meet with Carnegie Tech because of sickness, Bob Nowell from Hershey, is expected to be used for the distance free style matches and will start against Cornell on the 23rd of this month, if he is well.

Rounding out the team, which Galbraith considers one of the best balanced squads he has had in recent years, are a pair of top diving men.

Number one diving man at present is Rocky Young, who is Blair Prep's contribution to this year's

Lion mermen. Rocky first swam for Allentown High School, then went to Mercersburg Academy. Last year he was at Blair Prep and snatched first place in both the National Interscholastic Championships and the New Jersey Championships.

Number two man is Micky Beecht who swam for Philadelphia's Broadwood A. C. Last year's Eastern AAU lowboard diving title belongs to Beechet, whose specialty is a half-twisting one and a half gainer.

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In a game that resembled a football contest more than a basketball tilt, Penn State's revised cage quintet overpowered Temple's "five giants" by a 38 to 29 tally last Saturday on the Convention Hall court in Philadelphia.

The Lions' first win of the current season on a foreign floor was marred by rough playing and frequent trips to the foul line during the 40-minute tilt.

For the first time this year the Lawthermen found themselves on the short end of the height advantage. The home club had a one and one-half inch height advantage over the starting Lion team.

John Egli, who failed to see action in the NYU tilt because of an ankle injury, saw but five minutes of action in the Temple fray before he was ejected on fouls. Jim Lawther, who played substitute forward during the early part of the season, filled the injured Egli's shoes.

Standout performer for the winners was Whitey VonNieda, who tallied 18 points. The stellar forward netted seven field goals and four fouls to lead both teams in scoring.

Larry Gent, steady Lion performer, was injured during the game when he twisted his knee between two Temple guards. Gent, however, went back in the game later, and will be ready for this week's contests.

Coach John Lawther and his Lion five will return to Rec Hall for their first home appearance in three weeks when they encounter a rugged quintet from Syracuse. The Lions will be defending a Rec Hall winning streak, which has now extended for 16 games.

Following their Rec Hall appearance to Pittsburgh for two week-end tilts. They meet Carnegie Tech in the first one Friday evening, and Pitt on the following night.

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