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Lack of Housing to Limit New Frosh

The size of next fall's incoming freshman class will again be impaired by the lack of adequate housing facilities. Dean of Admissions C. O. Williams said yesterday that the University again will be able to admit only about one-third of the approximately 10,000 high school graduates who will seek admission.

Williams pointed out that of the more than 3000 who will be admitted, only about 2000 will be enrolled on campus because of limited dormitory facilities. Off-campus centers are limited in classroom and laboratory space, he said.

University officials expect the demand for admission to reach its peak proportions in 1985. Authoritative studies indicate the total enrollment by 1970 will top 20,000.

Currently there are more than 12,000 students, including those in

two-year courses, enrolled on campus and another 3000 at undergraduate centers and the Mont Alto Forestry School. Total enrollment is 15,352.

While several additional women's dormitories are in the planning stages, they are not expected to be finished until 1986. University officials say this necessitates a ceiling of 500 on new women enrolling. Women's dormitories can now hold a maximum of about 2300 students.

A requirement that freshman men live on campus also will hold down that figure to approximately 2000.

Maximum men's dormitory capacity is about 2900. New male dormitories, like the women's quarters, are projected into the future.

Williams said the University would begin processing applications for next fall in February. Approximately 2000 have already applied, he said.

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Lady Lions regain national championship

By JUSTIN CATANAGO
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BATON ROUGE, La. — From the outset of the season, it was the team that led the Lady Lion gymnasts to a 12-2 record. It was the team that swept the Eastern regionals. It was the team that earned the No. 1 national seed.

And on a balmy southern night, it was the team that captured its second national championship in three years. Friday night at Louisiana State's immense yet nearly empty Assembly Center, Penn State out-clasped and outshone the best teams in the nation in the Association for Interscholastic Athletics for Women National Gymnastics Championship.

In fact, it wasn't even close. After losing the title last year to Cal-State Fullerton by 0.10 point, the Lady Lions scored 145.50 points to dominate the competition, defeating a youthful University of Utah squad (144.10) by 1.40 points and an aging, inconsistent Fullerton squad (143.65) by 1.85 points. The Lady Lions' margin of victory was the largest in the meet since 1974.

"We were very consistent and tough under the pressure," Penn State coach Judy Avenner said. "We knew all along if we hit, we'd have a good chance to win, so we geared everything toward hitting."

Getting off to a good start is essential to success in a championship meet. Last year, while Fullerton was nailing solid vaults and building an insurmountable lead, Penn State was falling from the beam and losing ground. Friday night the opposite occurred.

With critical, low-scoring judges, Lady Lion Lisa Ingebreten set the pace on vault with a solid 9.8, paving the way for Margie Foster's and Marcy Levine's 9.2s and Ann Carr's 9.3.

And in what has become a habit under pressure, Lynne Samuels spun perhaps her best handspun front of the season to earn a 9.5.

Meanwhile, the defending champions were finding life miserable on beam. Only two Titans — senior Susan Archer-Benefather and freshman Julie Goewey — performed clean routines, receiving 9.0s. Senior Barbie Myslak and

junior Nancy Jones, both seasoned veterans, suffered falls on beam.

After one event, Penn State led Fullerton by over two points and although the Titans performed well on vault, they fell victim to their own strategy on floor and bars.

Fullerton coach Lynn Rogers believes in never holding back and insists on highly difficult routines, regardless of the risks. If his team hits, they're awesome. If not . . .

Rogers said he was disappointed his talented team did not respond under pressure.

"It's hard to compete with your hands around your throat," Rogers said. "We choked. Susan did real well for us. She's an 'old horse' so to speak and can still pull the wagon. But we had a couple of horses out there that maybe should have been put out to pasture."

Jones and Karilyn Burdick, each an All-American last season (top six in the nation), did not place in the top 10 Friday. Myslak, who placed second last season, could only manage seventh this time around. The Lady Lions however, equally as experienced as Fullerton, pulled together and covered for each other whenever someone faltered.

