

Fate of extended Loop hours remains undecided

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After a two-week experiment, the extended weekend hours for the Campus Loop remain in question. This weekend, the Loop will continue with the extended hours to determine whether providing Loop service until 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights is financially feasible, said Ralph E. Zilly, vice president for business.

Under the experiment, bus service is provided from 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., but costs 25 cents until 11 p.m. The Loop usually runs until 12:30 a.m. on weekends, but is free after 9 p.m.

According to an agreement between Zilly and Undergraduate Student Government East Halls Senator Darryl Daisey, if the Loop broke even or made more money than with the old schedule, the

experiment would be deemed a success. Even if the experiment was a success, according to the agreement, if the USG Senate or the office of vice president for business decides the hours should not be extended, the Loop will return to its old schedule.

The uncertainty of the future for the extended hours stems from the contrasting results of the two weekends. Bruce Younkin, foreman of bus operations, said although ridership for the experiment was higher than he had expected, "the first weekend looked quite positive, (but) the second weekend put a damper on and sort of clouded the issue."

Daisey, who sponsored the request for an extension, said the Loop needed 128 riders from 9 to 11 p.m. to break even. Last Friday only 114 people rode the bus during those hours and 127 rode it Saturday night, he said.

The USG Senate had agreed to pay for the operation of the Loop if it lost money during the experiment. While last weekend the Loop did lose money, the trial was considered a success and USG was not liable because enough riders took the Loop the first weekend to make up for the loss. From 9 to 11 p.m. 242 people rode the Loop on April 16 and 203 rode the Loop on April 17, Daisey said.

Younkin said part of the reason for the additional trial weekend is that no one is sure why the ridership dropped so significantly the second weekend. Among the reasons could be that students were more aware that they had to pay the 25 cent fare from 9 to 11 p.m., he said.

Also, students may have stayed home because of the Sy Barash Regatta or may have walked because of the good weather. In addition, the Phi Psi 500 could have

increased the ridership of the first weekend, he said. Every weekend in spring has a unique campus activity that affects Loop ridership, Younkin said.

Richard L. Crowley, assistant vice president for business services, said this weekend is more "normal" because no "outstanding" events will be held, so if ridership falls again, the extension will probably be not continued. Zilly said he and Crowley will probably decide about the future of the extended hours next week when they are able to examine the results of all three weekends.

Although Loop riders will probably not be surveyed this weekend, a survey will probably be conducted if the extension continues, Zilly said. Daisey said he surveyed Loop riders during the trial, concentrating on those

who rode from 9 to 11 p.m. and usually wouldn't pay any fare. Of 177 people, 70 percent favored the extended hours, he said. Women, who favored the new hours four to one, were the target of the extended hours, he said.

"People who usually are against it, use it as a convenience," he said. Daisey said he was looking at students' needs in working to get the hours extended. Those who ride the Loop from 9 to 11 p.m. use it as a convenience. However, after 11 p.m. the service is a matter of safety for students returning home from parties, he said.

The safety factor is a "difference in significance that I think should be weighed," Daisey said. Loop driver Mike Spark (7th-mining engineering) said he doesn't mind working until 2:30 a.m. "Simply because it's on the weekend."

Kim Papp (9th-home economics education) said she doesn't mind paying a quarter from 9 to 11 p.m. "because it is a lot of help coming back from a party or a bar."

Zilly said subsidizing the Loop for parties is "a poor image to project." However, "if it's what the students want and it's not costing us anything, I'm willing to go along with it," he said. USG President Leni Barch said the new hours may not necessarily serve the majority of students, but a "different percentage of students than were being served before."

Younkin said the Loop drivers told him "everything worked smoothly from their point of view" and riders did not hassle them about having to pay the quarter from 9 to 11 p.m. Some of the drivers were actually eager for the late shift, he said.

For the two weekends the Loop had a combined total of about 520 riders from the extra hours of 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., he said.

