



Penn State ski team member Sam Taylor glides down the Oregon Hill slopes during competition at the Penn State Winter Festival.

## At Penn State Winter Festival

# Lion skiers capture team trophy

By MIKE MISSANELLI  
Collegian Sports Writer  
Innsbrook, Austria, it wasn't, but the Penn State Winter Festival held at Oregon Hill this weekend turned out to be a rousing success for not only ski buffs, but beginners like myself.

Sponsored by the ski division of the Penn State Outing Club, the festival offered a variety of activities on the beginners to the Wild Turkey slopes. The main event of the day, however, occurred in the early morning, as the Penn State ski team copped the team trophy by defeating Lycoming College and the Nittany Valley Ski Club in giant slalom competition. The West Virginia Mountaineers, also slated for the competition, failed to make the trip.

Although the Lions failed to place any skier in the top three finishers for the day, they did maintain a level of consistency and bunched together better times than Lycoming. The Nittany Valley Ski Club actually dominated the event, but a rule that states a team must finish at least five skiers did the clubbers in.

The NVSC placed four out of the first five times, but were disqualified

from the team standings when Tom Mazza and Mark White wiped out on their second runs. Up until that time, Mazza, a Penn State student, and White had the best times in the field for their first runs.

"We had some hard luck with ski binding problems," NVSC coach Dave Schmitt said. "If you looked at it after the first run, we had seven racers in and held five of the first six times. Mark's (White's) run was great the second time, but he lost it on the last gate before the finish. That would've given us the win."

Lycoming's Boyd Smith won the competition with a slick 68.99 down the 30-gate, 500-foot vertical drop course. Tris Wilson (69.94), Curt Schramm (69.97), Rusty Taylor (70.65), and Mark Chappel (70.74), all from the NVSC, finished second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively. Penn State's best finisher was Jim Moore, who took sixth in the competition.

"Our racers got out well today — better than we expected," Lion ski coach Andy Gumberg said. "We were really consistent and I can't ask for anything more at this point. We lack experience and we just don't have the

travel capabilities other teams have."

Lycoming's Smith echoed Gumberg's sentiments. "We're trying to work up some sort of a racing circuit," he said. "The NCAA doesn't come up this far to cover our events. I'm hopeful it will be done."

After the races, the other activities began. The first was the Oregon Hill Ski School Show, in which the slope instructors demonstrated in expert style teaching methodology, and freestyle maneuvers.

The show also included some aerobics and ballet by children skiers. From here, the cross-country ski race and tour began, with OH instructors leading the way through the woody course in probably the most physical of all skiing activities.

Winter Festival subscribers were treated to an efficient smorgasbord in the lodge from 12:30 to 4 p.m. of short ribs in sweet sauce, and turkey. The dinner also included an extensive salad bar.

In the afternoon, the activities included NASTAR (National Standard Races) competition (with some

of the best area skiers taking on The Wild Turkey again for slalom events), and ski films in the ski lodge.

"We had no problems with organization and everything ran smoothly," Winter Festival chairman Bill Ingram said. "The weather was a little bit tricky as it got windy later in the day, but we had about 175 Penn State participants in the festival as well as some people from the Williamsport and Oregon Hill areas."

"The fresh snow fall we had all day was a little wet, but other than that, the slopes were in good condition and all of them were open."

The final event of the day was the Beer Slalom, whereby skiers ran the course against the clock with a few stipulations. At the top of the hill each skier had to guzzle a glass of beer as well as each third of the way down.

Near the end of the competition, a professional-looking skier was asked if he had competed in the Beer Slalom.

"I'm not that good of a skier," he replied, "but hell, I am a good beer drinker . . . . Hey! Hold up that competition for a minute."

## Medley relay plays tune at packed Princeton Relays

By DON HOPEY  
Collegian Sports Writer  
Villanova was far and away the number one track relay team in the country last year but this year they've got a Lion breathing down their neck.

In front of a packed house, numbering upwards of 12,000, at the Princeton Relays, the Nittany Lion Trackmen gave notice that the times they are a changin', by extending a stacked Villanova squad in the distance medley relay.

Villanova pulled out the victory, finishing in 9:45.2 to Penn State's 9:45.3, in what Coach Harry Groves described as "a quality race, both in terms of the competition and in its competitiveness."

