

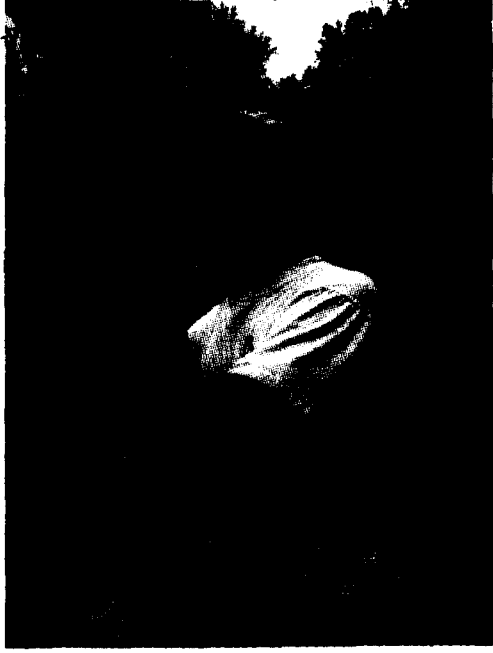
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Tennis sneakers, khakis, and a button up shirt is the usual for Dr. Samuel Winch, but not complete without the signature camera strung around the neck and a great big smile.

As a professional photographer, Winch is never seen without his camera and he would never go anywhere without it. Looking around Winch's office in the Humanities department, one can see that his daughter Bridget, now 10-years-old, does not shy away from her dad taking photo after photo of her smiling face. It is a true passion and talent of his.

Photos of everywhere Winch has traveled also coat his walls.

As the son of a Presbyterian minister, Winch is never content to root his feet in any one place for too long. He was born in Lexington, Kentucky, but before he had graduated from high school Winch had lived in Toledo, other Ohio towns, and Adrian, Michigan.

Leaving home just after graduation, he made his way to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1973 where he lived for 17 years. He worked as a union laborer on the Alaskan pipeline, built his own house, and finished college during that time.

He then moved back to Ohio to obtain his master's degree in Journalism from Ohio University. However, his stay was brief, as he then moved to Indiana, where he received his Ph.D. from Indiana University in Mass Communications. It was during his years in Indiana that he met his wife Paula.

Winch later moved back to Ohio where he began his first teaching job as a professor at Bowling Green State University.

His next adventure took him across the globe. With his wife and two-year-old daughter, Winch traveled to a teaching job at Nanyang Technical University in Singapore, teaching photography. A seasoned traveler

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Penn State takes the title

Zooming from the ground floor to the penthouse in one season, the Nittany Lion gridders finally got off their express elevator at the top of the Big Ten standings Saturday with a 31-22 triumph at Michigan State, completing the most dramatic win-loss turnaround in Penn State history.

A team doubted by so many believed in itself and came within a Michigan second of perfection in the regular season, while claiming Penn State's second Big Ten title in 13 years, winning its first Bowl Championship Series bid and climbing to No. 4 in the national polls.

The 2005 Lions recorded their 10th win in 11 games this fall in front of 75,005 in Spartan Stadium, millions in a nationwide ESPN-TV audience and scouts from the Rose, Orange, Fiesta and Capital One Bowls in the pressbox.

They won't know until Dec. 4 just where they will spend New Year's Day, but it will most likely be in Miami or Phoenix. Pasadena would be an extreme longshot, requiring Southern California or Texas to fall victim to a major upset. But a legion of Penn State fans, who have experienced only one bowl game in this millennium, will follow the Lions wherever they go.

Saturday thousands of them followed the Lions to East Lansing and engaged in post-game celebrations in the northeast corner of the stadium and outside the media trailer, where they shouted "BCS" and chanted incessantly for JoePa, Michael, Alan, Tamba and all the rest.

Student fans, especially, have bonded with this team since the Big Ten schedule began and contributed to its success not only through the white-outs in Beaver Stadium, but also through the kind of Midwestern road trips that only students can endure. But whether at Paternoville or East Lansing, the students demonstrated an unfettered belief that escaped more sophisticated fans.

And the team used the doubts of others as motivation to meeting the season-long challenges that paid the dividends that made all the winter, spring and summer workouts worthwhile.

"A lot of people doubted Joe Paterno. A lot of people doubted this team," Michael Robinson told reporters Saturday night.

"We were picked to go sixth in the Big Ten (at Media Day in Chicago last summer).

All they were talking about was Michigan and Ohio State," he said, "so this is definitely a sense of redemption."

"If you were a player on this team, you would understand that we went through hell," said Alan Zemaitis. "When we'd

lose, people would point fingers, saying we brought Penn State down. Well, these same players brought Penn State back."

"Everyone really stuck together and stayed the course," said senior center E.Z. Smith. "I'm really proud of our senior class and everybody else who's stuck in there with us and not left us."



Photo courtesy of Blue and White Society

Joe Paterno brushed aside suggestions he would be a candidate for Coach of the Year and should relish the success of this season.

