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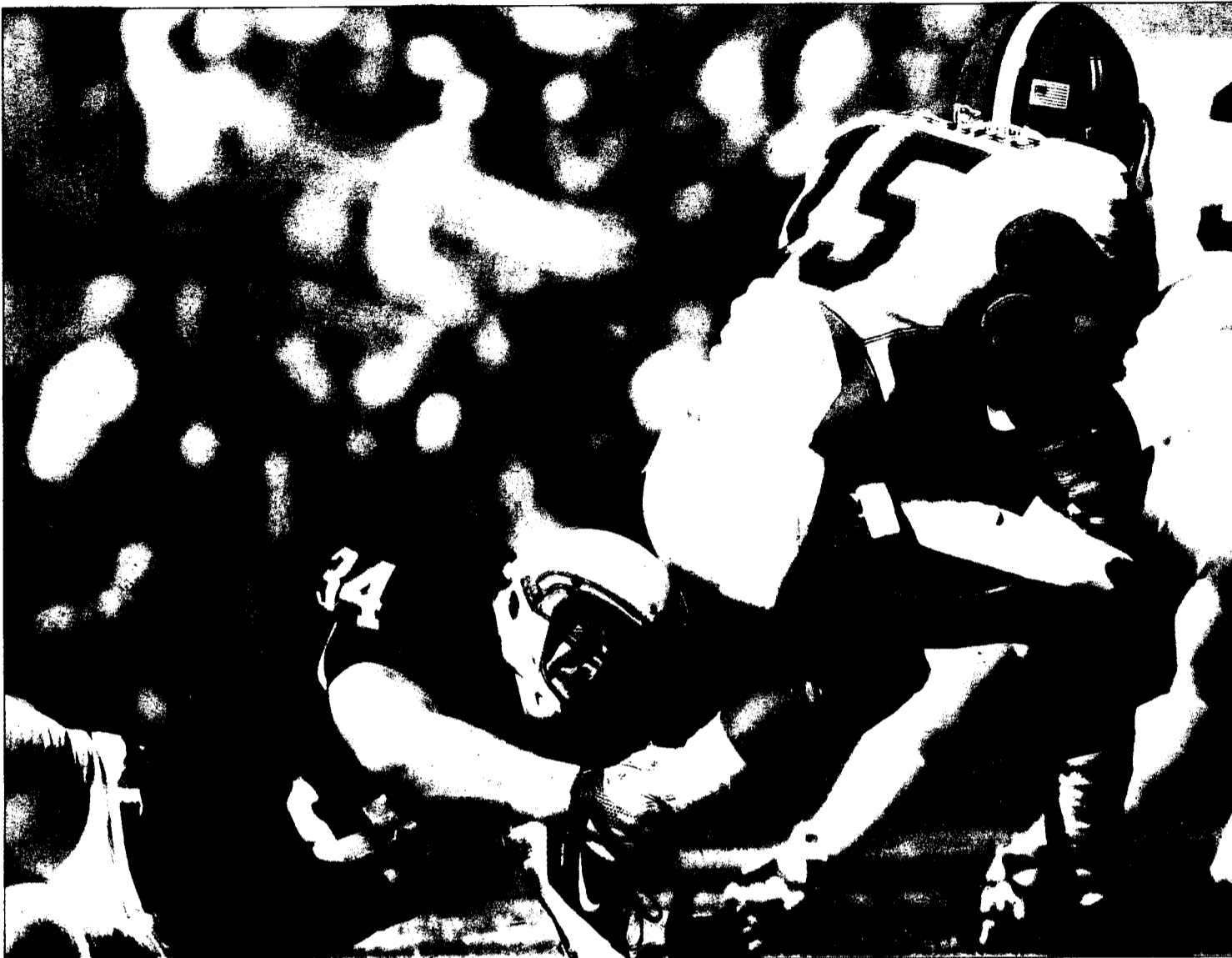
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'WE STUNK'



Nate Stupar (34) attempts to tackle Darius Millines (15) on Saturday. The Nittany Lions struggled during their 33-13 loss to Illinois at Beaver Stadium Saturday afternoon. This was the worst home game loss since losing to Pitt 31-11 in 1984.

Injuries mount in 33-13 loss

By Andrew J. Cassavell
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Tom Bradley sat for his post-game interview, rattling off the long list of injuries to his Penn State defense.

"We got every body part covered here now, don't we?" the defensive coordinator mused, cracking his only smile following a 33-13 loss to Illinois in front of 107,638 — Joe Paterno's worst homecoming defeat.

"We stunk," Paterno said. "I did a lousy job. I thought we were

ready, we just didn't play very well. I can make a million excuses, but we had other opportunities. We didn't stay on our blocks, didn't have a good day throwing the ball, we didn't do a great job play calling. We did a lousy job."

