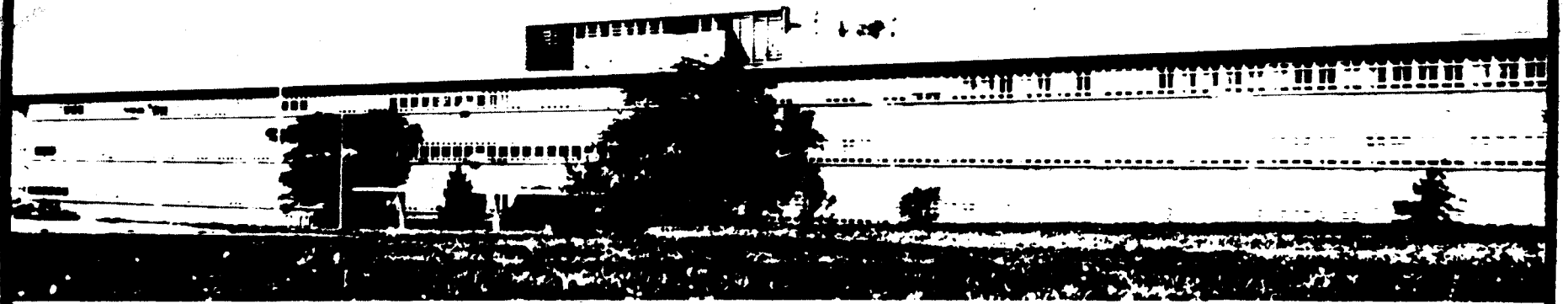


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## Capitol's Athletics Mature

By Ed McKeown

With the erection of the elaborate facilities of the Multi-Purpose Building, the Capitol Campus Athletic Program took its initial step in the direction of advancement. The first beneficiary of this progression is the men's varsity basketball team.

The basketball squad has been on an independent basis, for quite some time now, with no opportunity to participate in post season tournaments. But this situation is presently in the process of being altered. The advent of the new facilities seems to have spawned a reformation of this independent status.

Reuben "Bud" Smitley, Athletic Director, has indicated that Capitol Campus is now entering the initial stages of obtaining a bid to join the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA). Acceptance into this association enables the basketball team to compete on an intercollegiate level and participate in post season playoff competition. Thus, the individuals on the team will have a realistic goal to shoot for and will not have to rely on their own personal satisfaction of competing, as a standard of mental preparation for their games.

Concurrent with the entry into the NAIA, the team will find themselves a member of a conference replete with top-notch competition. The conference will embody such formidable foes like Spring Garden College from Philadelphia, which advanced to the NAIA semi-final round last year; Philadelphia College of

Pharmacy and Science, which represented the NAIA in Europe this season; and numerous equally compatible adversaries. Therefore, the road to the playoffs will not be an easy one but no pathway to glory ever is.

In coordination with membership into this association, compliance with rules and regulation of that association is mandatory. Consequently, the Capitol Campus Committee of Academic and Athletic Standards decided to institute standard rules of academic efficiency and suspended two basketball players from further varsity competition. This policy requires that every varsity member who has not

computed a 2.0 grade point average is to be declared scholastically ineligible.

This procedure has been the subject of extreme conjecture and is thought to be one of importance for further investigation. The timing involved in the rendering of this decision is the recipient of much speculation and reasons for such amends will be engrossed upon in the future. Meetings, in which this issue is to be discussed, will be attended by representatives from the C. C. Reader and an explanation will be given for its enforcement. Look for further information in next week's edition of the C. C. Reader.

## Flu Attacks Campus

Have you been feeling feverish and nauseous lately? If this is accompanied with chills and body aches chances are you have the Russian flu that has been reaching epidemic proportions throughout Pennsylvania.

Although the Russian flu has not shown up in epidemic amounts at Capitol Campus there is an increase in flu related cases being treated by Health Services.

Health Services treated a total of 25 cases of flu during a three day period this week. Twelve cases were from the dorms, six were from Meade Heights, and seven cases were off campus.

While this is a definite increase over the normal number of cases treated in a three day period,

Health Services stated that it is too soon to know if a major epidemic will occur.

If an epidemic should occur, patients will be sent home or isolated from the student body. The procedure is to keep the patient alone until the flu has passed. Mrs. Kresge, a staff nurse, stated that Capitol Campus has been fortunate; no serious cases have shown up. Students are being quarantined and some colleges closed in the rest of the state.

The Russian flu is different from other kinds of flu because it attacks the upper respiratory area causing sore throat, ear aches, and head aches. Basically it is a different strain of virus than other kinds of flu.

## Candidate: Robert Butera

By Frank Lynch

A recent poll shows that Robert Butera, a Republican candidate for governor, is tied for second place in terms of name recognition with voters in his party. Arlen Specter of Philadelphia is the front-runner by a rather sizable margin, but Butera isn't concerned.

"I've learned that polls really don't mean much at this stage of the game," Butera said. "If a politician has nothing to say or campaign on, he conducts a poll that shows how wonderful he is."

Mr. Butera was asked how he felt about his name not being as widely recognized as Specter's. He replied, "That doesn't mean anything to me. In fact, I wouldn't want Specter's name recognition." Why? "Because he has the reputation of a loser."

A native of Norristown, Butera is 43 and has been a member of the State House since 1962. He was the minority leader of the House when he resigned late last year to devote full time to his campaign for governor.

In an interview with a Reader staff member, Butera expressed regret that the funds for the non-preferred budget items (like Penn State's) were held hostage by certain Democrats. If he were governor, he said he would compromise or abandon, a favorite issue, rather than hold up funds so cruelly.

He has proposed sweeping legislation that would stop future crises. First, he would revise the "unwritten code of secrecy" under which governors have traditionally drafted their budgets. "I hope to involve the legislature from the outset, let them have input."

Second, he would further utilize "measuring devices in the budget process" that would automatically prevent non-preferred items from being exploited as they were last fall.

Although he would back legislation that would include Penn State in the general fund, he fears that such a move might hurt the University more than help it. If the school becomes too dependent upon Legislative allotments, it might lose some of its autonomy.

He concluded, "While I don't want to see any non-preferred treated again like they have been, putting state-funded schools into the general fund might take away some of their independence." That is well worth considering.

Butera seems to have a good set of policies that he hopes to implement as governor, and he is fairly well respected throughout the Republican party. If he can establish himself as a winner and Arlen Specter a loser, he may have the inside track down the long stretch to the May primary.