

Top Notch Gym Mentor

Penn State got a prize when Gene Wettstone came to the College as gymnastic coach in 1938. Nittany gym stock began to soar.

As an outstanding gymnast and three-time Big Ten all-around champion, he was considered well qualified to guide a college gym team. What the College was to learn about later was his promotional genius.

Beginning in 1941 his teams were among the country's gymnastic titans. Under his tutelage the Lions have now been undefeated in dual competition for the last four seasons—a feat unequalled in collegiate annals.

Even more striking proof of his leadership and ability to draw the most from his team is the unprecedented achievement of winning the Eastern Intercollegiate, National Intercollegiate and National AAU championships in the same year—1948.

His efforts in furthering gymnastics throughout the country have established the bespectacled Wettstone as one of the top promoters of the sport.

He has a penchant for detail. Witness his preparation for last Saturday's huge gym spectacle staged in Rec Hall.

Last September, after Wettstone presented tentative plans, the Olympic Gymnastic Committee asked him to investigate the College's attitude toward holding final tryouts at Penn State.

Before consenting, Wettstone first persuaded the Committee to move the Tryouts from July 1 to May 1, so all students at the College could witness the event.

Next he persuaded the athletic department that a gym meet of such wide scope was a good thing for the College and could be staged here successfully.

He wrote nearly 2000 letters to officials and competitors while planning the meet. He designed the Rec Hall decorations. He secured lodging for more than 700 contestants, coaches and spectators who were to congregate on State College May 1.

At the same time the Nittany coach was preparing his own team for a major effort in the tryouts.

The climax of eight months' preparation occurred Saturday when Wettstone's team was tops and the Committee nominated him as coach of the United States Olympic gymnastic team.

That the total Olympic receipts of Saturday's Rec Hall program surpass any gathered in previous years speaks well for Penn State—and its gym mentor, Gene Wettstone.

—Thomas E. Morgan.

Take A Lesson, Prof

As an institution that has been in the forefront of movements fostering religious and racial tolerance, Penn State's reputation for minority equality has spread through all sections of the country.

In sports particularly, the College has an enviable record. Blue and White teams have consistently been withheld from contests in which Negroes have been barred.

In 1946 the Nittany eleven refused to play a scheduled football game with the University of Miami because the Southern school authorities prohibited Negroes from participating in the contest.

Lion boxers were withheld from the 1947 Sugar Bowl Carnival, even though no Negroes were on the squad, because members of the colored race were not permitted to box at the Carnival.

Last season Coach Higgin's footballers were the first team to play in Texas using Negro players because the College refused to accept a Cotton Bowl bid unless the colored boys on the squad were allowed to engage in the contest.

Yet overshadowing this fine record compiled by the sports teams are some actions by an extremely small minority of the group which of all groups on the campus should least demonstrate intolerance—the professors.

On several occasions in classrooms, members of the faculty, supposedly while instructing their students in democracy as well as specific subjects, have been heard to make remarks such as "nigger," "mick," or "kike."

Coming from men who are supposed to be leaders in American education; men in whose hands the future leaders of America are being trained; such remarks are more than disgusting—they are dangerous!

If instructors can't practice democracy themselves, how are they to ask their pupils to conduct themselves as equality-minded citizens. The age of "do as I say, not as I do" is past.

Can it be that the athletes and coaches on the playing fields know more about democracy than the professors in the classrooms?

—Wilbert Roth

Edit Briefs

• Weeks of work by a Cabinet committee to preserve campus grass received a serious blow Saturday. Hundreds of automobiles effectively mashed hundreds of square feet of grass, when the campus patrol directed automobiles to park on the plots near Rec Hall.

• What if everyone who was admonished to "take it easy" in an average day, suddenly decided to?

WIN AND BEAR IT

By Lilly



"You're wearing that 'High cost of living' excuse pretty thin, Flisbee—That's been your reason the last three times I refused you a raise—!"

ONE MAN'S MEAT

By Ben French



Phineas T. Glockenspiel, astute feline observer for the Daily Collegian, was punching out an editorial when we happened to drop by the office yesterday.

"Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has its nerve!" Phineas complained. Did you see that picture 'The Bride Went Wild' last week. One of the characters—a manual-training instructor who was wooing June Allyson away from hero Van Johnson by using stupid tactics even a Sigma Nu wouldn't dare use—announced that he was a college man!

"Penn State '36," he stated triumphantly. "Later when the goof was about to marry Miss Allyson, he stated that they were going back to Penn State to work on his masters."

