

## USEC debates 14-week semester

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The proposed 14-week calendar received no support from the University Student Executive Council last night as USEC members brought up several potential problems with the shortened semester.

Panellenic Council President and USEC Chairwoman Laurie Maser said roughly 75 percent of the sorority members at the University were against the proposal because it did not provide enough time to take a full load of classes.

"Can you really carry more than 15 credits (under a 14-week calendar)?" Maser asked.

During the meeting, USEC also: • Discussed recommendations to the University President's Task Force on Alcohol in a "trial run" before University President Bryce Jordan hears student reaction from USEC. Undergraduate Student Government President David Rosenblatt said he will prepare a report on

USEC's comments to be sent to Jordan on Monday.

• Heard from a student who criticized the Undergraduate Student Government for representing "a vocal minority's" viewpoint on divestment. Mark D. Peil (senior-electrical engineering) said that the recently formed Black Student Coalition Against Racism opposed to the University's minority recruitment efforts was hurting all students, including Blacks.

• Decided to form a committee to establish a process for screening student candidates for a position on the University Board of Trustees. Some USEC members were upset that Pat Walsh, current student trustee, had asked people to sit on the selection committee without consulting them. The selection committee will review candidates and will send three to five to Gov. Dick Thornburgh for final approval.

Echoing Maser's comments on the 14-week calendar, Academic Assembly President Jay Clark said students

were taking fewer credits a year under semesters than they were under terms and that most students now go to school longer than 4 years.

Engineering students are especially apt to go longer than four years because of the nature of their courses, he added.

Going to school longer costs students more because they lose financial aid after four years, Clark said. And with proposed cuts in financial aid, the problem could get worse.

"I think that's a very strong point," Clark said.

Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Coordinator Lynn Duffner said many University's Commonwealth campus students, particularly those at campuses in eastern Pennsylvania, work at the shore over the summer and sometimes are not hired for jobs because employers want them to work until Labor Day.

Duffner asked if a 14-week Fall Semester and 15-week Spring Semester calendar was being considered. Clark said that was not being con-

sidered now because it presented a number of logistical problems. For instance, professors would have to prepare a different syllabus for each semester.

Rosenblatt said that a 14-week Fall Semester would not help all students with summer jobs because under the 14-week calendar, freshmen, transfer students and resident assistants would have to be at the University before Labor Day.

Organization for Town Independent Students President Chris Cappozzi said the 14-week calendar would cause problems with apartment owners.

"You have to give local property owners at least a year's notice or you're going to have people camping out on the HUB lawn with no place to live," Cappozzi said.

International students as well did not like the proposal, said International Student Council President Hung Shin. Since international students don't go home during breaks, the 14-week calendar would mean an

extra two weeks a year that the students would remain here while dining halls and other University facilities would be closed.

Rosenblatt and Clark will draft a letter addressing USEC's concerns and send it to the Faculty Senate.

Penn State University Veterans Organization President Shelly Phillips said that PSUV's general reaction to the alcohol task force recommendations was that Pennsylvania's laws are adequate and that "in-house" regulations are not needed.

Phillips said the recommendation for a required health course on alcohol awareness was "widely accepted."

Association of Residence Hall Students President Patty Martin said ARHS will need more funding for alternative programs to replace social activities in the residence halls that used to center around alcohol. The money would be used to pay for rock bands and D.J.s, she said.

# sports

## Spikers rally past pesky Ball State

By MIKE FRASSINELLI  
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Ball State proved to volleyball fans at Rec Hall last night that it was more than just David Leitman's alma mater, but the Nittany Lions leapt together just in time with the match, 3-2.

"Ball State's a good team," Penn State Head Coach Tom Tait said. "I think a lot of our guys didn't understand that until tonight."

The tenth-ranked Cardinals slid by 16-14 in the first game, but when the underdog took a 14-3 lead in game two against the No. 8 Lions, Rec Hall partisans could hear a pin drop. The Lions (11-6) held off two chances and answered back with four straight points, but it was too late as Ball State held on for a 15-7 victory.

