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This book is written for those of us who love Penn State Football and who never doubted JoePa, or have gotten over the false accusations about Joe Paterno. After some soul searching, the real PSU fans and Paterno fans are back. I am so pleased to be among them.

This book does not talk much about football games but it recounts in summary terms the great football legacy the coach's coach left behind. Ask yourself if a bad situation happened to you and you told your boss the whole thing and he promised he would handle it the right way. Would you not believe him? Why others in their witch hunt thought that Joe Paterno should not act like a normal human being in matters outside his primary occupation is a conundrum. I believe that all men have enemies and that is why the bad news continues.

Joe Paterno was not only an outstanding football coach; he was a great man. My father loved him and so do I. There are many malevolent people in life. We meet them every day. Joe Paterno was not one of them! He could not stand himself if he was and would have died a wretched soul twenty to thirty years sooner. God kept JoePa around to help America and PSU; not to hurt anybody.

The Sandusky scandal ripped at JoePa's heart and soul because he trusted his boss to do the right thing. We'll see. It may have been misplaced trust. His boss pleaded guilty. It sure hastened JoePa's death. The last trial / pleadings were in March 2017. JoePa is a clean spirit and his new home is heaven.

You will not be able to put this book down.

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*This book is dedicated to my beautiful wife, Patricia, and
our three wonderful children—
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Additionally, I recognize the great help from two furry
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I learned how to write creatively in Grade School at St. Boniface. I even enjoyed reading some of my own stuff.

At Meyers High School and King's College and Wilkes-University, I learned how to research, write bibliographies and footnote every non-original thought I might have had. I learned to hate *ibid*, and *op. cit.*, and I hated assuring that I had all citations written down in the proper sequence. Having to pay attention to details took my desire to write creatively and diminished it with busy work.

I know it is necessary for the world to stop plagiarism so authors and publishers can get paid properly, but for an honest writer, it sure is annoying. I wrote many proposals while with IBM and whenever I needed to cite something, I cited it in place, because my readers, IT Managers, could care less about tracing the vagaries of citations. I always hated to use stilted footnotes, or produce a lengthy, perfectly formatted bibliography. I bet most bibliographies are flawed because even the experts on such drivel do not like the tedium.

I wrote 110 books before this book and several hundred articles published by many magazines and newspapers and I only cite when an idea is not mine or when I am quoting, and again, I choose to cite in place, and the reader does not have to trace strange numbers through strange footnotes and back to bibliography elements that may not be readily accessible or available.

Yet, I would be kidding you, if in a book about the great coaches in Penn State Football, I tried to bluff my way into trying to make you think that I knew everything before I began to write anything in this book. I spent as much time researching as writing. I might even call myself an expert of sorts now for all the facts that I have uncovered.

Without any pain on your part you can read this book from cover to cover to enjoy the stories about the many great moments in Penn State Football.

It took me about two months to write this book. If I were to have made sure a thought that I had was not a thought somebody else ever had, this book never would have been completed or the citations pages would exceed the prose.

I verified facts when possible. There are many web sites that have great information and facts. Ironically most Internet stories are the same exact stories. While I was writing the book,

My favorite source has been the Penn State Student Magazine called the *Collegian*, which has been published almost from day one under various names by the university. Most often the *Collegian* gets it right.

<http://www.collegian.psu.edu/>

About

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"The dual mission of Collegian Inc. is to publish a quality campus newspaper and to provide a rewarding educational experience for the student staff members."

While I was writing this book, because I was not sure that my citations within the text would be enough, and I was not producing a bibliography, I copied URLs into some of the book text of areas from the Internet in those cases in which I had read articles or had downloaded material and had brought articles or pieces of articles into this book. Hopefully, this will satisfy any request for additional information. If there is anything which needs a specific citation, I would be pleased to change the text.

Preface:

This book is all about Joe Paterno, aka, JoePa, and his one big imperfection. He was a victim of trusting people. At the time in 2011, his one big mistake cost him all of the glory that he had amassed in his productive and positive life.

This book and others of mine, as well as many works by other authors are most often intended to help restore Joe Paterno and his legacy to their rightful spot in Penn State University History. After all, counting his work with Rip Engle, Joe Paterno achieved over 60% of the football victories at PSU. He cannot be denied his legacy...period.

Yes, Joe Paterno's real mistake in life was trusting others to do the right thing. We view the attack on this great coach as a bunch of jealous can't-do-as-wells or cya's lining up against a guy who represented good all his life.

Everybody cites the Pennsylvania State University and the #1 in the world American Major College Football record of 409 wins as the best of the best. This particular head coach already had 104 wins as an assistant coach under Rip Engle, and his players such as the great Lennie Moore, give him more than a glance in crediting their personal success to him along with Rip Engle.

The one and only Joseph V. Paterno gained a total of 513 wins for Penn State University at both levels of coaching. Nobody ever fired Joe Paterno for on-field performance while he was an active coach. Many coaches are dismissed after poor seasons. There was a coach at Notre Dame, who was announced and lost his job five days later, possibly before he even sat behind his desk. Joe Paterno endured 62 seasons of football-all at Penn State University in State College, PA.

None of this normal stuff happened to Joe Paterno, ever. We know that it would have happened if he was incompetent or he were a sleaze as the corrupt biased sensationalist press would have you believe. Do you really believe what the press writes? I submit that fake football news began with Joe Paterno. The press never liked JoePa because he was too good, and he made Penn State look too good for their liking.

Penn State officials on the board of directors, when they had their opportunity chose not to be brave and truthful. They protected their positions by covering their bases. Nobody else's record in major football can compare to the coaching record of Joe Paterno at one of the most heralded football institutions in the United States. On top of that, Coach Paterno helped his players in achieving high academic accomplishments.

Like many Pennsylvanians, I learned to love Penn State as a kid. I especially love Penn State football from the days of Rip Engle. At that time, I was coached in understanding football by my older brother Ed (RIP). He taught me about the PSU team and its nuances. This great team was eventually handed over to the one and only Joe Paterno. And the team got greater. And the school got greater.

While the press was not damning the institution because of the scandal in Paterno's area, they cheered his very existence. Yet, when he ran into trouble, the press abandoned him and the institution. They chose to condemn rather than investigate.

Joe Paterno literally took Penn State into the modern American Football Era and made it one of the greatest college football superpowers of all time. Yes, it was a humble Italian boy from Brooklyn with an accent for life.

We all can thank Joe Paterno for most of that. We can forgive PSU as did Joe, when its people made big mistakes about him. One day, however, PSU needs to bring back forever in all areas of the institution, the halo, which is now back on his mural. PSU needs to again make JoePa as the hero that he is and should be recognized as such,

I have not given it all away in this preface but surely, you must know that I am for the restoration of the positive Paterno legacy 100%. No doubt in my mind.

You will love this book. If you have never cared much about Penn State, and you read this book, you may develop a deep affinity for the Blue and White that you will have to explain to you friends. You may find yourself dreaming in blue and white from this day

forward. You may find that Joe Paterno is more like a saint than a devil.

James Franklin, a fine man, is now the head coach of the Nittany Lions. Franklin is on his way to being a great coach and I applaud him for how he is now handling the team. Joe Paterno had been Penn State everything for 46 years plus 16 as an assistant. Looking at the records of coaches before and after Joseph Paterno, he still is clearly in a league by himself.

You would not have picked up this book if you did not think the same as I about a beloved coach, who gave it all for Penn State University. The Paterno rush to judgment was bogus and JoePa is the biggest reason why PSU is known in a positive way to most of the world, despite the uncharitable coverage by the US sports press.

If you take Paterno's record and superimpose it upon any great NCAA program, Penn State's record will dominate, though the Nittany Lions did often get the proper credit for its undefeated seasons. The NCAA in 2017 ranks Penn State as # 1 among all major college football teams by .03% above Nebraska. How did that happen? Paterno!

To the Penn State faithful, Paterno's Penn State teams were the champs in those undefeated years as much as the declared champions. Who knows why they were not selected? In 1982 and 1986, the pundits could not deny the Paterno-led team. PSU was finally awarded the big one—the National Championship. They surely had earned it.

This book walks you through the entire issue that changed Penn State and Joe Paterno just days after his 409th victory. We do our best to stay on the bright side and we round up when discussing Coach Joseph V. Paterno. That's how friends treat friends. Joe Paterno cemented Penn State onto the map with an unbelievable 62-year showing. He did it all for Penn State. It is undeniable. He could have coached anywhere.

Penn State is a long-time football power

During the last twenty-five years, the Penn State football team competed in the Big Ten Conference, in the NCAA Division I

Football Bowl Subdivision. Coach Joe Paterno worked on the arrangements for PSU to join the Big Ten in 1993 after playing as an independent college football team from its founding through the 1992 season.

I predict that you are going to love this book because it is the perfect read for anybody who loves Penn State, Penn State Football, and Joe Paterno and who wants to know more about the real story and the real greatness of PSU's most famous and its winningest coach of all time.

Few sports books are a must-read but Brian Kelly's *Paterno: The Dark Days After Win # 409* will quickly appear at the top of America's most enjoyable must-read books about sports and the trials of greatness. Enjoy!

Who is Brian W. Kelly?

Brian W. Kelly is one of the leading authors in America with this, his 110th published book. Brian is an outspoken and eloquent expert on a variety of topics and he has also written several hundred articles on topics of interest to Americans.

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Brian's books are highlighted at www.letsGOPublish.com. You can view them at amazon.com/author/brianwkelly, and this takes you to Amazon or Kindle, and other booksellers where you may purchase any of Brian's books.

The best!

Sincerely,

Brian P. Kelly, Editor in Chief
I am Brian Kelly's eldest son.

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Chapter 1 The Sandusky Perpetration: The Right Perspective

Curley & Schultz Plead Guilty

On March 13, 2017, which is today, I am writing these words about former Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley and former senior vice president Gary Schultz. Today, they pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of children in the alleged Jerry Sandusky cover-up case. To some this is nothing but to me and many in my circle of friends, this is very important to the Paterno legacy and to Penn State University. Two-down; one to go!

We go through the entire agonizing misadventure in this book. We are not starting in the middle or the end as this topic keeps coming up in a form of What did JoePa know and when did he know it; yet there were never charges that were to be brought about the long-time PSU coach. Joe Paterno.

To help you understand this situation as it pertains to Joe Paterno, a little better, try putting it in terms of your own life. Think about what a coworker or a family member might offer as advice to you if you told them that you saw a low-level employee steal an item of high value from a visiting big-shot top level executive's brief case one particular day.

Suppose you had no idea of the identity or the company of the visitor other than that they were very important to your organization. Let's say it was pure happenchance that you saw the entire perpetration and there was no doubt of the seriousness of the taking. Additionally, though you saw it all, at the time, it was too late for you to take preventative or corrective action.

Is it your fault that it happened? What should you do? Suppose you come to your own conclusions after talking the matter over with your father. You figure out what you will do because this bothers you so much. The next day is Saturday. On the weekend, you go uninvited to your immediate supervisor's home, which is very unusual for you. You have a lengthy discussion and report the whole matter as you witnessed it to her. Let's call her Ms. X.

Ms. X is aghast and fears what might happen to employees and /or the organization because of this. Moreover, she is clearly outraged that somebody would do this. The perpetrator coworker does not work directly for her.

Your supervisor decides to take the rest of the weekend to determine her plan of action. So, Ms. X. tells you not to worry as she will handle it. You can see she means it and you are convinced that she will do the right thing. She tells you to go back to your job Monday and not to worry about it anymore.

The following Monday, she takes the matter to her next level manager, a very high ranking officer in the organization right under Vice President. He tells Ms. X not to worry because he will handle it and that Ms. X., your supervisor should resume her important duties with the company as she is already overburdened with responsibilities.

Your supervisor appears to go about doing her job as you both did the right thing. The high-level manager thanks your supervisor for providing such important feedback on the potentially volatile matter. Your supervisor goes back to work believing the matter is well taken care of. You go back to your duties also. That's the end of it. You never hear another thing about it though every now and then you see the coworker who stole the items on the campus of the corporation but not regularly.

You do not know the ultimate resolution but you are convinced it has been handled and you believe that Ms. X believes it has been handled. What should you do now? You think everything is OK. Your boss thinks everything is OK? Yet, neither of you really know if everything is OK.

Should you approach your supervisor and demand to know everything about what had happened all the way up the chain of command? Would you last in this organization? If you did as noted, would you expect to be reprimanded or, because you appeared upset, would you expect your supervisor to create a protective action for the company and perhaps include you within its umbrella?

Would she perhaps form a secret posse in the organization to visit the executive who said they would handle it and demand to know what happened in the case? Are you in a position to demand action? What if action has already been taken? Is it now your business or the corporation's business to resolve?

Should you say to yourself that you followed the required course of action through the chain of command and reported the incident? Should you be OK that your supervisor had assured you she reported it; and that she was convinced that it was being handled by the right people in the organization? Does any of this really matter?

Besides, from all you can see, the matter, more than likely has already been resolved though you can't explain everything. Would you and your supervisor believe like most human beings stuck in this situation, that this matter was already solved at levels in the organization well above both of your pay grades? Is it possible that interfering in a resolved matter might cause you irreparable harm and it might create a bad situation within the organization where none really exists? Suppose you have no knowledge that continual acts of theft are continuing? Does this change anything? Is there a reason to rush your decision?

Perhaps it would be better for you to wait a year or two and then bring it up when it is more likely to be resolved? Should you wait four or five years? Should you wait ten years? Should you ever bring it up again after it appears resolved. Do you believe that a reasonably prudent person would more than likely conclude that a matter no longer being discussed has been solved?

Now, just suppose that long after you believed that this matter had been resolved by top officials, say ten years later, without you ever

bringing it up again under any circumstances, you get wind that the top was going to blow because of this incident from way long ago. You thought it was in the past.

Let's say that you first heard these rumblings as part of a big investigation in which the PA Attorney General (AG) was involved. Suppose you learned that the AG had cleared your supervisor of all charges. The AG had determined that Ms. X would not be charged at all in the matter that was already ten years old.

Suppose that after all seemed OK that you then hear that the executive to whom she reported the matter, was now under scrutiny about the incident as well as a senior vice president to whom your supervisor reported.

Then, as things were developing rapidly, after a few more days, you learned that your supervisor, Ms. X, had agreed to step down at the end of the year. Finally, you learned that the CEO of the organization, the boss's boss's boss as well as your supervisor who had supposedly been cleared and who had already volunteered to separate, was fired abruptly by the board of trustees.

As your inquiries began to provide fruit in understanding what had happened, you learn that the BOT had been in a special session and had been conferring intensely about the matter. This incident from ten years prior had gained wings and was the cause of the major board firing actions. There was no rationale explanation.

The board chose to abandon proper protocol and etiquette at the door. Instead of requesting a morning meeting with your supervisor and the CEO, they chose to get the matter closed immediately, regardless of the facts or the truth.

In this vein, the high-ranking spokesman of the board called the ones selected to be fired, including Ms. X., on their personal phones at home, risking an interruption in a late family dinner, just to tell them that they were fired. Case closed. Nice guys!

The irony of course is that your supervisor was multiple layers down in the chain of command from the CEO who was fired. He

was not one of the organization's executives, who was privileged to breathe the rarified air at the top of the chain of command.

The irony continued as those executives in-between the CEO and your supervisor, as well as none of the esteemed elite and very important and powerful members of the board of trustees were fired or even chastised. The board's last-minute knee-jerk reaction was clearly designed to save their skins, regardless of its impact on the University or respected long-term employees.

Once you learned the kind of people in your organization with whom you were dealing; do you think you should have worried that these extra important board members might learn of your identity. After all, you were the person who first blew the whistle. You reported the incident as soon as you knew about it. What if the board wished that nobody had ever said anything to anybody about this perpetration. Would this mean that you too would soon be fired? What should you do?

What to do next?

From all the reading and research that I have done, this is how I see it. Big shots execute a cover-up and two whistleblowers become the scape goats. Then, the big shots on the BOT, save one, the CEO, are initially spared. Feel free to read this again and tell me where I went wrong if you believe that I got something wrong.

Now, the moment that you have been waiting for. Let's take the fictitious story above that was reduced to simple terms so we could see it without emotion, and provide some names.

In this story, we all know that the sole perpetrator is Jerry Sandusky. He was retired at the time and given special privileges on campus by Tim Curly, the AD. As a retiree, he did not work for Joe Paterno. You play Mike McQueary in this saga. McQueary worked for Joe Paterno as a graduate assistant football coach and then an assistant coach. McQueary witnessed a perpetration in the shower involving Sandusky and a minor and reported it to Coach Paterno. Your supervisor therefore in the above story is Joe Paterno.

Paterno's supervisor, not initially charged and permitted to keep his job was Tim Curley. Curley worked for Gary Schultz who worked for Graham Spanier, President (CEO). Curley was by title Intercollegiate Athletic Director and all head coaches reported to him as well as others, including Sandusky.

As head football coach, Joe Paterno's boss was Tim Curley. As head men's basketball coach, Ed DeChellis' boss was Tim Curley. As head Lady Lions Basketball Coach, Coquese Washington's boss was Tim Curley. As head baseball coach, Robbie Wine's boss was Tim Curley. I think that gives a good picture of just how important Tim Curley was in the overall pecking order compared to Joe Paterno and the other relatively low-level head coaches.

Penn State would have to fire a city's worth of people to get rid of all the top administrators in athletics who earn big salaries. Who knows in a ten-year period, which of them knew the truth about Sandusky and when did they know it. The Penn State athletic bureaucracy like many other major colleges, is huge. Who knows what they did to help? There are over 40 top level executives including the current athletic director who make a mean salary of about \$120,000 per year. Some make way more.

For example, the current Athletic Director Sandy Barbour has a compensation package worth about \$900,000 per year. These were all important people and just about all of them outranked Joe Paterno. Tim Curley worked for Gary Schultz who worked for Graham Spanier. Reports show that Spanier made at least \$2.9 million in 2011 and the Chronicle of Higher Education, the bible information source for colleges and universities reports Spanier made the most of all US university presidents.

We began this book by noting that former Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley and former Senior Vice President Gary Schultz pleaded guilty today to endangering the welfare of children in the alleged Jerry Sandusky cover-up case. Nobody is claiming that Curley, Schultz or Spanier had anything to do with the original perpetration—just the cover-up. During their cover-up, Joe Paterno was coaching football at an intense level.

Curley and Schultz entered their pleas in morning proceedings before a Senior PA Judge named John Boccabella. Their agreement does not mean they are off the hook scot-free and it does not mean they will not go to the big house for up to five years. It sets up the possibility that they will testify for the prosecution if needed at Graham Spanier's trial scheduled for next week. Spanier, the defrocked PSU President is the only remaining defendant in the Sandusky cover-up case,

Curley and Schultz both tried to get their trials dismissed to no avail. So, rather than take the risk, they each pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count. It carries a maximum possible penalty of a \$10,000 fine along with the possibility of five-years in prison. The judge was adamant that there was no agreement on the sentence which they will receive.

"There is no provision of the agreement that would limit my ability to impose sentence as I see fit," Boccabella said.

The guilty pleas specifically related to a report by former assistant coach Mike McQueary that he saw Jerry Sandusky sexually assaulting a boy in a shower at Penn State in February 2001.

He reported what he saw to Coach Joe Paterno, who in turn reported it to his supervisor, Curley. Curley reportedly carried it up the flagpole but was reluctant to take stinging action against Sandusky and he and Schultz and Spanier decided not to turn the case over to the authorities.

In my humble opinion, this was the biggest blunder Penn State Officials made but as you will see the Penn State Board and Administration were not very good in doing the right thing. They would love everybody to blame it on McQueary and JoePa who were way down the decision tree on whether police needed to be involved. That's why these guys were all put on trial. Some of us think the board should have been put on trial for incompetence.

In the early 1970's Richard Milhouse Nixon orchestrated the Watergate Break-In. It might have been clever if it were not discovered. Nixon would not have paid much of a price for the break-in and would have been able to keep the presidency IMHO.

However, he could not handle the shame, so he conspired with all of his phenomenally capable staff to try to cover the incident up with subterfuge. People went to jail. Loyal staff and the president were defamed and Nixon was impeached and ultimately lost his presidency. Cover-ups are always worse than the reality of the perpetration. Well, in most cases.

The guilty pleas from Curley and Schultz are specifically related to testimony by former assistant coach Mike McQueary that he saw Jerry Sandusky sexually assaulting a boy in a shower at Penn State in February 2001. He reported what he saw to Coach Joe Paterno, who in turn reported it to his supervisor, Curley.

Chapter 2 McQueary's Testimony Was Crucial; Yet Flawed

Which? Curley and Schultz, or McQueary told the truth?

As noted, the guilty pleas from Curley and Schultz were specifically related to testimony by former assistant coach Mike McQueary that he saw Jerry Sandusky sexually assaulting a boy in a shower at Penn State in February 2001. He reported what he saw to Coach Joe Paterno, who in turn reported it to his supervisor, Curley.

Things are not always as they seem. Joe Paterno was not a victim in this case per se but he might have been a victim of Mike McQueary's failure to get his story straight. Yet, the whole case v Curley & Schultz was based on the testimony of McQuery and the accounts he had made of the "shower" incident.

When McQuery witnessed whatever he witnessed, he went home and spoke with his dad and a family friend, Dr. Jonathan Dranov. McQueary was upset and he told both men his story. Dranov was also called to give grand jury testimony which a source with knowledge of the testimony recounts as this:

McQueary heard what he reported to Dranov as "sex sounds" and the shower was running. A young boy stuck his head around the corner of the shower stall, peering at McQueary. Then an adult arm reached around his waist and pulled him back out of view. Seconds later, Sandusky left the shower in a towel.

Considering this is the original account of the story and the next two accounts of the McQuery "observation" were different and more incriminating, many have wondered where the truth lies.

There was for example, a hand-written statement reportedly obtained by The Patriot-News that McQueary had provided to investigators when he was interviewed in 2010. The statement on the note is reportedly different than the summary of his grand jury testimony in the initial grand jury presentment of over 23 pages.

In these two accounts not brought forth by Dranov, McQueary says he witnessed Sandusky sodomizing a boy as he stood with his hands against a shower wall. That is a lot different than sex sounds or murmurs and no visual evidence.

McQueary in the other reports also said that the pair turned and looked at him before he left the area.

The family friend Dr. Dranov, however, recounted to grand jurors that he had asked McQueary three times if he saw anything sexual, in his meeting after the incident. Three times McQueary said “no,” according to the source of the grand jury information.

Because he saw nothing sexual, the source also said that Dranov recommended to McQueary that he (McQueary) should talk the matter over with his boss, head football coach Joe Paterno, rather than go to the police. From Dranov’s perspective, obviously, the matter was not perceived to be serious enough at the time to warrant a criminal investigation.

And, so, we know that the next day Paterno and McQueary talked for the only time about the incident and Paterno’s response to the conversation was examined when the grand jury presentment was made public in November 2001.

Paterno was consistent. He said that McQueary never discussed graphic detail, such as rape. Nothing like this was mentioned to him. Paterno reported what he had heard to Curley, his boss, as promised to McQueary. Despite the facts or what appeared to be the facts at the time, there was a major rush to judgment as a public outcry induced the board to fire the long-term coach just five days after Sandusky was charged.

What we must remember as we examine this is the fact that McQueary's recollection was not at all perfect. One might suspect that the recount given to a doctor right after the observation would have been more perfect than information obtained from McQueary many years later.

Who knows what kind of nightmares McQueary might have had for ten years, thinking about the possibilities of what may have been happening while he was there in the locker room. But, at the time of initially telling the story, both Dr. Dranov and Coach Paterno remember McQueary's concerns in a similar way. There was no sex going on.

Now, so many years later, Mike McQueary's changing story became a key element to all of the criminal cases involved in the Sandusky scandal. He is the main source and his memory got foggy over the ten years or more in-between the happening and his recollection.

McQuery's witness testimony (hearing) was the only evidence of an assault in 2002 presented to grand jurors, and his detailed account, which is contrary to his initial account, is the reason that perjury charges were filed against the two ousted Penn State officials who took a plea today rather than risk losing in what appears to be a rigged game. Both said they were told only about "horseplay" that made McQueary uncomfortable, while McQueary testified he told them explicit details about a rape. He said? She said? Where is the truth?

Chapter 3 The Rush to Judgment Got It Wrong.

Good results take time

Many of us who watched Coach O'Brien and then Coach Franklin guide the Nittany Lions the last few years are trying to figure out why this case has been going on so long—well over four years.

There seems to have been an inordinate amount of irregularities in this case as well as a rush to judgment by the press and the PSU VIP chain of command. The inept handling of the case seemed to begin on day one.

The board's early decisions were less than thoughtful. The case was delayed along the way partly because there was a "wait" for a State Superior Court ruling that dismissed charges of perjury, obstruction of justice and other counts against the three sole defendants. How can such smart people get such important things so wrong?

Those charges involved violations of grand jury procedures, specifically the use by prosecutors of testimony against all three men that was obtained from former university counsel Cynthia Baldwin. We will not cover this particular issue in this book in any level of detail other than to suggest that it sure appears that there is something rotten in the state of Denmark. Care was not taken. A desire to blame and wash one's hands appeared to be at the top of the list.

We also know that while Spanier, Curley and Schultz were awaiting trial, Jerry Sandusky, the only known really bad guy in this case was convicted of dozens of charges of child sexual abuse. Former graduate assistant Mike McQueary, who was the first

whistle-blower, was able to win a major multi-million-dollar suit in a civil case against Penn State.

Additionally, many victims were paid off. Insurance companies challenged Penn State's rushing to pay off the victims, and of course along the way, a great man and a great coach died in what could be called a *less than hero's death*. Why the hurry when smart men are supposed to know that haste makes waste. There was a lot of waste at Penn State and a lot of huge mistakes in the rush to judgment.

The university, culpable at the top perhaps, by way of cover-up, paid tens of millions of dollars to Sandusky victims. I think what is supposed to have happened in the shower and elsewhere is terrible for sure, but destroying people's lives because there is no time for the truth cannot be viewed as an acceptable solution.

The incident is so disgusting, that everybody feels revulsion about it. Nobody is immune from the bad feelings upon hearing the accusations.

But, I fear from reading the reactions of regular people when they got their first whiff of what this case was all about, was that the public wanted somebody blamed and somebody quickly punished. Nobody was concerned about the level of guilt or innocence as long as somebody took the fall.

I know that I do not know the full truth but the evidence to make a judgment with certitude appears to be very weak and very sketchy. I do believe however, that Joe Paterno made himself an easy scapegoat as he was sick and advancing in age and he, like you and I was truly sickened when he understood that nothing had been done on this case for over ten years, despite his trust in his superiors.

In this book, I make not attempt to validate any of the claims for money from Sandusky victims. Like you, I have read accounts of some of the victims talking about getting their hands into the pot to get their share of the easy payouts before it would be too late. I read that some felt that all they had to do was ask and accuse, and they would be paid without a lot of other work. Who knows?

Without a real trial, or an unbiased investigation, instead of the witch hunt which we the people who cared actually got, will we ever know? Like Pontius Pilate, Penn State officials simply got out the water bowl and the towel and they did their best to wash all the sins of this incident and its cover-up away by approving huge payoffs.

The University paid anybody who made a peep including paying huge sums to lawyers to assure the BOT came out of it all squeaky clean. Despite these attempts, we know that the insurance carrier, one the hook for millions was not pleased with how PSU officials protected their assets. They think the institution went way overboard. They messed it up so bad that their sins, originally amounting to no more than perhaps a bowl of water's worth, may never be resolved without the State of PA fully filling many fifty-gallon jugs.

Like many fans, Joe Paterno did not understand the magnitude of this problem based on his perception that Mike McQueary was very upset and the matter was reported. Paterno had reported the accusations as he should have and he trusted that was all that was needed.

His superiors dropped the ball. Paterno was coaching football. He as not an administrator and a cover-up was not in his thoughts.

JoePa was always well respected but not this time. Trying ferociously to escape blame themselves, University Officials had no problem laying all the blame at Joe Paterno's feet in terms of their ten-year cover-up. I would bet Paterno did not even think of this incident once in the ten or more years after he turned it over to Curley. Why would he not think that the issue was solved? Curley was his boss. Why, when he heard nothing about it after so long, would he think it was not solved? What would you have thought?

Collin Hansen, writing for The Gospel Coalition (gospelcoalition.org) wrote a great piece about the reality of the Paterno situation and how it came down. He scribed it on January 24, 2012, just two days after Joe Paterno's death. It makes a chilling observation about the happenings in this scenario, which even

today has not identified the legendary coach as one of the guilty parties in the cover-up... because he is not. Hansen's first paragraph got me in the gut when I read it.

Hansen writes:

"If former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno had died the evening of October 22, [2011,] when I saw him pull away in a bus from Northwestern after defeating the Wildcats, he would have been celebrated as a national hero. One week later he coached his final game, a home victory against Illinois, giving him a record 409 wins for his distinguished career.

[This day too would have been a better day to die than three months later while carrying all the incriminations from across the world from people who, like us, had no idea of the real truth. Yet the boom fell swiftly in unjust haste.]

"A few short days later, the long-tenured and widely revered coach lost his job in perhaps the sorriest scandal in the history of college athletics. We've grown accustomed to learning that amateur college athletes shaved points or solicited pay for play. But the allegations that a longtime Paterno assistant sexually abused young boys roiled even the hardest sports scribes.

"Following the 85-year-old Paterno's death due to lung cancer on Sunday, fans have struggled to make sense of his mixed legacy. In the case of Paterno, it turns out good isn't good enough in the court of public opinion.

"No one can dispute that Paterno did a lot of good in his long, illustrious life, probably a lot more good than you and I can boast. He coached players on how to maul each other on a field of grass, yes, but he also molded generations of young boys of 18 into model men of 22.

"Those disciples have turned out in droves this week to honor their beloved mentor. Paterno has been lionized for coaching winning teams that also succeeded in the classroom. Sure, he may have covered for some players who deviated from this culture, but his

example contrasted with so many other coaches and schools who willingly sacrificed integrity for victory.

“Not content merely to win football games, Paterno also contributed to Penn State’s improving academic reputation. Indeed, the library bears his name, due to a multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign he and his wife spearheaded. They also contributed at least \$1 million to build an interfaith student center.

“And yet, we’re still debating whether this man should be remembered as a hero or villain. Do we remember a lifetime of good works or one horrible mistake? Paterno’s most famous words might have been, “I wish I had done more.” So, do many others.

“When Paterno learned that trusted former assistant Jerry Sandusky may have been raping boys—in Penn State facilities, no less—the coach did not investigate further. He passed responsibility up the chain of command. But his superiors (in name only) didn’t do enough, either. The abuse allegedly continued until someone outside the cloistered community finally sounded the alarm. All that good—gone in a moment everyone would deeply regret.

“I made a lot of mistakes in my life,” Paterno told Sports Illustrated writer Joe Posnanski in his final days. “But I thought people could see that I tried my best to do the right things. I tried to do the right thing with Sandusky too.”

Too bad for Joe Paterno, a man caught in a Twilight Zone episode that eventually caused his death. Joe Paterno picked the wrong sin.

Guilty or innocent, the public would find somebody to pay and the administrators at Penn State had/have the power to deflect the blame from them and place it right on Paterno’s back. Hansen says “Unfortunately for Paterno, he committed one of our society’s unforgivable sins. In the public reckoning, he would have been better off cheating on his wife or his taxes.” Just having your name mentioned in such a scandal, brings on a sense of un-forgiveness.

There was far too little sympathy for the coach’s scapegoat plight even as Mr. Hansen and I read some of the same obituaries that

were all over the news the day that JoePa died. Hansen in essence said that clearly had he lived, Joe Paterno could not have recovered from the bias and bad vibes that had seemingly generated themselves from the cursory facts of the Sandusky cover-up.

The New York Times even resorted to sensationalism to make its obituary spicier and damning—perhaps because Joe Paterno was a conservative. Perhaps not, but it makes one think, why?

Maybe the motivation was because JoePa was more successful in life than the author of the piece. You make that decision when you read this opening from the Joe Paterno obituary by Richard Goldstein of the New York Times. It is both complimentary and pathetic. Not good enough for the proper purpose. Here it is. It disgusts me.

“Joe Paterno, who won more games than any other major-college football coach, and who became the face of Pennsylvania State University and a symbol of integrity in collegiate athletics only to be fired during the 2011 season amid a child sexual abuse scandal that reverberated throughout the nation, died Sunday in State College, Pa.”