"I do think we were the best prepared team and best equipped to handle the pressure," Avenner said.

Since the team scores were not posted or announced during the meet, the Lady Lions were uncertain of exactly how close either Fullerton, Utah or LSU were to them.

Therefore, with the tension remaining high, Penn State kept turning in consistent performances.

On bars, Ingebreten faltered somewhat during her graceful, flowing routine, yet still led the team with a 9.2. Carr and Foster backed her with a 9.15 and 9.1, respectively.

On beam, the hardest-judged event of the meet — only three 9.0s or above were awarded to 120 gymnasts — two Lady Lions led, yet Carr managed an 8.95 and Levine an 8.7. Freshman Joanne Betts also contributed a solid 8.6.

Penn State's low team score on beam allowed Utah to narrow the scoring difference to 0.3 points. But the Utes — the team with the most errors —

freshmen Eileen Huck and Shannon Coleman — were on vault, their poorest event, while the Lady Lions were on their strongest event, floor exercise.

"I knew we had to be leading going into vault, if we were to have a chance," Utah coach Greg Marden said. "But when we were three-tenths of a point down, we just tried to hang onto second place."

Second place was the best any team could hope for. Penn State, with a total of 37.10, put on a floor exercise performance that dazzled the nearly 2,000 spectators in the 10,000 seat arena.

Lady Lion Anne McGeachy, who didn't even compete in regionals, smiled and danced her way to a 9.2. Foster used a double-twist and a tumbling pass for the first time this season and earned a 9.25. Carr's routine earned the same score.

Levine, the defending national floor champion, led Penn State with a 9.4.

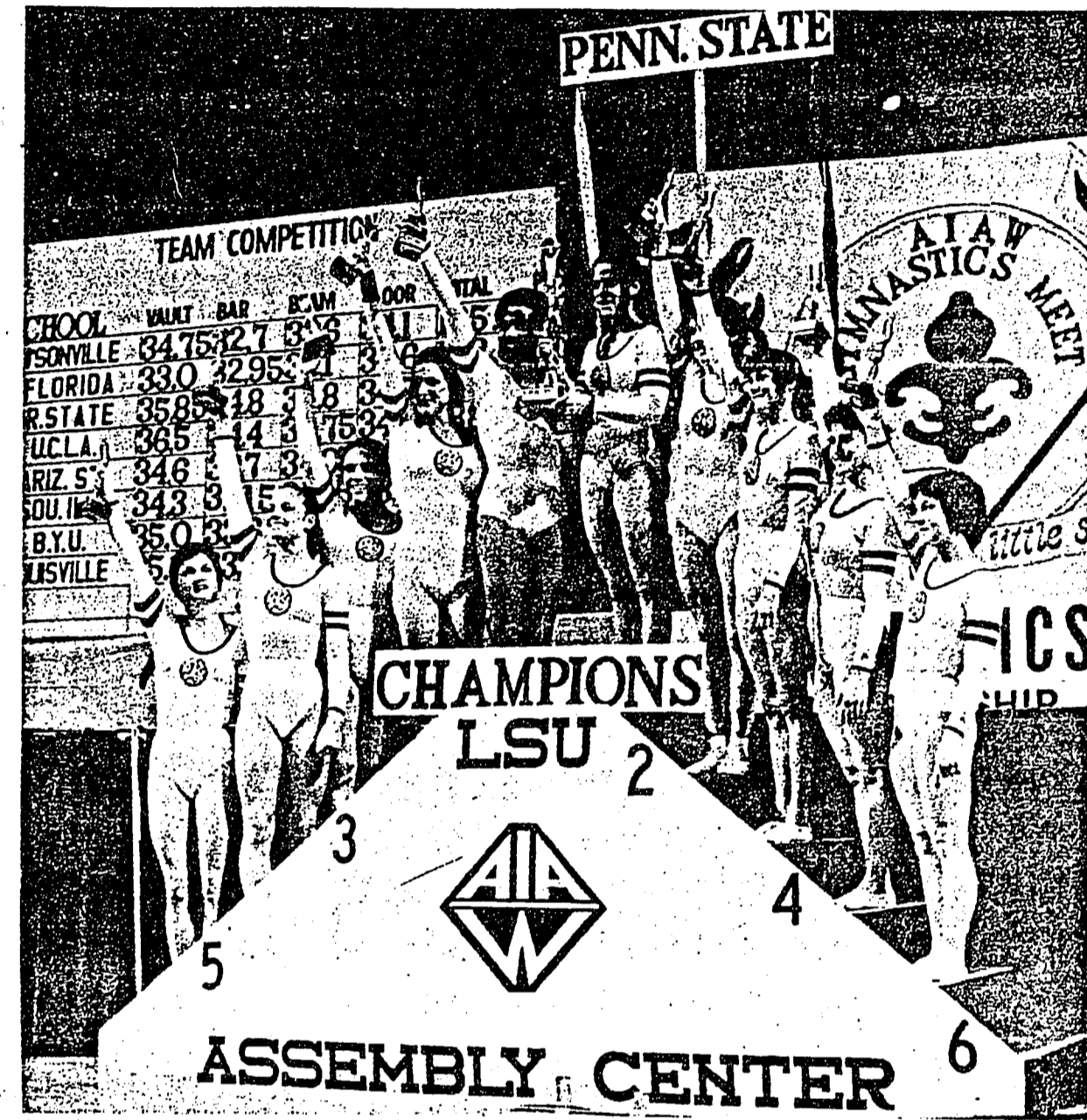
LSU, the fourth-seeded team led by freshman Sandra Smith, the nation's No. 2 all-arounder, performed well on its first two events, floor and vault. But an injury to its second best all-arounder, Teri Harris, caused the team to nosedive on bars and beam to finish a disappointing sixth.