Ball State confused the Lions throughout most of the first two games with an array of soft drop shots, a style which helped the Cardinals post a semifinal victory over Penn State in a recent invitational tournament at Rec Hall.

"Their game plan against us is to run a lot of drop and a lot of off-speed shots, and this week (in practice) we purposely ran a different defense to combat that," Tait said. "Unfortunately, we're not familiar enough with that defense to run it smoothly."

Tait said he thought the team started out slowly because of a letdown after Tuesday's close loss to No. 2 University of Southern California.

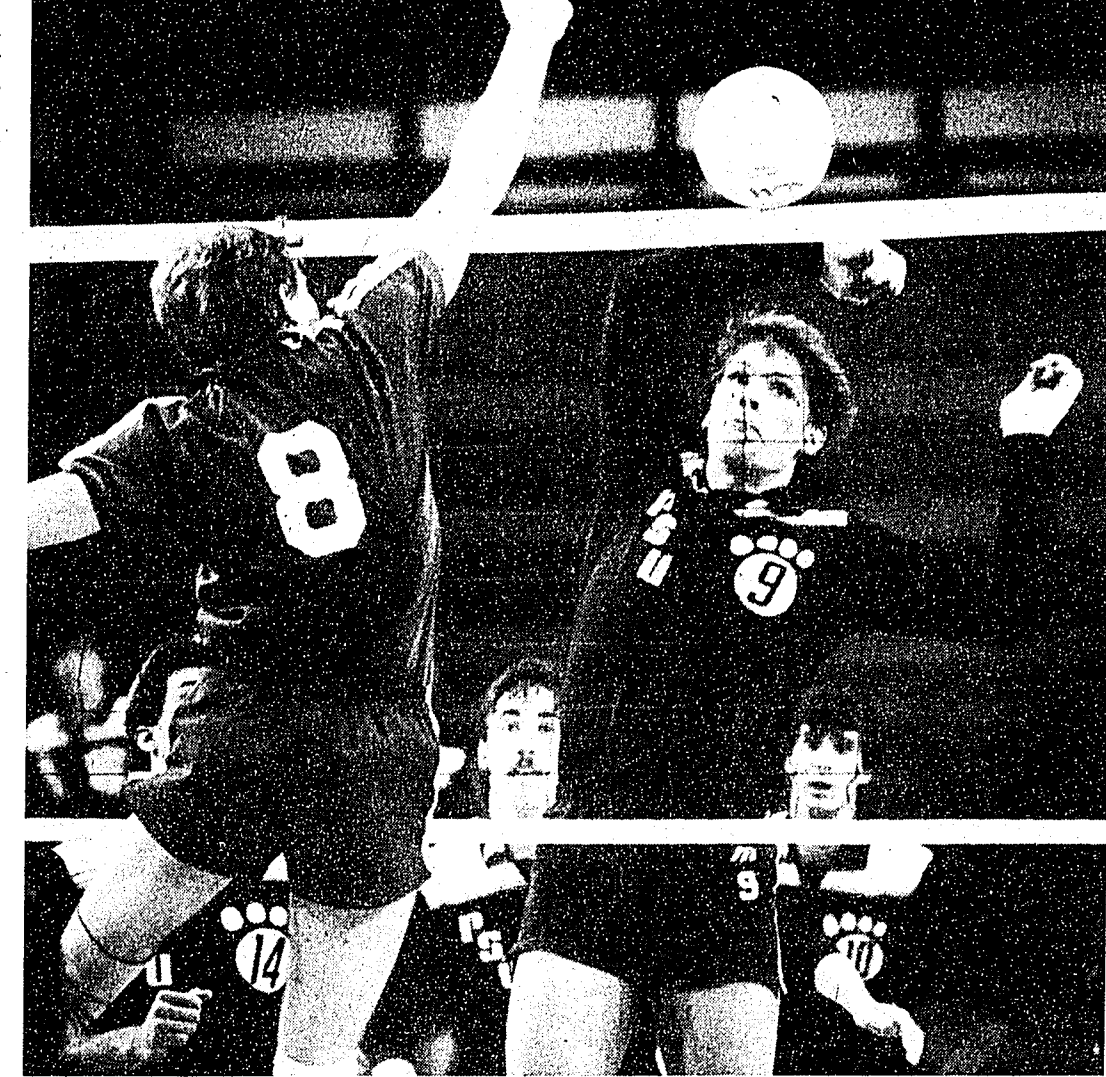
"We came out early in the match with a couple of guys that really were not ready to play," Tait said. "Fortunately, we were able to get them back into the game later on while the bench was holding us in the match."