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Lions will have 'new look' in Blue-White contest

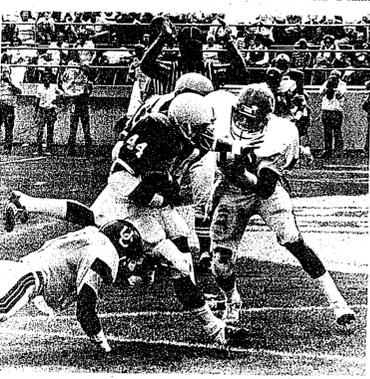
Penn State spends spring drills looking to develop depth

By RON GARDNER
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After a 10-2 record which included a 20-0 pasting of Southern Cal in the Fiesta Bowl and a No. 3 ranking in the polls last season, hopes are again high that maybe this will be the year the football team will finally win that elusive national championship.

But much has changed for Penn State since the Fiesta Bowl. The Lions, who take part in the annual Blue-White Game at 1 tomorrow afternoon at Beaver Stadium, are without 11 graduating starters, 10 of which were copped this week in the National Football League (which began April 6) "as difficult a spring practice as we have ever faced."

"We have a tough road ahead of us," Paterno said. "The first thing you have to understand is that we have a lot of filling in to do. Everyone thinks that because we have so many skill-position players returning that we will be solid. But we are anything but that."



Without Curt Warner in the backfield in tomorrow's Blue-White, much of the offensive attention will be focused on Jon Williams (44) who shined in the Lions come-from-behind win over Notre Dame last Nov. 21.

Paterno, now in his 17th season as the Lions' head coach, does have a considerable rebuilding job on his hands. On offense, Paterno's most formidable task is to replace the middle of the offensive line where guards Mike Munchak and Sean Farrell, along with center Jim Romano, are gone. And so is fullback Mike Meade, who, like Munchak, passed up another year of eligibility to turn pro.

But the Lions do have a strong foundation to build on offensively. Quarterback Todd Blackledge begins his third season as the Lions' signal caller and in the backfield, Curt Warner (who is running track this spring along with flanker Kenny Jackson), Jim Williams, Tommy Barr and Joel Coles are experienced and explosive.

Along with Jackson, Blackledge will be throwing to tight ends Mike McCloskey and Ron Heller, and to split ends Kevin Baugh and Gregg Garrity.

The rebuilding job doesn't get any easier on defense, either. Penn State lost all three of its starting linebackers Matt Bradley, Chet Parlavacchio and Ed Prysly — to graduation along with defensive end Rich D'Amico.



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tackle Leo Wisniewski, and halfback Paul Lankford.

In the line, the Lions will look to ends Walker Lee Ashley, Kirk Bowman and Al Harris and tackles Gregg Gattuso and Joe Hines to plug the gaps. Dave Pattenroth has been switched to a linebacker spot where he, along with returner Harry Hamilton, Ken Kelley, Rodrigo Puz, Scott Radecic, Steve Seftor and John Walter, should jell into a solid corps.

"We've got to develop some depth in our defense," Paterno said. "We're absolutely devoid of any experience once you get below that first group."

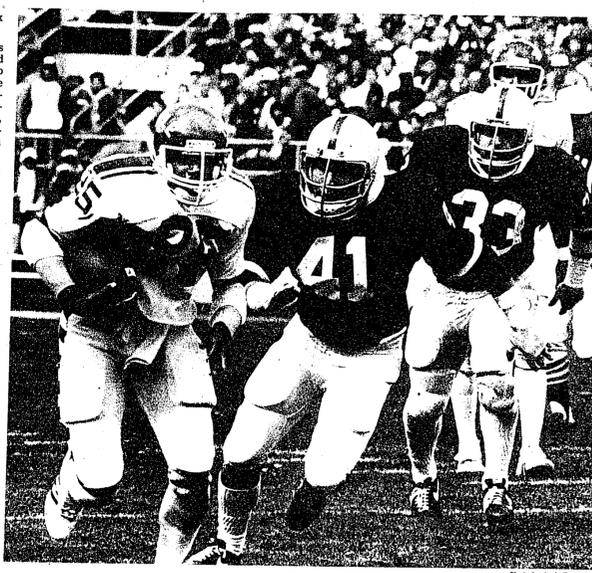
"This spring has been devoted to finding that depth on both offense and defense and today's Blue-White Game can help the coaching staff to evaluate who can do the job come fall.

