

# Desiderata revisited: A grid fan's version of the philosophy

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Legend has it that the Desiderata was found on the ceiling of a medieval church under many layers of plaster. It was translated into English by a dusty intellectual interested only in accuracy. His version appears on the left. If he had been a college football fan, it would have come out something like the version on the right. This experimental translation is only for the fun and amusement of a feeble brain . . . mine.

Go placidly amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud & aggressive persons; they are the vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether for not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Go plaster your man's nose into his face & remember to get a piece of your assignment. As far as possible without being penalized put the hurt on all persons.

Spit out your teeth quickly & early. Listen to others, even the dull and ignorant officials; they too have their story, and theirs is the one that counts. Date the well-endowed & barely dressed cheerleaders; they are sex symbols to the students.

If you compare yourself with others you will get a bad reputation. Always there will be persons with greater & lesser publicity than yourself. Enjoy your teammates and your fans.

Keep interested in your career statistics; they are an obsession that can make you a fortune in time. Exercise a lot. Have caution in your pass rush; for the game is full of tricky draw and screen plays.

But let this not blind you to how short-lived Fame is; many persons drive classy wheels; and everywhere sports pages are full of hero worship.

Beef yourself up. Especially, do not show pain or affliction. Neither turn sick at the sight of blood; for in the face of 250-pound linebackers it is perennially spilling on the grass.

Take kindly the guzzling of the beers, gratefully swallowing the drinks of alumni. Let the strength of the spirits psyche you in celebrating victory, but do not try to impress your friends with can-crushings. Many beers are thrown down in frats or Wales Tales. Beyond a holy Budweiser, drink only Gennesee yourself.

You are admired on campus, no less than Doonesbury and the bars; you have the right to play here. And whether or not they are near to you, no doubt the dollars are unfolding at the Athletic Department as they should.

Therefore be at peace with your coach, whatever you conceive Him to be, and never mind your neighbors and asinine people and the nosy intrusions of campus life, keep a piece of your sanity.

With all its trips to Miami, Dallas and New Orleans, it is a helluva game. Be confident. Strive to be No. 1.

# Temple next for Lions

By PETE DOUGHERTY  
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RALEIGH, N.C. — Having successfully — if not convincingly — taken care of North Carolina State here Saturday, the Penn State football team (8-1) now begins preparation for its annual clash with the University of Pittsburgh.

But wait. Isn't there a game stuck in the schedule between the Wolfpack encounter and the Nov. 26 clash with Pitt?

Actually, there is. Somehow the Temple game, which seems to pop up at varying times from year to year, this year serves as the warmup for the bitter rivalry with the Panthers.

## Analysis

It would appear the most inopportune of times for one of Penn State's weakest opponents to crop up on the schedule. Perhaps it is unfortunate. But after Saturday, one tends to believe the Nittany Lions will be better off with a "breather" before their regular-season finale.

It was a satisfying win, and no doubt confidence was gained, but the Lions must come back with a strong effort against Temple.

For several reasons, Penn State needs an opponent like Temple.

First, it should do wonders as a confidence builder. Sure, the Lions looked impressive coming from behind to beat N.C. State, but after all, the Wolfpack is unranked, no matter how underrated they might be.

Also, it should give some of the walking wounded time to recover more fully from those nagging injuries. Although the six starters who missed the Miami game two weeks ago — John Dunn, Steve Geise, Ron Hostetler, Gary Petercuskie, Bill Banks, and Joe Lally — all played at least some Saturday, new names have appeared on the list. Included now are starting right tackle Keith Dorney and backup safety (but Petercuskie's replacement) Pete Harris.

If there is a bad aspect, it would have to be the possible loss of momentum. Against N.C. State, the Lions were impressive in sweeping victory from the jaws of defeat.

"I thought we showed things you like to see in a team that you hope is going to be a good one someday," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said, "the ability to come back, to withstand adversity away from home and make a drive in the clutch when they had to make it."



Photo by Ken Kasper

North Carolina State's Ted Brown was so elusive Saturday that Penn State defenders were grabbing nothing but shirt many times — which explains why he is wearing No. 15 in this picture. Brown had so many of his tear-away jerseys torn that he had to start wearing another number.

But, despite Paterno's additional comment of "you never know, you may have to do it against Temple," the prospects are highly unlikely. Mostly, the game with the Owls should test the readiness of those who have been injured and the ability of their replacements to see if they can hold their jobs.

Offensively, the only thing of note besides the absence of Dorney, was that Geise was in for every offensive play. It's interesting in that he missed the Miami game, and even before then backups Booker Moore and Ed Guthrie had both seen a fair amount of time.

The unit as a whole appears to be stable. Quarterback Chuck Fusina moved the offense well, although the Lions had trouble putting points on the board because of field position.

On defense, work needs to be done — or so it would seem off the N.C. State game. For the first time this year, the line was continually beaten at the line of scrimmage. Whether it was an off game, or a tricky Wishbone offense, or something else is uncertain.

The secondary wasn't tested against the pass, although it probably had a season-high total of tackles because of the elusiveness of Ted Brown, who repeatedly broke into the Penn State backfield.

Although the defense also ended the N.C. State game with a bright note — stopping the Wolfpack's comeback effort in the game's final minute — it especially will want to hone its attack with the Pitt Panthers on the horizon.

## Accept bid to Eastern regionals

# Lady volleyballers entertain Pitt

By RICH TABIN  
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The Penn State women's volleyball team yesterday accepted a bid to the Eastern regional playoff tournament in only its second year of competition as a varsity sport.

In what shapes up as a post-season preview, the Lady Lions meet the tourney's fifth-seeded team, Pitt, tonight at 7 p.m. in Rec Hall and try to improve on their 21-13 record.

