

Vega, Cowan, Cunningham Eligible for Army Meet



—Collegian photo by Marty Scherr
ON THE LAST SWING—Olympian and former NCAA champion Armando Vega joins the Lion gymnasts this week for his last year.

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A trio of gymnastic stars will be added to the Penn State marquee this weekend—and not a show too soon. For this is the weekend the revenge-minded Lions meet their toughest opponent—Army, the Eastern team champion.

Heading the list of returnees is Olympian and Captain (now it can be known) Armando Vega. Also on the eligibility list for the spring semester are ace tumbler Graeme Cowan and versatile Lee Cunningham, both juniors.

But the performer with the most experience—and the press clippings to prove it—is Vega. After a layoff of a year, Vega will aid the Lion drive to regain the Eastern and National team titles he almost single-handedly won in 1957.

During the 1957 NCAA's, Vega scored 56½ of the Lions' 88½ winning points. In the process he won the Eastern and National free exercise, still rings, long horse and parallel bar events for the second straight year. He also won the NCAA and AAU all-around title in '57.

Since the '57 season, he has defeated Europe's best at the gymnastics Grand Prix at Barcelona, Spain, and competed in the World Championships at Moscow.

The second triple-threat man, Cunningham, also becomes eligible in time to aid junior team-

mate Jay Werner who has done the brunt of the scoring to date.

Cunningham specializes in the side horse event. He also flashes a formful routine on the high bar that earned him three firsts last year (all 260 or better scores). The lean blond has worked the parallels and tumbling for his third event and can also be used on the rings.

As an all-around man during his sophomore year, he finished second in the East. He was beaten in the last event by teammate Werner, 1515-1514.

Cowan, a junior, is a specialist in tumbling. Last year he defeated teammate Dave Dulaney in two of the six dual meets (for those not in the know, Dulaney is the Eastern tumbling champ.)

The problem facing coach Gene Wettstone Saturday afternoon is where to best use the wealth of material. Tomorrow—The Problem.

Beavers, TKPhi Tie In Basketball

With four separate teams posting only one loss apiece, fraternity league "A" has become a tight race with each team attempting to cop first place.

Beaver House rebounded from its previous loss by overwhelming Alpha Gamma Rho, 25-6. Jim Craig sparked the Beaver House victory by hitting for 10 counters. Theta Kappa Phi remained deadlocked with Beaver House by routing Lambda Chi Alpha, 40-17, on a terrific team effort with every man pulling at least 2 counters.

Delta Sigma Phi chalked up its fourth straight victory by stopping Theta Chi, 28-19, thus placing them in contention for the league A crown with a 4-1 record.

Richie Lucas swished the nets for 14 tallies to give Phi Delta Theta its second straight league E victory by downing Sigma Tau Gamma 24-19.

In other games Beta Sigma Rho edged Sigma Pi, 30-27; Omega Psi Phi whipped Phi Kappa Tau, 42-18; Alpha Phi Delta defeated Sigma Chi, 35-20; Phi Mu Delta downed Alpha Chi Sigma, 35-25; and Kappa Sigma beat Pi Lambda Phi, 17-6.

Redlegs Hire Terry Brennan As Player-Conditioning Manager

CINCINNATI (AP)—Baseball's Redlegs of National League Tuesday hired Terry Brennan, former Notre Dame football coach, to handle a player-conditioning program in spring training.

Brennan's job will be to get the Redleg baseballers into proper physical condition for the long 1959 baseball season. Cincinnati General Manager Gabe Paul called the action "an unprecedented move in major league baseball—the inclusion of a football coach in a team's conditioning program."

The 30-year-old Brennan was fired just before Christmas as Notre Dame football coach after five seasons there.

Only Monday night he an-

nounced in Chicago he was bowing out of football coaching and would take a job in April with a Chicago banking firm.

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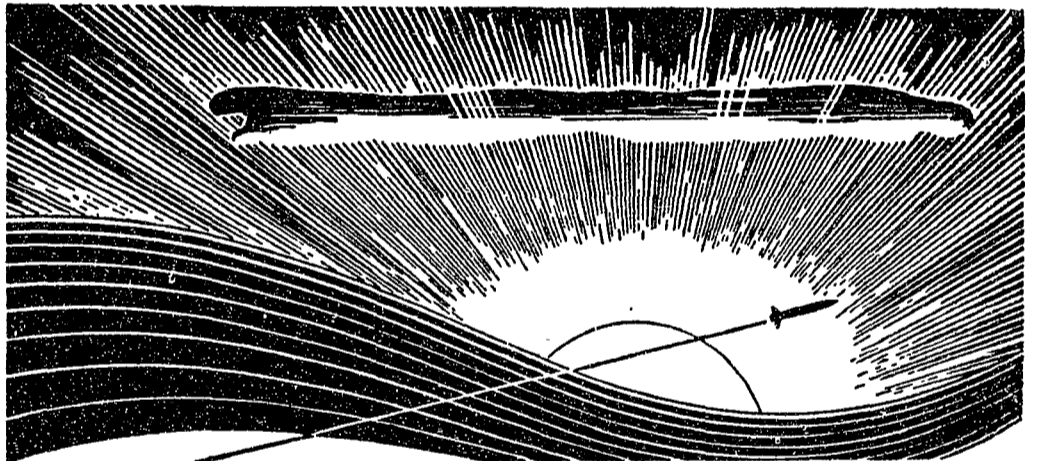
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