"The whole situation is a chance for the players to show something that they've practiced," Defensive Coordinator Jerry Sandusky said. "It's a casual atmosphere — it's not as pressure-like a situation as it would be during the season.

"It's a chance for us as a staff to find out how some people react in a little more game-like situation. There's a crowd and a little excitement and enthusiasm and we've found through the years that we sometimes underestimate some people. Some people rise in front of a crowd and others might not."

Spring drills are especially important for the younger players and those who are seeking to secure more playing time come fall.

"It's a chance for us to sit down and teach and not have them to worry about assignments and an upcoming game," Sandusky said. "For the younger players it's really important and it's something that's absolutely necessary."



Steve Seftor (41) and Dave Pattenroth close in on this Temple receiver in last year's Penn State romp over the Owls. If the Lions are going to romp over opponents again this year, Seftor, Pattenroth and the rest of the defense will have to come together to replace the loss of three linebackers to graduation.

does to the coaching staff. "If I had my way, we'd just go out there and practice without anybody being around," Paterno said. "I understand what Penn State football means to these people and I understand what these people mean to Penn State football. So I think in that sense, the Blue-White Game is good, overall, I'm sure it's good."

"It's going to be televised and all that kind of stuff adds to the whole (atmosphere). It helps us with our recruiting and the exposure and the enthusiasm

for football here at Penn State certainly helps out." But, as always, everyone wants to know just how good this year's team is going to be.

"I think we could be a very good football team," Paterno said. "I have no idea whether that's going to happen or not. We're trying to make it happen, but until it does happen, I'm reluctant, maybe cautious was a better way to put it, about making any predictions.

"Even though we have some outstanding players, we have so many

missing parts. I am uptight. Too many people have high expectations for this team. We haven't even made a first year yet."

BLUE-WHITE NOTES: More than 20,000 fans are expected for tomorrow's game, which will be televised throughout the state and can be seen locally on WJAC (Channel 6). Stadium parking lots will open at 10 a.m. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 18 years old and younger. Penn State students are admitted free with their ID card.

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Lady laxers meet Penn in EAIAs

By MARIA MARTINO
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The women's lacrosse team may have finally become the Lucky Lady Lions.

Up until now, they have been a team that executes passes into points with finesse and precision. They have played impressively and won handily 11 times, but they've succeeded with talent, and hard work, and very little luck.

But this time, when the top-seeded Lady Lions travel to Maryland at noon tomorrow for the first round of the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championships, they will face fourth-seeded Penn and not archrivals Temple or Maryland.

And that, to Penn State Coach Gillian Ratray, is good news.

"We've never met them before and that has advantages and disadvantages," she said. "I am relieved that Maryland and Temple have to look forward to each other."

She smiles when she says that. Maryland, who stripped Penn State of the national championship last year, handed the Lady Lions (9-1) their only defeat this season — a 7-5 loss at College Park, Md.

Penn State, likewise, snapped the Lady Lions' seven-game unbeaten streak by slipping by Temple, 8-7, in Philadelphia.

Needless to say, the Lady Lions are not too eager to repeat either match-up, so when the EAIAs seedings were announced, Penn State fell very fortunate.



Laura Gray (20) takes aim at the net in a recent women's lacrosse contest. The Lady Lions open their pursuit of the EAIAs crown today when they meet Penn.

up quite an impressive record in the interim. Hardly the weaklings themselves in their tough region, the Quakers (7-2) before a game with Lafayette yesterday) tied Temple 6-6 and fell just three short of Maryland, losing 9-6.

