

Speidel's Matmen Drill Daily; Open Season Against Princeton

Veterans from last year's and previous Nittany grappling squads are working out in Rec Hall daily with new candidates for the mat squad.

Coach Charlie Speidel, in looking ahead to this year's competition, says he has good boys out for the squad and should have a good team. But, he continued, the war is over now and all colleges have unknown quantities. The coach added that it is difficult to predict what our prospects will be until we meet competition.

From previous State mat squads are Wallace Chambers, Joseph Clark, Marvin Demp, Grant Dixon, Dick Gray, P. D. Harrington, Don McKeethy, Jack Green and Norm Wynn.

Dixon was crowned the Eastern Intercollegiate 155-pound champion at the end of last year's competition.

Two members of Bob Higgins varsity football squad reported for mat practice recently and should give Blue and White wrestling hopes a boost. "Red" Moore, football captain, and Floyd "Tubby" Lang have been working out on the mats for several weeks.

Moore is now on the West coast preparing for the East-West foot-

ball classic in Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, but will rejoin the matmen upon his return.

Other candidates for the Nittany grappling team now undergoing daily drills are Warren Conrad, Charles Griswold, Harold Holly, George Horton, Charles Hoyt, Irvin Koechel, Richard Little, Earl Long, and John Lux.

Harry McGee, Aubrey McIvain, Leo Noker, William Otton, George Schautz, Fred Schutzman, Karl Spacht, William Tucker, Albert Vigilante, Richard Well, George Widdowson, and Anselm Wurfl complete the list.

The 1947 mat season will open January 18 when the Penn State wrestlers meet Princeton University at Princeton.

The fenced-in area of the Campus north of Curtin Road includes twelve tennis courts, one varsity football field, one varsity baseball field, one football or soccer field, one football field with floodlight facilities, one cinder running track and one portable wood running track.

New Beaver Field comprises 15.8 acres of campus used exclusively for athletic purposes.

Lions Lose 40-37 Thriller to West Va.

Special to the Collegian

Penn State's hard-luck basketball team almost turned in another major upset comparable to its early-season win over Georgetown as the Lion cagers led the powerhouse West Virginia quintet almost all the way up to the final three minutes of play only to have victory slip from their grasp as the Mountaineers pulled the game out of the fire 40-37 Wednesday night at Morgantown.

As a result of the West Virginia defeat, the Nittany Lions have now lost three games in a row while winning two as they come up to the Holiday recess—and each loss has been within four points or less of a victory.

Lead 36-35

With the Lawthermen desperately trying to hold a 36-35 lead with three minutes remaining, it was Ralph Byrd, outstanding Mountaineer guard and Captain, who assessed in two rapid-fire field goals that brought the overflow crowd of 5500 basketball fans to its feet and earned West Virginia its fourth straight win.

The Mountaineers had expected an easier time of it, and for a while it looked as though the Lions would kick the dope bucket and create the West Virginia Field House. They ran up a 10-9 first period lead and rushed into a 23-17 halftime advantage before the home team could get its breath.

ONLY TWO GOALS

West Virginia tallied only two field goals in the first half as the Lawther zone defense and ball-controlling offense completely dominated the game. Only by converting 13 out of 14 foul line throws were the Mountaineers able to stay within shouting distance of the Lions.

Coach Lawther juggled his starting line-up, putting Bozinski and Kulp at forwards and Diesterick at center. Catching the West Virginians off-balance long enough to build up the second-period lead, Biery, Simon and Hornstein—the usual starters—turned the quarter in State's favor.

COME TO LIFE

But in the third period the Mountaineers gained control of the backboards and playing a more cautious game, made every shot count as they whittled away at the Lion lead. A lightning attack in the first six minutes of the second half played scored 14 points against two for the Lions and sent West Virginia into the lead 31-27.

But early in the fourth period, Penn State regained the lead 36-35 only to see Captain Byrd throw in his two game-winning shots.

