

Trackmen seek triumphs at Pitt

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The Penn State track team, seeking to turn in more NCAA-qualifying performances, is set to compete in the seventh annual Pitt Invitational today and tomorrow at Pitt Stadium.

The Pitt Invite, which is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the outstanding invitational meets in the East, features strictly individual events — no team competition.

It has drawn some of the top teams from the East and Midwest to compete — teams like Ohio University, Purdue, Western Michigan, Ohio State, Kent State, East Carolina and Delaware State.

"What we're trying to do in this meet," said Lion coach Harry Groves, "is to bring guys into certain events to qualify for the NCAA's."

Penn State's top hopes for individual titles in the running events include Paul Stemmer and Walt Majak (six-mile run), Dave Felice and George Malley (three-mile run), Bruce Baden (steeplechase), Mike Wyatt (one-mile run), and Bill Austin and Paul Pollock (high and intermediate hurdles).

Top Lion entrants in the field events include John Sallade and Jim Greene (long jump), Hoe Baatzer (triple jump), Gary Greaser (discus and hammer), and Vern Sidberry and Jay Behm

Thus far, the Lions have qualified for the annual affair — Baden (steeplechase), Malley and Wyatt (1,500-meter run), Stemmer and Majak (5,000-meter run), and John Ziegler (10,000-meter run).

Last year, Penn State rode to a 12th-place finish on the strength of Mike Shine's second-place finish in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

Can the Lions top last year's finish? That would be asking pretty much, but Stemmer and Malley are the seasoned performers who could help Penn State do it.

Groves said he would be as happy if the Lions could crack the top 20, which would be the fourth time in the last five years.

"It's at such a high level," he said of the meet, "that your score just gets thrown out. If you get into the top 20, you know your program is very solid."

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Streaking trackwomen host "fun" Invite

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Other teams are finishing off their seasons, but the climax for the Penn State women's track team is yet to come.

Next Thursday through Saturday, while most of us are laboring through final exams, the Lady Lions will be enjoying sunshine and top-ranked competition in California at the nationals.

But first they must get over one more stepping stone. At 2 p.m. this Sunday at Beaver Stadium, the tracksters will host the Lady Lion outdoor Invitational. Penn State coach Chris Brooks labeled the event a "fun meet" for her athletes. Some good competition should be on hand, however, especially in the distance events.

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Housing and Food Service Operations:

An Open Letter to Otto E. Mueller, Assistant Vice President in Charge of

For the past two years, I have been employed as a part-time student worker in Findlay Dining Hall up in East Halls on campus. During this time, I have worked under two different head supervisors. One was great! The other doesn't even come close to doing half the job my former boss did. Findlay's old chief was Mr. Clarence E. Kessling who is currently the head supervisor down in Simmons Dining Hall in Centre Halls. I know I speak for the majority of student, as well as full-time, regular workers who served under Mr. Kessling, when I say that there probably isn't another supervisor employed by Food Services who gained and still holds the respect, admiration, and love of his employees. We were deeply saddened by Mr. K (his nickname at Findlay)'s demotion and transfer by his incompetent superiors. Mr. Kessling's only fault (if you can call it that) was that he stood up for all of his workers when they were right and let them have it with both barrels smoking when they were in the wrong. It used to be a joy to work in Penn State's largest and busiest dining hall while Mr. K was running things. And it was routine procedure for most students upon coming into work to check if Mr. Kessling was the supervisor on duty for that meal. We used to long to work for him, as we dreaded working for one particular assistant supervisor. Many workers feel Mr. K got a bad deal from the University. In fact, when everyone found out that he was leaving Findlay at the end of last year, full-time Teamsters wanted to circulate a petition on his behalf. But Mr. K asked them to stop. That's the kind of man he is. He doesn't get along well with his own superiors here at University Park. He didn't want any other employee to get hurt on his account. Clarence Kessling is simply a great individual! He's one of the few supervisors in any field who is interested in his subordinates. He did not act superior to anyone at Findlay; he treated every worker as his equal. Mr. Kessling got to know each and every worker by name at Findlay. There were many times that he would stop and talk to both regular and student workers when things were slow in the dining hall.

