

## Syracusemen Honor Five Lion Gridders

Five Lion gridders were voted first-team berths on Syracuse University's all-opponent football eleven, with Wingback Wally Triplett leading the entire field of selectees.

Triplett's deceiving reverses provided the Hig's charges with the necessary margin of victory in their early season encounter with the Ofange. The Negro speedster polled a possible 27 out of 30 votes.

The Blue and White's All-American terminal, Sam Tamburo, was next man on the all-opposition team. The lanky pass snatcher garnered 25 votes. Guard Joe Dragenovich and Tackle Negley Norton also copped first-team posts with their respective 24-point totals.

The closest race was for the fullback position with Fran Rogel narrowly beating out Columbia's ace back, Lou Kusserow by two votes.

The Statemen placed five men among the first stringers. Northwestern was second with two gridders, while Niagara, Holy Cross, Cornell and Colgate each placed one man.

The Nittanymen failed to receive a second-team berth but four Lions gained honorable mention. Linemen receiving honorable mention were Center Chuck Beatty, Tackle Don Murray and End Dennis Hoggard. Quarterback Chuck Dragenovich was the only backfield man listed under honorable mention.

The Syracuse all-opponent first-team selections follow:

Tamburo, Penn State	End
Norton, Penn State	Tackle
Dragenovich, Penn State	Guard
Davis, Colgate	Center
Nemeth, Northwestern	Guard
Sawle, Northwestern	Tackle
Dieckelman, Holy Cross	End
McKinnon, Niagara	Back
Chollett, Cornell	Back
Triplett, Penn State	Back
Rogel, Penn State	Back

## The Nittany Realm—

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ing nursemaid to the tail turret of a B-24 bomber attached to the Seventh Air Force. During most of that period he protected the big plane's rear while the bombardier up front peppered Jap positions in the Carolines and Marianas with packaged TNT.

In June 1945 "Pappy" received his discharge, and the following autumn he entered the College, a member of the last freshman class to appear on campus. Like his contemporary, Ashenfelter, the future harrier had never run in a competitive meet prior to entering the College.

A roommate, John Gray, who was a dash man on the track team persuaded the Air Force veteran to try running. Luckily for the fortunes of the College cross-country squad the chunky Longenecker took Gray's advice and decided to become a harrier.

"Running cross-country was my own idea," he said. "I always felt I could run long distances better than short dashes, and cross-country offers plenty of distance."

Since 1946, when he made the varsity team, Don has been a consistent, if unspectacular, runner for Coach Chick Werner on both the cross-country and track squads. In track he specialized on the one and two-mile runs.

### RAN FIRST

Strangely enough, he has won only one race in his career. The only time he was able to breast the tape ahead of the rest of the field was in his first year of competition, a one-mile run in a dual track meet against Colgate in 1946.

Longenecker's love for running may have cost Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk a top-flight hurler. While on duty with the Seventh Air Force Hickam Field contingent, he once pitched a no-hit, no-run game for his outfit.

In appearance, "Pappy" looks like anything but an athlete. He is short, only 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighs 136 pounds, and his hairline is showing signs of beating a hasty retreat from the vicinity of his forehead.

"My greatest thrill," he replied in answer to a question, "was helping Penn State capture the NCAA title at East Lansing last year. Although I only placed 36th, I was the fifth Penn Stater to cross the line and helped clinch the crown."

"I guess my best individual race," he added, "was the one where I came in first, for the only time in my life, against Colgate in 1946."

### GRADUATE WORK

Although the cross-country veteran graduates in February he plans to take graduate work in his chosen field, agronomy, here at the College and obtain a master's degree. After that he hopes to secure a position as teacher or research worker.

And even though his collegiate career has ended, he hasn't given up running. Last Saturday he competed in the NAAU 10,000 meter race in which a Penn State alumnus, Curt Stone, was narrowly nosed out by Rhode Island State's Bob Black. Longenecker finished 16th in a class field. Like Stone, he will run under the auspices of Shanahan Catholic Club in future races.

Modest in manner, Longenecker has a high regard for his teammate, Horace Ashenfelter. He thinks the Nittany cross-country captain is one of the finest, if not the finest, distance runners in the nation.

"As for my age," he laughed, "it's beginning to tell on me, I guess. Especially on the hills. When I go uphill I can feel every one of those 32 years bearing right down on me."

The big question, however, still remains. How long can "Pappy" continue to outrun Old Man Age?

## Action Marks IM Cage Games; Phi Gams, Indians, 'X' Victors

Phi Gamma Delta's "gold-dust twins," Bob Wampler and Richard Gridley, took victory matters into their own hands at Recreation hall Monday night, personally accounting for 23 of the Phi Gam's points in beating Triangle, 26-7.

