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When Gene Wettstone arrived at Penn State 23 years ago, gymatstics and Wettstone had no place to go but up. Today, in 1966, the former Big Ten champion from the University of Iowa and his Nittany Lion gymnasts have nowhere to go but down, for the Lions are the "Kings of the Hill" on the Ameri-can college gymnastics score can college gymnastics scene.

It isn't always easy being the reigning NCAA champion, because the title-winning team becomes Public Target No. I the following season, and this is especially true for the Penni State gymnasts.

Let's face it, the Lions gathered in all the gymnastic marbles in 1965-the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League championship, the Eastern Regional title and finally the top NCAA prize.

And it wasn't only the fact that the Lions won: it was the way that they won-big!

Even in the NCAA elimination tournament leading up to the fitle meet at Carbondale, Ill., the Lions came up on top with embarrassing ease: 94-23 over West Virginia, $66^{1}2-53\frac{1}{2}$ against Southern Illinois, and a $68^{1}2-51\frac{1}{2}$ triumph over Washington to cop the national crown.

And to add salt to the wounds suffered by a lot of good coaches and a lot of good gym teams, that NCAA title was the eighth for Penn State and coach Wettstone, the most ever captured by a single school.

So, now Wettstone tinds himself and his team in a precar-ious position. The Lions will be the team every opponent on the schedule will be pointing for. That makes Wettstone the gymnastic equivalent of Johnny Ringo, the top gon that every upstart and brash young gunslinger would like to knock off in hopes of building up a big reputation.

The Lions cleared the first hurdle in defense of their NCAA championship last Saturday night by walloping the University of Massachusetts, 184.05-148.05. It wasn't a difficult victory. Wettstone won his initial 1966 gunfight needing little more than a derringer.

This Saturday, he's going to need at least a .45 and maybe a sawed-off shotgun to avoid being carted off to boothill when Springfield College invades Rec Hall at 2.30 p.m. Coach Frank Wolcott's Springfield squad is primed for a do-or-die struggle that could turn the floor of Rec Hall into a

modern day Dodge City-with the winner taking all and the loser heading for the gymnastic graveyard. Saturday Springfield defeated a tough Army outfit. 181.35-

173.50, to increase their season's slate to 3-0. And there is noth-ing Wolcott would like better than to add another notch to his six-shooter against Penn State He has the horses to do it, too. All-around man Bob Cargill

should be set to lock horns in a personal duel with the Lions Steve Cohen, while Jay Otto, Ken Henderson, Tom Auchterlonie and Lou Riccitello are Springfield specialists capable of giving

the best Penn State has a real battle. Using the fallacy-filled process of comparing scores, the Lions should win by two points off their Saturday night point total of 184.05 and the visitors' 181.35 aggregate on that after-noon against the Black Knights.

However, Wettstone scouted Springfield in their win over the Cadets and he came away from Memorial Fieldhouse in Springfield, Mass., with nothing but respect for this weekend's opponent. The long-time dean of American gymnastics is aware that

it will be a matter of Springfield's veterans against the Lions sophomores. He plans to use Sleve Cohen in the all-around and team captain Ed Isabelle in an unlimited number of events to get as much experience as he can in the lineup. But the ultimate outcome of the meet will depend upon the performance of the Nittany sophs. They must do as well, if not better, against Springfield as they did against UMass, or the Lions' hopes of repeating at the nationals will die in the dust. The first-year men did well against the Redmen, but the IM Announcement

pressure they faced in Boyden Gym was minute compared to what it will be Saturday in Rec Hall before 6,000 witnesses.

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And sophomores have been known to fold up in crucial shoot-basketball te a m's practice outs.

Dennis Paoletti was laughing in the Penn State locker ball games originally set for room after the UMass meet. One of the judges added up the 10:30 p.m. in the main gym will deductions for Dennis' side horse routine and they came to .6 of be moved up to 8 p.m.

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There won't be any laughing Saturday. People don't laugh lilary gym. will remain the at funerals.

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Bucknell Here Tonight By ALEX WARD Collegian Sports Editor

Face Lions in Rec Hall

Bucknell's basketball team, iresh from an 80-74 victory over American University Monday night and winner of its last four games, makes its annual trip to Rec Hall

today to play Penn State. Game time is 8 p.m. Coach Don Smith's Bisons, after a rather disastrous start, have beaten Gettysburg, Westminster. Scranton and Lalayette in the last few weeks, raising a pitiful, 2-5 record to a respectable 6-5.

"It's the first time this season our ball club has been over .500," said Bucknell sports publicist Dean Billick yesterday. "And the team is playing better than it has all year." On paper, Smith's biggest problem ap-pears to be a decided lack of height. His proof man and one forward measure 6-6 each,

but they're the biggest men on the team by a long shot. **Bisons Young**

One factor Smith does have on his side, however, is youth. As Billick explained, "right now were staring only one senior, captain Larry Kozella. Matt McMonigle and John Rodgers, the two big men, are juniors and John Murphy and Jerry Bartley are just

sophomores." Besides being the biggest men on the team physically, McMonigle and Rodgers lead Bucknell in scoring and rebounding. Rodgers, who scored 27 points in Monday's game, is the team's highest scorer with a 17-point average. McMonigle trails him by a fraction.

