

Penn State sports roundup

Hanrahan falls in NCAA meet

The Lion wrestling team sent two representatives to the NCAA Championships this week. Late in the first day of wrestling, one had his season come to an end while the other held on by a thread.

John Hanrahan won a wild-card berth in the tournament's 158-pound class and was scheduled to wrestle early yesterday morning in a preliminary bout. But Hanrahan was beaten by Hofstra's Bill Keck in that match.

However, Hanrahan wasn't officially out of the tourney until Keck was pinned by the tournament's top seed in the 158-pound class, Iowa State's Kelly Ward.

The Lions' other qualifier, 190-pounder Sam Sallitt was beaten in his first-round bout when he dropped a 17-5 decision to Oklahoma's Edcar Thomas.

Sallitt's fate now rides with that of Thomas in the later rounds. Sallitt could hang on in the tournament if Thomas advances far enough but, as luck would have it, Thomas' next opponent was Lehigh's powerful Mike Brown. The two squared off late last night and results were not available.

—by Will Pakutka

Track team set for NCAA indoor meet

Coach Harry Groves and the rest of his Lion track team have to be feeling a bit of deja-vu at about this time.

A few months ago, Groves took his men's cross country team to the NCAA championships where it finished fourth. Now, Groves has taken many members of that team to another NCAA championship. This one is the National Indoor Championships in Detroit, Mich.

The Lions qualified teams in the distance medley and the two-mile relay. State will also have at least one entry in both the three-mile and two-mile runs.

The Penn State distance medley team consists of Bill Austin, Paul Lankford, Mike Wyatt and Larry Mangan. In the two-mile relay it will be Tom Rapp, Ray Krombel, Glenn Chumley and Jim Close.

Bob Snyder will definitely compete in the two-mile run for the Lions and freshman Alan Scharsu is definite in the three-mile.

Groves will also be taking along two other runners who may see action in those races. John Ziegler is a possibility for the three-mile while Bruce Baden may run the two-mile.

—by Will Pakutka

Icers gun for finals against W. Chester

The ice hockey team has just one opportunity to advance to the play off finals. To do so, the first place Lions must beat fourth place West Chester in the semifinal at the University of Pennsylvania's Class of '23 Rink in Philadelphia, tomorrow.

"I want to put a lot of emphasis on this game," Penn State coach Clayton John said. "It was the semifinal that eliminated us from the playoffs last year."

Although Penn State has fared well against West Chester in regular season play, John said that during the playoffs you have to forget the regular season.

"The playoffs are a different game altogether," John said.

John said that spring break might effect team play, since the players couldn't practice together, but he

doubted it would hurt individual efforts.

"The other teams have been practicing and playing games throughout our break," he said.

Because of the warm weather the team couldn't practice on the University's rink. For that reason the team will leave for Philadelphia today so that it can have some practice time.

Saturday's winner will meet the winner of the Villanova-Delaware game for a best-of-three final series to be played next weekend.

—by Anita Spiegel

Championship hopes slim for trackwomen

Women's track coach Chris Brooks said the outlook is dim for the Lady Lions in this weekend's Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women indoor track championships at Princeton.

"It depends on the competition and the kind of shape they're in, but our chances don't look good," she said.

Brooks said the reason for pessimism is the loss of Lady Lion standouts Liz Berry and Kathy Mills due to injury. Berry, the defending two and three-mile champion, and Mills, the defending one-mile titlist, had been tentatively scheduled to compete earlier in the week, but now both are definitely out.

She said the team's strongest competitors will be Sandy Miller and Penny Fales in the half-mile and Patti Murnane in the mile. These two events and the quarter-mile should be the team's strongest, Brooks said.

The Lady Lions are sending 15 girls to compete in seven events in the 40-team competition. —by Sharon Fink

Fencers ready to defend team title

By SHARON FINK
Daily Collegian Sports Writer
Defending sabre fencer Don Lear and last year's epee winner Matt Harris will lead the men's fencing team in defense of their three-weapon team title at the North Atlantic Intercollegiate Fencing Championships today and tomorrow at Rutgers University at Newark.

The Lions will send a total of six fencers into the competition against fencers from Jersey City State, Johns Hopkins, New Jersey Tech, Pace, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers-Newark, St. John's, St. Peter's, Seton Hall and William Patterson. Dan Jarashow will fence sabre along with Lear, Harris will move to foil with Brian Gibson, and Jeff Haney and Mike Corona will compete in epee.

