Collegian Sports Editor

Joe Paterno believes that playing football should be fun. The Nittany Lion coach has believed it all his life, and he makes certain to impart this special philosophy to his team. Beginning last April in Spring drills and continuing throughout the entire season, Paterno has emphasized that there is no use playing if you don't enjoy the practices, the games, and surviving that accompanies college football.

games, and everything that accompanies college football.

That's why Penn State's second-year head coach made certain that his players had plenty of time for fun and relaxation on last month's Gator Bowl trip. To Joe, a bowl game is more than just 60 minutes of football. In the two weeks prior to the Dec. 30 game in Jacksonville, he allowed his troops plenty of time off from practice to enjoy some Florida sightseeing swimming surfage and relaxing It's the Florida sightseeing, swimming, surfing and relaxing. It's the only way Joe would have done it . . . with his players'

Great Challenge and Fun

"If I was a kid," Paterno has often said, "there's nothing more in the world I would rather do than play in a bowl

game. It's a great challenge and it's a lot of fun, too. That's what it's all about and that's what I tell the kids. They've got to have fun or there's no use playing."

Joe Paterno's brand of football leaves the game where it should be . . . with the kids. This is a partial explanation of why Penn State attempted the unbelievable play in the Gator Bowl Leading 17.0 in the third quarter. Paterno eveloped the Bowl. Leading 17-0 in the third quarter, Paterno ordered the Lions to go for the first down on a fourth and inches play from State's 15-yard line. Tom Sherman's quarterback sneak fell short, and Florida State was on its way. The Seminoles quickly scored their first touchdown, scored again a minute later, and charged back in the fourth quarter to tie the game, 17-17 on a field goal with 15 seconds remaining.

Coach Takes the Blame

Afterwards, for the benefit of the press, Paterno shouldered all the blame for State's blowing the 17-point lead. Among other things, he called the fourth-down failure the "turning point of the ball game."

"I blew it," Paterno said outside the Lions' locker room. "I've been around long enough to know better. The kids wanted to go for it, and I got caught up in the emotions."

It may very well be kids' football to go for a first down deep in your own territory, but this is only part of the answer. There was some very sound reasoning behind Paterno's decision, and after heaping abuse on himself while the mass Bowl. Leading 17-0 in the third quarter, Paterno ordered the

cision, and after heaping abuse on himself while the mass media looked on, he explained the principles behind the

"I looked at it from the sidelines and saw we had about six inches to go," Paterno said. "Nobody has stopped us short of six inches on a sneak all year long. We have a big strong center in Bill Lenkaitis, and the chances were 99 to 1 that

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Peterson Let South Down

By PAUL LEVINE Collegian Sports Editor

Signs of the Old South were everywhere in Jacksonville last week.

From the moment the Penn State football team hit town and was greeted by a Dixieland band clothed in replicas of Confederate flags, it was evident that the Confederacy had not died in 1865.

Later in the week, at the Gator Bowl Basketball Tournament, the same band wasted no time in treating the Coliseum audience to the spirited tunes of "Dixie."
"Y'all stand up,"

a Floridian told some Northern visitors as the band began. "That there's the National Anthem of the South they're playin'."

However, the southern fans had their pride hurt a bit

when the University of Florida basketball team lost in the tourney's opening round. And, to make matters worse, it was the "damn Yankees" in the form of St. Joseph's of Philadelphia who showed Florida's finest how the game is meant to be

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played. But the locals had renewed enthusiasm by Saturday when the football extravaganza -Florida State vs. Penn State - unfolded before a record crowd in the Gator Bowl. They stomped and screamed as the Florida State band hoisted a Confederate flag to signal the South's revival in the second half.

But the game's ending cast a gloom over the whole affair. While Florida State's gametying field goal with 15 seconds left may have appeared to be a fine ending for the South, it was actually embarrasing to those who don't buy the theory that both teams won the game by scoring the same number of points. In fact, the southern philosophy is summed up nicely in an engraving which is etched into a monument in downtown Jacksonville.

Resting in the center of a small park lush with bright poinsettas, the monument is emblazoned:

Confederate Memorial 1861-1865 To the Soldiers of Florida

This shaft is by a comrade raised in testimony of his love, recalling deeds immortal, heroism unsurpassed.

With ranks unbroken, ragged, starved, the southern soldier for duty's sake, undaunted, stood to the front of battle, until no light remained to illumine the field of carnage save the lustre of his chivalry and courage.

Nor shall your glory be forgot while fame her record keeps or honor points the hallowed spot where valor proudly sleeps.

