

Penn State May Discontinue "Red-Shirting"

By JIM KARL

If Eric A. Walker and three other presidents of eastern football powerhouses approve a recent report drawn up by their athletic directors, "red-shirting" of athletes may no longer be practiced at Penn State, West Virginia, Syracuse and Pitt.

Ernest B. McCoy, athletic director at Penn State, said that President Walker has been given a copy of the report along with the presidents at the other universities. Sometime in the near future the four prexy's will get together to make a decision on the issue.

"RED-SHIRTING" IS openly practiced by most collegiate football and basketball powers, although a crack-down has been in evidence for several years now. The practice entails holding an athlete, usually in his sophomore year, out of actual game competition for a year but permitting him

to practice with the team. This gives him a year of experience (except for actual game experience) without the loss of a year of eligibility.

It also stretches his education over a five-year period instead of the usual four years, and this is the big gripe athletes have against the procedure.

An NCAA rule states that athletes have five years in which to complete four years of eligibility, including one year of freshman eligibility.

The plan proposed by McCoy and the three other athletic directors — Frank Carver of Pitt, Lou Andreas of Syracuse and Robert Brown of West Virginia—states that, with certain ex-

ceptions, a player must complete four years of eligibility in four years.

THOSE EXCEPTIONS would include a player who was injured and had to sit out a year, or a player who dropped out of school. It's common knowledge that Penn State has "red-shirted" players for some years, to a much greater extent in football than in basketball.

But the Lions have not carried the practice to excess as have some other football powers.

"We played a team three or four years ago that had 'red-shirted' over 20 players," McCoy said.

The Lions currently have seven players who, if they return to school for a fifth year next year, will be considered "red-shirts".

TWO OF THE SEVEN players, tackles Charlie Sieminski and Gerry Farkas, have stated that they will not return unless they are given special consideration.

i.e., a waiver of spring practice and enough financial aid to cover their fifth year of school.

The other five players, Roger Kochman, Bob Kline, Al Gursky, Bob Hart and Cliff Davis, have indicated they will return next year.

Kochman's case is a little different than the other four, and it points up one of the exceptions which McCoy said were included in the report.

Kochman suffered a knee injury and had to sit out an entire year, thus becoming an automatic "red-shirt".

The Big 10 and the Ivy League have rules governing "red-shirting" and McCoy believes that eventually the practice will dis-

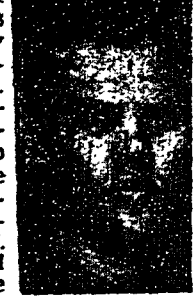
appear completely.

"It's been on the floor at the NCAA convention for two or three years now," McCoy said. "If we can make ourselves clear regarding nomenclature, I think most people will go along with the recommendations of the Council, which in essence is that an athlete should complete his athletic eligibility within four years of his enrollment."

McCoy SAID IT shouldn't make any difference whether Penn State and the other three schools decide to quit "red-shirting," while other schools continue the practice and produce better football teams. "God forbid we lose the desire to win," McCoy said, "but let's not forget that that is not the main purpose of intercollegiate athletics. Intercollegiate athletics has its part in the educational scheme of things. But when it's overemphasized, then we leave the door open for criticism."



Charlie Sieminski



Gerry Farkas

Weiss, Seward Compete For All-Around Crown

By JOHN MORRIS

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Penn State gymnasts have fallen into a rut, a habit that was started a decade ago and doesn't seem likely to be broken this year.

Tonight Greg Weiss and Tommy Seward will do their best to see that a Penn State gymnast is crowned Eastern

Intercollegiate Gymnastics League champion for the tenth straight season.

The winner of the title will be decided tonight at West Point and winners of the individual events will be decided tomorrow. There is no team competition.

The all-around consists of free exercise, side horse, still rings, long horse vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar.

"EITHER WEISS or Seward should win the all-around," Lion coach Gene Wettstone said before the Nittanies left for West Point. "I don't think anybody else has a chance."

Weiss won the title last year, picking up firsts in the parallel bars, still rings and long horse vault along the way.

Seward is the defending eastern champion in the free exercise, but the stocky junior lost to Pitt's Earl McConnell in the Lions' last dual meet.

Wettstone figures that the Lions will have strong entries in all the regular events except the long horse vault. There are no Penn Staters entered in the four special events—tumbling, flying rings, rope climb and trampoline.

SEWARD FACES strong competition from McConnell and Corky Voas of Syracuse in the free exercise.

Weiss and Ray Grimaldi are expected to vie for top honors on the side horse. The Nittany captain was undefeated in the event during the regular season, edging the Syracuse star, 283-276.

Lion still ring specialists Bud



LARRY YOHN

Williams and Larry Yohn will have to battle Temple's Sheldon Mittman and Army's Will Worthington for first place. Defending champion, Weiss is a darkhorse candidate for top honors.

Army and Syracuse are expected to dominate the long horse vault in this year's competition.

Weiss, Seward and Navy's Cecil Tune are the top choices on the parallel bars and the two State stars are among the favorites on the horizontal bar.

Broken Board, 16-16 Deadlock Mark IM Swim

By FRANK QUIGLEY

A broken diving board and a tied-meet, highly unusual occurrences in their own right, combined to give last night's IM swimming competition a bizarre twist.

However, before the evening was over, everything was straightened out and Phi Mu Delta, defeated Phi Epsilon Pi, 16-12; Delta Chi overwhelmed Delta Upsilon, 27-4; and Phi Delta Theta squeezed by Acacia, 17-16.

The diving board was broken by divers practicing before the meet. Because another diving board was not available this event had to be cancelled.

In the tied match Acacia and Phi Delta Theta were deadlocked 16-16 after the four regular events were run off. Phi Delta Theta clinched the victory by winning a special 90-yard medley relay. The victors were led by Chuck Yartz, who won the freestyle and breaststroke. A victory in the relay event and Bill Barber's win in the backstroke gave Acacia it's two firsts.

Delta Chi copped first place finishes in every event to eliminate DU from the tournament. Don Butcher in the freestyle, Ed Hinojosa in the backstroke, and Steve Sulzbacher in the breaststroke took firsts for Delta Chi.

Phi Mu Delta's victorious relay team made the difference in a come-from-behind victory over Phi Epsilon Pi.

Frosh Baseball Meeting

Frosh baseball coach Bill Spieth will hold a meeting for freshman baseball candidates at 5:15 Monday in 241 Rec Hall.

Moran Will Run 1000 in K of C Meet Tonight

Ed Moran, former Penn State track great, will compete in the 1000-yard run in the New York Knights of Columbus Meet at Madison Square Garden tonight.

In 1960 Moran won the Columbian Mile in the K of C meet, but he lost last year to Istvan Rozsavolgyi of Hungary.

Moran holds three individual

Penn State records. As a junior in 1958, he set the 1500-meter mark of 3:43.2, and in 1959 he set records of 4:01.7 in the mile and 1:49.5 in the 880-yard run.

Also in 1959, Moran ran with three record-breaking relay teams—the distance medley, mile relay and four mile relay.

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