After Ball State jumped out to a 7-4 lead in game three, the Lions finally came alive and rolled off a string of eight unanswered points. Hard spikes by Keith Yarros, Bob Faux and co-captain Stew Russell keyed the rally. Tait said that 6-10 freshman Chris Chase also played a key role in turning the tide for the Lions. Tait said that once Chase fully recovered from an ankle injury (he sat out game one) and gets his timing back, he will be a major force for the Lions.

Penn State won game three 15-8, and the Lions went on to dominate the remainder of the match with victories of 15-12 and 15-5 in the final two games behind the solid play of Russell, Yarros, Javier Gaspar Jose Rubayo. Tait said he thought the turning point in the match was a change in the attitude of his players.

"The team made a decision to stay together and not pull into little individual pockets on the court," Tait said.

Tait said that an improvement in serves in the



Penn State's Robert Pierce (9) prepares to unleash a spike against Ball State last night in Rec Hall. The Lions fell behind early, but came back for a 3-2 victory.

last three games was also a key to the Lion comeback.

"During the first two games, even the serves that were in were not very good," Tait said. "I think that was because we were very tentative in the beginning."

Russell said that the Lions came out tight the first two games, but improved on their defense and their transition game shortly after.

"I don't think any team in the east or west can

beat our transition game," Russell said.

Gaspar said that the Lions cannot get too comfortable when they have a lead.

"One of the problems we have is that we score 13 points, and we expect the other teams to get the other two," Gaspar said. "That happened tonight and that happened against USC."

The Lions play Navy tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the South Gym of Rec Hall. Tait said it is important for the Lions to play well against the Midshipmen.

## Cagers' comeback not enough against WVU

By MARK BRENNAN  
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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — The men's basketball team has been redefining the "meaning" of the word "comeback" lately, and in last night's 61-46 loss to Atlantic 10 leaders West Virginia, the Lions almost did it again.

The Lions, who have made a living of rallying back to overcome big leads, had two big comebacks last night, cutting a 17-point halftime deficit to nine with just over nine minutes left in the game.

After West Virginia built the lead back up to 16 points with five minutes to go, Penn State cut it to 16, but that is where the Lions ran out of gas.

Head Coach Bruce Parkhill said the Lions' (10-12 overall, 4-9 in the A-10) inability to hit outside shots against the Mountaineers defense in the first half was the key to the loss.

"They really played great defense," Parkhill said. "They took us out of our offense in terms of not allowing us to do what we like to do. We needed to hit some jumpshots to loosen things up a little bit."

And while the West Virginia defense was cutting off the Penn State inside game, the Mountaineer guards were making their presence felt offensively. The West Virginia backcourt of Holman Harley and Dale Blaney had a field day off Penn State turnovers in the first half and combined for 20 points — four more than the entire Lion team.

Parkhill said that breakdowns by the Penn State guards against the Mountaineers' press set the West Virginia fast break in motion.

"We had some mental lapses, our guards fell asleep several

times," Parkhill said. "Against their press, if they get a turnover, it's going to be tough to stop that."

