

'On The Ball'

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Even Pitt Goose Couldn't Aid Cagers

Pittsburgh university sport fans, obviously keeping in mind Penn State's fall grid victory, went all out in giving Coach Elmer Gross' five "the bird" Wednesday night.

Trailing throughout most of the first 20 minutes, Pitt finally overcame a big Lion lead to assume a 27 to 23 edge as they left the floor at halftime.

Unknown to most folks, Pitt students before game time had tied a large stuffed goose to one of the rafters supporting the arena—obviously anticipating just such an appropriate moment.

The rope being cut, the goose plummeted to the hardwood, spewing spectators with a storm of white feathers. As the object hit the floor a huge sign reading "Penn State is a Dead Duck" was revealed.

Gentleman John Lawther, basketball coach for the Nittany Lions two years ago, recently saw fit to change his opinion of Hardy Williams, Coach Elmer Gross' smooth junior forward.

According to John Egli, assistant manager, Lawther was never too impressed with Hardy's court actions.

"He's too cautious both at dribbling and passing," was the opinion of the Penn State sliding zone exponent.

Two weeks ago following the game against Bucknell in which Williams scored 18 points, played an outstanding backboard game, and set up plays all over the court, Egli couldn't resist phoning Lawther.

"What do you think now, John?" he asked.

Always straightforward and honest Lawther replied—"I've got to change my view. Williams has developed amazingly fast."

To which Egli replied, "He still may be cautious in handling the ball, but have you ever noticed his catlike reflexes? How many times have you ever seen someone take the ball from him?"

NAMES IN THE NEWS—LEW COHEN, former Mt. Penn Hi gunner, the other night prexied his Phi Epsilon Pi team to its second intramural basketball win—but from the bench. Lumbago, he says... The Collegian's Major League baseball writer, **BOB SCHOELL-KOPF**, reports that he has acquired a new title. To the "boys" in the Nittany dorms he's now "The Citrus Dope."... Although it's a journalistic axiom to "lay off the free advertising" we'd advise you to drop in at the Nittany

Coaching Ain't Easy

VANDERGRIFT, Pa., Feb. 15—(AP)—Head basketball coach Oscar Schneider of Vandergrift high school has resigned because, he said, the job is making a nervous wreck of him and his wife.

"I think more of my health and peace of mind than being a coach," he told the school board last night. "I have dropped from 150 to 138 pounds because of my nerves."

Dell some evening if you want to see a combination of beauty and recknown. Her married name is **JANE WITHERS**—nope, not the movie actress—and she's the popular sister of Ron Northey, the Big League ball player... **JOE DURNIK**, golf captain, is back at school again after a semester absence in which he worked as an apprentice meat cutter for a chain store corporation.

CAN - DID COMMENTS—One of the most popular "off-time" diversions at the Rockview calaboose seems to be listening to the fights. In one of their paper's columns the howl was raised that while twenty years ago the only real "tankers" belonged to the Sun-Oil Co., today one can count the "honest" fights on the fingers of one hand.

"The I.B.C. isn't in the oil business, but believe me," said **Bob Eckenrode**, associate editor, "they have a safe harbor for all the "Tankers" in the cauliflower industry."

Edinboro 5 Wins Fifth In League D

Edinboro, league D leader, won its fourth and fifth straight basketball games this week by defeating the Night Hawks Wednesday night, 32-26, and the Bombers Thursday night, 50-25. The first halves of each ball game were packed with excitement, as the Hawks led Edinboro, 15-9, and the Bombers trailed by 24-21 at the midway marks. Against the Bombers, Bill Mihalich registered 13 points.

Beaver House also won its fourth and fifth games this week in league E by taking a forfeit from the Rovers Wednesday, and trimming the Dogs, 25-12, the following night. In league C, the Radads won number five by downing the Cubs, 33-16. The Dukes of league C netted two wins by topping Dorm 25, 12-4, and edging the Lions, 17-15. Other League E tilts saw the Rovers forfeit to the Hawks Thursday night.

Wednesday night in league D, the Bombers won a 21-10 triumph over Simmons Hall. The following night in league D, Altoona dropped a 27-15 battle to the Night Hawks. League B contests saw Dorm 12 and Dorm 30 win forfeits from Dorm 11 and Dorm 34, respectively. The only battle in league A was Dorm 36's forfeit victory over Dorm 23.

