

Tales from the tailgate

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Frank Denis was working late in his Sports Editor's office on Wednesday Nov. 13th, when he heard a knock on his door. Into his office walked ace reporters Peter McLaughlin and Mark MacDougall. Although it was difficult to see through the heavy cigar smoke permeating the room, Frank's intuition told him right away that the boys were onto a big story.

"What's the scoop boys", queried Frank. "I'm a busy man".

After a short pause McLaughlin spoke up. "We have an idea for a story Frank. We want to go down to Pennsylvania to watch Penn State Nittany Lions play the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in football on Saturday. We thought we could tour their campus and get a perspective on big time American college sports. We'll try to capture the essence of the experience in an article for the Brunswickan."

"Where is this Penn State University anyway and how am I supposed to get you tickets for the game?" Frank asked skeptically.

"We're way ahead of you Frank," interjected

MacDougall. "Penn State is in some place called Happy Valley and we've managed to secure passes to the game thanks to a very important connection whose name we can't reveal."

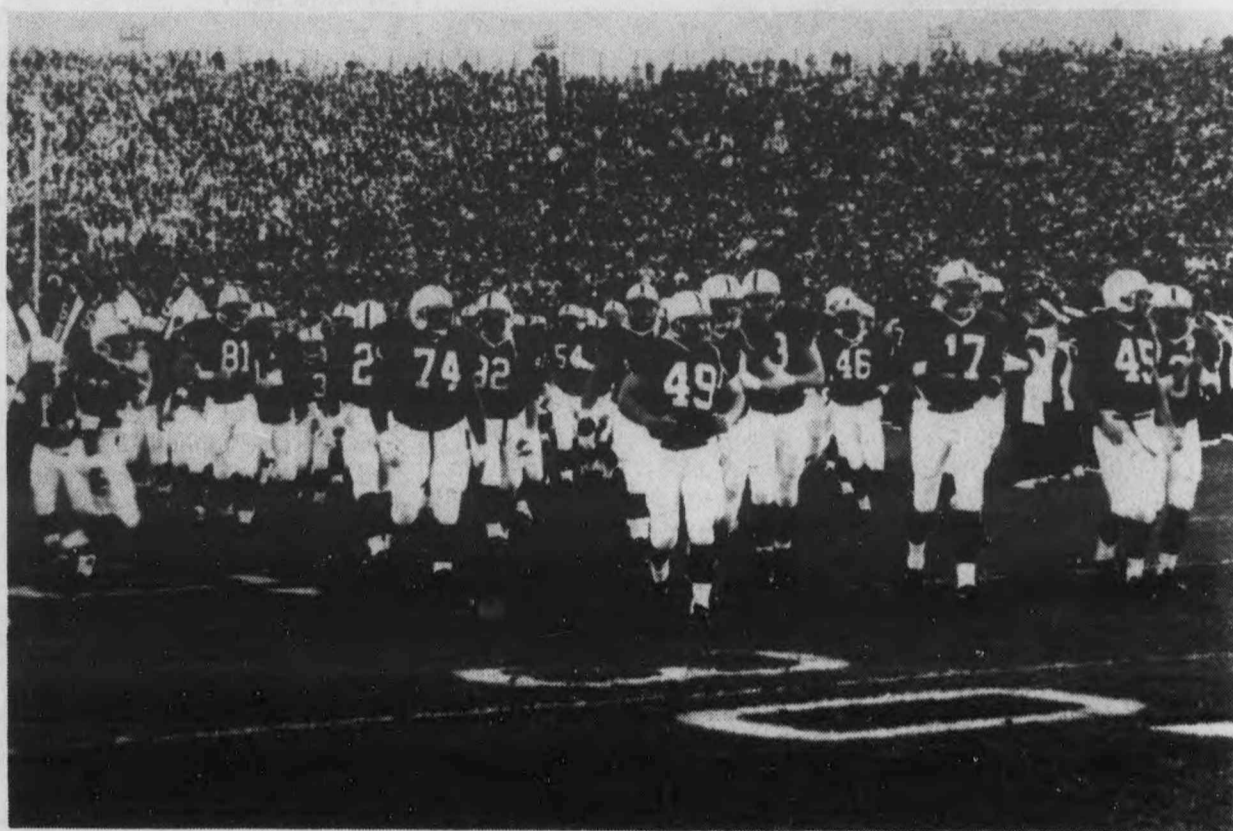
"Well what are you waiting for then?" demanded Frank. "Make like a tree and leaf!"

Thursday morning Peter and Mark loaded their supplies into their Winnebago, and headed for Happy Valley. They were well equipped with camera equipment, note pads and donuts (you can never find a good donut shop in the U.S. when you need one). The final touch was completed as a "Penn State or Bust" sign was hung from the rear window.

Due to their eagerness and a strong tailwind, the duo completed the eighteen hour journey in a mere fourteen and a half hours.

After a less than comfortable sleep in the Winnebago the tour began. Here are the highlights.

Nittany Lion Shrine - The Nittany Lion is the athletic symbol of Penn State University, after which all their varsity teams are named. The Shrine, created by sculptor Heinz Warneke, was donated to the school by the class of



Penn State takes to the field

1940.

The Creamery - The Creamery is a dairy bar where you can purchase ice cream made on campus. It is a place you must see if visiting Penn State. We recommend the chocolate.

Football Hall of Fame - A building housing a number of trophies won by Penn State teams and players. Pictures of former stars are found throughout the building. Another highlight is the Heisman trophy won by John Capalletti.

Holuba Hall - This building houses two fields 50 yards by 50 yards, side by side, for practicing sports during the winter. The surface is astro turf. A tour of this building is recommended for all officials of the Montreal Expos, as there was no evidence of walls collapsing and the roof doesn't leak.

