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Not again: The Paternos



Medlar wins toss, then coins phrase

You can see it in apprehensive eyes and you can hear about it in hurried, muffled whispers. There is nothing left to believe in. Nixon's credibility is exploding at the seams, the dollar is dying on foreign markets and Liza has broken with Desi for Peter. The Bucs are sputtering, Super Steve is not so, and Indy has seen more fire and rain than James Taylor.

But then, out of the blue, like Sky King flying off in the name of motherhood and Nabisco cookies comes the Paterno. Let it not be said that things are not as they once were, for, like the rusting Titanic, the Paternos will always be around.

Frankly, we're sorry. But tradition, the need to fill this space and our inability to unload the awards after each term implore that we present the Spring Paternos, once again, to those deserving, to those

undeserving and to all the rest who don't really care too much, anyway.

ATHLETE OF THE TERM — He almost knocked it into the woods during the first leg of qualifying for the U.S. Open, but two-time Eastern golf champ Dan O'Neill carried this Spring Paterno home. Netter Walker Shivar, until he lost to teammate Jan Bortner, was in the running, as were trackmen Charlie Maguire and Mike Sands, baseballer Dennie DeWitt and lacrosser Karl Hurtzig.

COACH OF THE TERM — A three-way tie here finally was broken by flipping a coin.

Golf coach Joe Boyle, whose team successfully defended its Eastern crown, was given heads; Holmes Cathrall, whose tennis team is favored to successfully defend its Eastern crown, was given tails. But baseball coach Chuck Medlar won the award when the coin stood on end. His team now the favorite to emerge as District 2's representative in the College World Series, Medlar was nonplussed by the tie-breaker. "That's baseball," he offered.

MINOR SPORT ATHLETE OF THE TERM — Little big man Jeff Keller — isn't that what we called him in a feature article — won this one almost by default. There wasn't exactly a truckload of minor — non-scholarship — sports this term.

WOMAN ATHLETE OF THE TERM — Carol Backenstose picked up a Spring Paterno here, presumably because her name's easier to pronounce than Dybalski, but that joke's a term late, anyway. Golfer



the next four but picked up a Spring Paterno here. The lacrossers, who were talking playoff when the season opened, almost blew the award by playing well in their last outing. But their disappointment still was greater than pitcher-outfielder Rick Sherkel's on the mound and assistant sports editor Rick Starr's on the typewriter.

QUOTES OF THE TERM: "The first mistake we made was allowing them to play the national anthem. Then we had to play the game." — lacrosse coach Dick Pencek after his team's 20-5 loss at Cortland.

"These matches are so cold you have to get drunk to stay at them." — assistant sports information director Barry Jones at the tennis match against Navy.

at matches like Rochester (a 9-0 Penn State rout) you have to COME drunk." — tennis player Doug Pollock at the tennis match against Navy.

"Aren't I supposed to be here." — freshman quarterback Rocco English, the victim of a practical joke, upon entering the Collegian office dressed in a suit and tie and carrying a football and an umbrella.



O'Neill: Easterns and now...this

Mrs. Holmes Cathrall to Bill Guthlein after a Collegian article on academics and the tennis schedule.

"Year in and year out, they're a fine team" — Chuck

"Beep-beep-beep-beep-beep-beep-beep-beep-beep-beep" — the telephone of women's golf coach Annette Thompson when the Collegian called her home 13 times one night to get the results of the past weekend's match. The Collegian lost.

"It took me 10 years to build up my tennis program and you ruin it with one article" —

Lukevics: Get that thing outta here!

Holmes Cathrall to Bill Guthlein after a Collegian article on academics and the tennis schedule.

"You thought that was a good article. I thought that was a horrible article" —

Medlar, before games with William and Mary (2), Villanova, Lafayette, Rutgers (2), Bucknell, Dickinson, Georgetown, West Virginia, Gettysburg, Rider (2), Delaware, Temple (2), Juniata, Buffalo (2), Pitt and Indiana (2).

There will be other awarus so those who did not receive Spring Paternos, and the accompanying Nabisco Fig Newtons, should not feel as bad as did assistant sports editor Mark Simenson when he did not receive one. "Sportswriting," said Simenson, "is no joke."

And neither, someone once joked, are the Paternos. So with at least one tradition still thriving, hopefully America will go on. While other ceremonies are coming and going, no doubt the Paternos will stay. Presumably, because nobody will take them away.



LaXers like Draino: down the drain

Bucs crush Braves with six run effort

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Luke Walker and Jim Rooker scattered seven hits and

Willie Stargell's 13th home run of the season helped the Pittsburgh Pirates to 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves last night.

Pittsburgh tagged loser Carl Morton, 4-4, for an unearned run in the second and added two more runs in the third on a pair of walks, a run-scoring single by Stargell and an infield out that produced another run.

Morton yielded two more

runs in the fourth, one scored on Walker's bunt single, and Stargell gave the Pirates a 6-0 lead in the fifth when he tagged Morton for a solo home run to dead center.

Walker, who pitched seven full innings before tiring, allowed five hits and surrendered the first Atlanta run in the sixth on Ralph Garr's triple and a single by Darrell Evans.

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Backenstose: what horizons are left?

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FRESHMAN ATHLETE OF THE TERM — Righthander Mitch Lukevics led the nation in strikeouts-per-inning but, more importantly, won himself a Spring Paterno over trackman Al Jackson, netter Miguel Maurtua, Hurtzig, and teammate Steve Correll. Not surprisingly, Lukevics threatened to brush back the entire Collegian sports staff when presented with his award. "Get that thing outta here!" he purportedly blurted.

DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE TERM — Penn State's lacrosse team, took two of its first three games, dropped

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