WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1953

Lions Nine Beat W. Maryland Vesling, Weidenhammer Sports Thru **Baseball's** Star in 17-6 Triumph **Big Leagues** 

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The Nittany Lions unlimbered their big bats yesterday afternoon as they battered four Western Maryland pitchers 10th-inning home run by a Milfor 12 hits—eight of them extra base blows—to win their waukee rookie and a one-hit pitching performance by Bob Lemon of the Cleveland Indians

While hurler Keith Vesling spun a six hitter, his team-provided the highlights today as mates collected three home runs and three triples in the got off to a full-scale start before disappointing crowds.

Lions' best hitting performance of the campaign. Vesling himself blasted one of the circuit blows along with centerfielder Sil Cer-

chie—his second of the season-and rightfielder Tom Werner. Cold Winds

Shortstop Ron Weidenhammer, who had managed only one hit in the previous two outings, caught fire at the plate and blasted triples and a single in five times at bat to lend the Lion attack. Left fielder Rex Bradley got the other Lion three bagger.

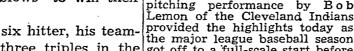
Only a handful of fans turned out for the contest as cold winds swept Beaver Field. The temperature seemed to have some effect on the fielding also. Both teams were shoddy on the defen-sive side. The Lions committed six errors while the Terriers babbled the bell first times bobbled the ball five times.

Right hander Jerry Troy start-ed the game for the Nittanies but ran into trouble in the first frame. A single, sacrifice, two walks and his own error put him two runs behind and Vesling came onto the mound.

## Two Runs, No Hits

The big righthander, who won his second game of the season, gave up a double to third base-man Phil Jackson, scoring two more tallies. The Terriers touched him for two more in the eighth on two hits and an error but that

was the best they could do. The Lions scored two in the Political Aspirations At least three Penn State athsecond frame without manufacsecond frame without manufac-turing a hit when starter Don letes will be candidates for office James walked four batters and in the spring elections. Dick Le-threw a wild pitch. Two more myre, Eastern wrestling cham-crossed the plate in the fourth. pion, will aspire to All-College The Lions had their big innings presidency while Jesse Arnelle, of in the fifth and sixth, scoring football and basketball fame, will nine runs in the two frames. In seek the junior class vice presiwith the bases loaded and Cer-chie followed with his homer, a tremendous 375 foot clout to left Baseballing Gridders



Cold, raw weather cut attendance in the East and a snowstorm in New England forced postponement of the Red Sox opener with Washington in Boston

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP)-

The Milwaukee rookie was Bill Bruton, who thrilled a sellout crowd of 34,357 at Milwaukee by hitting the extra-inning home run beat the St. Louis Cardinals,

It was the home debut of the transplanted Braves, bringing big league ball to the city for the first time in half a century. Lemon, ace of the Cleveland staff, pitched his one-hitter as the Indians trumped the Chicago White Sox, 6-0, before the day's largest crowd, 53,698. The only hit off Lemon was a single by Minnie Minoso in the first inning. Lemon also hit a home run. The New York Yankees, bid-

ding for their fifth straight pennant, got off to a wobbly start as Alex Kellner of the Philadelphia Athletics shut them out, 5-0, on five hits. It was the first opening day defeat for the world champions since 1947.

Only 23,534 turned out to watch League champions opened their campaign with an 8-5 victory over Pittsburgh. The Dodgers relied on an old

success formula, the relief pitching of Joe Black and home runs by Roy Campanella and Duke Snider to beat the Pirates on four-run outbursts in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Dodgers' perennial Nation-al League rivals, the New York Werner led off the sixth with a screaming liner down the left field line, good for four bags. An error, walk, and Weidenhammer's first triple brought three more of Normite

the Cincinnati Reds, 3-2, when a throwing error by third base-A crowd of 21,222 attended at



**Collegian Sports Editor** 

Beaver Field's beautiful baseball lawn glistened in bright sunlight yesterday afternoon. The semi-frigid air made it a perfect day—for fireplaces and Rip Engle's beef cattle which were practicing across the way. However, a hasty calendar check showed that the football team wasn't due to begin operations until Sept. 26 while the baseball team did have, as suspected, business to transact with Western Maryland.

And although the eventual transaction was in keeping with the weather and thoughts of football-17-6 in favor of Penn State--there was enough baseball played during the two hours and 45 minutes of Siberian torture to get a fair idea of the Nittany baseball team.

Before chasing his boys out into the cold. Coach Joe Bedenk offered the sage observation, "every game is different." Already he was right in one way he probably didn't consider—the thimblefull of fans who did brave the icy blasts wore overcoats which probably had never seen a baseball game before.