"Villanova has been rated the number one track relay team in the nation so it had to come as a shock to them that we were so close," Groves said.

The Lions were leading the Wildcats by a few steps after Pat Rexroat, running the three-quarter mile in the relay's third leg, made up 20 yards and put them in the lead.

"Malley took the baton maybe a step or two in front of Villanova's Phil Kane," Groves said. "He let

Villanova and then Fordham get by and the couldn't open it up after he had passed Fordham. He couldn't close the gap. It often happens when two really fine runners are giving it all they've got. Malley matched Kane step for step in chasing him right across the finish line.

"We really wanted Villanova. We were after them from the start, trying to get our teeth sunk in," Groves continued. "The medley team proved it is there. It can run with any one in the country."

But the question is, can anyone else run with the Lions? The times turned in by the Villanova and Penn State squads rank one, two in the country right now and should hold up. Both teams qualified for the NCAA Championship, to be held in Detroit in the middle of March.

The shuttle hurdle relay was also loaded and here again the Lions placed second. Maryland won in the time of :28.5, with Penn State second in :28.8, and last year's top shuttle relay team, Seton Hall, third.

In the sprint medley relay, Penn State was fifth only because of a dropped baton.

Splits in the sprint medley were: Chris McHugh, :52 for the 440; Don Tracey, :23 for

the 220; Chris Hays, :24.7 for the 220; and John Nickolson, 1:56.2 for the 880.

In field events, Al Jackson came through with a heave of 64 feet, 10 and three-quarter inches in the 35-pound weight throw to take first place and better the old meet record by more than two feet.

"Heck, I was warmin' up with throws of 67 feet but I wasn't goin' to show nobody that I'm not going to bust one now," Jackson said. "I'm throwing just good enough to win and saving the best for last in the NCAA's."

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## S.F., UCLA, Kentucky stay in top three

By the AP  
San Francisco, UCLA and Kentucky, the top three teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, are right where they were a week ago. But Nevada-Las Vegas plummeted from fourth place to 10th in Tuesday's rankings.

San Francisco, unbeaten in 23 games, routed St. Mary's, Calif., 103-77 and Nevada-Reno 98-81 to hold on to its No. 1 ranking. The Dons received all but seven of the 58 first-

place votes cast and amassed 1,115 points, 106 more than second-place UCLA.

The Bruins, who received six first-place votes, beat Tennessee 103-89 on national television, then knocked off Pacific-8 Conference rivals Washington 75-65 and Washington State 72-59. The only other first-place vote went to eighth-ranked Minnesota.

Kentucky's Wildcats, 16-2, edged Mississippi State 92-85, then mauled Vanderbilt 113-73

to stay No. 3 with 800 points. The Rebels of Nevada-Las Vegas started out the week by edging Bradley 107-106. But they were beaten 88-84 by Illinois State and barely beat Rutgers 89-88 to drop six spots to 10th.

Fourth this week is Atlantic Coast Conference leading Wake Forest with its 18-2 record. The Demon Deacons beat ACC rivals Duke 89-80 and Virginia 80-72 to climb a spot from fifth. Michigan, 17-2, beat Indiana 89-84 and Ohio

State 93-72 to jump two spots to No. 5.

Louisville beat Memphis State and Providence to improve its record to 17-2 and leaped up three places to sixth; Alabama, 17-2, beat Vanderbilt and Louisiana State to edge up one spot to seventh; Minnesota, 16-1, beat Northwestern to move up two rungs to No. 8; Marquette, 14-3 and sixth a week ago, lost by a point to Cincinnati and sank to No. 9,

and Nevada-Las Vegas rounds out the Top Ten.

In the Second Ten, Tennessee is still 11th and Cincinnati is once again No. 12. Arkansas edged up one spot to 13th and dropped North Carolina down one place. Clemson did the same to Providence, taking away No. 15 and dropping the Friars to 16th. Syracuse, Arizona, Detroit and VMI round out the field.

VMI is the lone newcomer to the rankings, replacing Purdue's Boilermakers, 18th a week ago.

## As expected, Jenner cops AAU trophy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce Jenner expected it, and he got it — the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy from the Amateur Athletic Union as the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States in 1976.

