

Forum examines racial interaction, behaviors

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Basic human dignity for all races at Penn State was the subject of an open forum moderated by football player Harry Hamilton (senior-pre-law) in Sackett Building last night.

The basic problem brought to the forum centered on the stigmas placed on blacks and whites of either sex who associate or even speak to members of the opposite sex.

The meeting had no specific agenda, but most of the 24 people who attended reached the conclusion that dialogue is the key to overcoming racial problems.

Stan Hamilton, Hamilton's father and director of the Hands of Hope ministry in Wilkes-Barre, an organization "for the disenfranchised souls of society," said the main focus of the dialogue should be to "find out the reason there is resentment if you talk to a white girl or if you talk to a black boy."

"The real issue is 'I'll speak to whomever I want to speak to,'" he said.

The discussion turned at times to specific incidents that have occurred, either on campus or in the hometowns of students.

Kelli Chestnut (senior-psychology) said she has been physically assaulted while walking down the street with a black friend. Also, she said a white male slapped her and cursed at her in front of her family.

Harry Hamilton warned that people should not regard such situations lightly, adding that "We have to realize we are racists in recovery" because many times we'll be in a situation where we know something is wrong and we'll let it go by.

"Once we've done that (realized we are racists in recovery), then we can look beyond the race thing," said Hamilton's father.

In reference to an incident in Leete Hall, he said, "The black community is not satisfied, as long as you leave this way."

The incident, in which a message



Dr. Sam Hamilton

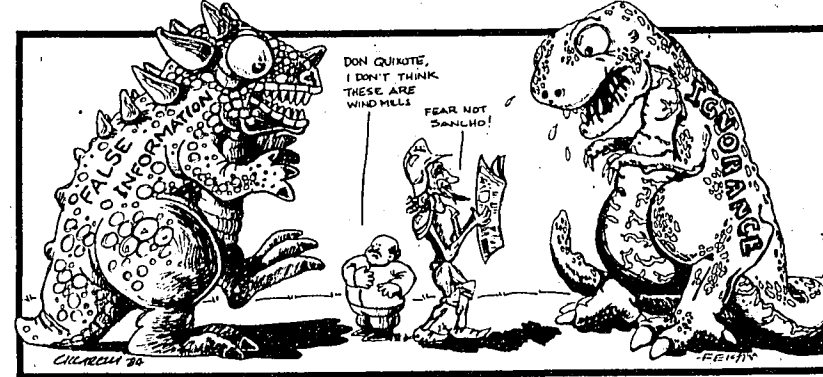
signed "KKK" was left on the door of two black female residents of Leete, signifies an attitude, he said, adding that it should not be treated as an isolated incident.

Harry Hamilton conceived the Cross-Cultural Dialogue program as an unstructured, open forum to promote better understanding between groups.

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Penn State's Phil Eskew slides into home during action earlier this week against Duquesne. The Lions hope their winning ways continue today at 1:00 when they take on Lock Haven at Beaver Field.

Lions face Lock Haven in twinbill

By MARK ASHENFELTER
Collegian Sports Writer

Spring weather and college baseball both hope to continue their triumphant returns to Penn State this afternoon when the baseball team meets Lock Haven in a 1 p.m. double-header at Beaver Field.

As the temperatures have steadily risen, so have the fortunes of the Lions, who made their long-awaited home debut a success by sweeping a three-game series with Duquesne earlier in the week.

The Lions (8-7, 5-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference), used a strong offense and three complete games by the pitching staff to outscore Duquesne 30-4 during the course of the series. It appears Penn State has shaken off the rust accumulated during a two-week, weather-related layoff and is ready to face a schedule that finds it playing 21 games before the end of the month.

Although the Lions are on a roll, winning four straight, Head Coach Shorty Stoner doesn't want to take any chances against his squad's non-conference opponent.

"Even though this isn't a conference game we are going to do our best to win it," he said. "Every game counts for us and we want to keep our momentum going. Looking down the road our record could be very important for us. If we don't win the conference and our record is still good enough we could receive an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament."

The Lions will be going with their set lineup for today's games with the only change being at catcher where Wes Olesen and Sev McMurtry are both expected to see action. The only other position that had been up

for grabs was at second where Ed Washell claimed the job over Roy Walker, who was moved to the designated hitter slot.

"We are probably a better defensive team with (Bob) Perks as the designated hitter but we had to put Walker in there," Stoner said.

"The one aspect of the game that is set is the pitching staff, which has shown increased depth over last year's injury-plagued corps. The Lions have received consecutive complete games from Kevin Farringer, Mike Bellman and Mike Farr and plan to go with Tom Bart, Jim Harry or Eric Hohn in this afternoon's games.

Farr, a freshman who struck out 10 on his way to picking up his first win, admitted he was a little scared pitching in front of the home fans for the first time.

"I was really nervous at the start of the game, a lot of people came to watch me," Farr said. "I felt better once the game was started, my problems were mostly from nerves and inexperience."

"I'd lose control of my pitches from time to time and I had to battle to get back in the game," he added. "Now that I've got my first win I feel a lot better about things."