Both hoopsters split the cords for five field goals, Wampler also adding three out of three fouls to lead the scoring with 13 markers.

Seven other games provided plenty of spirited action on the Rec hall hardwood, and Dorm 27 won a forfeit over Dorm 21.

### TONIGHT

Nine games are scheduled for tonight with play starting in the first round at 8:45 p.m.

While Phi Gamma Delta was manipulating its coup de grace, the Century Boys, calling the muster and making sure that every man on the squad scored at least two points, casually whipped the Coal Crackers, 29-6.

A big ten points by Jack Swanenburg of Dorm 3 failed to bring that glorious feeling to his

mates, however, as the Twenty-Niners racked up a 22-12 victory over the dormers.

### INDIANS

In other games the Indians swept to a 21-15 win over the Golden Eagles; Team X chalked up its second triumph by downing the Shrimps, 22-12; the Warriors clamped down on the Ramblers, 16-4; Dorm 30 easily spilled Dorm 28, 21-9; and Dorm 24 plastered the Interrogatives, 31-19.

Tonight's schedule follows:  
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8:45 p.m.—Dorm 25 vs. Dorm 41, court

one: Dorm 38 vs. X.M. Boys, court two; Dorm 37 vs. Dorm 40, court three.  
9:35 p.m.—White Kids vs. Dorm 39, court one; Omega Psi Phi, vs. Theta Chi, court two; Delta Sigma Phi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, court three.  
10:05 p.m.—Alpha Phi Delta vs. Phi Epsilon Pi, court one; Alpha Zeta vs. Tau Epsilon Epsilon, court two; Rummies vs. Penn Points, court three.

### Tough Defense

Penn State's rugged football line restricted nine opponents to an average of 83 yards per game during the 1948 season.

## Sixty Candidates Compete For Starting Mat Posts

Nearly 60 wrestling candidates are working daily under the tutelage of Coach Charles Speidel. Included in this group are four lettermen, Captain Georgie Schautz, Don Arbuckle, Jim Maurey and Bob Hetrick. The Lion matmen open their season at Princeton on January 8.

Heading the 121-pound performers is Captain Schautz. Other potentials in this class are George Mourey, Sheldon Leisawitz, Bob Lowrie and John Reese.

The 128-pound division boasts ten neophytes. Clair Goss, Don Watkins, David Greenwald, Frank Corliss, Jack Schulze, George Kelly, Fred Rodgers, Joe Hess, Grant Davis and Jack Dreibelbis are all battling for the starting position in the weight.

### ARBUCKLE

Letterman Don Arbuckle, Glenn

## Ski Coach —

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will develop enough to bolster us in these events," Coach Fogg commented.

He called Graf an excellent jumper and "one that every coach hopes will come along someday during a coach's career". Graf placed tenth in a field of 48 of the country's best jumpers in last year's championship meet.

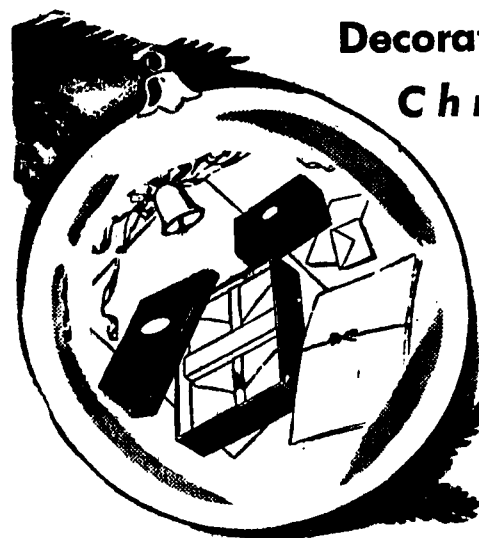
During the season the Lions will compete in the Intercollegiate Ski Union to be held at Ithaca, N. Y., February 11-12. The ISU is a championship meet in which 26 colleges in the East and Canada will compete. The Canadian schools represented are Toronto, Ottawa, Queens and McGill Universities.

### EASTERN

The Eastern Division of the ISU is made up of colleges in New England and McGill University of Canada. The Western Division is composed of practically all New York colleges and those in the province of Ontario. Penn State is the only college in Pennsylvania which is a member of the Western division.

The Lions are definitely going to compete in the ISU, according to Fogg. Lafayette has also been issued an invitation to join the Western division and whether they will enter competition is dependent upon their forming a team prior to the meet.

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