

## Sallitt, Hanrahan qualify for NCAAs

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Like rain clouds after a drought, the Lion wrestling team is welcoming the beginning of this year's National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament — a sure sign of the season's end.

Only two wrestlers remain from this season's 2-11 squad. Sam Sallitt is a senior and 158-pounder John Hanrahan a freshman, but both have their work cut out for them in Iowa this weekend.

"I think it will be a good test for both of them," said Penn State assistant coach Andy Matter. "There aren't any bad wrestlers in that tournament."

Sallitt and Hanrahan advanced to the NCAAs by way of their places in the Eastern Wrestling League Tournament held in Pittsburgh two weeks ago. Sallitt took second place in the 190-pound class in that tournament, while Hanrahan was voted as one of four wild-card selections into the Nationals.

"Sam has been there before," Matter said, referring to Sallitt's opening round loss in the NCAAs last

year. "But I think 190 is a little bit thinner than it was last year."

The competition will be much stiffer for Hanrahan in the 158-pound class, but youth is definitely on his side.

"It will be a nice experience for John," Matter said. "He's had a couple of good weeks of practice and if he gets lucky, he might get in there and place."

Hanrahan compiled a record of 22-10-1 in his first season at Penn State and he's still at an advantage when it comes to tournaments.

"The Midlands was the best tournament he has been in so he's seen a lot of national talent," Matter said. "He's won Greco-Roman and schoolboy tournaments before, so he's pretty tournament-wise. By the time he's a senior he should be tough to beat."

The Lions did not fare well as a team in the EWL tournament, finishing sixth out of seven teams. Lion Dan Pfautz was upset in the 177-pound class and will miss the nationals while Bob Bury ended his season with a loss and an injury to boot.

## Panthers, Rutgers to face Lions over the weekend

The men's volleyball team faces strong competition this weekend against Pittsburgh and Army at Rec Hall.

Pitt was originally scheduled for Feb. 21, but was unable to come up to Penn State because of coaching problems. The match was rescheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m.

"The match has no bearing on the playoffs, but can have an effect on our seeding at the end of the season," Lion coach Tom Tait said. "We will have no major changes in the game. We want to work a few different things that we can use later in the year."

This is the first year that Pitt has

considered volleyball a varsity sport even though they have competed in Eastern Volleyball before.

Army is coming to Rec Hall to meet the Lions Saturday. This is the second time this year that Penn State has gone up against the Cadets. In their first meeting, the Nittany Lions defeated Army 3-1.

"We are expecting them to give us a pretty good match," Tait said. "They are a solid team with some very good personnel. Mark Paslawski and Tom O'Brian are both very strong."

—by Glenn Kaup

## Robinson's double leads Pirates to exhibition win

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Bill Robinson's two-run double in the third inning put the Pittsburgh Pirates in the lead and helped them to a 5-3 victory over the Seibu Lions in an exhibition baseball game yesterday.

The Lions, of the Japanese Pacific League, scored first on a single in the top half of the third and added their other runs in the fifth inning on a bases-loaded

walk and a fielders' choice in the last inning.

Pittsburgh's Steve Nocosia batted in two runs — one in the fourth inning on a squeeze bunt and another in the sixth on a single.

Willie Stargell cracked the game's only home run with no one on base in the eighth inning.

Rod Scurry, the second of five Pirate pitchers, was credited with the win.

## Lion spikers rebound from loss at Rutgers

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"In the third game, I pulled Dave Phillips to give Dave Mull and Mike Gordon more setting experience," Tait said. We had a few problems at first with the play selection and Springfield jumped out to a 14-12 lead. But Mull and Gordon began working better and we came back to take the lead to win the match."

"Army and Springfield was a critical weekend," Tait said. "It now means that we have a leg up on the rest of the division except for Rutgers."

The volleyball team traveled to Meadville to participate in the United States Volleyball Association International Tournament this past weekend and also won.

"The Meadville Invitational is considered the most prestigious in the East," Tait said. "They had top teams from Toronto, Montreal and the Midwest. This is the first that we have been invited and I feel that people are starting to realize that we have a strong program."

