

Societies may be past their heyday

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to one source who asked not to be identified, that Penn State has another secret society modeled after the Ivy League tradition.

The source said the name of the group is so secret that if someone is heard to say it that person can never become a member of the group. And if the name is disclosed by a member, that person will be ejected.

The group is said to choose only members who are going to gain national prestige and bring attention to Penn State.

No one, including administrators and Lion's Paw alumni, could confirm the rumor. Craig Millar, assistant vice president for student services, said he heard a similar rumor but doubted its credibility because he has interviewed several Penn State students to become Rhodes Scholars and "if any student would be included because they are exceptional it would be them, and I've never come across something like that."

'Lion's Paw is just members trying to be of service.'

— Ross Lehman

Despite the intrigue, the rumors and the allure, some think the days of secret societies are ending. Ron Rosenbaum, a writer who exposed the secrets of Yale's Skull and Bones, wrote that although it was one of the most influential secret societies in the nation, it is also one of the last, because people just don't like to keep secrets anymore.

After the UVA incident, said German, "We may be seeing a change in the era of the secret society. They were traditions of honor and philanthropy, but maybe they shouldn't be regarded as always doing right."

"They seem to be an outgrowth of a time that is no longer here. I suppose that's a shame," he said.

Pa. continues running surplus

Pennsylvania revenues totaled \$50 million more than the official estimate for the first three months of the fiscal year, marking the third consecutive year the state has experienced a budget surplus.

The surplus is being generated by productivity and cost reductions of Gov. Dick Thornburgh's administration, and economic growth in the state, said the governor's deputy press secretary, Mike Moyle.

Deciding where the funds are to be allocated and whether the University will benefit, however, is up to the next administration, Moyle said. In 1984 and 1985 the state had surpluses of more than \$200 million.

Thornburgh has said that he would like to see the funds go to aiding local governments throughout the state. Republican gubernatorial candidate and current Lt. Gov. William Scranton would also like to see the funds allocated to

local governments, but said that funding to higher and basic education is his first priority.

Penn State will definitely be included in the schools that receive funds, said Scranton's press secretary, John Baer.

Bob Casey, Scranton's Democratic challenger, said that, if elected, Casey would like to see the surplus funds spent on higher education. The University would benefit from an increase over the \$182 million already appropriated in July, said Pat McCarthy, Casey's press secretary.

McCarthy said the University would also receive more high-tech equipment for biotechnology and artificial intelligence under the Casey's "Centers for Excellence" program — which would bring leaders in business, labor and government together with higher education institutions to promote future high-tech industries.

— by Shelly Napoli

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PENN STATE (4-0)
Nickname: Nittany Lions
Head Coach: Joe Paterno, 21st season (191-44-2)
Last Game: Defeated Rutgers, 31-6
Offensive System: Multiple
Defensive System: 3-4
Lettermen Returning: 50
Lettermen Lost: 17

CINCINNATI (3-2)
Nickname: Bearcats
Head Coach: Dave Currey, 3rd season (10-17)
Last Game: Defeated Louisville, 24-17
Offensive System: Multiple pro set
Defensive System: Multiple 4-3
Lettermen Returning: 51
Lettermen Lost: 12

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Bearcat hunt: Lions take 'turkey' Cincinnati seriously

By MARK ASHENFELTER
Collegian Sports Writer

Joe Paterno said the recent nip in the air finally makes it feel like football season. As long as no one reminds him that fall also marks the start of hunting season — turkey season to be specific — everything should remain peaceful in Happy Valley.

During his weekly conference call, a reporter suggested to Paterno that the No. 5 Nittany Lions achieved their 4-0 record by playing turkeys.

Paterno had heard the criticism before, but this time the trigger-happy coach fired away at the questioner. He said Temple, Boston College and Rutgers are building their programs and will continue to be on the schedule. It's his program and he'll schedule whoever he pleases, thank you very much.

Which brings us to this week's powerhouse, the University of Cincinnati. The Bearcats will be the latest team to put their necks on the chopping block when they line up on the sidelines against the Lions tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in Beaver Stadium.

