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and Cold

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FIVE CENTS

Tickets for Gym Meet Go on Sale

Tickets for the Swedish gymnasts' appearance at Recreation Hall Jan. 15 will go on sale at 9 this morning at the Rec Hall ticket office.

Prices are \$1 for unreserved bleacher seats and \$2 for reserved balcony seats. The sale will continue until all seats are sold.

Last year the visitors from across the ocean attracted the largest crowd ever to witness an indoor athletic event at Penn State. For the first time, a sell-out crowd was announced in advance of an indoor attraction.

The newest edition of coordination plus will be displayed by the world-renowned Swedish National and Olympic Women's team and the National Men's team. Their good will tour covers 32 stops throughout the nation and Canada.

Last year the Swedes, composed of the top 13 gymnasts in Sweden, drew capacity crowds at every campus on which they appeared.

At Rec Hall over 6000 awed spectators jammed into every nook and corner saw the Nittany Lions, national gymnastic champs, go down to a 49½-46½ defeat in a competitive duel with the visitors from abroad.

This year's visit will not be on a competitive basis, but according to Penn State gym coach, Gene Wettstone, the previous performance is to be surpassed.

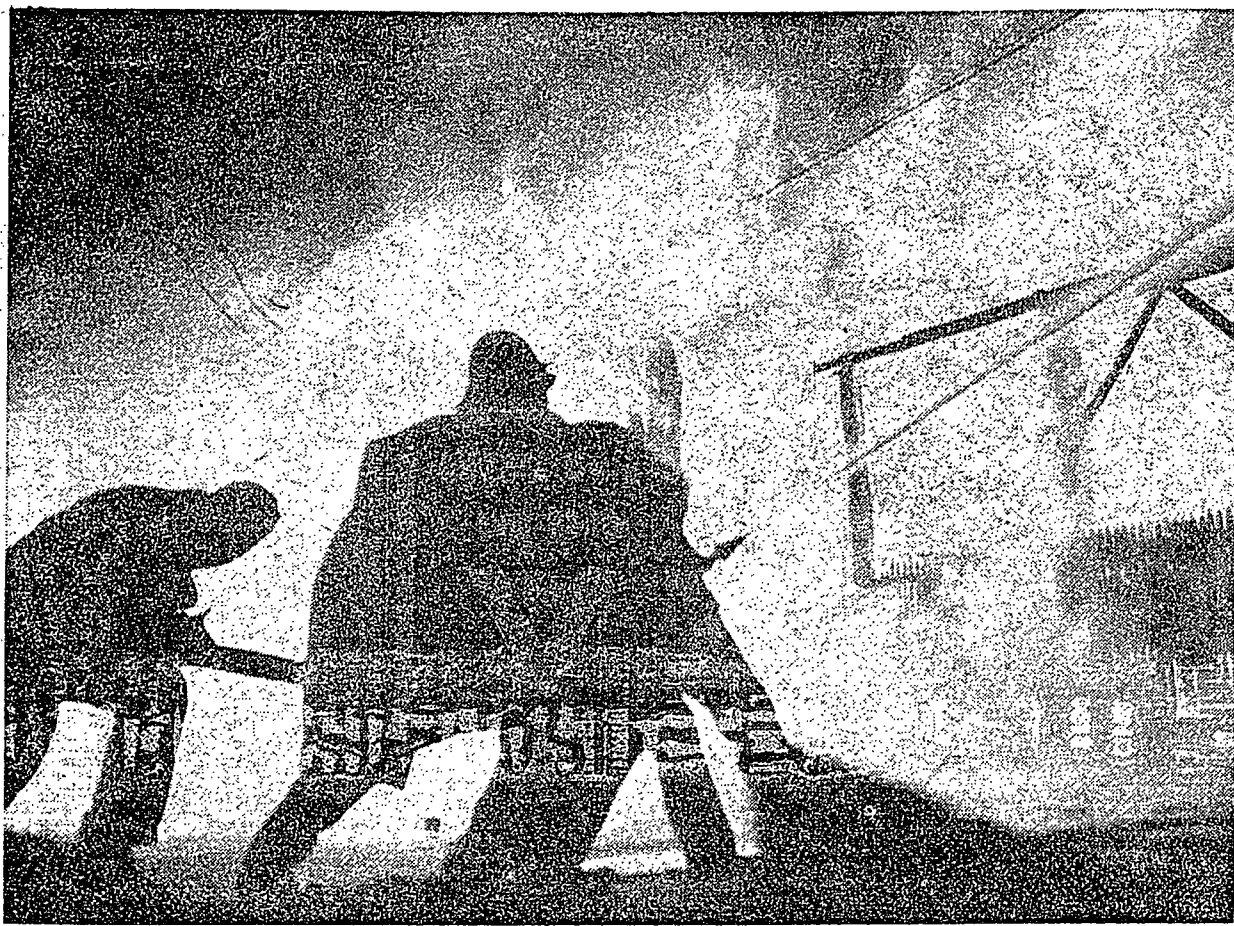
Therefore, top billing has to go to the ten women who will accompany the Swedish male standouts at Rec Hall.

Addition of the women's team was Wettstone's idea and came as an aftermath of his visit to Sweden last summer. He said the women's routines were even more interesting than those of the men.

Wettstone, who again became interested because of his personal belief that the 1954 tour contributed to national understanding, was impressed by what he saw on his visit to Sweden last summer and predicts that American audiences will be doubly enthralled by the combined exhibition this year.

