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**MARATHON WINNER:** Thomas Fleming, a sophomore at Paterson State College, crossing finish line in Central Park yesterday to take first in 26.2-mile Earth Day Marathon.

## Fleming Wins Marathon Despite Pains <sup>3/21/71</sup>

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Overcoming stomach cramps on his last lap, Thomas Fleming, a 19-year-old sophomore at Paterson (N.J.) State College captured the Earth Day marathon in Central Park in a meet record time of 2 hours 23 minutes 44.2 seconds yesterday.

Four women battling to overcome opposition to their running in a male marathon by the Amateur Athletic Union, also ran in the field of 237 men and three of them were among the 161 persons to finish the 26-mile 385-yard course.

The top female finisher was Mrs. Nina Kuscick of the Suffolk Athletic Club, whose time of 3:11:41 — her second best ever—placed her in 73d place.

Fleming's time, recorded in windy 39-degree weather erased the record of 2:25:25 set by George Foulds of Pittsburgh in 1964 when this marathon was known as the Cherry Tree.

The name was changed for this year's run in honor of yesterday's ecological festi-

### THE LEADING FINISHERS

1—Thomas J. Fleming, Paterson State College	2:23:44
2—Augustin Calle, United A.A.	2:25:29
3—Moses Mayfield Jr., Penn Athletic Club	2:26:24
4—Lou Coppens, Penn Athletic Club	2:30:17
5—Fred Best, Central Jersey Track Club	2:32
6—Tom Derderian, North Medford Track Club	2:34:44
7—Richard Layer, St. John's University A.A.	2:34:59
8—Gary Muhrcke, Millrose A.A.	2:36:02
9—Bill Harvey, New York Pioneer Club (tie)	2:36:02
10—Darryl Reese, St. John's University A.A.	2:36:23
11—Jim McDonagh, Millrose A.A.	2:37:04
12—Eric Walther, St. Anthony's Boys Club	2:37:52
13—Ed Ayres, Unaffiliated	2:38:38
14—Neil Weygant, Penn Athletic Club	2:38:42
15—Robert D. Hirst, Penn A.C.	2:40:11

ties in the park's mall sponsored by the People for Earth Day Committee, located at 441 West 26th Street.

It ran in an atmosphere of yoga, frisbee contests, steel bands, cyclists and even a few pot smokers.

Fleming, who finished second to Gary Muhrcke over a slightly different course laid out in Central Park for last year's New York City marathon, took over the lead yesterday with

about 11 miles to go when he passed Moses Mayfield. Then he fought off cramps to win it.

Augustin Calle of the United Athletic Club was second in 2 hours 25 minutes 29 seconds while Mayfield of the Penn Athletic Club was third in 2 hours 26 minutes 24 seconds.

"I had to stop on the last lap [with about five miles to go] and do some exercises to get the cramps out," said Fleming, a history major and physical education minor. "If I didn't do that it would have gotten worse and I wouldn't have been able to breathe. But now I don't even feel tired."

The other women to finish were Mrs. Cathy Miller of the Syracuse Athletic Club, whose time was 4:02:45 and placed her 144th and Mrs. Pat Tarnawsky of Pleasantville, N.Y., who came in 158th with a time 4:41:30.

Liz Franceschini, of the Cockney Girls Club, also entered the race but dropped out after 16 miles.