WEST VA. SCORES FIRST

The game was eight minutes old when the Mountaineers got their first field goal, a lay-up by Schaus. Four free throws by Biery and three by Medich had built up a West Virginia lead of 7-4 previously. Then Diesterick and Rusinko splurged for six points in the last sixty seconds to give State a 10-9 first period lead.

Beach made another free throw to tie it up, but Lawther dropped a one pointer to make it 12-10. Rusinko matched a Schaus free throw with a sensational back hand shot, and then Biery poured in six consecutive points to run the Lion lead to 19-11. A moment later Biery scored again on a fine hand-off from Diesterick under the basket to match two Zirkel free throws. Simon made it 23-13 for State before Byrd and Green brought the halftime score to 23-17.

2ND HALF SPLURGE

Hornstein made it 25 for State in the first minute of the second half, but then the Mountaineers went wild, scoring 14 points in the next five minutes to take the lead 31-27. Biery, Diesterick and Lawther combined for six points to regain the lead for State, and Zirkel made the score 33-32 with a free throw as the quarter ended.

A free throw by Lawther gave State a two point edge with eight minutes remaining, but Byrd hit on a long set ten seconds later to tie the score. A Schaus free throw sent West Virginia ahead, but Biery got a short shot and State was ahead again at 36-35. A minute later Byrd cashed in on two long shots to break up the game.

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Over Thirty Candidates Battle For Positions on Lion Swim Team

Soccer Coaches Pick All-America Squad; Two Lions Named

Three 1946 choices were named to the soccer all-America for the second straight year as the National Intercollegiate Soccer Coaches Association awarded three places to Temple University on the 1946 all-star selections announced today.

Bill Jeffrey, Lion coach, and Dick Schmelzer, of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, co-chairmen of the selection committee, said Goals Tom Tyree, of U. S. Military Academy, Halback George Barlow, of Temple, and Halback John Hamilton, of Penn State, were the repeaters. Twenty coaches participated in the poll.

Bill Van Bredakoff, of Princeton University, was rated the year's outstanding player on the strength of the heavy vote he received from coaches participating in the poll.

Excellent skating was provided for, in the past, when the tennis courts north of Curtin Road were

Civil Service Lists Positions

The Civil Service Commission is now examining applicants for various positions in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior in Washington, D. C. and throughout the United States.

Among the positions listed are: Agricultural Bacteriologist, Agricultural Economist, Agronomist, Animal Husbandman, Aquatic Biologist, Botanist, Dairy Husbandman, Dairy Manufacturing Specialist, Entomologist, Farm Management Supervisor, Geneticist, Home Economist, Horticulturist, Plant Pathologist, Poultry Husbandman, Soil Conservationist, Soil Scientist, and Zoologist.

Applications must be submitted to the Commission's office in Washington, D. C. not later than January 2, 1947. Persons appointed to these positions will assist in research or other scientific or professional work in whatever field they qualify.

Salaries begin at \$2,644 a year for a 40 hour-work week.

A written general test is required. Besides passing this test, applicants must have completed a full 4-year college course in the field they expect to enter or they must have a combination of education and experience which total 4 years and is equivalent to the 4-year college course.

Applications will also be accepted from students who expect to complete all the required courses by June 30, 1947.

Announcements, sample questions and application forms may be obtained at first and second class post offices, Civil Service regional offices and from the U. S. Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Army Suggests Photostat Use

Use of photostats rather than original discharge certificates as supporting evidence for claims under the so-called Terminal Leave Pay Act is being urged by Major General W. H. Kasten, Army Chief of Finance.

"Many applicants are inconvenienced in the pursuit of their prerogatives under the Terminal Leave Pay Act," Kasten said. "Rights by the inevitable delay which occurs in the processing of their leave claims." General Kasten said. "Although Finance Officers return original discharge papers as quickly as they can, many business deals are held up or nullified by the fact that their honorable discharges are in the hands of the finance officers."

