

THEY PACK 'EM IN—Standing room only crowds are the habit and not the exception in Recreation Hall during most of the winter competition. The masters are, left to right, wrestling coach Charlie "Doc" Speidel, gymnastics mentor Gene Wettstone and basketball coach John Egli.

Barbell Club Hopes For Expansion

The Penn State Barbell Club will begin its 11th year with prospective matches this fall against the University of Maryland, East Stroudsburg State Teachers College and a Shippensburg-Harrisburg area team.

The club was formed in 1948 to promote weight lifting with the hope that the sport might be adopted on the same competitive level as wrestling or gymnastics. In the past, weightlifting has been popular in midwestern colleges, but has lacked support in the East until recently.

Last spring, the "barbellers" dropped a 17-14 decision to the University of Maryland. In May, the Penn State weightmen placed second behind East Stroudsburg in the first Pennsylvania State Intercollegiate Weightlifting Championship. Other schools competing were Temple, Penn and West Chester State.

Intercollegiate competition is scored on three Olympic events—military press, snatch and clean and jerk. Lifters compete in seven weight classes starting at 123 pounds.

The press is lifting the weight to the chest, pausing, and then pushing the bar overhead using only the arms. The clean and jerk consists of the same movements, but the lifter may also bend his legs while pushing the bar over his head, thus enabling heavier weights to be lifted. The snatch consists of lifting the weight overhead with one smooth movement without a pause.

The club will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in 209 Willard. Slides taken from this year's try-outs for the United States Weightlifting Team will be shown.

A \$1 initiation fee entitles each member to instruction from the more experienced club members.

Guard, Center--

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"We were also counting on Dan Maddigan, but he has a back condition and may not be able to play. He looked real good in the spring.

"Jim Butterfield and Bill Esterland should also help us at guard.

"Like I said," Toretta concluded, "we may not have an outstanding individual, but we're better over-all."

—by Lou Prato

Most Valuable Player

Penn State's Cal Emery, now playing with the Philadelphia Phillies, in 1957 was voted the MVP in the College World Series at Omaha, Neb.

Winter Coaches Rated High Nationally

By MATT MATHEWS
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(This is the second of a series of three articles on the Penn State coaching staff. Today the coaches of three winter sports.)

Two of the nation's most respected coaches head the winter sports at Penn State and turn out top squads—Gene Wettstone and Charlie "Doc" Speidel.

In their 52 years in Rec Hall, they have tutored their share of Eastern championship squads with Wettstone bringing home four national crowns and Speidel's grapplers breaking into the National wrestling championships in 1953.

The attendances are usually surprising to beginning students, many of whom have never seen either competition before entering Penn State. Both really pack 'em in at Rec Hall.

The 1958 season though, was not one of Doc's best. His inexperienced grapplers posted a dismal 2-4-2 season.

They started off great by whipping Colgate, 18-8, then coasted into the big one—Pitt—without another win.

Pitt was rated as one of the best in the nation. Some 'experts' even had them on top, but the time-proven axiom that anything goes in a bitter rivalry held true. And we had Doc Speidel's 32 years of wrestling strategy on our side.

Not taking anything from Panther mentor Rex Peery, who is considered about the best in the nation, but Doc pulled the stops

to revise his lineup and Peery tried every counter move his talent could manage.

But the Lions were more versatile in weight shifting and heavy-weight Ray Pottios came through with only his second win of the year to become the darling of Rec Hall. The Lions knocked off their heavily-favored foe, 14-11, and the 2-4-2 season was considered a success.

Although the black-and-white record was one of the worst a Speidel-coached team has had, Penn State's sequel to Casey Stengel still owns a 154-wins, 39 losses and 19 ties mark. And as Doc would say, "That's pretty respectable."

Gymnastics on the other hand lost only "the big one" with an inexperienced squad. In eastern gymnastics circles, the big one is Army.

The Lions and Cadets have shared the Eastern championship for the past seven years. The Lions won it in 1953, 54, 55, and 57 during that time. They also won in 42, 43, 47 and 48.

In the absence of Olympian

Armando Vega, Wettstone formed his scoring punch around the East's two best gymnasts—sophomores Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham. Werner, who defeated Cunningham 1515-1514 for the Eastern All-Around title last year, was erratic in the early part of the season but matured into the star he was acclaimed.

Undoubtedly, the loss of Vega lost Wettstone the Eastern title and the National championship. Vega competed in the amateur gymnastics World Championships in Moscow the past summer and finished fourth among the world's best gymnasts. He is still eligible to compete one year for the Lions.

Wettstone, who has an overall slate of 73-27, has coached numerous other Penn State gymnasts to NCAA, AAU and Olympic honors. They include Tony Procopio, Bob Lawrence, Frank Wick, Karl "Switch" Schwenzfrier and Jean Crondstedt.

He has served as Olympic coach in 1948 and 1956, and Olympic judge in the 1952 international competition.

John Egli's 1958 basketball

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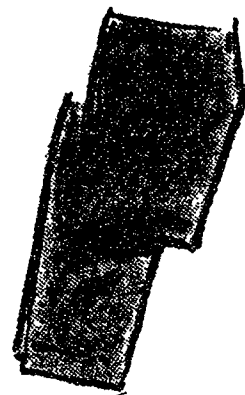
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