"We have a great chance to re-capture the title," head coach Mac Garret said, "but we will have great opposition from last year's runner-up William Patterson as well as St. John's and Johns Hopkins. We will also have competition in spots from other schools that have one or two strong fencers."

Garret also said the Lions used their final dual meet of the year, a 20-7 win over Carnegie-Mellon, as a warm-up for the championships.

"We used almost everyone who suited up," he said. "We wanted to use as many as possible and test some fencers who hadn't seen much action this year."

Each of the individual weapon squads came away with a victory. Jarashow was 3-0 in the sabre squad's 8-1 win. Stoyan Popovich was 2-0, Lear was 1-0 and Jim Miller was 2-1.

Gibson and Bart Fried were both 2-0, Doug Murray and Stu Rothenberg both 1-1, and Harris won his only bout as the foil squad won 7-2.

Corona and Haney led the epee squad's 5-4 victory with two wins each. Hans Ward was 1-1, Bob Malleck was 0-1 and Jim Gregg was 0-2.

"Carnegie-Mellon is just beginning their competitive program," Garret said, "and they lack top-level competitive experience. But for their first

year they've developed a fine aggregate of fencers."

Four Lions also won individual honors in competitions over the term break.

Lear won the sabre title at the Junior United States Olympic Fencing Championships over a 75-man field, finishing the competition at 18-2. Lear now advances to the World Junior Fencing Championships, April 12-16 at

Notre Dame. Garret said Lear is the first Lion fencer to reach this level of achievement.

At the Amateur Fencers League of America's division championships, Lions Harris, Fried and Gibson finished first, second and third respectively in the foil competition to qualify for sectionals and the U.S. National championships.

Beaver Falls will face Burrell in WPIAL final

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Beaver Falls has been there before, but Burrell High School will make its first appearance ever in the WPIAL high school basketball finals Friday night.

"We will have our hands full — and so will they," Burrell Coach Tony Sellari said of the Class AAA title clash.

"Win or lose. These kids have far exceeded anything we had hoped for. What poise!" added Sellari, whose team overcame a 17-point first-quarter deficit en route to a double-overtime victory over Ringgold in the semifinals.

The game will cap a WPIAL championship tripleheader at the Civic Arena.

In the opener, the girls Class AAA title will go to Franklin Regional or North Hills. In the second game, the boys Class AA title is up for grabs between Midland and Ford City.

The WPIAL champs will get first round byes in PIAA interdistrict play as top entrants from District 7.

Beaver Falls takes a 25-1 record into the Class AAA title game. The Tigers beat Ambridge for the WPIAL crown in 1970 and lost in the 1977 finals to Fox Chapel.

This season, Beaver Falls sustained its only loss in the Johnstown Christmas tournament to powerful Overbrook High School of Philadelphia. In the tourney, Beaver Falls beat DeMatha Catholic, which went on to a 25-2 record and the Washington, D.C., title.

Leading Beaver Falls are two 6-foot-3 standouts, senior Damon Bryant and junior Dwight Collins. Both were among the best football running backs in the state last fall. Collins has been a varsity basketball starter since ninth grade.

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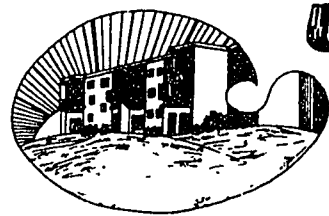


