Scharsu, Snyder shine at Cobo

By DARLENE HROBAK

Daily Cillegian Sports Writer Memiers of the men's track team probably wouldn't call this past weekend's NCAA Indoor Track Championships a success, but two Penn State runners did manage to com home from Detroit as All-Américans.

Fjeshman Alan Scharsu turned inthe pest performance for the Nittany Linds when he finished sixth in the three-mile run with a time of 13:44.8. All'American status is awarded to the first six American finishers in each rac, Scharsu was the second Amfrican to finish.

The other Penn State All-American wal senior Bob Snyder, who finished the two-mile run in 8:58.12 making him the sixth American and eighth finisher overall.

Vilanova edged Texas-El Paso (UTEP) for the team title by a mere point, 52-51. Points were awarded to the op six finishers in each race. The Lions, were tied for 54th place at Detroit's Cobo Arena with the one point Scharsu's sixth place finish won them.

"You take anything you can get in that meet," Penn State coach Harry Groves said, pointing out that the competition in the championships was op rate. "There are so many teams represented that if you win

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the top twenty."

UTEP's Mike Musyoki won the three-mile run in 13:21.64, 23.16 seconds faster than Scharsu had run. But for Scharsu, the only freshman in the race, it was the climax of his very first indoor season.

"I don't know too much about running indoors and I lost the race on tactics," he said. "The group pulled away from me and I had to make a decision to stay with them or try to catch them at the end.

"If I would have stayed with them, I might have done a little better."

But the race wasn't a disappointment for Scharsu. He pointed out that it was an honor to even be in the race, since only the top ten collegiate three-milers in the country qualified. Making All-American was icing on the cake.

"I was really excited," Scharsu said of his All-American honors. "I had always heard about kids being All-American, and the first one's always the most exciting one. I think I could have done a little better than I did, but I've got three more chances go so fast, so hard. to do it."

"He ran a good race in a pressure situation for a freshman," Groves said. "The top two guys were among the best in the world and he held up

anything, you immediately move into, pretty well. He's got a great future, but he still has a long way to go. "He's 18-years-old and he's racing

against people who have 10 years on him as far as development." Groves was referring to the

number of foreign athletes who competed in the NČAA's. The winner of the two-mile, in which Snyder raced, was Kenyan Sulliman Nyambui of UTEP who ran a 8:37.87.

Another Penn State squad that qualified for the finals was the distance medley relay team of Bill Austin (half-mile); Paul Lankford (quarter-mile), Mike Wyatt (threequarter mile) and Larry Mangan (mile). Their trial run of 9:48.2 was the third fastest qualifying time.

However, it was Tennessee which won the finals in 9:47.1 while Penn State finished seventh in 9:55.7. Austin ran a 1:56.3, Lankford :50.9, Wyatt 2:58.4 and Mangan, who had run a 4:04.9 in the trials, ran a 4:10.9.

"In the finals, it gets pretty intense. All these guys are ready to go, but a lot of it has to do with getting too excited and nervous. You're trying to

Penn State's two mile relay team of Tom Rapp, Ray Krombel, Glenn Chumley and Jim Close had a 7:46.5 in the trials which failed to qualify for the finals.

The women's track team entered the Indoor Track Championships at Princeton this weekend as the defending champions and finished second to came in second in the two-mile event. Maryland. The Terrapins outscored the Fales, Ventura, Miller and Tina Lady Lions, 77-61.

Penn State runners who placed in the short distances were Lea Ventura, fifth in the 440-yard dash, and Sandy Miller and Penny Fales, fourth and fifth respectively, in the 880-yard dash.

In the one-mile run, freshman Patty

Advance to finals next weekend

Murnane set a new meet record with a 4:49.07 time. She broke teammate Kathy Mills' old record of 4:50.3. Murnane also

Trackwomen lose indoor crown

Leatherman finished second in the onemile relay and Murnane, Cleary, Mary Rawe, and Caroline Ihrig took fifth in the two-mile relay.

Penn State swept first, second and third places in the pentathalon which consists of the high jump, shot put, long

jump, 60-yard hurdles and the 80-yard dash. Ann McKillop finished first with 3,429 points, her best performance of the season. Kathie Hart was second and Mary Ann Wojcicki was third.

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Penn State coach Chris Brooks said that up until the final event, the high jump, Maryland and Penn State were neck and neck. Maryland took first, second and third in that event.

—by Caryl Kauffman

Pucksters win in playoff action

By beating West Chester 5-2 in the semifinals Saturday, the ice hockey club qualified for the best-of-three final series against the University of Delaware next weekend.

Penn State's John Grainda said he was glad the team would be playing Delaware instead of Villanova (Delaware beat Villanova in the semifinals) because Delaware won the Championship Cup last year.

"Now we're going to take it away from them," Grainda said. "And I think it will only take two games.'

State took control of the game from the start. The Lions led at the end of the second period, 4-0.

"This was the first time we played

together since our last regular season game against Villanova," Fry said. "Still, we were prepared to do what we had to."