Wow! Thanks for the good word in your rush to judgment, Richard.

Hansen asks if any of us would fare any better in the eyes of a public giving the case its severe scrutiny and close-held biases. Who could pass such a test? Any of us? Hansen quotes the bible:

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,” 1 John 1:8 reads. Furthermore, we deceive ourselves if we think we do not sin in such a way that would bring such shame if exposed.

For many who loved Penn State who were and still are outraged, and for those who were not fans of Penn State, who were outraged nonetheless, Joe Paterno was found guilty by people with little experience with no evidence, even though, he like us, was just a human being, who happened to be a successful head football coach. He was not a superhero in all matters of life. He was not a private

investigator or one who would not trust his boss with a very important matter.

Just today, as I have recounted, Joe Paterno's boss and his boss's boss pleaded "guilty" to endangering the welfare of children in the alleged Jerry Sandusky cover-up case. What about the boss's boss's boss? I guess we'll find out when that trial comes to town next week?

Chapter 4 Jerry Sandusky: A Story that Teaches Big Lessons

Quick to judge; slow to learn

There was frustration, anger, & confusion following the tragic events at Penn State regarding child abuse and Jerry Sandusky. In 2011. The situation, they say, had been ignored long enough and finally could be ignored no longer.



There is a lesson there someplace. It would have been easy to fall into the trap of finding blame without finding any real lessons for ourselves. We all sometimes are quick to judge and slow to learn.

This is not to say that the observations and judgments in the Sandusky case have all been appropriate or that all have been inappropriate. The majority of the discourse has been rightfully focused on the failures of the leadership at Penn State, why it happened, who was involved, and how severely they should be punished. And rightly so. Jerry Sandusky is already doing time for his gruesome deeds.

There are some stubborn souls who wonder why Second Mile, the Sandusky charity, was not determined to be an equal villain. Additionally, what about the PA state agencies that monitored this haven for unwanted children. What were they doing in their full-time jobs when so many think that a full-time football coach should have been monitoring the safety of children in a network that had over 1000 protectors? Where was the state of PA in all of this? Second Mile did not reside on the PSU campus and Sandusky, when the perpetration occurred, and when he was convicted, was not working for PSU. Why were *those he worked for* at Second Mile not charged?

Besides the abuse victims for which we continue to grieve, many other innocents at Penn State, including those in the surrounding communities, have suffered through this major disruption. Though the university made a lot of mistakes, it is now learning from the whole ordeal and with replacement players is now gaining character. Others are learning also.

For everyone not directly involved in the proceedings, and perhaps even those who do not even live in Pennsylvania, there is another conversation that thankfully is also taking place. What can we all learn from this Penn State tragedy to help improve our own organizations, our leaders, and ourselves?

Brian Kight from the Focus 3 Blog, wrote an outstanding teaching article, which he titled: "10 Leadership Lessons from the Penn State Scandal." Kight hits on all cylinders and nails down the big learning opportunities of this scandal in his article. It is well worth the read. Without a doubt Kight points out that the most important element is leadership, which is point # 1 in this piece.

Kight also hits on culture, defining moments, circumstances, trust, accountability, status and position, minimum requirements, and consequences. I think we all would gain from a review of these points and their applicability to the current matter. I have taken the liberty to copy his point # 1 below from the article. It is very instructional.

Great leadership is rare & valuable

"Leadership is not "a" difference maker. It is "the" difference maker. The decisions and actions of leaders have a profound impact on the organization, its people, and its customers and constituents. For decades to come, Penn State will be defined not by what Jerry Sandusky did, but by what Penn State leaders, state leaders, and social agencies failed to do. For leaders everywhere, the question is not, "Will you make a difference?" The question is "What difference will you make?"

--end of point # 1 --

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I hope that when Graham Spanier takes the stand next week, this will add some closure to one of the worst chapters in Penn State history as well as the worst chapters in the lives of a number of young men.

The last five years with Bill O'Brian, followed by James Franklin were as they were because of Jerry Sandusky and a number of people who failed to see the ugly side of reality or perhaps chose to ignore it or do the minimum. We know that many children were hurt and for their lack of guardianship for those children, many adults are now wishing their behavior had been much more appropriate for the circumstances.

In addition to cautioning that we, all the people who learn about this situation, use this tragedy so that we never see one like it ever again. this chapter goes back and presents the facts. Many of these facts were collected by NPR in the early days of the investigation and then from the trial on, the facts were gleaned from work done by CNN and others. My sincere thank you to these sources so that I may use these accounts and their methodologies to help present what happened from even before day one to today. Again, my thanks to these sources for their vigilance in this travesty.

Michael Sokolove writing for the New York Times July 16, 2014, summarizes one of the predominant thoughts regarding how quickly the PSU board tried to dispose of the matter at hand: It was a "rallying point for those who believe that a panic-driven response brought further disrepute to an already reeling university." Some say the rush of the board was to preserve the board, not to help the situation. I agree. There was no need to hurry just to get on with life. The truth should have been the prime focus. You make the call.

In a subsequent chapter, we get upbeat again with some excerpts from a positive piece from a hometown State College resident, Ethan Kasales. He lived through State College's and the University's many problems of the last five years.

From having it all to messing it up for others

Penn State's former defensive coordinator Gerald "Jerry" Sandusky once seemed to have it made but he crossed the big line at Penn State and in his own personal charity. He was caught and he is being punished in jail. He was found guilty of sexual abuse, convicted of 45 out of 48 counts on Friday, June 22, 2012. He had been accused of sexually abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period in a scandal that rocked the university's community and quite frankly, the nation. Several alleged victims' stories of their particular abuse were heard in the trial, which began on June 11.

Sandusky, 73, (68 at the time of the trial) and his attorney continue to maintain his innocence of the charges. I wish I could buy his arguments as so many wished, but, like the jury, I cannot. The charges stem from a full and complete grand jury investigation. The former coaching assistant claims that he merely "horsed around"

with the boys, all of whom he met through his "too convenient" Second Mile Charity.

I have haunting notions even about Jerry Sandusky. The Penn State board treated everybody poorly during the investigation. Many suggest this was to maintain their board positions as they had gotten accustomed to cushy life-styles. I do not know But, I do know that when there was only one witness, the PA AG was not going to take the Sandusky case to trial. Then, almost magically after years of counselling sessions and intensive police interrogations, more witnesses came fort who began to recover their “repressed memories of events that had happened many years prior. Without counselling or interrogation, there would have been no Sandusky Trial. I do not know if that is good or bad. Only God knows that.

Here are four things specifically that still spook me. Overall I think Sandusky is guilty but I am not sure of what nor am I sure anybody can know for sure. Like Paterno Sandusky was declared guilty by acclamation. He probably is guilty but to say it again: I am just not sure.

1. “The police got angry and upset when I would not say what they wanted to hear, “recalled.
2. The police asked uncooperative interviewees to call them if they could “recall anything.”
3. Civil lawyers sent potential victims to therapy to help unearth repressed memories.
4. There were big payoffs from Penn State—in the millions without much proof if any required. Anybody who gave an inclination that they may have been affected by Sandusky in some way got a big reward from the University.

Penn State University's Board of Trustees took unprecedented action by firing long-time coach Joe Paterno and University President Graham Spanier on Nov. 9, four days after Sandusky was initially arrested. How were they so sure? Two other school officials stepped down from their posts—Athletic Director Tim Curley and a

vice president, Gary Schultz. Both were accused of perjury and failing to report suspected child abuse. Knowing the pain of the victims, these accused perpetrators could offer no plausible excuses. Yet, the truth is lacking in all of this.

When the investigation became public, Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly said that Paterno was "not regarded as a "target." The former coach, distraught from not taking more action as he wished that he had, died of lung cancer on January 22, 2012. Many Penn State fans believe that the issues with Sandusky and the University's negative hurried actions helped hasten Coach Paterno's demise. Joe Paterno felt he could have done more.

Chapter 5 The People in the Sandusky Case

Making this list does not mean “guilty”

Most of the major players who were figures in the case against Jerry Sandusky are listed below. After Sandusky is presented, these individuals with a level of involvement in the case, are shown in alphabetic sequence by last name.

Jerry Sandusky is the main alleged perpetrator in the case.

On the positive side, Penn State Coach. Jerry Sandusky spent 32 years on the football coaching staff at Penn State, serving as its defensive coordinator since 1977. During his tenure, Sandusky transformed the school's football program into Linebacker U. He coached such all-American linebackers as LaVar Arrington, Brandon Short and Jack Ham.

The former defensive coordinator was charged with sexually abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period. Sandusky, 73, continues to maintain that he is innocent. The defensive coach played football at Penn State and was a coach at the school for 32 years. He had experienced what otherwise might have been called a fine career as defensive coordinator. He and his wife, Dottie, raised six adopted children.

Other involved in the case in some way include the following:

Jim Calhoun

Calhoun was a temporary worker who served as a janitor at Penn State for just eight months. He had told co-workers and a supervisor in 2000 that he had witnessed Sandusky engaging in sexual activity with a boy in a campus locker-room shower. Several staff members later said that Calhoun, a veteran of the Korean War, was visibly shaken by what he reported as seeing. In 2012, it was reported that Calhoun resided in an assisted living facility and reportedly was suffering from dementia.

Wendell Courtney

Wendell Courtney is the former general counsel for Penn State University. Courtney is also the longtime lawyer for Sandusky's charity foundation called The Second Mile. He was working for both organizations when, according to Schultz, he reviewed the 1998 university police report about Sandusky's behavior with boys.

He is Penn State's former top lawyer. He reported in a deposition about the case that he had advised the university's vice president in 2001 to notify a state agency of a complaint from an assistant football coach about Jerry Sandusky showering with a boy in a team locker room.

This former university general counsel also said in the deposition that no one from Penn State has ever asked him for any details regarding his Feb. 11, 2001, phone discussion with then-vice president Gary Schultz or the research he did that day on reporting the suspected child abuse.

Tim Curley

The Penn State athletic director, 62 was Joe Paterno's immediate supervisor (boss). He was a high-ranking PSU official reporting to Gary Schultz. Joe Paterno testified that he had told Curley what Mike McQueary had told him. Curley has denied being told of sexual misconduct by Sandusky in 2002. He is accused of covering

up allegations tied to the scandal. He was named athletic director on Dec. 30, 1993. Curley chose to take an administrative leave the day before his Nov. 7 arraignment. On March 13, 2017, Curley pleaded guilty of endangering the welfare of children in the alleged Jerry Sandusky cover-up case.

Ray Gricar

District Attorney DA Gricar went missing and was declared legally dead in July, 2012. He had been the Centre County district attorney from 1985 to 2005, at which time, he disappeared. He chose not to prosecute Sandusky in 1998, after allegations of inappropriate contact with young boys surfaced. The decision helped to end a police investigation into the report.

In 2011, the news broke that Gricar declined to prosecute an alleged case of sexual assault of a minor against Jerry Sandusky. The 1998 decision put Gricar's name back in the national spotlight as it came amid news of an indictment against the former Penn State assistant football coach. It also spurred a wave of speculation that Gricar's disappearance was connected to the disgraced coach or the alleged cover-up.

Montour County District Attorney Bob Buehner has said that he believes Gricar was killed, but he doubts that it had any Sandusky connection. Buehner added: "Who in the Sandusky case would have the motive to do any harm to Ray Gricar?" he said. "Gricar might have been the best witness [for Sandusky] had he been alive . . . and any victim probably wasn't old enough, I don't think, to be abducting the DA and making him disappear."

Mike McQueary

McQueary had offered to Coach Paterno in 2002, when he was a graduate assistant that he had witnessed Sandusky abusing a boy in a Penn State locker room shower. Paterno immediately informed Curley, who was Paterno's boss about what McQueary had seen. Paterno did not follow-up with his boss. Curley later met with

McQueary and Schultz. Schultz was McQueary's boos, a senior VP at PSU. McQueary later became an assistant coach at Penn State. He gave his statement to the grand jury. He reportedly said in testimony that he went to the police but the authorities dispute his claim. The school put him on administrative leave on Nov. 11, 2011. McQuery won a lawsuit for several million dollars v PSU but the university is appealing i.

Joe Paterno

Coach "Joe Pa," revered by many at Penn State University as well as a legion of fans, died on January 22, 2012 at age 85. Having planned to retire after the 2011 season, Paterno was fired from his job four days after Sandusky's arrest. The Vice Chairman of the board of trustees, John Surma, called Joe Paterno at his home to give him the news—after 62 years of dedicated service.

Paterno took over from Rip Engle as head coach. He had been an assistant or head coach at Penn State since 1950. The scandal prompted Paterno's thoughts on retirement, but school trustees ended his tenure hours after the coach made that pledge.

In a statement before he was fired, Paterno said, "This is a tragedy. It is one of the great sorrows of my life. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more." Some of us wish that the coach had lived long enough to recover and become an advocate for the cause. Paterno was a good man who made a mistake by not following up; yet he did notify his boss and did believe the matter had been handled.

Graham Spanier

Spanier, 68, was fired right with Coach Joe Paterno on November 9, 2011. He had become university president in 1995, after serving at universities in Oregon, Nebraska, and New York. Spanier served on the faculty and as a staff member at Penn State from 1973 to 1982. His academic background is concentrated in sociology and family counseling.

Spanier had ruled over a veritable empire: about 45,000 students on a stately, sprawling main campus in State College; another 40,000 students at locations around the state; and an annual budget exceeding \$4 billion. Spanier took none of the accusations lying down. Who really knows? Next week Graham Spanier has a trial date after five years waiting.

Gary Schultz

Schultz was a lifetime Nittany Lion rising to the senior vice president spot for finance and business. Tim Curley the Athletic Director reported to Schultz.

In this capacity, he had oversight of the university police. He was charged with covering up abuse allegations. He pleaded guilty on March 3, 2017 of endangering the welfare of children in the alleged Jerry Sandusky cover-up case.

He served as Penn State's senior vice president and treasurer from 1993 to 2009, at which time he retired after nearly 40 years of service.

Before the huge publicity of the scandal, as a favorite son, he had been rehired for the same job in 2011, on a temporary basis. In late July, he was named interim senior vice president for Finance and Business while the university conducted a national search to fill the position. PSU had retained Brill Neumann Executive Search Consulting to assist in the national search for this position. In early 2010, the university named a campus child care center after Schultz, and later unofficially and very quietly renamed it as the Child Care Center at Hort Woods. Schultz retired for the second time on Nov. 6, 2011 in the wake of the Sandusky scandal.

Chapter 6 The Timeline for the Jerry Sandusky Scandal

Some of this timeline of events are taken from work once put together by NPR.

1977 Jerry Sandusky establishes a group foster home known as the Second Mile in State College, Pa. The purpose is to help troubled boys—according to grand jury findings. The program evolved into a statewide charity whose honorary board members included sports figures.

Tim Curley becomes Penn State's athletic director. That same year, Gary Schultz is named the school's treasurer and senior vice president.

1994

A boy who was identified as Victim 7 during the grand jury activity meets Sandusky through the Second Mile program. Now the young man is 26 years old. He alleges that after a couple of years in the program, he often spent Friday nights at Sandusky's house and attended football games with him the next day. He says Sandusky touched him in ways that made him uncomfortable, primarily during car rides and when the two showered after a workout.

1998

A different 1-year-old boy returns home with wet hair after an outing with Sandusky. He is known as Victim 6. He tells his mother that he took a shower with Sandusky and that the coach hugged him several times. The boy's mother contacts university police. This triggers an investigation.

May 13 and May 19, Det. Ronald Shreffler records the boy's mother during a phone call with Sandusky. Court papers say that in the phone call, Jerry Sandusky acknowledges that he showered with the boy, as well as with others. The mother cuts off contact with Sandusky after a second call. Sandusky is reported to have told her: "I wish I were dead," according to court papers.

June 1 Jerry Lauro, an investigator from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, takes part in an interview of Sandusky by Shreffler. According to the grand jury report, Sandusky admitted to hugging the boy in the shower, and said he would not shower with children again.

Shreffler spoke to another boy who reported similar treatment to that which was reported by Victim 6. This investigation ends after District Attorney Ray Gricar decides the case warrants no criminal charges. Shreffler tells the grand jury that Thomas Harmon, who headed the campus police, told him to close the inquiry. Gricar was declared dead ten years later as the probable victim of foul play. His body was never found.

1999

Sandusky retires from the Penn State's football program, where he had been employed for 32 years. He is given an "emeritus" label that allows him continued access to campus facilities, including the locker room and an office in the Lasch Football Building. In his testimony, Schultz testified that the timing of Sandusky's retirement was not related to the university police investigation a year earlier.

2000

Jim Calhoun, a janitor at the Lasch building, tells a co-worker and his supervisor that he saw Sandusky engaging in sexual activity with a boy in the assistant coaches' shower. The boy, referred to as Victim 8 in court papers, has never been identified. Some speculate the story is untrue but nobody knows.

Calhoun's colleague Ronald Petrosky, who reported seeing Sandusky's car in the parking lot later that night in the fall of 2000, said that there were several members of the janitorial staff who were concerned that they might lose their jobs if they spoke out about what had happened.

After Calhoun told his supervisor, Jay Witherite, what he had seen, Witherite told him the person to whom he could report the incident to, if he chose to do so.

2002

A graduate assistant, Mike McQueary, reports seeing Sandusky sexually assaulting a boy in the showers at the Lasch Football Building on the Penn State campus, around 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1. The assault on the boy, who Kelly said, "appeared to be about 10 years old," is reported to Paterno the next day by McQueary, who had discussed the matter with his family, when he got home that night. Paterno, in turn, passes the information to Tim Curley, the Athletic Director and Joe Paterno's supervisor (boss) one day later.

The graduate assistant has since been identified as then current Penn State assistant coach Mike McQueary, met with Curley and Schultz, but not Paterno, about ten days later. According to McQueary, he told them that he had seen Sandusky having sex with a boy in the showers. This is not the same story he had told Paterno. No report is made to police or to any child protection agency — a breach of state law, prosecutors say.

Two weeks later, Curley tells McQueary that Sandusky's keys to the locker room have been taken away and that the incident was reported to The Second Mile charity.

Sandusky is banned from bringing children onto the Penn State campus in a decision reviewed and approved by Spanier, the university president. Still, there is no knowledge of a report to police.

2009

The mother of the boy previously identified as Victim 1 calls a high school in Clinton County to report that her son was sexually abused by Sandusky. The school district takes swift action and bans Sandusky from any of its campuses, and the police are notified.

2010

In December, the graduate assistant (McQueary) who had reported the 2002 assault testifies before a grand jury investigating Sandusky, detailing what he saw and what he told to Paterno, Schultz and Curley.

In 2010 or 2011, Victim 7 reports to the grand jury that prior to his testimony, he had received voice mails from Sandusky, his wife and a friend of Sandusky's. This victim says that he did not return any of the calls.

November 6, 2010, Penn State rallied from a 21-0 deficit late in the first half to beat Northwestern, 35-21, giving Joe Paterno his 400th career victory on the field. Paterno then becomes the first coach in the Football Bowl Subdivision with 400 wins and just the third in NCAA history.

Matt McGloin threw a career-high four touchdown passes to lead the rally. The comeback was Penn State's largest at home under Coach Paterno and matched the biggest comeback all-time under the Hall of Fame mentor (trailed 21-0 at Illinois in 1994; won, 35-31).

2011

January 12, 2011 grand jury testimony, Curley said the graduate assistant McQueary reported only "inappropriate," not "sexual" conduct, calling the conduct "horsing around."

January 12, 2011 On the same day, Schultz gave his testimony. He said that he met with Curley and Paterno about the abuse allegations. But he tells the grand jury that he was unsure about the details of what had happened and that he thought Sandusky and the boy might have been wrestling when the inappropriate contact occurred.

October 29, 2011 — Silas Redd rushed for 100 yards or more for the fifth consecutive game and scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:08 to play to lift Penn State to a 10-7 win over Illinois. The

Nittany Lions improved to 8-1 overall and became the first team in Big Ten history to win five consecutive conference games by 10 points or less. The victory was the 409th of Joe Paterno's career on the field moving him past legendary Grambling coach Eddie Robinson for the most wins in NCAA Division I history and No. 2 all-time for all NCAA divisions. Paterno's career on the field record stands at 409-136-3 over 46 years after what would be the final game for the Hall of Fame coach and icon.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011: The investigation into Sandusky, Curley and Schultz becomes public. Prosecutors accuse the former assistant coach of making inappropriate sexual advances or assaults on eight boys, from 1994 to 2009.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011: Curley and Schultz vacate their university posts following an emergency meeting with school officials. They are not yet fired.

Monday, Nov. 7, 2011: Curley and Schultz are arraigned on charges of making false statements to the grand jury and failing to report the possible abuse of a child.

Monday, Nov. 7, 2011: Calls for an ouster of Paterno and Spanier grow in state and beyond. Penn State abruptly cancels Paterno's regular weekly press conference. I bet it was more than Paterno and Spanier but they were easy targets.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011: Coach Paterno, was now under increasing criticism and pressure to resign in the wake of the Sandusky scandal. He announces that he would retire at the end of the 2011 season, coincidental with the expiration of his current three-year contract. In his press statement, Paterno said, "This is a tragedy. It is one of the great sorrows of my life. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more."

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011 Despite his offer, the board was trying to close matters to seek minimal damage to the university and themselves and so just hours after the Coach's announcement, the Penn State Board of Trustees called Paterno at home and told him that he was fired. They used the same bush league approach

to fire school president Graham Spanier — "effective immediately," according to the board.

Wednesday Nov. 9, 2011: The Penn State Board of Trustees quickly announced that Penn State President Graham Spanier and head football coach Joe Paterno had been relieved of their duties, effective immediately, in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky investigation. They also announced that respected, long-time assistant coach and defensive coordinator Tom Bradley was named interim head coach for the remainder of the 2011 season.

Wednesday Nov. 9, 2011: Tom Bradley's got a nice shot at being coach shortly after the November 4 grand jury report was released on Friday, November 4. There was no game Saturday. On November 9, Joe Paterno offered to retire at the end of the season, which was going pretty good for the players at the time. PSU officials instead fired Paterno and the University president on November 9, and appointed Bradley interim coach just three days before one of the toughest games of the season—#19 ranked Nebraska

Friday Nov. 11, 2011: Penn State places McQueary on administrative leave. The move comes one day after the school announced it would be "in the best interest of all" if McQueary did not attend the season's final home game, citing multiple threats made against him.

Friday Nov. 11, 2011: Penn State University President Rodney Erickson answers a question at a press conference with student leaders in State College, Pa.

Saturday Nov 12, 2011 — In an emotionally-charged Senior Day in Beaver Stadium, Penn State rallied from a 17-0 deficit to within 17-14 against new Big Ten rival Nebraska, but the Nittany Lions fell by three points. Prior to the game, student-athletes, coaches and team personnel from both squads joined at midfield in a moment of reflection and prayer for the victims of child abuse. Tom Bradley's team, clearly upset by the week's happenings lost this game at home to the Nebraska Cornhuskers. It was close .L (14-17).

Sunday Nov. 13, 2011: The leader of The Second Mile, the charity Sandusky founded and, according to prosecutors, used to find his alleged victims, resigns. President and CEO Jack Raykovitz had held the post for 28 years.

Monday Nov. 14, 2011: The ongoing child-abuse investigation discovered another ten other young men who may have also been abused, according to a report in *The New York Times*. In a telephone interview with Bob Costas, Jerry Sandusky admits to showering with boys, but he says he is innocent of the charges, and that he only "horsed around" with them.

Monday Nov. 14, 2011

Sandusky tells NBC News' "Rock Center" that he is not a pedophile but, in retrospect, should not have showered with the boys he's charged with sexually assaulting. When Bob Costas asks Sandusky if he is sexually attracted to young boys, Sandusky hesitates, then says, "Am I sexually attracted to young boys? Sexually attracted, you know, I enjoy young people. I love to be around them. But no, I'm not sexually attracted to young boys." Commentators call Sandusky's performance unconvincing, and public image experts and lawyers agree that his appearance on the show only further damages his public image.

Thursday Nov. 17, 2011: City and university police dispute McQueary's claim that he had spoken with police and "made sure it stopped," after allegedly witnessing Sandusky abusing a boy in 2002 — claims McQueary had apparently made in an email to friends after the scandal had become public.

Friday Nov. 18, 2011 — The family of Joe Paterno announced that the legendary coach was suffering from a treatable form of lung cancer.

Saturday Nov. 19, 2011 — Penn State scored on four of its initial five possessions en route to a 20-14 win at Ohio State and a share of the inaugural Big Ten Leaders Division Championship. The Nittany Lions played their seventh consecutive conference game decided by 10 points or less (6-1 record).

Monday Nov. 21, 2011: Penn State announced that it had hired former FBI director Louis Freeh to investigate the abuse allegations.

Wednesday Nov. 30, 2011: A civil lawsuit is filed against Sandusky, The Second Mile and Penn State, claiming that Sandusky sexually abused the plaintiff more than 100 times when he was between 10 and 14 years old. The plaintiff, identified only as John Doe, 29 [now 34] was not among the eight alleged victims in the grand jury's report. This news came just one day after Second Mile (Sandusky's charity) urged its supporters to make future donations to another charity, the Pennsylvania Coalition against Rape.

Wednesday Dec. 7, 2011: Sandusky is arrested and charged with abusing two more boys. The new cases mean that the former coach at this time faced 52 charges in the abuse of more than 10 boys. Like the other alleged victims, the young men say they first met Sandusky through his Second Mile charity.

Tuesday Dec. 13, 2011: Sandusky waived his right to a Dec. 13 preliminary hearing to establish probable cause on the abuse charges. The move kept Sandusky's accusers from providing early testimony in this high-profile case. The former coach's next court date was set for Jan. 11, 2012.

November 26, 2011 The #19 Nittany Lions finished off the season with a big loss at #12 Wisconsin L (7-45). The game was played at Camp Randall Stadium • Madison, WI

2012

Monday Jan 2, 2012: Tom Bradley led the very dispirited and disenchanting #23 PSU Nittany Lions to the Cotton Bowl v #17 Houston. The Nittany Lions lost the game L (14-30). From the Nebraska game on, nothing seemed real to the team as the whole football program was in disarray.

Friday, Jan 6, 2012 — Bill O'Brien was named Penn State's 15th head football coach. O'Brien was the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach with the New England Patriots in 2011, helping the Patriots to their second Super Bowl in his five

years on the coaching staff. Like Joe Paterno, O'Brien graduated from Brown University, where he played linebacker and defensive end from 1990-92.

Monday Jan. 22, 2012 — Joe Paterno died of lung cancer at the age of 85 in State College, surrounded by his family. Three days of private and public viewings and memorial services bring tens of thousands of people to campus to pay their respects. RIP JoePa

Tuesday May 8, 2012

At the prosecutors' request, Judge John Cleland allows documents related to some of McQueary's allegations against Sandusky to be altered. The revisions change the date of events McQueary had previously said happened in March of 2002; the papers now allege that the events occurred 13 months earlier, in February of 2001.

Tuesday June 5, 2012 former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was photographed walking to the county courthouse for the first day of his trial on child sex abuse charges.

Wednesday. June 6, 2012:

A nine-member jury consisting of five men and seven women is chosen for Sandusky's trial in Pennsylvania's Centre County. Several of the jurors have ties to Penn State, as either professors or students.

Monday June 11, 2012:

As the trial opens, prosecutor Joe McGettigan tells the jury that Sandusky is a "serial predator," and shows them photos of the alleged victims, taken when they were children. Defense attorney Joe Amendola tells the jurors that the accusers in the case are seeking financial gain.

Monday June 18, 2012:

After featuring the testimony of several alleged victims, the prosecution in the case rests. The defense begins with a successful request to remove one count, regarding victim 7, on the grounds that the charge was made under a statute that would not have applied at the specified time.

Wednesday June 20, 2012:

Sandusky's defense team rests its case, one day after his wife, Dottie, took the stand. Other defense witnesses included friends and young men who said Sandusky had helped them personally and through his charity. Despite hints otherwise, the former coach did not testify on his own behalf.

Friday June 22, 2012:

The jury finds Sandusky guilty of 45 out of 48 counts of sexual abuse. 2012 - Sandusky's adopted son claims he was abused.

Saturday June 30, 2012

Mike McQueary's contract as assistant football coach ends.

Thursday July 5, 2012

McQueary learns that his contract has not been renewed.

Friday July 6, 2012

Former Penn State President Graham Spanier tells investigators that he had never been informed of any incident involving Sandusky.

Thursday July 12, 2012

Louis Freeh announces the findings of the investigation into Penn State's action concerning Sandusky and child abuse. The report accuses the former leaders at Penn State of showing "total and consistent disregard" for child sex abuse victims, while covering up the attacks of a longtime sexual predator.

Monday July 23, 2012

The NCAA announces a \$60 million fine against Penn State and bans the team from the postseason for four years. Additionally, the school must vacate all wins from 1998-2011, and will lose 20 football scholarships a year for four seasons.

The Big Ten Conference rules that Penn State's share of bowl revenues for the next four seasons - roughly \$13 million - will be donated to charities working to prevent child abuse.

Monday, July 23, 2012 — The NCAA announced major sanctions against Penn State after the conviction of Jerry Sandusky and the release of the Freeh Report. Included in the sanctions are a four-year bowl ban and a reduction in scholarships, the vacating of all 112 victories from 1998- 2011, 111 of which were under Joe Paterno, and giving current squad members the opportunity to immediately transfer to another institution until August 2013. The NCAA ruling was another rush to judgment which, after the pain had been inflicted and the losses sustained was lifted after major protests.

Day of the week will no longer be shown.

July 25, 2012 — Seniors Michael Mauti and Michael Zordich, flanked by their teammates, pledge their commitment to Penn State and to keeping the 2012 team together less than two weeks from the start of training camp.

August 24, 2012

"Victim 1" files a lawsuit against Penn State.

September 1, 2012 — In his first game as head coach, Bill O'Brien's Nittany Lions took a 14-3 halftime lead over Ohio, but the Bobcats rallied to post a 24-14 win in Beaver Stadium.

September 15, 2012 — Matt McGloin threw four touchdown passes. Three of these were directed to sophomore Allen Robinson, to lead the Nittany Lions to a 34-7 win over Navy in Beaver Stadium for Bill O'Brien's first career victory.

September. 20, 2012

Feinberg Rozen LLP (headed by Kenneth Feinberg who oversaw the 9/11 and BP oil spill victim's funds) is hired by Penn State.

September 29, 2012 — Matt McGloin ran for a pair of touchdowns and he threw for another while on the other side of the ball, Michael Mauti grabbed two interceptions. Mauti returned one for a school-record 99 yards, to lead Penn State to a 35-7 win at Illinois This was the Big Ten-opener for Bill O'Brien's first conference win.

October. 2, 2012

Mike McQueary files a whistleblower lawsuit against Penn State.

October 6, 2012 — Matt McGloin, becoming a PSU star quarterback, completed a school-record 35 passes and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 2:37 to play, sparking PSU to 22 points in the fourth quarter. This was a 39-28 comeback Homecoming win vs No. 24 Northwestern and most appreciated by Penn State Fans. The PSU rooters were pleased that a great coach such as Bill O'Brien was in command after what had happened to JoePa.

October. 8, 2012

An audio statement from Sandusky airs in which he protests his innocence and says he is falsely accused.

October 9, 2012

Sandusky is sentenced to no less than 30 years and no more than 60 years in prison. During the hearing, Sandusky is designated as a sexually violent offender.

October 15, 2012

A lawsuit is filed by plaintiff "John Doe," a 21-year-old male. Defendants include Sandusky, Penn State, the Second Mile, Spanier, Curley, and Schultz. Doe alleges Sandusky sexually abused him and that he would not have been assaulted by Sandusky if officials who were aware that Sandusky was molesting boys had not covered up his misconduct.

October 18, 2012

Sandusky's lawyers file an appeal.

October 23, 2012

Sandusky is transferred to a state prison facility located in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

November 1, 2012

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania files eight charges against former Penn State President Graham Spanier in connection with the rape scandal. The charges include perjury and endangering the welfare of a child. Former university Vice President Gary Schultz

and former Athletic Director Tim Curley face the same charges, according to Attorney General Linda Kelly.

November 7, 2012

Graham Spanier is arraigned. His bail is set at \$125,000 unsecured and he is ordered not to leave Pennsylvania without permission.

