

Fans: OU won Sugar

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"I can anticipate what Joe Paterno's reaction will be," one Lion student predicted on his way to the HUB yesterday, shortly after the news that Penn State hadn't really lost the Sugar Bowl after all was passed around. "Joe's gonna say, 'I've always said that football should be fun.'"

The Penn State student body, usually a pretty diverse and free thinking group, all came up with pretty much the same reaction to yesterday's news that, due to recruiting irregularities, the University of Oklahoma must forfeit eight of its wins, including the Sugar Bowl victory over Penn State. Almost all expressed the belief that the NCAA and Big Eight rules had nothing to do with the outcome of the Sugar Bowl. Oklahoma won and Penn State lost.

"They won the damn game," one HUB lounge announced. "I don't think the whole team should suffer and I don't think Oklahoma should be penalized. We played lousy and just because someone goofed, so what?"

"It doesn't matter as long as Tinker Owens is clean," a member of the campus leaf-rake corps said. "I don't

think it's worth all this mess. It's over so what's the difference?"

"I don't see that this should give Penn State a big head," a student campus patrolman added. "We just haven't won until we do it on the field. Even saying Penn State didn't lose isn't accurate."

One coed, after giving a ten minute explanation as to why she had no opinions at all on the subject, announced "that's very typical of college football in general. There's a lot of garbage going on. They just got caught. Everybody does it so I'm not surprised."

Many of the opinionated students put the responsibility for the whole affair on the Oklahoma coaches. Sooner offensive line coach Bill Michael was asked for his resignation shortly before the whole incident was made public.

"How could a college coach have no knowledge of one of his recruits being on campus for a weekend," one student questioned. "It would be kind of hard."

"I place all of the blame on Fairbanks," a dining hall worker said. "If a coach invited me to come to his school for a weekend when I was in

high school, I would have gone. And the head coach is in charge of his staff."

Lion tennis player Jan Bortner was questioned as he sat in the HUB's Lion's Den working on his dinner.

"Rules are strict so you've got to watch what you're doing," the Penn State sophomore said. "It's the coaches' responsibility since the players aren't aware of the rules. The coaches should know that. When I was recruited, I didn't know what the NCAA rules were."

Only one student expressed any elation at the news all day. "Yeah Penn State! That's worth an extra three rounds at the Den and the Brewery," he said.

Even the USG political candidates had a word or two on the football happenings.

"It's nice that it happened but Oklahoma still won the game," Mark Jinks offered.

Candidate Jim Cory concurred, but for somewhat different reasons. "I'm from Oklahoma City so I rooted for Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl—but don't print that until after the election."

Host Canadiens tonight Flyers drop bully role for finesse

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The upstart Philadelphia Flyers get the advantage of their home ice and crowd tonight for the first time in the third game of a thus far heart-stopping semi-final Stanley Cup playoff series against the Montreal Canadiens.

The best of seven game set is tied at one game each, with both victories scored in sudden death overtime at the Montreal Forum. Philadelphia took the opener Saturday night 5-4, while Montreal twice came from behind to finally capture the second game Tuesday night 4-3.

Montreal, which won the NHL East Division with a record low 10 defeats, eliminated the Buffalo Sabres in the Cup quarter-finals, and was favored to ease past the Flyers, especially in the first two games at home.

Philadelphia, however, has refused to roll over for the powerful Canadiens. The Flyers, who finished second in the West and dumped Minnesota in their quarter final series, went to Canada confident they could beat coach Scotty Bowman's veteran team.

The Flyers suggested the doubters take a look at the results of the regular season series between the teams. It wound up 2-2-1. They were one of two teams in the league who played at least even against the Canadiens. Coach Fred Shero said he expected

to win and his boast sounded anything but empty after his team came within inches of leaving Montreal with a solid 2-0 edge.

Philadelphia actually has changed its style in this series against Montreal. The Flyers set a league penalty record of 1,754 minutes during the regular season. They became known as league bullies, a team which tried to intimidate the opposition. Against Montreal, however, they've abandoned the tough approach for finesse and it's worked.

The Flyers offense, featuring 100-point scorers Bobby Clarke and Rick McLeish, Gary Dornhoffer, Bill Barber and Ross Lonsberry, has given the Canadiens' defense all it can handle, eight goals in two

games. The defense has forced Frank and Peter Mahovich, Yvan Courneyer and company to earn every goal scored.

Perhaps the big battle has been in the nets where Montreal's Ken Dryden and Philadelphia's Doug Favell have played super hockey against high powered offenses. Dryden led the league

with a 2.26 goal per game average. Favell's 2.83 was second only to Chicago's Tony Esposito in the West.