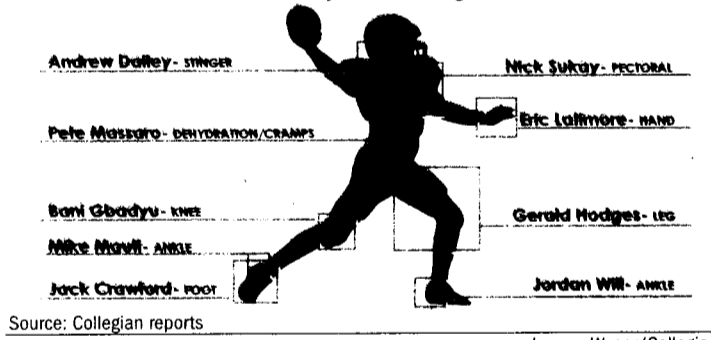
In total, nine key defensive contributors watched from the sideline as Illinois (3-2, 1-1 Big Ten) dominated Penn State (3-3, 0-2 Big Ten) on both sides of the ball in the

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Dropping like flies

Penn State's volume of defensive injuries is the highest in the Joe Paterno era.



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Members of the Penn State Colorguard wave flags during the Homecoming Parade 3-1 (Friday night on College Avenue).

Parade delivers PSU traditions

By Vera Greene
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Though he graduated in 1961, Kent Carpenter hasn't missed a Penn State Homecoming in 50 years. From Michigan to Connecticut, he's traveled from all around the country to get to one place every single year: State College for the Homecoming parade and football game.

"Everything has changed since I've been here — the buildings,

the students, the culture — but I think the school spirit is certainly the same," Carpenter said.

Characters such as Aladdin, Charlie Brown and Spongebob Squarepants roamed through Penn State Friday night as Homecoming floats traveled from Curtin Road to College Avenue for the annual parade.

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STABBING INCIDENTS

Five men hurt

Two fights break out

By Casey McDermott
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Two stabbing incidents barely 24 hours apart broke out in State College this weekend, leaving five men — all 22 years old and younger — injured, the State College Police Department said.

Police said it's unclear at this point whether the two incidents were related, and investigations into both are ongoing. Police could not say whether those injured were Penn State students.

At about 2 a.m. Saturday, the first incident erupted during a Homecoming party held at the Knights of Columbus, 850 Stratford Dr., police said.

Three men suffered "life-threatening stab wounds" and were flown via Life Flight to nearby hospitals. Two of them, both 21, were flown to Geisinger Hospital and another, 19, was flown to Altoona Hospital, police said. Their medical conditions were unknown by press time Sunday.

Penn State student Nigel Wilson organized the party as a celebration for Homecoming. The event was originally supposed to be a dry function with about 300 guests, Knights of Columbus Club Manager Lionel Bassett said. Wilson could not be reached for comment.

Bassett said the party kicked off at about 10 p.m., and guests were checked at the door for alcohol and weapons. Most of the guests were in their late teens and early-to-mid-twenties, Bassett said.

By 12:30 a.m., Bassett said event supervisors stopped admitting people because the banquet hall had reached its 450-person capacity, but a large crowd still remained outside — increasing the total number of people on the Knights of Columbus property to about 600, he said.

The conditions inside — hot, crowded and hectic, Bassett said — were prime for the mood to turn "rowdy" as the party went on, and a fight erupted on the dance floor just 10 minutes before the event's 2 a.m. end time.

Supervisors and security personnel asked all of the guests to leave, he said, but the brawl continued even as it moved into the back corner of the parking lot.

After the fight failed to die down, Bassett said event personnel called police but were told law enforcement was already on its way.

After things calmed down, Bassett said he found bottles of

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Volleyball team drops back-to-back matches

By Jake Kaplan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In the midst of Penn State's quest for a fourth straight national championship, coach Russ Rose has already seen four teams celebrate as if they had won the title.

This past weekend, the No. 4 Penn State women's volleyball team lost back-to-back matches for the first time since November 2002. After Purdue overcame a two-set deficit to beat the Nittany Lions on Friday night, Indiana defeated Penn State 3-1 (25-20, 27-25, 18-25, 26-24) for the first time in the history of the program on Saturday night.

Seven weeks into the season,



Penn State coach Russ Rose calls his team in for a timeout during its game against Indiana University on Saturday in University Gym.

Penn State has four losses — three to Big Ten teams — after losing just two matches in 2007

and going undefeated in 2008 and 2009.

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Losses echo previous defeats

By Emily Kaplan
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The last time the Purdue women's volleyball team beat Penn State was Dec. 4, 1987 — 11 months before the oldest player on the Boilermakers' current roster was born.

Indiana, meanwhile, had never defeated the Nittany Lions. The Hoosiers were 0-40 in the all-time series versus their Big Ten foe.

This past weekend, that all changed.

No. 4 Penn State — seven-time defending Big Ten Champions and winners of the last three national

titles — was upset in back-to-back road matches Friday and Saturday against Purdue and Indiana, respectively.

Both squads were unranked entering the weekend.

And just like that, the Lions' air of invincibility in the conference has disappeared.

With a 3-3 conference record, Penn State now sits sixth in the Big Ten standings. The Lions

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