But the Lions turned things around in the second half. After shooting just 35 percent in the first half, 64 percent shooting and good defense helped the Lions climb back into the game.

Penn State cut the lead to nine near the midway point of the second half. Wes Jones stole and dunk, but turnovers and fouls allowed the Mountaineers to build the lead back up to 16.

But living up to the never-say-die billing that has been following them lately, the Lions only allowed West Virginia to score two points over a four-minute stretch as they cut the lead to 10 with 1:29 remaining.

But there would be no heroic comeback, ala Rhode Island, as the Mountaineers connected on several free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

Parkhill credited the second-half rally to the never-say-die billing that has been following them lately, the Lions only allowed West Virginia to score two points over a four-minute stretch as they cut the lead to 10 with 1:29 remaining.

"We played a little bit better defense (in the second half), Parkhill said. "We got after them a little harder and created a little more space."

"But the better team won tonight," he added. "We were outplayed in every facet of the game."

Guard Paul Murphy said besides the good defense, the Lions were "playing to win" in the second half.

"We played fair defense in the first half, but the second half we played a lot better," Murphy said. "In the second we also played the win, kind of like St. Joe's. But if it was a little closer in the first half it would have been a different story."

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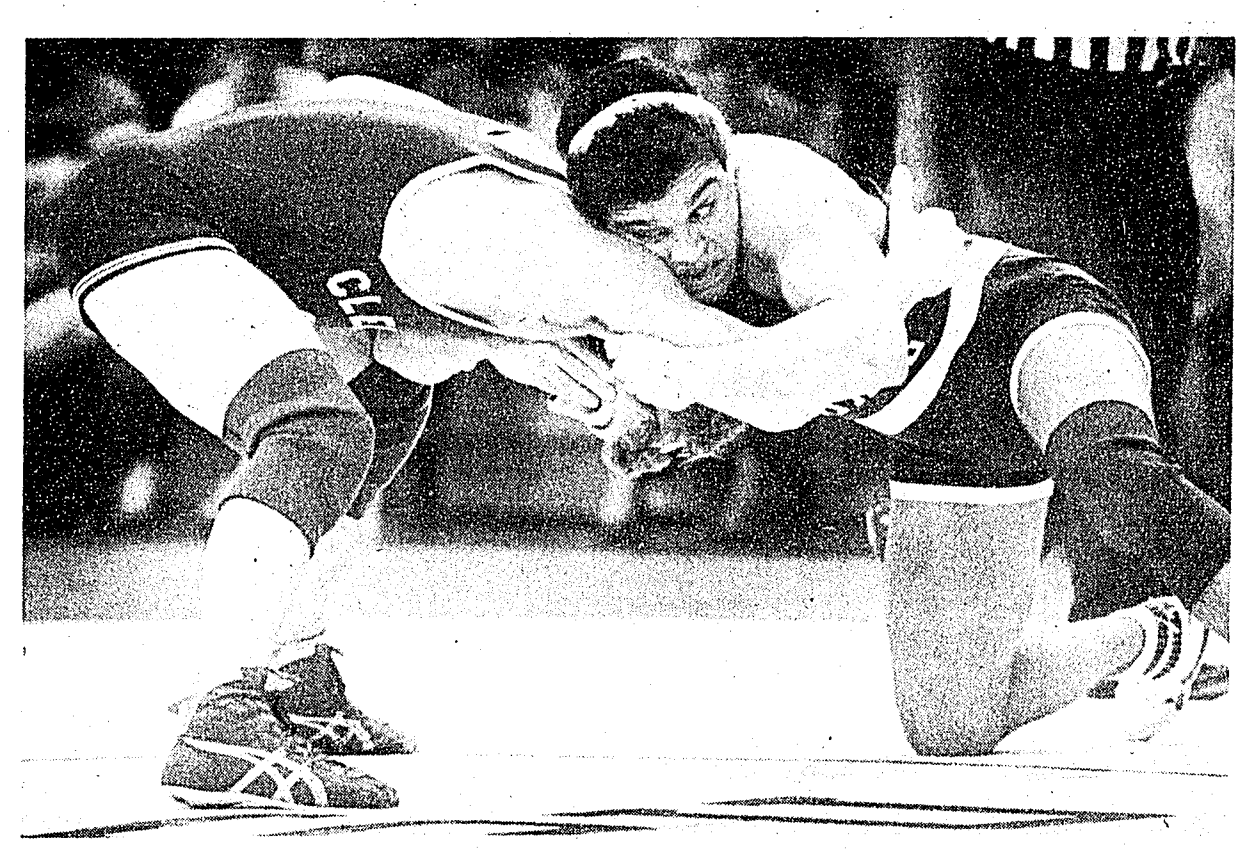
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Penn State's Bob Meloy wraps up his Cleveland State opponent last Sunday in Rec Hall. The Lions have a busy weekend ahead, hosting Michigan and Pitt tomorrow and West Virginia on Sunday.

