

# Lions Take Second in Tourney

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## N. C. State Cops First; Tocci Performance Cited

Shortly before the Christmas vacation a campus publication went out on the limb with a statement that Penn State's basketball team might once again come under the big-time collegiate court spotlight this year.

A step toward that prophecy was made a week ago at Raleigh, North Carolina, where a handful of courageous Nittany cagers fought into the finals of the Dixie Basketball Classic before bowing to a superior North Carolina State team, 50 to 40.

Was it luck or was it skill which enabled a team which had won only seven out of 17 contests the previous year to emerge heralded by newspapers throughout the land as "the surprise of the Dixie Classic?"

### Gross For Mayor

Anyway, all a jubilant Coach Elmer Gross had to say on his return to State College was "I was both surprised and pleased over the boys' showing. When we went down South we weren't expected to do much but we played hard, aggressive ball and had a will to win that couldn't be stopped."

Joe Tocci was signaled out as the tournament's second most outstanding player. He ranked behind North Carolina State's Dick Dickey. Following Tocci was the Wolfpack's smooth Sammy Ranzino.

Heroes? According to State's new cage prexie, Gross, and his 'aide de camp' John Egli, "They all were." But even above all the hullabaloo surrounding the trip, names like Joe Tocci and Lou Lamie stuck up as outstanding.

### Tocci Outstanding

In the initial battle against Duke, Tocci, a 5-foot 5-inch, 150-pound mite, stole the show with his alert floor play and accurate toting. It was field goals by Jay McMahan and Tocci in the waning minutes of play that paid off against the Dukes.

The scoring breakdown revealed Lamie as the team's top point producer in the three game series with 32 points. Gross pointed to Lamie as the team's most improved player since the Lions' opening encounter with Susquehanna. Lee Schisler, who came through with the pressure on, accounted for 25 tallies, while Marty Costa notched 20.

### Storer Scores 19

Below these were Tocci and Jack Storer with 19 apiece, McMahan with 17, and Panapolis, 6.

Dec. 27—The Nittany Lions arrived in Raleigh and began preparations for their initial tilt in the newly constructed gym of the North Carolina hosts.

Dec. 28 — Coach Elmer Gross' underdogs swept past one of the tournament favorites. (Continued on page three)

# Soccer Lions Deadlock Frisco, 2-2

## Little Boots Crucial Point As Time Ends

### Knot Called Official On Coaches' Agreement

By George Vadasz

Had a soccer fictionist intended to use what took place in the nation's first collegiate soccer bowl for his plot he would have been more-than-pleased with the 2-2 thriller between Penn State's booting forces and those of the University of San Francisco in St. Louis on New Year's Day.

Time was running out on the gallant horde of Nittany battlers—in the closing seconds of the struggle the Jeffrey-coached boys found themselves at the short end of a 2-1 count.

But in the final minute of play the continual barrage at the Frisco goal, one which was little short of the famed London Blitz, reaped rich dividends. In an attempt to stop the Lion onslaught, Don Fullback Rosendo Diaz handled the ball with his hands, thus calling for a penalty kick.

### Penalty Kick

Diminutive soccer-giant, 135-pound Harry Little, was selected to step to the penalty mark.

...and then it happened. With ten seconds remaining until the final whistle, their 14-game unbeaten skein on the line and defeat but moments away, Little calmly booted one past Goalie Angelo Carmassi to earn the Nittanymen the 2-2 deadlock. The penalty kick was Little's second marker of the afternoon and the sixth such kick he tallied this season.

With it this tricky 'll scooter earned himself an odds-in spot on the 1949 All-American soccer team which will be announced next week.

But it was difficult to single out any individual stars in a brilliantly fought contest which oftentimes brought the more than 4,600 Sportsman's Park viewers to their feet.

Definitely Clarence "Buzzer" Buss played the game of his life and All-American Ralph Hosterman well lived up to his title in bowing out of collegiate soccer competition. For the Dons, Olufunmi Osibogun, the son of a Nigerian noble family, was the (Continued on page three)



FRISCO ATTACK—University of San Francisco center halfback Bill Lee (facing ball) sends a boot toward the Penn State goal in the nation's first intercollegiate soccer bowl game in St. Louis on New Year's Day. This shot went wide, but two other USF attempts were good as the Lions and the Dons battled to a 2-2 tie. The Penn State men in the picture are goalie George Lawther (26), halfback Will Kraybill (6), fullback Bill Yerkes (facing Lee), and fullback Chuck Margolf.

# Congress Hears State of Union

## Boro, College Study Plan for Public School

Committees of the College Board of Trustees and the State College School Board are studying a proposal that the borough and the College co-operate to set up a public school here.

A joint committee recently completed a study of how other colleges and communities have been co-operating under similar programs, but their report has not yet been made available.