The Olympic decathlon champion, who set a world record 8,618 points in the gruelling 10-event track and field test at Montreal last summer, beat out swimmer John Naber and figure skater Dorothy Hamill, both also Olympic gold medal winners.

"This is the perfect way to end my athletic career," declared Jenner Monday when the award was announced. "I can walk away from athletics very well satisfied."

Jenner, 27, scored 4,017 points while Naber, the Olympic swimming star from Menlo Park, Calif., had 2,314 and Miss Hamill, of Riverside, Conn., 1,718

All 10 finalists were on the U.S. Olympic team. The award honors the founder of the AAU and was first given to golfer Bobby Jones in 1930. Jenner became the 47th recipient.

In a final burst of speed at the Montreal Olympics, Jenner sprinted the last 300 yards of the concluding 1,500-meter run event of the decathlon to become the first to score more than 8,600 points. Guido Kratschmer of East Germany finished second to win the silver medal with Russia's Nikolai Avilov, the 1972 winner, third.

Avilov had held the world record going into the Olympics with 8,454 points.

Jenner had to leave immediately after the presentation for Hawaii, where he will work on the filming of the American Broadcasting Company's Team Superstars competition. He is a commentator for ABC and has also taken a screen test.

However, he said reports of instant riches after his decathlon victory were simply media buildup.

"That gold medal meant more to me than all the money in the world," he said. "The emphasis the media made of possible financial rewards tarnished the victory a little."

The other seven athletes in the final Sullivan voting were diver Jenni Chandler, boxer Howard Davis, walker Ron Laird, basketball player Scott May, long jumper Kathy McMillan, wrestler John Peterson and long jumper Arnie Robinson.

Jenner voiced a word of warning, saying the United States won't fare so well in the future — especially at Moscow in 1980 — if athletes don't receive more support than in the past.

"I really think the AAU and other organizations must get their stuff organized better," he said.

By The Associated Press  
The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

1 San Fran (51)	23-0	1,115
2 UCLA (6)	18-2	1,088
3 Kentucky	16-2	809
4 Wake Forest	18-2	673
5 Michigan	17-2	606
6 Louisville	17-2	586
7 Alabama	7-2	425
8 Minnesota (1)	16-1	405
9 Marquette	14-3	353
10 Ne-LV	18-2	306
11 Tennessee	16-3	273
12 Cincinnati	16-3	245
13 Arkansas	19-1	245
14 N Carolina	15-4	183
15 Clemson	17-3	116
16 Providence	18-3	85
17 Syracuse	19-2	68
18 Arizona	16-3	59
19 Detroit	18-1	55
20 VMI	18-1	27

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Tuesday, February 8  
**MEETINGS**

Eastern River Touring Association, 6 p.m., Room 101A Kern.  
Young Socialist Alliance, 7 p.m., Room 167 Willard.  
Circle K, 7:30 p.m., Room 105 Osmond.  
United Federation of Star Trek Fans, 7:30 p.m., Room 165 Willard.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Higher Education-Political Science lecture, "Higher Education in Australia," 10 a.m., Room 101 Kern.  
Comp. Lit. Luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Faculty Club.  
College of Education Faculty Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Room 101 Kern.  
GSA-Free U Win and Cheese Tasting, 7 p.m., Room 102 Kern.  
Liberal Arts Careers in Business, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room.  
Black Studies and Comp. Lit. film, "Mandabi," 7:30 p.m., Robeson Cultural Center.  
Black History Celebration talk, "On Being Black in American Civilization: Reflections of the Bicentennial," by Playthell Benjamin, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom.  
University Theatre, "The Beggar's Opera," 8 p.m., Playhouse Theatre.  
Archaeological Institute of America, 8 p.m., Room 101 Kern.  
English Colloquium, 8 p.m., HUB Reading Room.  
Last date for prospective grad. students to submit application for admission to Spring Term 1977.  
Last date for grad. students to apply for resuming study for Spring Term 1977.

**EXHIBITS**

HUB Gallery A: Drawings and paintings by Shirley Buell Bernreuter.  
Kern Gallery: Photographs by Marcela Tason; Cuna Indian molas; Nabil El-Husseini — multi media.  
212A Arts Bldg: Photographs by Marcia Prager.  
Chambers Gallery: Contemporary Tapestries by Joy Rushfelt and Vicki Haskell; Ceramic Stones by Paul Nowicki.