

# Lions Seek Second Victory; Gridders Face 2 New Rivals

By Elliot Krane

Two distinct variations of the zone defense will be put to the test tonight in Rec Hall at 8 o'clock when the Penn State courtmen will try to bring their win record to the .500 mark at the expense of the American U. Eagles. The Washington, D. C. team, which holds a 6 win and 3 loss record including a two point defeat by the highly rated Muhlenberg Mules, employs a two team defense. One of the squads uses a man-to-man defense while the second uses a straight zone. "Pop" Cassell, American U. mentor, shifts either squad in and out of the game regularly with 12 to 14 players seeing action in every fray.

### LINE-UP

To combat this two team defense, Coach John Lawther will use his sliding zone with Terry Ruhlman and John Kulp at the guard slots, Irv Batnick at center, and Milt Simon and Jack Biery at the forwards.



KULP

"I'd like to use the fast, rushing offense that appeals to the fans," said Coach Lawther. "but the team as it looks now is better adapted to a slower, more deliberate attack." When asked about the recent Pitt game which the Lions dropped by one point, the tall coach remarked, "The game was lost in the back court. We couldn't take the ball off the bankboards, and each time Pittsburgh cut toward the basket, we fouled them."

### GIANT TRIO

When the American U. team takes the floor tonight its lineup will be studded with tall, rangy

"imports." "Pete" Negley, 6-3 1/2 former North Carolina State star, joined the team last year along with Don Hillock, 6-3 1/2 guard from W. and L., and Reggie Crockett, 6-3 center from Virginia.

These three high scoring men plus forwards Bob Lamson, 5-11, and Captain Bart Fugler, 6-1, give the visitors a height advantage over the Lawthermen plus a lot of high scoring potentiality.

John Kulp's appearance in the lineup after a two week layoff with a bad shoulder should help the team solve its eternal backboard problem. If any leaks occur in the cagers' sliding zone, Coach Lawther will send Lee Schisler and Dick McKown into the guard positions to try to find the best possible defensive combination.

### Sports Schedule

#### BASKETBALL

American U., Wed.....Home  
Colgate, Friday.....Hamilton  
Syracuse, Saturday...Syracuse

#### WRESTLING

Princeton, Saturday....Home

Facing two new opponents on their 1948 grid schedule Coach Higgins' boys will again play a nine game slate. The Nittany Lions dropped Navy and Fordham and added Michigan State and Penn as their new foes.

The Lions last played Penn in 1942 whereas Michigan State was one of the teams that was victorious over the Staters in '46. The Higginsmen are extending their regular season until the last Saturday in November in order to repay Washington State's visit at Hershey last fall.

The schedule for 1948:  
Oct. 2—Bucknell at State College  
Oct. 9—Syracuse at Syracuse  
Oct. 16—West Virginia at State College  
Oct. 23—Michigan State at State College  
Oct. 30—Colgate at Hamilton  
Nov. 6—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia  
Nov. 13—Temple at State College  
Nov. 20—Pitt at Pittsburgh  
Nov. 27—Washington State at Pullman

Temple University had a very disastrous holiday, losing three games in a row, the latest a 45-40 decision to Colorado.

# Nittany Skiers Place Eighth at Lake Placid Meet

Vying with the nation's top collegiate skiers, Coach Sherm Fogg's skimen returned from the Lake Placid Invitation Meets placing eighth in a ten team field. St. Lawrence University, last year's defending champion, again placed first.

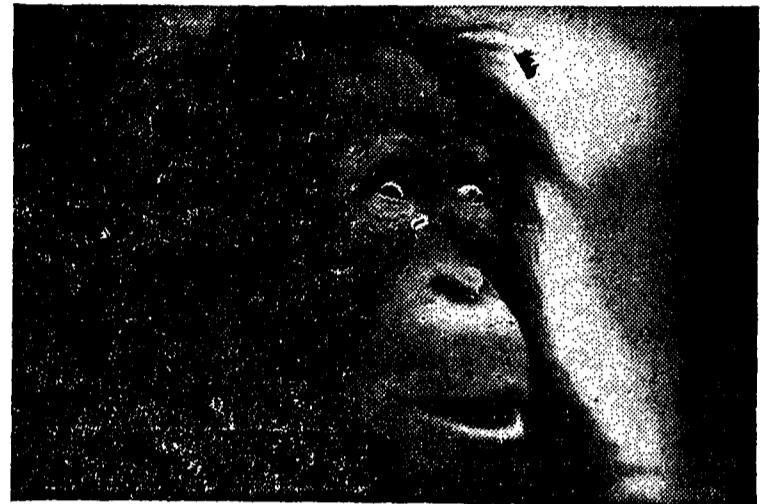
Sliding down Lake Placid's tricky slopes George Quimby,

Lion captain, placed sixth in the cross-country event.

In the jumping events, on the third day of the snow tourney, Cliff Carts placed 22nd, Herb Wahl 26th and George Quimby 29th in a field of 33 competitors.

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# Varsity Riflemen Open with Win

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### Penn State Men Who Placed and Their Scores

	Prone	Kneeling	Off Hand	Total
Jones, John	99	91	86	276
White, Robert	98	97	81	276
Cleveland, George	99	94	81	274
Norris, James	96	92	83	271
Prange, Gerald	100	84	81	265
Total	492	458	412	1362

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