No definite policy concerning the proposal has been made yet by the College, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, executive assistant to the president, said recently.

The proposal was brought forward last year by the borough school board, which is seeking expansion of its school facilities, according to Kenworthy.

Because tax sources are scarce in the borough, the school board has found it difficult to obtain money for expansion and thus turned to the College with its co-operative plan.

Under the proposal, the school would meet needs of both the community and the College by providing education for town children and serving as a training center for practice teachers from the College. The school would operate in co-operation with the School of Education.

Roger W. Rowland has been named chairman of the trustee board investigating the plan. Mrs. A. K. Anderson, of the school board, and P. C. Weaver, assistant dean of the Education School, were heads of a committee which recently surveyed operations under the program elsewhere and reported back to the school board and the trustees.

Howard Lamade and George Slocum, in addition to Rowland, are representing the trustees in the matter.

## Truman Prosperity Formula Includes Tax Changes, Rent Control, T-H Repeal

### Poet To Speak Wednesday

Tickets for Carl Sandburg's lecture next Wednesday night are now on sale at Student Union in Old Main, Jo Hays, chairman of the ticket committee for the State College Community Forum, announced yesterday.

Sandburg, outstanding poet, Lincoln biographer, and collector of folksongs, will speak in Schwab Auditorium on "American Folksongs and Tall Tales."

Carl Sandburg is not a stranger to the College. He appeared here July 15, 1937, and presented "An Evening with Carl Sandburg," a program that packed Schwab Auditorium. Folding chairs were set up in the front row and on the stage, and many people stood in the aisles. Fire regulations, now in effect, would prohibit a crowd of this size from hearing the talk next Wednesday.

Sandburg's program of wit, humor, philosophy, and song will have strong audience appeal. It will be of a much lighter vein than the discussions of atomic energy by Dr. Harold C. Urey and Hanson W. Baldwin which opened the Community Forum series for this season.

With his guitar under his arm, Sandburg is expected to center his program around folklore in the background of Abraham Lincoln, joined to the exploits of such living American creations as Paul Bunyan, Steamboat Bill, Casey Jones, and Pecos Pete.

The single seat tickets will sell at \$1 including tax. Fraternity, sorority, or other groups desiring to buy blocks of tickets may do so while tickets are available.

Today's Weather: Colder with Snow Flurries.

WASHINGTON — President Truman gave Congress his formula for a prosperous nation yesterday in his annual 'State of the Union' address.

He urged what he called a moderate amount of new taxes, but did not go into details. Warnings were made by the president against crippling cuts in the budget. However, some lawmakers already have predicted that Congress will not appropriate all Mr. Truman asks.

While the figure has not been announced as yet, House Speaker Rayburn says Mr. Truman's budget for the coming fiscal year will be nearly two billion dollars below this year's.

Also among the major points of the president's program were the continuation of foreign aid and rent controls, repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, expansion of social security, a system of medical insurance, passage of the Brannan farm plan and the civil rights program.

### R.R.'s To Cut Service

WASHINGTON — The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a one-third cut in passenger service on coal-burning railroads. This measure, which was taken to conserve coal, will go into effect Monday.

The United States Steel Corp., meanwhile, has joined a group of coal operators in complaining to the National Labor Relations Board, charging John L. Lewis with unfair labor practices.

### Phone Strike Seen

NEW YORK — A nation-wide telephone strike has been threatened by the CIO Communications Workers Union. A union spokesman said the tie-up will come unless the Bell Telephone System meets the CIO's new contract demands.

## News Briefs

### "Independent" Staff

Staff of the "Independent" will meet in 8 CH at 7 o'clock tonight to plan the next issue.

### Symphony Orchestra

Rehearsal for all members of the Symphony Orchestra will be held in 117 CH at 4 p.m. tomorrow, Prof. Theodore K. Karhan, director, announced today.

### Balfour Award Winner

Terrell L. Ruhlman, Sigma Chi, won the Balfour Province Award for the West Virginia-Pennsylvania Province and placed fourth for the Balfour National Award. This award is given on the basis of scholarship, student activity, personality, and fraternity service.

### Med School Exams

Medical College Admission Tests will be given to med students who expect to enter medical college in 1950 in 302 and 210 Buckhout from 8-12 and 2-5 on January 16.

## Today . . .



### The Nittany Lion Roars

FOR the Lion soccer and basketball teams which kept Penn State in the sports limelight during the vacation period. The soccer team climaxed an undefeated season by tying a powerful San Francisco team 2-2. Coach Elmer Gross' basketball team advanced to the finals of the Dixie Classic in Raleigh before losing to undefeated North Carolina State 50-40.

While most students traveled home to turkey, these two teams traveled west and south to bring back the bacon.