## Grapplers to host 3 foes

By TODD SHERMAN  
Collegian Sports Writer

If this were war, University Park would be in big trouble.

Rec Hall will be invaded this weekend by not one or two, but three different armies, all with the same goal in mind — to defeat the fourth-ranked Lion wrestling team.

Penn State (9-2-1, 1-0-1 in the Eastern Wrestling League) will battle No. 15 Michigan (6-4) at noon tomorrow and No. 19 Pittsburgh (7-0-2, 2-0-1 in the EWL) only two hours later. On Sunday, coach Rich Lorenzo's team meets up with another EWL opponent, West Virginia (9-5, 1-2 EWL) at 2 p.m.

Do not get the impression that Lorenzo is worried about this weekend, however.

In fact, he is looking forward to it. "We expect this weekend to be really tough," Lorenzo said. "We knew that when we set up the schedule. The double-dual meet on Saturday and then the match with West Virginia on Sunday will help prepare us for the EWL tournament and nationals."

The Lions have been wrestling well lately, despite not having a regular lineup due to illness and injuries. They are 5-0-1 over the last month, and Lorenzo's squad has not been defeated in six matches at Rec Hall this season.

Although tri-captain Chris Bevilacqua remains sidelined with illness, two other starters, 134-

pounder Joe Hodge (15-10) and eighth-ranked 177-pounder Dan Mayo (19-3-1) should return to the lineup.

But, as has been the case all season, as soon as someone returns to the lineup, another wrestler drops out. In this instance it is Glenn Koser, Bevilacqua's usual replacement at 150. Koser injured his knee in a win over Cleveland State last weekend and will be replaced by Gary Kaschak (12-12).

The rest of the Penn State lineup will probably consist of second-ranked Jim Martin (26-1) at 118, Tim Flynn (24-6) at 126, Rob Meloy (8-5) at 142, top-ranked Greg Elinsky (27-1-2) at 150, Eric Brugel (18-7-1) at 167, either Mike Seckler (3-3-1) or Jan Johnson (5-3) at 190 and John Place (5-4-1) at heavyweight.

Place, in particular, will see some tough competition this weekend. Michigan's Kirk Trost is 3-0-6 and ranked seventh in the nation, and while West Virginia's Bill Nye is not ranked, he weighs in at around the 300-pound mark, a figure the 230-pound Place is well aware of.

"This is definitely a big weekend for me," Place said. "Trost is very good. Nye beat (former Penn State All-American Steve) Seffer two years ago, and he has always been considered as someone with the potential to be a national contender."

Lorenzo is interested to see how his team performs this weekend. "The matches should be close," Lorenzo said. "If we get 100 percent effort we will be successful; if not we

could get our ears boxed. We won't take any of these teams for granted. The problem isn't that the matches are back-to-back, it is just that they are good teams."

"We have to take it one match at a time. The most important match will be the first one, because we want to start off well."

