# X-Countrymen 8th in NCAA's

# Story Wins In 19:46.6; Norman 26th

Special to The Collegian EAST LANSING, Mich., Nov. 27-The Penn State cross country team emerged as the top eastern finisher in the NCAA championship meet today, but the Lions had to settle for eighth place behind some powerful middle and far western opponents.

Oregon State, with 68 points, walked away with both the individual and team titles.

Dale Story led the Beavers to the team title by rapping up the individual crown in 19:46.6 over the four-mile course.

iwo years ago by running a 4:11 mile.

San Jose State, led by Jeff notches behind Norman in 29th Rishback, who finished fourth, place. and Charley Clark, the defending The next Lion to finish was NCAA steeplechase champion, who came in sixth, finished sec-

ond with 81 points. Houston, last year's champs, slid to third with 122 points. The Cougars top runner was Pat Clo-hessy, who finished third, an im-provement over his 11th place fin-ish last year. Al Lawrence was the big

disappointment for Houston. The Australian won the meet the past two years, setting the record of 19:28 last year, but he slipped to 56th place today. Kansas was just nosed out for

third, finishing with 124 points. Iowa, this year's Big Ten champ, finished fifth with 164. Western Michigan, third last

Lions in seventh with 173.

by for the eighth spot.

in the IC4A championships last week but finished ninth on their home course with 212 points. The Air Force Academy round-win four out of five dual meets.

Gerry Norman was the first Lion across the finish line in 26th place, but his performance was way below his sixth place finish of last year.

### On Gator Bid

CAPTAIN, JIM SMITH: I think it's really great. The team we're going to play is on a par with the best teams in the country. We must still prove that we are the best team in the East, if we didn't already do so last week. It's a major bowl-the best thing that could have happened to us. BOB MITINGER: I'm very happy about it. I had mixed feelings when I went into the meeting, of course. I had an invitation along with Jim Smith to play in the East-West Shrine Game in San Francisco that weekend. I think it will be a very good contest. ROGER KOCHMAN: Naturally, I'm very pleased. I'm happy to go. It seems like Georgia Tech has a pretty good ball club. They'll present/more of a challenge to the team than anyone else,

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#### LIONELL BASSETT \* \* \*

Story, only a sophomore, set nell's Steve Machooka in the a national high school record IC4A meet last week. Machooka did not compete in today's meet. Howie Deardorff finished three

> The next Lion to finish was Lionell Bassett in the 67th posi-tion. Bassett seems to like the Michigan State course. He almost won the dual meet against Michigan State this year by coming on strong for an eighth place finish.

Ernie Noll, with a 74th place finish, and Steve Moorhead in 89th position, finished up the State scoring. Moorhead was somewhat of a

disappointment for the Lions. Last year he finished 38th as State finished fourth in the race.

Assistant coach Norm Gordon was not disappointed in the Lions finish. "The whole field was very powerful this year." Gordon said.

son which saw the Lion harriers ed out the top ten, finishing with The only loss, a 27-28 decision 244 points. today.

#### White Sox Swap Minoso For Cards' Cunningham

finish of last year. Norman finished second to Cor-Players' Reactions On Gator Bid

## **Michelosen Calls Defeat** 'Worst In Seven Years'

#### By DEAN BILLICK Assistant Sports Editor

It's a rare occasion indeed when a Pitt football player or coach admits that Penn State is a superior team, but Saturday was that occasion.

Even though it came grudgingly and with unquestionable bitter-ness, Pitt players and coaches conceded that the Lions had the better team. But what else could the thoroughly thrashed Panthers say after losing 47-26? All State did was to admin-

ister the worst defeat that a John Michelosen team has suffered at Pitt, score the most points since whipping the Pan-thers 59-0 in 1903, and in gen-eral, thoroughly humiliate the Panthers.

"They had a tremendous foot-ball team out there today," Mi-Mi-. chelosen said in the quiet of the coaches' locker room after the defeat. The rather young Panther coach (45), who has been under fire the past couple of years at Pitt for not winning more games, was in a talkative mood.

"This is the worst loss I've taken since I've been here (seven years) and it was a sharp Penn State team that did it, he said. "They were big and that line just wore us down." The Pitt coach was impressed with the Lion end corps. "You have three wonderful ends in Bob Mitinger, Jim Schwab and Dave Robinson," he said. "They have size, speed and know how to handle themselves."

Western Michigan, third last year, finished sixth with 165. Southern Illinois preceded the Lions coach Chick Werner was unavailable for comment, but hat his team would be out-or the eighth spot. The Spartans dethroned State n the IC4A championships last team would be and the team would be operated n the IC4A championships last team would be and the team would be operated n the IC4A championships last team would be and the team would be and the win." The Spartans dethroned State the IC4A championships last team would be and the team would be and the win." The Spartans dethroned State the IC4A championships last team would be and the team would be and the win." The Spartans dethroned State the IC4A championships last team would be and the team would be and the win." The Spartans dethroned State the IC4A championships last

Michelosen refused to compare State with the other Panisam was better than last sea-son's squad. "They were more explosive this year than last year." he said. "Last year you didn't have anyone who could match Boyer Kochman" match Roger Kochman."

Tom Brown, Pitt's star middle linebacker, was impressed with

- The Wednesday, hit .280 for the White pairing has been completed for Sox in 152 games last season, his Philadelphia's Liberty Bowl foot-

12th in the majors. He had 14 home runs and 82 runs batted in. Miami of Florida last night was Cunningham, 30, hit .286 in 113 chosen to play Syracuse in the games with St. Louis, his seventh Dec. 16 game. Miami is 6-3 and with the club, He had 7 home runs has a game left with Florida



SCHWAB LUGS THE LEATHER-Jim Schwab turns the corner after taking a pass from Galen Hall in the first period of Saturday's 47-26 romp over Pitt. Moving in to make the tackle is John Yaccino. The play covered 40 yards. \* \* \*

that the overall depth of the line said, wore us down. We just couldn't One Panther, however, was a match you on a man-to-man little slow on praising the Lions. basis." "I'm prejudiced against State so

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The two Panthers who were don't ask me for comments on the the most impressive, Rick Leeson game," tackle Elmer Merkovsky and Paul Martha, also praised said. "All I'll say is that Rip Enthe State line. "They were the gle comes up with a good team hardest hitting and toughest line every year."



ther opponent's this year, but he did say that this year's Lion

and 40 RBI. Saturday.

#### Halftime--

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Maryland game.

After learning that the Cavaliers had upset Maryland 28-16 to knock them out of the Gator Bowl, Stein swallowed hard and turned pale.

He had a funny feeling that Penn State wouldn't be going to the Gotham Bowl, \$75,000 guarantee or not. He was right.

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