

Now One of the Best

End of Rope Climbing Signaled Beginning on Rings for Williams

By JOE GRATA

Three years ago State gymnast George (Bud) Williams couldn't execute a fundamentally simple handstand on the still rings. Today he's a specialist in the event.

The compact, blond-haired Williams managed a second place finish in the Easterns last season, finishing as runner-up only to now former teammate Greg Weiss. Currently he's the Lions' No. 1 competitor on the still rings and a favorite of Nittany enthusiasts.

Williams' story, one long in the making but brief in principle, began following the 1961 season when rope climbing was dropped from intercollegiate dual-meet competition.

AS A SOPHOMORE, he performed in the rope climb for State coach Gene Wettstone's NCAA championship squad. When college officials voted to dismiss the event from their gym program, Williams' career looked like it had come to an abrupt end.

But Williams soon discovered the move effected him only as the proverbial "end of the beginning."

During the summer of 1961, Wettstone gave Williams a set of still rings to take to his home in St. Marys. The aggressive State gymnast set about the impossible—or almost impossible—task of mastering the event. And to make things more difficult, Williams installed the rings in his basement.

All summer an eager and diligent Bud Williams pursued his goal. He combined a weight-lifting program along with his self-supervised training on the rings.

HIS FIRST goal was to learn the handstand. With the rings hanging to the floor and his small 5-6 frame stretched to its maximum, Williams cleared the cellar ceiling by not more than six inches.

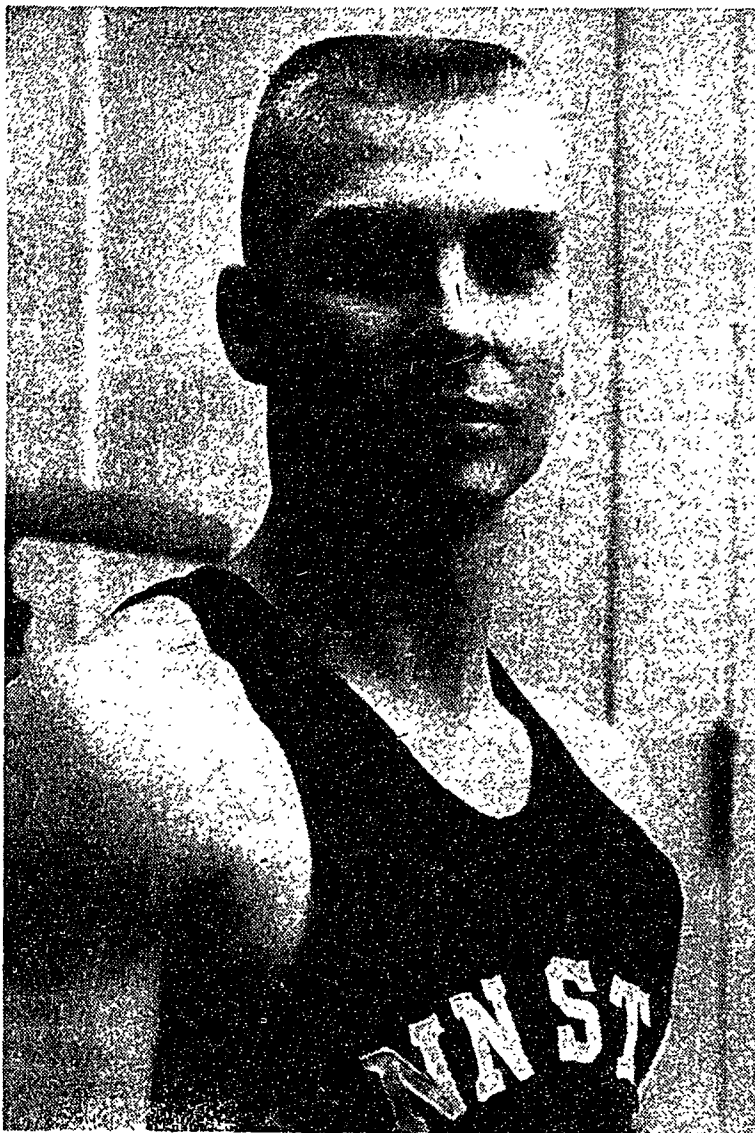
Hampered by the lack of space, he persuaded officials at the local high school to let him workout in the school's gymnasium during the summer months.

