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Gymnasts Retain Title

Board Picks Bloom Editor Of Collegian

Tamsin Bloom, sixth semester journalism major, was named next year's editor of the Daily Collegian by the senior board Sunday, replacing retiring editor, David Jones.

Miss Bloom is the first woman to hold the top editorial position on the Collegian since 1945, when Woodene Bell had the position. Miss Bloom will be the fourth woman editor in the history of the Collegian.

The present senior board of the Collegian also named Diehl McKalip, sixth semester journalism major, managing editor, replacing Marshall Donley. Myron Feinsilber, fourth semester journalism major, will replace Charles Oberance as city editor.

The 1954-55 senior board also includes Mary Lee Lauffer, sixth semester journalism major, copy editor; Richard McDowell, sixth semester journalism, sports editor; George Bairey, sixth semester journalism, editorial director; Philip Austin, sixth semester journalism, radio news editor; Margaret McClain, fifth semester journalism, society editor.

Herman Weiskopf, sixth semester journalism major, is assistant sports editor; Nancy Ward, sixth semester journalism, assistant society editor; Baylee Friedman, seventh semester arts and letters major, feature editor; Edmund Reese, sixth semester arts and letters major, exchange editor; and Martha MacDonald, sixth semester home economics major, librarian.

The duties of the new staff will commence May 3.

Dean Warns Men to Check Solicitor Cards

The Dean of Men's office yesterday warned men living in dormitories to check the credentials of persons soliciting magazine subscriptions.

James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs, said he had received reports of persons claiming to be selling magazine subscriptions in the West Dormitory area.

Solicitors are not allowed in dorms unless they have been approved by the Dean of Men's office or by Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs.

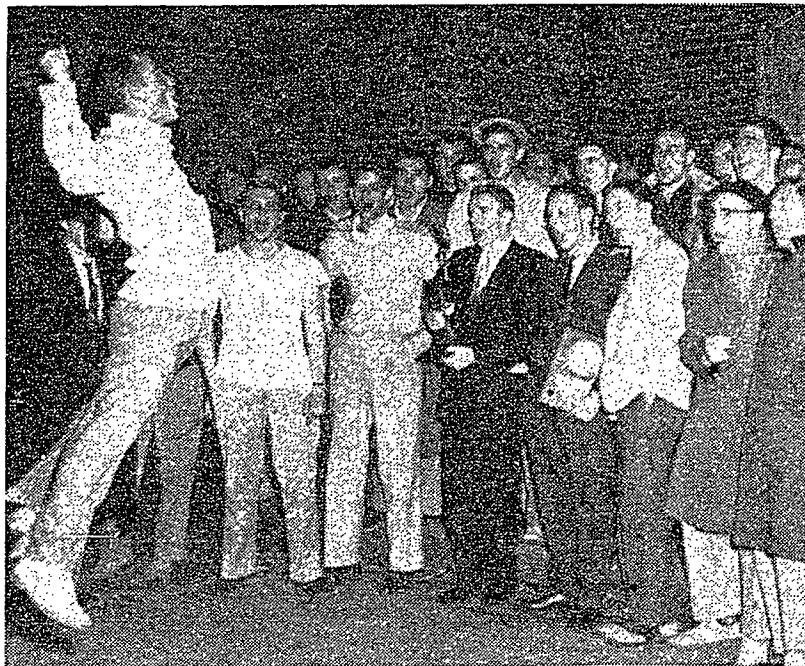
Dean asked students approached by magazine salesmen or persons soliciting funds for charity drives to notify their resident counselor, the Campus Patrol, or the Dean of Men's office if these persons do not present credentials.

Tax Cut Lowers Boxing Prices

Because of the recently approved Federal excise tax slash, Penn State boxing fans will have an opportunity to attend the National Collegiate Athletic Association's three-day tournament this weekend at Recreation Hall at reduced rates.

A reserved seat for the entire tourney will cost \$3.50 compared to the previous price of \$4.80. Non-reserved seats have been reduced from \$3.60 to 2.75. Reserved seat tickets will also be sold for individual sessions priced at 75 cents, \$1.25, and \$1.50. Non-reserved seats for individual sessions will sell at 50 cents, \$1, and \$1.25.

A Cheer for the Gym Team



—Photo by Hoopes

BRUCE WAGNER, head cheerleader, leads a cheer at the pep rally held at Beta Theta Pi at 2 a.m. yesterday to welcome the gymnastics team home after they set a new scoring record as they swept their second straight National Collegiate Athletics Association Title at Illinois Saturday. In the center, Co-captain Al Wick, dark suit, holds the NCAA cup. Beside him on the right are Jan Cronstedt, who won four individual national championships and his brother, Co-captain Frank Wick.

Campaigns Reach Final Drive Today

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With one day remaining before All-University elections, tomorrow and Thursday, Lion and State Parties will round up a 10-day election campaign with final speeches and publicity releases this afternoon and tonight.

State Party's All-University candidates will speak at Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Triangle, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Kappa Sigma at noon today. At the same time, the party's senior class nominees will talk at Kappa Delta Rho, Chi Phi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Tau, and Delta Chi and junior class office-seekers will solicit votes at Delta Upsilon, Acacia, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Zeta Beta Tau.

Evening Schedule

Between 5:15 and 6:30 p.m. State Party's All-University candidates will campaign at Phi Epsilon Pi, Sigma Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Gamma Rho, and Alpha Tau Omega, and junior class nominees will talk at Phi Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa

Psi, Phi Kappa Tau, and Delta Chi.

Starting at 6:45 p.m. State Party's All-University nominees will speak in Hamilton Hall while women candidates will tour the women's dormitories.