Probe of Blaze Continues

Hold It Steady



FIREMEN ARE SILHOUETTED against flames which destroyed the O. W. Houts and Son department store on West College avenue Saturday night. Firemen could not save the main

building but prevented the flames from reaching surrounding buildings. Damage to the contents was estimated at over \$500,000. Cause of the blaze has not been established.

Fire Loss Estimated At \$500,000

Investigation into the cause of the estimated \$500,000 blaze that struck O. W. Houts & Son, Inc. continues today as company officials rapidly reorganized their departments in readiness for today's business. No definite cause for the fire that broke out at 6:23 p.m. Saturday has been established.

Houts and his staff quickly laid plans yesterday to furnish sections of the building saved from the blaze and business will reopen.

The structure, which was Centre County's largest retail enterprise, employed nearly 200 persons. Although borough merchants offered to take employees on a part-time basis until business picks up, many of the employees are expected to return to work today.

Sounded Alarm

The only person in the building when the blaze was sighted was Harvey Baisor, 78-year-old night watchman. Baisor escaped from the building after first making use of a desk telephone to sound the alarm. He stated to fire-fighters that he first saw the flames burning among paper Christmas decorations. The store had been recently supplied with its Christmas stock.

The Alpha Fire Company arrived first at the scene and within the hour three Undine trucks and crews arrived from Bellefonte. Together the firemen prevented the flames from spreading to No. 4 building. A large supply of lumber, and other building equipment were housed here.

Vault Saved

Devoured in the flames were ammunitions, paint supplies, automobile tires, and toys. Saved was a huge vault containing bookkeeping records and other important papers of the company.

Although the bitter cold hampered the firemen, nearby restaurants had coffee and sandwiches supplied to the men.

The two-story building housed
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Campus Chest Collects \$4000

After a two-day extension of the annual Campus Chest drive, tabulations chairman John Brunner last night announced that \$4000 had been collected, representing little over half the \$7250 goal.

Brunner said students and solicitors alike showed a definite lack of interest in the campaign. Many students were not contacted,

he said, and many of those who were refused to give for some of the following reasons.

1. They needed all their money for the approaching Christmas season.
2. They didn't know how the Chest money was to be spent.
3. They just didn't have the money.
4. Their parents at home gave to the Community Chest and they didn't feel the need to give any more.

Brunner said the freshman supported the Chest much better than upperclassmen. He gave no reason for the trend.

Students still wishing to contribute may turn money in to the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Of the 52 fraternities on campus, only 24 made donations to the Chest, Ellsworth Smith, general chairman said.

Twenty of the 22 sororities made contributions.

Kappa Delta Rho lead fraternity donations with 100 per cent and \$73. Kappa Alpha Theta lead in sorority contributions with 100 per cent and \$70.

The Association of Independent Men lead the group contributors, followed by Leonides, association of independent women. Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council were last.

At the end of the official three-day drive last year the total amount collected was \$2000. In the 1953-54 campaign the Panhellenic Council was awarded the participation trophy. The council had 58.6 per cent participation with \$395.69. IFC was second with 52 per cent and \$1003.39. Leonides was third with 48 per cent and \$1158.26 and AIM was last with 28.7 per cent and \$2009.54. No trophy was given this year.

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UN to Begin Debate On Red Held Fliers

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 6 (AP)—The UN steering committee beat down Soviet opposition today and recommended, 10-2, that the Assembly begin urgent debate Wednesday on the case of 11 United States airmen held by Red China on espionage charges.

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief American delegate who had requested immediate action by the 60-nation Assembly, told the committee that "we in the United Nations cannot let these men down. They are United Nations men. They were sent to Korea by the United Nations."

Shortly before the steering committee met, Lodge and the 15 UN Allies of the United States in Korea agreed on a resolution. It was reported they would ask the Assembly to call UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to use "unremitting efforts" to obtain the release of the men and report back to the Assembly by Dec. 31.

Britain gave the United States strong support throughout, reflecting here the vigorous denunciation of Red China's action by British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden in the House of Commons. France, Colombia, Australia, Iceland, Nationalist China, Thailand, Ecuador and Cuba also voted for putting the case before the Assembly.

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Dog Gone, Doggone!

The beagle pup that was found Friday night by James McClokey, first semester physics major, is lost again.

McClokey reported yesterday that the dog had broken loose while he was taking him for a walk.

He said no one had called to claim the dog up to the time he disappeared.

McClokey found the dog Friday night after someone had left him wandering in McKee Hall.
Dog gone!

Longshore Stresses NSA Membership

By ANN LEH

Membership in the National Student Association not only gives students a chance to exchange ideas with other students across the nation, but is a major way in which American college students can help fulfill their international obligations, R. Wallace Longshore, national vice president of NSA, said Sunday.

"Through NSA you have a medium to assuage your obligation to your national government," Longshore told All-University Cabinet at an informal meeting at Phi Gamma Delta.

NSA Promotes Peace

Longshore cited increased international understanding which results from communication between NSA and other national student unions abroad as the way in which students help bring about world peace.

"We are having a direct effect on the cold war now," he said, pointing out that last year the democratic international student association of which NSA is a part was able to draw Indonesian Student Union from the Communist-dominated International Union of Students.

The value of NSA as an additional educational media was the second of five advantages of

NSA membership, Longshore noted.

"Through NSA you are providing another media on your campus through which talented students can develop themselves," he said. "I know of no other media which can promote democratic mores better than participation in an NSA convention."

However, he cautioned Cabinet that this value is lost if students who attend NSA conventions fail to communicate what they have learned when they return from conventions.

NSA Has Many Values

The other values of NSA he mentioned were promotion of intercollegiate service projects, the opportunity to exchange of ideas of operation and programming of student government, and the chance to be a part of the national student voice.

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