

Levine's sports line

# A Sentimental Evening for Fitz

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Vince Fitz doesn't look like the sentimental type. The lean and grizzled veteran of three years of varsity wrestling wouldn't appear to be the sort of guy to be moved by cheerleaders' yells or the Alma Mater. But State's sinewy 145-pound wrestler may be going a little soft in his old age. Cauliflower ear and all.

"I'm starting to get a little sentimental about it all," Fitz said yesterday. "All of us really want the Navy match to be the biggest one ever."

But then, Fitz has a right to be a little misty-eyed. On Saturday night, Fitz and four teammates will be competing in their last dual meet ever in Rec Hall. Fitz, Wally Clark, Dave Spinda, Matt Kline and captain Rich Lorenzo all want their last appearance to be a memorable one.

And, with the powerful Midshipmen furnishing the opposition, the match should be one that nobody will forget for a long time. The Middies will sail into Rec Hall riding the crest of their best season in 13 years. Navy is currently undefeated through seven matches and is ranked seventh in the nation by the Amateur Wrestling News.

But Fitz and friends aren't exactly overawed by the Navy statistics. The Lions have been beaten only once in six matches and are listed as the coun-

try's eighth best team. Saturday night, something has got to give.

"You'll never see a better wrestling match than this one," said Lion coach Bill Koll. "Navy vs. Penn State is becoming one of the country's best rivalries."

And this year, the word "rivalry" may be an understatement. "Feud" is more like it. There are a few scores to settle on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line when the Middies hit town. They're still fuming down in Annapolis about last year's match. In that one, the Midshipmen held a 15-3 lead over the Lions after six matches and appeared to be on their way to an easy win.

Three bouts and three Lion wins later, it was 15-12 Navy, and the rest was left to the big boys. Lion heavyweight Mike Reid took to the mat and Navy's Guido Carloni charged out to the tunes of "Anchors Aweigh." While the Midshipmen Band played furiously and the frantic Middies in the stands screamed in well-drilled unison, Reid squeaked by the previously undefeated Carloni, 3-2.

There are some scores to settle on State's side, too. The Lions finished 8-0-1 last year and the 15-15 tie with Navy is rather irritating, just hanging on the end like that.

But there is more to it than just last year's tie. Penn State's five seniors want to win for another reason. None of them has ever been on a team that defeated Navy. As sophomores, the Lion varsity was upended 20-14 by the Midshipmen. And, three years ago, the Lion freshmen were defeated by the Navy Plebes.

"There are a lot of personal grudges to be settled," Fitz said. "We want to win this one more than any other match ever — more than Lehigh last year."

And Fitz has an additional reason for wanting this one — a three-year-old reason. In the Navy-

Penn State freshman meet three years ago, Fitz defeated Pete Vanderlofske, 10-5. But two weeks later, in the freshman tournament, the "V" surprised Fitz, 4-2, and the lanky Lion has never forgotten.

"I've been waiting three years for Vanderlofske," Fitz said. In our sophomore years, we both wrestled 137, but he went down to 130 for our match. Last year, he went up to 145. This year I'm hoping we'll meet and decide things.

Both Fitz and Vanderlofske have been wrestling at 145 pounds this season. Both have 5-1 records, and unless either coach plays some hanky-panky strategy with the lineup, they'll get together for the rubber match.

There are other reasons, too. Four years of wrestling can bring back a lot of memories.

"I remember when we came here as freshmen," Fitz said. "They didn't even know who Lorenzo was. Or me, for that matter. We were just a couple of guys from New Jersey. Since then, we've all come a long way. Dave Spinda has come along and is having a good year. Wally Clark and Matt Kline are both doing great. We've all worked hard together."

And Saturday night, Fitz and friends will all get a little sentimental together. But first they have a few old scores to settle.



VINCE FITZ

... he can remember

# Handball Champs Crowned in Rec

By DAN DONOVAN  
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Bill Kupferschmidt, representing Uniontown House, defeated Fred Long of Balsam House by a score of 21-14, 21-12 to win the dormitory singles title in intramural handball last night at Rec Hall.