Although Penn State's record is almost as good as Pitt's (20-11), Coach Tom Tait had much praise for the Pantherettes.

"At the start of the season Pitt was ranked by everyone as the No. 1 team in the East," Tait said.

"They have four girls who played for the Eastern United States national team

## Ruggers blank Lancaster

The Penn State rugby team defeated Lancaster on Sunday by a score of 10-0.

It was the tough defense that led Penn State to victory. The defense has now yielded an average of less than seven points per game.

Penn State will close out its season on Saturday by hosting Harrisburg.

(a top amateur all-star club), before our season began," he added. "One of them, Maria Perez, has a knee injury and her absence is the main reason why that team isn't undefeated this year."

"She was the spark plug of their team," Tait continued. "As a result of her absence, they have not been as awesome as many people thought they would. Still, they are an excellent team."

Another Pantherette, Ingrid Mueller, who Tait calls a "phenomenal athlete," is rated by many of her colleagues as the top spiker in the East.

Tait believes the secret to defeating Pitt is strong offensive play; but even more important, that the girls not be intimidated by their opponent's offensive line power.

"They are much bigger than us," he said. "It's important that our girls don't falter mentally from any spectacular plays Pitt may make because of their size."

"We have to play one point at a time," he added. "If we can go with that philosophy in mind we have a real shot at beating them."

And that brings us back to the Eastern regional playoff tourney being held at

Oswego State University of New York on November 19-20.

Although Tait was pleased with the invitation, he took it matter-of-factly because after the Lady Lions' big win over Penn, he expected his club to gain a bid.

"There isn't a team in the East that is unbeatable," he said, assessing his club's chances. "I feel we are capable of beating just about anybody in the East if we play our brand of ball."

Penn State is seeded eighth in the 16-team post-season invitational. Included in the Lady Lions' first bracket of play are Edinboro, Cortland, and Syracuse — seeded fourth, 12th, and 16th, respectively.

The top three seeds in the tournament will be Delaware, Maryland and Temple, in order from highest to lowest. Penn is seeded ninth, just behind Penn State.

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# Steeler horses stall, Rooney's not worried

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The performance of the Pittsburgh Steelers this season has prompted owner Art Rooney to consider unusual names for his two new thoroughbred race horses — "What Happened," and "What's The Trouble."

"I've heard those questions a lot," the 76-year-old Rooney said. "I wish I knew the answers."

The Steelers, 4-4, are troubled by injuries, contract hassles and penalties. "We're a good ballclub that just hasn't put it together," Rooney said, "but I think we have just as good a chance to win our division as Cleveland, Houston or Cincinnati."

It's true that a victory here Sunday over Cleveland would put Pittsburgh back into a tie for first in pro football's tightest division race, the American Conference Central.

abrupt turnabout, which they didn't do Sunday in a 21-7 loss to the Broncos in Denver.

The Steelers, who escaped serious injuries in recent seasons, lost two more players Sunday. Defensive linemen L.C. Greenwood and John Banaszak will be out indefinitely with knee injuries.

In addition, the Steelers were smitten with 12 penalties in Denver, raising their league-leading total to 78 infractions for minus 606 yards.

The Steelers also lead the league with 34 turnovers, which include 17 pass interceptions and 17 fumbles.

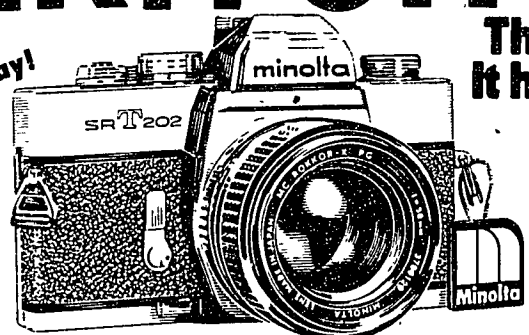
And the club's been hampered by assorted contract holdouts. The latest came when safety Glen Edwards left the team last week.

Despite all those woes, Rooney figures the Steelers can still finish atop the division.

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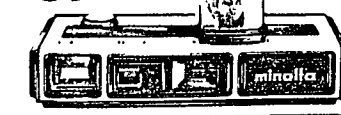
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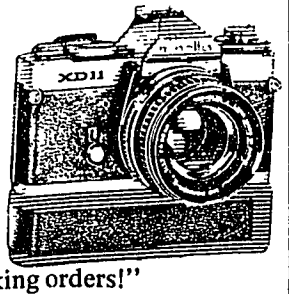
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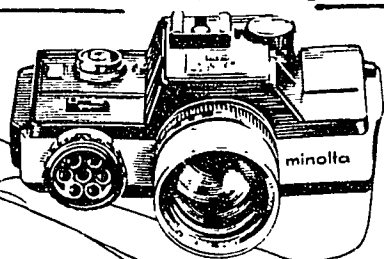
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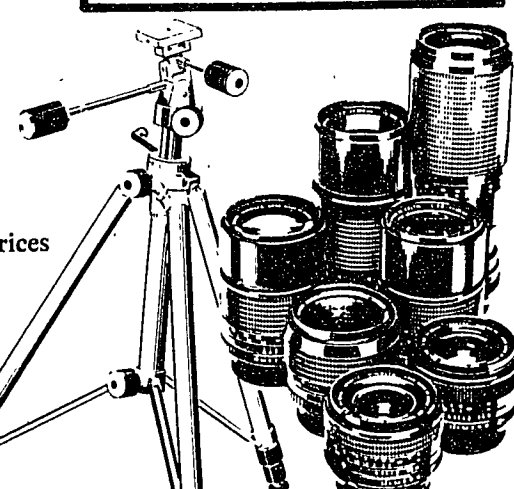


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