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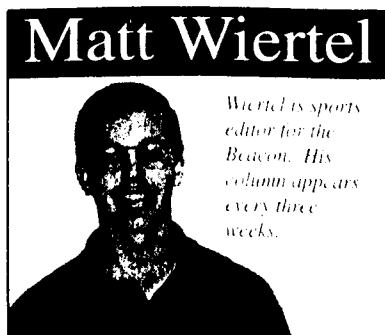
Don't Get Me Started

Free Peter: Hand me my boots

Each year several athletes, either college or professional, are charged for various criminal acts. This year is no different. On October 7th another big-time athlete fell victim to the crime trap. This time it wasn't another Dallas Cowboy superstar but it was Peter Warrick, standout Florida State football player.

Warrick and teammate Laveranues Coles bought \$400.00 of designer clothes for \$21.40 from a store clerk, who is also charged in the case. Head coach Bobby Bowden immediately dismissed Coles from the team who was on probation at the time of the incident. But Warrick's future at FSU still looms in limbo.

Florida State's policy on criminal activity states that players with misdemeanor charges against them can compete in athletics. Athletes charged with a felony are banned from participating in FSU athletics. At this point in time, Warrick is up



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against a felony grand theft charge, which would place him in jail for 30 days, make him pay retail price for the clothes he nearly got a five finger discount on, and serve a year's probation.

Warrick was considered one of the leading candidates for the Heisman Trophy before he was charged with the crime and consequently suspended from FSU athletics. FSU head coach Bobby Bowden feels that

Warrick has been punished enough. Bowden's sentiments were also reflected in a statement by Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke. Weinke said, "I think he has suffered enough. He deserves to be on the football team and I can't wait for his return."

Where do these people come up with this stuff, "I think he has suffered enough."? Give me a minute Chris so that I can put my boots on. If he is serious, I think that someone ought to check his blood alcohol level because this kid is about to blackout.

Why should I or anyone else for that matter have sympathy for "poor" Peter? What he did was stupid and totally irresponsible, therefore he should pay for his stupidity. Personally I think that they should make him part of a chain gang so that when he is finished with his sentence he will appreciate all that he has.

This is the underlying problem in college and professional sports today.



FSU's Peter Warrick is facing jail time due to his involvement in a grand theft charge.

Players get paid outrageous salaries or get so much attention that they lose sense of reality. They get so caught up in getting the big-time rookie contract or fetching a contract equal to the GDP of a small island nation, they forget what they do for a living. These athletes should point to the sky more often because half of these guys would be out on the

streets if they had to get a real job.

In the last couple of years more and more athletes have been in trouble with the law. For example players like Michael Irvin, Leon Lett, and Lawrence Taylor all have been charged with being involved in various criminal activities. Other players like Shawn Kemp and Eric Moulds continually break the law because they refuse to pay child support.

So what are the major sporting organizations doing to solve this escalating problem? Honestly, athletes are merely given a slap on the wrist in comparison to the punishment dealt to the average citizen facing the same charges. It is about time we end this preferential treatment towards athletes and ban the repeat offenders from the game before their behavior becomes the accepted norm.

Tennis team undefeated in conference play

by Michael Frawley
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The Penn State Behrend Women's Tennis Team set a new school record for wins this season. The compiled a record of 16-2 this season, under the direction of head coach Jeff Barger, who is in his second year as head coach. The team ended the regular season with an AMCC record of 10-0 and a non-conference record 6-2. Coach Barger commented about the

season, "Looking back on the regular season, highlights have to include winning 16 matches and beating Edinboro twice. We played very well against non-conference teams this year which is the difference between this year and last."

This year's AMCC conference tournament is scheduled to be held on October 24th at 9:00 a.m. at LaRoche. The tournament is made up of four singles and two doubles matches. This year's team is made up of: Julie

Lenninger, Angela Albertson, Jamie Brubaker, Emily Rubin, Christine Chan, Michelle Brendel, Lennys Redondo, Stephanie Falcone and Becky Snyder.

Last week Angela Albertson, a sophomore from McKean, PA, was named AMCC Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week. She was perfect at number 3 singles, with a record of 3-0.



The Penn State Behrend women's tennis team will be traveling to the AMCC conference tournament this weekend. The Lady Lions have dominated the AMCC this season with a 10-0 conference record.

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From the Athletic Office

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This Saturday at the men's and women's soccer game. Every student will receive a pak full of free stuff! (While Supplies Last)

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