To make ample use of these two and to compensate for his team's general smallness, Smith uses a double post, much the same as the Lions did a year ago with Ray Saunders and Carver Clinton,

According to Billick, Smith's strategy is sound. "American University had a 7-1 center and a couple of other fellows over 6-7," he said. "Yet with McMonigle and Rodgers both

on the post we out-rebounded them, 44-41." Even so, Bucknell's chances of beating the Lions tonight seem about the same as they were a year ago, if not less. State's 8-2 record competition than the Bisons have seen this vear.

Looking Ahead?

However, the very fact that the Lions have a tougher schedule could work in Bucknell's favor. On Saturday Egli takes his players to West Virginia and there is always the pos-sibility the Lions could be thinking ahead to the Mountaineers tonight.

Another thing that has bothered Egli lately is the lack of opportunity the Lions has been spent on the road where Egli con-tends "It's awfully hard to get in a decent workout." have had to practice. The last three weeks

But the Lion coach, like most others in his profession, is a disciple of the win'em-one-at-a-time, etc., etc., philosophy and it is likely his players feel the same way. Egh will stay with his usual starting

lincup of Clinton and Saunders at the for wards, Jim Reed and Jeff Persson the guards and Paul Mickey at center.

Person, a 6-3 sophomore, is a barrage of hip fakes and jump shots, mostly of the suc-cessful variety. His offensive punch (a 10point average) has moved him ahead of Gerry

NITTANY NOTES: After the West Virginia game, the Lions will have a week off before playing Pitt in Rec Hall . . . Bucknell's McMonigle is shooting almost 50 per cent from the floor this year. By DICK LIPPIN

Collegian Sports Writer Penn States rifle team opens the 1966 season at Cornell University Jan. 15, and the job of preparing a group of promising sophomores will be left in the hands of a new coach, Sgt. John Smith.

Coach Smith, who succeeds Sgt. Rod Washburn, will have the responsibility of reshap-ing a squad which finished with a 5-3 record but lost three of the top five scorers through graduation. Sgt. Washburn relinquished his duties but will remain active as assistant to Smith.

Two seniors will form the nucleus of this year's squad, they are Gary Dunning and Philip Keylin, Dunning did a fine job last season topping the year off with an individual triumph at the Merchant Marine Academy sections. Kevlin, also a consistent marksman, placed second m the National Navy ROTC tournament.

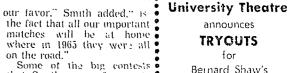
Coach Smith expressed his hope for a successful season. "We're looking for a better record this year," he said. The number of boys who have turned out has increased over last year and the interest 19 more intensive "One thing in

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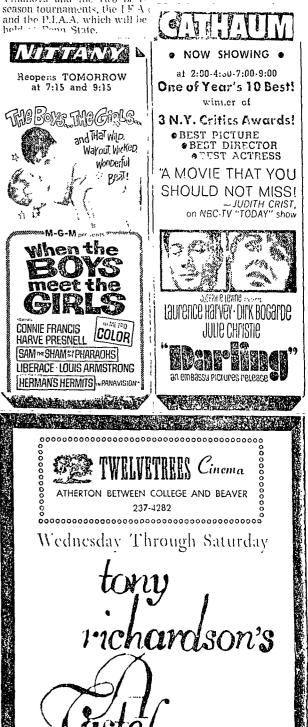
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Rifle Team Opens Season at Cornell

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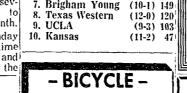
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Southern 5's Dominate **Basketball's Top Ten** By The Associated Press only unbeaten teams. Vanderbilt swamped Mississippi, 106-58, and Kansas beat Oklahoma, That tune they're playing in college basketball is Dixie. 89-68, in other games Monday night involving the Top Ten. Bradley toped the Polish na-tional team, 81-77, in an exhibi-Three Southern teams are running well ahead of the rest of the field in this week's Associated Press rankings. Duke, tion. Kentucky and Vanderbilt gath-The Top Ten with won-lost records through games of Jan. ered in 43 of the 44 first-place votes cast by the AP's nation-wide panel of experts, with the 8, and total points on a 10-9-8 etc. basis: Blue Devils keeping a good 1. Duke (11-1) 405 grip on the top with 32. Kentucky (10-0) 365 After the top three came St.

Joseph's of Pennsylvania. Bradley and Providence - all retaining last week's positions. Brigham Young moved in seventh. Texas Western up to eighth and UCLA up to ninth.

Kentucky, 11-0 after Monday night's 69-65 double overtime victory over Georgia, and Texas Western, 12-0, are the

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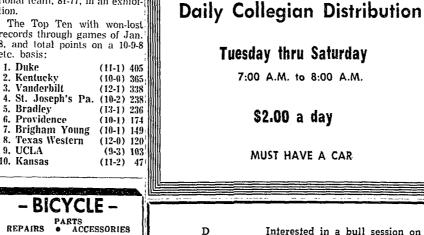
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