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- Friday, March 9
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ARHS Book Co-op, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB Ballroom.
Human Performance Lab, James Kollias Memorial Lecture, 1:30 p.m., Room 121 Noll. Frederick M. Kao, SUNY, Downtown Medical Center, on "Studies of the Regulation of Respiration Including During Exercise."
Commonplace Theatre, The Pink Panther Strikes Again, 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.
GSA Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., Room 102 Kern.
- Saturday, March 10
Sports: PIAA swim meet, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Natatorium; men's and women's bowling, vs. Maryland, 1 p.m.; men's volleyball, vs. Army, 7 p.m.
Artists Series, Prince Street Players, Alice in Wonderland, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Schwab.
France-Cinema, Mr. Klein, 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.
- Sunday, March 11
University Chapel Service, 11 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel. The Reverend Robert Boyer, United Ministry, PSU, speaker.
Thespian meeting, 1 p.m., Schwab.
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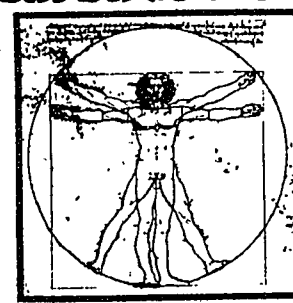
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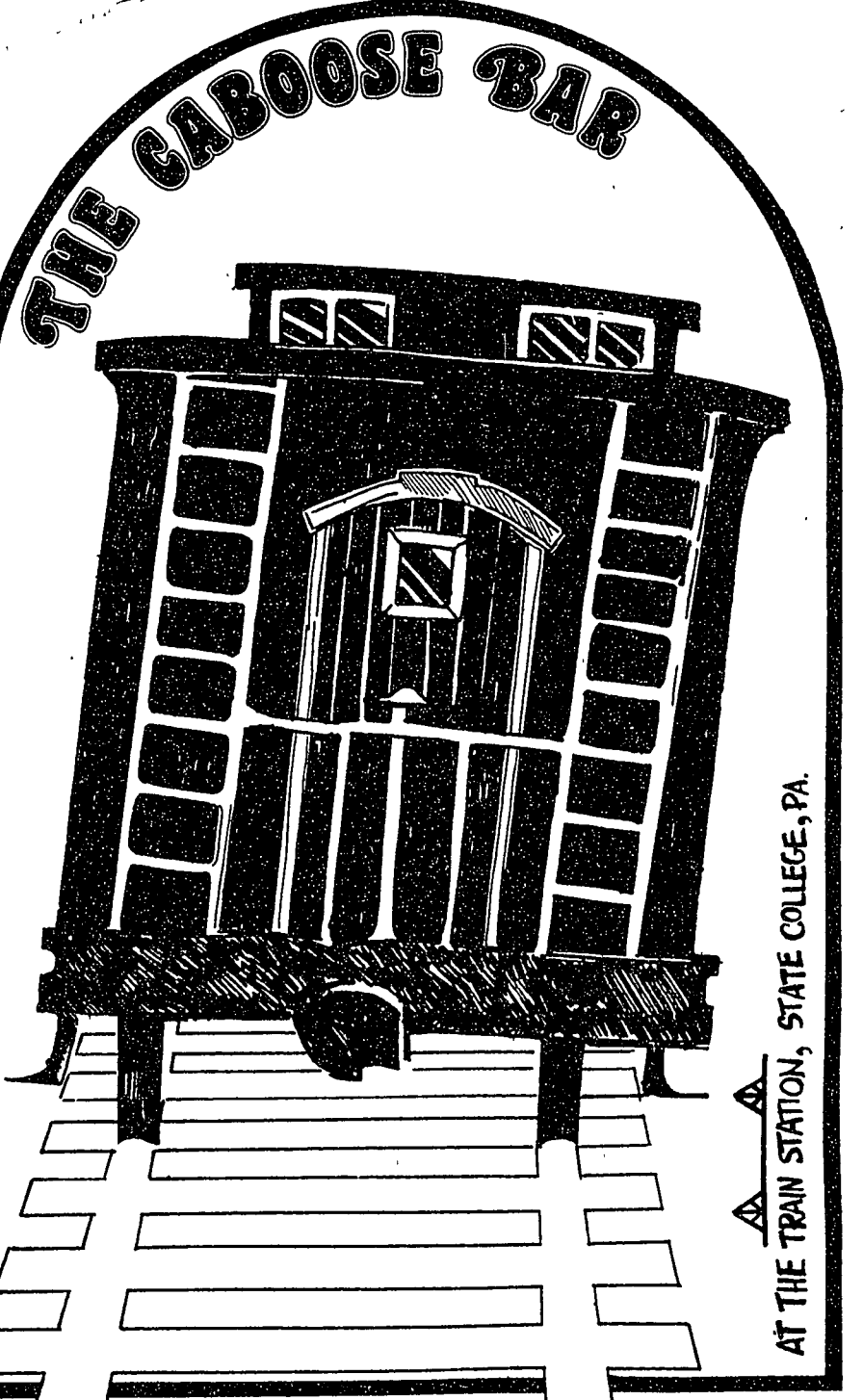
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