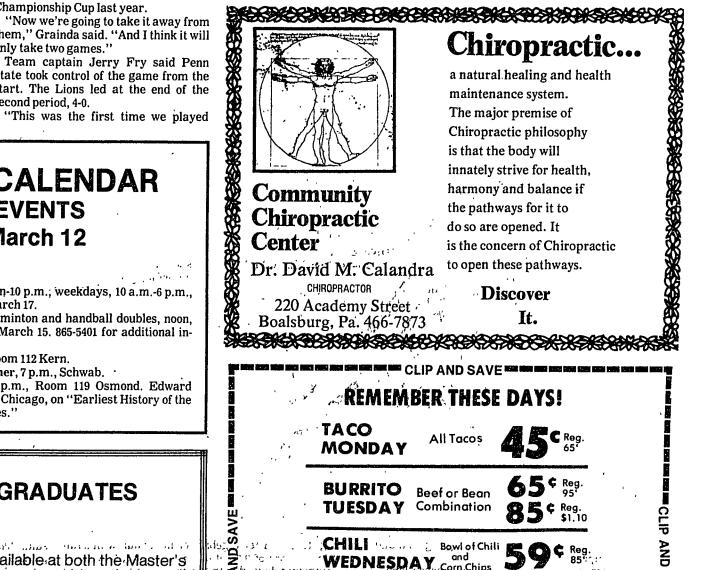
Grainda said the team "came out flying in the first period mentally and physically." He said the second period. provided motivation for the team. although it lost momentum because it

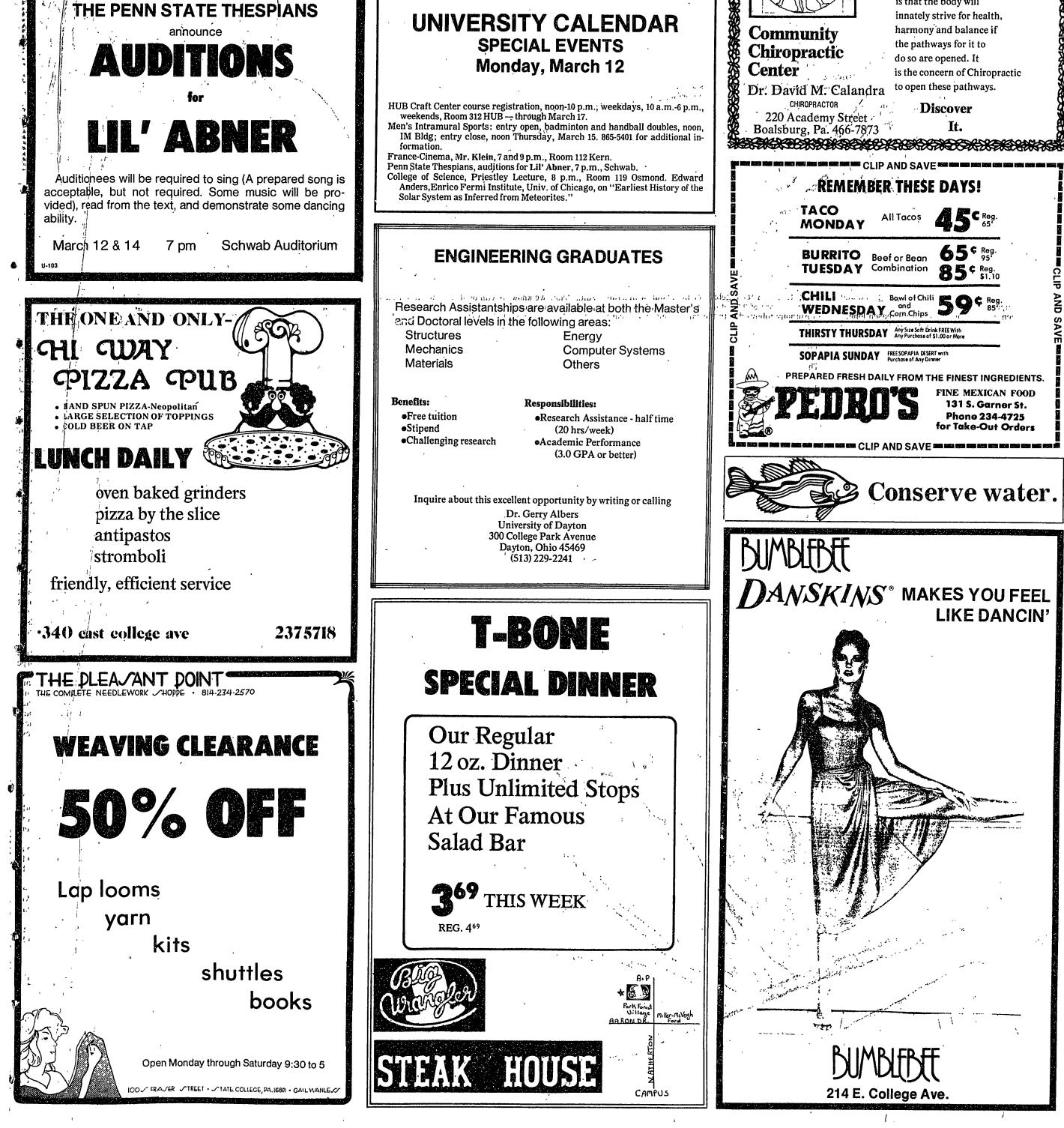
was up by four."

"In the third period the West Chester players started getting chippy because of the realization their season was over," Grainda said. "The key to our victory was that we kept our cool. This was our best game for self-discipline."

-by Anita Spiegel

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