

## Sporting View

### Chuck, how do you like your crow done?

by John Musse

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Needless to say, I was in shock.

There I was with all of my rowdy friends on Monday night and I could barely believe my eyes. The Pittsburgh Steelers were beating the beejeebers out of the Los Angeles Rams with a hard-hitting defense, an equally hard-hitting special teams play, and actually had some offense to boot.

Say, didn't these guys suck about a month ago?

Well maybe suck isn't the right word, but the Steelers were hardly living up to expectations (one sports magazine's preseason picks had Pittsburgh Super Bowl bound). And the offense had about as much punch as a New Kids On The Block song. Other than the defense, Pittsburgh had little to be cheerful about.

Now that quarterback Bubby Brister is more comfortable with Joe Walton's offense, Pittsburgh appears to be turning their season around. Plus, it doesn't hurt that Eric Green has come along to bring the Steelers 20th Century tight end technology.

Despite the pessimistic predictions of Coach Chuck Noll, Green has made a huge impact after missing four games because of his contract negotiations. The rookie, who is roughly the size of an oil tanker (six-foot-six, 280), has six touchdown catches in four games. That's more than any other Steelers tight end has ever accumulated in a season.

So how do you like your crow, Chuck?

- How do you know if your quarterbacking job is on shaky ground? When the coach pulls you and the backup QB goes in and looks brilliant. Just ask Cleveland's Bernie Kosar, who watched his backup, Mike Pagel, almost pull off the upset of the defending champion San Francisco 49'ers.

- How do you know when your coaching job is in jeopardy? When your team goes 2-6, your offense is anemic and your defense is merely average. Just ask Bud Carson, who could get axed any week now by Cleveland Owner Art Modell.

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- I suppose I shouldn't go on without mentioning the Buffalo Bills, who have finally quit bickering like brats and got to the business of winning football games. The Bills made New England look awful last Sunday.

- It's possible that Buffalo and Miami may be the two most consistent teams in the AFC this season, which could lead to a showdown in the playoffs.

- I thought James "Buster" Douglas' heavyweight title defense was pathetic. Douglas, who looked a lot like Shamu, weighed in the neighborhood of 250 pounds. Challenger Evander Holyfield came in at a lean 208 and made short work of the champ.

What really makes me ill about this fight is that Douglas raked in over 20 million dollars just to wallow around the ring for seven minutes.

This guy beat Mike Tyson? Hmm, maybe Tyson isn't as good as he's been made out to be.

- Just kidding Mike -- I mean Mr. Tyson.

- Last year, a blocked field goal by Alabama sent Penn State to a loss that could have seen the team collapse. Instead, the Nittany Lions picked themselves up and went on to beat BYU in the prestigious (Ed Note: He's joking) Holiday Bowl.

This year, State used three field goals and sound defense to shutout the Crimson Tide. While Coach Joe Paterno may or may not be satisfied with making it to the Holiday Bowl, a win like last Saturday's certainly keeps him on track for greener pastures.

Unfortunately, with two losses already, PSU cannot afford to lose another game and make it to a major bowl. Thus, they merely have to beat West Virginia, Pitt, and Notre Dame to close the season.

The Lions should be able to beat WVU and Pitt, both of whom are having poor seasons. However, when Penn State plays these two teams, season records can be thrown out because anything can and usually does happen.

And Notre Dame? Well, JoePa better hope the defense is ready, or it could be another "minor" bowl for Penn State. With a victory over ND, the Lions would look mighty attractive to the major bowls with only two losses and a top 10 ranking.

## Sports mailbag

### Commitment lacking

I am writing this short letter to express my feelings on the lack of commitment by the Behrend administration towards athletics.

Times are changing, but Behrend is not. How much longer can the women's softball team play their home games on local high school fields? How much longer can the soccer team play in the outfield grass of the baseball field? It has been this way for twenty plus years, twenty too many.

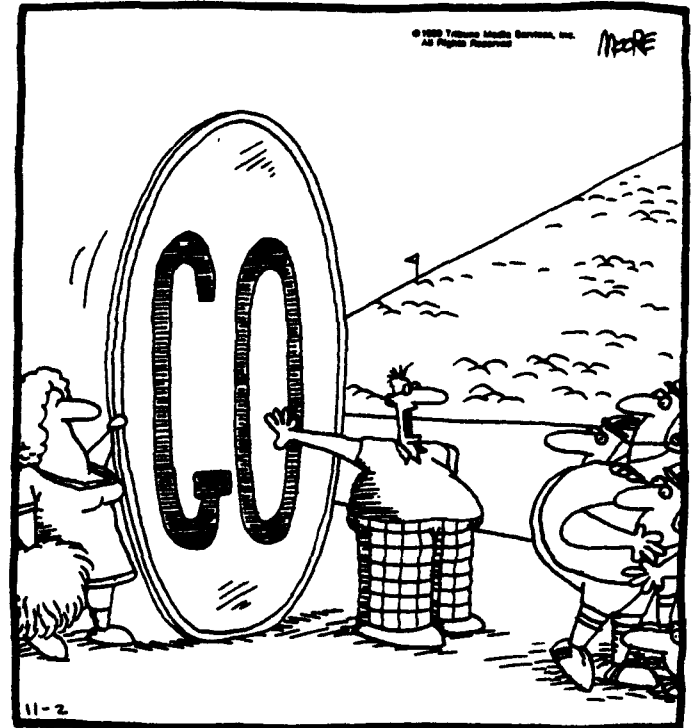
It is time to get a permanent softball field on campus. The baseball field should become a baseball field with a permanent fence and, yes, dugouts.

In short the administration needs to start caring about athletics, and put money into the small number of programs Behrend has. Also, it's time the athletic department started speaking up and expressing it's displeasure to the present decision makers.

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## IN THE BLEACHERS

by Steve Moore



"Calm down, you nitwits! There's no reason to be frightened. It's just paper. See? Paper. You're suppose to run through it ..."



# MONDAY NIGHT

# FOOTBALL

## N.Y GIANTS

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## INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

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