Kupferschmidt used well placed shots to keep his stronger opponent running. The first game started off as a see-saw affair, with the lead often changing hands. Kupferschmidt then took a slight lead, 12-10. All the running caught up with Long, and soon he was unable to reach his opponent's well-placed shots. Kupferschmidt stormed to a 17-11 lead then came through with a few good serves to take the game from his hustling opponent, 21-14.

The second contest saw streak scoring on both sides. Kupferschmidt scored 9 in a row to take an 14-3 lead, then dropped six points to Long. The Uniontown representative controlled the game to the finish, winning the title with a 21-12 victory.

The best match of the night saw independent Mike Lefkowitz outlast Harry Kocopi in a slugfest that lasted a total of 2 hours and 40 minutes.

The game was typified by one strong shot of two powerful players. Lefkowitz took the first set by a 21-16 margin only to have Kocopi rally to reverse the score in the second set.

The two opened the final round engaged in a very close battle, Lefkowitz placing his serve to Kocopi's weak left and Kocopi putting his power to good use.

With the score at 8-7, Kocopi found it impossible to put two good shots together, while Lefkowitz managed to chip out one score at a time, until he won the match with a misleading 21-7 final game.

A fraternity champion was also crowned as Dan Fogel of Beta Sigma Rho downed a determined Dave Lewis of Phi Delta Theta by a 21-8, 21-1 score. Fogel, a highly-rated performer, kept the match well in hand in sweeping to the title.

The graduate title was also decided by a lopsided victory, when Denny LaRose dumped Trevor Lewis in a 21-10, 21-8 score.

# Coed Tennis Begins

Conditioning and stroke drills for aspiring members of the women's varsity tennis team will begin at 1 p.m. today in White Hall.

According to Tennis Coach Pat Seni, all undergraduate women who know how to play tennis, despite their degree of skill, are eligible to come out for the team. Those who attend training sessions should bring tennis rackets and dress for activity, she said.

Sessions will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tryouts for the team will be held early next term.

This spring the varsity team will meet Ohio State University, Dayton University, Dickinson College, Chatham College, Lock Haven State College and Wilson College. The two top players on the team will attend the Middle States Intercollegiate Tournament on May 1 at Bryn Mawr College.

# Lions Win

Special to the Collegian

PITTSBURGH—Penn State's basketball team breezed to its eighth win of the year last night as the Nittany Lions defeated Carnegie-Mellon, 70-45.

The Lions made good use of their height advantage and quick passing on the fast break as they handed Carnegie its 10th loss in 16 outings. Sophomore guard Tom Daley led all scorers with 17 points on 7 field goals and three free throws. Reserve Gregg Hamilton was second in scoring as he hit 7 of 8 shots from the floor and wound up with 15 points. Galen Godbey chipped in with 12 for the winners.

Carnegie's high scorer was 6-5 center Mark Lang who scored 11 points before fouling out three minutes into the second half.

The Lions' leading scorer on the year, Jeff Persson, was held scoreless, although his passing was instrumental on the fast breaks. Persson took only six shots.

"The substitutes—Godbey and Hamilton—played well, and Tom Daley played a good game," said Lion coach John Egli. "We kept at the basic things and didn't fall asleep. Everyone's playing better now."

Penn State, now 8-3 on the year returns home to face Colgate in Rec Hall Saturday afternoon.