"We lost the nucleus of our team and our one-two punch when Teri got hurt," LSU coach D.D. Breux said.

Penn State however, finished the meet strong and healthy — just as it has all season. But there was another, more important key to the Lady Lions' victory, a factor that caused Fullerton's demise.

"We worked for clean routines we were able to handle," Carr said. "We didn't overload and it worked for us."

In the all-around competition, Carr put the finishing touches on a consistent career in performing as consistent as she has all season. Totalling 36.85, she placed second behind UCLA's dynamic freshman Sharon Shapiro (38.0). Archer-Benefather (38.25) ranked third, while the sophomore tandem Levine and Foster occupied the fourth and fifth places. Utah's Eileen Huck rounded out the All-American group with a 36.15.



The Lady Lions won the AIAW National Gymnastics Championship team title Friday night at LSU's Assembly Center in Baton Rouge, La. Penn State earned 145.50 points to defeat runner-up Utah (144.10) and last year's national champion Fullerton (143.65).

Lion assistant coach Marshall Avenner gave it all they had and it was just what they needed. "I couldn't be prouder of 10 young ladies. They've obviously wanted it more than any other team."

March 10, 1986

Lady cagers capture fourth straight A-10 title

By MATT HERB
Collegian Sports Writer

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — In the giant numbers game that was the Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Tournament, the digit that cropped up most frequently was the number three.

Three as in the number of Atlantic 10 titles the Lady Lions had already captured prior to this season, and coincidentally, the identical amount of title games played in the conference's brief history.

Three as in the number of games Penn State needed to win in a row to bring home another Atlantic 10 championship.

And three as in the number of losses the Lady Lions had already suffered at the hands of the 27-2 Rutgers Lady Knights when the two teams met in the championship game Saturday.

When it was all over, the numeral on everybody's lips was four. As in four Atlantic 10 championships, all in a row and all owned by Penn State. The newest addition came when the Lady Lions overcame whatever voodoo Rutgers normally used on them, racing past the Lady Knights 84-69 at West Virginia University's Coliseum.

In the first round on Thursday, the Lady Lions (23-7) trashed the University of Massachusetts 86-62, and followed it with a convincing 84-60 victory over St. Joseph's in the semifinals on Friday.