Jerry Troy began pitching for State. But, after Troy yielded a single and three walks to be charged with four runs, Homer Bedenk called in his epic hero, Keith Vesling. Ves proceeded to lift the seige of Troy with seven splendid innings of runless pitching.

In the second inning, Vesling's strong right arm and high, hard kick of his left leg set a familiar pattern which was to record 13 strikeouts and advise most watchers that here was Bedenk's ace —both for starting crucials and in relief.

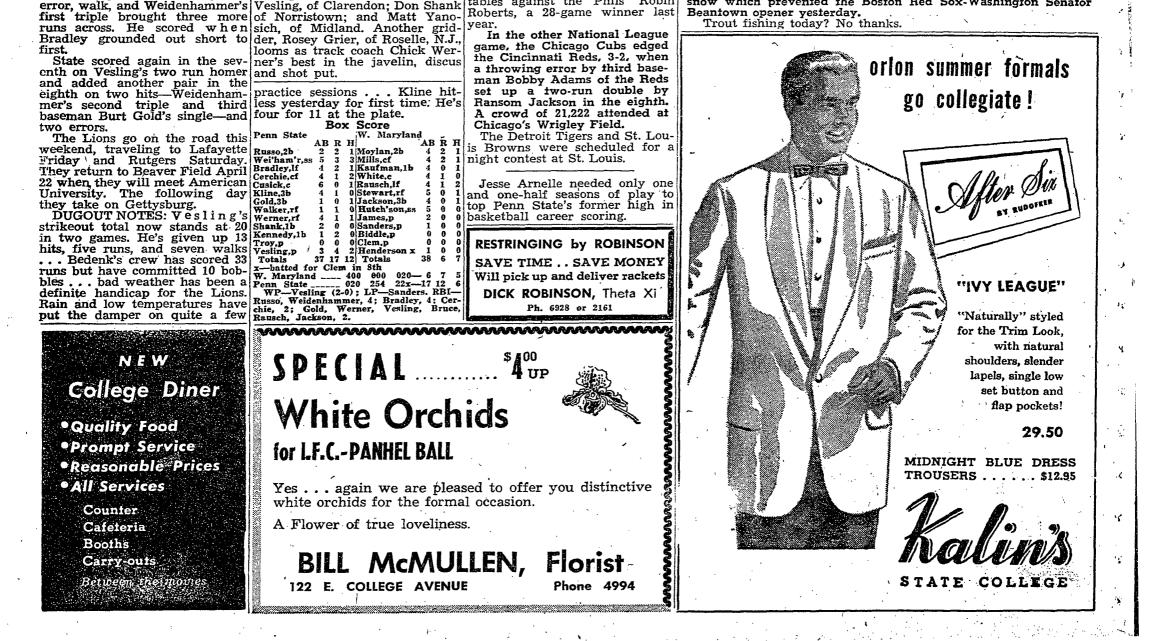
(Hustling in for the home half of the second, third baseman Hubie Klein offered the understatement of the second, infu baseman cold out there," Then Hubie partially remedied the situation by donning a rubber shirt.) In the top half of the third, shortstop Ron Weidenhammer showed

his basketball and ballhawking sense by racing into the infield gaps to stop hits marked COD for the outfield. But, he betrayed an arm Only 23,534 turned out to watch the Yankees hold flag-raising ceremonies and then bow to the Athletics. There were just 12,433 of the Dodger faithful at Ebbets Field where Brooklyn's National League champions opened their

After State's two scores in the fourth tied matters at 4-4, the Arctic Bowl was definitely decided in the fifth. Leftfielder Rex Bradley tripled across three runs. Then the Kid's Choice, Sil Cerchie — who was dubbed the Home Run King by idolatrous youngsters behind the on-deck screen—provided the Babe Ruthian color with a 375 foot home run.

Enough said. Yet, the game of necessity had to drag to its obvious conclusion. Rightfielder Tom Werner and even pitcher Vesling broke some of the icy stillness and boredom with home runs. And, the monotony of Vesling's pitching—from the Maryland point of view —was broken up by two runs in the eighth, which did little but drag out the contest out the contest.

In the Maryland ninth, State's nifty Vessel set 'em down 1-2-3 the middle out on a called strike by the ump who was as eager to get home as the 30 spectators who stayed to the bitter cold end. When his end did come, not even the Marylanders were sorry. After all, the only winter accouterment which was missing was the snow which prevented the Boston Red Sox-Washington Senator Beantown opener yesterday. Trout fishing today? No thanks.





**Soccer Practice** 

equipment.

Spring soccer practice will start at 3 p.m. today. Candi-

dates must take a physical ex-amination at the Dispensary before reporting to Rec Hall for