November 15, 2012

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education lifts its warning and reaffirms Penn State's accreditation.

November 24, 2012 — Thirty-one seniors were introduced before the Wisconsin game in an emotional ceremony and then they lead Penn State to a 24-21 overtime win over the eventual Big Ten champions. Sam Ficken, the great kicker, caps a 3-for-3 day on field goal attempts with a 37-yard game-winner, giving the Nittany Lions their first home overtime win.

November 24, 2012—PSU beats Wisconsin in OT W 24-21) Ineligible for Bowl game because of sanctions. O'Brien's season record is 8-4; (6-2 Big Ten)

November 26, 2012 — Bill O'Brien, who all agree did a masterful job with Penn State in 2012, swept Big Ten Coach-of-the-Year honors. Additionally, six Nittany Lions were named first-team all-conference, led by Michael Mauti, the Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker-of-the-Year, and Allen Robinson, the Richter-Howard Receiver-of-the Year. Defensive end Deion Barnes was named Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Year and he was joined by tight end Kyle Carter as a first-team Freshman All-American. Bill O'Brien was helping Penn State recover.

December 5, 2012

The trial dates scheduled for January 07, 2013, for Tim Curley and for Gary Schultz are postponed until further notice.

January 17, 2013 — Bill O'Brien is named Bear Bryant Coach-of-the-Year, earning his third national coaching honor, joining accolades from the Maxwell Football Club and ESPN.com.

January 30, 2013

Judge John M. Cleland denies Sandusky's appeal for a new trial.

February 2, 2013 — Former Penn State All-America end Dave Robinson becomes the sixth Nittany Lion selected for enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

July 30, 2013

A judge rules that Graham Spanier, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz will face trial on obstruction of justice and other charges related to the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

August 26, 2013

Sandusky's adopted son and six other victims have finalized settlement agreements.

August 2013 — Before the season, Penn State had decided to host an open competition for QB. True Freshman Christian Hackenberg won the position. He started all 12 games for the Nittany Lions. He was the headliner of the recruiting class. Other stalwarts in the class included end, Adam Breneman.

August 2013 John Butler was named Penn State's new defensive coordinator. Looked for a similar season to 2012 (8-4) but it was not quite as good (7-5)

October 2, 2013

Sandusky's appeal is denied by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

October 12, 2013. Great victory. Defeated Michigan in a quadruple-overtime thriller. PSU alternated losses and wins for the remainder of the season, losing to Ohio State, Minnesota, and Nebraska, and defeating Illinois, Purdue, and Wisconsin.

October 28, 2013

Penn State announces that they have reached settlements with what it calls 26 victims of Jerry Sandusky, and the amount paid by the university totals \$59.7 million.

November 30, 2013—End of season win against Wisconsin W (31-24). Season record 7-5 (4-4 Big Ten)

Post Season 2013—Christian Hackenberg was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Backup QB Tyler Ferguson, who announced he would transfer. Soon after the season, two coaches—Ron Vanderlinden and Charlie Fisher—left Penn State for undisclosed reasons. A few weeks later, Coach O'Brien accepted the head coaching position with the Houston Texans, leaving the Nittany Lions after two seasons.

January 11, 2014—the Nittany Lions hired Vanderbilt's James Franklin to replace Bill O'Brien as head coach for the 2014 season.

April 2, 2014

Sandusky's appeal is denied by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

September 8, 2014

NCAA ends the Nittany Lions' postseason ban and scholarship limits. A \$60 million fine and 13 years of vacated wins of renowned coach Joe Paterno remain in place.

September 9, 2014—With NCAA's announcement to lift Penn State's bowl ban, the Nittany Lions have an opportunity to take advantage of a weakened Big Ten.

October 27, 2014—Joe Paterno supporters sign the 409 sign at the Student Book Store on October 24, 2014. The petition was created by PeoplesJoe.com to oppose the wins take-away by the NCAA.

December 1, 2014—Board Chairman Keith Masser wrote a letter to trustees granting them access to documents that went into Louis Freeh's report.

December 27, 2014—Penn State defeated Boston College in Pinstripe Bowl; finished season 7–6 (2–6 Big Ten). This is Coach Franklin's first season as head coach.

January 16, 2015

The NCAA agrees to restore Joe Paterno's wins as part of a settlement of the lawsuit brought by State Senator Jake Corman and Treasurer Rob McCord. Also as part of the settlement agreement, Penn State agrees to commit \$60 million to the prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse.

Penn State's football team got back its 112 hard-fought wins that had been wiped out during the Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal, and the late Joe Paterno has been restored as the winningest coach in major college football history.

The NCAA announced the new settlement with the school Friday, weeks before a scheduled trial on the legality of the 2012 consent decree that the agreement replaced.

The new deal also directs a \$60 million fine to address child abuse be spent within Pennsylvania and it resolves that lawsuit.

Most Penn State fans and supporters of the institution never believed that the NCAA should have punished the non-guilty in the Sandusky case. Adam Rittenberg wrote:

"Exposed yet again, the NCAA folded after reaching a settlement with Penn State and showed why it should have never been involved in this issue in the first place."

Sometimes even the big chiefs do not get it right! The NCAA's board of governors approved the settlement, association spokesman Bob Williams said. The Penn State board approved it Friday afternoon.

February 13, 2015—The Big Ten says Penn State will get its bowl revenue this upcoming season instead of keeping the ban on revenue in force.

July 23, 2015—Three years ago, the NCAA imposed harsh sanctions on Penn State following the aftermath of the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse case. Since then, the sanctions have been lifted following a lawsuit against the sport's governing body, but those pursuing the case say there is still more to be discovered.

November 2015: Jerry Sandusky's state pension was restored based, in part, on a finding by the judges that he was not a Penn State University employee when his crimes were committed.

December 23, 2015

A spokeswoman for the State of Pennsylvania employee retirement system says Sandusky will receive \$211,000 in back payments and regular pension payments will resume. This is the result of a November 13 court ruling that reversed a 2012 decision to terminate Sandusky's pension under a state law that allows the termination of pensions of public employees convicted of a "disqualifying crime." The judge said in his ruling that Sandusky was not employed at the time of the crimes he was convicted of committing.

January 22, 2016

A three-judge panel reverses the obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges against Spanier, Curley and Schultz, and the perjury charges against Spanier and Curley.

Jan. 24, 2016

Summation of Dropped Charges

Philly.com by Susan Snyder and Craig R. McCoy, STAFF WRITERS

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Text as follows:

"The Pennsylvania Superior Court scaled back the criminal case Friday against three former Pennsylvania State University administrators accused of conspiring to cover up Jerry Sandusky's child sex abuse, validating their assertion that it was unfair to let the university's former top lawyer testify against them.

"In three opinions, the judges reversed a lower-court ruling that upheld obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges against former Penn State President Graham B. Spanier, former vice president Gary Schultz, and former athletic director Tim Curley, as well as perjury charges against Spanier and Schultz.

"The judges left intact charges of child endangerment, a third-degree felony, and failure to report suspected child abuse, a summary offense, against all three men, as well as a perjury charge for Curley.

"But defense lawyers hailed the rulings, perhaps their biggest legal victory in a case that has languished for four years." We're elated that they threw out the most important charges," said Elizabeth Ainslie, an attorney for Spanier.

"A spokesman for Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane said her office would review the ruling and decide if it would appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

"Prosecutors contend that Spanier, Curley, and Schultz either ignored signs that Sandusky, a longtime assistant to football coach Joe Paterno, was a sexual predator or covered it up.

"All retired, resigned, or were forced out in the wake of Sandusky's arrest. Each has denied the allegations."

February 4, 2016: On National Signing Day, Penn State football adds 20 new recruits to the program. Penn State alums and fans are ready for a bright future

August 12, 2016: In a bid for a new trial, Sandusky testifies at a post-conviction hearing claiming his lawyers bungled his 2012 trial. On the stand, Sandusky describes what he said was bad media and legal advice given to him by his former lawyer, Joseph Amendola. That bad advice, he said, included an interview he granted to Bob Costas on NBC.

September 15, 2016 Penn State pays tribute to Paterno. Penn State offered a on the whole well-received tribute to Joe Paterno to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his first game as a head coach during the football game against Temple on Sept. 15, 2016.

November 3, 2016 - The Department of Education fines Penn State \$2.4 million for violating the Clery Act, a law that requires universities to report crime on campuses. It's the largest fine in the history of the act.

March 13, 2017 Tim Curley & Gary Schultz plead guilty to settle their cases and go home after a five-year ordeal.

March 20, 2017: The Day of Graham Spanier's Trial

Chapter 7 Happy Valley Had Stopped Smiling

Tough to recover for State College

Though not close to the pain of the little ones affected by this travesty, all of Happy Valley and surrounds had a tough recovering in the five years following the scandal. The truth still is not in but residents are coming back. Joe Paterno's tribute celebrating his 50th anniversary as a PSU head coach at the end of 2016 and of course Coach Franklin's Big Ten Championship helped a lot. Nobody is talking about how bad Happy Valley is anymore! Time is a great healer.

The locals during the dark period from 2011 had lamented the wonderful times they had in the pre-Sandusky trial years and they all wished things could be brought back to normal. In many ways, a great coach and a great man, James Franklin gave Happy Valley another reason to be happy in the 2016/2017 football year. Thank you, Coach Franklin.

Nobody wanted anything rushed but the penalties against the university, not the perpetrators, were not looked upon well by the townspeople. The town was not looking to indict any of the PSU folks as the truth had not yet been discovered even five years after the disclosures that sent Happy Valley into a tizzy. The trials have either been settled or are just about over and recovery is on its way.

A good part of the awaited closure came when the verdict was in and the guilty were sentenced and they went to jail. The rest of State College could breathe easier as justice had been done. All pray for the little saints who live on but who were harmed. There is continual hope that the most innocent of them gain their freedom

from this curse, which in some ways, hopefully ended with the original verdict.

I selected excerpts from a nice healing piece for the people of Happy Valley and State College. God, bless you all. Please check out this nice work by Ethan Kasales and the excerpts I selected as part of the healing that all of us need. Amen!

<http://onwardstate.com/2015/11/05/four-years-later-a-townies-take-on-penn-states-past-and-future/>

"Four Years Later: A Townie's Take on Penn State's Past and Future"

BY [ETHAN KASALES](#) ON NOVEMBER 5, 2015 AT 4:04 AM

Excerpt:

"There is a remarkable amount of resilience in Happy Valley, and it was put on full display in front of a global audience in the months and years following the scandal. Even after the NCAA overstepped its bounds, handing down perhaps the most severe sanctions on a college program ever, Penn State didn't crumble.

"Current New Orleans Saint and beloved Nittany Lion linebacker Michael Mauti said it best when he and teammate Michael Zordich gave brief, yet incredibly moving remarks outside of the Lasch Building on July 25, 2012. "We take this as an opportunity to create our own legacy. This program was not built by one man, and this program's sure as hell is not gonna be torn down by one man. This program was built on every alumnus, every single player that came before us; built on their backs."

"Critics called Penn State a university with a "culture problem" of putting football on a pedestal. But I would argue that this program will always serve as an example of the outstanding pride and dedication to "success with honor" both on and off the field.

"Then, when the sanctions were lifted midway through last season, the sky continued to clear. It's a process that is certainly ongoing, but the foundation is in place to reach greatness once again."

[At the point in last season when this was written,] ...Penn State has gone a combined 29-17 since the start of 2012.

ESPN on-air personality Stephen A. Smith tweeted the following on July 13, 2012: "there's no future at Penn State for the foreseeable future. Minimum next five years."

"Well, the past four seasons have been unorthodox, that much is certain, but you simply can't call them a failure. In fact, the future is growing brighter each day...the optimism surrounding this team stretches far beyond the last three weeks of the 2015 regular season.

"This is not "just a football school," though. Of course, football is a big part of fall in Happy Valley, helping local businesses to flourish and providing an escape from the daily grind of classes and work for students, fans, and alumni. But the same can be said for countless Division I programs across the nation.

"What makes Penn State different is the compassion and connection with our peers that we're encouraged to enjoy. There is a niche where every student, faculty, and staff member alike can become involved and truly make a difference in the lives of others.

"The beauty of this place, both visceral and physical, is unlike anywhere else I've ever been. Sure, winters in State College provide a constant struggle in terms of motivating oneself to walk to class amid negative wind chills, but I'll gladly layer up in pursuit of a degree from what I believe is the greatest all-around university this country has to offer.

"Thankfully fall is still in full effect, though the gorgeous summer-like weather of late may beg to differ. The aura of tradition runs deep here, but like any great institution, students and community members alike are again in the midst of a shift toward the unexpected. Penn State's compass is dialed in on the future, but

where will it lead next? That part is up to each and every one of us. How will you leave your mark on this place?

"Time will continue to press on, downtown will experience more changes as the skyline above State College evolves, but a few things will always remain constant here: the endless opportunities to find oneself, a chance to connect with the people and things that make one happy, and the feeling of camaraderie you're forever a part of as a member of the Penn State family."

This was a major tragedy from which PSU cannot escape. Nobody has the right key to open the lock behind which the truth hides undetected.

Joe Paterno did not like Jerry Sandusky as much as he liked the mosquito next door. Yet, his instincts never got up so high about a big bully of a guy who most of his coaches feared. How could this big moose mammoth bully ever like little boys? It had to hit those who even once considered it as a blind-hit between the eyes. How could a big surly, nasty, non-loving guy like Sandusky have liked little boys?

To repeat: How a big surly guy like Sandusky that most men did not even want to like—how could he like little boys? I suspect JoaPa dismissed it all for these reasons.

I suppose in his reflections, Joe Paterno had those thoughts also and so he did what he needed to do at minimum. It was a conundrum. He reported what had been told and then went on to coaching which was why he was being paid.

Chapter 8 Joe Paterno Football 1966 to 2011

The record speaks for itself:

1966	Joe Paterno	5-5	
1967	Joe Paterno	8-2-1	
1968	Joe Paterno	11-0	
1969	Joe Paterno	11-0	
1970	Joe Paterno	7-3	
1971	Joe Paterno	11-1	
1972	Joe Paterno	10-2	
1973	Joe Paterno	12-0	
1974	Joe Paterno	10-2	
1975	Joe Paterno	9-3	
1976	Joe Paterno	7-5	
1977	Joe Paterno	11-1	
1978	Joe Paterno	11-1	
1979	Joe Paterno	8-4	
1980	Joe Paterno	10-2	
1981	Joe Paterno	10-2	
1982	Joe Paterno	11-1	National Champions
1983	Joe Paterno	8-4-1	
1984	Joe Paterno	6-5	
1985	Joe Paterno	11-1	
1986	Joe Paterno	12-0	National Champions
1987	Joe Paterno	8-4	
1988	Joe Paterno	5-6	
1989	Joe Paterno	8-3-1	
1990	Joe Paterno	9-3	
1991	Joe Paterno	11-2	
1992	Joe Paterno	7-5	
1993	Joe Paterno	10-2	(6-2 Big 10)
1994	Joe Paterno	12-0	(8-0 Big 10)
1995	Joe Paterno	9-3	(5-3 Big 10)
1996	Joe Paterno	11-2	(6-2 Big 10)
1997	Joe Paterno	9-3	(6-2 Big 10)
1998	Joe Paterno	9-3	(5-3 Big 10)
1999	Joe Paterno	10-3	(5-3 Big 10)
2000	Joe Paterno	5-7	(4-4 Big 10)
2001	Joe Paterno	5-6	(4-4 Big 10)
2002	Joe Paterno	9-4	(5-3 Big 10)
2003	Joe Paterno	3-9	(1-7 Big 10)
2004	Joe Paterno	4-7	(2-6 Big 10)
2005	Joe Paterno	11-1	(7-1 Big 10)
2006	Joe Paterno	9-4	(5-3 Big 10)
2007	Joe Paterno	9-4	(4-4 Big 10)
2008	Joe Paterno	11-2	(7-1 Big 10)
2009	Joe Paterno	11-2	(6-2 Big 10)
2010	Joe Paterno	7-5	(4-3 Big 10)
2011	Joe Paterno	8-1	(5-0 Big 10)
2011	Tom Bradley	1-3	(1-2 Big 10)

JoePa coached 46 great seasons 1966 to 2010 and part of 2011.

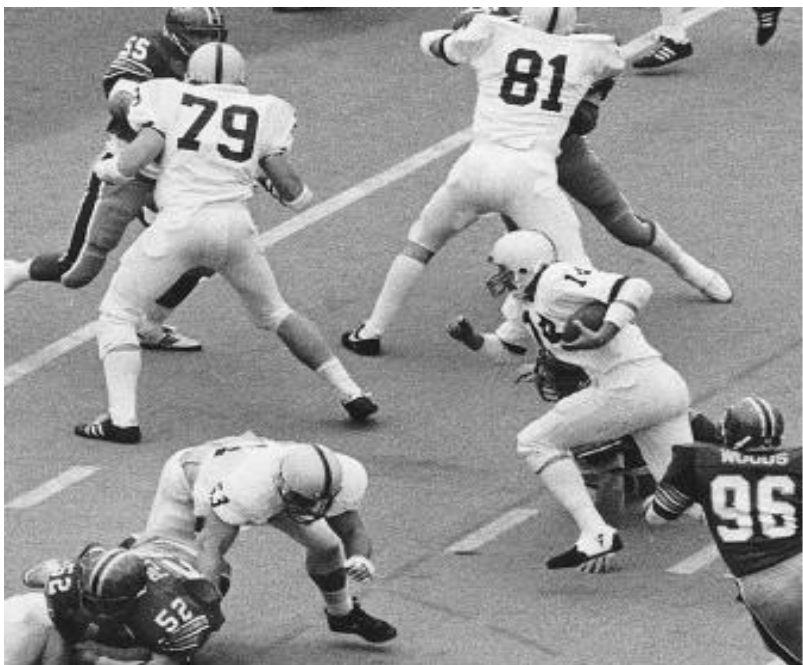
JoePa Coached 45 great seasons from 1966 to 2010 & he coached the biggest part of 2011. His last season, he was doing very well at 8-1 before the sky fell.

In his 46-year period, we find some of JoePa's worst but mostly his best work. Nobody could make any team be a contender as well and as often as Joseph V. Paterno!

With his 409 victories, Joe Paterno became the winningest coach in NCAA FBS history. He still holds this great honor.



Joe Paterno put together tons of bowl victories; two consensus National Championships—1982, 1986, and five undefeated and untied seasons – 1968, 1969, 1973, 1986, and 1994. Four of Penn State's unbeaten teams (1968, 1969, 1973, and 1994) won major bowl games and yet were not awarded a national championship. You make the call on that one, please! At the end of the 2011 season, Coach Paterno was the winningest coach ever in Division I with a 409-136-3 record. Was he the best coach ever? Many think he was. I share their sentiment.



The Nittany Lions delivered one of their most satisfying wins when quarterback Todd Blackledge (above) and the defense sparked a turnaround from a 14-0 deficit to a 48-14 win at No. 1 Pitt on November 28, 1981. Penn State beat Southern California in the 1982 Fiesta Bowl to finish 10-2 and ranked No. 3, setting the table for the Nittany Lions' 1982 National Championship

On November 28, 1981 Penn State was ready to play football. The team and the coach said enough is enough and they went out and shellacked #1 ranked Pittsburgh at Pitt Stadium W (48-14) in Dan Marino's last year.

Incidentally, with Pitt's 11-1 record, PSU had put the only blemish on its great season. The Pitt Team came back from the PSU loss, played and beat the # 2 team in the country Georgia 24-20 in the Sugar Bowl.

On this day as reflected in the picture, the 1981 Penn State pulled off one of its finest come from behind victories, snapping back from a 14-0 second-quarter deficit to rout No. 1 Pitt, 48-14, and end the national title chances of the Sugar Bowl-bound Panthers before a national television audience and 60,260 at Pitt Stadium. The victory was sparked by interceptions of Dan Marino passes by Roger Jackson and Mark Robinson and the passing combination of Todd Blackledge to Kenny Jackson.

This book is not about great team greatness but every now and then it is appropriate to show the greatness of JoePa and his teams so we know the coach's contribution to Penn State long before people did a double take on the name Paterno!

1982 Penn State Football Season Coach Joe Paterno

The 1982 Penn State Nittany Lions football team was coached by Joe Paterno in his seventeenth season. After a disappointing loss at Birmingham to #4 Alabama in game 5 L (21-42), a resilient and very tough Penn State squad came back and brought home all the marbles. The Nittany Lions won every game for the rest of the regular season, and defeated the #1 Georgia Bulldogs 27-23 in the Sugar Bowl. Added to their 11-1 record, Penn State's fine play gave Joe Paterno his first consensus national championship.

Watching the season records grow over the years, I still cannot get over how many games Paterno won and when I chronicled his seasons, at this point we were only in his seventeenth season of excellence.

In 1982, JoePa was just in his mid-50's. Lasting to 85, while under severe duress, there is no denying that Mr. Paterno surely knew

how to get the most out of his players, while making them all better men.

That is the job of all coaches but often only done by the great coaches of our time. Another great and tough coach, Frank Leahy, at Notre Dame, a bit before Paterno's time, had a saying that I think was the same type of saying JoePa would use to get the most out of his lads. Leahy said: "Lads, you're not to miss practice unless your parents died or you died." That about says it all!

PSU v ND 1982

Yogi Berra may not have been a football player but his saying that it ain't over 'til it's over ran true in the 1982 matchup between Notre Dame and Penn State. In 1982, the Irish were coming off a 31-16 upset over then-No. 1 Pittsburgh when the No. 5 Lions came to South Bend.



Nick Gancitano's Winning Field Goal V Notre Dame in 1982

Notre Dame scored first, but a one-yard run by quarterback Todd Blackledge and two field goals by Nick Gancitano put the Lions up 13-7. Freshman sensation Pinkett, who would go on to have his best game of his career against the Lions, took a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown and a 14-13 ND lead.

Blackledge, however, responded with a 48-yard-scoring strike to Curt Warner and Penn State went on to a 24-14 victory en route to its first national championship.

At 10-1, on November 26, # 2 Penn State played a tough #5 Pittsburgh at Beaver Stadium. The Nittany Lions controlled the game and won W (19-10). Penn State was the #2 team in the nation and they got a chance in the Sugar Bowl to play the #1 ranked team.

This year's Sugar Bowl was the type of game from which they make movies. The game would determine the 1982 national champions unless both teams played like pikers, which was highly unlikely for the recognized two best teams in the nation.

Georgia had a tough schedule and the Bulldogs had not lost a game. At 11-0, they thought they were pretty good. Penn State at 10-1, with a non-sequitur loss to Alabama felt pretty good about themselves. The game itself, for the first time in many trips to the great field for Penn State and Joe Paterno, would determine the national champion. Win, you're in; Lose, you're out and probably not even #2!

The game was played in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, LA. It was called the Sugar Bowl but neither team had decided to sweeten anything for their opponent. Penn State at # 2, Georgia at #1—it was a game scheduled by the gods.

And so, it happened on January 1, 1983 that the Pennsylvania State Nittany Lions defeated the great Georgia Bulldogs in a phenomenally tough football game W (19-10). 85,522 attendees plus a national ABC TV football audience enjoyed the game. Only half, my half, thankfully, enjoyed the score.



The overall record in 1996 was 11-2, (6-2 in the Big Ten). The great PSU record included a nice win against Texas in the Fiesta Bowl W (38-15). Penn State finished in the top ten this year in both polls at # 7.

Let's look at JoePa's last full season, etc.

2010 Penn State Football Season Coach Joe Paterno

The Penn State Nittany Lions football team was coached by Joe Paterno in his forty-fifth and last full season with Penn State University. Team captains for the 2010 season were wide receiver Brett Brackett and defensive tackle Ollie Ogbu. After a number of great seasons in a row, especially the outstanding 2009 season, it was again time for some rebuilding.

The Nittany Lions finished the season 7-6, with a 4-4 record in the Big Ten play. They qualified and they played in the Outback Bowl where they were defeated by Florida L (37-24). The bottom line is that it was another winning season.

Win # 400

On November 6, 2010, Joe Paterno became the first major college coach with 400 career victories as Penn State rallied from a three-

touchdown deficit Saturday night to defeat visiting Northwestern, 35-21.

The backup quarterback Matt McGloin threw for four touchdowns and the Nittany Lions (6-3, 3-2 Big Ten) shut down Wildcats quarterback Dan Persa in the second half to get the 83-year-old Paterno his latest milestone.

Only two other coaches have more wins. Eddie Robinson had 408 with the Football Championship Subdivision program Grambling State, and John Gagliardi has 477 with Division III St. John's, Minn.

Mobbed by his teammates, fans and his wife, Sue, afterward, Penn State honored Paterno with a postgame ceremony as the backup tailback Stephfon Green held a sign that read "400. The Paterno Way."

"People ask me why I've stayed here so long, and you know what, look around, look around. Now that the celebration's over, let's go beat Ohio State," Paterno said as the crowd roared.

Persa ran for two touchdowns and threw for another to build a 21-0 lead for Northwestern (6-3, 2-3).

But McGloin rallied Penn State and Silas Redd put the Nittany Lions ahead for good with a touchdown run in the third quarter. The 100,000-plus fans packed into Beaver Stadium chanted "Joe Paterno! Joe Paterno," with 6 minutes 30 seconds left and Penn State ahead by two touchdowns.

Camera flashes lighted up the stands and Paterno stood on the sideline, hands in his gray Penn State parka, not paying much attention to the ruckus.

As an aside, it was Ohio State that had big troubles with the NCAA this season. On July 8, 2011, long after the 2010 season had ended, in the wake of NCAA violations for improper benefits to student athletes and the subsequent cover, Ohio State vacated all of its victories, as well as the conference and Sugar Bowl championships, from the 2010 season as self-imposed sanctions. Since Penn State

lost to Ohio State, the official record for the Lions is 7-5; not 7-6 for 2009.

Having had a winning Season (7-5), PSU played Florida in the Outback Bowl on January 1 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, FL and lost a tough battle L (24–37) in Joe Paterno's last bowl game as head coach.

2011 Penn State Football Season Coach Joe Paterno

The 2011 Penn State Nittany Lions football team was coached by Joe Paterno in his forty-sixth and final year. Coach Paterno was the head coach for the first nine games of the year in what looked like it might be another championship season after the OK rebuilding year. As everybody knows there was a major scandal at Penn State in 2011 but it looked like it was not about the coach and so PSU fans were mostly confident during the season until the sky fell or perhaps was pushed down by the PSU board of trustees.

The truth lies someplace in between at all times. Coach Paterno, unmercifully after his 62 years of greatness was fired in the wake of the devastating allegations involved in the Sandusky scandal. The people never got to really hear JoePa's side of the story. The press smelled blood and went to find as much blood as they could at the old coach's expense. r

After an already great PSU season. defensive coordinator Tom Bradley took over the team for Joe Paterno. It is certain that the firing of the head coach main stream was very disruptive for the season. PSU theoretically might have won another championship if JoePa finished the season and the doom and gloom was not heaped upon the team as it was.

PSU Officials had other alternatives but chose to go in a down direction. The Nittany Lion players continued to work hard and they were clearly innocent victims of the situation and they continued to play but with heavy hearts when the administration dismissed their long-admired coach.

Penn State finished the season 9–4, 6–2 in the Leaders Division of the Big Ten to be co-division champions with Wisconsin. Due to the head-to-head loss to Wisconsin, they did not represent the division in the inaugural Big Ten Championship Game. They were invited to the Ticket City Bowl where under Tom Bradley's best efforts as interim coach, they lost to Houston 14–30.

You may remember that Penn State began the season with an unsettled quarterback situation. There was a battle between sophomore Rob Bolden and one-time walk-on junior Matt McGloin split starting duties in the 2010 season. Rob Bolden was named the starter for the season opener against Indiana State, but things changed.

Matt McGloin was the first walk-on quarterback to start at Penn State since scholarships were reinstated in 1949. Prior to his college career, McGloin was a Pennsylvania all-state quarterback while attending West Scranton High School, a few miles from where I live. He became the starting quarterback for Penn State Nittany Lions football team and led the Lions from 2010 to 2012

The season began like any other on September 3 at Beaver Stadium v Indiana State. #25 ranked PSU defeated the Sycamores W (41-7). On September 10, the #20 ranked Paterno forces got their first setback of the season against #3 Alabama L (11-27). This would be the very last loss in Joe Paterno's excellent career. Penn State would win their last seven games coached by Paterno. When PSU played Nebraska in game 10, Tom Bradley would be the new interim head coach.

On September 17 PSU beat a tough Temple team at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, PAW (14-10). On September 24, the Paterno forces beat Eastern Michigan at Beaver Stadium W (34–6). PSU then traveled to Bloomington Indiana before 42,621 on October 1, and the Lions beat the Hoosiers W (16-10). When Iowa came to Beaver Stadium on October 8, Penn State finished them off in a close match W (13-3).

Purdue was the next win for the Lions at Beaver Stadium in October 15, W (23-18). These were all typical Paterno close matches where the defense does a yeoman job. On October 22, #21

ranked PSU then beat Northwestern at Ryan Field in Evanston, IL W (34-24). PSU then finished off Illinois in another close game at Beaver Stadium on October 29. The #19 Nittany Lions beat the Fighting Illini W (10-7). This gave Joe Paterno his 409th win and placed him ahead of Grambling's Eddie Robinson as # 1 in major football.

The Illinois game at Beaver Stadium was the end of Joe Paterno's season and the end of Joe Paterno's 45+ year head coaching career with Penn State. He finished his part of the season with another great record at 8-1, losing only to #3 ranked Alabama. When he gave up the team to Tom Bradley, to play Nebraska, Paterno's nine-game season Penn State team was ranked # 12.

Tom Bradley's shot at being coach came shortly after the November 4 grand jury report was released on Friday, November 4. There was no game Saturday. On November 9, Joe Paterno offered to retire at the end of the season, which was going pretty good for the players at the time. PSU officials instead fired Paterno and the University president on November 9, and appointed Bradley interim coach just three days before one of the toughest games of the season—#19 ranked Nebraska

On November 12, Tom Bradley's team, clearly upset by the week's happenings lost at home to the Nebraska Cornhuskers in a close game L (14-17). Having regained some composure by November 19 at Columbus Ohio, the #21 PSU squad beat Ohio State in a close game W (20-14). The #19 Nittany Lions finished off the season with a big loss at #12 Wisconsin L (7-45).

Tom Bradley led the disenchanted PSU Nittany Lions to the Cotton Bowl and PSU lost L (14-30). From the Nebraska game on, nothing seemed real as the whole football program was in disarray.

Michael Mauti is one of the good guys in football and in life and he is a key element in many PSU pundits best of PSU football lists. He always occupies a nice spot.

Mauti, as many other PSU players enjoyed Penn State; enjoyed PSU Football, and enjoyed playing for the most decorated coach who has ever lived—Joe Paterno!

Chapter 9 The Bill O'Brien Era 2012 to 2013

2012 Penn State Football Season Coach Bill O'Brien

After over 60 years of coaching at Penn State (15 as assistant and 46 as head coach), Coach Joe Paterno passed away from Lung Cancer on January 22, 2012. This disease was once diagnosed as very treatable. Many of us who admire his work and who admired the man in life and in death believe that the consensus thought of this good man being fired with the idea that he had not done enough to help others was more than enough to kill him, or deplete his desire to live, thus hastening his death. Sad!

So many fans and pundits and alumni who could have simply suggested that they did not buy into his major involvement at all in the scandal, as I would have, stayed silent. Nobody really expected him to die. We expected him to fight and win. Joe Paterno died not a hero in the public view as he should have passed out of life. Surely, our merciful Lord has him slotted properly.

Thank you, God, for all the time on earth you gave Joseph V. Paterno. Now, Lord, please take care of him well and tell him we love him.

Unfortunately, the greatest figure in Penn State Football from the day football was invented, died in ignominy instead of as a great hero, which he was. That, in my opinion killed him as much as lung cancer from a very treatable disease in January 2012. His fortitude if he felt it was worth it, would have given us the man who could speak about so many great seasons and so many great players, and how to live life.

How did the decisions made by non-football people help PSU or sports in general? These decisions according to many who were not part of official Penn State off-base and so they contributed negatively to the PSU legacy, unnecessarily. It did not have to be that way.