The victory earned Penn State an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament, which the Lady Lions will begin when they play North Carolina State at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Rec Hall.

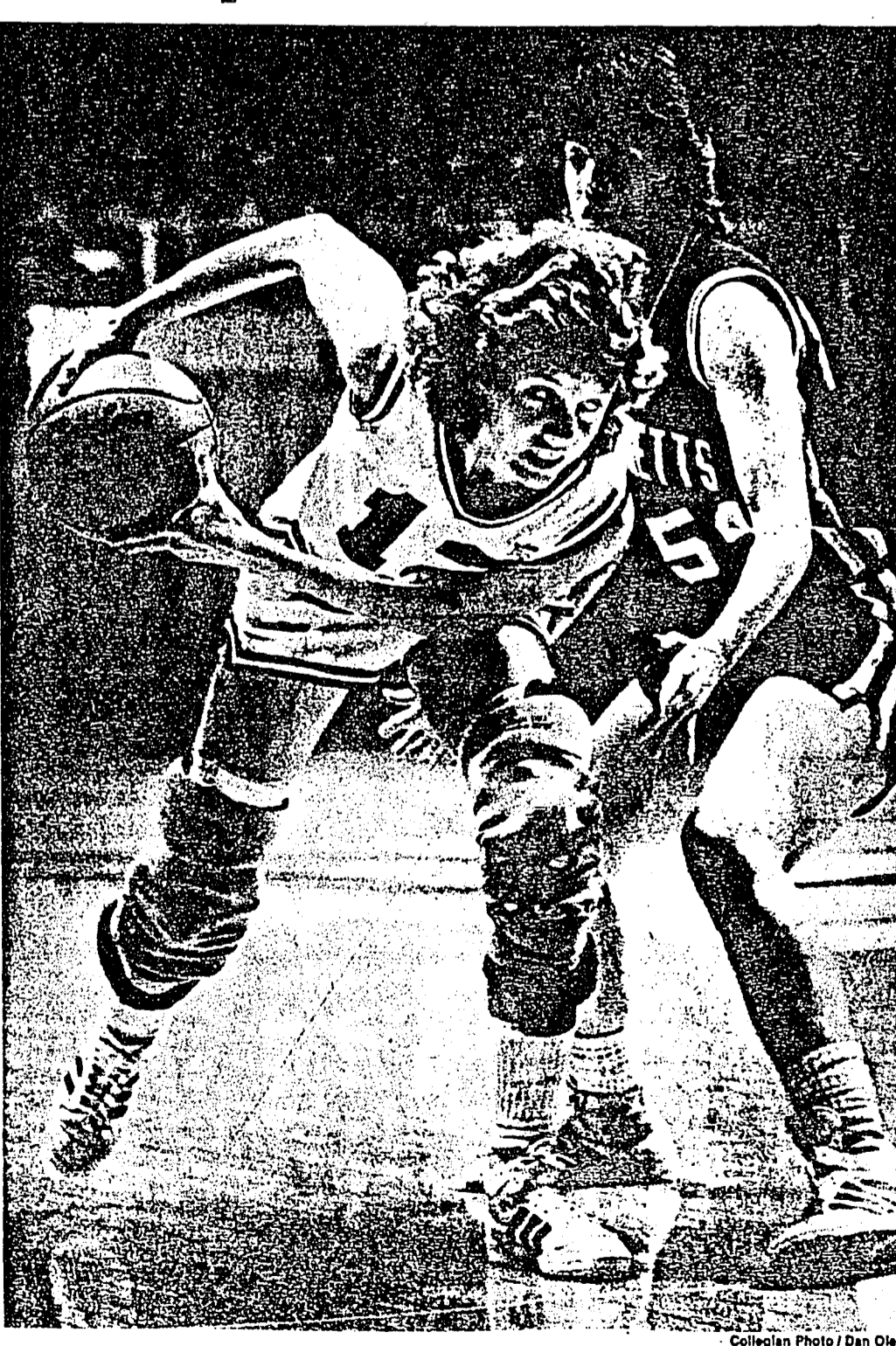
"All along," Lady Lion Head Coach Rene Portland said, "we've had the motto, 'three's the charm, four's the trophy.' As soon as we lost to Rutgers the third time we had to come up with something quick. This tournament and this trophy mean an awful lot to us."