Sure, the Bearcats have a winning record (3-2) and they did give the Lions a hard time before dropping a 31-10 decision last year, but they were also crushed 48-28 by Rutgers three weeks ago. Last week the Scarlet Knights fell 31-6 to the Lions.

The Lions' resurgent offense has averaged 36 points per game and has yet to perform at peak efficiency. Paterno said the team must show some improvement if it is to handle the Bearcats' defense.

Despite allowing an average of 406.4 yards per game, Paterno said the Bearcats have a defensive alignment unlike any his team has seen thus far. His biggest concern is outside linebacker Alex Gordon, who leads the team with 47 tackles.

"This is entirely different than any (defense) we've played," he said. "They're a four-deep scheme. They gave us a lot of pro football-type coverage. We didn't do a particularly good job against them and we're trying to do a better job."

Some might say it's the first time the Lions' offense has been tested, but split end Ray Roundtree disagrees, saying each of the first four games has presented a challenge.

"I think we've been tested every week," he said. "A different team poses a different kind of contest for you and you've got to overcome whatever they throw at you and do the job that you can."

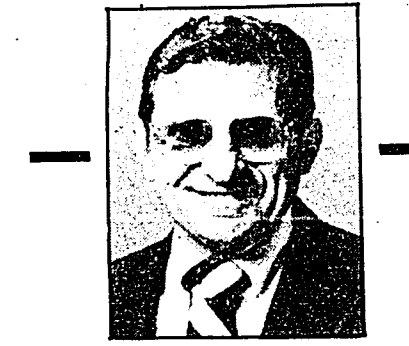
One thing being thrown at the Lions is constant coverage on the tight ends. Only 16 passes have headed in their general direction through four games and only six have been caught.

Paterno said the Lions just take advantage of what the opposing defense gives them and he knows the tight ends will soon have a chance to shine. Tight end Brian Siverling, who has five receptions, expects things to change tomorrow.

"I think it's tough for the Bearcats to cover the intermediate zones (with their defense)," he said. "Their defensive ends do a really good job of holding up the counter moves, we can get away from them. The backs and the tight ends should have a good game."



Penn State fullback Tim Manoa is tripped up by a Cincinnati defender as he sashes ahead for yardage last season at Riverfront Stadium. The Lions survived an early Bearcat scare to win the game, 31-10, and secure a No. 1 ranking.



"They gave us a lot of problems last year. We didn't do a particularly good job against them and we're trying to do a better job... we're going to have to be much more precise in what we're doing because it's a different kind of defense."

— Joe Paterno, football coach

McKinney will start at tailback and Taylor, who suffered a hip pointer last week, will see limited action at best. Taylor gained 129 yards in 25 carries against the Lions in '85.

All eyes will now focus on quarterback Danny McCoin, who's completed 116 of 172 passes for 1,428 yards and 10 touchdowns against six interceptions. He's ranked sixth in the nation in total offense and eighth in passing efficiency. His main targets are Jason Stargel (24

catches, four touchdowns) and Joe Hise (23 and one).

Paterno said that McCoin, a red-shirt junior, has greatly benefited from an additional year of experience. In last season's loss to the Lions, McCoin completed 15 of 27 passes for 127 yards, but was intercepted twice.

"They have a quarterback who knows where people are," Paterno said. "He's not a great runner, but he's tough to sack because he

Bearcats seek upset, satisfaction vs. Lions

By MATT HERB
Collegian Sports Writer

For winning last week's game with archrival Louisville, the Cincinnati Bearcats earned a traditional prize throughout its 102-year history. They call it the Victory Bell.

There's a trend here. If you want to know why Cincinnati has posted such mediocre records throughout its 102-year history, just think how you'd feel with a good half ton of lumber and finishing nails clattering up your trophy case. Should it be evidence that the Bearcats aren't trying too hard to upgrade their image, the schedule. Cincinnati tries to pull itself up to national respectability by its own bootstraps and it hires the likes of Penn State, Miami, Alabama, and Auburn to tie its shoelaces together in the meantime.