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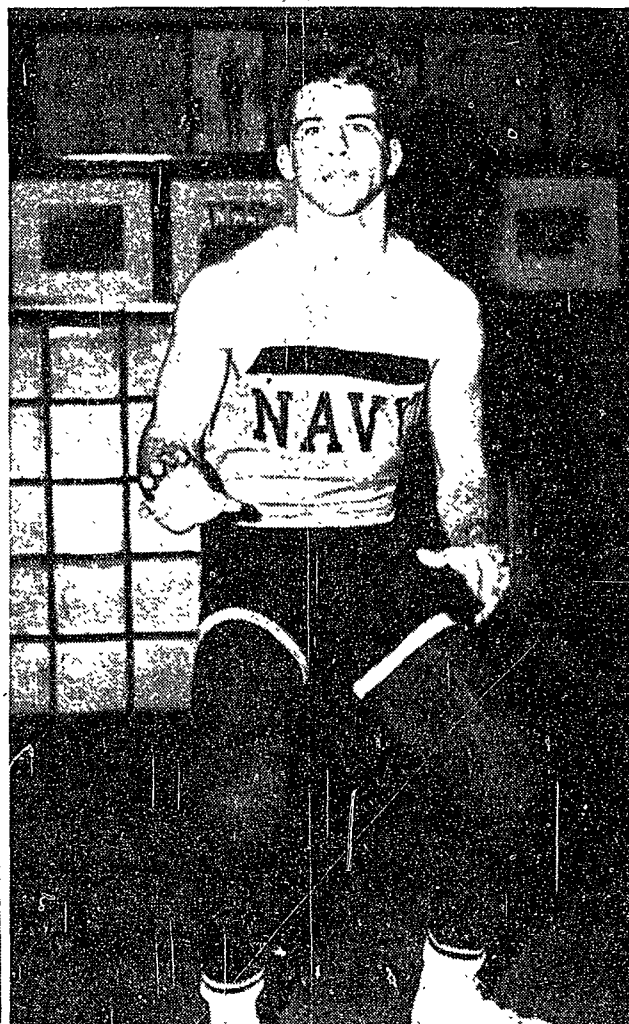
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NAVY'S 145-pounder Pete Vanderlofske may be in for a rematch with Vince Fitz on Saturday night. Vanderlofske, a returning Eastern champion, and unless there are some lineup changes he'll be going against the Lions' Fitz. Both wrestlers are 5-1 on the year. The last time they met, both were freshmen and Fitz came out on the losing end, 4-2.



MIDSHIPMAN Bob Ahrens is one of Navy's outstanding wrestlers. Ahrens, a 167-pounder, has a 5-1 record on the season, and Saturday night in Rec Hall will be up against the Lions' Matt Kline, also 5-1. The Penn State-Navy meet is rated as the top mat battle in the East this year as the Midshipmen are currently number seven in the country and the Lions are ranked eighth.

# WRA Elections Today

Elections end today for four executive positions in the Women's Recreation Association. Polling stations are open from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in women's residence halls and from 10 to

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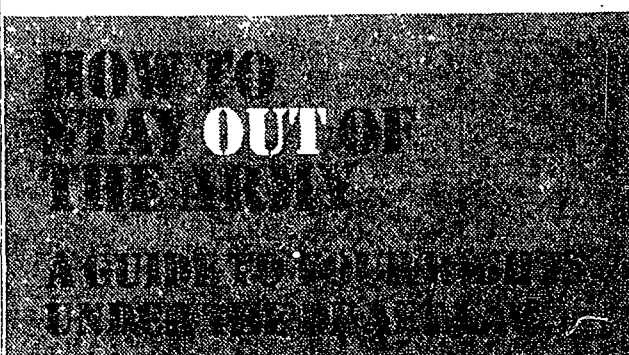
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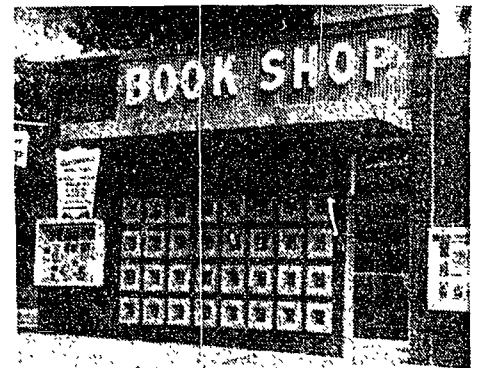
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