

# Arts Festival 10-Milers Finish Hot, Dry

Most of the runners munched on a piece of watermelon. Others had their own coolers filled with bottles of beer. Others settled for water.

Participants in the first annual Central Pennsylvania Arts Festival 10-mile run were definitely looking for a thirst-quencher when they crossed the finish line (the red light at College Ave. and Allen St.) in State College yesterday.

"If I had been on the ball," one weary runner said, "I would have stashed a six-pack away in the office and then gone up and drank it."

The race attracted 113 runners and 112 finished the rugged haul. It started near the Bellefonte Airport and then swung along Spring Creek. Eventually the huge field wound up on the Houserville Rd. and then on to Benner Pike for the final push.

Greg Fredericks, the former Penn State distance standout, pulled away from the pack early and won over-all honors with a time of 51:44. Fredericks ran up College Ave. on the left side of the road, then about 50 yards from the finish line, he darted between traffic to get back on the right side. He did so without running into the side of an automobile and crossed the finish line to become the first CPAF 10-Mile champion.

And Fredericks' reason for running in the left lane?

"I thought we finished at the Corner Room," he said between breaths. A former teammate, Charlie Maguire, placed second in 53:22 and Pete Bortiolotti, also competing unattached, finished third in 54:20. Brian Goss, former State High runner and now a student at F&M College, was a strong fourth in 55:13.

Harry Groves, Penn State's track coach, placed 17th in 62:31 and won the masters (40 and over) title.

Rudy Dressendorfer of the NVTC placed ninth in 59:11 and won sub-

masters (30-39) honors. Jeanine Fink of the NVTC won the women's open race. Her time was 74:12. Pat Dressendorfer, competing unattached, won the women's over-30 title in 89:07 and John Dixon, State High sophomore-to-be, won the youth race with a time of 69:14. Earl Baum won the veterans (over 50) title with a time of 73:53.

Other area runners cracking the top 15 were Dwight Kier of Kent State and the NVTC (sixth in 56:42), recent State High grad Dave Felice of NVTC (eighth in 58:23), Carl Bechdel and Ed Darken of the NVTC (10th and 11th, respectively, in 59:31), Tim Glunt of Bellefonte, competing unattached (12th in 60:07) and Gary Black of State College, running unattached (14th in 62:29).

"The course was designed by a maniac," Groves said, "to be run by

idiots. You can run a flat race on a flat track. We covered beautiful countryside and some of the best parts of the area. This is going to turn into a big event. We had 113 entries and 90 per cent of them were local. People have different reasons for running."

Groves said the high humidity took its toll.

Some rugged hills also proved to be the great equalizer, according to a number of the runners.

Bernie Greene, who has competed in a number of distance events since joining the NVTC, said yesterday's race was the toughest 10-miler, bar none.

"I'm used to running at 6 a.m.," John Coyle, a business logistics professor at the University said. "My young son beat me today. I was shooting for 80 minutes."

Coyle's time was 82:19.

Baum, a dairy husbandry field supervisor at the University, will be 58 next month.

"When you're that age," he said, "time doesn't mean much. But I was hoping to break 75 minutes."

Joe French, a professor and department head at the University, said he never ran 10 miles until yesterday.

"I've gone eight," he said, "but never 10. I think there were quite a few other runners in the same boat. I think they all wanted to give it a try. There were guys giving us times at the mile and five-mile marks and then I didn't see them again. One thing that really helped was the cup of Gatorade at the five-mile mark."

Jeanine Fink, the women's champ, described the course as being "awfully tough."

"I did better in the Tussey Mt. Run," she said dejectedly. "And that was four miles up, four down and four on level ground. My time at the mile mark was horrible. I was hoping for 70 minutes

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**RUNNING FOR FUN**—County version of the Olympic marathon was yesterday's Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts 10-mile run.

Part of the field is shown chugging along near Spring Creek.

today."

At the outset of the race the runners were faced with a half-mile hill.

"That one made quite a difference," Groves said. "I'm sure that hill played on the minds of all the runners."

**BRIEFS:** Marie Doll, president of the '76 Central Pennsylvania Arts Festival, placed third overall in the women's over 30-division and finished ahead of her husband in the process... Gary Schwartz, Penn State's assistant track and field coach, crossed the finish line carrying his little boy on his shoulders... Twenty entries were accepted the day of the race... The breakdown for the first 93 entries showed 38 in the men's open class, 20 in the sub-masters, 15 in the masters, four in the veterans, seven in

the women's open, five in the women's over-30 division and four in the youth group... Groves claimed he earned a trip to Europe for winning the masters title but his wife and children put a damper on that wild dream... by doug mcdonald

The results:

#### MEN'S OPEN

1. Fredericks, unattached, 51:44; 2. Maguire, unattached, 53:22; 3. Bortolotti, unattached, 54:20; 4. Goss, unattached, 55:13; 5. Burke, IUP, 55:41; 6. Kier, NVTC, 56:42; 7. Martin, unattached, 57:40; 8. Felice, NVTC, 58:23; 9. Dressendorfer, NVTC, 59:11; 10. Bechdel, NVTC, 59:31; 11. Darken, NVTC, 59:31; 12. Glunt, unattached, 60:07; 13. Miller, unattached, 61:15; 14. Black, unattached, 62:29; 15. Stephens, unattached, 62:29.
16. Greene, NVTC, 62:30; 17. Groves, NVTC, 62:31; 18. Gannon, NVTC, 63:17; 19. Lynch, NVTC, 64:07; 20. Parsons, NVTC, 64:23; 21. Long, unattached, 65:31; 22. Glyde, NVTC, 65:42; 23. Voltner, NVTC, 65:45; 24. Bension, NVTC, 66:08; 25. Parker, unattached, 67:16.

#### SUB-MASTERS

1. Dressendorfer; 2. Greene; 3. Gannon; 4. Lynch; 5. Parsons.

#### MASTERS

1. Groves; 2. Schneider, NVTC, 70:49; 3. Long, NVTC, 74:08; 4. Farwell, NVTC, 75:35; 5. Gerhart, unattached, 77:30.

#### WOMEN'S OPEN

1. Jeanine Fink, NVTC, 74:12; 2. Barb Black, unattached, 83:19; 3. Martha White, unattached, 85:55; 4. Chris Homan, unattached, 95:06; 5. Bev Pazur, unattached, 96:56.

#### WOMEN (over 30)

1. Pat Dressendorfer, unattached, 89:07; 2. Janice Brown, NVTC, 91:13; 3. Marie Doll, NVTC, 97:29; 4. Julia Knight, unattached 97:47; 5. Noelle Parsons, NVTC, 100:52.

#### YOUTH (15-and-Over)

1. Dixon, unattached, 69:14; 2. Hudson, NVTC, 74:12; 3. Brown, unattached, 75:40; 4. Coyle III, 79:28.

#### VETERANS (over 50)

1. Baum, NVTC, 73:53; 2. Smith, unattached, 77:15; 3. Leibowitz, NVTC, 77:49; 4. Hudson, unattached, 86:49; 5. Dulberg, NVTC, 89:46.