

# Cappy speaks from the heart, gives night to stricken brother



John Cappelletti adjusts his brother Joseph's tie before Heisman dinner

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NEW YORK — He took out his handkerchief and he cried into it because John Cappelletti loves his brother.

And when he dedicated the 39th John W. Heisman Trophy to Joseph, his little brother who is very seriously ill with leukemia, the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel here, and a national and world wide broadcast audience was saddened into silence last night.

As New York Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said, it was a message from the heart. And, truthfully, that's where it came to rest.

It was a long time coming. After waves of harmless ethnic and religious jokes, a ballroom Who's Who presentation, and an endless parade to the microphone by former Heisman Trophy winners, Penn State President John W. Oswald spoke. Coach Joe Paterno had his say and Vice President Gerald Ford used the occasion to talk on football's benefits and contributions and his short term in office.

Then Cappelletti accepted the Trophy from Vice-President Ford after a 30-second standing ovation.

Nervous at first, he began to speak.

"I guess I was blessed with a lot of natural ability," Cappelletti said, "but my brothers and sisters and my mother and father have had a lot to do with this award."

"My mother and father—there isn't a better couple around. My mother is a strong woman, dedicated to her husband and her children and God. The last one I'm sure has helped her in bringing us up."

"I guess you've noticed by now my legs aren't exactly as straight as arrows. At one time in my life, I couldn't walk, and she helped me through it. She did that for all of us."

Cappelletti talked warmly about his father, and then his coach, Paterno.

"It was a hard thing for me deciding to go to Penn State," he said. "When he used to come to my house, I think that besides recruiting he was after a good Italian meal."

"My brother Joe was lying on the couch, he was sick then, sicker than usual."

"Coach Paterno showed more concern for him than he did in recruiting me."

Recalling the time, John was stopped by his

emotions for a moment, then continued. "And my teammates, I haven't been closer to any group of people as I have to them. It takes a lot of hard work and I'm glad I could contribute."

"Backfield coach Bob Phillips gave us a healthy and bright attitude, he told us we were out there to accomplish something and I'd like to thank him for that."

Then John, choking each word, once crying, gave his night to his brother.

"I've been thinking about this since I was announced as the winner about 10 days ago. I'd like to dedicate the Trophy. I'd like to dedicate this Trophy for Joseph."

"He has leukemia and perhaps this will give him a few happy days..."

The words fell off as he began to cry.

"For Joseph, it's a year-round battle. He's been an inspiration for me. He puts up with more than I'll ever be able to put up with, so this trophy is more his than mine."

"I'd like to thank you people for putting up with me tonight. I don't think I'll ever forget this."

Archbishop Sheen then closed the dinner. "John was made from Joseph," he said.

## Audience up and down with speakers

By BILL GUTHLEIN  
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NEW YORK—Joe Paterno charmed the Heisman trophy audience with his homey wit. Vice President Gerald Ford awed them with his presence. But it was John Cappelletti who upstaged everyone from Archbishop Fulton Sheen to emcee Al Helfer with his poignant speech and dedication of his trophy to his brother, Joseph.

Sobbing into the microphone before a world-wide audience, the senior tailback dedicated the coveted award to his brother who is suffering from leukemia.

The night began innocently with the innovation by

Archbishop Sheen and some tired stories.

University President John W. Oswald was on hand to praise Cappelletti. Then Helfer returned to introduce Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp. After praising the governor for "taking time from his heavy schedule to be here tonight," he was forced to return to the podium.

"I'm sorry, we have just received word Governor Shapp will not be with us this evening, but we know his presence will be here in spirit."

A bit flustered, he introduced Paterno who quickly turned the audience's mind from the blunder.

"That's okay," Paterno

quipped, "I look a little like the governor."

Paterno could have doubled for a professional comedian as he upstaged the real pros with a few personal stories. He talked of his mother who says three novenas a day during the football season for a Penn State victory.

Paterno also revealed that Steeler owner Art Rooney once offered to trade his brother and two sisters for Joe's mother.

Paterno had his serious moments, too. He praised Cappelletti and told the audience that his tailback fully deserved the honor.

"I was once offered a lot of money and I considered very seriously leaving," Paterno

## Cagers go tourney road

By CHANCE CONNER  
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Two tourneys and 20 wins. Penn State's basketball team (2-1) finds out this weekend if the first part of the season goal can be realized. The cagers are in scenic Salt Lake City for the Utah Classic. Later in the month, Penn State appears in the Quaker City Tournament in Philadelphia.

The Nittany Lions open the tournament against Seattle (1-2) tonight at 11 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). Dartmouth and Utah meet in the first game at 7 p.m. The winners and losers play Saturday.

Seattle's lone win is over Gonzaga University (Wash.), while losing to Washington and Utah State.

The Chieftans are paced by sophomore guard Frank Oleynick, 6-2, who is averaging 26 points a game this year. Oleynick was named Rookie of the Year in the West Coast Athletic Conference last season.

Second year coach Bill O'Connor has two more aces in seniors Rod Derline and Ron Howard. Derline is a 6-4 guard who averages 16.2 points a game. Co-captain Howard is a 6-4 forward who does most of the rebounding for Seattle, and hits at a 10.9 clip.

Dartmouth is 0-2, having lost to Holy Cross and Harvard.

The Big Green's leading scorer is forward Adam Sutton, averaging 21 points

per game. Senior Bill Raynor is the playmaker for coach Tom O'Connor's Ivies. Raynor was named the Ivy League Sophomore of the Year in 1972.

Host team Utah appears to be the powerhouse of the tournament. The Utes are 3-1, having beaten Southern Cal, Utah State, and Loyola of L.A. Their only loss was to Kansas State.