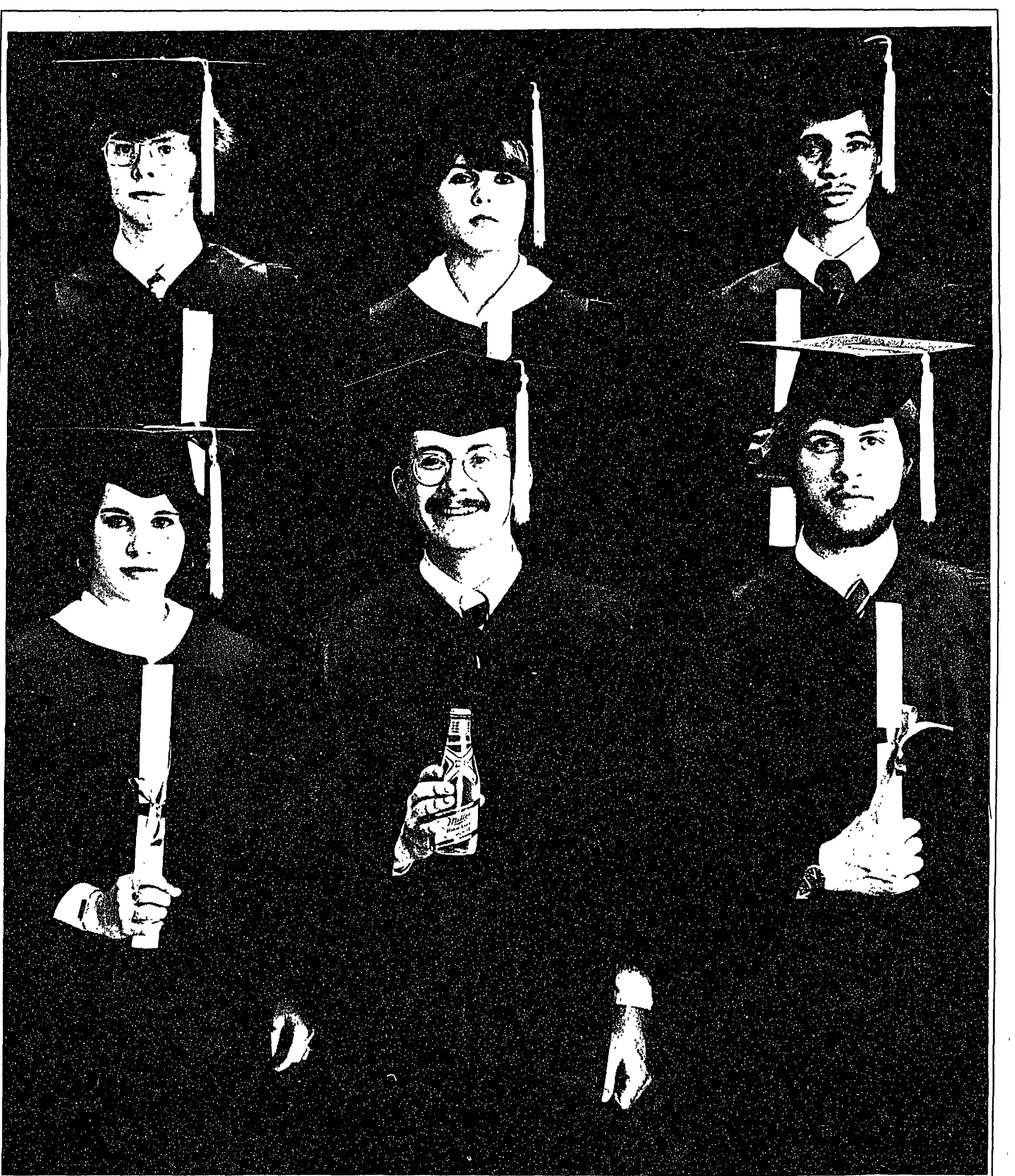
As I leave Penn State, I will miss Mr. K. He will be remembered by all of his former employees for years to come. What's more, I know East Halls residents who got to know him appreciated his service to the Penn State Penn State student body.

Before closing, I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to publicly criticize the management of Findlay Dining Hall, since Mr. Kessling's departure. One individual is responsible for many of the problems we face today in Findlay. His name is Byron A. Kamp, and he is Mr. Kessling's replacement. Things aren't the same at Findlay anymore. Mr. Kamp is aloof and isolated from his employees and the students he was hired to serve. He refuses to listen to any constructive criticism or suggestions from any workers. Instead, he spouts Food Service policy, which he holds as gospel truth. One would think he's simply trying to play up to the very superiors Kessling fought on behalf of his employees. Physical plant facilities are currently in a deplorable state. When Mr. Kessling ran things, Findlay was spotless! He insisted upon it! He was able to motivate every worker to take pride in his work and area of responsibility. Kamp doesn't motivate anyone! As a result, the dining room, dishroom, and kitchen are not clean! The dishroom is in the worst condition, as a result of days/night regulars failing to do their job. Kamp is not on top of things! There's no preventive maintenance or cleaning done anymore. He's only concerned about cutting costs and hours worked by students who need their paychecks. Incompetent Teamsters and students are still on the payroll! He overlooks incompetence. In order to prevent making any waves! And he does not see to it that student workers are properly trained for the jobs they are assigned to perform. When mistakes are made, the poor students are the ones he jumps on, failing to realize that it's his own fault for not making sure the student schedulers conduct the proper training of all new workers. I could go on but I'll stop here.

Mr. Kessling is tops in everyone's book at Findlay. Mr. Kamp will be remembered for what he truly is. If Food Services would wake up and put aside personal animosities, Clarence E. Kessling would receive a formal apology from his superiors and be reinstated with a raise in pay to his old job up at Findlay. There's nothing every worker would rather see than Mr. Kessling back making his rounds where he truly belongs—Findlay Dining Hall! As for Mr. Kamp, it's my opinion that he be dismissed at the end of the current fiscal year.

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