For the first time in forty-seven years, at the beginning of the 2012 Penn State Nittany Lions football season, the PSU football team needed a new coach. It would be Bill O'Brian, a good man. PSU was coached in 2012 by Bill O'Brien, and not Joe Paterno or Tom Bradley. It was O'Brien's, first season with the Nittany Lions and so as had been the accustomed venue for his team, the Lions played home games in Beaver Stadium in University Park, Pennsylvania, US.

PSU continued as a member of the Big Ten Conference and the team played in the Leaders Division. Due to NCAA sanctions, Penn State was ineligible to play in a bowl game for the 2012 season. The NCAA hurriedly had placed Penn State in the toilet before the verdict had been drawn properly on the 2011 scandal.

Other happenings at PSU in 2013

Mike Dawson - mdawson@centredaily.com, wrote a piece in 2013 titled: Penn State trustees, Freeh blasted at Franco Harris forum. I used it as a fact basis for my own piece which is below. Here it is with some poetic license. Opinions are mine.

It is not over. The outrage at Joe Paterno's take-down will continue for a long time to come, and in my opinion, the people's verdict will exonerate the famed coach. More than 250 people turned out on a November 2013 Saturday night to listen to supporters of Coach Joe Paterno admonish Penn State for its firing of the legendary coach exactly two years before, as well as bringing forth a number of other points regarding the fallout from the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

It helps to remember this was not the Joe Paterno scandal. It was and is the Jerry Sandusky scandal. If it weren't for the big prize money, maybe it would not even be the Sandusky scandal. I am not accusing anybody...just supposing. I know I do not know for sure. But, for sure, Sandusky's behavior was observed and documented as being at a minimum a little flaky. Where is the truth?

The event moniker, “Upon Further Review,” did exactly what it was supposed to do. Presenters roasted Mike McQueary, the board of trustees and the quick-to-blame media. This was a long process while it was happening and it is tough to know exactly what was happening when so the presentations were necessarily complex and contained a lot of analyses of the data.

Nonetheless, the message was simple: these PSU and Paterno supporters believe the truth is the major missing ingredient from the scandal.

Co-organizer of the event, Ray Blehar, who is no longer held in high regard by those pro-Paterno forces that want just the truth offered these comments:

“Those investigations will hopefully get to the truth...if they don’t, we will continue to press on.”

The event was sponsored by Nittany Lion great Franco Harris, and in addition to Blehar, it featured presentations by Eileen Morgan and John Ziegler, a filmmaker who released the documentary “The Framing of Joe Paterno” in 2011. Ziegler has made some changes to the documentary since then as some of the information received from Blehar did not meet the smell test over time.

“We can’t forget what they did to Penn State,” said Harris, one of the most visible and loyal Paterno supporters over the past two years. “We have to find the truth, and that’s what’s really important.”

Morgan prefaced her remarks by saying she wasn’t criticizing or judging McQueary.

She said that parts of McQueary’s first three descriptions of the shower incident in 2001 are different from the last three, and she pointed out revelations that he made on the stand during a preliminary hearing for ex-administrators Graham Spanier, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz over the summer.

That's when McQueary said he had a conversation with Paterno in which the coach told him Nov. 9, 2011, that Old Main would make him the "scapegoat." Old Main is another term for the main Building at Penn State and is used often to refer to the entire University Structure.

Eileen Morgan also said the grand jury presentation that put forth the charges against Sandusky did not get it all right. There was a huge error of omission according to Morgan as there was nothing about what the McQueary family friend Jonathan Dranov had told the grand jury.

Blehar pulled no punches while blasting the board of trustees, and suggesting that former trustee John Surma had a vendetta against Paterno and subsequently wanted Paterno fired. Blehar noted that he does not believe that some trustees have said they didn't see news reports in March 2011 about the investigation and weren't aware of the allegations until the grand jury presentment came out.

Admittedly, it is tough to believe that the board could be so blind to what is happening at their own institution.

As for the Freeh investigation, Blehar was very vocal noting that it was a "fake," and that former FBI Director Louis Freeh "was hired to deceive the public into believing an independent investigation would be done." These are major accusations and from my own research, Blehar is not the only person with that opinion.

Ziegler, who produced the documentary, conducted prison interviews with Sandusky. His take is that the message that the media has put out is wrong about the nature of Sandusky's crimes: "I believe that the nature of his crimes is vastly different from the public perception," he said. "Gun to my head, I do not believe Jerry Sandusky had a sex act with a boy." That is a bold statement for sure while Sandusky is rotting in prison and Paterno is dead.

Ziegler also showed no love for the media's handling of the circumstances, and he had no problem bashing national news reporters and anchors for saying that Sandusky had raped boys. The event also put forth a panel discussion following the presentations by Morgan, Blehar and Ziegler.

Another tidbit revealed is that the Harrisburg lawyer Rob Tribeck said the grand jury that heard McQueary's testimony was not the same grand jury that was empaneled when the presentment was issued. The 30th statewide grand jury was first empaneled, and the 33rd grand jury was empaneled when the presentment was released.

Tribeck offered that the grand jury had found that McQueary's testimony was credible while that of Curley and Schultz was not found to be credible.

His take was that the grand jury presentment was written by a prosecutor to "incite the public." The media did little independent work and instead followed the presentment said, "like sheep."

Ryan Bagwell, a panelist and a Penn State alumnus said he had set up a fund to help offset the costs to pursue his open-records cases that are before the state's Open Records Office. He's facing a challenge from Penn State to keep private email correspondence that former state education secretary and ex-trustee Ron Tomalis had with Freeh. One day, perhaps the truth will all come out but along the way a lot of damage has been done to some pretty good people.

Read more here:

<http://www.centredaily.com/news/local/education/penn-state/jerry-sandusky/article42834075.html#storylink=cpy>

Top 10 Bill O'Brien moments at Penn State

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The Collegian is Penn State's Student Newspaper. This is the perfect football update for Bill O'Brien, the first coach after Joe Paterno. Our thanks to the Collegian.

Bill O'Brien's tenure as Penn State's head coach ended Tuesday night when he reportedly took the same position with the Houston Texans. Albeit brief, the 44-year-old's time in Happy Valley was memorable on and off the field, and will long live in the minds of the Nittany Lion faithful.

From navigating a storied program through its most difficult time to some gutsy fourth-down calls, here's a look at O'Brien's top 10 moments as Penn State's head coach:

10. Overseeing McGloin's game-winning drive– Oct. 6, 2012

O'Brien came to Penn State with a bit of a reputation as a guy who was good with quarterbacks – he worked with Tom Brady in New England, after all. When O'Brien got to Penn State, there was a three-way quarterback competition.

Matt McGloin not only emerged as the starter, but as one of the better quarterbacks in the Big Ten. And the signature moment of his senior campaign came in the fourth quarter of a Homecoming game against Northwestern when he marched the offense down the field and awkwardly dived into the end zone to take the lead for good. McGloin, a former walk-on, went on to throw for 3,266 yards in 2012 and started six games for the Oakland Raiders in 2013. He likely would not have been there without O'Brien.

9. Defending program post Sports Illust. article– May 15, 2013

Penn State fans saw the headline "Do athletics still have too much power at Penn State?" as a teaser on a May 2013 Sports Illustrated and were taken aback. So was O'Brien.

After an article ran that raised questions about changes to Penn State football's medical staff, O'Brien had a conference call with reporters and wasn't a happy camper. He adamantly defended his program, saying that the medical personnel at Penn State was on par with other top programs, and any changes he suggested were solely to make the program better. He was not obligated to speak to the media that day, but did so and offered some strong comments.

8. Winning multiple Coach of the Year Awards – Postseason 2012 Penn State's 8-2 finish after an 0-2 start was remarkable in 2012, and O'Brien was recognized for it come awards season. He was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and also obtained national recognition with the Bear Bryant Coach of the Year honor and that of the Maxwell Football Club. O'Brien was never one to outwardly care about awards for himself, but he was certainly deserving of the honors.

7. Collecting his first win – Sept. 15, 2013

Saddled by sanctions and a lousy start, Penn State and O'Brien needed to chalk one up in the W column, and they did so easily against Navy in week 3 of the 2012 campaign. The Lions jumped out early and coasted to a 34-7 win to get the proverbial monkey off O'Brien's back. The then-rookie head coach even got a Gatorade bath to literally soak in the spoils of victory.

6. Beating Wisconsin as 24-point underdogs – Nov. 30, 2013

In what turned out to be O'Brien's last game at Penn State, he had his most improbable victory. With a well-executed game plan, Penn State went into Camp Randall Stadium and stuck it to the then-No. 15 Badgers. The victory allowed Penn State to avoid its first non-winning season since 2004. O'Brien enjoyed the fact that his team was not given a chance by anyone in the media afterward.

5. Going for 4th-and-1 in the fourth overtime – Oct. 12, 2013

O'Brien became known as a coach who was not afraid of keeping his offense on the field on fourth down, and his risk helped end the longest game in Penn State history. Trailing by three in the fourth overtime against Michigan in front of a packed crowd on Homecoming this season, O'Brien decided to go for it on a 4th-and-1. If the Lions didn't get it, the game was over. But O'Brien's call, a run by Bill Belton, worked. A few plays later, Belton found the end zone to offer Penn State victory.

4. Staying with Penn State after the sanctions – late July 2012

O'Brien did not sign up for what he got handed on July 23, 2012. And he did not owe the university or its fans anything. He could have walked away right then and there.

The sanctions could have been viewed as unfair to current players and coaches who had nothing to do with the reason the penalties were in place, but O'Brien didn't spend time whining; he spent time making sure Penn State had a competitive football team when the season started five weeks later. And that resonated with his team.

3. "Bunch of fighters." – Nov. 24, 2012

O'Brien's most famous quote from his time at Penn State came directly after Penn State's dramatic overtime victory on Senior Day against Wisconsin in 2012. During an on-camera interview with ESPN, O'Brien called his team "a bunch of fighters," though, to some, it sounded like he used a different word that starts with "f" and ends in "ers." O'Brien maintains that he said fighters, but whatever it was, he was riding the wave of his most emotional victory at Penn State.

2. Signing Christian Hackenberg and the 2013 recruiting class – Feb. 6, 2013

The 2013 class was vital for Penn State, and O'Brien managed to land an admirable group given his team's situation with scholarship reductions and a bowl ban. At the top of that class was one of the Nittany Lions' most important recruits in program history: Christian Hackenberg.

The five-star quarterback from Virginia was targeted by the likes of Alabama and South Carolina, but stayed committed to O'Brien and Penn State even after the NCAA penalties. Under O'Brien's tutelage, Hackenberg threw for 2,955 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2013, on his way to being named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

1. Leading the team onto Beaver Stadium v Ohio – Sept. 1, 2012

Penn State was on the wrong side of a 24-14 score on a sunny afternoon at Beaver Stadium, but Sept. 1, 2012 was much more than a football game. Less than two months after the sanctions, which many thought would cripple the program and gave players the freedom to transfer without penalty, O'Brien ran on the field for his first game as a head coach. While some thought Penn State should not play football in 2012, behind O'Brien was a group of players who stuck together and bought in to a new coach and each other.

Chapter 10 The James Franklin Era Current Head Football Coach

Collegian Picks James Franklin's Most Important Game

The Collegian is Penn State's Student Newspaper. This is a great game to use as a football update for James Franklin, who is the second coach after Joe Paterno. Our thanks to the Collegian. Following this, we recount the Rose Bowl, which was Penn State's reward for being the Big Ten Champions in 2016.

Let's Be Frank: Penn State football's victory over Minnesota stands as most important under Franklin

Collegian Football Staff

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It was probably fitting that Penn State got the most important win in the James Franklin era on a day when boos and 'Fire Franklin' chants cascaded down from some fans in the stands of Beaver Stadium.

The Nittany Lions topped the Golden Gophers 29-26 in overtime in a game that couldn't have started any drearier for Franklin's team. A rain filled day gave way to a sluggish first half of football from both teams, with the Gophers on top 13-3.

The first half was met with a fair amount of negativity from members of the home teams' fan base, particularly after Franklin elected to kick a field goal from inside the Gophers' 1-yard line instead of going for the touchdown on fourth down near the end of the first quarter.

Loud boos rang around the field and soon after members of the student section chanted 'Fire Franklin,' clearly fed up with the ineptitude of what was supposed to be a vastly improved offense.

The second half appeared to be heading in the same direction before an 80-yard touchdown strike to Irvin Charles changed everything. Momentum shifted to the side of the Lions. Beaver Stadium was re-energized. Cheers replaced boos. Unwavering support replaced the calls for Franklin's firing.

It carried into overtime. Saquon Barkley galloped his way into the end zone for the win, fans screamed in joy and the players rushed the field to celebrate capturing the Governor's Victory Bell. It completed an unbelievable turnaround, in more ways than one.

A majority of the wins under Franklin's tenure came against teams worse than the Lions. Beating the likes of Akron, UMASS, Buffalo, Rutgers and Illinois is by no means insignificant, but it doesn't grab the attention of those who don't view Franklin as a big game coach.

Saturday's win, at least for the time being, diminished the notion that Franklin can't win a big game. And make no mistake — that was a big win for the program.

Earlier in the week athletic director Sandy Barbour gave a vote of confidence in Franklin, squashing the rumors that he was on any kind of hot seat. And, while Barbour and the administration may not view his job status under jeopardy, Franklin may have been coaching for his job in the minds of many away from the program. The Gophers may not be significantly better, but they're certainly at the same level as the Lions. In all likelihood, Tracy Clay's team will finish 8-4 or 9-3 and make a bowl game.

At times, it seemed certain the Gophers would pull away, but Franklin rallied his young team to force overtime and one special Barkley touchdown later, the tide had completed its turn. The Lions went from being a whisker away from a 2-3 record with the real prospect of losing their next two games, to 3-2 with restored confidence heading into their homecoming tilt with Maryland and beyond.

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2016 Season Highlights

Penn State had its best season since Joe Paterno's 2009 season brought the Nittany Lions double digit (11) victories. It was quite a year for Penn State Fans and it was a long-time coming. How can anybody argue with the year—Big Ten Champions with 11 wins and a #5 ranking in the country. In fact, there was actually an outside shot that the Nittany Lions would be playing for a national title in 2016. For many, it was difficult to believe. It took a while but Penn State football is finally back! Go Lions!

* Below Photo by Rich Barnes



The last time the Nittany Lions had 11 wins was in 2009, a season which ended in a win over LSU in the Capital One Bowl... That Joe Paterno Penn State Team was loaded with NFL talent...but mostly on defense. Guys like Navarro Bowman, Sean Lee, Jared Odrick, Nate Stupar, and Jack Crawford all went on to have NFL careers.

Success for a team most often has to do with its coaching in combination with a fine quarterback. PSU had both in 2016 as

Coach Franklin finally became comfortable with the team and the pressure. Trace McSorley was simply outstanding. It was a season that was fun to watch.

The Rose Bowl was very winnable and PSU had already showed its mettle when the Lions were down 28-7 and came back to beat Wisconsin in the B1G 10 Championship Game. PSU could have tucked away the Rose Bowl if the D could come together a bit better.

The recent-old PSU looked like it was here when the Nittany Lions played Michigan early in the season. It was as if the Lions were unprepared and Michigan was on key for the whole game. Big loss. Big number of points for Michigan and just 10 for PSU. It was demoralizing.

Barkley got just 59 yards on 15 carries. McSorley did not have it that day throwing for 121 yards a TD and a pick. Four different Michigan running backs had touchdown runs. It was tough to watch. Pitt created some jitters but did not ruin the season as the Lions came through.

Nobody can say the Rose Bowl was not a great contest but the end of the Rose Bowl game was a big disappointment. The Nittany Lions were winning 49 to 45 and had the ball four times in the fourth quarter and were not able to move for a score.

Final scores do matter and USC put it together to beat Penn State as the defense was not fully on the field for the last quarter. The pundits put the blame for the loss on coaches Franklin and Moorehead. There's nothing like great play calling at the end of a game. Didn't happen!

Many are looking towards to 2017 as a breakaway year but are concerned that there are a lot of great teams to get through. If the Defense can play a lot better, PSU has a chance to light up the scoreboard at will and that means a great season. We'll see!

OK, folks, that's all for now. Let's give PSU a big mental hug for a great 2016. Let's hope for more in 2017.

Amen!

Who is Coach James Franklin?

James Franklin showed a lot of what he can do in the 2016 season. We are all hoping that we have a keeper in Franklin because he is on heck of a nice guy and he sure seems to be a fine football coach. Who is James Franklin. Let's look at him a little closer before we go back to the stories of Joe Paterno and the 2011 debacle.

A quick response for who is James Franklin would be that he is the guy who coached PSU to a Big Ten Championship in 2016 and who almost brought home a Rose Bowl Victory. He was a hair away. Coach Franklin is our coach! There is more to it.

Just like the Penn State Community now knows, Coach Franklin's wife Fumi and their two daughters know that their husband and father is something special. Addy and Shola Franklin, however do not seem to understand how so many people happen to know their dad.



Head Coach James Franklin greets his daughters, Addy (left) and Shola (right), and his wife, Fumi, before the game against UMass on September 20, 2014.

When the Franklins are out walking the streets of State College, it's not uncommon for strangers to greet the coach with a wave and a "hello."

Most people see head football coach James Franklin as the man who leads the Nittany Lions out of the south tunnel at Beaver Stadium every Saturday in the fall. But to his daughters, he's just dad.

I for one like that an awful lot!



On January 11, 2014 Penn State announced that it had selected James Franklin to lead its successful football program for the future. The then new Nittany Lions' 17th head coach had previously led Vanderbilt to unprecedented success in his three years with the team

Franklin is one of the nation's most

successful and dynamic coaches. Though he is the 16th season-long appointed permanent head football coach in its storied 130-year history, Tom Bradley actually has the title of 16th head coach as he served interim along with Joe Paterno in the 2011 season.

Franklin had won nine games in each of the past two years before his PSU arrival, and finished in the Top 25 in consecutive seasons with Vanderbilt. He knows how to coach. Both of these marked the first time in Vandy school history.

Franklin succeeds Bill O'Brien, who had a successful but short tenure at Penn State. O'Brien was named head coach of the National Football League's Houston Texans earlier in January 2014. Coach O'Brien is doing well with Houston.

The new coach hails from Langhorne, Pa., a Philadelphia suburb. Coach Franklin's enthusiasm and tireless efforts resulted in taking Vanderbilt to new heights over the past three years, posting a 24-15 record, including marks of 9-4 during each of the past two seasons, capped by bowl victories. The Commodores finished the 2013 season with five consecutive victories, with wins over Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky in Southeastern Conference play, along with a win over Houston in the BBVA Compass Bowl. Franklin's 2012 VU squad finished the season with seven consecutive victories and posted Vanderbilt's first nine-win season since 1915.

Coach Franklin's record of success is extraordinary, but even more impressive is his passion for not only the game of football, but also creating an atmosphere in which student-athletes can succeed. His character, work ethic, values and knowledge of the game make him an outstanding fit for the PSU program and to lead Penn State student-athletes."

Penn State and Vanderbilt annually rank among the nation's top institutions in the graduation of its football student-athletes. In the NCAA Graduation Success Rate data from October 2013, the Nittany Lions and Commodores both ranked among the leaders in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Penn State's 85 percent Graduation Success Rate was tied for 12th among the nation's 124 FBS programs and Vanderbilt's 82 percent GSR was tied for the best in the Southeastern Conference. Both

programs were well above the 70 percent FBS graduation rate average.

A two-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) quarterback at East Stroudsburg University, prior to Penn State, Franklin had already demonstrated the ability to recruit, teach and motivate talented student-athletes throughout his coaching tenure.

He was named Vanderbilt's head coach on Dec. 17, 2010, after three years as the assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Maryland, his second stint with the Terps.

Franklin also served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Kansas State in 2006-07 and the wide receivers coach of the NFL's Green Bay Packers (2005) prior to arriving in Nashville.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to come home," Franklin said. "I grew up watching Penn State football and now to be at the helm of such a storied program is a tremendous honor. It's important to me to be a part of a University that strives for excellence in everything they do. When football student-athletes come to Penn State, they have a unique opportunity to receive a premium education while playing at the highest level of competition.

"I'm incredibly excited to get to know the students, alumni, and fans who have demonstrated such loyalty to the University as a whole and to the football program in particular," Franklin added. "I've worked my way through every division of football and no other school boasts a fan base like we do.

We Are...Penn State!!"

Bravo Coach Franklin. Please keep up the good work!

God bless you Coach Franklin. Have many great years with PSU!

Chapter 11 Joe Paterno: Fine Man, Great Coach, & Legend!

Only one Joe Paterno was ever built by God!



We all have known Joe Paterno as the inimitable and accomplished head football coach at Pennsylvania State University for a zillion years. Mr. Paterno was without a doubt one of the most successful coaches, if not simply the most successful coach in the history of American collegiate football. Paterno is well known for his quotes to help others succeed such as the following:

"Believe deep down in your heart that you're destined to do great things."

"The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital."

"Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good."

Joe Paterno had substantial success and great success and he had his success with honor. He was always a great man. He never changed to fit the times. His greatness and his legacy of respect for humankind will only increase as time goes by. Joe Paterno was not superhuman, god-like, or all-seeing, however, for he spent his every moment coaching college football.

Contrary to popular belief, Joe Paterno was not born a coach in a manger. As a new born, little baby Joe knew that few colleges would hire him to coach their great football teams if he needed his mom and dad to take him to the practice field and to the games. But, this would soon change.

Like all of us, Paterno was born of regular parents who happened to be Italian. They pressed upon him early the importance of education and Joe, a quick learner, never forgot his parent's lessons. His date and place of birth is December 21, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York. Brooklyn was in his accent and he never lost that special voice. He always thought one day he would become a lawyer as his dad had wanted, but then again, he never stopped coaching.

Before he turned to college, Paterno was already turning heads as an athlete. As a high school senior, Joe Paterno and his younger brother George, then a junior, gained notoriety throughout the New York metropolitan area for their exploits on the football field and basketball court. Hard as it to believe, neither were close to six foot tall.

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BORO GRID STARS—George and Joseph Paterno, Brooklyn brothers, out for Spring football practice at Brown University, were former stars at Brooklyn Prep. They are hoping to win regular backfield posts with Rip Engle's

The "Gold Dust Twins," as they were known, had led Brooklyn Prep to an 8-1 season in 1943, with the only loss against St. Cecilia's School in Englewood, N.J. At the time, St. Cecilia School was coached by none other than Vince Lombardi, who would go on to become a Hall of Fame coach with the Green Bay Packers.

After his HS graduation, Paterno attended and graduated from Brown University in 1950, where he played football both ways as the quarterback and a cornerback. It was not easy getting to Brown as dad wanted both boys, Joe, and George, to attend the same college together. The boys were small but star athletes nonetheless.



The Paterno brothers
George 1950 and Joe 1950

Finally, a wealthy alumnus from Brown University offered to pay for both Joe and George to attend the Providence, R.I., school -- in 1944, it was legal for donors to pay for player scholarships.

Ed Kelly, my dad would have said if an alumnus from King's College had offered me such a deal, "Stop thinking...take the deal!"

JoePa had a great career at Brown. He was inducted into Brown's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1977. His former Brown coach, Charles (“Rip”) Engle, became head coach at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) and hired the 23-year old Paterno as an assistant coach. That just about ended dad's hope for his son Joe to become an attorney. After 16 years as his assistant, Paterno succeeded Rip Engle as Penn State's head coach in 1966.

He was nothing less than phenomenal as a head coach in his very late thirties right from the start. Paterno led Penn State to consecutive undefeated seasons in 1968 and 1969 and another undefeated season in 1973. He had to wake up the pundits and the other coaches to ever gain in the rankings. He did.

Like many of his time period, Joe Paterno served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, Paterno went to Brown, where as noted, he dominated the gridiron as the school's quarterback and led his team to an 8-1 season in his senior year. He graduated from Brown in 1950, and after settling down at Penn State, he married Suzanne Pohland in 1962. The couple had five children together, all of whom later became graduates of Penn State.

None of these fine people, who know their dad and husband like no other people know him, will let his legacy, or the legacy of the football program at Penn State University remain tarnished because of the rash judgment of a board of directors that had read a book about how to get monkeys off backs.

PSU Head Coach Paterno

In 1966, as noted, Coach Paterno became the head football coach of Penn State University. His first season in 1966 was a draw, with 5 wins and 5 losses, but he worked especially hard to build up the school's football program. Before long, Paterno racked up impressive scores, including coaching the team to two undefeated regular seasons in 1968 and 1969 –his third and fourth PSU seasons as head coach.

Over his 62 years as assistant and as head coach, Joe Paterno became not just a revered coach but he also became a beloved figure

at the university. Of course, he also became known for his trademark thick, square-shaped glasses and for his leadership skills.

He was always in shape and ran with the team onto the field for football games. He had a venerated nickname "Joe Pa," which stuck with him from the first time it was used. He dedicated himself to his team, the Nittany Lions. Joe Paterno could have made a lot more money and could have coached anywhere he wanted. He even turned down a chance to coach professional football with Pittsburgh and with the New England Patriots in 1973.

Though PSU was not awarded National Championship status for many of Paterno's perfect records (undefeated and untied) that he had accumulated with Penn State, the legendary coach did lead the Nittany Lions to two National Championships—in 1982 and in 1986. Both of these are consensus and unquestioned. In recognition of his contributions to his winning team, he earned the Sportsman of the Year honor from Sports Illustrated in 1986.

Overall, Paterno had an impressive record as the Nittany Lions' head coach. In 46 seasons, he led his team to 37 bowl appearances with 24 Bowl wins. In October 2011, Paterno set a major record of his own when Penn State defeated Illinois. This victory marked his 409th career win, making him the leader in career wins for Division I coaches. Think of all the greats that coached in Division I.

Those who know Joe Paterno or had any dealings with the man or the coach know one thing among many. Coach Paterno was as honest as the day is long. When he was notified about the Sandusky allegations, he did something about it. He did not sit like a doofus wringing his hands as the corrupt press would have you believe.

He explained it in his own words: "I didn't know exactly how to handle it," referring to allegations of sexual abuse against Sandusky. "So, I backed away and turned it over to some other people, people I thought would have a little more expertise than I did. It didn't turn out that way."

Jerry Sandusky was not a Paterno enemy but never a close friend of Paterno. He was just a talented defensive coach and Paterno was his boss. They did not go out drinking together! When Sandusky asked for access to training and workout facilities, before allegations, Paterno balked. He said that the kids should certainly not be permitted to use the facilities, period—but apparently, he was countermanded by AD Curley, who was Paterno's boss.

After leaving Penn State in that terrible time in 2011, Joe Paterno began suffering major health problems.

RIP Joe Paterno

He was diagnosed with lung cancer in late 2011. While it was initially thought to be treatable, Paterno succumbed to this illness just two months later, on January 22, 2012. At Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, Pennsylvania, he passed on into eternal life. Many of his former players believe he died of a broken heart.

I am sure he is helping fill in the details for many friends in heaven as I write this line for those who missed some of the greatest games of his career. He is missed by us all but mostly for sure by his devoted family.

Joe Paterno is survived by his wife, five children, and 17 grandchildren. In a statement, his family said: "He died as he lived. He fought hard until the end, stayed positive, thought only of others and constantly reminded everyone of how blessed his life had been ... He was a man devoted to his family, his university, his players and his community."

Those who slander him I would suggest they take a look at the man in the glass.

USA Today wrote a nice story several days after Joe Paterno's death and funeral that captures a lot of the goodness of the man and the good feelings he projected with friends and especially family.

They first relate how right before his death, his son, Jay Paterno leaned over his dying father, gave him a kiss, and whispered in his

ear. "Dad, you won," he said. "You did all you could do. You've done enough. We all love you. We won. You can go home now." Coach Paterno died that Sunday, January 22, of lung cancer at age 85.

Millions would have been at the memorial service if they could have been accommodated. There just was not enough room. About 12,000 attended the Thursday event which was held in the Penn State basketball arena. Jay Paterno, who was also a coach at Penn State working for his dad, reflected on what he called the "magnificent daylight" of his legendary father's life.

Son Jay took the opportunity to defend the Joe Paterno legacy against criticism that he failed to do more when told about an alleged child sexual assault involving one of his former assistants. Bravo to the courage of the Paterno family.



Joe Paterno had a lot of friends, which he knew and he had a lot of friends, about which he did not know, such as me. Nike founder and CEO Phil Knight asked for time at the funeral celebration of life, and offered his thoughts, which mirror those of many of us.

Knight won a thunderous standing ovation when he defended Paterno's handling of the 2002 allegations against former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky. Paterno, he hinted, had been made a scapegoat. Knight said:

"If there is a villain in this tragedy, it lies in that investigation and not in Joe Paterno's response,"

Joe Paterno's widow, Sue, was among those rising to their feet in accord with Knight's well-needed words. The memorial service capped off three days of mourning on campus. Besides Knight and Jay Paterno, the 2-hour ceremony was filled with many who offered lavish praise for the man we all called "JoePa."

We all know the 409 legacy that the NCAA temporarily had taken away from the coach and the university. JoePa had racked up more wins — 409 — than any other major-college football coach. He led his team to two national championships, and his mantra was always "success with honor." He insisted his athletes focus on academics as a requisite for playing football for Penn State. His 409 represents Penn State's 409 and all are good wins. They are all great wins. Check the record.

From The Collegian. The Penn State Student Newspaper

Joe Paterno put education before all else

By Joe McIntyre

Jan 23, 2012

Joe Paterno was always more than just a coach. I have copied this article which I feel the reader will enjoy, from the University's student newspaper, the Collegian which tells a story about how Joe Paterno, who happened to be a Full College Professor, without a continual coffee-breath had a deep love for education:

As he walked into Chuck Benjamin's home in Cresskill, N.J., to recruit the then-high school senior, Joe Paterno happened to notice a book his prospective athlete was reading.

It was "Crime and Punishment" by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, a novel filled with difficult-to-pronounce Russian names such as Raskolnikov, Marmeladova and Zarnitsyn. But Paterno knew

their pronunciations. He had read it before. He remembered the characters. He spoke with Benjamin about his high school studies and discussed why he was reading Dostoyevsky's piece.

Before Paterno's visit, Benjamin had visited and received scholarship offers from not only a few "big-time" football institutions, but a number of Ivy League schools, as well. The defensive tackle was a bright kid, earned solid marks in school.

But what made his decision to choose Penn State and deny a university like Dartmouth easy was Paterno's knowledge of the arts and the importance he put on his athletes' education.

"I said to myself, 'Goodness, there is no other coach in the world who is such a Renaissance man, in my mind, as Joe Paterno. He knows football. He knows literature. He knows politics. He was just incredible. So much for going to Dartmouth, I ended up saying that this is where I wanted to go.' "

When the coach recruited players, football always remained on the backburner. Sure, these high school stars had aspirations of playing football for the Nittany Lions, but in Paterno's eyes that shouldn't be why they chose Penn State.

Paterno promised parents that their sons were going to come to Penn State to get an education, and he reiterated to players that that's what they were going to get. They were going to have a great college experience, earn a degree and maybe play a little football, too.

He didn't care whether it meant he would lose players on Saturdays or skip recruiting a player in general. If a player didn't take his education seriously, Paterno wouldn't think twice about punishing him or looking him over, a philosophy that few other coaches subscribed to.

That's the way he always was. When he recruited Rich Mauti in the early '70s to when he recruited Mauti's two sons, former Lion Patrick and current Lion Michael, Paterno's recruiting bits may

as well have been prerecorded routines. His three important aspects of the decision to attend Penn State were in the same order for Rich Mauti's parents as they were to him when his sons were recruited. First was education, second was college experience and third was football.

Nothing has changed.

"It's never wavered. That's been his way," Mauti said. "Incredibly, he's been able over the years to translate that into an incredibly successful football program. Again, there's so much beyond football. Football is so shallow relative to what this man has done. To call him a football coach is not justifiable. It really isn't."

During Paterno's time with the Lions, Penn State has had 47 Academic All-Americans in football, with 37 earning first team honors. The Lions' all-time total of 49 Academic All-America football players ranks third among all FBS institutions and leads all Big Ten institutions.

In the 25 years, they have been eligible (all within Paterno's tenure), the Lions have been recognized by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) 21 times, including 2011, in their annual Academic Achievement Award survey. Only Notre Dame and Virginia (22) have more honorable mention citations.

