## THE BATTALION ursday, February 29, 1968 College Station, Texas

## Yank Skater **Takes World Skating Lead**

GENEVA, Switzerland (A) Tim Wood, America's teenage figure skating star, came through with a brilliant performance in the final two compulsory figures of the men's world championships Wednesday and took the lead from the defending titleholder, Emmerich Danzer of Austria.

The 19-year-old student from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., an Olympic silver medalist, was given the majority of highest placings by the judges in the all-important ordinals. Wood had 13.0 ordinals and Danzer 16.0.

However, Danzer is actually leading in points after the six compulsory figures with 1,138.2 to Wood's 1,136.9.

The compulsories amount to 60 per cent of the competition while the free skating, which will be held Friday, count for 40 per cent.

"It's a very small margin," Wood said after all but wiping out the 10-point lead the Austrian had built up Tuesday. "We'll just have to wait and

see what happens Friday." Danzer is rated the superior free skater. Patrick Pera of France held

onto third place with 20.0 ordinals and 1,093.1 points.

Scott Allen of Smoke Rise, N. J., a bronze medal winner at the Innsbruck Olympis Games in 1964, is fourth with 34.5 ordinals and 1,083.1 points while Gary Visconti of Detroit is fifth with 48.5 ordinals and 1,053.1 points.



NEW GLORY Peggy Fleming of Colorado Springs, Colo., Olympic figure skating champion, trains at Geneva, Switzerland, for the world skating champion-ships. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Geneva)

## LIU Still Tops Small College Poll

By The Associated Press tained a commanding lead in The Associated Press' small college basketball poll Wednesday. The week's poll is the next-to-last of the season.

Two among the top five clubs, third-ranked Pan American and Southwestern Louisiana, No. 4 already have completed their regular campaigns.

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LIU, second - ranked Kentucky Wesleyan and fifth-rated Illinois State finish Saturday. The Blackbirds take on NIT-bound Duquense, a major opponent. Kentucky Wesleyan meets Tennessee at Martin and Illinois State plays Wayne State.

The Blackbirds collected eight first-place votes and 152 points in the balloting by a regional panel of 17 sports writers and broadcasters based on games through last Saturday.

Kentucky Wesleyan held the No. 2 spot. The Panthers got three votes for first and 125 points, the latter on a basis of 10 for a first-place vote, 9 for second, etc.

1. LIU (8) Ky. Wesleyan (3) 125 3. Pan American SW Louisiana (2) 88 Illinois State (1) 68 Evansville (1) 62 McNeese State 61 Norfolk State (1) 9. Trinity, Tex. 10. Indiana State

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