"Now they say that any publicity is good publicity but I'll bet the scenario was written by either a Penn man or a Pitt man. Penn State men just don't operate like that!"

"Oh, that's not always true," we answered. Have you ever seen ex-editor Ostar out on a date?" "Yes, you're right. That reminds me," he said. "Now that you're a 'has-been' on the paper, who can I get to write my weekly drivel?"

"We've been thinking about that, Phineas," we told him. "We decided to put you in charge of Arni Gerton, our new editorial director. Here he comes now! Phineas, meet Arni!"

"Pleased to meetcha," Gerton grinned. "So you're the little rascal that's always griping?" "Meow," growled Glockenspiel. "I don't like this guy," he whispered to us.

"Oh, come now, P.T.," Gerton said, "I think you write the best column in Collegian."

Mailcall

What Happened?

TO THE EDITOR: What is the score with the track officials' sight in overlooking one known as "Reds" Thomas in the 100 yard dash Saturday afternoon? I was at the finish line and saw him come in second! Why wasn't he placed? Do the officials need glasses?

—John E. Benglian.

• The actual finish of the 100 yard dash was 1. Johnson, 2. Thomas, 3. Lancaster. Just before the start of the dash, Thomas exchanged lanes with Lancaster, and Lancaster exchanged with Robinson. The track judges placed the men according to starting lane.

A picture of the finish of the race showing the finish in the order listed above, is in the Penn State Photo Shop's files.

CALENDAR

All calendar items must be in the newsroom in 8 CH by 4 p. m. on the day preceding publication.

Thursday, May 6
FROTH, Senior, Junior, Sophomore Boards, and Candidates of Editorial, Art, and Photo staffs, 3 CH, 7 p.m.
WRA Outing Club, 2 WH, 6:45 p.m.
LA Student Council, 111 CH, 1:10 p.m.

QUARTERDECK, 110 New Physics, business meeting, 7:15 p.m. Open meeting, 8 p.m.
MASQUERETTES, Gamma Phi Beta Suite, 6:15 p.m.
WRA Bowling, beginners, 6:15 p.m. Swimming, 7 p.m. Fencing, 7 p.m.

At the Movies
CATHAUM—Valley of the Giants.
STATE—The Fugitive.
NITTANY—Barber of Seville.

VA Contact Man Offers Advice on Entitlements

L. P. Nardi, contact representative of the Veterans Administration, will be in the VA Building from 10:30 o'clock this morning until 4 o'clock today, to advise veterans and dependents concerning entitlements under existing laws. Mr. Nardi will be at the VA Office again next Thursday.

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Placement Service

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main immediately.

New York Central Railroad, May 10, summer work as student chairman. Also eighth semester men in Civil Engineering.

Boy Scouts of America, May 7, eighth semester men in C&F, Ed, Forestry, A&L, Phys Ed, Industrial Ed.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, May 11, students in C&F, A&L, ME, EE, Chem Eng.

Corning Glass Works, May 11, students with B.S. or M.S. degrees in ME, EE. Also B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. degrees in Chem, Physics.

Westvaco Chlorine Products Corporation, May 13, eighth-semester men in EE for trainee in power department. Chem Eng students for production department.

West Penn Power Company, May 18 & 19, sixth and seventh semester men for summer employment. EE, ME, IE, CE.

Calvert Distilling Company, May 7, eighth semester men in IE, ME, Physics, Chem, Chem Eng, Commercial Chem.

Hamilton Watch Company, May 7, eighth semester men in ME, IE, Physics.

Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Company, eighth semester men in Dairy Husbandry, Pre-veterinary. Also summer employment.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation, May 17, eighth semester men in EE, IE, ME.

Standard Oil Company Research Department of Indiana, May 13, seventh and eighth semester students with B.S. or M.S., Ph.D. degrees in Chem, Chem. Eng.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, May 14, eighth semester men in EE, ME, IE, Chem, Chem Eng.

Standard Oil Company of Indiana, May 12 and 13, eighth semester men in ME, EE, Civil Eng, Petroleum and Natural Gas Eng.

Retail Credit Company, May 11 and 12, eighth semester men from C&F, A&L.

J. J. Newberry, May 11, seventh and eighth semester men interested in merchandising.

Burroughs Adding Machine Company, group meeting for C&F, A&L students interested in sales work, 228 Sparks 7 p.m., May 11. Arrangements for individual interviews on May 12 may be made after the meeting.

Third United States Civil Service Commission, group meeting for seniors, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m. (Continued on page eight)

The Great White Bear



Tickets At Stud. Union May 10