

The Lion's Lair

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Someone on campus has come up with a new formula for winning basketball games, or at least he thinks he has. And it's original, make no mistake about that. The new formula is simply not to speak to your wife during the season.

Whether this will work is still very much a question, but through some strange logic, some one seems to have attributed Coach Elmer Gross' success with this year's basketball team to exactly that reason.

The rumor as Gross has heard it is that he hasn't spoken to his wife in three weeks, which would date back to the point where the Lions were beginning to develop a sizable winning streak.

Someone evidently believes that women know nothing about basketball and to have a good team, a coach must hibernate during the course of a winning streak.

Gross, amused at the rumor, says that the new formula is an interesting one but he wouldn't advise any basketball coach to use it.

"With the team playing the way it is, I'm satisfied with the system I'm using now. And besides, I don't think my wife would let me use the other one," he chuckled.

Incidentally, Mrs. Gross is an avid basketball fan and attends all the games in Rec Hall.

Such is the price of success. When a coach is winning only half the games, all anyone wants to know is who he's going to start in the next contest. But just get a winning streak started, especially one about 12 games long. Then they even



want to know what he eats for breakfast and what color socks he wears to the games.

Keep an eye on the result of the Adam Kois-Jim McInerney boxing match tomorrow at Army. McInerney is the defending Eastern 175 pound champ and his only loss this season has been to Chuck Speiser of Michigan State, defending national 175 pound champ.

Lion boxing fans will remember Speiser as the fellow who TKO'd Chuck Bolger in a dual meet two years ago in Rec Hall. Later in the nationals, which were also held in Rec Hall, Speiser went to the finals before being eliminated.

Kois, in his first collegiate fight at Catholic U. Tuesday night, TKO'd his opponent in 35 seconds—just about enough time to dance to the center of the ring and throw a punch.

The boys at Army are getting a real treat this weekend. They'll get to see the Kois-McInerney and Lou Koszarek-Jeryl Hughes boxing matches; the Hud Samson-Al Paulekas, Doug Frey-Don Swygert, Bob Homan-Bob Karns wrestling matches; and a gym meet between two of the East's top teams, Army and State.

Elmer Gross will take his basketball team to West Point for a game with the Cadets next Saturday afternoon on the way back from Rhode Island State.

Gymnasts Leave for Army Today

With the Army gymnastics meet but one day away, Penn State's gym squad is bringing its weekly exercises in preparation for the engagement to a close. The Lions will leave for West Point today.

Tom Maloney, coach of the Cadets, will throw a tantalizing 19-meet winning streak at the Lions. The West Point aggregation will be gunning for its fourth straight conquest of the season tomorrow.

Last year, the Cadets ended a Penn State two-meet win streak at Rec Hall, 55½-40½.

Biggest Test

Lion Gym Coach Gene Wettstone believes this will be the Nittanies' chief test of the campaign, but thinks that Army is not unbeatable and feels that the Blue and White gymnasts have

an even chance of coming out on top.

"This is undoubtedly one of our biggest trials of the year, and if we can get by the Cadets we will have cleared our biggest hurdle," the Lion gym mentor said.

The gym team, however, has several more rough opponents on its schedule. After its meet with the Cadets tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m., the Lions will entertain Navy and Syracuse on successive weekends at Rec Hall. Both rank near the top of the ladder in the East. Wettstone's charges conclude their dual meet season March 1 at Temple. The Owls will not be a pushover either as they are currently undefeated, having won their last three meets.

Army's gym team, with many

seniors, will present such veterans as Bob Wheeler on the side-horse, Johnny Ballantyne on the rope, and Jack Kleberg on the flying rings. Wheeler and Ballantyne have yet to lose this season, while Kleberg has lost only to Jack Miles of Florida State, NCAA rings champion in 1951.

So far this season, the Cadets have beaten North Carolina, 69-40; the New York Turners, 75-22; and Florida State, defending NCAA and NAAU gymnastic champions, 49-46.

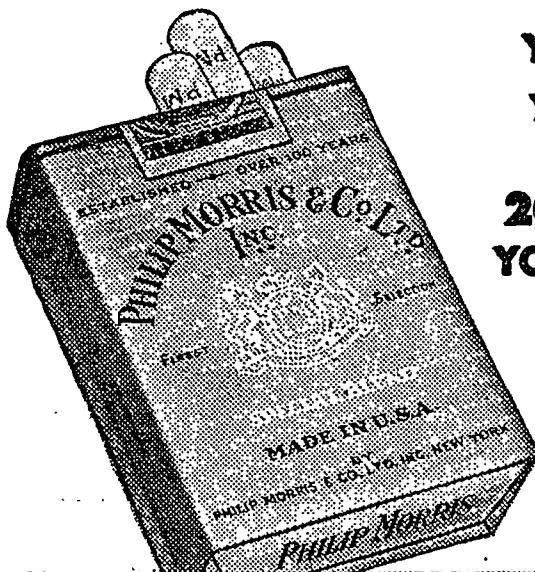
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WRA Needs V-Ball, Bowling Squads

A request has been made by WRA intramural chairman Mabel Marple for any group of coeds who would be interested in forming either a bowling or volleyball team to compete in the tournament, now being run.

Teams composed of women who were living in the cottages have been dropped from the schedule since no women are residing in the cottages this semester. This leaves vacant spots in the planned schedule. For a bowling team five girls are needed, with eight required for volleyball. Those interested are asked to contact Miss Marple at ext. 898.

Best Zone Defense

Pitt's Dr. H. C. Carlson regards Penn State's basketball zone defense as one of the best in the country.

Law to Fluorinate State Waters Sought

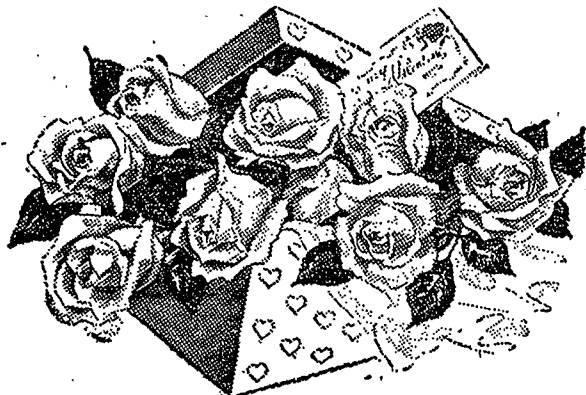
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