

## Behind the Bench

Letters to the sports editor

### Coach claims coverage inaccurate

This letter was written in regards to a story by George Berman on Oct. 31. Your article on the Central Collegiate Cross Country Championship certainly was an unintelligent slap at our cross country teams for the past three years. Since you have absolutely no knowledge of the 1975 and a 1976 teams, how could you include them in your "fell flat on their face" remarks? The assumption of "falling flat on its face" for this year's team is equally inaccurate.

If your goal is to "use" people, you have done an excellent job. If you are after the truth which you claimed you were in September ("I owe it to my readers to give them the truth"), then get the truth and not your own distorted opinion. You were given all the information requested. Your conclusions were unfounded and a great injustice to our athletes and frankly requires an apology to the team.

How can you knock something or people in an activity in which you have no background or knowledge? In your play to whomever you think appreciates such poor reporting, you "used" our athletes and program for your own end. That reflects poor judgement and still poor taste, but then, what could we really expect?

Harry R. Groves  
Head Cross Country Coach

### The rat and his pack are back

Twas a cold November eve when the Rat brought his pack back,  
Twas a cold November eve that they would have to pick up the slack;  
But Nittany Lion fans could stand to wait,  
For they knew the Panthers would soon meet their fate.

For weeks the tension had mounted,  
"Revenge" the State fans had shouted!  
The Rat and his Pack were cool,  
For this year Paterno had an offense that could fool

The first half saw Fusina passes filling the Steel City sky,  
While the Nittany Lion defense handled Pitt like a piece of pie;  
The Panther fans grew worried, and "Where's Dorsett?" they exclaimed,  
While Penn State fans chanted back "You better forget about past fame."

Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill looked on with disbelief,  
For what he had heard of the Big Blue Machine was causing him much grief;  
While across the way everyone's favorite Pizanno sighed,  
"Just like old times, no?"

What would soon add to their cold shivers,  
Why, they landed in the Three Rivers;  
As the Lion strained for his last push-up,  
All Penn State critics began to shut up.

The job was done,  
Revenge had been sweet and fun;  
The Rat and his pack in the groove,  
The Panthers were down the tubes!

Ned Shaffer  
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## Colgate makes big jump; Penn State remains ninth

By The Associated Press  
Texas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Colgate, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Michigan.

Tiny Colgate might sound and look funny nestled among college football's elite teams, but the Red Raiders of the Chenango Valley are there—courtesy of their 9-0 record and their position as the No. 20 team in The Associated Press' poll.

Penn State remained in ninth place. The little school in Hamilton, N.Y. with an enrollment of 2,500 gained entrance into The AP rankings for the first time ever.

Colgate plays Northeastern and Delaware the next two weekends in its bid for its first undefeated season since 1932.

A more established football powerhouse, Texas, 8-0, must get by Texas Christian, Baylor and Texas A&M to remain undefeated. The Longhorns

were voted No. 1 for the third week in a row, picking up 61 first-place ballots and 1,308 of a possible 1,320 points from the 66 voters.

By The Associated Press  
The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

1. Texas (61)	8-0-0	1,308
2. Alabama (2)	8-1-0	1,072
3. Oklahoma	8-1-0	1,020
4. Ohio State	8-1-0	908
5. Notre Dame (2)	7-1-0	798
6. Michigan	8-1-0	688
7. Kentucky (1)	8-1-0	568
8. Arkansas	7-1-0	536
9. Penn State	8-1-0	464
10. Pitt	7-1-1	339
11. Texas A&M	6-1-0	331
12. Nebraska	7-2-0	324
13. Brigham Young	7-1-0	163
14. Southern Cal	6-3-0	94
15. Clemson	7-1-1	87
16. Florida State	7-1-0	60
17. Arizona State	7-1-0	54
18. Texas Tech	6-2-0	24
19. North Carolina	6-2-1	16
20. Colgate	9-0-0	8

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