"I've been around a lot of good football teams, and I've been in a lot of locker rooms where we've felt pretty good about what we had done," the 40-year head coach said. "The kids are the ones that are all fired up, and they should be, because they went through all

that junk—the losing years, everyone doubting them and they got together and went to work. They're the guys that should be happy."

The seniors that have led this team all fall did so again in the season finale.

Quarterback Michael Robinson, whose teammates claim he should be the MVP

Calvin Lowry combined for 28 tackles, including two for six yards in losses.

Senior Ethan Kilmer had four tackles on kick coverage teams that prevented any long runbacks.

A game that saw 53 points scored was really won by a Penn State defense that stifled the Big Ten's leading offense,

stopping the Spartans three times in the Red Zone and setting up one easy touchdown for the Lions, plus a special teams unit that blocked a punt for another touchdown.

Redshirt junior Donnie Johnson, who, in his four years on the team, has bounced from running back to wide receiver to cornerback to safety to nickel back but always been a mainstay on special teams, blocked the third punt of his career into the end zone, where Matt Hahn covered it for six points. Johnson also intercepted a Spartan pass in the end zone on the last play of the first half.

Penn State's four interceptions were the most ever against Drew Stanton, the Big Ten's second leading passer, who had averaged less

than one interception per game, while throwing for 2.1 touchdowns per outing. Defensive tackle Jay Alford twice broke through the Spartan defense to sack Stanton for 21 yards in losses.

Penn State's offense made drives when they needed to and kept the Lions in the lead throughout the game.

Robinson's passes to Jordan Norwood and Butler and runs by Hunt led the Lions to Kevin Kelly's 32-yard field goal on the game's opening possession.

A quick-strike two-play drive in the

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Michael Robinson holds up the Big Ten trophy.

in the Big Ten this year, led all runners with 90 yards and one touchdown and passed for another, while directing four scoring drives. The senior-dominated offensive line protected Robinson on his pass attempts, allowing no sacks, and opened holes for both Robby and tailback Tony Hunt.

Defensive co-captain Alan Zemaitis picked off interceptions at the PS-3 and the PS-8 to halt Michigan State drives and returned another one 17 yards to the MS-4 to set up Robinson's short touchdown pass to Deon Butler. Senior defenders Chris Harrell, Tamba Hall and

Circle K serves NY residents

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PSH students proved they care about their community and at the same time had the opportunity to experience life in New York City. Once again, Circle K, a community service club, sponsored their second annual "Day of Service" trip to New York City on Saturday, November 19. The 23 volunteers from PSH all displayed their Penn State pride in the city as they embarked in a variety of service projects that the Circle K at NYU planned to accommodate this large group of students.

This free trip was open to students, faculty, and staff at PSH and had been planned since the summer months. Circle K generously received money for the bus from SGA and more definite

plans were made with NYU Circle K President Chelsea Wilcox. Students were required to participate in at least one service project, but everyone found the projects to be enriching and fun.

Circle K began promoting the trip back in September. Many students on campus showed interest in the trip and asked the question, "What is Circle K?" Circle K is a community service club here at Penn State Harrisburg that is virtually connected to all Circle K clubs around the world. That is what makes volunteering so great. We, as students, had the opportunity to connect with other students in another state and help the less fortunate in their backyard. We are all one community and many students here at PSH have families in New York and around the world. We, as Circle K members, have a lifelong commitment to community service worldwide.

The large group of students was broken into seven smaller groups and began their specific project. First, however, the tired and cold students were provided breakfast and met other Circle K members from NYU.

One project, entitled, "Food Bank" shuffled PSH students from NYU to the subway, two bus rides, and a walk to the warehouse, which held food that grocery stores and distributors found no use for. The food had to be sorted and it took many volunteers to go through it all. Anything opened, moldy, or damaged was to be thrown away. When the food was deemed edible, it would be donated to a local food bank, nursing home, or shelter.

Project number two was "Meals on Wheels" and had volunteers preparing hot and cold bagged lunches and delivering it to New York City residents who have



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Bryan Sferra, a sophomore and finance major, sleeps on the long ride to NYC.

a hard time getting out or are unable to cook. All residents got a freshly prepared meal donated from local stores and appreciated seeing students taking the time out of their busy schedules to bring them lunch.

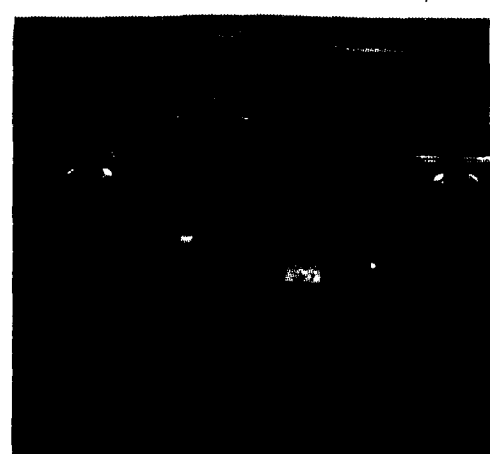
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