

Army Sports Strong Gym Team

Depth, Balance May Be Factors In Big Showdown

By JOE GRATA

Here's what Army's winter sports brochure says about this year's Cadet gymnastics squad:

Outlook: Interesting.
Strength: Floor Exercise.
Weakness: Inexperience. **Lettermen Returning:** Seven.

This Army team, defeated only once in seven meets (a 48½-47½ loss at Syracuse last Saturday), meets the Nittany Lions at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Rec Hall. A standing-room-only crowd of 6,000 is expected.

Sophomore Ken Slutzky promises to be the Cadets' number one man. Against Syracuse, the all-around competitor scored a 92.5

on the high bar, a 92 on the parallel bars and a 91 on the still rings.

Backing up Slutzky are lettermen Steve Best (captain), Doug Johnson, Mike Gray, Tom Thomas, Bob Balderson, Jim Lindou and Ralph Mitchell.

TWO OTHER performers which add valuable reserve strength to the Army forces are senior long horse vaulter Marty Ischinger and sophomore Tad Ono. At Syracuse, Ischinger recorded a 92.5 on the long horse while Ono received a 90.5 on the parallel bars and finished in the chips on the side horse and in free exercise.

And here's to prove even further that the Cadets have strong all-around balance.

If you take the scores of Army's three entrants in all of the six events at Syracuse and divide them for an average, the answer is an 88.0. The average score of the two top Cadet performers was an impressive 90.0.

Last year's Army squad won the Easterns team championship after finishing with a 7-0-1 record. Nine lettermen are missing from that group.

THE WEST POINT contingent performs under the reins of Tom

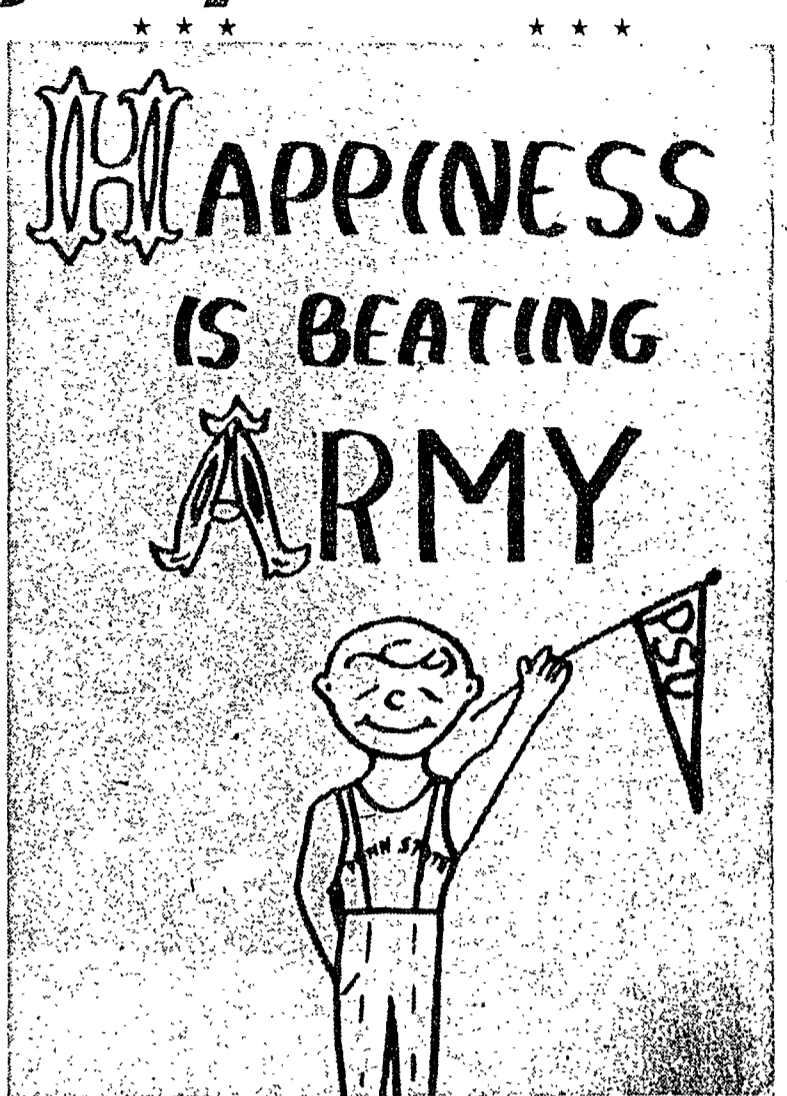
Maloney, coach at the U.S. Military Academy for the past 33 years and holder of a lifetime record of 200 wins, 24 losses and six ties. Maloney ranks high among his colleagues throughout gymnastics circles, but the Lions' own Gene Wettstone likewise holds an impressive record too.

Wettstone, a veteran with 24 years seniority, long has been the envy of coaches, gymnasts and avid fans everywhere. It's probably his initiative and dynamic leadership that ranks him as a super-showman and master-mind and earns him the title, "Mr. Gymnastics."

Taking a brief look at records, however, Wettstone holds the edge over Maloney. The State boss has produced 19 individual NCAA champions, 49 Eastern champions and five Olympians while his teams have won nine Eastern and seven national titles.

