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## No Room In Inn— Rec Hall That Is

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And it came to pass there was no room in the Inn.

It will come as little consolation to the better than 2,000 fans who were turned away from the basketball game Saturday night at Rec Hall, but help is on the way. By 1965 there should be more room in the Inn.

The pre-final drawings for the enlargement of the seating capacity at Rec Hall are in Harrisburg awaiting an OK from the General State Authority. And if everything goes as scheduled, the job should be bid by the first of July with completion date set for mid Spring of '65.

Rec Hall now seats 4,500 and another 1,000 fans can stand along the track area in the balcony. Saturday night this simply was not enough.

Officials estimated that better than 6,000 people jammed and packed their way into the "drafty disgrace" and another 2,000 to 3,000 met locked doors.

Some of you who were on the outside became understandably upset and one group of boys even threatened to throw rocks through the windows of Rec Hall. You argued you had a right to see the game since you paid your matriculation fee.

And you would be right. The officials of this University have tolerated too long the old fashioned and disgraceful Rec Hall facilities. Not only is the building an eye sore and greatly lacking in seating capacity, but it is nearly impossible to get top-notch players to enroll at State with a basketball court such as we now have.

But the point is not to argue the sad condition of the present, but to press for the future. Fortunately, action is finally being started. It is about time.

The plans call for knocking out the west wall (parallel and nearest to Rt. 322) and extending the building 84 feet. New folding bleachers will be erected on all four sides, increasing the seating capacity to nearly 9,000. A new floor will also be laid and additional courts will be available.

Movable hydraulic stages will be built to give Penn State better facilities for Artists Series performances and commencements.

In addition to the enlarged gymnasium, three recreation units are now under construction on the southern end and will eventually be linked to the main building. These will house new basketball courts, wrestling facilities, classrooms, lockers, handball and squash courts, intramural facilities and other recreation needs.

This is all fine and dandy, but what I want to know is: Do you, the officials in charge of planning, really feel that a 9,000 seating capacity gymnasium will be enough to handle the surge of students that are expected to hit this campus by 1970 or '75?

Let's be frank with ourselves. In the next 10-20 years, Penn State will need a new gymnasium, one that will seat 15,000 or more fans. Why are we spending all this money now to remodel and enlarge Rec Hall, when eventually it again will be too small. And the next time, there is no place to expand, unless of course the highway department would consider moving Rt. 322.

One reason given for the present action is that Rec Hall is worth about \$10 million and it would be foolish to just ditch it. I agree.

What I would argue though and press for is a quick move to build a new gym that would put Penn State basketball, wrestling and gymnastics facilities among the tops in the country. We can't afford to wait 20 years for a new gym, and a mere expansion to 9,000 is not enough either.

If action is not started soon to plan for the years after the next ten, once again there may be no room in the Inn. And once again students will be turned away.

## Parker May Stay as Coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Coach Buddy Parker of the Pittsburgh Steelers said yesterday he will probably be back with the team next season but without his star quarterback and fellow Texan, Bobby Layne.

"I plan to talk with Mr. Rooney (Art Rooney, Steelers' owner) this week," Parker said. "I can't say officially, but if he wants me back I'm sure we can work something out."

"But I hope Bobby is retiring. I have asked him to retire and personally, I think he will. I think Bobby has been the greatest quarterback I have ever seen in

all my years in the NFL, but it is time he should quit. All great players must quit playing someday."

For 11 years—first at Detroit and later at Pittsburgh—Parker and Layne have combined to National Football League history. In the 1950s, they led the Detroit Lions to three division titles and two league crowns.

Just this past season, Layne was the number one quarterback as Parker's Steelers finished with the best record in the 33-year history of the team, a 9-5 mark that gave them second place in the Eastern Conference.

# Undefeated Riflemen Prepare for Cadets

By ED CARPENTER

One of the essential things a successful coach must have is depth. Even the omnipresent threat of injuries usually doesn't bother a coach with a team of depth as much as a coach without it. This blessing of depth has been granted to the amiable coach of the Penn State rifle team, Sgt. Joe Watson.

Just before vacation the Lions defeated Pitt, 1417-1385. A team's score is derived by taking the scores of the top five shooters. Each team has ten riflemen shooting from three different positions: prone, kneeling, and standing.

The top five scorers against the Panthers were Mike Beckmeyer, captain Rich Gogolkiewicz, Dick Taylor, Chuck Nagel, and Warren Grossman.

Saturday the Lions hosted Lehigh and Duquesne in their second match of the season. Once again the riflemen emerged victoriously with a score of 1416.

