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main hope for individual Women gymnasts honors, but runs up against some tough competition for the all-around title. open in nationals from Temple is perhaps one of the best gymnasts entered

are busying themselves at the Nationals in Philadelphia, their lady sidekicks opened up their championship meet at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. last night, too.

The Lady Lions are seeded fifth in the meet, based on Schuckman is the team's

in the meet, but even she is While the men gymnasts regional scores. Favorite outscored by Illinois Olym-Southwest Missouri leads the pian Nancy Theis. Theis' pack with 108.25 points, score in the regionals was the highest (37.05), beating out follwed by California State -

(105.75)

Air-Hockey tourney on The leaders after three legs The Air-Hockey Circuit

Yesterday's answer: Ernie Banks was the

Today's question: Who was last year's

only National League player to win two

Nissen award winner, the honor which goes to the outstanding senior collegiate gymnast

consecutive MVP awards.

in the country?

Tournament enters its fourth leg tomorrow with still only 15 contestants with points. The tournament was set up

with 16 finalists in mind. Mike Dickstein, president

of the Penn State Air-Table Hockey Club, said because of the sparse turn out "the minimum amount of points required to reach the finals is zero.'

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Fullerton (107.40), Arizona Pierce's best of 36.95. Connie State (106.65), and Penn State Jo Israel from Clarion is ranked third (36.80), followed Penn State Junior Karen by Schuckman (36.50). qualifiers include Schuckman on floor ex, beam and vault, and Joanne Beck, who will compete on floor ex and

beam. are: Keith Sapanski, 720 The Lady Lions placed fifth points; Mike Dickstein, 690; in the Nationals last year. Bruce Handel, 585; Bob Summers, 485; Ken Fohringer, 465; and Doug

IM Scores Koontz with 430 points. There is a total of 10 legs in the tournament and the next one is tomorrow at the Nittany Mall. Dickstein said people may still enter.

VOLLEYBALL DORMITORY – Lancaster def. Buck House, 15-8, 15-6; Clearfield def. Cam-bria, 15-4, 15-11; Lacawanna def. Lerte 1, (forfeit); Cumberland def. Arts and Arch.. (forfeit); Schuykill def. Erie, 15-2, 15-8; North Umberland def. Centre 5-15, 15-7, 15-5 \_JT

**Olympian Roxanne Pierce** 

Penn State's individual

FRATERNITY — Alpha Tau Omega def. Kappa Sigma, 15-7, 15-5; Phi Kappa Psi def. Lambda Chi Alpha, 17-15, 9-15, 15-13; Sigma Tau Gamma def. Tau Ep 15-13: Sigma Tau Gamma def. Tau Ep-silon Phi, 15-11, 15-8; Delta Chi def. Pi Kappa Alpha, 12-15, 15-9, 15-12; Beta Theta Pi def. Alpha Gamma Rho, 15-7, 15-11: Phi Gamma Delta def. Tau Kappa Epsilon, 15-4, 12-15, 15-3; Pi Kappa Phi def. Delta Kappa Phi, 15-10, 9-15, 15-10; Zeta Psi def. Acacia, 16-14, 13-15, 15-12; Alpha Zeta def. Phi Sigma Kappa, 15-1, 14-16, 15-1; Theta Delta Chi, def. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 15-0, 15-6; Phi Kappa Sigma def. Alpha Chi Sigma, 15-4, 16-4; Alpha Kappa Lambda def. Sigma Pi, 18-16, 15-6.

eighth with a 189.50. Tom Beach of California-Berkeley is the leader in' the all-around race, having compiled a score of 54.40. Penn State's Gene Whelan is second with a 54.05. Nebraska's Larry Gerard is third with a 53.65. Southern Connecticut's Peter Kormann was fourth in the AA with a 53.45. Kurt Thomas of

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**Collegian Sports Writers** 

NCAA Gymnastics Championships after the

compulsory exercises, compiling a score of 212.35

Penn State is second after the compulsories,

marking up a team total of 211.90 in the first session

of the three-day tourney at Temple's McGonigle

Nebraska has placed third with a 209.50; LSU is

fourth with a 209.30; Minnesota filed in fifth with a

202.15; Arizona State is sixth at 199.45; Cal State-

Fullerton has a 189.55 and the host school, Temple is

last night in Philadelphia.

Indiana had a 52.95.

Hall.

California (Berkeley) is the leader in the 1976

Lions 2nd after compulsories

The NCAA Finals continue today and tomorrow. The optional competition begins tonight at 7 with the team finals starting tomorrow at 1 p.m. The individual event finals will be held tomorrow night at 7:30.

Here's a team by team rundown of the seven qualifying teams (exception Penn State): CALIFORNIA (BERKELEY) - They are the defending NCAA champs, and are picked as favorites again this year. They had a strange season in that they lost every dual meet this year with perhaps the most talent of any college team. Top meet, and is backed up by AA's Tom Weeden and Mike DuBois. Actually all members of the team except two are AA's, but coach Harold Frey believes that Beach will take home the championship.

California leads in NCAA

"I will say that even if all the AA'a hit their tricks perfectly, and I'm including Peter Kormann, Kurt Thomas and the rest, Tom Beach should still win it," said Frey.