Stoner said all Farr needs to be a good college pitcher is a little more composure out on the mound, something he hopes will come with time.

"He has one major problem - he's too intense out there," Stoner said. "He wants to do so well so badly that he starts pressing like a batter does when he gets in the slump. His major weakness is between his ears, he has the arm and the talent to do the job."

Ballesteros opens defense today

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Seve Ballesteros faces an international field of 87 challengers and the threat of weekend showers as he opens defense of his title today in the 48th Masters golf tournament.

The 27-year-old Spaniard took a low-key and less-than-optimistic view of his chances of becoming only the second man to win consecutive titles in this prestigious event.

"It is very difficult to win any tournament two times. It is even more difficult to win in one of the majors," he said yesterday.

"I am not playing the best I can. I am not very consistent. I just do the best I can and hope I can get away with it."

"I think I can win, but I am not 100 percent," said Ballesteros, twice a winner of this title and now a full-time competitor on the American tour.

He pointed to Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus and Andy Bean, a winner last week in Greensboro, N.C., as the major contenders for the coveted green jacket that goes to the winner of this event, the first of the year's four major tests of golfing greatness.

Watson, twice a Masters winner and five-time British Open champion, indicated he has solved the problems that sent him spiraling into the worst slump of his career early this season.

"I'm playing better. I'm starting to play well," Watson said. "I'm playing well enough to do well in this tournament. I'm playing well enough to win."

It was to Nicklaus, who holds almost all the worthwhile records offered in golf, that Ballesteros devoted most of his attention.

"He is playing very well this year," Ballesteros said. "He likes fast greens. And these greens are very fast. Like glass. Very quick. Almost too quick. Someone will miss the green with a putter."

"And he is very, very patient. That could be important."

Nicklaus, 44, who counts five Masters titles among his record collection of 17 major professional victories, has not won this season but has been in title contention in six of his last 10 starts.

"I've had a good pre-Masters. I'm playing reasonably well at times. I've accomplished almost everything I wanted to do - except win," Nicklaus said after a final

practice round over the 6,905 yards of rolling hills that make up the famed Augusta National Golf Club course.

The long-range weather forecast called for the possibility of showers and tested by the weekly grind of the pro tour.

Floyd and Stadler have here before. Irwin, Mahaffey and Wadkins have won majors. Crenshaw, Lietzke and Kite need only a major to confirm their stature in the game.

Johnny Miller is on the mend from injuries suffered last week in an auto accident.

There are others: Larry Nelson, the often overlooked U.S. Open champ; Gary Koch, the only two-time winner this season; the dangerous David Graham of Australia; and Lee Trevino, now 44 and possessor of a new-found enthusiasm for this, the only one of the Big Four events that has eluded him.



Tom Watson takes a walk with his daughter Meg during a warmup tournament yesterday. The 48th Masters Tournament opens today in Augusta, Georgia.

Gymmen off to UCLA for NCAA Championships

By JEFF SAUKAITIS
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The long wait is finally over for the men's gymnastics team.

Four weeks ago, when the Lions finished their regular season, they began centering their attention on the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships. From tonight through Saturday at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion, Penn State will be competing for a team title it last won in 1976.

Terry Bartlett will be the lone Lion seeing action tonight in the Olympic compulsory exercises for all-arounders. But tomorrow night, the ten qualifiers for the team championship will take the floor, and the top three squads will battle Saturday afternoon in the championship tri-meet. Individual event finals are scheduled for Saturday night.

