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## 5,000 Welcome Lions Back To PA

By Jan Travers

It was over quickly. Then they were gone. But if the enthusiasm was any indication, the crowd didn't mind.

Penn State, Harrisburg played host to the number one Nittany Lions football team on January 4. Landing just minutes before at Harrisburg International Airport enroute from their 14-10 Fiesta Bowl victory over Miami, the players, coaches, and team personnel were greeted by better than 5,000 fans, who showed up in chilling thirty degree weather to welcome them back from Arizona.

Noticeably absent from the rally were Joe Paterno, who left Tempe for the NCAA meeting in San Diego, and such standout players as Shane Conlan, D.J. Dozier, and Harrisburg native Ray Isom, who went directly to Tokyo for

the Japan Bowl All-star game. However, defensive lineman Bob White was on hand to address the crowd while he showed off the national championship trophy to the cheering fans.

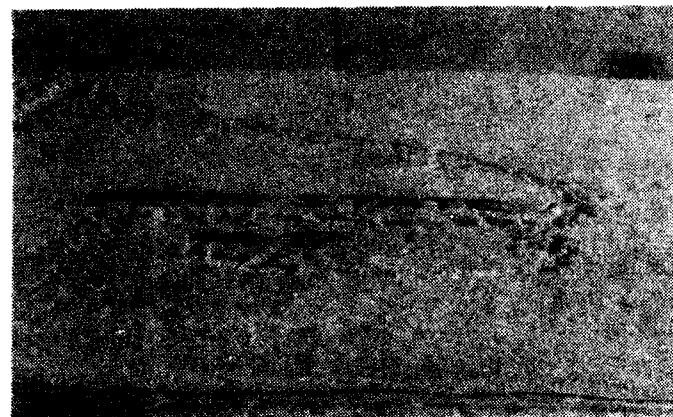
In addition, defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky and offensive coordinator Fran Ganter, joined Bryce Jordan, president of PSU, Ruth Leventhal, provost of Capital College, and Governor Richard Thornburgh at the podium.

The rear parking lot, ringed by firetrucks from eight different companies, was a wall of blue and white, in everything from the unimaginative hats and scarves, to boxer undershorts worn over sweatpants. Signs and banners were waved throughout the crowd which included, "Class beats Crass!" referring to a Phoenix newspaper headline which appeared the morning after the game, "Hummelstown Loves

the Lions!" and "Jo Pa, we luv ya!" An array of buttons were pinned to outerwear, but none more descript than "We kicked Miami in the Testaverdes."

A few entrepreneurial souls wandered the crowd hawking T-shirts, buttons, and baseball caps all proclaiming the Penn State Lions as the number one team in the country. Even the PSU Hershey Medical Center "Life Lion" air ambulance, painted in the school colors, joined in the rally.

If all this reminds one of a three-ring spectacle, perhaps it typifies the whole Fiesta Bowl. In one ring is the coaching staff, in another the loyal, adoring fans, and because no circus could be complete without the clowns, Miami, for its pre-game antics, occupies the third ring. And, as it should be, the National Champion Nittany Lions are the ringmasters.



We Are # 1!



## Professors Defend Engineering Surcharge

By Joe Kupec

The engineering surcharge is a \$100 fee assessed all junior, senior and graduate students for the purpose of improving laboratory equipment. Implemented in 1985, the surcharge is common at Main, Harrisburg and Behrend campuses of Penn State.

Most engineering students first notice the surcharge on their estimated bill which arrives from Shields Building at University Park. An explanation accompanies the spring schedule at the Capital College and a similar statement is available upon request at the Finance Office desk in Olmsted Building.

According to Dr.

William Welsh, chairman of the engineering department, the surcharge combined with university, state and federal funding has contributed to improving the quality of engineering programs on campus. He points out that in the mid-seventies the university had discontinued major acquisition of lab equipment based on lab fees. The university had hoped to acquire equipment through outside funding and budgeting. By the early 1980s it was evident that most of the laboratory facilities had fallen below state of the art technology.

Welsh indicates that when the engineering surcharge was being considered he was casually informed of the program

and had little time to consider its implementation. His initial reaction to the program was that it presented the engineering departments an opportunity to acquire much needed equipment.

Last year, the surcharge funded about \$102,000 worth of new equipment purchases. Each engineering department received funding based upon the number of students in the program. The bulk of the funding goes for equipment with a small remainder of the surcharge funding budgeted to cover shipping, installation, and minor price increases due to ordering from catalogues whose prices may fluctuate. It should be noted that the surcharge does not cover expendable and consumable items. The department budgets are

responsible for these items.

Quoting a figure from an engineering college survey that universities should spend approximately \$2000 per student per year in lab and educational supports as an unrealistic figure, Welsh points out that money for immediate expansion does not exist. The surcharge represents a gradual way of acquiring equipment to supplement the program.

Dr. J.F. Shoup, electrical engineering department chairman, indicates that his program has improved thanks to the surcharge. Generally all engineering departments must share a general fund for equipment, he said. The portion allocated the electrical engineering technology program

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