

## Taking A Closer Look

By Mike Cocciardi

A dream gone. A long sought prize lost, with its grasp in reach. A magical, electric season ended. In whatever you would care to describe it, the Penn State Nittany Lions were turned away in its bid to capture a national championship.

When a team is a winner, and a game has been won, there doesn't seem to be enough words to write about it. In defeat, however, the words seem scarce and hard to find.

But this is not a hard article to write. As a Penn State student I certainly see no reason to be down. Our football team finally got the recognition they deserved. Coach Paterno's Lions had shown what it takes to get into a national championship game.

A loss is always hard to take, whether it be a football game or somewhere along the road in life. But from a loss, the character of a team or of an individual is all the more important. It is a growing and learning

experience.

However, there was a good deal more at stake, than just winning this game. A few days earlier, Coach Woody Hayes of Ohio State hit an opposing player on the sidelines in a Gator Bowl loss to Clemson as a national television audience stared on in bewilderment. In a 10-10 tie between Arkansas and UCLA, Coaches were heard swearing on a live mike, and Michigan was hit with remarks like "Losers, chokers, and others after a third consecutive Rose Bowl loss.

Has winning at all costs taken over the idea of good sportsmanship? Even with the loss, I think that Penn State students everywhere felt proud of their team.

Under Coach Paterno, Penn State teams have always had that certain class it takes to be a winner, and that class shows up at its best after a defeat, when it is most hard to come by for others.

## Caps Struggle On

After an opening season win over Lancaster Bible College, the C.C. roundballers have run into some rough scheduling which has left them with a 3 - 5 mark in season play. Part of that tough schedule includes the 3 NCAA Division II teams of Roanoke, West Virginia Wesleyan, and Ohio Wesleyan. These three teams took the better of the Caps by a combined 292 - 135 margin. The team came back strong, however by defeating Alvernia College 86 - 58 and Lancaster Bible again by a 95 - 73 score.

According to Coach Jim Baker, part of the Caps weakness has been their lack of height. Kris Elish is the Caps leading scorer averaging 15 points a game, and his 6'5" frame also

leads the team in rebounds at 7 per game. Behind Elish, Bob Cara has netted 10 points along with 3 assists per contest for the Caps. Rounding out the starting lineup are Bennett Fox, Bob Hudrick, and the high jumping Tyrrel Ferrell.

The rugged schedule continues on Monday, January 15, when the team travels westward to take on California State College. In a season which has been mostly road games, the Caps finally come home for a Saturday contest against Philadelphia Pharmacy at 2:30 p.m. on January 20th. There has been little support at the away games and this home appearance offers students the chance to see their team in action for the first time since last month.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** A final attempt at a women's basketball program is will take place on Friday, Jan.12. Anyone interested should contact the Rec/Ath office at 787-7751 before 5:00 Friday. This program is not co-ed.

**INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL:** For all those interested in forming an IM Volleyball League this term, there will be a meeting Friday, Jan. 12, at 3:30 pm in the gym. This program is co-ed.

**INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL:** For anyone interested in IM B-Ball, there will be a meeting Friday, Jan. 12, at 3:00 pm in the gym. A representative from each team ust be present. This program is co-ed.

**MARTIAL ARTS:** Anyone interested in Martial Arts this term call 787-7751. This would be a co-ed program.



## Here We Go Again

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It's that time of year again. Echoes of Super Sunday abound throughout the sports world. And for a brief period of time, even Jimmy Carter takes a backseat to "The Game." Yes, it's that time of year when New Orleans and San Francisco 49ers fans, and all other football fans whose teams didn't make the big one, abandon their loyalties and go out to buy Dallas Cowboy T-shirts and Pittsburgh Steeler pennants. Yes, come Super Sunday they'll be wearing blue and silver or black and gold, but it's the real Cowboy and Steeler fans who are enjoying it the most.

This is the game of games, and in it we have the two elites of the NFL. But this game has a lot more interest to it than your regular run of the mill Super Bowl game. Both teams have won 2 previous Super Bowls, both are coming off big wins in their perspective conference championships, they feature football's 2 highest rated quart-

erbacks in Staubach and Bradshaw, and each team has a 1,000 yard rusher in the backfield. Pittsburgh features 10 probowlers, the Cowboys nine. And this is the first time that two teams have been set up in a Super Bowl rematch, the previous game being Super Bowl X. Each team is also striving to be the first team ever to capture 3 Super Bowl victories.

The two teams are similar in many ways, which is perhaps why they are both here. Both are home grown teams which were built and rebuilt entirely by the drafting system. The offenses and defenses of both teams are to say the least, awesome, but the one big advantage in this game has to go to Dallas.

Regardless of what many might say, the big difference in this game has to be the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders. A major oversight by Pittsburgh management left this Steeler team without a cheerleading squad. But lets face it, even if Pitts-

burgh did have cheerleaders, the Pokes gals have the experience, and they know how to operate in pressure situations. Last years Super Bowl proved this point conclusively. The Bronco Cheerleaders just couldn't get it going, while the Dallas Cheerleaders had them looking silly in comparison. I guess it must be true what they say about those southern belles, they do have something special.

**PREDICTION** - There looks to be a good possibility of this being the first overtime Super Bowl ever played, and Dallas will win it with a touchdown in the 5th period. DAL by 6.

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### GAME ROOM HOURS

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 6 - 12 p.m.  
Wed., Sat., Sun., - 12 - 12 p.m.

On nights of major events the Multi-purpose room is opened and the hours are extended until the event ends. During this time the game room is not opened unless by special request.

### STUDY LOUNGE HOURS

The Study Lounge in the Student Center is open twenty four hours.

If for any reason anyone finds the center closed during hours when it should be open, please report this to Student Activities -w-104, or call 787-1576.

The treasurer of SGA needs a few students to serve in the Finance Committee. Students interested in getting involved with the SGA treasure's duties and responsibilities are urged to sign up in the SGA office.

This job will give you the insight on how students funds are used, along with good experience in financial decision making.

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