In 2011, the Lions also earned the top spot in the fifth-annual Academic BCS rankings, as determined by New America Foundation's Higher Ed Watch with 117 points, followed by Boise State (107), TCU (101) and Stanford (100).

During Paterno's tenure, the Lions have turned out highly successful physicians, cardiologists, orthopedic surgeons and lawyers. The coach was a part of molding young boys into high-profile business executives, real estate CEOs, politicians, professors, teachers and stockbrokers.

Had it not been for Paterno, Benjamin may not be in New Jersey practicing his 31st year of law. It took a suggestion from his coach for the then-senior to even look into law school.

Like Paterno's father questioned of him after his playing days were over, Benjamin was asked by Joe Paterno nearly the identical question Angelo Paterno posed to his son back in 1950.

"Joe said, 'Well, what are you going to do now?' "Benjamin remembers.

And after Benjamin stayed at Penn State for a year as a graduate assistant, like Angelo, Joe offered law school as an option to Benjamin.

But unlike Joe, his player took up the advice.

"When he talked to me about law, and the way you can apply so much of what you have learned as an English literature major in the practice of law, I had never thought about it before," Benjamin said. "No one in my family had ever gone into law, so he was kind of the person who steered me in that direction."

Still, it wasn't only the standout student Paterno focused on. If a player slacked off in the classroom, he didn't play. If during freshman year he skipped mandatory study hall, his uniform would stay clean. If a player was struggling to keep up with his studies, he'd be sure to get the tutoring he needed or else it meant the bench.

"His grand experiment worked," Mauti said. "You'll see it today, even this past year. Some kids got into academic troubles, and they just don't play. There's no gray area. You go to school. You're coming here to get an education."

When former players returned to Happy Valley to see a football game and got the chance to visit with Paterno, the coach would always remember what they were up to. He would ask Benjamin how his career in law was progressing.

"The fact that he remembered so many things about all of us was just unbelievable," Benjamin said. "He had such a mind. The fact that he could remember so much about literally thousands of people who went through Penn State playing for him was incredible."

He never forgot what was important. He never forgot what he preached and what he taught. He never forgot that all else came second to school.

"Education first" was the Joe Paterno mantra. And he lived by it.

"He talked on a daily basis about how every day is a special day and go to class," Benjamin remembers.

"He said, 'Look this is all there for you. It's up to you to seize it and make the most of it.'"

Paterno Biography Commissioned

A year or so before his death, Joe Paterno agreed to open the internal book in his mind about his personal life to former Sports Illustrated writer Joe Posnanski. At the time, of course neither could have expected where their respective journeys would end. Like 9/11, November 2011, had yet to materialize.

Posnanski more than likely hoped for a best-seller, and Paterno was hoping to squeeze a few national championships into the book before the final period (.) came about. I am one of the proud owners of the book called PATERNO. I'd buy it again tomorrow if it would help.

The Posnanski book was released on August 21, 2012, and it has sold reasonably well. I would recommend it for your Penn State Football Library and your reading pleasure. It would make a nice read.

Joe Posnanski lived in State College, Pennsylvania through the final tough months of Paterno's life and was with him and his family as

the scandal that eventually consumed him unfolded. Posnanski has since added a new afterword to the book to capture it all.

His book delves deep into the life of Joe Paterno, going back to his childhood days in Brooklyn and his college days at Brown. It is an honest look and therefore a positive look at Joe Paterno through the eyes of the young men he coached. It is also a portrait that goes beyond the daily headlines and into the life of a great man, whose mettle included being a stubborn idealist, a teacher, and a flawed but principled human being who, to the very end, loved to coach.

Lou Prato offered his thoughts on the book prior to its 2012 arrival. Prato is a bona fide Penn State football historian. Mr. Prato expected that the Posnanski biography would reveal a lot of inside information from Paterno's life. He guessed right. Prato said: "For the publishers to make their money back and for him to make more money, it better be good."

In an interview with USA Today, Posnanski offered comments about the grueling task of chronicling Paterno. He used these comments as a Preface for his book.

"Every few minutes, it seemed, there were new details, rumors, accusations, defenses, truths, lies, so many it was hard to see straight," he writes. "I suspect I will never have a more difficult task as a writer — I've been told by several authors that no biographer in American history has had a book change so drastically in the course of reporting."

Posnanski began writing a book in which Paterno's underwhelming vices would have turned some heads. Now, Paterno's virtues will do that. Joe Paterno was a regular guy with an awful lot of skill and compassion. When you heard, him speak right in front of you, you would be in awe of the man, his accomplishments, and how normal he seemed. And his sense of humor was as good as the best comedian out there.

The Collegian did a piece on the Posnanski work when it was released. The comments to the Collegian article about the book are

profound and I include them here because they tell the Paterno story as most of us see it. Joe Paterno was a good guy who did what he thought was right but was punished nonetheless.

Robert Harris commented on September 6, 2012

"Having casually followed US college football for a number of years -- including my time playing in Canada during the early 80's -- I was a semi-informed but highly motivated reader. I had a vague notion of Paterno's characteristics but few details, so this fascinating portrait really filled in the gaps for me. And it was done in a well-paced, approachable and intelligent manner. Overall, an excellent read.

"On the matter of Paterno's culpability, with respect to properly reporting his knowledge of Sandusky, I found myself flipping back and forth emotionally. At one point my reaction was the author was cutting Joe Pa the maximum allowable slack -- but then as I read more closely I found maybe that bias was more of my own as I was tainted going in by the press stories which expressed unfettered outrage. In addition, I must say I appreciated the fact the author took a risk and briefly included his personal response to Paterno's question about "what do you think of all this?" It was appropriate and illuminated other aspects of the text nicely.

"Paterno lived a rich and authentic life. While his blind spots unfortunately led to his downfall, I believe, as the emotion subsides, the everyday fan will have a more balanced view of his entire legacy."

Briana commented on September 8, 2012

"This is an unbiased, truthful story of a great coach, and a great man who made a mistake that caused him to lose everything he'd worked 61 years for. Even Paterno said that all his life he'd worked to make a name for himself, now it's all gone. That was one of my favorite quotes from the book, along with this one: "They really think that if I knew someone was hurting kids, I wouldn't stop it? Don't they know me? Don't they know what my life has been about?" He said

himself he regrets not following up, but he had done what he was supposed to do, he did not know all the circumstances and details, and thought it was taken care of. I think the fault lies with the ones he reported to who did not go directly to the police. Truthfully, yes Paterno should have followed up, but the book says repeatedly that at that point in his life, he wanted nothing to do with detail, only to coach his team. I think other things that came along were far from his mind, especially because he didn't know details about this situation.

"It's evident in his career that he was not out to make money, or cover up child molesters to make Penn State a great football program. If that was the case, he would have worked to keep Sandusky on staff, even after the 1998 incident, as defensive coordinator because the team suffered some of their worst seasons after Sandusky left. And if he was out for fame and money, he would have taken the numerous offers for a head coaching position in the NFL.

The New England Patriots offer him 1.3 million and part ownership when he was making \$30,000 for a cow field college team and he turns it down, but all he cares about are wins, fame, and glory? Come on.

"Fact is, he made a mistake and he was the face of Penn State. People give him credit for having way more power than he actually has (he even said this numerous times in the book) and he took the fall because of his moral responsibility to follow through. It's too bad that his legacy will forever be tainted for this. And the media has made things so much worse. Facts are skewed and people jump to conclusions without finding out the truth. This book is a truthful rendition of the man's entire life's work and the mistake that took away all of the good he had done."

Phen Andrews commented on August 21, 2012

"Posnanski's book needs to be read by those that prior to November 2011 only knew Joe Paterno as a football coach. A

lot of favorite vignettes of Paterno's legacy are here, including stories of his childhood in Brooklyn and the disappointment of his father upon Paterno's decision to shirk law school to instead coach at Brown University. Posnanski outlines Paterno's rise and explains how he etched out a special place in many Penn Staters hearts, but the author also holds no punches in his criticism of Paterno's handling (or mishandling) of the Sandusky saga. Posnanski has stated on the record that the Paterno estate has had zero input on his final draft, making this the most unbiased and most thoroughly researched biography of Joseph Paterno.

"If your intention is to read this book to learn more dirt about Paterno's role in the Sandusky scandal, you will walk away disappointed. If you care to learn more about the man that millions idolized and attempt to understand his legacy and fallout, then you must read this book."

Bymatt Thomason commented on October 22, 2015

"Fair warning, I am a PSU grad as is my son. This appears to be a fair treatment of Joe's career. No one will ever know what happened with Sandusky because Joe is deceased. Joe was undoubtedly by far the greatest division one college coach ever. Not only did he win more games than anyone else, almost every single player graduated and he would only take the best kids. He passed up on lots of kids that became starts for other colleges simply because they didn't fit the Penn State mold either in terms of character or academics. All the other well-known college coaches had a lot of kids playing for them that could barely read and write and some were borderline criminals. However, even I have my doubts whether he should have done more than he did to keep Sandusky away from PSU. There is zero chance he knew about problem and looked the other way."

Lou Prato, PSU Historian

Lou Prato is the unofficial if not official PSU historian with all of the historical books he has written about Penn State. He is typically at the center of solving any historical controversy in Penn State.

For my money, Prato needs to inject himself into the innocuous discussion I had with my neighbor John Anstett, and his cousin

Aldo Casseri of New Orleans—both, like me, avid Penn State Football Fans. John found information that the nickname "JoePa" was coined by an eight-year-old girl in 1963. Now he can't find the link nor can I. I defer this to Mr. Prato when he has the time.

Another example of Prato coming to the history rescue was in his 1999 Town and Gown article in which he researched the source of the "We Are Penn State!" cheer known so well today. He discovered the source was a connection to the cheerleaders of the late 1970s /early 1980s but did not narrow it down to a specific year. At one time, it was thought that the cheer came about from Penn State standing up to racism in the well-publicized events of the Cotton Bowl and the 1947-48 football team / season.

Prato describes a deep and detailed history of how the cheerleaders created the cheer over the course of several seasons. The cheerleaders felt they had no beat-all and end-all cheers as did other teams such as Ohio State and USC. Prato cites articles that are subsequent to the late 1970s/early 1980s in which the phrase is mentioned in multiple Collegians and other University documents. In none of these references to "We Are Penn State!" was the 1947 / 1948 time period of the racial stand brought forth.

Thank you, Mr. Prato, for more fine work on our behalf.

We certainly are Penn State, and as Pennsylvanians, friends, alumni, etc. we are very proud of our major State University. For most of us who have been around for the sixty-two years that Joe Paterno coached, first with Rip Engle and then as the Head Coach of the Nittany Lions, we know that Joe Paterno was and in many ways still is Penn State. Sixty-two years is a lifetime for sure. Where would University Park be without a Paterno?

JoePa has been and is Penn State to many of us and even more so... JoePa is Penn State Football. No matter what has transpired, this has not changed. It is undeniable. Joe Paterno is Penn State Football. And, that is not a bad thing at all!

I met Joe Paterno once in my life and I liked him an awful lot. I bet others also met him once or perhaps never met him and liked him an awful lot. I bet people close to him liked him an awful lot and

loved him an awful lot more. Joe Paterno spread that kind of contagion... a very good kind of contagion from a very good man.

He spoke to a group of IBM Systems Engineers from Pennsylvania at the Hershey Resorts on the 25th anniversary of the Systems Engineering Profession within IBM. His message was on point. His jokes were perfect. And, the master coach stayed around to chat with the folks after his speech.

Everybody at the event loved him and could not wait to shake his hand and say hello and share some Joe with Joe. IBM people have never been known for congeniality as an overriding characteristic per se but a Joe Paterno was able to bring out the best of this assemblage of stodgy and mostly boring systems curmudgeons from IBM. It was a great day thanks to Joe Paterno.

On January 27, 2012, just a few days after Coach Paterno's death, Bruce Adams— (BAdams@MainLineMediaNews.com) interviewed a number of main-line coaches in various college sports and these comments from St. Joseph's University men's basketball coach Phil Martelli were typical of his peers' reaction to his life and his death:

St. Joseph's University men's basketball coach Phil Martelli once received a phone call from Paterno during his first year as head coach of the Hawks. It is a neat story and typical of Joe Paterno:

“When I was just starting at St. Joe's, a reporter asked me who my coaching heroes were, and I said that I had no heroes who were coaches, but, as people, there were three individuals [in sports] that I admired—Magic Johnson, Chris Evert-Lloyd and Joe Paterno,” said Martelli, who never met Joe Pa. “The reporter mentioned it to Joe, and [Paterno] called me. We talked about what it was like coaching at a Catholic school, and coaching in the Atlantic 10, which Penn State had just left. I was blown away – it was like talking to my Dad or an uncle.”

Asked what Paterno's legacy will be, Martelli replied, “I think his legacy will be perfect. I think the whole [Jerry Sandusky] thing has humanized him - he made errors in judgment, but don't we all make mistakes in our lives. His legacy will be that of a good human being who made mistakes, made errors, like we all do.”

More information on Joe Paterno's life is available here:
www.biography.com/people/joe-paterno-9434584)

Chapter 12 The Betrayal of Joe Paterno

The betrayal of Joe Paterno: How it all probably happened

My thank you to the author for permitting this excerpt of the Conclusions on Joe Paterno's involvement in the Sandusky case.

<http://www.framingpaterno.com/betrayal-joe-paterno-chapter-ten-conclusions>,

"A lie gets half way around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

Winston Churchill

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The media has been out to destroy Joe Paterno from day one of the Sandusky scandal. [Most PSU supporters are very annoyed at the press for damning JoePa with no proof.] At this point, most Americans are fully tuned-in to the staggering dishonesty and reality twisting that the mainstream, corporate news media engages in on a daily basis.

For example, an April 2016 poll shows that just 6 percent of Americans say they have a lot of confidence in the media. This puts the news industry about equal to Congress and well below the public's view of other institutions. Basically, Americans believe that the media has a big problem with the truth. Why should we believe the drivel they print about Joe Paterno? Can they tell us about the truth?

Too often when a story like Sandusky and Paterno hit the papers, since it is, for the most part, our only opportunity to get the scoop, we gullibly indulge. Consequently, we often buy the stories 100% which today we would relegate as fake news at first at least as if they are fac-less.

Would anybody lie about JoePa

But, then we realize this is the same lying media that never tells the truth about small things such as a dog getting hit by a car.—the internal combustion engine killed the dog. We've been there. Get rid of Detroit and get rid of gasoline guzzling cars and life will be good again. But, maybe they lie!

Why should anybody believe the negative media slant on Joe Paterno? The media always tells the truth except when they choose to lie.

And so, more and more Penn Staters and Americans at large have been realizing that the media has not told the truth about Joseph V. Paterno. The media makes no money by telling the truth. So, why would the profit-motivated media tell the truth about Joe Paterno? Why? They would prefer that Americans think that anybody successful in life is cheating the system. Boy, are they sick for sure!

The board of trustees (BOT) fired Joe Paterno and Graham Spanier without a hearing and without them even being in the same room. The American people have this thing about the establishment. They are not held in high regard. The BOT is the epitome of the establishment at PSU. They are the elite. They are the big shots. Just like members of both political parties today, this elite establishment voted to protect itself from harm.

On November 9, 2011, the BOT did not care what was best for the university. They should have shown courage and fired themselves. The establishment BOT are the top dogs. They run the institution. Joe Paterno and Graham Spanier were just employees. By the way, most of the BOT that made the Paterno decision have been fired by being unelected in recent BOT elections. The PSU BOT is no longer very well respected.

My point is that we cannot believe the media about this incident and we surely cannot believe the self-serving board of trustees who in fact are the establishment. Why should we believe the media in this case; and why should we believe the PSU establishment that was willing to do handstands so they would not be implicated. The answer is we cannot believe either. Therefore, we must begin to look at this situation with open eyes and without their prejudice spoon fed to us by the self-serving media and the self-serving board of trustees.

Betrayal of Joe Paterno Chapter Ten Conclusions

<http://www.framingpaterno.com/betrayal-joe-paterno-chapter-ten-conclusions>

One year after the release of the Freeh Report, this is what seems to be reality of the aftermath of the Sandusky scandal and its impact on the State College community:

Joe Paterno's reputation and legacy have been completely destroyed, the Penn State football program has been crippled, and the university's reputation has been badly besmirched. Many lives have been greatly damaged, money has been lost, friendships have been severed, and wonderful memories have been painfully erased.

The public battle to tell the real truth of what happened here has been badly lost and, thanks to the media shutting down the investigation, there is no chance of that dramatically changing anytime in the near future. The only current hope for justice hangs on two very different court cases, neither of which may ever even reach the point of an actual verdict.

What caused this seemingly dire set of circumstances? Well, in my view it all comes down to lots of cowardice, stupidity and back luck (most of it flowing directly from the "Original Sin" of this story, the decision of the Penn State Board of Trustees to

effectively fire Joe Paterno and Graham Spanier, thus creating in the media/public's mind an irreversible "guilty" plea).

The media and most of the public somehow bought into a scenario which makes absolutely no sense and for which there is shockingly little evidence. Think about it. Joe Paterno, a man without a major ethical blemish in a half century long career of swimming (and winning) in the shark-infested waters of college football, decided to actively protect a child molester who used to work for him, whom he never liked, and who had open disdain for him?

Why? To avoid bad publicity, something about which he never previously cared and which would have been highly unlikely to come his direction anyway?

Wow. That is quite a story.

It has always baffled me that that there is absolutely no proportionality in this case when it comes to what we have been asked to believe and the nature of the evidence to justify that scenario. As someone who has a dim view of humanity in general I acknowledge that of course it is possible that Joe Paterno was a complete fraud for 50 years, or that he nonsensically decided to throw away his reputation at the end of his life for no apparent reason. But if you are going to convince me of something that outrageous you better at least bring some damn evidence to the table.

Take for instance the O.J. Simpson case. Was it absurd to think that someone like Simpson would kill two people for no seemingly logical reason? Of course, it was. But the evidence that he indeed did do that was not only sufficient; it was overwhelming (though sadly, to the criminal jury, a videotape of the crime literally would not have been enough evidence to overcome the absurd burden of proof in that case).

In comparison to the proof against Simpson, the evidence against Paterno is like the plains of Texas measured against Mt. Everest (and frankly the evidence of Simpson's guilt was also stronger than what currently exists against even Sandusky).

And yet, incredibly, the media is still completely convinced that Paterno is guilty of at least grave moral weakness and potentially criminally running a cover-up to purposefully protect a person he knew to be a pedophile (and yet those who believe in the former scenario seems to have no issue with Paterno being punished based on the very different latter circumstances).

The strangest part of their certitude on this issue is their universal unwillingness to debate me or anyone else on the actual facts here. You would think that if you were really so confident in yourself that you would enjoy humiliating someone like me by showing the world how utterly wrong I am. And yet the opposite has been the case.

No matter how much money I offer to charity (since they all seem to say that it is the “victims” who matter most) I have never gotten anyone in the media to debate me other than for a few minor bouts on Twitter before they inevitably quickly run away realizing that they are overmatched.

If I ever did get the chance to fairly debate any of these frauds, here are just some of the questions which need to be answered in order to believe that Joe Paterno is indeed “guilty” as charged. Despite enormous efforts to do so, I have never had even one media member even try to sufficiently answer any of them.

How do you have a cover-up without Mike McQueary, the only witness, being intimately involved?

Why is McQueary not even alleging being part of a cover-up in his lawsuit against Penn State?

Why was McQueary not given the open wide receivers job until three years after the incident?

Why was McQueary not prevented from testifying by Paterno or at least told to tone his story down?

Why did Joe Paterno testify in a way, which actually partly backed up McQueary, even in his final interview with the AG's office—when he had to know that his “cover up” was falling apart?

Why, when all the principles knew that McQueary had testified almost a year before the story broke was none of the "evidence" destroyed and why were they seemingly completely unprepared for what hit them?

Why did Curley, Schultz and Spanier not even bother to hire their own attorneys and why did Paterno only “hire” his son Scott?

Why did Curley and Schultz not even try to get their stories remotely straight?

Why have Curley, Schultz and Spanier not flipped on each other for a plea bargain?

How is it that Spanier could even be theoretically involved when that would have either required it being his idea (in which case Curley and Schultz would have thrown him under the bus immediately), or that Curley and Schultz nonsensically told their boss that they were going to engage in a cover-up of a pedophile?

Why, if Paterno led a cover-up which destroyed his career/life did Curley release a statement praising his "honor and integrity" when he died?

Why would they cover up the crimes of someone who was an ex-coach who no one liked and who had disdain for Paterno?

Why did Paterno follow up with McQueary to ask him if he was okay with how things were being handled and why did Mike say that he was?

Why has not one person come forward to say that they knew all along that Sandusky was a pedophile?

If they knew Sandusky was a pedophile, why did Penn State football elect to maintain a close relationship with the Second Mile charity long after he left, and even after the 2001 episode?

How was Joe Paterno supposed to know that Sandusky was a pedophile when Jerry's own wife and several of his kids are still convinced, even after his trial, that he is totally innocent?

What exactly was Joe Paterno supposed to do differently and exactly when was he supposed to do it in order to have not done "wrong" here?

Why did Paterno allow writer Joe Posnanski to follow him around and allow him to maintain access during a year which he had to know (if there really was a cover-up) that it was all going to come collapsing down after McQueary testified in late 2010?

Why did Posnanski not find even one significant piece of evidence implicating Paterno?

Why was Paterno, a guilt-prone and ardent Catholic, smiling and waving publicly after he was just fired for protecting a pedophile and had to know that his cover-up was going to become public?

Why was there not one shred of consciousness of guilt shown by anyone who was supposedly part of the cover-up?

Unfortunately, I have very little confidence that any of these vital questions will ever be answered satisfactorily, mostly because they can't be without a giant hole being blown out of the media's conventional wisdom about what really happened here.

Chapter 13 The Paterno Family Rebuttal of the Freeh Report

Thornburgh report makes more sense than the Freeh Report

Before I was ever aware of a Freeh inquiry into the Sandusky case, I had friends who already knew it was going to be a rush job cover-up “inquiry” with one purpose – to exonerate the administration of the institution. When Freeh submitted his work, it was a quick exit, stage left.

I have been less innocent than Joe Paterno in certain happenings in my life and yet, I did not think I was guilty. I suspect we have all had that. But, few of us have had all of America breathing down our necks, most who care nothing for us, hoping that we get nailed and put to jail or something worse.

For Joe Paterno, there was no worry about jail but the fact that America seemed to have turned on him along with the administration of his school was a lot worse than jail time. If he were not have been a good man, it would not have bothered him at all. His mistake was thinking others would do their jobs as they were supposed to do. It was a big mistake in retrospect.

A fly on the wall wherever PSU board members and Administrators were meeting might be the only one who knows the whole scoop, and it would not be a clean story. There was so much self-protecting sleaze going on in the big room that I would not doubt that a fly swatter was called in for extra measure to make sure a fly could not get out of that room alive--unless he was willing to swear allegiance to the board and the administration. Swat!

The more I read the story and talked to people who did not always have a thing against Penn State, the more I knew that whatever was rotten in the State of Denmark would be perfume in the PSU board room. Whew!

There was a betrayal and a major injustice done in the Freeh Report, and I am convinced after studying it for several years that it was all intentional. The entire purpose of the report was to preserve the skins of some very important people. Even Graham Spanier, the President was not important enough to survive and he was many levels above the lowly Joe Paterno in the PSU hierarchy.

Right at the very top of the chain of great importance sat the board of trustees and their fat-cat Chairman. No matter what, these VIPs needed to be preserved. Therefore, the matter needed a swift conclusion and swift punishment from a non-partisan third party with some repute, regardless of the sketchiness of the “facts.” It is amazing what some people will do to protect themselves, even if it hurts an entire university and some fine, loyal people along the way

Louis Freeh, it seems, from looking at his hurried work, took the cheap consultants’ easy way out. “Find out what the people who hired you want you to say.” A report counter to the directives of the ones with the checkbook mean no repeat business and it means no referrals.

Because he was the former FBI Director with a well-known name, his credentials to many appeared impeccable. At least those who commissioned the report had a leg to stand on as Freeh owed them nothing, but Freeh as a consultant needed their gratefulness so that the rest of his life might be more comfortable. Whether intentional or not, it always matters as a consultant what the people with the checkbook think.

Every word or phrase that Freeh said was described by the press as if it were John the Baptist or Eleazer or Jonah or Moses or JC himself who had uttered the infallible words. Who could argue with a former FBI Director?

Well, the Paterno's found Richard Thornburg, a former prosecutor, Attorney General and Governor of the State of Pennsylvania to protect them from Freeh and his hurried report.

The NCAA took everything Freeh said as gospel truth also. Nobody cared that Freeh's report was fraught with inaccuracies. Hey, the man was Louis Freeh. Say no more!

The NCAA chose not to use its own protocol and instead lashed out at everybody it could find to assure that the NCAA itself was not found guilty or implicated for not admonishing its member school properly. The NCAA did not mind taking skins while saving its own skin! They could have done lots better just as they claim JoePa could have.

The PSU Board of Directors must have been AWOL during Paterno's 62 years of excellence for the University. Was it Notre Dame or Alabama or Pitt officials that insisted the statue of JoePa be erected as a monument to such a great coach? Why could the board not have taken a few extra minutes to look through a Penn State Nittany Lions Lens rather than the lens of a hungry to indict frenzied media who felt that they were Freehed to do so.

Why would nobody in the official PSU chamber stand up to defend their man; a great man; a great coach, and the very person who had brought the University so much fame? Why were elite establishment officials with power so willing to hurt anybody else, including the State College community and the university itself to help protect themselves? Is it no wonder why Penn State supporters were upset and still hold a grudge?

When a mother or father does not support a son or daughter who has not yet been declared guilty of a crime, why would that be? Why would PSU not ask for more time before taking action against a man with clean 62-year record? Why was the NCAA so anxious to avoid its own stringent protocols so that they could pronounce a "guilty" verdict on Joe Paterno and the University that he loved? Who is the bad guy here? It sure points to those trying to cover up,

their own poor performance not a humble man whose last words were, "I wish I had done more!"

Which name holds the truth: Freeh; or Paterno?

The Paterno family rightfully has been fighting to restore the legacy of former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, flatly denying the allegations in the report by former FBI Director Louis Freeh that the legendary coach was complicit in a cover-up of child sexual abuse by a former assistant coach.

Most PSU fans have come around to supporting the Paterno family in this quest for justice rather than giving credence to a biased report that was given full acceptance by people who should have known better. These people include the Board of Trustees of Penn State University, the corrupt media, and the NCAA. The notion of a fair hearing was not in the cards as Joe Paterno was unheard and fired by a 30-second phone call while eating dinner with his family at home. Couth?

"The Critique of the Freeh Report: The Rush to Injustice Regarding Joe Paterno," is a newer report prepared by King & Spalding. It is available on paterno.com. The corrupt mainstream sensationalistic press won't be telling you much about it because they no longer do research. They take a side and stick with it right or wrong.

The report is titled appropriately for an objective analysis of the Freeh Report. As we already know, the Freeh report finds everybody guilty almost at the same level as the convicted perpetrator of the acts, Jerry Sandusky. It simply is not fair. But, those who have saved their skins did not care. By the way, justice uses time to get its work done. Many of the saved board members next time up for reelection were expelled from the board by those at Penn State who had a vote and who really care. Some things do happen fairly.

The Paterno family has been understandably trying to protect the reputation of the family patriarch Joe Paterno for sure, but PSU had a major stake in the game also as the damage done to the university is severe. Why did PSU's Board of Trustees (BOT) not take the

same approach as the Paternos? How do you erase almost half of a storied football program of the University and remain the same?

Alumni and students, professors and the community have been harmed by a rush to injustice as portrayed in the Freeh report. Where is the university advocate? Who in the University stood for a 62-year employee. If PSU were not healing and had not cleaned out their despicable BOT, there would be little reason to like the institution until they did. But, they already did. They cleaned it up from within without the Louis Freeh report as a skin-saving crutch,

The critique is described as an attempt to set the record straight with independent expert analysis examining the "most glaring errors on which the Freeh report is based." I have read the report and I think the team did a fine job in constructing this rebuttal. Joe Paterno had been convicted and sentenced and in fact he had been hung dead, without ever having gone to trial. That simply is not the American way.

"The Freeh report reflects an improper 'rush to injustice.'" The 238-page critique says. "There is no evidence that Joe Paterno deliberately covered up known incidents of child molestation by Jerry Sandusky to protect Penn State football or for any other reason; the contrary statements in the Freeh report are unsupported and unworthy of belief."

In their critique of the Freeh report, former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and experts Jim Clemente and Fred Berlin examined the Freeh report and found that it is "deeply flawed and that key conclusions regarding Joe Paterno are unsubstantiated and unfair."

According to the critique, the Freeh report "uncover little new factual information as to Joe Paterno and does very little to advance the truth regarding his knowledge, or more accurately lack of knowledge, of Jerry Sandusky's molestation of children."

Because the 2011 scandal has become the most negative parts of the Penn State Legacy, one cannot hide from it. And, so, I have

included the summation of the report below as we come close to wrapping up a book about the days after Joe Paterno's greatest victory that placed him at 409!

The report commissioned by the Paterno Family and so ably completed is one of those great moments in Penn State as it gives an honest account of what happened and it refutes the clear rush to injustice that had been perpetrated against a mostly innocent Penn State community. Thank you for selecting this book for your personal reading.

Rather than leave you all with the retort to the Freeh report as your last taste of Penn State and Joe Paterno in this book, I have included several other chapters to add more clarity.

We all miss Coach Paterno and we all wish he could make a comeback some-day soon. At least one day, we'll get that fine statue back where it belongs.

To show the aura of the proceedings, let me show the beginning of the documents that were prepared by those looking for relief for Joe Paterno. It is an impressive pack of dignitaries and what they have to say in their report, makes a lot of sense... much more than the Freeh report which had a major scent of politics and cover-up on it.

Please see the report excerpts on the next page.

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CRITIQUE OF THE FREEH REPORT: THE RUSH TO INJUSTICE REGARDING JOE PATERNO

After the Freeh Group, which had been retained as Special Investigative Counsel (“SIC”) by the Penn State Board of Trustees to investigate the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, released

its report in July 2012, the Paterno family asked King & Spalding to conduct a comprehensive review of both the report and Joe Paterno's conduct. They authorized us to engage preeminent experts and to obtain their independent analyses as an essential part of that review.

This Critique of the Freeh report, which incorporates and attaches those independent analyses in full, sets the record straight. We conclude that the observations as to Joe Paterno in the Freeh report are unfounded, and have done a disservice not only to Joe Paterno and to the Penn State University community, but also to the victims of Jerry Sandusky and the critical mission of educating the public on the dangers of child sexual victimization.

Dick Thornburgh, former Attorney General of the United States, and experts Jim Clemente and Fred Berlin, have each carefully examined the July 12, 2012 report prepared by Louis Freeh, and have each determined that the report is deeply flawed and that key conclusions regarding Joe Paterno are unsubstantiated and unfair.

This Critique summarizes their expert conclusions and describes the most glaring errors on which the Freeh report is based. As Dick Thornburgh explains, the Freeh report reflects an improper "rush to injustice." There is no evidence that Joe Paterno deliberately covered up known incidents of child molestation by Jerry Sandusky to protect Penn State football or for any other reason; the contrary statements in the Freeh report are unsupported and unworthy of belief.

As described in more detail below, there is no reason to believe that Joe Paterno understood the threat posed by Jerry Sandusky better than qualified child welfare and law enforcement professionals. There is no evidence that Joe Paterno conspired with Penn State officials to suppress information because of publicity concerns. And Joe Paterno's testimony before the grand jury in 2011 was truthful. As Messrs. Thornburgh and Clemente and Dr. Berlin have each concluded, the full story behind the tragic events involving Jerry Sandusky is not the one told by the Freeh report.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Joe Paterno's last written words before his death focused on the victims of Jerry Sandusky. In a handwritten note, Joe Paterno emphasized: "Good side of scandal - it has brought about more enlightenment of a situation (sexual abuse of young people) in the country."

The Paterno family directed King & Spalding to seek independent opinions of the Freeh report by experts in identifying and investigating child victimization and pedophilia, as well as by experts in conducting independent and reliable internal investigations. Those independent experts include the former top legal officer of the United States, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh; former FBI profiler and child molestation and behavioral expert, Jim Clemente; and The Johns Hopkins Hospital and School of Medicine physician and psychologist, Fred Berlin.

