

## Independent Cage Champs



—Photo by Boyles  
**THE SINKERS.** 1952-53 intramural independent basketball champs are all smiles after their title clinching game with the Capitols. This is the second straight championship for the quintet. Standing (left to right) are Joe Moore, Skip Siehl, Buddy Rowell, and Don Bailey. Kneeling: Joe Yukica, Jim Garrity, Don Shank, and Don Malinak.

## Fraternity Cage Champs



**MEMBERS** of the Phi Sigma Delta fraternity basketball team are shown above after they copped the IM cage championship last week with a 43-42 win over Sigma Phi Sigma. They are bottom row from l. to r.—Ronald Isenberg, Mark Weiner, Leon Lefkowitz, Arnold Indelman, Herbert Vablon. Top row, l. to r. are Robert Kauffman, Jay Poser, Robert Seigal, Warren Gittlen, and Leonard Kreiger.

## Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu Strengthen IM Mat Lead

By ROY WILLIAMS

Pi Kappa Phi strengthened its slim first place lead in the intramural wrestling tourney last night at Rec Hall when Bill Swigert decided Phi Kappa Sigma's Jim Leslie, 4-2. Sigma Nu kept a tight hold on second place when Dave Barney downed Jim Sweeney of Delta Upsilon, 5-0.

Delta Chi gained ground although 121-pounder Steve Spencer lost an 11-3 decision to Phi Sigma Kappa's Jim McGraw. Rich Weaver came through for the Delta Chi with a pin over Reaves Lukens, Phi Sigma Kappa, to even the score. But Phi Sigma Kappa's hopes were dimmed when Dave Sbur was pinned by John Milson of Alpha Zeta in a quick 32 seconds.

Beta Theta Pi copped one of its two mat victories when Dave Arnold pinned Mark Loevner of Phi Epsilon Pi in a bitter grapple. Skeets Haag pinned 145-pounder John Usaltis of Phi Kappa at 1:13 of the first period.

Acacia had three winners. Bill Bovard threw John Appar of Phi Kappa Sigma in the 128 pound class for a pin at 4:43. Don Anderson won Acacia's second pin of the night over 135-pounder Ralph Christiansen, Alpha Sigma Phi. Win number three was won by Tom McIntyre's pin of Theta Xi's Owens.

The first of three independent

competitions saw 165-pounder Howard Hesketh defeat Bob Reinhart by default. Reinhart was injured late in the second period. In the 155 weight class, Dan Knipe decided But Rossini at 3:30 of the second period. Ed Welsler pinned his opponent with only 31 seconds left in the 165 pound class.

Glenn Culbertson of Sigma Alpha Epsilon decided Thomas Gingerich of Lambda Chi Alpha in the third period. Another winner in the 165 pound class was Al Coble of Alpha Tau Omega with the lightning fast pin of Zeta Beta Tau's Crammer in only 39 seconds.

Heavyweight Tom Schmalzreid of Alpha Zeta took his second win of the year over Sigma Pi's Walker with a pin in the first period. Bob Carver of Pi Kappa Alpha also pinned Chi Phi's Reber for a win.

Speedy Marty Zieve of Beta Sigma Rho pinned Jack Turnbull of Sigma Phi Epsilon in the 128 pound class. Sigma Pi's Brent Curtis pinned George Walker of Alpha Sigma Phi with only one minute of the first period gone.

Jack McCarthy of Phi Kappa Tau copped a victory by pinning Bob Thompson of Delta Tau Sigma in the second period. In the 175 pound class Dave Simon of Kappa Delta Rho decided Delta Tau Delta's Stanat by a 12-4

score

# Wettstone Puts Gym Team Through Paces for Nationals

"We're going to give trouble," said gym Coach Gene Wettstone yesterday regarding his Eastern champs' chances in the National Collegiate Athletic Association team championships which will be held at Syracuse March 27-28.

Wettstone put his crew through full workouts yesterday at Rec Hall for the second day in a row in preparation for the biggest and last event in the winter gymnastic season.

Last year at Boulder, Colo., the all-mighty gym aggregation from Florida State took top team honors in the country for the third consecutive season. Southern California has finished second to Florida State for an equal number of straight years, dating from 1950.

The 1952 NCAA team point totals were 89½ for Florida State to 75 for Southern Cal.

Illinois and Army finished third and fourth with 50½ and 57½ points, followed by number five and six teams in the country, Minnesota, with 28 points, and Michigan State, with 26.