He urged that veterans take advantage of photostating services which are offered free or at low cost by many service and veterans organizations. "Since a man requires his original discharge certificate to get GI loans, etc., it is in his interest to retain the certificate at all times," he said. "Finance officers can get all the information they need from photostated copies of reasonable size."

He emphasized that both sides of the certificate must be photostated and submitted.

War Department Seeks Candidates

The War Department continues to seek candidates for commissions in the Regular Army's rapidly expanding officer roster.

Regular army commissions in the grades of second and first lieutenant, captain and major are being offered.

In an attempt to bring the Army's Regular Officer strength to 50,000 as authorized by Congress the Army announced former AUS officers who have served since 7 December 1941 still are eligible for appointments.

The commission rank will be based either on length of actual commissioned service since Pearl Harbor or "constructive service" whichever is greater.

"Constructive service" represents the number of years, months and days by which the age of the applicant exceeds 25 years. No former officer will be commissioned in a grade higher than that which he held during the war.

The Army's first officer integration program got underway earlier in the year and some 70,000 ap-

Men's Holiday Fashions

When you fellows send the folks back home you, gift request help, it will be in line to put the emphasis on things to wear.

For all you fellows that have been trying to get suits, it's been a long wait, but, finally, they are a little easier to get, so why not put yourself down for a gray flannel number or a blue glen-plaid. If that's too much to think about, why not get a nice white oxford button-down shirt, or perhaps you would like a white-on-white better. In some places you can even get a widespread collar job like the classic Sussex.

There is nothing like a bright red, heavy sport shirt for these cold days up here at Penn State. Warm wool shirts in medium or bold weights, in solid shapes or plaids can also be found easily.

The sweater world has a sensational new pace-setter this season—the Norwegian ski model. Most campus stores report a big demand for these beautes with plancing reindeer or evergreens or snowflake designs running across the chest.

When it comes to ties, it's best to be choosy with your suggestions. If you want to appear the "big man on campus," just ask for a hand-painted tie or two. They have all kinds of designs on the market including boxing matches, golf tournaments, horse races and skiers.

Silks are still a bit scarce and up in price, but you can get a nice rayon for a dollar or a dollar-and-a-half. College striped ties with matching handkerchiefs have been put on the must list for heavy dates by a long list of well-dressed campus wolves. As for the pattern and color, the style favors subdued grounds are still a nose ahead of the more flamboyant creations, in spite of the popularity of noisier neckwear.

Wool socks are almost a must on every man's list this Yuletide. They have been hard to get for ages and they have gained a crowd of all-year-round converts among ex-GI's. If you're looking for the genuine Argy's article by Christmas, you are going to have to dig deep. The few that are on the market have been priced at five dollars.

And then there is always a nice pair of pliskin gloves. Or, perhaps, you would like that new leather and wool combination. Backs and wristbands sport bright plaids and the palms are pliskin.

All in all, fellows, it looks like a bright Christmas as far as the clothing situation is concerned. So send those reminders out right away and come back from your well-earned vacation with the latest styles in men's clothing.

There are seventeen tennis courts on College property, four sand-clay type with subdrainage, twelve sandy clay on subsoil base, and one surfaced with Amicrete.

Applications for Regular Army commissions were received.

Applications and full information may be obtained from any Army post, camp, station or recruiting station. Officers not on active duty or on terminal leave, will forward their applications in triplicate to the Army commander in the area in which they reside. Applicants on active duty will submit their applications in triplicate through their immediate commanding officer.

Applications must be forwarded by 31 December. The first of the new appointment lists will be announced in January.

IM Bowling—

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subdued Penn Haven 6-2 to complete the evening's bill.

All scoring bouquets, last night, were captured by the Langford Lay Five as Rodger Nestor bowled 226 to carry off single-game honors, amassed 547 for the three game total high, and contributed a good portion of the 2287 points that made his club "top-dog" for the night.

The IMA standings to date are:

Team	Won	Lost
R.I.M.S.	35	13
Beaver House	31	18
Nittany Co-op	30	19
Langford's Lay Five	27	22
Nittany Den	25	24
WAASS	24	25

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