

# Vega, Gymnasts Poise for Nationals Today

By MATT PODBESEK

Coach Gene Wettstone sends ten of his Lion gymnasts after his fourth National Collegiate Gym crown this afternoon at the Naval Academy. Heading the list of athletes is Olympian Armando Vega, who may compete in nine of the ten events—making him the busiest competitor in the tournament.

The 1956 NCAA parallel bars champion will be gunning for his first National all-around crown in the six-event competition.

Vega finished third with 1428 points in last year's all-arounds. The title was won by Don Tonry of Illinois with 1493 and Ed Gagnier of Michigan was second with 1485.



ARMANDO VEGA, flying away with a National title ???  
—Daily Collegian Photo by Sam Price

Remembering his "break" on the high bar in the Nationals last year, which knocked down his score costing him the all-around crown, Vega said:

"An all-around athlete doesn't shoot for first in everything, he just wants to complete his exercises without a break. Therefore I was very happy with the way things went in the Easterns this year. (Vega walked away with the Eastern trophy, beating his nearest competitor—teammate Gil Leu—by 200 points).

"I should raise my side horse score particularly for the Nationals, but I was very pleased with my high bar score in the Easterns." (He was second with a 263.)

Vega's "five top" competitors besides champion Tonry and runner-up Gagnier should be fellow-Olympian Abie Grossfeld, another Illinois product, and two highly-touted gymnasts from Florida State—Ronnie Amster and Rafael Lecuona.

Wettstone is counting on his two other all-around men, Captain Dion Weissend and Gil Leu, to place in the top ten and finish ahead of the five already mentioned. Leu, runner-up to Vega in the Easterns two weeks ago, is given the better chance of finishing in the first five, according to Wettstone.

Weissend, who finished fourth in the Easterns, took an eighth in the Nationals last year and will end his collegiate career in the tourney along with Leu.

In today's first event—free exercises—Vega will be out to revenge his second place finish of last year. Uncle Sam's top Olympian in calisthenics will vie with defending champion Jamile Ashmore and Chico Cicio of Florida State, and Grossfeld and Roland Brown of Illinois.

Held simultaneously with calisthenics in the afternoon session will be the rope climb. Defending champion Phil Mullen will face his old nemesis—Eastern champ Paul Dean of Army and a real oldster—Garvin Smith of Los Angeles State. Smith, over 30-years old, is a former record holder in the 3.2 vicinity. Only this week has Mullen reached his best time of 3.4.

Jack Biesterfeldt and Leu have been the victims of low scoring all year on the side horse but Wettstone said their routines should get higher results in the Nationals. Iowa's Sam Baillie, Cadet Gar O'Quinn  
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## AChiSig, Sigma Chi Tie For Loop Lead

Alpha Chi Sigma and Sigma Chi each scored victories in the Wednesday fraternity B bowling league to remain tied for first place honors with 22 wins and six losses.

In third place is Triangle with 19 victories and nine losses and in fourth slot is Alpha Sigma Pi, who has won 17 and lost 11. Tied for fifth spot are Phi Kappa and Theta Chi, each with 16 wins and 12 losses.

Alpha Chi Sigma defeated Delta Theta Sigma, 3-1, to remain in a first place tie. Jim Brown, Alpha Chi Sig, was the high single game man with 195 pins and also won the three game set with 516 points. Alpha Sig also won the single game team high with 119 markers.

Sigma Chi shutout Phi Epsilon Pi, 4-0, to keep pace with Alpha Sig. Sigma Chi's Ed Lynam was both single and three game high player with a 203-524 series and in total pins Sigma Chi had a 219 point bulge, 2278-1859.

Gordon Rutherford led Triangle to a 3-1 triumph over Alpha Epsilon Pi and gave Triangle third place in the standings. Rutherford rolled a 171 individual game score and a 480 three game series, although AEPi was the top team for a single game with 734 pins.

In another 3-1 contest, Theta Chi topped Alpha Sigma Pi for its 16th victory. Theta Chi's Don Cadzow rolled 199 pins for a lone game while Alpha Sig's Ray Euler was top series man with 490 markers.

Delta Chi's Jim Herlocher with a 182-485 series, paced the Delta Chi quintet to a 4-0 decision over Phi Kappa. In total pins Delta Chi held the advantage 2229-1762 and for a high team game title Delta Chi was in the top spot with 177 points.

Kappa Sigma posted a 4-0 win over Phi Mu Delta in the final fraternity B bowling league game. Kappa Sig was sparked by Sam Githens' 450 series, and in a single game Jim Inman and Githens posted 170 pins for the winners.

### Badminton Singles, H-ball Doubles IM Entries Due

Entries for the Intramural handball doubles and badminton singles tournaments are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the IM office at Recreation Hall.

The entry fee for the handball tourney is 50 cents per team. There is a 25-cent entry fee per man in the badminton tourney.

In 18 years as head coach of gymnastics, Gene Wettstone's Penn. State teams have won 67 meets while losing only 26.

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Gil Leu  
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Phil Mullen  
. . . he'll defend one

## 8 Fraternity Handballers Win Flight Championships

Eight fraternity handball players emerged flight champions by scoring victories Wednesday night on the Recreation Hall courts.

The flight one titlist is Don Harnett, Tau Kappa Epsilon, who bested Jim Lysek, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 21-5 and 21-2 after Lysek had won the second game, 21-9.

Beta Theta Pi's Bill McCann defeated Bill Taber, Sigma Pi, in straight sets 21-17 and 21-7 to win the flight two championship and the right to enter the tourney's quarterfinal round.

In two successive 21-17 games, Jim Keith, Sigma Chi topped Milt Plum, Phi Delta Theta, to cop the third flight title. In flight four finals Jack Wright, Alpha Zeta, won the first and third matches, 21-17 and 21-13, to triumph over Bib Campbell, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Campbell swept the middle game, 21-16.

After posting an opening 21-13 victory Don Snyder, Alpha Zeta, followed with a narrow 21-19 win over Paul Schonbachler, Phi Delta Theta, to gain the flight five

championship.

The flight six winner is Jim Anderson, Beta Theta Pi, who bested Sheldon Amsel, Beta Sigma Rho, 21-12 and 21-16.

Paul Trimmer, Phi Delta Theta, scored the opening set win over Ken Sacks, Alpha Zeta, 21-15, but Sacks rallied for a 21-17 win to even the match. In the deciding third game, Sacks won handily, 21-11 to capture the flight seven crown.

Football quarterback Al Jacks, Beta Theta Pi, copped the flight eight championship with a 21-16 and 21-2 victory over Joe Myers, Triangle.

The Reverend William Allen Dean from the Aldan Union church, Aldan, Pa., will speak to the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Chapel  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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