For the first time at regionals, their attacks should be sharp.

The Quakers' scoring punch, Junior Sherry Marcantonio, leads the Penn squad with 29 goals and 16 assists before yesterday.

For the Lady Lions, it's senior All-American Candy Finn, the winner of the 1981 Broderick Award given to the best player in the country, and for the fourth consecutive season, the top scorer in the East.

Finn has scored in 51 consecutive games for Penn State, averaging nearly five a game. She netted five goals against Ursinus Tuesday to up her total to 44 this season and 236 in her career — a school record.

"I was pleased with some of our passing patterns against Ursinus,"

Ratray said. "Some of goals were just beautiful, but a couple were just luck. We decided to always go for the assisted goal... at first, we were shooting to shoot, not to score."

Freshman Marsha Florio's shots invariably score anymore, and her seven goals against the Bears helped the Lady Lions to average 15.3 goals a game.

"At the beginning of (the year), she was cutting too soon, but she knows when to hold it," Ratray said. "She knows how to get in that position to score."

"I'm glad to see us really pressure through midfield. The offense is coming back."

Not that the defense isn't doing a spectacular job. The Penn State Lady Lions, with only two returning starters, has allowed a meager 5.3 goals a game.

"Our defense talks a lot more," Koffenberger said. "We gelled really fast for a young team." Koffenberger and freshman Barb

Bucks counting on pride to help stop hot Sixers

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Coach Don Nelson is counting upon pride to stop the sibil of his Milwaukee Bucks in the National Basketball Association playoffs.

The Bucks, champions of the Central Division, trail the Philadelphia 76ers 2-0 in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Milwaukee lost their first game here Sunday, 125-122, and was beaten again Wednesday night, 120-108.

The second game score really doesn't tell the story. The Bucks trailed by 23 late in the final period, and cut the margin with a lot of points against substitutes.

"My people are proud," said Nelson. "We ought to do better in Milwaukee. We hope to scratch out two (victories)."

The next two games are in Milwaukee tomorrow and Sunday afternoons. If a fifth is necessary, it will be here Wednesday night.

Milwaukee's big problem appears to be depth. Quinn Buckner and Junior Bridgeman are out with injuries incurred during the season. And All-Star Sidney Moncrief is playing with a damaged knee.

The 76ers, however, appear to be peaking. Coach Billy Cunningham is excited with the stable performance of his Atlantic Division runner-up. "We've just had some outstanding efforts by so many people," said Cunningham who gave his team the day off yesterday. "The way we've passed the ball we've created so many situations. We're really concentrating, really alive."

"I recall that last year in the playoffs we had too many ups and downs. The 'Doctor' (Julius Erving) is so alive. He was awesome (Wednesday night)."

Erving scored 24 and handed out seven assists in 33 minutes of the second game triumph.

Cunningham also had praise for guard Andrew Toney who has 57 points in the two games, 31 Wednesday night. He also had six assists.

Toney, a substitute in the regular season, became a starter when Lionel Holm was traded and in the final game of the first-round, two-game sweep over Atlanta.

Cunningham said Toney not only was great offensively, but played excellent defense against Moncrief.

"Nelson said the 76ers have controlled Moncrief, but noted that Moncrief was playing on a 'leg-and-a-half,'" has a lot of pain and hasn't been able to practice.

"I created problems for him in cutting to the basket," Nelson said. Nelson started Alton Lister in place of Mickey Johnson because he wanted Johnson to come in and play the Sixers' tough sixth man, Bobby Jones.

"We will do the same thing in Milwaukee. If we don't get 16 or 18 points from Lister we're in trouble," Nelson said. "And we will have to find a way to give Sidney more help against Toney... They've got a little more people out."

"We're a little down now," Johnson added. "The best thing is to make things our way at home." Milwaukee center Bob Lanier said the Bucks will have to execute better on the defensive boards. "They hurt us on the boards," he said. "And we will have to find a way to give Sidney more help against Toney... They've got a little more people out."