In league F, the Hamilton B's won by forfeit from Nittany Cop, and the Phils won number four from the Warriors, 10-9. Engler's 10 points paced the Oilers to their first win over the Penn State Club, 23-14, and the Erasers bowed to the Screwballs, 18-14, in league G.

Intramural Dept. Directors Recall Peculiarities In IM Sport Events

By LOWELL KELLER

There is one office in Rec hall that should be moved—personnel and all—to the statistics department, wherever that may be. Up in that office sit two men who have more scores, records, names, and figures than the Sporting News probably would use in a year of publications.

The place referred to is the Intramural department and the men concerned are the Messrs. Bischoff, in charge, and Sykes, his capable assistant.

Strange Things Happen

The day that we ventured up to their cubbyhole, Gene and Dutch had finished compiling chart-making and by-ing, and were sitting around fanning the breeze. We found that intramural sports have had many occurrences in the years the department has been in existence. These are just a few of numerous peculiarities that were overheard:

One concerned the championship Sigma Pi basketball squad of '49-'50 and their nervous manager-coach, Harry Isabel. Every game that the Sigma Pi's played, Isabel—always dressed as a fashion plate—would attend.

After each game the Rec hall janitors had to sweep up a long line of stamped-out butts. In addition, Isabel would walk some two or three miles up and down the sidelines during the game, first shedding his tailor-made coat, then his tie. Finally poor Harry would be bathed in perspiration, clad in only his t-shirt and pants.

Bare Facts

Needless to say, any similarity between the regular Sigma Pi team and its coach at the end of a contest was purely noticeable.

Along the same line, a loud-voiced coach of the Dorm 24 touch football team incessantly instructed his men from the sidelines, but rarely played himself. His squad reached the finals, but in an overtime match he raced into the game, intercepted an enemy pass, and put Dorm 24 so far back in its own territory that they never recovered. However, it was a helpful gesture.

P.Q. Was There

Many grave old seniors must still recall Alpha Gamma Rho's famous varsity boxer, wiry P. Q. Smith. P.Q. was always on hand when the AGR's were in the intramural boxing ring. Not only was he a fine second, but he was certainly the best shadow boxer outside the IM squared circle that fight fans in these parts have ever seen.

Every time the AGR man took a punch, P.Q. would take one. As his boy hit his opponent, P.Q. would clobber the ozone. At the end of three rounds, Smith would be leaning against the ropes al-



Eugene Bischoff

Lamie Tries—

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VanCleeef riddled the State zone defense with his accurate set shots. If the Lions are going to make their zone work, they'll have to throttle the little guard. Corizzi, who hit for 259 points last year, has already tossed in 222 in 14 games this season for an average of 15.9 points per game. A hard-driving forward, Corizzi is a consistent scorer from close around the foul key and a combination of his close-in shots and VanCleeef's sets might go hard on the Lions.

VanCleeef At Guard
White will probably start Corizzi and Al Paolini at forward, Jim Cerone at center, and VanCleeef and Dolph Schlesinger at guard.

The only common foes of the two teams, Navy and Bucknell, downed the Scarlet squad. Penn State defeated both teams. In their last four outings, Rutgers has beaten, Johns Hopkins, Trenton, Lehigh, and Lafayette. Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Maryland, Fordham, and Army, all pretty fair basketball teams, took the measure of White's crew.

Gross will start the same lineup he has stuck by most of the campaign. Lamie

most out on his feet while the ref would be holding his fraternity brother's hand in the air, the famous gesture of triumph.

State Boxers—

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Marino, out for his fourth win in the 125-lb. class, meets Jim Huba, another Eastern titlist. The Lions need a win in this opening bout to take the wind out of Syracuse's power-spotted lineup.

At 130-lbs., it's sophomore against sophomore as State's Jim Barr seeks win number three against former cross-country man, Tom Coulter.

Good Chance To Win

Coach Sulkowski is confident his proteges will go all out in this bid for Eastern supremacy. His only comment—"We have a very good chance of winning this one."

Both teams have two remaining meets after tomorrow's night's fracas. They meet Wisconsin and Virginia on alternating weekends before the Eastern championships the 9-10th of March in Charlottesville, Va.

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