For Rutgers Head Coach Theresa Grentz, those same numbers were the most logical way of explaining her team's first loss to Penn State this season.

"It's damn tough to beat a team three times," she said. "Four times and you're asking almost the impossible."

On a more tangible front, Grentz put the loss down to inexperience. The Lady Knights' all-anything forward, 17-year-old sophomore Sue Wicks, passed up a fistful of key scoring opportunities in the second half and freshman guards Felcher Austin and Janet Malouf were held in check by Suzie McConnell's tenacious full-court defense.

"You live with a freshman backcourt," Grentz said, "you die with a freshman backcourt. It's that simple. They're looking to the upperclassmen and the upper classmen are awful darned young. It's an experience. It's a lesson. You learn. You move on."



Penn State's Joanne O'Brien protects the ball from a Massachusetts defender during the Atlantic 10 Championship Tournament last Thursday in Morgantown, W. Va. O'Brien and her teammates overcame a three-game losing streak to Rutgers to capture their fourth straight Atlantic 10 crown.

Lady Knight offense pulls disappearing act

By MATT HERB
Collegian Sports Writer

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Stranger things have happened in this world than the sudden disappearance of Rutgers' uncontainable offense late in Saturday's Atlantic 10 Championship Game with the women's basketball team.

The eighth-ranked Lady Knights were, after all, only one (barely) missed shot away from an early departure from the tournament in their semifinal game with all teams, 11-16 West Virginia. Rarely, though, have the above mentioned strange things been less expected, and never have they come at a more inopportune time than they did against the Lady Lions.

Consider the following: Sue Wicks, the Lady Knights' record-breaking, league-leading, add-your-own-adjec-tive sophomore scoring sensation followed a 17-point first half performance with three points in the second.

Or how about this one: the Lady Knights, who had been hitting nearly 70 percent of their free throws prior to Saturday, missed a couple of clutch one-on-one situations of the glass and into Penn State arms late in the game.

And finally: the same Rutgers team that scorched the nets with 41 points in the first 20 minutes, was held to 28 in the final stanza.

"The crusher was that in the second half they only scored twenty-some points," Penn State Head Coach Rene Portland said. "We went into the locker room and they had 41 points. You can't give them that many points in a half. If this is going to be an 80-point game, we're going to be in trouble."

That's a lesson the Lady Lions had learned well before the Atlantic 10 tournament. In its three regular-season losses to Rutgers, Penn State never surrendered fewer than 73 points.

It may not have held much comfort, but the Lady Lions were not in poor company. Rutgers averaged a conference-leading 73 points per game, manhandling opponents by an equally intimidating 16.2 points per game, also tops in the conference.

When West Virginia dropped an extremely winnable 57-56 decision to the Lady Knights in the semifinals, it was seen by most observers as one of those freak occurrences that happen oh, say once in a lifetime.

And Penn State did not have a 6-7 bruiser like the Mountaineers' Georgann Wells swatting down shots and clogging up the lane. How would the Lady Lions possibly stop the likes of Wicks (22.6 points and 10.2 rebounds per game), center Regina Howard (14.8 ppg), and forward Kristen Foley (10.7 ppg)?

As it turned out, by not even trying. "Our game plan going in was to take (guard Felcher) Austin out of the game," Portland said. "Everybody has tried to take Wicks out of the game and I don't know if you can. We went in to frustrate Austin. She had seven points."

"I think in the end, they tried to go to her because she's been the money player through the whole tournament for them."

Lady Lion guards Suzie McConnell and Fatti Longenecker were most responsible for keeping Austin, as well as fellow guard Janet Malouf out of the game and I don't know if you can. We went in to frustrate Austin. She had seven points.