King & Spalding's Critique of the Freeh report, which incorporates the independent analyses of these three prominent experts, concludes that the Freeh report is deeply flawed and that its conclusions as to Joe Paterno are unfair and unsupported.

Each one of the Freeh report's main observations about Joe Paterno is wrong: each is either contradicted or unsubstantiated by the evidence. The authors of the Freeh report chose not to present alternative, more plausible, conclusions regarding Joe Paterno's role in the events involving Jerry Sandusky.

This Critique concludes, based on our interviews, including of Coach Paterno before his death, based on our review of documents and testimony, and, importantly, based on information from our access to the lawyers for other Penn State administrators, that (1) Joe Paterno never asked or told anyone not to investigate fully the allegations in 2001, (2) Joe Paterno never asked or told anyone, including Dr. Spanier and Messrs.

Curley and Schultz, not to report the 2001 incident, and (3) Joe Paterno never asked or told anyone not to discuss or to hide in any way the information reported by Mr. McQueary. Joe Paterno reported the information to his superior(s) pursuant to his understanding of University protocol and relied upon them to investigate and report as appropriate.

Former Attorney General Thornburgh is an expert in conducting effective fact investigations. He has reviewed the Freeh report and concluded that its investigative methodology is flawed, that its factual findings are limited and incomplete, and that its observations as to Joe Paterno are unreliable and unfounded. In the former Attorney General's own words, he concluded:

“The lack of factual support for the SIC’s inaccurate and unfounded findings related to Mr. Paterno and its numerous process-oriented deficiencies was a rush to injustice and calls into question the credibility of the entire Report.”

“In my opinion, the Freeh Report is seriously flawed, both with respect to the process of the SIC’s investigation and its findings related to Mr. Paterno.”

“When considered in the context of investigation ‘best practices,’ it is evident that the Freeh Report and many of its findings as they relate to Mr. Paterno are not accurate, thorough, fair or credible. The process of the SIC’s investigation was deficient in numerous ways, including the failure to interview virtually all of the key witnesses and the reliance upon limited, ambiguous documents.”

“Perhaps most significantly, the findings in the Freeh Report about Mr. Paterno concerning his alleged knowledge of the 1998 incident and purported concealment of the 2001 incident were not properly supported.”

"This lack of evidence supporting the Report's most scathing findings and the serious flaws with respect to the

process of the SIC's investigation cause me to conclude that the Report's findings concerning Mr. Paterno are unjust and wrong."

The Freeh report was oversold to the public. Penn State officials, the NCAA, and other bodies detrimentally relied on the Freeh report in a rush to judgment about Joe Paterno. The limitations of the investigation, which were numerous and fatal to fundamental fairness, were not adequately explained or understood before that rush to injustice solidified the false public narrative about Joe Paterno.

The Freeh report missed a critical opportunity to educate the public on the identification of child sexual victimization, and instead used the platform created by this scandal to sensationalize the blaming of Joe Paterno. The Freeh report ignored decades of expert research and behavioral analysis regarding the appropriate way to understand and investigate a child sexual victimization case. Mr. Jim Clemente is one of the leading former FBI profilers of child sex offenders, and himself a survivor of childhood sexual victimization. As Mr. Clemente bluntly put it:

"The SIC failed to properly factor the dynamics of acquaintance child sexual victimization cases into their investigation. Consequently, the SIC misinterpreted evidence and behavior and reached erroneous conclusions. Any investigation will reach the wrong result by using the wrong approach and by interpreting the facts through the wrong filter."

"There is no other way to say it: on the most critical aspects of the Sandusky investigation, the SIC report is a failure. It does a tremendous disservice to Penn State, Joe Paterno, and the victims of Jerry Sandusky."

Expert analysis shows that Jerry Sandusky was a "skilled and masterful manipulator," who deceived an entire community to obscure the signs of child abuse, using a variety of proven

techniques. Those techniques included: perpetuating an image as a playful “nice guy” who was a foster and adoptive parent with kids around him at all hours in all types of capacities, leveraging his position as a respected member of the community, and creating a children’s charity to legitimize his credibility in interacting with kids.

Expert analysis shows that Jerry Sandusky fooled qualified child welfare professionals and law enforcement, as well as laymen inexperienced and untrained in child sexual victimization like Joe Paterno. Sandusky’s techniques as a pillar of the community created a proven psychological and cognitive impediment for them to recognize the red flags and other signs that Sandusky was a child molester.

Joe Paterno himself knew very little about Jerry Sandusky’s personal life and did not know private details about Sandusky or his victims. For decades, Joe Paterno respected Sandusky’s talent as a coach and professional colleague and recognized Sandusky’s widely-stated passion for helping kids, but the Freeh report missed that they disliked each other personally, had very little in common outside work, and did not interact much if at all socially.

Expert analysis shows that while signs of Jerry Sandusky’s child molestation existed with the benefit of hindsight, at the time of the 2001 shower incident reported by graduate assistant Mike McQueary, information was conveyed to Joe Paterno in terms that were too general and vague for him to disregard decades of contrary experience with Sandusky and to conclude that Sandusky was a child predator. As summarized in former FBI profiler Jim Clemente’s own words:

“Given my 30 years of education, training and experience working, evaluating and assessing child sex crimes investigations around the world, it is my expert opinion that Paterno did not know, or even believe in the possibility, that Sandusky was capable of sexually assaulting boys. At worst, he believed that Sandusky was a touchy-feely guy who had boundary issues. This fact is clear from his repeated statements before he died.”

“[Paterno] did what he believed was reasonable and necessary to address the situation based on his understanding of the facts, and his position at the time. Paterno did what most people who cared about children would have done in the same situation. More than a decade later, and in hindsight, Paterno showed his concern for the victims when he stated he, ‘wished [he] had done more.’”

“Paterno, like everyone else who knew Sandusky, simply fell victim to effective ‘grooming.’ [Grooming is a dynamic process of seemingly innocent, positive public behaviors by the offender, aimed at gaining the trust of the targeted child, parents and the community.] As an expert behavioral analyst and based on my review of the evidence, Paterno did not believe that the information he received from McQueary amounted to Sandusky being a predatory child sex offender.”

The Freeh report is uniformly biased against Joe Paterno. For the authors of the report, there are no gray areas. They ascribe motives to people they never met or interviewed, and interpret ambiguous documents with a clarity and decisiveness that is impossible to justify.

None of the experts found any support for the Freeh report’s assertion that Joe Paterno, along with three other Penn State administrators, including the President, conspired to conceal Jerry Sandusky’s actions because they wanted to avoid bad publicity. That core “conclusion” by Mr. Freeh was entirely unfounded and has resulted in a great disservice to everyone involved in this tragedy.

Mr. Freeh irresponsibly blamed Joe Paterno in this scandal, and violated the most basic notions of due process by offering a flawed, one-sided viewpoint without affording any meaningful opportunity for Joe Paterno, his representatives, or any neutral third party to assess or even respond to Mr. Freeh’s opinions

before he announced them as proven at a national press conference.

Mr. Freeh generated a rapid domino effect of negative coverage that immediately and unfairly tainted perceptions of Joe Paterno by the media, the Penn State community, the NCAA, and the public.

The timing of Mr. Freeh's press conference and report ensured that the rush to judgment occurred without any meaningful review of the Freeh report itself. The Freeh report, which was 267 pages and included 702 endnotes and 105 pages of appendices, was released only an hour before his press conference. The virtually instantaneous and uniformly negative reporting after his press conference perpetuated his many unproven assertions and opinion-based conclusions, without any evaluation or analysis by the news outlets that adopted Mr. Freeh's wide-ranging and unchallenged proclamations.

The NCAA improperly relied on the Freeh report in compelling Penn State to enter into a "consent" decree and accept draconian penalties. Only eleven days after the release of the Freeh report, and without conducting any factual investigation of its own, the NCAA announced severe sanctions that deeply impacted the University and the community.

The NCAA circumvented its established enforcement mechanisms and violated its own due process rules. It never identified a single infraction of NCAA rules based on Sandusky's crimes, much less an infraction by Penn State that implicated the NCAA's jurisdiction and core mission of ensuring competitive balance in amateur athletics.

The Freeh report is full of errors, unsupported personal opinions, improper allegations and biased assertions. Despite the Freeh report's claim to the contrary, access to vital documents and critical witnesses was severely limited. Those limitations, which were understated or ignored in the report, call into question the report's legitimacy.

Despite reportedly reviewing millions of documents and interviewing hundreds of witnesses, the Freeh report relies primarily on a handful of emails, none of which Joe Paterno authored or received, to make assertions about Joe Paterno, and shockingly does so even though Mr. Freeh never

interviewed the actual authors of the emails. This Critique of the Freeh report addresses seven of the most egregious, unfounded, and unfair conclusions about Joe Paterno; the three other expert reports attached to this Critique combine to expose and address many more.

The facts establish that Joe Paterno acted honestly and in good faith throughout the Sandusky scandal, from the moment he received Mr. McQueary's 2001 report, through his grand jury testimony, until the day of his death in January 2012.

Dr. Fred Berlin, a preeminent physician and psychologist from The Johns Hopkins Hospital and School of Medicine, studied and reviewed the evidence in this case, and he assessed Joe Paterno's life more broadly. Dr. Berlin concluded:

“I have not seen evidence supporting a conclusion that Joe Paterno had acted in bad faith, nor have I seen evidence supporting a conclusion that he has ever been a man who lacked a genuine concern about the wellbeing of others — including the wellbeing of children.”

“In my professional opinion, there is absolutely nothing about the way in which Mr. Paterno had led his life, or about his characterological makeup, that would support the unsupported inference that ‘in order to avoid the consequences of bad publicity,’ he had been one of the ‘powerful leaders’ at Penn State who had ‘repeatedly concealed critical facts related to Sandusky’s child abuse from the authorities, the University’s Board of Trustees, the Penn State community, and the public at large.’”

In any fair courtroom or truly independent investigation, the target of an inquiry rightfully would expect all the facts, including the full scope of his life, to be considered when assessing his culpability. In this instance, however, the Freeh report ignores Joe

Paterno's lifetime record of moral conduct and altruism as if it were irrelevant to the case. Experts in the behavioral dynamics of child sexual victimization, as well as experts in conducting sensitive investigations, have concluded that such an omission

was a serious flaw that undermines the credibility of the report. That conclusion is captured by Dr. Berlin:

“Joe Paterno had known very little about the extent of the acts for which Mr. Sandusky had subsequently been convicted. In my judgment, given his history of a life well led, and of good character, and in light of the unsubstantiated nature of the inferences against him, to conclude that for any reason he would have been unconcerned about the wellbeing of children, would require turning a blind eye to the values that he had consistently demonstrated, and to the essence of what his life had been all about.”

Joe Paterno died just over a year ago concerned for the victims, determined that the full truth should be revealed, and hopeful that these events could raise consciousness of child abuse detection more broadly and prevent its recurrence. As in his life, Joe Paterno remained committed to helping others at his death.



Sue Paterno and her family remain deeply committed to that mission and will continue supporting significant steps, and making more contributions financially and emotionally, to increase child abuse awareness, identification and education in this country. This effort is one important chapter in that journey. -- End of report summation --

Chapter 14 JoePa Made His Mark

Everybody loved JoePa and rightfully so!

You can read all of the books about Joe Paterno and of Penn State Football, and you still will not know all about JoePa. I am convinced there are so many great facts that you can discover that are not well known if known at all, that are not written about at all. You can find so much new stuff that you can write your own book about this great man and this great university all by yourself. As an example, this is my fifth Joe Paterno / Penn State Book. All Penn State books are Joe Paterno Books and vice versa.

Joe Paterno's last three months and his death upset the entire nation in much the same way as Knute Rockne's sudden death in a plane crash in March 1931. Both deaths were well after their respective seasons had ended. In both accounts, the community at large was filled with shock.

Both coaches were beloved by all. Joe Paterno was so beloved in State College that for a long time after his death, full-size cardboard cutouts of him were common sights around town. Even an ice cream flavor, "Peachy Paterno," was named after him.

In college football's fraternity, the folks knew him simply as "JoePa."

Former Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, who won three national titles in the 1990s, suspects the scandal took a toll on Paterno's health and detracted from his otherwise stellar career. Many of us feel the same.

"His longevity over time and his impact on college football is remarkable," Osborne said in a statement: "Anybody who knew Joe

feels badly about the circumstances. I suspect the emotional turmoil of the last few weeks might have played into it."

Only days after he issued a tempered response to the initial Sandusky allegations, Paterno expressed heartfelt remorse over what had happened on his watch. "I am absolutely devastated by the developments in this case," Paterno said in a statement released hours before he was fired abruptly—a bit too abruptly! "I grieve for the children and their families, and I pray for their comfort and relief." He vowed to "spend the rest of my life doing everything I can to help this university."

The end of the Paterno Era at Penn State came less than two weeks after he recorded his 409th career victory, which moved him past former Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson on major college football's all-time list. Thanks, in part to the anti-Freeh report and people finally speaking up, all of those 409 wins are back on the official Penn State and the official Paterno records.

Joe Paterno was a five-time national coach of the year, won two national titles, fielded five unbeaten teams and was the first major college coach to eclipse Bear Bryant's victory record of 323. Bear Bryant was Joe Paterno before Joe Paterno appeared on the football scene.

Paterno ended his career as the all-time leader in bowl appearances (37) and bowl victories (24) and in 2006, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame by acclamation. He is the only coach to have won all four of college football's major bowls: Rose, Fiesta, Orange and Sugar.

Voted into the same Hall of Fame class, Paterno and Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden spent years jostling with each other for the all-time major college win record. Just as Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden, now 87 years old, was also a great and well respected coach.

"History will say he's one of the greatest," Bowden commented after the Coach's death. "Who's coached longer? Who's coached better? Who's won more games? Who's been more successful than Joe?"

Who's done more for his university than Joe?" Great comments, Mr. Bowden.

During Paterno's tenure, Penn State produced 79 first-team All-America players, 33 first-round NFL draft picks and 16 National Football Foundation scholar-athletes. This is the record of a football coach; not a university.

Most universities do not have statistics like that for all their years of football. Penn State officials owe Joe Paterno through his family a debt of gratitude for his support of the school.

Besides great athletes, Joe Paterno helped produce great scholars. As a Full Professor, himself, he wanted his team's players to have the full experience of an education at Penn State, including graduation. He was the best in the country at providing that.

The NCAA's annual study of institutions nationwide revealed that Penn State student-athletes at the University Park campus had a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 87 percent compared to a 77 percent average for all Division I-A institutions. Could that have been achieved with a disinterested coach?

The list of those who played for Paterno includes Jack Ham, John Cappelletti, Franco Harris, Lydell Mitchell, Curt Warner, Shane Conlin, Matt Millen, Todd Blackledge, Kyle Brady, LaVar Arrington, Larry Johnson, Courtney Brown and Kerry Collins. I bet you can name ten or more—more in ten seconds!

Paterno's teams were known for their toughness and selflessness. The school's blue-and-white uniforms were famously nondescript — lacking player names, decorations or logos — a Brand X quality that came to symbolize the program's team-first image.

An English literature major at Brown University in Rhode Island, Paterno was a voracious reader whose favorite sayings included Robert Browning's "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

Rest in Peace (RIP) Dear Coach Paterno! We sure do miss you!

Chapter 15 The First Family of Nittany Lion Football

Paternos and Suheys had been very close

They are so close, they should figure out how to reconcile

My sincere hope is that the Suheys and the Paterno's reconcile and then all of Penn State and State College, and all the fans and all the families can be at peace. Joe Paterno would want that and for whatever mistakes he may have made, he was a good man.

Jay Paterno, who was always close to his father both on the football field and off, in many ways has taken the lead as the de-facto spokesman for the Paterno family in the wake of the Sandusky scandal. Just as if it were your dad, the Paterno's have a lot at stake. They think their father and husband was a good guy! He was! That's what their beef is all about. Where would you be if the issue were about your dad?

One of the unintended consequences of the Sandusky scandal is that a crack formed in the once close knit cordial relationship, which the Paternos enjoyed with the Suheys. The Suhey family of course are memorialized even today as the First Family of Nittany Lions Football. The love affair goes back many generations and it is real. The Suheys and the Paternos have been a Nittany Lion legacy of true friendship and kindness and love to each other over the ages!

I asked the Suhey family, and I asked Jay Paterno to contribute a chapter to this book about the controversy from their personal perspective. I promised not to edit the content. Neither chose to do so. I have never met either so I understand. Neither agreed. I would be pleased to add both in a subsequent reprinting of this book if they would consider.

The Suheys and the Higgins's

Virginia H. "Ginger" Suhey, the matriarch of Penn State football's first family of football spanning four generations, passed away on November 23, 2011 just a few weeks after the JoePa scandal broke loose. She was 84. Her husband Steve had preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1977. The Suheys and the Paternos thus in a few-months-period both lost the leaders of their respective families.

Born Virginia "Ginger" Higgins on July 3, 1927 in Clarksburg, W.Va. She was the daughter of the late and great PSU long-time football coach Robert A. Higgins and Virginia Gaylord Higgins. On March 3, 1949 Ginger married Steven J. Suhey. Mr. Suhey had the pleasure of marrying the daughter of his collegiate coach, Bob Higgins.

Ginger was a life-long resident of State College. She was a 1944 graduate of State College Area High School, and a 1948 graduate of Penn State University. Upon graduation, she taught physical education at Juniata College. Ginger and Steve were very proud of their seven children, sons Stephen, Paul, Matthew and Larry; daughters Kathy, Betsey and Nancy; 11 grandchildren. Ginger had two sisters Mary Ann Higgins Lyford and Nancy Higgins Dooley.

After the death of her husband, Ginger took over his business, LG Balfour Co., with her son Larry. She was an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Penn State Nittany Lion Club and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

All American guard Steve Suhey was born on Jan. 8, 1922 in Jamesville, N.Y., He enrolled in 1941 at PSU. Because of the war, he had to postpone both college and football. Suhey was quite a football player and he loved Penn State University and its football program. Suhey played Guard on Bob Higgins 9-0-1 undefeated 1947 Penn State football team which, by the way tied SMU 13-13 in the 1948 Cotton Bowl. Steve played one year prior to his active duty period and after three years of service in the Pacific with the Army Air Corps, he returned in 1946, safe, and in good shape, and ready to continue as a standout football player.

When he completed his tenure as a player at Penn State, Steve Suhey did not have enough credits to graduate. He completed his degree post facto while playing two years with Pittsburgh in the National Football League. At 27 years of age, he retired from professional football. It got him his degree. Suhey married Ginger at 27 years of age, and then coached high school football before joining the family business, L.G. Balfour Company.

Steve Suhey was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1985. He had earned All-America honors as a member of the unbeaten 1947 Penn State team coached by Bob Higgins. He later coached at Waynesboro (Pa.) High School before putting the oval ball down and becoming a salesman for the L.G. Balfour Company until his death in 1977 exactly on his 55th birthday.

Steve and Ginger Suhey had seven children as noted previously, including Larry, Paul and Matt. These three were all playing football for PSU when their dad passed away in 1977. All had different football gifts, yet all three boys gained multiple letters at Penn State during the 1975-1979 period.

The Suhey and Higgins family have a relationship that is almost as old as Penn State itself and it is one that includes the Paternos. Ginger's dad, Bob Higgins is in this book as one of PSU's finest and longest term coaches. Ginger Suhey, Paul Suhey's mom, was Jay Paterno's godmother. Coach Higgins also played his football at Penn State from 1914 to 1916, at which time he made All-American in 1915. After spending WWI in the service, Higgins came back to captain Penn State's Football Team, earning All-America honors again in 1919.

Everybody has a best day. In a 20–0 victory over Pittsburgh, PSU's staunchest rival, that season, Higgins caught a pass from Walter Hess and turned it into a thrilling 92-yard touchdown that was so impressive that it was immortalized in Knute Rockne's "Great Football Plays."

The Bob Higgins coaching story at PSU is told in this book in Chapter 17. Before coming back to Penn State, Higgins coached four seasons at West Virginia Wesleyan (1920, 1922–1924), and he coached three seasons at Washington University in St. Louis. He returned to Penn State in 1928, first as an assistant coach, before becoming head coach in 1930.

He served as head coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions for the next 19 seasons. He was a terrific coach. He led the Nittany Lions to only the second unbeaten season in the school's history, culminating in a tie versus Southern Methodist University in the 1948 Cotton Bowl Classic. It was just the second time that Penn State had ever played in a bowl game.

Higgins retired after the 1948 season, but he remained at Penn State as a special assistant in the Physical Education Department until his full retirement in November 1951. He had a great coaching record of 123–83–16. Considering the many years that he had to go without scholarship players, Bob Higgins' record is even more impressive.

The Suhey family ties thus go back three generations. Well, not exactly! Steve and Ginger Suhey's two grandsons, Kevin Suhey, who played from 2005 to 2007, and Joe Suhey, a fifth-year running back for the Nittany Lion football team in 2011 are fourth generation Higgins / Suhey family members.

As noted, Ginger's late husband, Steve, was a key player and All-America selection on Penn State's 1947 squad that went 9-0-1. Sons Larry, Paul and Matt all played football for State College Area High School and Penn State. At State High, they were standout players on Little Lion teams that were considered among the best in Pennsylvania in the 1970s. Paul lettered for the Penn State football team in 1975-78, Larry in 1975-76 and Matt in 1976-79.

The Nebraska game on November 12, 2011 was the first game after Joe Paterno was fired by the board. Joe Suhey, Matt's son had played that afternoon for the Nittany Lions. Along with former PSU teammates and alums from other eras, Matt Suhey, the ten-year Chicago Bears pro (PSU 1980), was obliged to pose for

pictures on Senior Day. It was tough duty after Paterno having just been fired.

Smiles were pasted on and the pain was real. It was not the way the Suheys envisioned their son Joe, a fifth-year senior who already had his degree, would be saying goodbye to a stadium that's been home to so many in the family.

When queried at the game, Matt Suhey, wished not to elaborate on his range of emotions or details related to charges involving former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky. But Suhey did make a point to praise Paterno, who decades ago once temporarily lived with Suhey's parents and Joe Paterno is Matt Suhey's sister's godfather.

“He has been nothing but extraordinary for me and our family and he has nothing but my support,” said Suhey, who played for Paterno from 1976-79 before becoming Walter Payton's lead blocker and a great Chicago Bear himself. “It's hard for me to put it into words so I'd just as soon not.”

Paul Suhey, Matt's older brother, is a respected orthopedic surgeon based in State College, and had been a member of the Penn State Board of Trustees until the 2014 election. As noted, Matt played for 10 years with the Chicago Bears in the National Football League. He is a member of the Pennsylvania football all-century team.

At Penn State, Ginger's father, Bob Higgins, who passed away in 1969, lettered in football, baseball, boxing and wrestling. He was succeeded for one season by Joe Bedenk as coach of the Lions, who was then followed by Rip Engle (1950-1965) and then Joe Paterno (1966-2011).

According to “Road to Number One,” a history of Penn State football written by the late Ridge Riley, Paterno lived for a year with Ginger and Steve Suhey when he came to Penn State from Brown, and was a first-year Nittany Lion assistant coach. The Paternos and the Suheys loved each other like family.

"Sunny (Rip's wife) and their son, Chip, hadn't arrived at the house Rip had already bought on Woodland Drive," Riley wrote, "and there was no furniture, but Joe slept for two weeks in a cot until he moved in with Steve and Ginger Suhey for the first year, and then with the Jim O'Hora family." Al Browning, from the Tuscaloosa news wrote this piece about Joe Paterno from when the Coach just came to Penn State. Not everybody in life starts out with a silver spoon but good people and good friends let them use their spoons until they can use their own.

By AL BROWNING
News Sports Editor

NEW ORLEANS — At age 24, Joe Paterno was lonely, practically broke and en route to farm-dotted woods from a concrete jungle.

The streets of Brooklyn had made him wise, but State College, Pa., offered strange surroundings. There were no Dodgers to watch on Saturday afternoons, no sidewalk bums to dodge and very little night life.

Paterno admits he was scared the night he arrived at Penn State University to begin his career as a college football coach. His salary was \$3,200 a year — just enough money for spaghetti and Spanish Rice, as it turned out — and he was in bad need of a place to hang his coat.

Then the door opened at the house owned by Steve and Virginia Suhey, who were to produce three sons who would play for Paterno after he became head coach at Penn State.

The two surviving principals of that story — Paterno and Virginia Suhey — were caught rehashing those trying first days at Penn State here Thursday afternoon.

Two of the sons watched in the background, before joining their Penn State teammates at practice in preparation for a Monday afternoon Sugar Bowl game against Alabama. The gleams in the eyes of running back Matt Suhey and linebacker Paul Suhey indicated they were proud of the hospitality their family had shown a stranger who would later become one of the coaching elite of college football.

"Joe shared our two-bedroom apartment," said Virginia (Ginger) Suhey. "It was a difficult time for him, a young man in new surroundings. He enjoyed meeting our young friends and we enjoyed having a thoughtful, intelligent person in the house. We played bridge by the hours, which is what you did when you did not have a lot of money to socialize, and we ate Spanish Rice.

"He ate so much of that rice back then, I doubt he can look at it today."

The year was 1950.



Joe Paterno in 1950 arriving at Penn State Looking Sharp!

Dr. Paul Suhey, Sr. had a reputation for being a good man. He was unfortunately a member of the BOT (board of trustees) who were on the wrong side of history. They voted against Joe Paterno. Suhey found more animus than most because he was a Paterno player and his comment about retiring Joe Paterno three weeks later [not firing him] found a lot of ire with his fellow lettermen.

In fact, in a letter released before the 2013 election of board members, 11 former Penn State football lettermen — including Franco Harris, Todd Blackledge, Michael Robinson, and Lydell

Mitchell — called out Suhey specifically, and urged their fellow lettermen to not vote for him in the upcoming board of trustees election.

It is my understanding that Paul Suhey had always been a friend to the Paterno family. The Suheys don't talk much about the rift but it seems that Paul has an opposite stance on JoePa from the rest of the Suhey / Higgins family for his own reasons. Maybe his reasons are good. But, nobody is buying them.

One thing for sure, in 2013, there was no reconciliation possible as Suhey dug in to his stance suggesting he was advocating integrity in his vote for the good of the university. The Paternos did not take to this very well.

David Paterno wrote that Suhey is "actually trying to use our family name to suggest that you can trust him...Penn State does need to restore its credibility and we understand why someone would invoke Joe's name to do that," the letter says. "For the record, we are not close to Paul Suhey and do not endorse him."

Before the BOT election results were announced, Franco Harris addressed the still-in-place board members. Harris delivered a short crisp rebuke of the BOT. He said that his positive feelings for Joe Paterno had not changed. During his three-minute speech, Harris asked, "How did it feel to go after an 85-year-old man who was sick, weak and frail? Did it make you feel powerful?"

After the vote and the tree of three Paterno-backed candidates were awarded their victories, Franco Harris also added, "We're just trying to let people understand that we really don't like what happened on November 9, that (the trustees) they failed Penn State. "So why should they represent us? I don't want them to represent us. I don't feel they deserve to represent us." Thanks to some diligent voters in this election three new board members took their places on the BOT.

William Levinson of the Class of 1978 posted this on Collegian, the PSU Student Newspaper on April 27, 2015. It is disturbing and telling at the same time.

Penn State's Board of Trustees never authorized the removal of the Joe Paterno statue from its place near Beaver Stadium. A lone trustee, Paul Suhey, directed former Penn State President Rodney Erickson to remove the statue to placate the now-discredited and disgraced NCAA.

Suhey had no right to give Erickson this directive, Erickson had no obligation to obey it, and state Sen. Jake Corman's lawsuit proved that Penn State had nothing to fear from the NCAA. This leaves Erickson and Suhey in the position of Terry Malloy, the boxer in "On the Waterfront" who took a dive in a match he could have won. "I could have been somebody instead of a bum," is how Marlon Brando put it in the movie.

The alumni fired Paul in the 2014 election, and Erickson is no longer president. This means there is no barrier whatsoever to the statue's immediate return. I would, however, recommend a substantial change to show what Penn State's "football culture" was and is really all about.

I am confident alumni would contribute enough money to have sculptor Angelo Di Maria add a panel next to the four football players who are running onto the field behind Paterno that shows the same players in caps and gowns, and with Penn State diplomas in their hands.

That's probably enough of that. Paul Suhey made a lot of mistakes IMHO. Yet, I still believe in redemption. I am not sure if Dr. Suhey wants redemption but I think he should go for it. Maybe he will get it.

Regardless of what he did that irritates so many of us, I say that it is time for Paul Suhey to do the right thing and make up to his family and to the Paternos if he has not already done so. I have a great friend Bruce, who has a family relationship with the Suheys and he has told me what a great family they all are.

He may be mad at me as the dispute is more than likely not settled but it must be. Bruce wants it to be and I want it to be. Let's all forgive and look at the best side of Joe Paterno and his family and

the Suhey's, the First Family of PSU Football from the Bob Higgins' days.

The Suhey's are a great family rich in PSU tradition. It is time for Paul Suhey to step up and be a Suhey. I'll fly at my own expense to meet him if he would receive me so that I can give him a copy of this book and accompany him to his family so he can apologize and make amends. The next step is to clean the air with the Paterno family. Nobody deserved what Paul Suhey hoisted upon them. Paul, it's time for you to fess up and do the right thing. You know what it is. Get your redemption. Go for it.

The memory of Paul Suhey's dad should inspire him to do the right thing just like his dad did the right thing at a time that PSU was facing internal and external strife about who could play and who could not play in football games because of their skin color.

Steve Suhey, Paul Suhey's father, spoke up when others may have thought about it. Steve Suhey, a great player and a great leader, was the one who made everybody on the team do what was right on a very important day in PSU football history.

Steve Suhey was the MVP of the 1948 Cotton Bowl Classic. It has been suggested that Penn State's now-famous "We Are Penn State!" stadium cheer has its origins in a statement made by then team captain Suhey prior to that game. Steve Suhey would have had the family dispute solved by now. Let's get it done.

Paul Suhey played linebacker for Jay Paterno's dad, Joe Paternal and had lots of contact with the Paternos while a player and afterwards as a member of the PSU Board of Trustees. Paul Suhey is singled out in this chapter only because he voted with the board to fire Joe Paterno and he was unrelenting in his Paterno condemnations.

Guys like me who live far away from Beaver Stadium, have a tough time reconciling his vote to the JoePa that we have come to love and revere over the years. Paul Suhey has explained his reasons and his vote was not an accident. Yet, forgiveness on both sides must come from both sides. His dad and my dad and Jay's dad surely would have had this wrapped up by now.

And that in my opinion is the rub today between the Suhey family and the Paterno family. Paul Suhey sided with his board compadres in the PSU establishment over Joe Paterno and the Paterno Family. It is that simple. But, I bet underneath it all, it is more complicated than simple. Maybe Paul Suhey knew something that nobody else knew and he was unable to say. Maybe he is just a bad guy! Who knows?

Many Penn Staters and friends of both families are hoping for a reconciliation but we all know it will not be coming as long as hard heads prevail. The solution for the rest of us of course, while this family brawl continues, will come about as we pray for contrition and redemption and we also pray for the spirit of forgiveness. Harboring ill will, will not lead to a solution. Yet, it is very understandable that there is anger.

I like to personalize things such as a long-term family relationship. How about you? What if someone, who was a long-time friend voted to fire your heartsick dad? What if your dad was so heartsick that it killed him? I think that's where we are in the big family matter. No Suhey will give up their guy and no Paterno is ready to suggest that Joe Paterno's record is a fraud that he permitted children to be sent to Sandusky's Second Mile to be used for things we would rather not discuss.

On the evening of the big decision by the BOT, like all the other trustees, Paul Suhey, a family friend of the Paternos, chose to have nothing to say when Joe Paterno was fired. He uttered no words against JoePa and he provided no words of support for his long-time mentor, and apparently close family friend. His dad, Steve Suhey, from what I have read, would want him to make this better.

As a member of the BOT, Paul Suhey had become a small-time politician. He had a choice. He could have said something positive for the record but he chose not to say a word. Paul Suhey may have had to vote by conscience as he did but does he really think Paterno's legacy should be damned forever?