Those first three teams beat Cincinnati by a combined score of 114-20 last off the schedule and is replaced by Auburn. If the Bearcats are looking to upgrade their program, they're starting from the wrong end. They should have checked with Penn State on how it's really done.

Reporters can call their first four opponents "turkeys." Fans can lose millions in potential scalping revenue. Penn State still gets the rankings, the bowls and the TV bucks.

When Cincinnati wins, it gets hard-ware as a doorprize.

"I hardly ever see it," Bearcat

quarterback Danny McCoin said of the Keg of Nails, not choking back any tears.

What does Cincinnati get for upsetting Penn State? "The satisfaction of beating one of the best teams in the nation," McCoin said. "I think that's enough."

Maybe it shouldn't be. Maybe they should get a Keg of Vidéotapes.

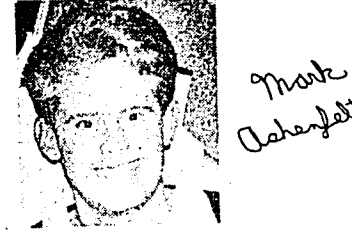
Wins over Penn State have to last a long time for the Bearcats. And they'd have to have some way of proving it actually happened. Cincinnati really did beat the Lions when they were coming off their national championship season in 1983, and according to McCoin it hasn't been forgotten.

"The alumni and fans talk about it," McCoin said. "It doesn't really affect us. We remember it happened. It happened once, it could happen again."

If it does happen again, McCoin will have to play no small part in the victory. The 32 Bearcats are winning all right, on the strength of a high-flying offense, and in spite of a mediocre defense.

"We will be playing one of the finest football programs and facing one of the class head coaches in all of college football this week," Cincinnati Head Coach Dave Currey said of Penn State and its head coach, Joe Paterno. "We have got to find a way to play perfect football if we are to have a chance. Our goal is to put together a good offensive and defensive effort, something we have yet to do this season."

Using a sort of "run and shoot" offense, McCoin has passed for 1,238 yards this season and has an astounding completion percentage of 67 percent.



Knizner remains patient

After a summer in which Matt Knizner heard countless people tell him the starting quarterback job was his for the taking, it would be understandable if he was already looking forward to next year.

Instead of starting for the Lions, the red-shirt junior spends most of his time watching John Shaffer roll up impressive statistics, and the team cruise to a 4-0 record.

"I'm not looking forward to next year at all," he said. "I'm taking this year as it comes, you never know when I'll be needed as a starter here. I go right now and try to get as much experience as I can. Next year's a long way away."

Paterno says that he's still counting on Knizner to play a large role in the team's success — this year. He's glad Knizner has gotten a lot of playing time and isn't disappointed with his play.

"I think Knizner is a fine quarterback, he did some things well (against Rutgers)," Paterno said. "He ran the club well, he had a lot of bounce in there."

"He's becoming a fine leader, he's taking charge of that team. It's just great that he's getting the feel of being good and I think that's a big dividend."

Although he's satisfied his coach with his play, Knizner is hoping to change a clutch situation before the season is over. He proved what he could do last year, when he completed a pass for a touchdown against Alabama.

It wasn't an ordinary touchdown when Shaffer was shaken up and reached the end zone on his first — and last — play from scrimmage on the day.

Now, however, he enters the game with the outcome out of his hands. It's not the type of situation a quarterback dreams of.

"You're brought in in situations where it's tough to keep your concentration, the damps, but that's the nature of the game," he said of the second offensive unit. "We're struggling right now. (Against Rutgers) I thought we were playing really well (two weeks ago) we played really well. But I think there's still a lot of room for improvement."

Knizner said he has days when he's down in the dumps, but that his teammates on the second unit boost his spirits. He said everyone has days when the disappointments of not starting catch up with them, but he said it's a matter of pressing on.

"Your time is always going to come," Knizner said. "My definition of luck is when preparation meets opportunity. As long as I'm prepared, my opportunity is going to come and that's how I look at things."

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