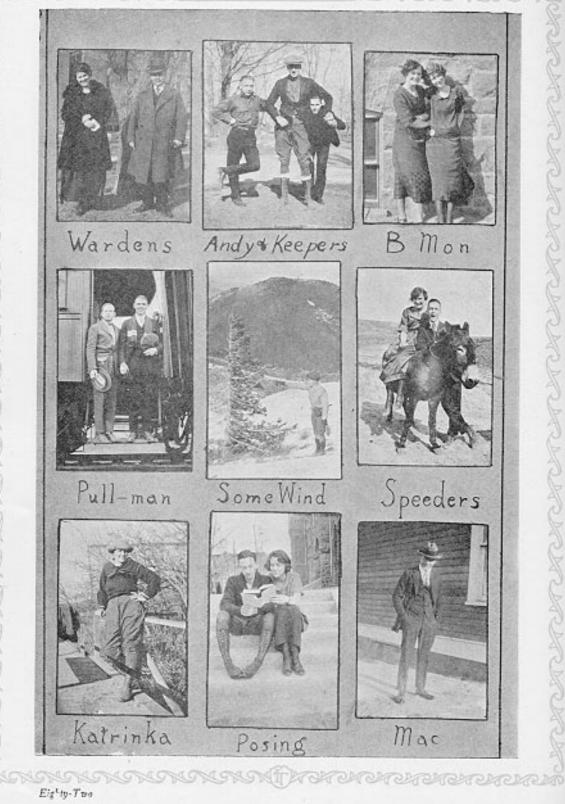
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BUD BLISS



FELIX PLASTINO
Coach



JACK KEANE

Wrestling, in its second year as a major sport at the Tech, proved to be one of the most interesting branches of athletics of the year. It was regrettable that the season did not develop as was expected when it began. With the opening of the season, the Tigers had several meets promised from various colleges in Montana and Idaho. One after another of these meets were cancelled by the prospective opponents, until nothing but two meets with the College of Idaho were left.

The first of the meets was held in Caldwell. The Coyotes were experienced grapplers, and won from the less experienced Tigers. In the second meet, held in Pocatello, the Tigers reversed the proceedings, and took the Coyotes into camp. The last of the two battles showed that the Tiger tusslers were the better men, as the results of the larger score proved.

As to the wrestling squad, a great deal can be said. "Ernie" Conan in the 128-pound class, was the smallest man on the squad. This was the first year Conan ever tried the mat game. With no experience to begin with, he turned out surprisingly well during the latter part of the season. In his first match, with Ford at the College of Idaho, he executed a game fight and lost by only a small margin.



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ALTON REAY

POLLY LEHRBAS

AUGUST MILLER

In the return match, Conan showed great improvement,

Polly Lehrbas, in the lightweight class, took up grappling instead of basketball this year. As a wrestler, Polly came through in fine shape. He had the misfortune of getting injured the day before the last match, and could not go on the canvas with the Coyote lightweight. In Caldwell Lehrbas lost, through lack of experience, by a close decision against the best man the College had. In the last match, due to his injury, he had to sit on the sidelines and see the match as a spectator.

Miller was another unfortunate on the squad. He received a broken rib shortly before the Caldwell trip, and could not go with his team mates. Although a lightweight, he was slated to represent the welters, until, through the misfortune of Lehrbas, he was forced to go into his old place. In this division, Miller took the honor for the Tech.

Upon the injury of Lehrbas, and Miller's entry in the lightweight class, Reay, last year's welterweight, was asked to go on the mat once more in defense of the school. He responded and made a remarkable showing for a man out of condition against one who was in perfect form. Reay went through



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ERNEST CONAN

three seven-minute periods, but was thrown in the second round an instant before the bell.

Jack Keane, another new man on the squad, turned out to be a top notch middleweight. In Caldwell, Jack was disqualified on account of roughness. No doubt wrestling is a parlor sport in Caldwell, for Jack's bout was no more rough than the rest. The College did not send down a light heavy in the last bout; therefore Coach Plastino put Bliss in the middleweight division in place of Keane. In another year Keane will make one of the best wrestlers in the intermountain country.

Bliss, wrestling in two classes ranging from the 158 to the 178, came through the season with a clean record. In Caldwell he threw Jim Jackson, College light heavyweight, with two straight falls. In the return match he entered the middleweight class in place of Keane and won two decisions over Lightly.



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