

## Between The Lions



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### Lions Return

Two ex-Penn State football teammates made the rounds of spring baseball and football practice this week—Bob Davis and Johnny Jaffurs. Both played on the '42 Lion team coached by Bob Higgins.

Now a pro end for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Davis sells insurance in the off-season, while Jaffurs is the newly-appointed head coach at Ithaca (N. Y.) high school.

Davis made All-East selections through his outstanding play at State, while Jaffurs' inspired performances as a Nittany Lion brought national attention.

### Midgets

John Lawther, Nittany basketball coach who resigned three weeks ago, describes his last Lion team as "the smallest I've ever had." He declares: "Even with Costa in there at center, they averaged scarcely six feet."

Lawther said further: "You have to handle that ball fast and automatically to fool anybody. The boys were too slow at the beginning of the year to get anywhere, but picked up later."

### With the Pirates

Another Penn Stater, Charles "Chuck" MacFarland, who played first base on the 1941, '42, '46 and '47 Lion baseball teams, was in town this week.

Chuck spent last spring with the Pittsburgh Pirates in training, then was sent to York (class "B" league), where he played half the season before being transferred by the Pirates to Salisbury, N. Caro. ("D" league).

Before the season was done, he jumped again, this time to Rehoboth Beach (also "D" league), where he switched from first to third base, then to the outfield and catching. Coaches now claim his arm's too good for anything but catching, where possession of a whip-like arm is standard equipment.

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## Phi Delts Win 3 Bouts; Lead IM Mat Tourney

Bud Pierce and Tom McDermott shook out the reins and drove their Phi Delta Theta wagon right into the lead for fraternity mat honors at Rec Hall last night.

Pierce worked over Jim Worley, Sigma Nu, 5-0, in a rip-snorting 165-pound battle, while McDermott pinned Bob Smith, Phi Gamma, in 1:37 of the third period of their fight. Featherweight Ted Aiken, also of the Phi Delts, gave his house three winners by walking off with an early forfeit in the 121-pound class.

Previous to the night's action, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and Phi Gamma Delta were tied for the lead with three men still competing in fraternity action.

### FASTEST

Bill Eggert, Sigma Nu's 165-pound champ now grappling with the 175 pounders, easily rolled to the fastest of five falls on the mats. Eggert turned the tables on Bill Harvey, Sigma Pi, in 59 seconds of the first round for his second straight fall victory and a crack at the semi-finals in his division Monday night.

Lightning fast of the draw, Sandy Cameron, Beta Theta Pi, and Ron Coder, Phi Kappa Sigma, also downed their opponents in the first stanzas. Cameron used one minute and 18 seconds to pin Jack McCall, Alpha Tau Omega. Coder followed in quick order with a 1:37 job on Bill Keifer, also Alpha Tau Omega. The two losses tossed ATO out of the fraternity race.

### RODGERS

Phi Gamma Delta's hopes for champions after Smith's loss last night rested on the shoulders of two brothers, Charley Rodgers, 128-pound matman, and Fred, 135 pounder. Charley, fired up like a miniature steam engine, out-classed Chet Angelo, Alpha Phi Delta, 6-0 and advanced into the semi-finals. Fred wrestles his next bout Monday against Harry Wilson of Delta Theta Sigma.

John Hull, Beta Theta Pi 155-pound stalwart, racked up the other pin, downing Don Keck, Phi Sigma Kappa, in 1:35 of the third period. Phil Cloud, Phi Kappa Phi, won over Jim Case, Alpha Zeta in a 5-2 thriller; Bill Humphries, Sigma Nu, trounced Jim Graff, Phi Kappa Psi, 6-2, and Vince Cavanaugh, Delta Upsilon, came out on top of Bill Thompson, Theta Chi, 3-0.

Forfeits were won by Ed Sheriff, Chi Phi, Fred Shihaden, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Ted Pritsker, Pi Lambda Phi.

Thursday Bob Smith, Phi Gamma Delta won by forfeit instead of Jim Kehs, Pi Kappa Phi, in their scheduled heavy duel.

### Now Weighs 208

Penn State's heavyweight wrestling champion, Homer Barr, of Clearfield, Pa., was a 112-pounder as a high school freshman.

### Summer Practice

In 1945, Football Coach Bob Higgins held practice throughout the Summer.

## 6 V-Ball Teams Lose First Tilt

Six fraternity teams suffered their first defeats Thursday in IM volleyball action on the Rec Hall courts.