"The team did everything it was asked to do," Tait said. "It was a very important win and the first time that a collegian team had ever won the tournament."

The Nittany Lions had problems in the beginning of the round robin tournament as they split the first two matches with teams from Akron and Cincinnati. The Lions took the rest of the games to control their bracket.

Penn State defeated the Cincinnati

team to win the division. It lost the first game and came back to win the second game by a greater margin. Because of the win, the Lions received a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

The Lions defeated Meadville in the semifinals.

"They gave us the most trouble in all of the match," Tait said. "Meadville had an odd style and rhythm that had us stumped. Because the team couldn't adjust to that style of play, we played very tense ball."


Penn State lost the first game and was trailing Meadville when it finally adjusted to win the game. The Lions had little trouble with the third game.

The Lions met Baca in the finals and defeated it 15-4, 15-9.

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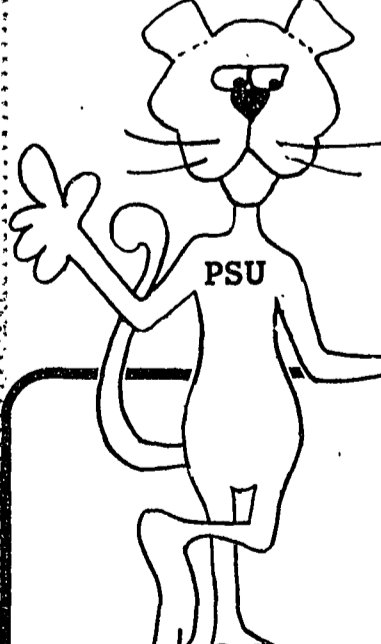
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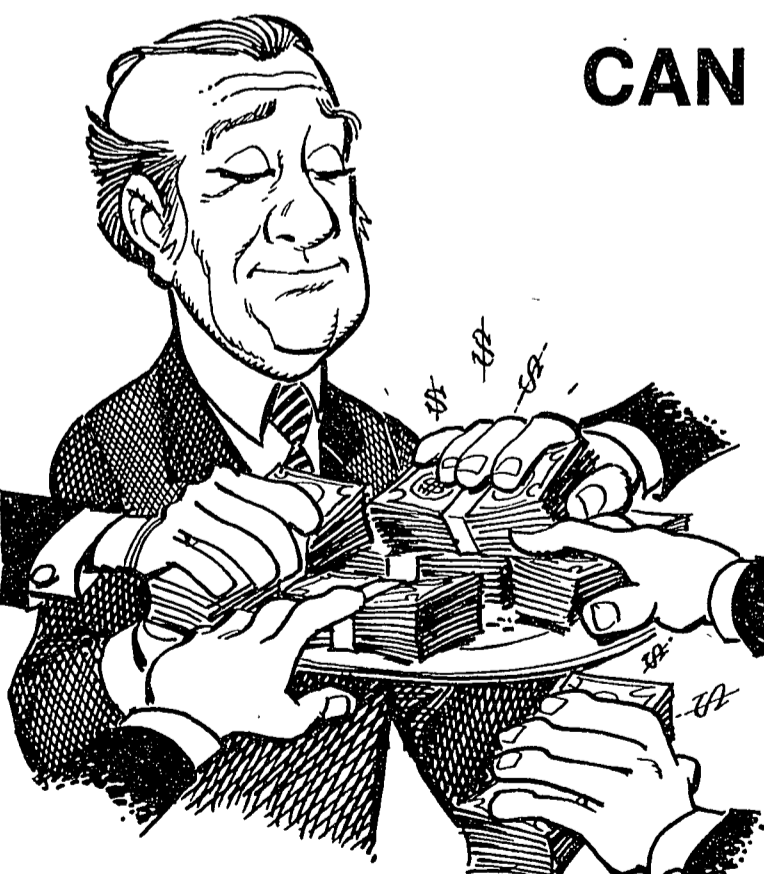
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