LOUISIANA STATE - Definitely a strong contender for the championship. Although their regional scores were low compared to what the coach feels they are capable of achieving, they had almost no competition from the rest of the league and were not pressured to win by a high score. Their top AA, Mike Godawa, is a sophomore All-American, but he will have a tough time of it against Kormann, Thomas, Doug Griffith, Beach and Penn State's Gene Whelan.

NEBRASKA - Coach Francis Allen expects his team to crack the top three, and many consider the Cornhuskers the dark horse in the meet. Larry Gerard was the Big Eight AA champ, finished fourth int he Olympic trials, and has a good chance to place in the finals if he hits. Second AA Gene Mackie was fourth in AA last year at nationals, and is an All-American candidate.

ARIZONA STATE — Arizona State comes to the meet with the lowest qualifying score (400.85) but Coach Don Robinson emphasized the absurdity of ranking by scores.

"I think in this meet, with all teams champions, anyone can win," he said. "I don't put a lot of value

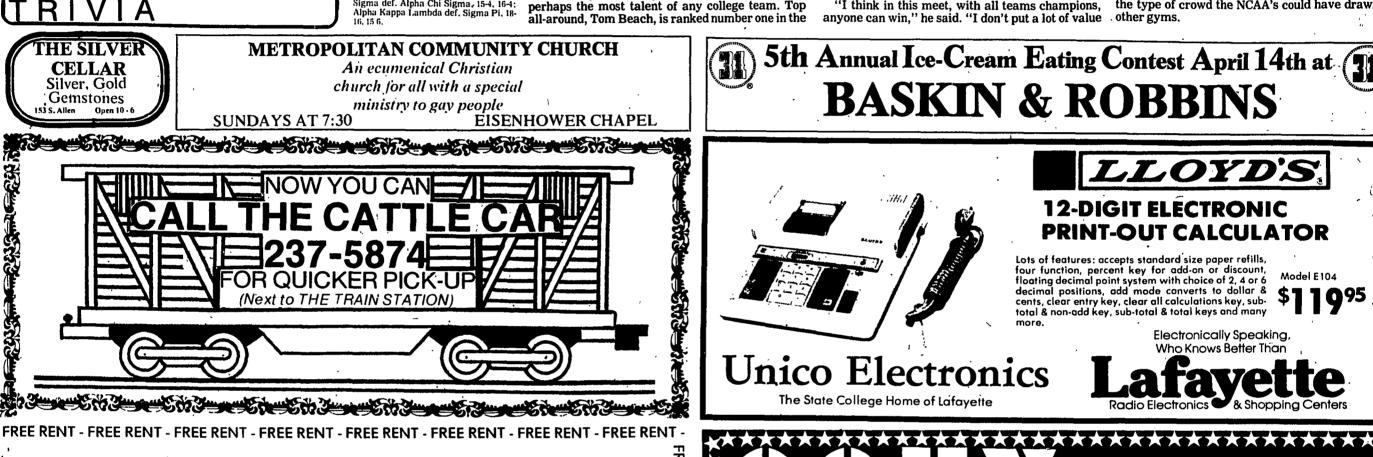
on the qualifying scores because we all come from different areas and the judging is certainly different. I suppose because of our score we might be considered the black sheep to win, but black sheep win sometimes too, you know."

Personnel include L.J. Larson, a strong contender on the pommel horse, Craig Kirby, ranked high in floor ex, and high bar specialist Herb Hanson, who could also take home first place.

CAL-STATE (FULLERTON) - Fullerton has come a long way in recent years, and in only two years in Division I battled their way to the nationals. Vault specialist Sam Shaw is just about the best in the college ranks, second only to Kormann. Rick Rude is right up there for an AA finalist, although his goal in the meet is to score 106 points, which is the qualifying score for the final Olympic trials.

MINNESOTA — Many fans have just gotten over the initial shock that Minnesota actually defeated Michigan in the Big Ten regionals. But it did, and the Gophers have an excellent all-around in Jeff Lafleur. He is the best vaulter in the Big Ten, and a Nissen award finalist. Side horse vaulter Dan Jarosch and ringman Mike Wilber could qualify, too.

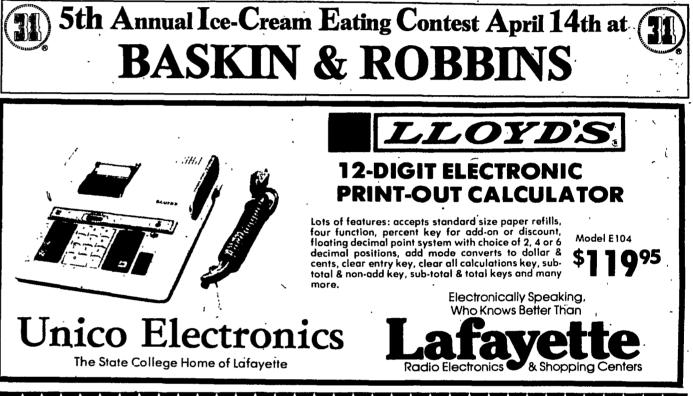
TEMPLE — Best bets are AA Tom Kovic in the vault and high bar, where he runs second to Kormann. Gary Kulick was the E.I.G.L. side horse champ last year. The host school has been getting some flack from visiting coaches since they feel the seating capacity at McGonigle hall is far inferior for the type of crowd the NCAA's could have drawn at other gyms.



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