Libraries - We know libraries exist there because we saw people with books.

Cafe 210 - Travelling those dusty trails we worked up a mighty big thirst. We visited the Cafe 210 (off campus) where we downed a pitcher of water (or American beer - whatever you want to call it), and listened to the groovy sound of John Cunningham (no relation to Ritchie)

Rec Hall - We went off to Rec Hall to watch a woman's volleyball match Penn State Lady Lions defeated the University of Minnesota in an exciting five game match. We were quite impressed by the enthusiasm of the crowd (Number ten on the Minnesota team wasn't bad either!)

Rathskellars - The evening concluded with a meal at Ye Olde College Diner and a visit to Rathskellars. We recommend Rathskellars to future visitors, but get there early. Thank you to Wenner, John Woody, and Duber for showing us the town that evening.

Game Day - A light mist

was in the air as dawn broke on game day. As early as 8:30 people started moving toward the stadium for tailgate parties. Around the stadium were Winnebagos and cars as far as the eye could see. Penn State fans from everywhere, and more than a few Irish fans gathered for this weekend ritual.

Contrary to what many may think however, people at the tailgate parties were very much under control. Most had large spreads of food along with some refreshments handy. In our travels however, we did not see one person who was excessively drunk or rowdy. Everyone was there for a good time and they saved their enthusiasm for the game.

We would like to mention one couple that we met. After spotting a Canadian flag in the sky, the two roving reporters dashed to the scene. We met a

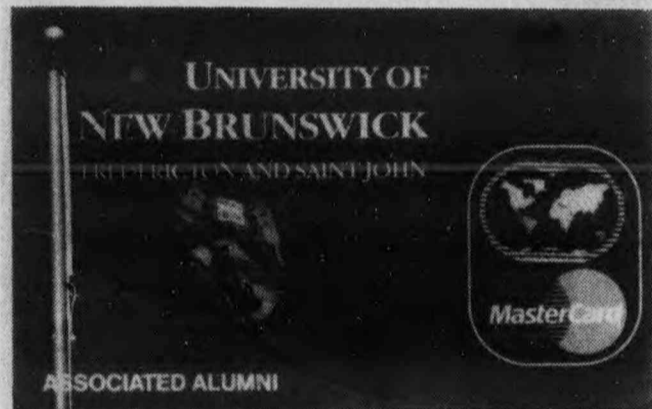
lady who was originally from Halifax, although she now lives in Pennsylvania. She told us that she was a cheer leader for Dalhousie in the late 1950's, but we didn't hold that against her. She offered us a sandwich and a beer, both of which we accepted. After all, we are students, eh?

Finally it was time to head for the stadium. The excitement built as the Penn State Blue Band, 275 members strong marched past on their way to the stadium. A steady stream of people followed.

We were very fortunate as our passes allowed us to

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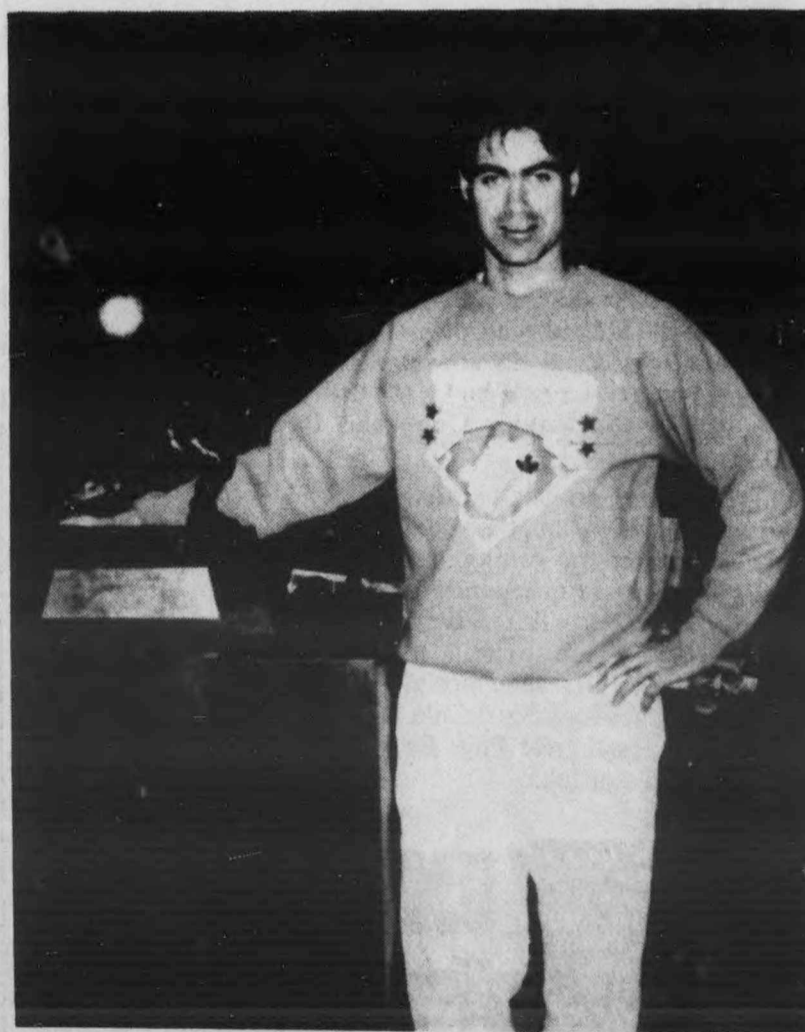
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Mark MacDougall and the Heisman trophy