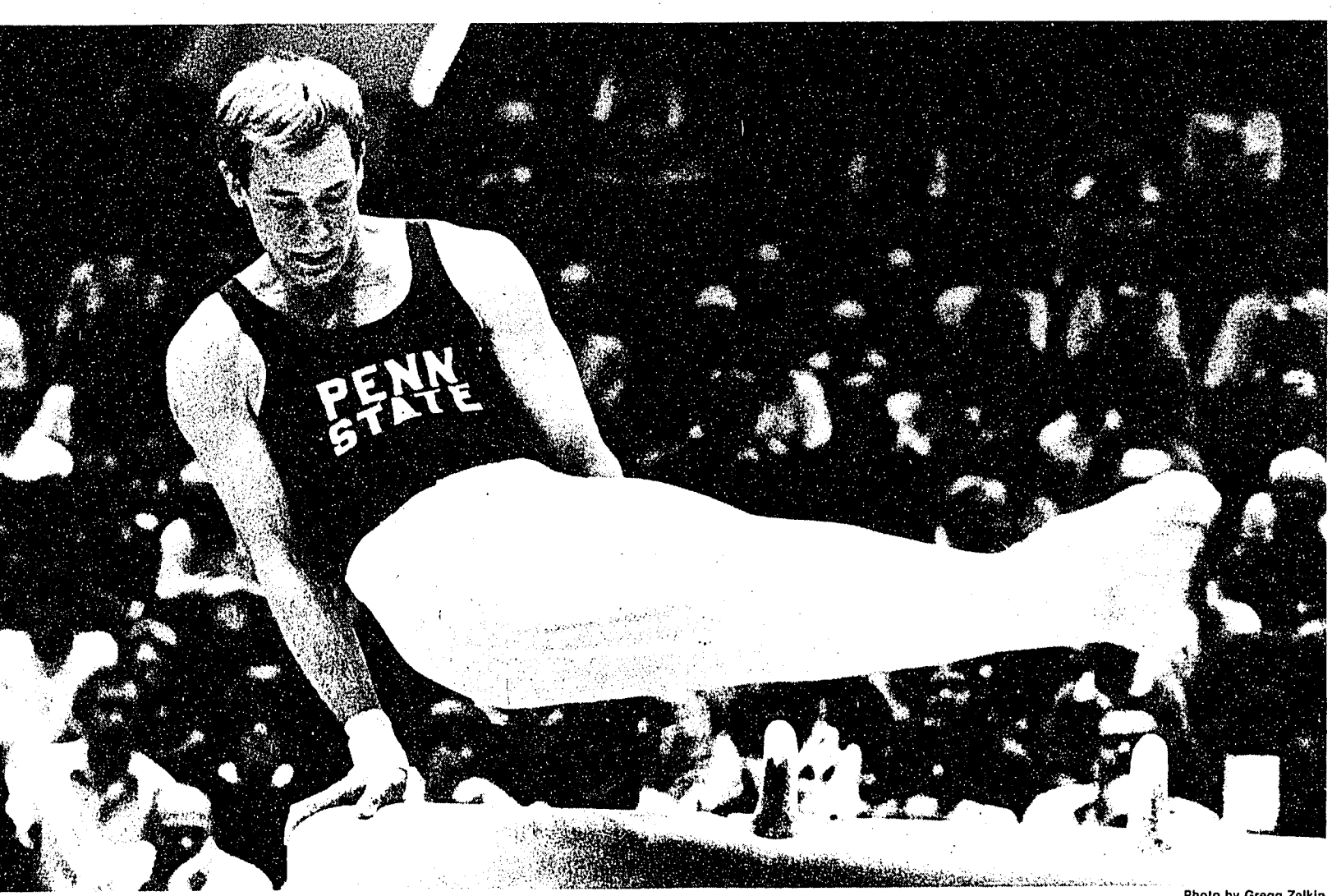
Penn State should face stiff competition from its nine opponents - UCLA, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Illinois, Ohio State, Southern Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Iowa State. UCLA is a strong favorite to capture the title, and the Bruins have the luxury of competing on their home floor.

Although Penn State Head Coach Karl Schier admits UCLA will be a tough team to beat, he said Penn State expects to fight until the finish. With consistent performances from everyone and a little luck on their side, Schier has not ruled out the possibility of a Lion victory.

"We have a slim chance to win first place," Schier said. "If UCLA is having a rough time and everything is going extremely well for us, then I think we have a chance to win. It's the best team I've ever taken to the NAAs, and we're hopeful to make it to the tri-meet."

"If we do that, we'll just let the chips fall in the finals," he added. "Once you're into that tri-meet, it gets scary. Anything can happen."

Penn State has gone to the tri-meet finals the last two seasons, finishing third in the nation both times. If the Lions have any aces in the hole this year to lift them over



Nittany Lion gymnast Bill Stanley performs on the pommel horse in action earlier this year. Stanley and the rest of his teammates are ready to compete in the NCAA Championships, which open today and will conclude on Saturday.

the hump to win the national title, they are the team's health and their NCAA order of events which will have them compete last in pommel horse - a particularly strong event for them.

Schier said the Lions are healthier than they have been at any time this season, and he expects them to choose this opportune time to break the 280 mark for the first time this season.

In addition, Penn State will begin

the meet on rings and run through the Olympic order. Schier said this order of events could help catapult the Lions to the top if they perform up to their capabilities.

"Pommel horse is a great event for us and for most teams it is not a great event," Schier said. "Every-one else is going to have to work pommel horse in the meet before we get there. So they may have to take some lumps in terms of score in the earlier events. If we pull off an

excellent pommel horse, then we should be in a good position to be in the top three."

Qualifying teams for NAAs were chosen mostly on the basis of their average score in five meets, at least three of which had to be on the road. UCLA had the best average (281.58) while Penn State finished with a 279.0 average, only fifth best of the qualifiers.

But Lion captain Kenn Viscardi said those scores could be somewhat

misleading. He said the Lions had to compete many times this year while injuries kept key people out of the lineup.

However, Viscardi said that situation gave many performers collegiate competition experience in a wider variety of events. As a result, he said this year's squad probably has more depth than teams of the past.

"Last year, we weren't as deep as we are this year," Viscardi said.

Bartlett begins his quest to gain all-American status in the all-around tonight. But the Lion with the best chance to come away with an individual title this weekend is senior pommel horse specialist Bill Stanley.

Stanley finished fourth in the pommel horse at NAAs his freshman year, but the title has eluded him throughout his career. He enters the meet this year with a 5.00 qualifying average, best in the nation.

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