Coach Dale Bahr's Wolverines finished fifth in the nation last year and handed the Lions a 20-13 dual meet loss at Ann Arbor. Besides heavy-weight Trost, Michigan will attack Penn State with 118-pounder William Waters (21-6), 126-pounder Doug Wyland (27-9), No. 4 Kevin Hill (30-8-1) at 177 and Scott Rothstein (31-9) at 190.

"Their strength matches up against our strength," Lorenzo said. "The corners of the match will be interesting."

Pittsburgh's strength is in its middle weights. The Panthers feature John Hnath (22-6) at 126, Kyle Nellis (19-4) at 134, and freshman sensation Pat Santoro (22-4) at 142.

West Virginia visits the Lions fresh from an upset of No. 6 Bloomsburg. After Nye at heavyweight, the Mountaineers have top wrestlers in Scott Pifer at 126, fourth-ranked Jim Akery at 150 and Craig Costello at 177.

## Gymmen renew OSU rivalry

By KELLY LANKAU  
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The men's gymnastics team (5-0) will take on one of its biggest rivals tomorrow at Rec Hall when it meets the Buckeyes of Ohio State at 8 p.m. Ohio State was the only team to beat the Nittany Lions during the regular season last year. The Buckeyes then went on to strip Penn State of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship along with the No. 1 ranking the Lions had enjoyed all season.

But the rivalry stems back further than last April. It goes back to 1979 when the Ohio State-Penn State series began. Penn State holds the lead with five wins and three losses, and those losses remain on the minds of both the coach and the gymnasts.

The team would like to up its record to 6-0 and prove to itself that it can beat Ohio State.

"We've always had an intense rivalry with Ohio State," junior Chris Laux said. "Every time we face Ohio State, we look for a win."

Laux said that the Lions felt they really deserved last year's NCAA Championship, but Ohio State had a better meet and came out on top. Penn State suffered some major breaks at the NCAA meet and fell from No. 1 to No. 3 as a result.