What should be noted, though, is the fact that Gogolkiewicz was the only shooter to have placed among the top five in both of the meets. The other top scorers were

Neil Anderson, 287; Walt Estep, 284; Gogolkiewicz, 283; Bill Shaffer, 282; and Den Brumbach, 280.

With its first two matches a matter of history, the Lions have the unenviable task of looking forward to a meet Saturday against the Cadets of West Point.

This marks the fourth year of varsity competition for the riflemen of the Nittany Valley and the fourth year that Army has appeared on the schedule. In the three previous outings the Lions losing margin has not exceeded ten points.

According to Watson, "State this year is better and more experienced than last year. There is no reason why we couldn't upset the Cadets."

To return home with a victory, the Lions are going to have to come up with a better performance than they have in their two previous matches. Scoring 1417 and 1416 points in their first two matches respectively, State has won with little trouble. They defeated Pitt by nearly 30 points while swamping second-place Duquesne by 37 points. Duquesne's team total was 1380 while Lehigh scored 1357.

This Saturday the Lions can expect to find an Army team that averages between 1435-1440. This means each shooter averages better than 285. During their victory the Lion shooters have averaged only 283.

## Robinson, Kochman Star In Hula Bowl

When it was all over at the Hula Bowl Sunday, and Penn State football coach Rip Engle's squad had eked out a last minute 20-13 triumph, the superlatives flew once more for Wisconsin's Ron Vanderkelen.

The Badgers' brilliant quarterback of Rose Bowl fame topped off a sparkling performance at Honolulu with 52 seconds to play when he fired a pass to Washington State's Hugh Campbell for the deciding touchdown.

But it wasn't all Vanderkelen. A pair of Engle's own Nittany Lion stars were also instrumental in the North's victory.

All American end Dave Robinson, who signed with the Green Bay Packers a week ago, caught four passes for 68 yards.

The 6-3, 220-pound end, although hampered by a slight shoulder injury, caught the longest pass of the day, good for 35 yards, in the second period.

Vanderkelen hit Robinson with a short flare pass and the big Lion rambled 35 yards before he was tackled.

Another Penn Stater, All American Roger Kochman, played on both offense and defense for the North. Kochman caught a 12-yard aerial and twice broke up key pass attempts by South quarterback Sonny Gibbs of TCU.

Kochman was recently inked to a contract by the Buffalo Bills of the American Football League.

## 1-1 Cage Mark in 1897

Basketball was the first indoor sport to be played at Penn State, starting in 1897, only six years after the game was originated by Dr. James Naismith. In that year, the courtmen recorded a 1-1 log.

# Basketball, Bowling Top IM Program

Intramurals are back in full swing once again with basketball and bowling action being held nightly at Rec Hall.

Both sports have split-seasons. Action began last term and the champions will not be decided until late March when the Winter term is almost over.

At the present, Alpha Phi Delta, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Gamma Rho and Theta Delta Chi are leading the fraternity bowling divisions.

Dave Spirt of Zeta Beta Tau leads all fraternity bowlers with a 175 average.

In the independent leagues, Head Pins, Hi-Lo's, Chester, Newman Club, Hi-Fives and Nittany 31-32 are resting atop their divisions and Bud Breech of the Hi-Fives is sporting a 192 average.

Defending basketball king of the past two years, Phi Gamma Delta is currently tied for its league lead with Phi Kappa Sigma and Alpha Chi Sigma. The three teams each have 2-0 marks. Phi Delta Theta, the runner-up last year, is also unbeaten and looks like a strong contender once again.

Last year's independent champion, Gailynns, is not entered. However, runner-up Allegheny has a 2-0 log in quest of a title.

IM director, Dutch Sykes, announced that entries are now being taken for handball and paddleball singles.

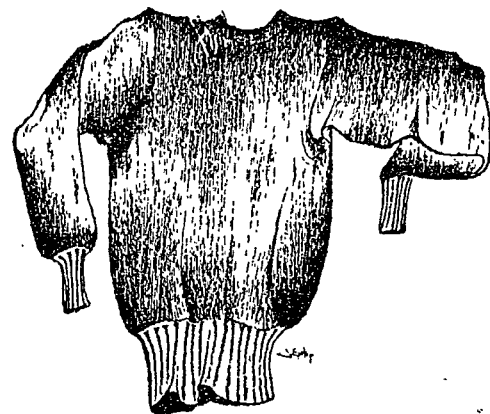
The deadline for entries is Monday and play will begin Thursday, Jan. 17.

Other sports on tap this term are swimming and handball doubles. Swimming entries are Jan. 21, with play scheduled to begin one week later.

Handball rounds out the term in middle February with play set to start the 18th.

## Sports Staff Meeting

There will be a meeting for all persons interested in joining the sports staff tomorrow evening at 7 in the Collegian Office, Sackett Building.



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