Penn State President Graham Spanier, left, and Joe Paterno's tenure at Penn State came to an abrupt end Wednesday night. By MARK VIERA NOV. 9, 2011

The default decision was already spelled out according to the chairman of the board. On that fateful evening, Graham Spanier and Joe Paterno would be fired. Joe Paterno had not digested this whole situation, nor even his evening meal before the board had him out of PSU for good. Paul Suhey may not have been OK with that but he went along to get along. Many other friends of Penn State were not OK with Paul Suhey on that matter for sure! He did not make the board cut in the next election

Having a love for Penn State and admiration for the Paterno and Suhey families without knowing either personally is a situation in which most Penn Staters now find ourselves. Not only do we have the scandal and its terrible effect on the children (victims), Joe Paterno, Happy Valley, and a host of others but the first Family of the Nittany Lions and the Family of Joe Paterno are not talking to each other. Contrition, Redemption, Forgiveness and prayer are sorely needed.



When I first fully realized that the source of the rift was Paul Suhey's vote against JoePa in the major board hearing out of which JoePa was fired; I figured it had to be a mistake. I gave Paul Suhey the benefit of the doubt. I figured he had done what he did but he did not mean to do what in fact he had done. Sometimes when faced with the consequences of our actions, we dig in to justify them, rather than dig deep to find out if we acted properly.

Paul Suhey was a respected JoePa football player and friend and surely, if not pressed by powerful forces on the BOT would he have called for more time rather than a rush to judgment and actions that are irreversible. He did not do so. Paul Suhey was as quiet as a church mouse along with 31 other mice who did not want to be in the big hotel room that night. I do not like using pejoratives but it sure seems that there were 32 cowards plus a cowardly governor. Only if Ben Franklin himself showed up would the room have shown one person with courage.

Since the decision night, I expected Paul Suhey's family and friends, to have had a few cold ones with Paul to encourage him to do what he thinks is the right thing. Unfortunately, if that session has

happened, it has caused Paul Suhey to dig in more on his silent default position. He did come out with a statement that in my opinion does not help matters. Like many, I am looking for a real reconciliation of Paternos and Suheys with contrition, redemption, and forgiveness. That's how it is done.

Paul Suhey used the values of the coach, whose values he questions when he explained his posture on the "thumbs down on Joe" vote. Suhey said that it was values learned in part from Joe Paterno that led him to his highly-criticized decision to support the board's surprising dismissal of the legendary head football coach on November 9, 2011. Said less surgically, Paul Suhey voted to decapitate Joe Paterno, while he was still alive. All of us know that Paul did not mean it that way!

I would love the Paternos and the Suheys to be friendly again. However, they must accommodate that. JoePa and Bob Higgins and Steve Suhey would love it too! These notions about JoePa are from the new book called

Chapter 16 Don't Let Me Down!

What if it were your dad?

There is a new book:

Please read this excerpt as it helps in understanding what Paterno endured when many who had once loved him had abandoned him. Not that Joe Paterno is or ever was Christ in anyway, but the notion of abandonment is so strong here that we cannot help but get the notion that the bad guys were in charge of bringing down Joe Paterno. It was as if to save the Pharisees and Sadducees, Paterno had to be taken out. You make the call:

Read the whole book to find out what other powerful thoughts can be explored!

"The Betrayal of Joe Paterno" Chapter Five: The Firing.

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"Of all the countless acts of extreme stupidity and cowardice that have been a part of this incredibly sad story, the moment of the Paterno firing really stands out for special condemnation.

Forget for an instant that there is a very good chance that Joe Paterno did nothing remotely wrong here. The notion that 32 people (all of whom knew him, many of them extremely well) could be on that conference call and not one of them even say a word in response to the proposal to fire him is probably the most stupefying act of human weakness that I can immediately recall.

These were all highly educated and successful people. Most of them had already made their way in the world. Some were untouchable financially or professionally. A few had extensive legal backgrounds. And yet somehow not even one of them found the “courage” to even ask, “Does anyone think we ought to at least ask Joe what the heck happened before we do this based on presumptions made because of a 23-page, inherently one-sided, grand jury presentment which doesn’t even charge Joe with a crime?”

Maybe even more amazing is that, regardless of what the impact would be on Paterno himself, not one of the board members seemingly grasped the full implications of what they were doing to their University as a whole.

Familiarity often breeds contempt and so over 50 years as head coach Paterno himself had lost enormous personal capital with members of the board (for instance, in addition to having offended the Surma’s, Paterno coached four members of the Suhey family, but it apparently only took one of them to feel snubbed by the coach for trustee Paul Suhey to turn on him).

But, regardless of how the trustees felt personally about Paterno and whether he had hung on way too long to the job, a remotely rational look at the situation would have made it obvious that firing him at that moment was the very worst thing for the school to do for its own self-interest.

While it seems pretty obvious that the board foolishly thought that by firing Paterno they were somehow separating themselves from the story and “moving on,” the reality is that what they were really doing is branding the Sandusky scandal, for all time, a “Penn State Scandal.” After all, they fired the great Joe Paterno and, effectively, the school president over this.

That meant that they, and by extension, the school itself had to be “guilty” (this “self-verdict” would of course also be devastating to any chance of Paterno ever getting a fair hearing, especially when it was assumed by many that the board had “inside info” on what really happened, even though John

Surma admitted at his infamous press conference that they did not).

In the face of overt terroristic threats by the media, essentially what the Penn State Board of Trustees decided to do was something like this: condemn to death the face of their school without the hint of due process, inform him of their decision by cell phone, and then order his assassination via a circular firing squad made up of horrendous shooters. All of that was then followed by a tone-deaf press conference perfectly timed for maximum unrest to ensue in the aftermath of their breathtaking stupidity and cowardice.

For those who may say, “What else could they possibly have done?” I suggest that under this kind of thinking we would all be speaking German or Japanese right now because this country certainly would never have won World War II if such spinelessness had dictated our response then to tyranny and injustice.

Lots of books, including “The Betrayal...” have been written since 2012 about the Sandusky Scandal.

Jay Paterno has his own new book out in which he singles out six board members who should have at least given his dad the initial benefit of the doubt. Here is what Jay Paterno thinks of them:

Those singled out in a rare outpouring of personal, delayed outrage are put forth in a chapter evoking a Shakespearean tragedy that is entitled “The Firing, Tempest, and Et Tu Brute.” The turncoats include the following “friends:”

Anne Riley. Jay recalls an episode from his own childhood in which Riley's father, Ridge, collapsed in the Paterno's kitchen during a visit to work on a history of Penn State football. In young Jay's memory, his father was trying to resuscitate the elder Riley while an ambulance was called.

"In her father's moment of greatest need, my mother and father tried to save his life," Jay writes. "In my father's hour of greatest need, where was she?"

Paul Suhey. Jay remembered his father going to Jacksonville, Fla. to speak to high school athletic directors and coaches for Suhey, a former Penn State player who had just started a sports medicine clinic there.

Suhey's mother, Ginger, had been Jay's godmother.

"In this critical moment, where was that family loyalty?"

Jesse Arnelle. A man Joe Paterno had helped recruit to Penn State 60 years earlier, and who had gone on to become a successful attorney.

"Couldn't he see that due process, a core American legal value, was being violated here?" Jay Paterno writes.

Ed Hintz. Described as a longtime family friend. Jay Paterno recalled Hintz's silence and evasion when his sister, Mary, had tried to reach him on the telephone the day before, when rumors about Joe Paterno's possible firing were starting to escalate.

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Did he say to my sister that he would go to the wall for my father?
No."

John Surma. Surma, then the chief executive officer of United States Steel Corp., announced the firing to the world that night.

Surma's brother, Vic, played for the Nittany Lions in the late 1960s and early 1970s. But to the Paternos' mind, he had turned on Joe when his own son walked on to Penn State and didn't get a scholarship.

"I am sure John Surma heard his brother's complaints and the constant harping about Joe," Jay wrote.

Steve Garban. The titular chair of the board at the time, and previously the school's senior vice president for business and finance.

"In his administrative career at Penn State, Garban could always count on Joe Paterno to run a football program that was successful on and off the field... and that did not waste money.

"For the decades of service, faithful to the end, what did Joe Paterno get from Steve Garban? Silence. He sat there as John Surma read the words."

Of the six trustees so named, only Hintz, a part of the board's business and industry delegation, remains on the current board.

Anyone not with me is against me!

In Matthew 12:30, we get some insights into the pain and the justification for the hurt in the Paterno family over the Sandusky scandal and the board's handling of it. Joe Paterno, once known as a good guy in regular circles, all of a sudden went from common hero of many to a common criminal according to the media. How could that happen without design?

The Lord said: "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me." As much as I would like to assign some special absolution to Paul Suhey for the violation of his friendship and trust with Joe Paterno and his family, which comes before all allegiances, I have nothing to offer. Paul Suhey must live with what he did. Let him speak for himself.

When Paul Suhey remained silent among the 32 silent trustees who used their silence to sentence Joe Paterno to a living death before his death shortly after his "sentence," he turned his back on reality and focused on the binding relationships of the prestigious and noble in the establishment circles at PSU.

I would like to say that I admire the Suhey / Higgins family and I do but I regret to say that Paul Suhey and the entire BOT should

have taken the figurative seppuku Samurai Sword before called upon to do so. In other words, without being asked, they should have all tendered their resignations. They created more problems for the University than they solved by staying on through the crisis. They were the head of the hydra!

The Paterno's and the Suheys always seemed to have a good relationship. Along the way to the end of Joe Paterno's career in 2011, there seemed to be no issues of consequence between the first family of Penn State Football and the God-like Octogenarian coach and his family.

Over the years, Paul Suhey had gotten elected to the board and until he lost his Trustee reelection bid recently, he had put in 15 years of dedicated service to the university as one of the top board members.

As news leaked out about who in the University hierarchy might have to be sacrificed to appease the media, and to save the BOT, the two top officials to be fired on a unanimous secretive "everybody's list," were President Graham Spanier and Head Coach Joe Paterno.

There are still thirty-two members of the board at PSU and so the table in the Hotel had to be huge. They met as did the Sanhedrin to find fault with Christ; not to exonerate Joe Paterno. They sat at this rectangular table at the Penn Stater Hotel while Gov. Tom Corbett of Pennsylvania, another big coward, was on the speaker phone.

Other trustees were present, many emotionally spent. They all could have done a lot better if they all were not thinking about how their decisions about the fate of others would affect their own lives personally! Selfishness, not selflessness for PSU drove this group of cowards to vote against Penn State itself.

The board made more than two decisions during this period but the Penn State Community has found two of the decisions to be especially repugnant. The two board decisions that took the brunt of the criticism from the Penn State community are unquestionably clear — the unanimous choice to remove Joe Paterno as head coach and the unwillingness to refute the Freeh report, which resulted in significant collateral damage to the university such as the NCAA

sanctions. If there were a brave man on the PSU BOT, his or her voice was not heard on the night of the slaying of Joe Paterno.

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**PATERNO, SPANIER
OUT AT PENN STATE**

FIRED

“This is a tragedy.
It is one of the great
sorrows of my life.
With the benefit
of hindsight,
I wish I had done more.”

Joe Paterno, seen here during a 2008 news conference, won more Division I A games than any other football coach, but his storied career was ended amid a child sex-abuse scandal.

Chapter 17 What Was the Right Decision for PSU?

Problems are meant to be solved

By trade, at IBM for 23 years prior to becoming a college professor, I was a Senior Systems Engineer. It was my job to analyze problems and design solutions in order to solve them. The folks who held my position in IBM at the time were known as problem solvers. I was a problem solver for IBM and let me tell you that I can't let it go.

The PSU debacle is a problem waiting for a solution. I have the solution for this problem but perhaps nobody at the top at PSU would like it. Governor Corbett could have gotten the solution approved and implemented regardless. He chose the political route instead.

Start talking to me about an issue that needs a solution, and I will be thinking of a solution. I solved many problems while at IBM. I brought the problems into my dreams and often solved them when I was asleep. There might be many ways to solve particular problems and my job at IBM was to come up with one, make sure it was a good one, and make sure that it would work. I solve problems at home the same way; but my wife, who is the uncontested boss of the family, often finds my solutions substandard to her thinking. Hah! But true!

Before I learned how President Spanier and Coach Paterno's heads were so quickly placed on the table, I questioned why the thirty-two heads of the top ruling body, The Board of Trustees, BOT, had been spared. Why were there no board members at fault? Seems like a fair question?

Governor Corbett had the luxury of having a number of fine state-sponsored Academic Institutions such as Bloomsburg, and East Stroudsburg, etc. from which he could have empaneled a "Blue Ribbon Group of the best administrators." They could have run PSU while it was getting its act together. How was it fair that the BOT got to determine whether the BOT needed to be admonished or not? For the sake of the BOT, the institution's well-being was thrown under the bus.

Those on the deciding body of "jurors," surely were not about to convict themselves or the one next to them even if both were 100% guilty. It is human nature that the BOT would find the BOT harmless. The BOT should not have had that option.

Surely this thought of mine had to be prevalent on the minds of all the members of the board. None wanted any blame for a part-time, though seemingly important activity in their lives. They wanted no credit nor blame for Paterno's fate. So, they sheepishly let their "boss" make the decision and they acceded in silence as cowards so often do. This cannot be overstated: "Cowards die many times before their deaths. The valiant never taste of death but once."

The first and most appropriate thing an empowered Blue Ribbon Panel from let's say East Stroudsburg (ESU) could have done would be to fire every board member and evaluate who was on their firing lists. The most essential board members according to the officials at ESU could then be asked to stay temporarily to help in a predefined way before accepting their fate. They would all be fired nonetheless.

An incomplete purge with the head of the Hydra intact would offer no solution and at PSU, since November 2011, we know that the parts of the hydra left in place has offered no solution. Those with a vote have taken it upon themselves to purge the guilty board one election at a time; yet all are still not gone.

It should have been done day one before any functionaries were fired. If ESU or Bloomsburg officials had to run PSU while a great new board was being constituted, so what? The functionaries at PSU such as Spanier could have been left in place, while the new temporary Lords watched their moves very closely.

This would have been the action of a body of governors who were not fearful of their own expulsion. Better yet, before anybody fired them, to repeat, the entire board should have taken the sword as brave hearts and resigned. If this were such a big deal and it was, why stop at those who report to others. Go to the top. Cut off the head and start from scratch. But the head should have removed itself. But, the head was the head of a body made of cowards!

The board was scrambling to address the child sexual abuse scandal involving the university and its football program. All of the elite BOT members "knew" that Graham B. Spanier would be removed as president. But, what about Joe Paterno? In this huge room with the huge table and the Governor on the phone in symbolic harmony with the seventh house and the moon, and the mystics of the seventh rebellion, the tension in the room mounted.

This board was unprepared for tough duty. Being on this board to this esteemed group was nothing more than a perquisite. The members just waited the pain to go away—and quickly. They could not stand waiting even another day.

None of the cowards wanted the decision about Paterno to be laid at their feet. They did not want the public backlash. If the BOT could have fired a maintenance man or a parking lot attendant and have their prestige spared that night, it would have been done, and they would have rejoiced that they got it over that night.

These cowards, who did not have the courage to resign as would have been proper, would have had no problem firing anybody to save their own skins. If needed, they would have taken the perpetrator and had him hung on the closest tree just to get it over with permanently so they could move on with their own precious more important lives

Yet, it was Joe Paterno, not the maintenance man nor the parking lot attendant whose fate would be determined. Paterno eventually made it to the agenda as the last item to be discussed and determined by the board before they could all go home. But, it was too distasteful for the board to discuss openly, and have the

discussion recorded, especially if their words for or against Paterno would be traceable through posterity. “Cowards die a thousand times before their death. The valiant never taste of death but once!”

The top dog on the board, Surma, announced that a secret agreement appeared to have been reached to fire Paterno — the trustees having determined that he had failed to take adequate action when he was told that one of his longtime assistants had been seen molesting a 10-year-old boy in Paterno’s football facility. Amazing how bad things can be done so cleanly!

Surma, those present recalled, surveyed the other trustees — there were 32 — for their opinions and emotions before asking one last question: “Does anyone have any objections? If you have an objection, we’re open to it.” Wow! That was it and Paterno was out clean as a knife through butter!

Let me repeat that simple question since it asked people to think about a lot without telling anybody what to think about. In different terms that he Surma would not have used, the question could have been posed this way:

"Does anybody have any objections to slamming a man against a wall of no return—a man who worked from 1950, before most of us were born, to today (November 9, 2011), a mere 62 years of service, with no trial, on an issue that is yet unproven, about which all of us are perplexed but would like to be relieved and exonerated. If we are sure that this man, who we all know and have loved, who has brought our institution so much goodness and acclaim acted knowingly to harm children or permit them to be harmed, then we have no choice but to fry him good so we ourselves can never be tried or fired...

"But then again, there are no accusations by the authorities against this man. After all, it is possible that Coach Paterno is just as innocent as we the board. So, with that said, if you have no objections to stoning him and taking away his dignity and his life even though we have no idea what the heck he might have done, or what we are doing in this matter, if you can come up with anything—we're open to it"

No one in the huge room with the huge table and all the important people spoke a word. The accused two, Spanier and Paterno, once known as good guys, clearly unworthy to be among the elite, were not in the esteemed chamber with the BOT at the time. There was silence from all including the phone speakers. Paterno's 62-year tenure as coach of one of the country's storied college football programs was over, and the gravity of the action began to sink in.

"It was hard for us to want to get to the point where we were going to say that," said Ira M. Lubert, a board member who works in private equity. "I was lying in bed that night shaking. And I couldn't sleep — thinking: We just terminated Joe Paterno."

Mr. Lubert, you and your cohorts should have been thinking before you had to start shaking. It was a railroad job on Joe Paterno and Graham Spanier. Everything was designed to preserve the board and to heck with all other principals and principles in the issue.

Somehow, Ira Lubert survived the BOT purge and now he is about to ascend to the Chair. He does not appear to be held in high regard by the Paternos.

Lubert recovered from his night worrying about the repercussions of firing Joe Paterno. He is doing quite well as a Philadelphia investment fund manager. In his role on the BOT, he personally oversaw the negotiation process that has paid nearly \$93 million to more than 30 sex-abuse claimants since 2013. He was poised to become the next chairman of the university's board of trustees and in fact, he was awarded the position. He is now top dog at PSU.

He had been the BOT vice chairman and he had no opponents in his bid to replace outgoing chair Keith Masser. While he had his detractors on the board, they conceded that they did not have the support to stop his ascension so they vowed not to let him land the job without a grilling on the settlement process. All talk. Has anything really changed at Penn State?

The truth never seemed to matter and apparently to many, it still does not matter. The preservation of the board, which in today's

world would be seen as the preservation of the PSU establishment, was foremost and paramount. Nobody had the time to care about "the little guys" when the board itself was under fire?

I believe the board had some great coaching in the BOT room. Somebody had their ear. How else could they unanimously agree to fire Joe Paterno without hearing anything from anybody present? There is no record of the proceedings. A good man named Paul Suhey and another good man named Ira Lubert silently gave up Joe Paterno. I do not know who; but somebody had to be coaching the group of 32 and their arguments must have been very persuasive.

How else could 32 intelligent beings become fully convinced that the correct decision was to abandon Joe Paterno? Without a rush to judgment and the greasing of the skids, a better decision would surely have been rendered. Nothing the board did that night helped the institution but it did assure the sustenance of the board.

It does not make sense that the thought patterns of 32 BOT members were all magically aligned so that they all came to the same conclusion. Somebody made it seem to them that to save their own skins, they had only one choice. None of the 32 were brave enough to challenge that somebody!

Somebody convinced them all that without the BOT, PSU would be damned or they all would be damned. Ira Lubert, perhaps a great man and a great business man, never thought any of his board decisions would affect Joe Paterno's legacy. Ask him! I bet he is still sick over this decision. Yet, JoePa's statue remains missing. Why is that if all is now well again at PSU?

I think you know by now that it is my strong opinion that the BOT conclusions were reached with the help of a powerful manipulator. The individuals on the board were thus convinced to create fiction out of truth much to the detriment of Penn State and to State College, and to all of us out here who simply love the truth.

This decision cannot stand the test of time. The Penn State establishment—the members of the BOT that fired Joe, must step down or be fired and the truth brought forth. I commend Jay Paterno and others who have made that their mission.

My recommendation for Paul Suhey of course and for any former or current board member wishing to start fresh consists of three elements: contrition, redemption and forgiveness. Give your deepest regrets; tell the truth, and let's all be done with this sad chapter in PSU history.

Let's herald the Suhey Family like they would surely herald the Paternos.

Like most of us, the Suheys are tough people once they set their sights on a notion. Paul Suhey has not had it easy with his own family, the Paterno family, or even his own PSU teammates. Yet, he is seemingly undaunted. He projects a belief that he had *right* on his side and he chose to test his opinion of *right* by recently running for a sixth three-year term on the PSU board. It was not so easy.

He did not make it. That may mean that more people think he was more off base than on target. That may mean that a lot of people think Paul Suhey is wrong. Hopefully, over time, his stubbornness will ease up so the Suhey and Paterno families can reconcile. That's what we all would like.

I have already described the actions of Franco Harris and a number of other fellow members of the PSU Letterman's Club. They were very descriptive in their rancor about the BOT action v Joe Paterno without a trial. They labeled the former PSU linebacker under Paterno as a *traitor*. For a guy who never met Paul Suhey, I did not see him give the presumption of innocence to Joe Paterno. He went along with a board who had the Coach declared guilty from moment one.

Even though there were no charges and in fact, none were ever specified. The board found Joe Paterno guilty but they were not sure of what he was guilty! Guilt was never specified.

Paul Suhey was not the leader but he was a complicit follower. He and his band of 31 other PSU establishment board members had tar and feathered their once revered coach before the coach even knew

the tar was being warmed. Suhey's teammates did not like that at all.

Overwhelmingly the Lettermen forecasted their intent and then voted Paul Suhey down from the Board of Trustees. Dr. Suhey will long be remembered as one of the guys who could have helped but instead he assured that Joe Paterno was fired. Instead of being the hero, who when he had the opportunity, sought the truth in the Sandusky scandal, Paul Suhey went along with his BOT cronies to get along. Big difference!

The former players in the Letterman group repeated the mantra of many in the Penn State alumni community. The word for Pro-Penn Staters is that the board effectively and unfairly made Paterno the scapegoat for all of Sandusky's sins, without even providing the appearance of a trial and without caring about the meaning of the word, fair. Nobody is saying children were not hurt but casting spurious stones at some who may be innocent is no way to find the truth.

The press had been stirring the pot from the first time it smelled blood. They wanted somebody big to go down for better rated stories. They kept trying to find more dirt in the Sandusky scandal even if when the dirt was not dirt.

The press seemed pleased when they spotted the lightest implication of Joe Paterno. The press had an agenda and it was not the truth. There is still much bitterness about Paul Suhey's betrayal of his coach and this will be reconciled only when he addresses this in full, with his peers.

IMHO, Suhey must show some level of contrition hoping for redemption, while asking for forgiveness. Otherwise, the scenario will continue to play out with the same nastiness and bitterness as the below letter, which was circulated by his football peers to prevent Paul Suhey from regaining his seat on the BOT in 2013.

A group of football lettermen sent out this note to their peers, urging them to oppose Suhey in the BOT election, because of the BOT role and Suhey's role in particular in the firing of Joe Paterno as coach following the Jerry Sandusky grand jury report in

November 2011. Suhey, a State College native and former linebacker under Paterno, had been on the board for 15 years.

Paul Suhey Lettermen Letter
SUCCESS WITH HONOR

March 28, 2013

Dear Fellow Lettermen,

We write to you about a matter of great importance to our University. As fellow Lettermen and alumni of the Pennsylvania State University we, like the rest of the Nation, were horrified by the actions of Jerry Sandusky. No words that we or anyone else can say will ever heal Sandusky's victims, their families or the damage that he caused other than to say our thoughts and prayers remain with them.

Also, horrifying has been the ensuing damage inflicted to the standing of our University due in large part to the failure of the board of trustees. It is for this reason that we are compelled to step forward and oppose Paul Suhey's re-election to the board. We take this action with the full understanding of the division this may cause amongst us. It is not a role we relish but, it is one we believe is necessary to prevent any further damage to our University.

At nearly every turn over the past sixteen months, the board of trustees has failed miserably to exercise the necessary leadership and responsibility to guide our University. No greater illustration is the board's handling of Joe and the Freeh Report. While admittedly not knowing all of the facts, the board unanimously rushed to judgment and fired Joe after 61 years of service to the University without ever once talking with him. Similarly, the board to this very day has failed to discuss the substance of the Freeh report let alone question its evidentiary basis or lack thereof. The consequences of these actions have severely tarnished the reputation and legacy of Coach Paterno and have brought great harm upon the University, our beloved

program and the innocent players and coaches who now occupy our locker room.

In the coming days, you will no doubt hear how Paul Suhey disagreed with these actions but cannot tell “his side” for legal reasons or how he knew Joe as “Uncle Joe”. To this we say nonsense! Actions speak louder than words and if Suhey disagreed with the actions the board was taking he had both an obligation and a duty to speak up and cast his vote accordingly.

The fact that he failed to do so only underscores the point that he is not fit to serve on the board a day longer. The choice is for everyone to make but, for us it could not be any clearer — retire Paul Suhey, like he claimed to retire Joe, by not re-electing him.

Todd Blackledge '82; Robert Capretto '67; Tom Donchez '74; Franco Harris '72; Justin Ingram '00; Christian Marrone '97; Brian Masella '74; Lydell Mitchell '72; Michael Robinson '04; Steve Smear '69; Brandon Short '99;

Chapter 18 Why the Rush?

Telling Joe, the bad news

Joe Paterno always had time to show up in person. He recruited in person. He gave speeches in person. He showed up for parental sessions with players in person. Yet, after a zillion personal appearances on behalf of Penn State University and others, the final insult and another sign of BOT cowardice was that this set of trustees were too impatient to address the matter in a personal meeting with Coach Paterno.

Instead, they first rushed to judgment. When they had the unanimity that they demanded, they immediately went for the kill. But, they forgot about protocol. Instead, they just wanted their personal pain to end by giving Paterno a life-ending pain from which he could never recover and about which he could never fully understand.

Their best explanation for their poor work was a strong desire to “put this behind them,” no matter the cost, as if choosing to accept the blame when none was due, would lessen the ill effects. How could such a group of business leaders and politicians have such a collective lack of backbone or sense of reason and purpose? Was there not one brave man among them?

In the final rush moment of the rush job decision, the board had to inform Joe Paterno of its decision. They had to make sure that the 61-year dedicated football coach knew that in no uncertain terms that he had been fired before their board meeting had even concluded. Technology was prevalent but even technology could not superimpose the full board into a Star-Trek transporter and

materialize it in Paterno's living room for the final discussion. Surma had declared that no discussions were deemed necessary.

This important body of Penn State's finest establishmentarians could not wait until morning to contact the 61-year coach. So, they decided that a phone call at 10:00 PM was the right technology and all that was technically needed to end 61 years of dedication from the most honored employee PSU had ever had and ever will have.

Isn't it hard to fathom that with 32 real people on the board, supposedly the finest in the community, not a one spoke up once to give Paterno the benefit of the doubt after 61 years. Can you imagine what they would do for a one-month employee if the press were demanding answers?

Why the rush? They wanted it OVER! Plain and Simple! It was about them. It was not about justice or Joe Paterno or Graham Spanier. They had no idea what to do so they simply wanted it all OVER! They wanted life to continue tomorrow but they had enough for today for sure! Too bad if Spanier and Paterno got hurt as long as they got their eight hours! Whoever said BOT members should have to work OT?

For this group of lazy cowards, it was not about Paterno or his family, nor about Penn State as a university and it was not about all the great supporters or about the folks in State College who bend over backwards to support the university every day. It was about the selfish board itself, and their deep wish to be free from this terrible burden of making a decision that might have their names associated with it.

It did not matter to them that they would be killing other people's careers. They knew that if they did not fire all the big fish, guilty or innocent, this travesty might not end until the next day or the next and then what about golf? What about the fun planned for the weekend?

This "exercise," which was for real, had already taxed these poor souls on the board, who had agreed to take a fluff position at PSU for their own benefit not for their potential disrobement. They were

not looking for anything negative to come out of their arrival as members of the royal PSU establishment.

When they were counting mice and men in the hotel that day, there was a lot of chirping and teeth gnashing but the supposed men in the chamber were all quiet. They had been advised to say nothing...but by whom?

Were there no friends of Paterno on the board? If the coach had thrown a lit cigarette from his car window, in front of the gendarme, he would have had a fighting chance though clearly guilty. Would the board have put him down for the lit cigarette offense? Maybe? Maybe they simply did not like Joe Paterno? Were they waiting for something and when they got something that smelled like deadly blood, they could not let go?

Nobody on the board had the guts to even visit Joe Paterno at home or worse yet, invite him into the inquisition, and so this notion of a phone call became the approved method of contact to relay the eminent board's final decree: "Joe, you're fired! I am surprised this board did not simply tell the Press: "Joe's fired...you tell him!"

All the cowards on the BOT had agreed it was the appropriate method of contact. Nobody would get dirty. It was nice and sanitary. Someone who would remain anonymous for the good of the university would make the phone call so it would be all over in minutes and the whole 32 sugarplums could dance in their own fine night's sleep. Sleeping well was so important because firing Paterno was such an important, yet potentially sleepless decision!

The brave constabulary did not even call Joe Paterno up from their meeting room with the governor still on the line to make it official to tell JoePa that he was fired. Nice touch! But, no, they did not. They used a trick reserved for Weasels: Paterno had to make the phone call himself in order to get fired:

Ironically, Joe Paterno was accused of no wrong-doing. In fact, the proper authorities said he had fulfilled his legal obligations by reporting what he knew to his superiors. Nevertheless, the

university board of trustees summarily dismissed him with a late-night phone call four days after Sandusky's arrest. They knew better than the police!

At about 10 p.m., Joe Paterno and Sue were getting ready for bed when the doorbell at their home rang. All thirty-two BOT members were at the door so they could each speak to the coach. Well, not exactly! An assistant athletic director was sent by the BOT to the door, and he or she wordlessly handed Sue a slip of paper. It was a silent written handoff that had emanated from a silent decision of thirty-two trustees.

There was nothing on the note but the name of the vice chairman of trustees, John Surma, with a phone number. The two Paternos, Sue, and Joe, stood frozen by their bedside in their nightclothes, Sue in a robe and Paterno in pajamas and a Penn State sweatshirt. Paterno dialed the number.

Surma told Paterno, "In the best interests of the university, you are terminated." Paterno hung up and repeated the words to his wife. She grabbed the phone and redialed.

"After 61 years he deserved better," she snapped. "He deserved better." Hey, those ten words at least had reached double digits.

There was no hearing and there were no rebuttals. It was fait accompli. It was a done deal. What a low-class lot! A strong governor would have fired them all and if he had fired them all immediately instead of cowering along with them, he might still even be the governor today... or at least Pennsylvanians would be wishing he could be the guy.

Paul Suhey and his ilk felt that they had won one for the establishment. The Penn State fancy hierarchy is not what Penn Staters and fans from across the world see when we think of Penn State Football. Suhey should have known better. He knew JoePa from eye contact.

I had the pleasure of being on the faculty of PSU for a Semester while a member of another faculty and I rooted for Penn State football as a Pennsylvanian all my life—as did many others.

Everybody loves the university, the football team and the coach. How could the board sell us all out so conveniently?

The lettermen who signed a letter about Suhey's reelection to the board (or not) in 2013, at the time offering their lack of support for Suhey, were all one-time good-guy gumbas of Paul Suhey. They loved Paul Suhey. He did not see the situation as they saw it and they had given him the power. He took an opposite stance on their Coach as they preferred. For participating in the firing debacle, they asked unanimously for Paul Suhey to be voted off the board in the alumni balloting which opened on April 10.

Their word stood and Suhey was not reelected. Suhey still has chosen not to relent in any way. He never mused that he may not have done everything rightly. He did not see firing Joe Paterno as a mistake. In fact, he affirmed his position. Jay Paterno found it distasteful that Mr. Suhey used the coach's own words to justify his actions.

Paul Suhey offered that among the life lessons he learned from Paterno as a player and captain of the 1979 team were integrity, and that "good leaders can't be afraid of doing the right thing because it's unpopular." Suhey also noted as a board member at Penn State "my responsibility is to do what I think is right for the university that I love. I had to make what I knew would be a stunningly unpopular decision but I believed then, as I believe now for many reasons, that it was the right decision...I understand that there are many people who believe it was the wrong decision, as much as I believe it was the right one," Suhey concluded in his statement. "I am OK with that and I respect the opinions of others who disagree with me."