Senior guard Tyrone Medley is the high scorer, scores about 20 a game, with 6-8 Mike Sojourner, a Philadelphia product, close behind at 19 points and 13 rebounds per game.

Sophomores Chas Menatti, a 6-8 forward, and Luther "Ticky" Burden, a 6-2 guard, average 17 points apiece.

Meanwhile, Penn State must bounce back from a 72-65 defeat by Ohio State in Columbus last Saturday.

"We have to regroup and come back from a tough loss," says Lion coach John Bach. "We will need a strong effort to win the Utah tournament."

Penn State was forced to play much of the second half at Ohio State without its front line of 6-9 Randy Meister, 6-7 Dave Angstadt, and 6-5 John Marshall. The M&M boys tumbled out of the game and Angstadt sprained an ankle. "We just couldn't get enough of our big men to win the game," Bach said afterward.

With Angstadt out for at least two weeks, Ron Brown

was moved back to forward where he played last year. Keenan Preston, a starter much of last season, joins regular Kevin Burke in the backcourt.

Brown, a 6-4 senior, scored 26 points against Ohio State.

By DICK DUNKEL  
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Can UCLA's basketball supremacy be on the wane? Not likely, most of us say. But the Bruins do rate eight points lower on the Dunkel Index now than they did at

MAJOR LEADERS	Points	Rebounds
UCLA	81.0	67.0
N.C. State	82.3	67.0
Notre Dame	77.4	68.8
Maryland	76.2	68.8
Indiana	74.8	68.8
Marquette	74.8	68.8
N. Carolina	74.6	68.8
Memphis	73.7	68.8
Houston	70.1	68.8
Long Beach	70.0	68.8
Arizona	69.9	68.8
Providence	69.7	68.8
S. Francisco	69.5	68.8
Pittsburgh	69.1	68.8
Cincinnati	69.1	68.8
Wisconsin	69.1	68.8
S. Carolina	68.7	68.8
St. Joseph, Pa.	68.5	68.8
Ohio State	67.8	68.8
Iowa	67.1	68.8
Alabama	67.4	68.8
UCLA	67.1	68.8
Louisville	67.0	68.8

MINOR LEADERS	Points	Rebounds
Va. Com.	64.2	56.0
Ky. Wesleyan	60.3	56.0
Tenn. State	59.8	56.0
Akron	58.2	56.0
Evansville	57.9	56.0
S. Houston	57.6	56.0
La. Tech.	57.4	56.0
Ky. State	56.3	56.0
Mercer	56.3	56.0
Montana St.	55.3	56.0
Lincoln, Mo.	56.0	56.0
Ronoke	56.0	56.0
A. S. Tiana, Ill.	56.0	56.0
Guilford	56.0	56.0
Wis. W. W. W.	56.0	56.0
McNeese	55.4	56.0
Xavier, La.	55.3	56.0
Alcorn	54.1	56.0
Capital	54.1	56.0
Old Dom'n	54.1	56.0

## Team play foundation of UCLA basketball success

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Tommy Curtis averaged 33 points a game as a high school senior and only about five so far in his varsity basketball career at UCLA.

Does that make the 5-foot-11 senior guard a failure?

If it does, then so are Keith Wilkes, Greg Lee and other Bruins—even big Bill Walton. They all scored more in high school.

Collectively, they and others at UCLA have achieved phenomenal success—78 consecutive victories going into tomorrow's crucial game against No. 2 ranked North Carolina State at St. Louis. "One of the main reasons I

chose UCLA was the team concept," said Curtis, an all-Florida prepster in Tallahassee. "In high school, things centered around Tommy Curtis. Oh, I enjoyed it, although it was uncomfortable at times. I wanted to go where I could play team defense and team offense."

And that's just what he's doing at UCLA in becoming another part of Coach John

Wooden's remarkable success story.

Communication, a sense of togetherness, prevails in UCLA basketball, said Curtis, who points to Wooden as the primary reason.

Wooden and his assistants "recruit guys who strive to win at life, not only at basketball," Curtis said. "That's why Coach Wooden's philosophy is so beautiful. He not only coaches basketball,

he coaches life.

"It's no coincidence 92 percent of the basketball players here on scholarship have graduated. It's no coincidence that many guys succeed not only in basketball but in business."

"They see Coach Wooden in his humbleness—going out of his way attempting to be humble—when everything around him is challenging his

ego because the man is more than men could hope to become."

Curtis said Wooden's nine NCAA championships in the last 10 years result from blending high school all-anything into comrades on and off the court.

"There's no way to win the amount of games Coach Wooden has won if the players didn't get along. We communicate."

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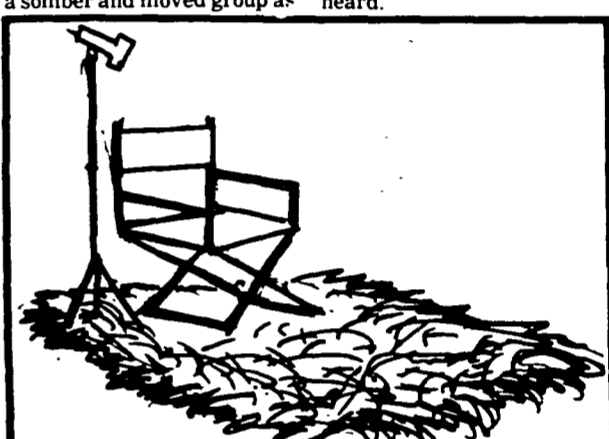
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said. "But when it comes right down to it no amount of money could replace the satisfaction of coaching John Cappelletti.

The gay and somewhat frivolous audience turned into a somber and moved group as



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