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By Red Roth

Donald Longenecker, Nittany Lion harrier ace, has participated .n numerous races in his three years of collegiate running, but probably his greatest race is the one against age which threatens to cut short his competitive running career.

Up until now Longenecker seems to have more than held his wn against the Old Man with a scythe. The balding senior, appro-riately enough called "Pappy" for short, actually seems, like good hiskey, to improve with age.

Just two weeks ago he climaxed a successful three-year colle iate career by leading the seven-man Lion aggregation across the inish line at the National Collegiate varsity cross-country meet taged at East Lansing, Mich. The fact that Captain Horace Ashen. lter was running on a seriously-injured ankle helped considerably, nourse.

DISTANCE RUNNER

At an age when many men limit their physical exercise to shting through crowds at a stadium to witness a football game, ongenecker is just beginning to

come into his own as a distance

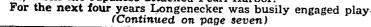
"I'm still improving, despite the act I'll be 33 years old in less han three months," the shorttatured runner declared. "I don't hink I've even hit my peak as a stance runner yet."

His life before entering college almost as fabulous as the fact hat he is still a top harrier de-pite his accumulated years, far hore than most other collegiate ven-field runners.

After graduation from West lewton High School in his home town, Longenecker began a vocaional career that is equalled in he number of positions held only y the diversity of those positions. In rapid succession he worked

s a loader in a coal mine, a contruction worker in a steel mill, a farmer and a grocery clerk,

among other jobs. Then came 1940 and Don, then 24, enlisted in he Army Air Forces. He was stationed at Hickam field on December 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.







Heavy-weights have the punch!

Needs Jumper

For Lion Team

Another overflowing crowd around the varsity ring in Recrea tion hall whetted its appetite on 11 exploding "preliminary" bouts last night, then erupted with roaring violence as John Smidansky, Sigma Nu, battled furiously to another win in the unlimited class, this time over stocky, determined Bill Dale, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

SMIDANSKY WINS

Smidansky, who roared with comparative ease over Bob Young in his first bout, found the going tough with Dale in last night's giate Lacro warfare. Forced to box and counterpunch instead of slugging in the first and second rounds, the An old hand heavy Sigma Nu rocker ripped into his opponent with set lips in the final minute.

Dale swung his fists savagely trying to stem the tide, but a one-two burst by Smidansky in the last 15 seconds pulled the curtain.

LEATHER FLIES

Peltin' Vince Chominski, Theta Kappa Phi setting the stage for fodder of the fans: the heavy riot, gave Paul Thorpe, Sigma Chi, a sample of what it feels like to be caught in a windmill in th e175-pound class. Chominski, standing out of reach of Thorpe's mitts then springing of Thorpe's mitts then springing in with leather flying wide and declaring: "I can't avoid telling handsome, cut Thorpe down in the last stanza with a lightning lent. Otherwise, if we do come right bouncing off the loser's up with a good team this year, temple. temple. These two bouts were worth

waiting for, but the waiting wasn't bad either. Fighting 15 this season after winning the 145 crown in 1947, Chuck Hoyt, Chi Phi, staved off wicked sallies by



The Unexpected Balm

Lion Lacrosse Skipper Nick Thiel called a halt to winter prac-Ski Coach Fogg Needs lumpor lacrosse. Now he's sorry he did, 'cause of this balmy pre-Christ-man weather (balmy for Decem-

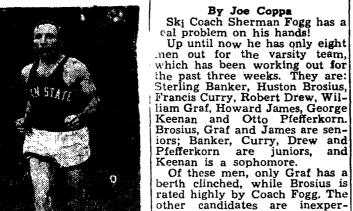
Thiel will attend the 66th annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association in New York this weekend.

An old hand at sports report-ing is Wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel, who used to write up some of his own wrestling bouts. Consequently, he knows what an approaching sports scrivener wants and recently bowled us over by producing pencil and over by producing pencil and paper and jotting down these sig-nificant words for us and for the

"We're on the mend after a difficult post-war adjustment period, and wil be a real threat in our sectional wrestling competition this year."

ON Vandeweghe

One of the best basketball teams Penn State meets this season will undoubtedly be Colgate, headed by Center Ernie Vandeweghe. Holder of vir-tually every individual Colgate



liam Graf, Howard James, George Keenan and Otto Pfefferkorn. Brosius, Graf and James are sen-iors; Banker, Curry, Drew and Pfefferkorn are juniors, and Keenan is a sophomore.

Of these men, only Graf has a berth clinched, while Brosius is rated highly by Coach Fogg. The other candidates are inexperienced but are working hard in an effort to make the team. Clifford Carts, last year's captain, is ineligible for competition this semester but may be able to perform in the Spring. JUMPER

"Our real problem is to find another jumper besides Graf and Brosius, since three jumpers are necessary to obtain a team score although others may compete in-