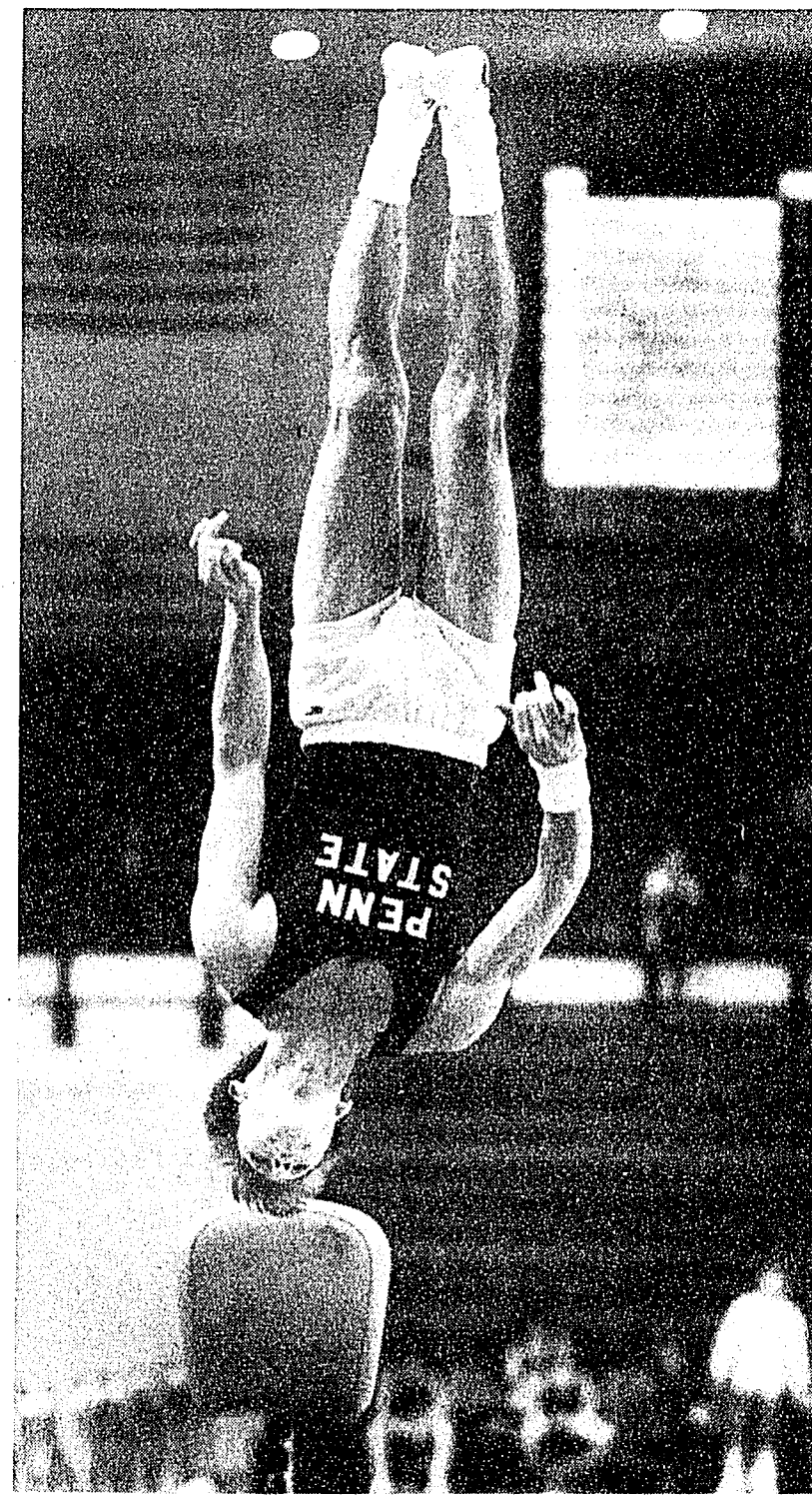
This year the team will face a different Ohio State squad than last year, with the graduation of ten seniors in 1985 leaving the team with many new faces. The Buckeyes enter the meet with a 5-3 record, the losses coming to Southern Illinois, Arizona State and Oklahoma — some of the best teams in the country. However, Head Coach Karl Schier said that despite Ohio's losses, this new team presents just as great a challenge as the championship team from last year.

"It should be a barn-burner of a meet," Schier said. "They're a good team and it's certainly going to be tough."

"The Ohio State and Penn State rivalry is still impressive," said junior all-arounder Spider Maxwell. "And so is their gymnastics program. The meet this weekend is going to show the excellence of their team."

Just because they lost their seniors doesn't mean they can't come and beat us on our own floor. I wouldn't underestimate their scoring potential."

This will be the Lions' first extremely competitive meet of the season. Last weekend, the team scored a season-high 276.30 while Temple scored 263.10 and Northern Illinois scored 255.10. The 14-point win over Temple was the smallest margin of the victory this season for the Lions, but Schier said that won't be the case against Ohio State.



Spider Maxwell gets airborne on the vault earlier this year at Rec Hall. The Lions host Ohio State tomorrow night at 8 in Rec Hall. The meet will continue the strong rivalry that has developed between the two schools.

"I don't think we can compete like that against Ohio State," he said. "We'll probably go man-for-man through the whole meet."

One man the Lions will be on the lookout for will be senior Steve Bradley, who has the experience and talent to make the Lions' job harder. In the all-around competition, Bradley has posted scores of 54.75 and 53.70 and holds the team-high on the pommel horse with a 9.65.

Other potential threats will come from Chad Lape, Randy Perlakowski and Steve Merena.

The Lions do have some bright spots for this match. They have the home gym and the home crowd advantage. Laux will vault again, Junior Mike Ambrosy has returned to the team after missing last week's meet due to an respiratory infection and freshman Jan Olsen will also return to the lineup.