Phi Kappa-B fell before Sigma Chi-B, 15-11 and 15-9; Sigma Phi Sigma-B upended Alpha Epsilon Pi-B, 15-10 and 15-5; Pi Lambda Phi-B lost a heartbreaker to Phi Delta Theta-B, 17-15 and 16-14.

Delta Upsilon-B handed Sigma Phi Epsilon-B its initial loss, 15-9 and 15-7; Phi Gamma Delta-B tripped Beta Sigma Rho-B, 15-11 and 15-12; Alpha Chi Rho-B lost to Sigma Pi-B, 15-5, 11-15 and 15-5.

In other games, Alpha Tau Omega-B dealt Delta Tau Delta-B its third straight defeat, 15-7, 12-15 and 17-15; Kappa Sigma-B made a strong comeback to trim Phi Sigma Kappa-B, 12-15, 15-4 and 15-6; Kappa Delta Rho-B trounced Theta Xi-B, 15-8 and 15-10, for its second consecutive win; Alpha Gamma Rho-B also copped its second win, defeating Pi Kappa Alpha-B, 15-9 and 15-6. Tau Kappa Epsilon-B and Alpha Chi Sigma-B won by forfeit when Phi Sigma-B and Pi Kappa Phi-B failed to show for the contests.

## Practice Features Soph Grid Stars

Although the football season is months away, a large crowd is expected to see the Penn State gridgers run through a practice scrimmage on the New Beaver Field 2 p.m. today.

The sophomore standouts of the 1948 grid team, John Smidansky, Vince O'Bara and Owen Dougherty will be the focus of attention at this, the second Lion scrimmage of the Spring season.

A back who was a standout for the jayvee team in the fall, Herb Kurtz, ran well in the opening scrimmage Tuesday and is slated for action in today's battle.

Assistant Coach Earl Edwards said that the scrimmage will be run with each team taking the offensive for a number of plays instead of alternating the offensive teams.

## Cagers Reach Midway Island In IM Globe-Trotting Jaunt

By Bob Kotzbauer

MIDWAY ISLAND—Penn State's intramural basketball players stopped here last week after traveling 6133 miles from State College via San Francisco and Honolulu.

The athletes ran the distance, a new College intramural record, in five days, two hours, and 40 minutes. A total of 1300 men made the trip.

Actually, the IM cagers never left Rec Hall. But according to figures released by Gene Bischoff, IM director, and with the aid of research by the Wisconsin Physical Education staff and some heavy multiplication and division, those are the figures racked up during this season's cage schedule.

Here's the way it was figured out:

The Wisconsin staff computed (Between the Lions, March 3) that a basketball guard runs and walks 17,598 feet in a regulation game of 40 playing minutes. Intramural games are 20 playing minutes long, so each man who plays a complete IM game travels 8,799 feet. Since it takes ten men to play a game, the total traveling distance in one game is 87,990 feet.

### 368 GAMES

Fraternity and independent teams played 368 games this year. Multiply 87,990 feet by 368— presto, the amazing total, 32,380,320 feet traveled all year—6132 miles plus 3360 feet left over to take care of arguments.

Those 368 games, at 20 minutes per game, equal 7360 playing minutes, or 122 hours, 40 minutes, of actual play in the season.

Thirteen hundred different men participated in action, but counting substitutes, and the fact that some of the men played in as many as 12 games, 5,757 names appeared on the team lineups. To keep the average up, each of

those men was required to run at the rate of 4.99 mph while he was on the floor.

In case you're confused, here are the official figures out of the intramural office. If you have a penchant for numbers, sit down and work them out for yourself.

Fraternity entries this season numbered 49, independent 52, totalling 101 teams. Scheduled were 398 games, 368 were played, 30 forfeited. Last season a total of 340 games were carded, and 306 played.

There were 706 fraternity and 594 independent men, a total of 1300 players, in action on the boards, compared with only 1194 last season. Total participation this season—3049 fraternity, 2688 independent, totalling 5737 men. Total participation last year—4560.

### ONE IN FIVE

With the male undergraduate enrollment for the second semester at 6518, almost one in every five men at the College played intramural basketball this year.

Pi Kappa Alpha, fraternity champion, chalked up the highest total participation figure—107, but the Pi KA's played the most games—12.

The intramural cage schedule play began November 16, and continued through March 7 including playoffs, 39 nights of league play, two nights to play off league ties, and three nights to decide the fraternity and independent champions.

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