This is the talk of the Old South. The words (Continued on page fifteen) Recording Colleges is a company tradition of the ware between

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Paterno Believes in Fun, Gambling

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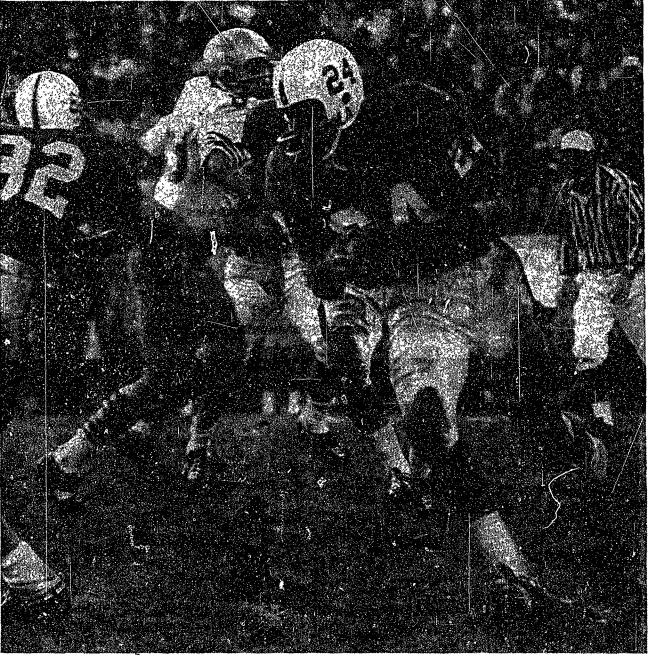
we'd make it. In fact, I'm still not sure that we didn't make it. Not that it matters now, but I'll take a look at it on the game films."

me backwards by the seat of my pants. The officials grabbed the ball and spotted it where I ended up after they finished pulling me back." Sherman joined his coach in agreement that the first down

had been made.
"I saw how much I needed before the play," Sherman said. "It wasn't more than six inches past the 15-yard line.
After I dived across the line, I looked down again. I was a good two feet over the line. Then somebody started pulling

And, there were those members of the press box who thought that Charlie Pittman had made the first down on the play before. On that run, Pittman sliced around left end and was brought down with his shoulders resting slightly past the

But the mere making or missing of the first down was



-Collegian Photo by Dick Weissman

Pittsburgh

Soccer Club

To Disband

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The

Pittsburgh Phantoms profes-

sional soccer club will not field

John Pollock, vice president and treasurer, said Thursday

the team is being disbanded,

but might be revived after Pittsburgh's new sports sta-

He said the Phantoms lost about \$700,000 last year, the first full season of the National

Pollock said the club was un-

able to attract ne investors because Forbes Field is un-

suitable for soccer spectators.

After the new stadium is

built, he said, the club will have the right of first choic for a franchise with the new

league formed by the merger

of the National Professional

League and the United Soccer

Number Attempts Rushing26

Yards Gained Rushing99

Yards Lost Rushing44

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Number Passes Attempted55

Number Passes Completed38

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No. Plays Rushing & Passing 81

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PUNTING AVERAGE, YARDS 30

Number Punts Returned 5
YARDS PUNTS RETURNED ...35

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Gator Bowl

Lions Move on the Ground

PENN STATE tailback Charlie Pittman (24) scampers around left end in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla. The sophomore speedster was the Lions' leading ground gainer in the game, picking up 124 yards on 19 carries. Penn State's All-American tight end-turned wingback Ted Kwalick (82) throws a block on the play. Penn State led 17-0 at halftime but was unable to mount a threat in the second half, as Florida State charged back to a 17-17 tie.

Coeds Run Just For The Fun of It

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) -Four coeds at the University of Kansas are running just for the

Members of the unofficial women's track team, they run on their own. The university has no official team and no plans for one.

The four are Jan Pappas. Prairie Village, Kan., Margaret (Peg) Grinvalsky, Jamaica, N.Y.; Janice Miller, Hutchinson, Kan.; and Judy Clary, Kansas City, Kan.

During the outdoor season each day they run on the NCAA cross-country course west of Iowa street. On a typical afternoon they will do four to six 150-yard springs, two 400- or 600-yard fast runs, and three miles at a steady pace.

They have done well in meets they have entered.

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Pass Receiving

Kickelf Returns

Story of a Gator Bowl Tie Tom Sherman kicks 27-yard field goal with 2:32

ırsı quarier. K back-to-back 13-yard passes to Ted Kwalick and Dan

PSU 3, FSU 0 Jack Curry catches 19-yard touchdown pass with 4:42 remaining in second quarter. The fourth-down TD play caps a 53-yard drive. Sherman PAT is good. PSU 10, FSU 0

Tom Sherman connects with Ted Kwalick on a 12-yard scoring toss with 50 seconds remaining in the first half. Key play on the 81-yard drive; a 35-yard run by Charlie Pittman. Sherman PAT is good.

Halftime Score

Florida State's Kim Hammond passes to Ron Sellers for a 20-yard touchdown pass with 3:50 remaining in the third quarter. The pass comes three plays after Penn State turned the ball over on downs at its own 15-yard line. Guthrie PAT is good. PSU 17, FSU 7

Hammond scores on one-yard quarterback sneak with 2:49 left in third quarter. The score comes four plays after Charlie Pittman fumbled the kickoff at the Lions' 22-yard line. Guthrie PAT is good.

