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ALL ABOUT A SATURDAY NIGHT TIP

While dancing across the floor of DU's living room, ye-olde-eyes spotlighted a very familiar set of muscles tapping out a hot beat on the bongos. They belonged to Armando Vega.

As we slithered our way across the floor, "Mundo" spotted us. "Hey Matt, did Gene (Wettstone) tell you about the tour I'm going on this summer?" To which we admitted he hadn't.

"I found out last Thursday that I'm goin' with a bunch of other gymnasts all over Europe," said Armando as his eyes lit up. "And boy, was I happy."

"You know who's all goin' along? Jack Beckner (Uncle Sam's number one Olympic gymnast who edged Armando in the National AAU's two weeks ago) and Abie Grossfeld (another fellow-Olympian) and a lot of other fellows that even you wouldn't know, Matt."

Then Armando and Sue (she like athletes) got wrapped up in a private conversation which had little to do with his upcoming European tour.

But the Lion ace was really elated over his big break. Besides being near his West Coast friends like Beckner, the Los Angeles native will be competing against Europe's best athletes and thereby picking up invaluable tips and flawless routines. We sincerely hope Armando has a very rewarding trip, not only from the viewpoint of a Penn State fan, but also from a far-sighted viewpoint of one who would like to see Uncle Sam upset the gymnastic dope sheet in the 1960 Olympics.

Incidentally, the following info has not been released officially by the National AAU publicist. As a MATT-er-a-FACT, this is a scoop.

STATE DEPARTMENT TOUR

Following up that Saturday night tip from Armando, we found the following info on the trip which is sponsored by the Cultural Presentation Committee of the U.S. State Department.

On the "availability" invite that Armando received last week, we learned that the 1-month trip will have its kickoff at the Tunis, Africa Cultural Exhibit. From there the team will, in all probability, fly to engage in exhibitions and competition on the continent with Europe's best.

The good-will tour is mainly an all-round exhibition, but will also double as a showplace for Uncle Sam's advanced techniques in tumbling and on the trampoline.

Those invited include University of Illinois all-round athletes Grossfeld and Don Tony and UCLA's Larry Banner and, of course, Beckner and Vega. It was also learned that Penn State's freshman sensation, Jay Werner, is under special consideration by the committee if the State Department allows it to take along an additional competitor. There is a "good possibility" that Werner will be the sixth member of the team, according to unofficial sources.

It should be a great team representing the U.S. on a worthwhile goodwill tour, and it will also be a great honor for Penn State to have two of her athletes take part. And Penn State should profit in another way—she will have two more highly-seasoned athletes in the end, two more improved champions to add to her championship fold.

TKE, APhiDelt, AChiSig Pace Track

By LES POWELL

Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Phi Delta and Alpha Chi Sigma posted two heat victories apiece in the track trials of the 1957 fraternity intramural track and field tournament last night on the Beaver Field cinders.

The TKE trackmen posted the top time in the half-mile relay, winning their heat with a 1:39.5 clocking. Jerry Jackson, Jim Clancy, Jim Durham and Frank Lombardo comprised the winning quartet. Lombardo also notched a berth in the 440-yard dash finals, winning his heat in 53.5.

Alpha Phi Delta's Benny Amato accounted for both his team's winning entries. Amato registered a 10.6 effort in the 100-yard dash, while qualifying for the 440 finals with a 54.6 clocking.

Barry White of Alpha Chi Sig ran the century in 10.5 to record the fastest qualifying time in that event. He then teamed up with Don Kauffman, Ken Christiansen and Joe Nock to help Alpha Chi Sig's relay team qualify in 1:40.7.

Phi Delta Theta's Bill Schwab turned in the top quarter-mile performance of the trials, flashing to a 53.1 triumph in his heat.

Ted Steinman of Zeta Beta Tau and Pi Kappa Alpha's Lloyd Hughes trailed White and Amato in the 100 with 10.7 clockings, while Bucky Paolone of Theta Chi scored the fifth best qualifying time, 10.9.

Other qualifiers in the 440 were: Charles Strauss, Tau Phi Delta; Russ Lerch, Theta Xi; and Bob Pulver, Delta Tau Delta.

Delta Upsilon's 880 relay team of Jamieson, Williams, Shaw and Noah trailed TKE with a heat-winning time of 1:40.5. Phi Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi also



—Daily Collegian Photo by Al Kinsinger
THREE INDIES ROUND the first bend in the 440 yard dash in last night's intramural track tournament on Beaver Field. Ron White (left) finished second to Bill Squire (center).

qualified for the finals, while Sigma Chi and Alpha Sigma Phi tied for the sixth berth.

Independent Bill Squire out-raced Ron White to win the indie 440 championship. Squire was clocked in 54 seconds. White hit the tape at the :55 mark. Tom Rathmell was a distant third in

White ran the 100 in 10.8 to register the top qualifying mark among the indies. The finals are tomorrow.

The Independent 880 relay title was won by the Dirty Thirty quartet in 1:40.5. Irvin Hall was second with 1:43.6.

4 WRA Teams Defeat Bucknell

Two tennis doubles teams and two golfers notched top honors for Penn State in the first coed spring sports day at Penn State Saturday.

Penn State's Linda Quinn and Judy Clancy teamed up to beat Gettysburg in the first doubles tennis match.

Margie Maxwell and Barb White chalked up State's second doubles victory by beating Bucknell.

Sue Reen and Sue Aiken lost the singles bid to Bucknell.

Jo Rieder and Judy McFarland teed off to give Penn State a tie with Bucknell for low gross and a first and third place in low net in the golf play.

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