Lion Campaign Schedule

At noon today, Lion Party All-University candidates will campaign at Phi Kappa Tau, Delta Chi, Pi Kappa Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Kappa Delta Rho. Senior class candidates will speak at Alpha Zeta, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, (Continued on page eight)

Cronstedt Wins 4 Titles in NCAAs

By RON GATEHOUSE

When Gene Wettstone's ten man gymnastic squad left last Wednesday for the University of Illinois to enter the 12th annual National Collegiate gymnastic tournament, they went as the defending team champions.

When the smoke had cleared Saturday night after the finals were completed, the Lions had retained their title, the third of its kind in the history of Penn State.

But the Nittanies did much more than win a national championship.

En route to gaining the much sought-after crown they recorded an amazing total of 137 points—smashing their own previous high of 91½ earned in last year's classic. Second place honors went to the host team—Illinois—with 68 points. The other highly regarded entrants, Florida State and UCLA, followed with 62 and 53½ points respectively.

Although Jan Cronstedt gained the limelight, it was a team victory. No less than six individual titles were won by the Lions.

Bob Lawrence and Tony Procopio took top honors in their specialties—the side horse and flying rings.

But the individual performance of fabulous Cronstedt, Finland's gift to Penn State, demanded as much respect as the team victory.

The brilliant gymnast, only a junior, was in the driver's seat the whole way, steering the Nittanies to their second consecutive national title, and left no doubt in anyone's mind who was the outstanding performer in the gym festival.

Cronstedt, in addition to winning the coveted all-around title, settled for no less than first place in each of the three individual events in which he was entered—parallel bars, horizontal bar, and free exercise. He was the defending titleholder in two departments, the all-around and parallel bars.

The all-around competition, which consists of six events— (Continued on page six)

Frosh to Plan Dance, Talent Show Tonight

The Freshman class will meet at 7:30 tonight in 110 Electrical Engineering.

James Musser, class president, said plans for the freshman talent show, to be held April 30 in the Temporary Union Building, and the class dance, May 1 at Recreation Hall, will be discussed.

Debaters Score Win In Tourney

Penn State men debaters placed fourth in the Dickinson Novice Tournament Friday and Saturday with six wins and four losses. The women's team made an even five-five record.

Misericordia College men with seven wins and three losses and 48 points won the forensic event. Dickinson was second with a seven-three tally and 46 points. The University of Pittsburgh placed third with six wins, four losses and 50 points. The Penn State men had 49 points.

Members of the men's affirmative A team were Harvey Reisman and Herman Golomb. In a last-minute change, Edward Klevans and Jonathan Plaut debated A team negative.

George Haines and John S. Boyd were members of the affirmative B team. Nick Stameris and Robert Hawk comprised the negative B team.

Barbara Horn and Louise Justin on the women's affirmative team defeated Lehigh, Misericordia, and Dickinson and lost to the Penn State men and Allegheny.

The negative team composed of Nancy Hill and Suzanne Berleue defeated the Penn State men and Pittsburgh men and lost to Pittsburgh men's team 2, Dickinson, and King's College.

Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of public speaking, Harold J. O'Brien, assistant professor of (Continued on page eight)

Dulles Warns Chinese Actions May Bring U. S. Retaliation

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned today that the Chinese Communists, with a "rather ominous" new combat role in Indochina, are "coming awful close" to the fresh aggression that he has said could bring American retaliation.

But he told the House foreign affairs committee this country has made no commitments to send troops to Indochina.

The secretary gave the first official word that Chinese Communist antiaircraft gunners are bringing down French planes at Dien Bien Phu, the besieged fortress.

He said a "considerable number" of radar-controlled 37-millimeter antiaircraft guns, which are "shooting through the clouds to bring down French planes, are operated by members of the Chinese military establishment."

He said a Red Chinese general

and a score of technicians are assigned to staff headquarters of the Communist-led Vietminh.

In addition to supplying the Vietminh with heavy equipment, Dulles continued, the Chinese Reds have technicians on division level and with specialized units. He added 1000 trucks are all Chinese manned.

At Paris, a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry said: "What Mr. Dulles said corresponds to the situation as we know it. His statement is generally correct but incomplete." The spokesman did not explain what he meant by incomplete.

The Chinese Reds, Dulles said, are "not openly, blatantly committing new aggression but they are only saving themselves from that charge by technicalities." They claim to be supporting independence-minded "patriots."

A representative asked: "If the

Chinese Communists are firing antiaircraft guns, doesn't that mean the 'active participation' you were reported to have said would bring retaliation on the Chinese mainland?"

Dulles replied that in a Sept. 2 speech at St. Louis "I said that if the Chinese sent their Red armies into Indochina it would be apt to produce action which might not be confined to Indochina."

"Technically they have not done precisely the thing I defined."

"They're coming awful close to it."

This exchange dominated the first of two weeks' hearings on a foreign aid program, expected to be around \$3½ billion for the year ending in mid-1955. Dulles asked the committee to support the program. Harold E. Stassen, Administrator of the Foreign Operations Administration, will testify tomorrow.

Today...



The Nittany Lion roars his approval of the magnificent performance turned in by the Penn State gymnastics team in winning its second consecutive National Collegiate championship. He praises a fine coach, Gene Wettstone, and a great team—a team that rewrote the record books with 137 team points, six individual championships, and a victory margin of 69 points.

And an added roar goes to Jan Cronstedt, the "Flying Finn," who spearheaded the victory with four individual championships, another record.

This victory will stand as one of the greatest performances in NCAA history.