

# Frosh Offered Track Trials

By HERM WEISKOPF

In the summer of 1952 the name of Horace Ashenfelter blazed across headlines of papers all over the globe. His spectacular upset victory in the steeplechase race at the Olympic games in Helsinki made him a national hero overnight.

But did you know that the great Ash did not compete in any track events until he established himself as a stalwart on the Nittany

## Sigma Nu IM Champ; DU Second

Sigma Nu dethroned Delta Upsilon as intramural fraternity champion for the 1952-53 season. Sigma Nu copped the title with 1019½ points while the 1951-52 champ Delta Upsilon, placed second with 732.

Delta Upsilon took an early lead when it placed second in football and first in boxing. However, Sigma Nu, came back to win the wrestling championship and handball singles titles. Dave Girard turned the trick for the champs in the handball singles.

The new champions fielded teams, or individuals, as the sport required, in all 16 sports offered by the Intramural Department.

Beta Theta finished third with 581 points and took the swimming title. Theta Xi placed fourth with 580 points, narrowly missing a deadlock with the third place Betas. Lewis Landon won the tennis singles and helped pave the way for Sigma Pi's fifth place showing.

Phi-Delta Theta was sixth with 531 markers and came up with the winning combination in the tennis doubles in Thayer Potter and Edwin Seiling. Pi Kappa Phi's 473½ points placed seventh, while Tau Kappa Epsilon's 473 resulted in an eighth place finish.

The soccer championship was won by Tau Kappa Epsilon. Sigma Chi garnered 460 chips to finish ninth and Phi Sigma Delta, the basketball champ, placed tenth with 457.

### Three Win Streaks

Penn State's current win streaks, number three—nine straight in golf and gymnastics, and 29 straight in wrestling. The latter string stretches over a four-year period. The gymnastics skein was started in 1952.

cinders? From an unheralded freshman to an Olympic champ is quite a jump.

Ash came out for the track team because he loved to run and because he wanted to give his legs a chance to prove what they could do.

### Stone Inexperienced

The morale of the story is that if you like to run and are in good physical condition you should try your hand (in this case feet) at track.

Do you think Ashenfelter's case is a one-in-a-million? True, it is not any everyday occurrence, but it does happen. Another Nittany great, Curt Stone, had never circled the cinders until he came to State. Once Stone's legs got into motion they carried him to victory after victory and ultimately to a national collegiate championship.

On the present team the Austin brothers, Don and Bruce, carry on in the line of these who never competed in high school track. There are dozens of others who have performed the same feat at Penn State and other schools.

### Teaches Body Care

There are various reasons why men such as Ashenfelter and Stone did not compete before they entered college. Probably one frequent reason is some high schools do not have track teams.

Besides the possibility of grabbing a share of the headlines for yourself there are other distinct advantages in competing in track or cross-country. As Chick Werner, head track coach, pointed out, "By competing you will learn how to take care of your body."

The regulations governing those who go out for track and cross-country are not too strict, Werner emphasized. If you are worried that participation may interfere with your studies and thereby hurt your grades, fear no more for Werner also noted that grades are usually higher when students are competing in track or cross-country than when they are resting during the off season.

If you would like to try out for the fall phase of track, cross-country, report to Rec Hall and look up Werner. He will be glad to see you. Why shouldn't he, you may be another Ashenfelter.

# 1954 Sport Schedules Announced

Schedules for three 1954 sports—basketball, baseball, and football—have been announced recently by Penn State sports officials.

A 19-game schedule for the 1953-54 basketball team, which opens its season Dec. 5 has only one newcomer, North Carolina State.

The Lion courtmen, who faced the Wolfpack in the NCAA playoffs a year ago, will go to Raleigh for a single game on Dec. 19.

The Lions will oppose the American University five at Washington the night before.

### The schedule:

Dec. 5, Washington and Jefferson; 12, at Penn; 18, at American University; 19, at North Carolina State. Jan. 6, Syracuse; 9, Colgate; 13, at West Virginia; 16, at Navy; 27, at Bucknell; 28, Pitt.

Feb. 3, at Gettysburg; 6, West Virginia; 13, at Pitt; 19, at Colgate; 20, at Syracuse; 24, Gettysburg; 27, Rutgers.

March 4, Georgetown; 6, Temple.

Runner-up to Lafayette in the 1953 NCAA District Two playoffs, Penn State will play 22 baseball games next spring, opening April 10 against West Virginia.

The schedule calls for double-headers with the West Virginians, Georgetown, and Syracuse. In addition, the Nittany Lions will play Pitt two successive days.

### The schedule:

April 10, West Virginia (two games); 16, at American Univer-

sity; 17, at Georgetown (two games); 23, Western Maryland; 24, Lafayette; 26, at Dickinson; 30, Gettysburg.

May 1, at Lehigh; 4, Bucknell; 5, Rutgers; 8, Syracuse (two games); 11, at Bucknell; 15, Temple; 18, at Navy; 19, at Villanova; 22, Colgate; 26, at Pennsylvania; 28 and 29 at Pittsburgh.

The University of Illinois will feature the opening of the 1954 football season in a nine-game schedule. Illinois, Virginia, and Holy Cross are the newcomers, replacing Wisconsin, Boston University, and Fordham. Of the three,

only Virginia played the Lions before, in 1893. Virginia, West Virginia, Holy Cross, and Rutgers will be home attractions. The Lions will play Illinois, Syracuse, Texas Christian, Penn, and Pitt on the road.

### Lacrosse Candidates

Candidates for the 1954 Penn State Lacrosse team, including freshmen, are asked to report to 221 Rec Hall anytime from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 23. Coach Nick Thiel has announced that the first fall practice session will be held soon.

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