PSU 17, FSU 14 Grant Guthrie kicks a 26-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining in the game. FSU began the drive at its own 31-yard line with 1:38 remaining in the game.
Final Score

First Downs Rushing ... First Downs Passing First Downs by Penalties TOTAL FIRST DOWNS .

Stats and Facts from the 1967

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not the most important thing to Joe Paterno. Also behind the manuever was the basic Paterno doctrine of confidence in himself and his team. Although it may sound corny in the grunt-and-groan world of football, it was a matter of principle, and after a few days to think about it, Joe says he would do it again. Always Took Chances

"It's the way we played football this season," Paterno said earlier in the week. "We took chances and enjoyed playing the game. I tell my kids, when the game starts we will have practiced hard. And when that whistle blows, I want to see reckless people out there, not afraid to make mistakes. If I had to do it again, I'd do it again, even though it's still not the right call."

However, there are some observers who believe the call should be made again because it was the right move. (See

should be made again because it was the right move. (See Sandy Padwe's column, Page 11).

Besides the obvious fact that the odds were strongly in Penn State's favor of making the first down, there was another factor contributing to a Lion gamble.

Three Plays Before

Three plays before the controversial call, Penn State had taken possession on downs as FSU's most serious threat of the game was smothered at the Lion five yeard line. The

the game was smothered at the Lion five-yard line. The Seminoles had faltered on four running plays after they had moved to a first and goal at the three. It was one of the finest defensive efforts of the year, much like the goal-line stand against North Carolina State. The Lions had recovered some momentum after the turn-

over, and Paterno didn't want to give the ball back after only three plays. The third quarter was nearly over, Penn State had failed to mount any offensive attack since inter-mission, and thoughts of the past must have crept into Paterno's mind. In two of the toughest regular season games
—Syracuse and North Carolina State—the Lions' offense
mysteriously disappeared in the second half, and the defense

had to scratch and claw its way to save the victories.

Seminoles Could Come Back
Against the Seminoles, it wouldn't have been as simple a task. The Southerners high-powered passing attack was 'taylor-made for comeback efforts. To keep the ball, to get Penn State's initial first down of the half, and to regain some offensive momentum were utmost in Paterno's mind.

"When we get ahead, the kids get a little bit cautious,"
Paterno said after the game. "They don't want to make any
mistakes and lose it. Our kicking had been going poorly, and
I thought that if we punted, they'd be right back down there anyway. I couldn't see what we'd gain except for a couple minutes of time."
For the kids' sake, Joe Paterno was playing for fun; for

victory's sake, he was taking a gamble. After a season of winning the gambles, he lost the big one. But it's a safe bet that next year, those 99 to 1 shots will start paying off again.

🚃 From Florida

Gator Bowl Notes, Quotes

At the Gator Bowl Banquet last Saturday night both teams' quarterbacks were honored as the game's outstanding players. Florida State's field general, Kim Hammond established new Gator Bowl records for passes completed, passes attempted, and total passing yardage (37-53, 362 yards) and led the Seminoles to their comeback tie. Although Penn State's Tom Sherman played what is considered a below-par game (6-19, 69 yards), he did figure in all the Nittany Lion scoring, to gain the honor. Sherman

fired two touchdown passes and kicked a 27yard field goal. * * *



TOM SHERMAN ... Lions' MVP

sidelines.

Also in the running for most valuable player honors for Penn State were Tim Montgomery and Charlie Pittman. Montgomery turned in a sparkling defensive effort at his safety position. The second team All-American intercepted two Hammond passes (Neal Smith and Pete Johnson picked off one each), batted away numerous

others and was in on a number of key tackles. Pittman was the game's leading rusher, carrying 19 times for 124 yards. His longest was a 35 yard scamper on a draw play on which the Lion tailback

nearly went all the way.

Florida State's Al-American flanker Ron Sellers broke the Gator Bowl record for pass receptions. The speedy junior from Jacksonville snared 14 of Hammond's tosses for 145 yards and one touchdown. He broke the record of 13 receptions held by another FSU great, Fred Biletnikoff.

But Sellers was still not satisfied with his performance. After the game he complained that he had troubles in the first half because his hands were cold. In the second half, Sellers explained that he kept his hands warm by wrapping them in hot towels while on the

As the 58-degree temperatures didn't seem to bother anyone else, one press box wit wondered alound, 'What's going to happen to Sellers if the Green Bay Packers' draft him?" In the NFL championship game at Green Bay last Sunday, the mercury never climbed above --- 13 degrees.

* * * Many of the Southern sportswriters were surprised that Joe Paterno kept his Florida practice sessions closed to the press, but once the game started it didn't take long to figure out why. Florida State coach Bill Peterson was likewise surprised and offered this comment early last week:

"I don't see how they could put in much else new. They've already run every formation in the book. If Paterno comes out with a lot of new stuff Saturday, he'll revolutionize football. It'll have to be something

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