The Lion gymnasts, in sweeping through to an undefeated dual-meet season, upended the third, fourth, and sixth place finishers in the nation last season in meets with Illinois, Army, and Michigan State.

Twenty-nine schools will enter contestants in this year's tourney. The 29 schools, if all enter gymnasts, will top by six the largest number of schools ever to compete in the NCAA's. Last season's entry of 23 schools had set the previous record.

Qualifying tryouts will be held in the afternoon and evening sessions March 27 with the championship play in both sessions March 28.

Ten men in each event will qualify for the championship competition. Besides the six regular Eastern events—tumbling, sidehorse, horizontal bars, rope climb, parallel bar, and flying rings—there will be competition in calisthenics, long horse vaulting, trampoline, and all-around play. The NCAA all-around event consists of five events, flying rings, sidehorse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, and calisthenics.

Pre-meet dope, calculated according to seasonal dual-meet activity, would again put Florida State in the top-seeded position, followed by Southern California. Illinois and Minnesota, who ran one-two in the '53 Western Conference standings, along with the Lions and UCLA, are bunched up behind the year-in year-out leaders.

Wettstone, though, isn't one to sell one of his Eastern rivals short—the Orange of Syracuse. Syracuse, he said, has a tumbler in Jim Sebbo who could go all the way plus two good all-around performers in John Barkal and Milan Trnka.

Jan Cronstedt, the sophomore stylist from Finland, was the only Lion representative at last year's Nationals. Cronstedt picked up a tie for third place in the parallel bars with Navy's Mike Quartararo. USC's great, John Beckner won the parallel bars title along with the all-around crown. Beckner also finished second in the horizontal bars.

## Frosh Track Records Offer Challenge to Cinder Hopefuls

By DICK McDOWELL

Chick Werner and his protege, Norm Gordon will be taking their track team out onto the Beaver Field cinders one of these fine spring afternoons to begin work in earnest for the coming outdoor campaign.

Gordon, who has been assisting Werner for the past five years, will have his hands full this spring. The former Nittany trackman, besides handling the varsity thinclads, will have charge of the freshman squad.

But right now Gordon is wondering just how busy he will be. It seems that in the past, Penn State freshmen have been scared away by varsity records, feeling that they weren't quite good enough to be a Penn State trackman.

But Norm says it isn't so. "The trouble is," he says, "too many boys see only the varsity records, and never get a chance to see the freshman figures."

The track mentor wants it known that all freshmen who come out for track this spring, with or without previous experience, will get an equal chance. "The field is wide open," he says.

A glance at the record books shows that three of Penn State's greatest trackmen never ran track before coming to the Nittany Vale. Yet Don, Bill, and Horace Ashenfelter came to Penn State and made the headlines.

Horace is still making them too. He left Beaver field and went on to Olympic glory. Last year at Helsinki he won the 3000 meter steeplechase, and recently was named the outstanding amateur athlete in North America when he was given the Sullivan Award.

What's more, the freshman hope-

fuls won't have to spend the entire season just practicing. Werner-Gordon & Co. are in the process of arranging a unique series of "telegraphic" meets. At the present time the University of Michigan and Ohio State have been booked, and several more will be scheduled shortly.

The meets will run like this: During the week, time trials will be held at Beaver Field. At the same time, the opposing team will hold time trials on its field. Then the results will be mailed by each school, and times will be compared to determine the score.

Gordon is extremely hopeful that there will be a large turnout of freshmen for the squad, and has asked that anyone interested—whether he has had track experience or not—report to him at Rec Hall.

Here are the official Penn State freshman records:

**TRACK**  
 100 yard dash—9.7. (Barney Ewell, 1938)  
 220 yard dash—21.3. (Barney Ewell, 1938)  
 440 yard dash—49.4. (Ollie Sax, 1951)  
 880 yard run—1:58.7. (Cliff St. Clair, 1942)

One mile run—4:21.1. (Jerry Karver, 1942)  
 Two mile run—9:31.5. (Lamont Smith, 1952)  
 120 yard high hurdles—15.6. (Jim Redman, 1935; Harry Conger, 1940)  
 220 yard low hurdles—24.4. (Bob Hutchings, 1937)

One mile relay—3:24.2.  
**FIELD**

16 pound shot put—48.9%. (Roney Grier, 1952)  
 High jump—6-4%. (Jim Sykes, 1940)  
 Pole vault—12-6. (Bob Clark, 1937)

Broad jump—24-2. (Barney Ewell, 1938)  
 Discus throw—134. (Nick Yukmanic, 1937)  
 Javelin throw—205. (Nick Yukmanic, 1937)

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