Tuesday night's overtime loss was the third straight sudden death game for the Flyers, who clinched their quarter-final series victory over Minnesota during an extra period, then played the pair against the Canadiens.

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GOLF
Penn State at Georgetown, 1 p.m.

TENNIS
Penn State at Georgetown, 1 p.m.
Dickinson at PSU Women, varsity courts, 1:30 p.m.

Netwomen host Dickinson

The women's tennis team will try to break into the win column today when it hosts Dickinson at 1:30 p.m. on the varsity courts.

Joan Nessler's netters, currently 0-1 after dropping their opening match to Maryland, will have to survive several lineup changes, but should have no trouble with the team they beat handily last year.

Carol Backenstose, the Lady Lions' only singles winner at Maryland, will play

in the number one singles position, followed by Anne Morton and Carolyn Smutzer in the second and third slots.

Peg Gerhart, who missed the Maryland match due to illness, will play fourth singles with Sue Cory moving up from the J.V. to take the number five position.

The teams of Judy Kalinyak-Tanya Romaniec and M.M. Kerns-Connie Bowker will play in the two doubles matches.

"We're having to move up two gals to singles that have never played varsity singles before," Nessler said, adding "I still think that we can

win."

"As far as being one of our toughest opponents, they're not. We have tougher ones coming."

—Steve Reitzel

Game cancelled

The Lion baseball team cancelled its contest with Gettysburg after a poor field and weather report yesterday. The game will be rescheduled, but no date has been given yet.

Penn State's next scheduled game is Saturday at 1 p.m. at Georgetown.

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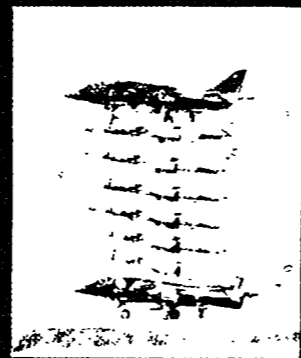
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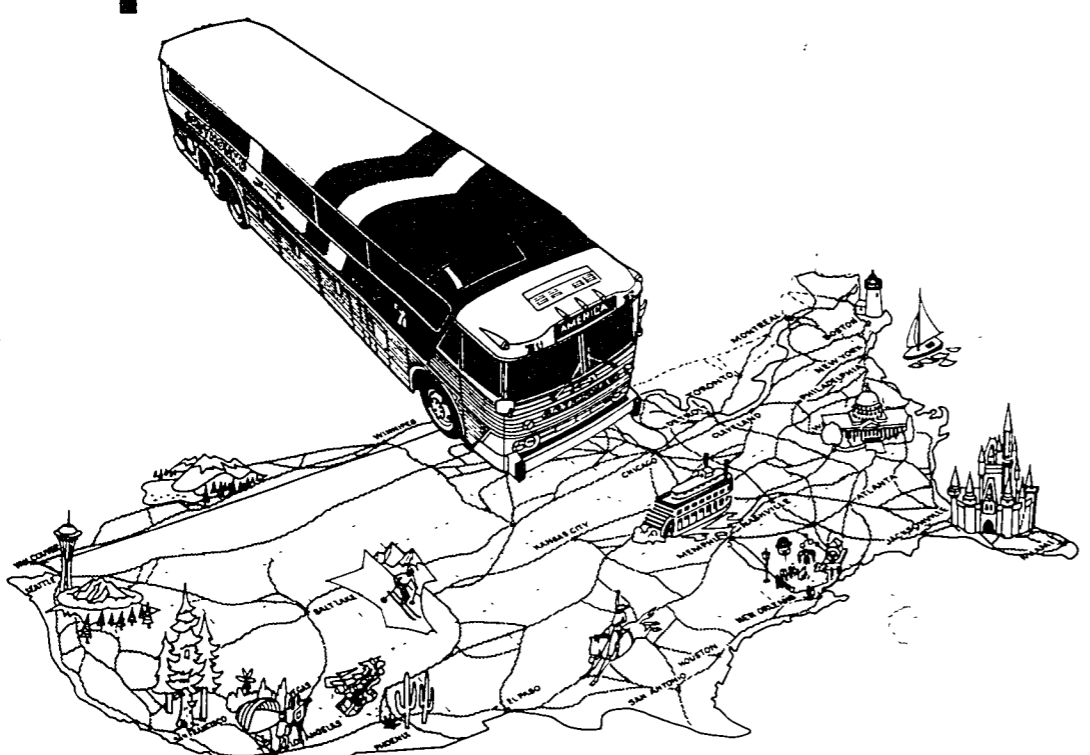
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