Maloney's products have captured 46 Eastern individual championships while his teams have won the Easterns 12 times and NCAA crowns six times.

In the afternoon the State freshman gymnasts will tangle with the Army pebes at 3:30.



NICE THOUGHT—This cartoon, posted on the gymnastics bulletin board in the locker room at Rec Hall, was drawn by a loyal State gym fan in Darien, Conn., and sent to Lion coach Gene Wettstone. The State gymnasts square off against the Army Cadets at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Rec Hall and a capacity crowd of 6,000 is expected.

Nittany Indoor Track Captain Sets Sights On '64 Olympics

By ED CARPENTER

Besppectacled Bob Grantham stood in the corner of the balcony track in Rec Hall giving advice to one of his younger teammates. Grantham had the thinclad's complete attention, for most people listen when the Lion captain talks about track.

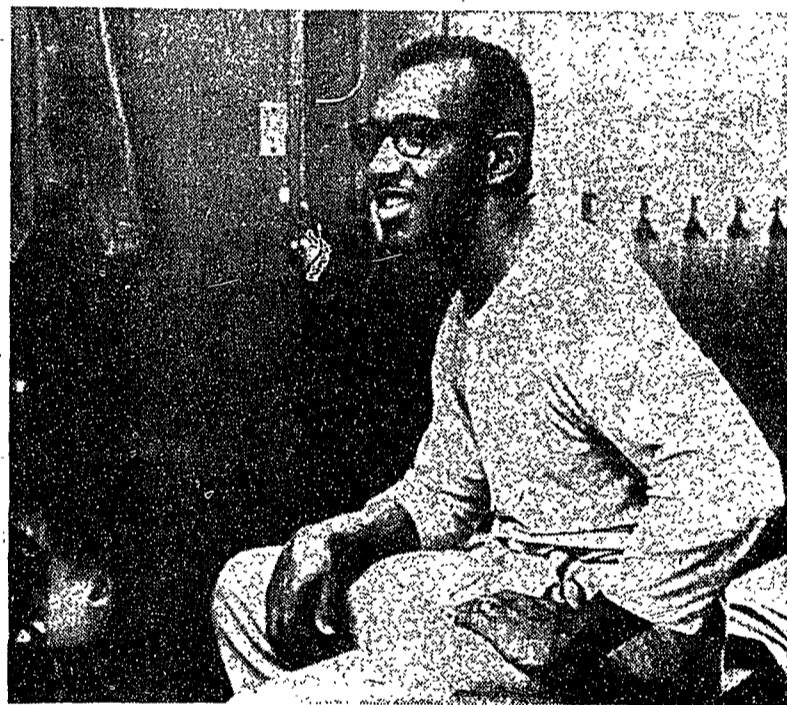
And they have good reason to listen to Grantham for his knowledge about the subject dates back to grammar school. It was while attending school in Norristown that he ran and won his first race, the 75-yard dash.

Following completion of grammar school, Bob went on to Norristown High where he took an active part on the track team. For Coach Pete Lewis' runners, Grantham ran the low and high hurdles in addition to the broad jump. He climaxed his high school career his senior year by winning the State broad jump championship with a leap of 22-½.

AFTER SPENDING two years at Perkiomen Prep (near Allentown,) Grantham came to the Nittany Valley because of the "good track teams and good coaches." It was these coaches, Norm Gordon and Chic Werner, who molded the raw Grantham ability into a great runner. In fact the Lion senior feels that both coaches taught him all he knows in the hurdles.

"While at State the thinclad captain has become an outdoor as well as indoor star. When asked which he liked better he said, "I'm more of an asset indoors because after running the 60-yard dash, it's not too difficult to run the high hurdles and then broad jump. Outside the first event is the 100-yard. Those extra 40 yards make a big difference."

Participation in three events is nothing new to the State runner. In fact last Saturday against Ohio



BOB GRANTHAM

... standout thinclad

State, Grantham was entered in four events. He won both the 70-yard highs (8.8) and the broad jump (21-7¾) while scoring in the 60-yard dash and the 70-yard lows.

Grantham hopes to compete in the decathlon in the 1964 Olympics. Except for the pole vault and the javelin, Grantham has competed in all the events which make up the grueling decathlon.

HE ELIMINATED one of these obstacles when he started throwing the javelin last summer. Teaching him this event is a fellow Norristown resident, "Doc" Cantello. Cantello, a one-time olympian, formerly held the

world's record for the javelin.

As far as the pole vault is concerned, the State runner is looking forward to the spring. "Once outdoors Ci (Risoldi, the Lion's top pole vaulter) should be able to give me some pointers," Grantham said.

Killebrew Gets \$40,000

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Husky Harmon Killebrew, the Minnesota Twins battering outfielder who was the American League's home run-RBI king last year, agreed yesterday on a 1963 contract for a reported \$40,000 to \$45,000.

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Indonesia Barred from Olympics

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—Indonesia was barred from the Olympic Games yesterday for an indefinite period by the executive board on the International Olympic Committee.

IOC President Avery Brundage following a seven-hour meeting here.

The suspension came after the board heard reports on last year's Asian Games in Jakarta, from which athletes of Israel and Nationalist China were barred.

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