Last year one of the most impressed by Williams' progress was Wettstone.

"His sheer desire to make and be part of the team helped him to conquer the still rings," Wettstone remarked recently. "He spent many hours trying to win a position. Not only did he win the position but placed second in the EIGL Tourney last year."

THIS YEAR Williams continues to be a great asset to a Lion squad which currently sports two wins against no losses. According to State's veteran coach Wettstone, Williams has the "intelligence, desire and right type of body" to be the next Easterns champion in the still rings event.

In the latest State performance—a 55-41 winning effort over Temple—Williams captured individual honors on the still rings with a 96.5 score.



... makes successful switch

SAE Scores Swim Win On Final Meet Event

By AL MILLER

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Chi Sigma fought tooth and nail down to the final event in IM swimming last night at Glennland Pool before their meet was decided. SAE won the crucial 120-yard relay and the meet, 25-16, to move into the second round.

In other contests, Tau Phi Delta crushed Alpha Kappa Lambda, 33-8, and Kappa Delta Rho defeated Sigma Chi, 29-12.

SAE was led to victory in the relay by the foursome of Pete Olsen, Ron Thompson, John Ringer and Jim Lovejoy.

BOB BRIED took first in the freestyle, while his SAE teammate Gus Schroeder won the 60-yard breaststroke. Tom Sramek was the lone victor for Alpha Chi Sigma, winning the backstroke.

Tau Phi Delta swept all five first places in its meet against Alpha Kappa Lambda.

Barry Borgeit took the freestyle; Brooke Thomas placed first in the backstroke, and George Leavesley won the breaststroke. Ron Mair took a first in the diving and also swam on the winning relay team.

GEORGE SAYER of Sigma Chi scored a victory in the breaststroke with a good time of 38.9, but it was not enough to offset four first places by KDR.

Phil Good led the winners scoring victories in the freestyle with a time of 33.7 and anchoring the winning relay team.

Other winners for KDR were Jim Foote in the backstroke and John Johnson in the diving competition.

Good's win in the freestyle was scored by inches over Norm Allan of Sigma Chi. The loser was timed in 34.2.

INTRAMURAL director Dutch Sykes said he was again pleased with the performances of the teams.

"This is as good a start as we've ever had," Sykes said. "And

some of the strong teams have yet to swim. I look for a couple of records to be broken."

The IM director said times should be lowered in the freestyle because of a rule change which allows the swimmer to touch the wall. Previously, the swimmer's hand had to touch.

IM Results

Basketball

Fraternity

Delta Upsilon	32	Chi Phi	20
Delta Sigma Phi	24	Sigma Chi	22
Alpha Tau Omega	40	Beta Theta Pi	22
Beta Sigma Rho	37	Epsilon Phi	30
Phi Sigma Delta	35	Pi Lambda Phi	21

Independent

Jordan II	27	Juniper	25
Washington	16	York	12
Chester	35	Lycoming	17
Beaver	15	Northampton	4

Bowling

Fraternity League B

Alpha Epsilon Pi	8	Pi Lambda Phi	0
Alpha Sigma Phi	8	Tau Kappa Epsilon	0
Sigma Nu	8	Sigma Alpha Ep	0
Delta Upsilon	6	Sigma Phi Epsilon	2
Delta Theta Sigma	5	Delta Chi	3

Title Fight Faces Delay

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The heavyweight boxing championship rematch between champion Sonny Liston and Floyd Patterson, now scheduled for April 4 at Miami Beach's Convention Hall, may be pushed back to a later date. Claude Ritter, Convention Hall manager, said yesterday "hold orders" for both April 10 and 11 had been asked by the promoters, Championship Sports, Inc.

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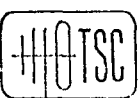
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