I have said this a few times in this chapter. Paul Suhey has taken a hard line. The Suhey family and the Paternos are not interested in the hard line. It is time that Penn State begins again to respect Joe Paterno. Those who voted against JoePa need to ask us all for contrition so that we Penn Staters can give those who took the wrong stance the redemption they seek. When we are convinced they are sorry, and they are contrite of heart, we will forgive them

all for sure, and the Suhey / Paterno lovefest can begin again. The sooner, the better!

Amen!

Chapter 19 The Media & the Fake News About Joe Paterno

Comment about corrupt media.

One would think that Joe Paterno is Jerry Sandusky and vice versa when examining the ferocity of the slams taken by the Paterno legacy over the past five years. How could so much hate be generated so quickly while seemingly Jerry Sandusky, the only one accused of pedophilia activities escapes the wrath of the media.

Additionally, Paterno is dead so what is the media trying to do, punish Mrs. Paterno and or the Paterno children. For what? The only fact that is important to the mainstream media is that the truth no longer matters. The quest for the truth is a hapless journey that brings no reward. Nothing must be true anymore for the sensationalistic press to print it or otherwise report about it. Their hate narrative about Joe Paterno is all that is important whether it is true or false does not matter.

Most impartial observers in the general public admit that the mainstream media as a whole, must live in a self-contained closed bubble and a self-admiration society. Their sole sustenance is corruption. There is no reason for the media in this age be proud of its cocksure wrong-headed work.

The media is the laughing stock of regular Americans even though their narrative is malicious. The media players are no longer trusted nor respected by the American people and the whole lot of them are in a quick dive to total irrelevancy. Perhaps the dive is over and they are already at the bottom where that great whale excrement exists for these fine bottom-feeders to enjoy.

Just recently, for example, The American Press Institute found that only six percent of the adults that they surveyed have a great deal of confidence” in the press. Don’t you just wonder who those six percent might be? Do they too live in that bubble? Even the somewhat respected Gallup organization found that Americans' trust and confidence in the mass media to report the news "fully, accurately and fairly" dropped to its lowest level in Gallup polling history.

CNN’s Piers Morgan, not known for conservative commentary recently offered his take on the lack of respect for the media. He said: “I think, that a lot of people in the mainstream media, for want of a better phrase, are absolutely determined to bring him down.” Who do you think is the him in this story? Do you think it even matters? The media as a group is supposed to report the news not make it.

I bring this up because Morgan’s comments reflect what much of the general public find to be their own experience. The new corrupt media chooses to gun for the person it wants to take down – preferably with juicy begging-the-argument type lies and continual innuendo, whether the person is Donald Trump or Joe Paterno. To the media, their narrative matters. Not the truth of a story. Why report news when it is easier to make it up? Fake news is not a misnomer for what we get regularly from today’s media elite.

Regardless of whether you are OK or not OK with the created tales about the bad, bad, bad, media hated person du jour, whether it be a politician you hate yourself or anybody else, the media has been using their usual brand of *guilty before innocent* tactics to continually savage the memory of Joe Paterno. They want us all to hate Joe Paterno, period. Perhaps it is because of his 1988 convention speech? Even though he is dead and with his Lord and Master, they want us to hate him like as if we can persuade God that he was a bad, bad, bad man.

Most of us see them for what they are – corrupt and self-centered, faux-journalists with no regard for the truth. That’s how I see it and I would conclude that John Ziegler sees it the same way.

John Ziegler defends Penn State and Joe Paterno

Let me thank John Ziegler right now for his permission to include this entire article (below) about the media's predictable reaction to the decision of some brave officials at Penn State University's to honor Joe Paterno on September 17, 2016 at the 12:00 PM home game against the Owls of Temple University. It seems like yesterday. After some of my introductory comments, the eye-opening article by Ziegler is presented in its entirety. It is an extremely worthwhile read.

The half-time tribute for JoePa at the game was quite appropriate as it celebrated the 50th anniversary of the coach's first game, and first win, as the Nittany Lions head football coach. After losing the prior week, 39-42 to Pittsburgh, Penn State under James Franklin, came back and defeated the Owls 34-27. The half-time video presentation celebrating Joseph V. Paterno drew huge cheers from ardent fans in Beaver Stadium, but it also drew criticism from Penn State haters and the corrupt media.

The Collegian Editorial Staff, who may be training for the vacant slots in the Fake News Media, surprised the Alumni with some trash talk. See the next chapter for my rebuttal to their childish comments that are not helpful to an institution that would like everybody to reconcile the past with the needs of today and the future.

The MM (Mainstream Media) pushed their narrative hard by creating some of their patented brand fake news that day and then they promoted their fairy tale (hog scrapple) that honoring Paterno was insensitive to victims in the school's sex abuse scandal. It's tough to gain a reconciliation at Penn State after the scandal when the media is making money on making up their own stories, each of which tries to rile the world up against Penn State and its revered coach. Penn State ought to editorialize its opinion of a media complex that has been very negative to its mission.

Who is John Ziegler

Ziegler's short biography from his major web site follows:
<http://www.framingpaterno.com> – which he helps sponsor is as follows:

John Ziegler is a documentary filmmaker and author who is also a former TV sportscaster and radio talk show host. He is most well-known for his second feature documentary film, "Media Malpractice" about the 2008 presidential election. He has appeared on numerous national TV shows as a guest, including the "Today Show" and "The View." He attended Georgetown University and while he grew up in Pennsylvania, he has no direct ties to Penn State. He is politically conservative/libertarian.

The first several paragraphs introducing the web site tell a lot more about Mr. Ziegler and his purpose regarding Penn State and Joe Paterno. We all owe John a hearty thank-you when we have the opportunity. John pursues and reports the truth. It's kind of refreshing and novel at the same time.

The Website of Record for Truth In the Sandusky Scandal

www.framingpaterno.com

The framingpaterno.com website is dedicated to compiling and analyzing the evidence that an out-of-control news media created a false narrative in the Jerry Sandusky story, which effectively framed Joe Paterno for crimes he obviously didn't commit and of which he may have had extremely limited knowledge (assuming they even happened, which the evidence now strongly suggests they did not). This has resulted in an unjust destruction of a man's entire life's work and legacy, while doing incredible damage to a university and football program which almost certainly did not deserve the unprecedented and illogical punishments they received.

This site is NOT a defense of child sexual abuse. This site is also NOT remotely based on a conspiracy theory (the term "Framing" is meant figuratively, and not literally), but rather the

notion that an incompetent, ratings-driven media told this story in a way not consistent with the facts, or even basic logic, and are now too invested in their fairytale to ever correct their colossal errors.

We ARE dedicated to exposing the truth in this case and this website is the home of a documentary film on this subject, "The Framing of Joe Paterno" as well as our first online book, "The Betrayal of Joe Paterno and our second online book (which is mostly satirical), "Perfect Sense."

While this site began as a defense of Paterno, after investigating the case for two years and interviewing Sandusky twice in prison, it became obvious that Sandusky himself has also been done a horrendous injustice. While this revelation will be shocking to people who have not followed the case closely, if you look at the evidence here with an open mind, there is little doubt that you will come to the same conclusion.

End of Web site intro

Please enjoy this article by John Ziegler. John, who has no affiliation nor has he ever had an affiliation with Penn State is one of the best friends PSU has ever had. But, if you are a self-preserved board member, you might not like him so much.

Here's Why the Media is Dead-Wrong to Condemn Penn State's Honoring of Joe Paterno

By John Ziegler | 11:30 am, September 15th, 2016

Whenever there is a story in which the news media is universally on one side, the narrative doesn't make sense, and it clearly benefits them, you can be pretty sure that something is wrong, probably VERY wrong. There has never been, and probably never will be, a better/worse example of this truth than how now deceased Penn State football coach Joe Paterno has been treated by the news media in the last five years since the "Jerry Sandusky Scandal" broke nationally.

<http://www.mediaite.com/online/heres-why-the-media-is-dead-wrong-to-condemn-penn-states-honoring-of-joe-paterno/>



We are seeing that yet again as the news media is blindly piling on Penn State for a much over-hyped (I am told reliably that the event will be no big deal) plan to “honor” Paterno this Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of his first game as head coach there. Scores of mainstream media opinions have scathingly condemned Penn State for daring to recognize this historical event because Paterno supposedly at least “enabled,” if not overtly “covered-up” the crimes for which Sandusky was convicted (weirdly, none of them seem to object that USC still displays a giant version of O.J. Simpson’s jersey in their end zone for every Trojan home game).

While I have written here a couple of times before about why I know Paterno to have been completely innocent in the Sandusky fiasco (though I have no connection to Penn State I have investigated the case for over four years and appeared in two major Today Show interviews with Matt Lauer to discuss my findings), I was going to let this occasion pass without comment.

That changed, however, when Christine Brennan of “USA Today” wrote this piece last night castigating Paterno as someone who had

“clear involvement” in Sandusky’s crimes and calling on Penn State to cancel this simple occasion.

The reason this provoked me to respond is that Brennan’s clueless column represents so much about what is wrong about journalism today, way beyond the grave injustice that the news media has done to a legendary football figure. You see Christine and I go way back. I gave her the title for her second figure skating book. She started on the golf beat for “USA Today” largely because I told her that this amateur by the name of Tiger Woods was going to change the world and that she needed to get on that bandwagon. At one point, very briefly, we kind of dated.



Ok, this is pleasantly BIZARRE!! Me & Christine Brennan met in PGA press tent and talk Joe Paterno!! #Progress #Fate

When she started continually moralizing on Paterno after the release of the Freeh Report in 2012, I got back in touch with her after many years without contact. I warned her that she was heading down an inaccurate path, but at that point in my investigation I wasn’t 100% sure.

Then, in 2014, we met at the PGA Championship in Louisville, Kentucky and she agreed to hear me out in person. For well over an hour I explained in great detail about how nearly everything the media thought had occurred at Penn State was either highly questionable, or totally false. I thought that she “got” it and was at

least somewhat pleased that she didn't seem to write about the case for quite a while after that.

But when the recent reports of the Penn State settlements with Sandusky accusers supposedly revealed that two payees had claimed, with zero real evidence or logic, that they had told Paterno personally of their abuse, Brennan went right back to the nonsensical “cover up” narrative (which she once told me she knew she had done a good job of reporting on, because get this, her stories were very POPULAR!). She never even bothered to ask me (a person she once trusted and knows has devoted a huge portion of his life to the case in a way she never could) a single question and she didn't respond to a mostly polite email I sent her in reaction to her latest piece.

I obviously don't know for sure, but it seems to me that Christine may not WANT to know how/why her version of this story is wrong because the current narrative has been so good for her. In a very real sense, she and the vast majority of the news media are like five-year-olds being told that there is no Santa Claus. They simply are too invested in the fairytale to even listen.

While the full story of what really happened with Joe Paterno and Jerry Sandusky is FAR too involved to get into here, there are a few basic facts that everyone should know regarding Joe Paterno's lack of culpability.

- There is only one remotely documented situation where Joe Paterno was ever directly told, in 2001, of any sort of episode involving Jerry Sandusky allegedly doing something inappropriate with a boy and he immediately reported it to his direct superior and the head of the campus police (which had jurisdiction). Within two days of Paterno being notified on a Saturday, at least five (possibly more) people at Penn State were made aware of the report. After an investigation, Penn State told Sandusky's boss (he was retired from Penn State at the time) the “Second Mile” charity about it. Since they knew well the nearly fourteen-year-old boy involved, they believed nothing criminal had happened and apparently took no further action.
- There is absolutely zero evidence that anyone ever described that incident as “sexual” until ten years later. That's when the witness, Mike McQueary, suddenly told investigators (who may have had leverage over him), who had clearly told him that Sandusky was now under a grand jury investigation for child sex abuse, that what he saw as “sexual.” This directly conflicted with the

testimony of the two Penn State administrators who interviewed McQueary at the time (nearly five years after being charged in this case they have never been brought to trial and have had the major charges against them dropped). McQueary also somehow got the date, the month and year of this allegedly unforgettable incident completely wrong.

- As for Paterno’s own infamous grand jury testimony that McQueary had indeed told him, ten years earlier, that he had seen something of a “sexual nature,” this is not nearly what the media wants it to be. It is instead the very hesitant and vague recollection of an eighty-four year old man who had just weeks before been involved in a radio interview that was so incredibly bad that it went viral. What the news media won’t tell you (I’m sure very few of them even know) is that in multiple interviews with police and Penn State lawyers before his testimony Paterno never used anything close to the word “sexual.” It is my strong belief that Paterno was effectively fed that word by prosecutors and hesitantly used it because he trusted that the much younger McQueary must have remembered the circumstances better than him, and he didn’t want to obstruct the investigation.
- At Sandusky’s trial, he was actually acquitted of the most serious charge in the McQueary episode, largely because there was no accuser to testify. That’s because on the day Paterno was suddenly fired from Penn State in a media-induced panic, the only person who ever claimed to be the “boy in the shower,” and who was later paid by Penn State as that particular “victim,” told an investigator, on the record, and in great detail, that absolutely nothing wrong happened that night.
- The two “settlement” allegations from the 1970s are completely ridiculous and, if somehow true, would actually invalidate enormous amounts of the pervious narrative with which the media feel so deeply and quickly fell in love with back in November of 2011 (after all, if Paterno was supposedly already aware that Sandusky was a pedophile for forty years, why in the world would he suddenly report McQueary’s allegation to administrators?!). Not only do these two allegations fail to even pass the laugh test, there is a far more rational explanation for them than Paterno engaging in a forty year cover-up for an assistant coach he never really liked.
- What REALLY happened here was that Penn State set up specific rules for the nearly \$100 million they gave away to the accusers of Sandusky. Key to those guidelines were that the accusers be under thirty years old (the statute of limitations in Pennsylvania) and be

a former member of the “Second Mile” charity. It also helped if the allegations occurred on Penn State property. Simple math will tell you that if you were an accuser old enough to make an accusation as a kid in 1971 or 1976, you and your lawyer had a big problem. You were obviously way too old for the SOL and, since the charity began in 1977, you had two big strikes against you. That’s why it is no coincidence at all that the only two accusers in the ENTIRE case who claim to have told Joe Paterno about abuse by Sandusky just HAPPEN to be the only two accusers too old to even tenuously qualify for a settlement. In a remotely logical world, it is quite obviously far more likely that Paterno’s name was simply used to provoke a relatively small payout (in which Penn State specifically did not acknowledge the truthfulness of any story and which they never expected would ever be made public) than that Paterno led a cover-up of child sex abuse for forty years while somehow leaving zero evidence behind.

We live in an era where instant easy narratives created by an incompetent and corrupt news media are nearly impossible to reverse. Real life is complicated and usually the truth can’t be fit on a tweet. But the truth should still matter, at least a little. In this case, tragically, it has not. The truth of this saga is that, without Joe Paterno’s actions, Jerry Sandusky would undoubtedly be a free man right now.

The news media needs to stop blindly believing their fairytale here and learn the basic facts of the case. I can assure you that real story here is way more fascinating, and it doesn’t include a cover-up of child sex abuse to protect football.

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Again, thank you John. For the readers, you will love to see a non-MM (mainstream media) presentation of the facts that support Joe Paterno as a mostly innocent man in the rush to judgment that many see as the betrayal of Joe Paterno during his framing. Take a ride out and see.

<http://www.framingpaterno.com/>

Chapter 20 PSU Collegian Editors Should Be Ashamed.

No man can do everything 100% well

Even JoePa, one of the last rugged individualists like those in the TR (Roosevelt) days, could not do it all. But that does not mean it cannot be done. It seems that a superhuman brave-hearted, Collegian editor of the student newspaper can do it all, and better than anybody—and 100% mistake-free. Whodathunk?

Everybody has an opinion but few people have the facts needed to make their opinions worthwhile. For Penn State and the Sandusky scandal, the board of trustees (BOT) made quick work of the in-house investigation by hiring Louis Freeh to exonerate them for not having pursued the truth. Yes, the truth would have hurt them all and still would.

The senior editors of the Daily Collegian, a student newspaper, hoping to grow up to be just like the corrupt mainstream media, no longer seem the least bit interested in healing the many wounds that occurred during the extreme heat at the time of the Sandusky scandal. In fact, rather than being a force for the good, they seem to be enjoying throwing sharp darts and glass shards at the wounds. Why not a little HCl?

It's funny how the AG of PA could not find facts enough or truths enough that were convincing enough to charge Joe Paterno with a crime. Yet, five years later, a few bright editors at the Collegian with no additional information and thus, no more cats or truths, can render broad-based opinions on all aspects of the scandal. They especially like to write about the culpability of Coach Paterno. He appears to be right in the center of the Collegian Bullseye even

though they admit that their time at Penn State came after all the hubbub.

This group of editors seem to be looking to cast away the old Penn State so they can start anew without the “*Paterno baggage from the past.*”

After all, they know best as their highly-revered coffee-breath professors have had four years to train them how not to perform critical thinking. Yes, in critical thinking, things like the facts, and the truth, do get in the way. Why would the editors be forced to think for themselves; when their kind professors have taught them well enough that they can accept “bull” as fact; and they can render a verdict on an innocent man, based simply on their own opinions, with of course a little help from their friends.

The Collegian Kangaroo Court, which chooses not to do good for their own university but would rather promote negative rumors to hurt PSU as if they are fact, have declared Joe Paterno guilty, guilty and guilty again. After all, Louis Freeh, the opportunistic consultant said it was so and their coffee-breath professors, who typically do not like government officials or former government officials in the FBI or CIA, agreed. Why have a trial and due process when you are a Collegian Editor and you just know that you “know” things?

On whose word? On what trial? Where’s the beef? The BOT cowards are now heralded by these young whippersnappers, still wet behind the ears, know-it-all Collegian editorial staff. for the BOT’s own bravery in hiring Louis Freeh to save their skins. No negative articles about the BOT from Collegian because their funding may end, and their right to publish on campus may be abrogated.

Can the certainty of Paterno’s guilt have come to the editors in a dream or have some of their writing fans in the student body provided it from the plethora of fake news available? Was their research for the purpose of sound conclusions? Or, was it simply to repeat some stale yet still sensationalistic great fake stuff that was making the rounds around campus. Why would they want to mess with a movement in progress just to find the truth?

Student editors had no qualms in their Paterno-slamming work. It was even OK to insult doofus generation alumni by claiming that THE Penn State of today is now THEIR Penn State and not the same Penn State of the Alzheimer Alums (AA). Really!

Coffee-breath professors are known to make in-class declarations about their students who utter fact-less and truth-less judgments about Coach Paterno as brave heroes. When facts are interjected, the truth may win but the grades may suffer.

The truth really does not matter but a person who speaks without knowing anything about anything is truly brave. I agree with that one. I would be afraid to speak about something in which I knew nothing. But, brave as I was, fearing condemnation of my peers, I would think twice about it.

I know and most experts, who are studying the facts and innuendo and the fake news about the Sandusky scandal, which the MM “journalists would like us to believe is the Joe Paterno scandal, know full well that the truth is still in the far-off distance and it may never be found, especially when the BOT wants to keep it covered up. I hope this is not how Penn State continues. Joe Paterno raped no little boys and Joe Paterno showered with no little boys and the more the corrupt MM speaks wildly about this nasty scandal, the more I think the unthinkable. What if Jerry Sanders, a guy not in Coach Paterno’s inner circle—what if he, as hard as it may be to believe because of the corrupt media, just like Paterno, what if Sanders is innocent too?

Would anybody have to give back the huge sums they gained on this apparent indifference to the truth?

Many, such as I, who find Joe Paterno to be a hero, resent him being ripped apart. Who asked the in-house editors to participate in the Temple Game situation to honor a man who created a living hell for children according to Louis Free, the Exonerator. Nobody I suspect. Where is the truth dear investigative reporters of the Collegian? Why in real journalism is your opinion enough? Why is your collective opinion enough?

The editors knew that. The objective of the small videotaped (not live) presentation was to honor a man who helped the people in his charge—thousands of Penn State athletes—in both their academic affairs and in athletic affairs for his 50th anniversary of his very 1st game as head coach in 1966. Can you deny his greatness as a coach even though you have no proof and not truth of him being anything but the finest advocate of the institution from which you would like wrestle control? Why should septuagenarians have anything to do with a young and vibrant opinionated editorial board when none, based on encouragement from coffee-breath professors seems to be needed?

Just like Hugo Bezdek or Bob Higgins or Rip Engle, Joe Paterno deserves Penn State's thanks many times over. He did not deserve the off the wall condemnation by cocky editorial students who made their conclusions facts and persecuted and then punished a legacy without a modicum of certitude.

What would Penn State be if there were never a Hugo Bezdek, Bob Higgins, or Joe Paterno or any of the other short-time but great coaches in PSU history? Some seem to think it would be better off? The brave Collegian editorial staff might write one day with impunity that the new children-who run PSU need not have Joe Paterno's record on the books at all because Joe was bad, bad, bad!

I am not one of them and through this book, chapter after chapter, I made my case. Joe Paterno was betrayed and there was a major rush to judgment. Why? Simple! There were VIPs protecting their own skins. Yet, the Collegian editors, as brave as their coffee-breath professor encouraged them to proclaim, were not brave enough to confront the board of trustees for fear another student newspaper might take their place and they would be nobodies again. I think that just about does it for motivation.

Yet, the University's own pain and the carnage they left behind be damned as long as the VIPs were saved. Did any of the esteemed student editors find any of those truths in their Sandusky scandal reviews? Maybe Louis Freeh had forgotten and maybe the coffee-breath professors did not think it necessary to check out the Thornburgh rebuttal or Jay Paterno's truth-filled web site, or Mr.

Ziegler's. Why bother when the deck is stacked in your favor—but not the fans?

If the Paterno legacy was wiped from PSU, the proud football program at the University would more than likely still be proud but its record would position it as a loser in the lowest tier of competition in major football.

Coffee-breath academicians would praise the decision but football lovers would have to find a new team. The PSU record today, sans Paterno, would place Penn State near the bottom of the win-pack right smack between Air Force and Kent State. When we say: “We Are Penn State—Is that what we mean? Is that what the Collegian Press really advocates? Seems so! The past records would no longer matter!

Maybe that means nothing to the editors of the Collegian who seem content to wipe out all of PSU history other than the time they have been on campus. However, most alumni and fans, most students, and most Pennsylvanians, especially those from Happy Valley, would not concur.

We all know that winning records are not as important as the lives of little ones who may have been forced to live in hell because big people hurt them or ignored them. But, just because somebody is hurt does not necessarily mean somebody close at hand is to blame.

I have looked deeply and I am convinced that nobody can find me or anybody else any truth that Joe Paterno was anything but a good man in his 62 years at State. I would advise the rush to judgment prosecutors from the Collegian to look at their own angelic selves in the mirror and judge ye first. Let he without sin throw the first stone!

Wasn't there a head of a department of sexual discrimination or harassment or diversity or something like that when Paterno reported his coach's comments? What are they not on trial in the public media?

Let's take a quick peek at the Paterno record of (409-136-3) as the PSU head coach—in one of the most demanding jobs in the nation. Then go ahead and add the 16 years as assistant to Rip Engle where players like Lenny Moore continue to pay tribute to coach Paterno for his role as assistant coach in helping their personal success. When you do that the Paterno record is (513-184-7). By the way, that is out of 1233 total games played until Fall 2017.

Penn State University from 1887 has an official (878-313-42) overall record. There were even two games played and won unofficially in 1881. That's a long time playing great football. Without Paterno's 62 years, the PSU record (with JoePa's good and bad wiped out) would be (365-129-35).

Yes, it is still a winning record and a good one. Who in their right mind would really want to wipe off 513 won games from PSU's record. Perhaps the staff of the Collegian would be happy to do so. I do not really know. But, it seems this might please a few curmudgeon-faced disgruntled coffee-breath professors.

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Let's not cast aspersions at Buffalo or Air Force. Buffalo has 362 wins and Air Force has 370 wins. Would the editors of the Collegian and their honorable board of student opinionists, care to lobby the institution to have those 513 Paterno-influenced wins taken from the record?

Are these brave editors who clearly have never made a mistake in their lives—even an errant typo that may have given the interpretation about a good person wrong...Are they ready to face the real friends of Penn State University?

Are these brave know-it-all student editors willing to put their faces on a university campaign to bring the PSU record to (365-129-35)? Why not? It may not be as easy as writing pot-shots at Coach Paterno but it would probably give the Collegian Staff a lot of unplanned exercise.

Why not carry the whole idea even further to make it better? Why in an academic institution are sports required at all? Sports people should be encouraged to do their academic learning at a sports institution. Why try to go to Penn State? This makes sense, right?

Would the Collegian recommend just getting rid of the 400+ employees in the PSU athletic department and the billions in budget dollars. While at it, as long as sports and wins and losses do not matter at all? Why not wipe it all out? Keep no records at all.

The editorial staff might argue that students who decide to play sports can do so on the fields around the campus. There are lots of them. After all, the 1880 teams played games on the Old Main Lawn. Why bother having away games if no game victory matters? Tuition might be able to be reduced substantially with less athletic expenses. The expense of those away games would no longer need to be sustained.

Dear editors of the Collegian: Why not put forth such a plan if you are so brave as to not wish that the University claim the victories charted by Penn State's many fine athletes over the years. Is it just because the players worked their hearts out to win for the winningest coach in all of football. Why not discredit them as players also if you are so brave? After all, they seem to have a positive opinion of the coach that you so casually damn. How can the players be OK?

By the way, in 2017, thanks to JoePa and some other great coaches along the way, Penn State, hit its 100+ year record in football. It is now the top ranked team in major football with a .729 win / loss percentage. Nebraska is # 2 at .726. If none of this is important as the Collegian Staff suggests, then why not just withdraw from the NCAA and give Nebraska the #1 slot. That's fair, right? What would your coffee-breath professors say about that idea? I'd bet they'd love the Academic side to suck up the excess funding for salaries when sports are defunded at PSU. Like it or not dear Collegian editors, if nothing old matters, nothing matters!

As editors with lots of time on your hands, why not do something worthwhile. Why not conduct a survey of all the football players whoever matriculated at Penn State and ask them if any of them had their lives changed positively by Joe Paterno with his guidance and discipline. Then ask the same questions about every other coach in every other program just to be fair.

While doing so why not find out who may have chosen work opportunities which resulted in a great career because of JoePa's continuing influence. Ask whether anybody had given up on life and whether the work of Joe Paterno with them may have saved their lives? How many do you think there would be? Why not find out?

Go ahead kids. Be brave enough to do that kind of work instead of regurgitating the sentiments of your extremely brave tenured coffee-breath professors or reading the trash put out by people without facts or truth.

If you have time, why not take a fruitless trek into the Thornburgh report, commissioned by people with limited budgets instead of the c-y-a report done by Louis Frech paid by the taxpayers of PA on behalf of the millionaire / billionaire members of the board.

Why not go on the Internet or buy a book, (God forbid!) and read about the rush to injustice and the betrayal of a 62-year employee of the institution in which you matriculate. Hey. The board only did it to save their own skins because billionaire skins do not burn well.

Why not scan the John Ziegler website (framingpaterno.com) or the Jay Paterno website to see what he thinks of his dad and what John thinks of the rush to judgment and the framing of Joe Paterno. I warn you children on the editorial staff, the truth may hurt your heads if you have not seen it ever before.

Why not go even further and learn some forensic skills? Yes, then you could go ahead and take the other side of a debate, and challenge an opponent on either side. But, then, dear children, again it is easier to write your opinion regardless of how you may have formed it. Of course, if your favorite coffee-breath professor encouraged you to be brave, who can blame you with your high grades depending on it.

You see, dear children for over twenty years, I served as a college professor. I drank my share of coffee, but, I chose not to force my opinions of life onto my students. I taught my subject matter and when the students got it; I was OK.

I am so taken back by people such as you in editorial positions—snot-nose faux editors who would attempt to sway the scandal arguments to impugn their own university, I would strongly recommend that the alumni and the lettermen lobby the administration to demand the resignation of the Collegian editorial staff.

For their own reasons, this group of children found it more convenient to damn their own institution along with its revered coach rather than figure out where the truth may lie or at a minimum to show both sides to a story.

When I read the articles, written by the grade-schoolers who are still permitted to work at the Collegian, I was upset. Then I read the rebuttal by the higher authority—the student editorial staff, I found it to be simply more juvenile. Many alumni took issue with this, but the kid-driven editorial board chose to dig and minimize their thoughts rather than do more research.

The board's stronger opinion rebuttal ought to get you all a zero in journalism. From your writing, I never would have thought you were Penn State Students. Shame on you for taking the opposing side of an important PSU argument!

My recommendation for you, dear children, and perhaps even for your coffee-breath professors who encouraged your mushy minds to betray their university; that before you are asked to resign, get ahead of it; fall on your swords; and bow out without further delay or urging.

Unfortunately, if professors resign because they are intimidated by the truth and if on your suggestion, the coaching staff and the athletic administrator positions are eliminated and the people are fired and out of work. If this happens, you too may have to put in some time on the unemployment line like the rest of America. Only the corrupt main stream media (MM) would hire anybody from the Collegian unless you begin the road to real journalism

Like it or not, the editors of the Collegian do not represent all of Penn State's many constituencies—past, present, or future. They do not understand that they are not writing for a social opinion newspaper that they own and run for the fun of it. In fact, the newspaper, though theoretically independent from the institution and under its own corporation, is still regarded as a college newspaper. Penn State, the institution funded by taxpayers, ought to get respect from supported entities. There may be no allegiance required by the Collegian towards Penn State but a little respect from the editorial board to all of the various constituencies might be nice.

When I read your trash about Joe Paterno and the school hoping to bury hatchets and honor a man who is deserving. I was not pleased about your take on the matter. Many PSU supporters have been hoping that it might be time that we solve the lingering scandal problem at all levels—like right now. But, you picked sides and went against the well-being of Penn State. You made matters worse. Why?

I asked myself what other college group would take the side of the naysayers against its own? Who would pile on and make a needed reconciliation even more difficult?

From my observation, the Collegian editors in this case have not been brave nor have their advisory coffee-breath professors been brave. If you have no additional facts (not innuendo) about JoePa that the AG would consider, you would be better off writing about the drinking problem on campus or the lenient grading system. Why would you write stuff that an adult might read?

When I mention the Collegian editors of today as villains, I mean it. But Collegian Editors of yore were great people who reported the truth without taking sides against the University. Just go back a little in this book and you will see me referencing some great work by the Collegian. I hope those days are not in the past.

For example, the essay book was inserted into chapter 11 of this book. It was written by a Collegian Editor before it was popular for the students to slam American icons simply because coffee-breath professors declared them unworthy. Check this out here or on the

Internet. The Collegian can be rescued if its staff can all be fired for incompetence. Other people can write better than these bums.

From The Collegian. The Penn State Student Newspaper

Joe Paterno put education before all else

By Joe McIntyre

Jan 23, 2012

The Collegian writers and editors and their advisors and their student board, have presented themselves as dumb and dumber. They show that they are immature, selfish and uncaring as a group and as individuals. Why try to hurt one of the greatest academic and athletic institutions of all time, the University you want to claim as your own, while dismissing the claims of old fogey septuagenarian alums.

Like it or not, children, Joe Paterno helped make your university great. I am sorry kids that you do not get it. Go have a nice ice cream and a candy bar, smell a flower, and take a long, long nap!

Be ashamed guys. You earned it!



Joe Paterno; Great man; Great coach.
Even JoePa could not do it all.

Chapter 21 The Graham Spanier Trial Blow by Blow

Does opinion override truth?

Too many people today think their opinions are worth more than the law. Thus, it is more and more difficult to get a fair trial. The major influencer of the people today is a corrupt press that has its own agenda that often does not necessarily include truth and justice.

Surveys from Dauphin County, for example show that the people have been tainted by the biased one-sided press reports that damn Penn State and damn Joe Paterno and Graham Spanier. How can anybody reading a newspaper in Dauphin County think that everybody at Penn State is guilty of something. It is a shame and the corrupt media is to blame.

And so, a number of people have concluded that the reason Tim Curley and Gary Schultz took pleas is because they were convinced they could not receive a fair trial under the circumstances. A bully Deputy Attorney General and a press corps that had already tried the case and found the pair guilty contributed to their decision not to go to trial. The good people of Dauphin County were not immune. The jury pool was tainted by inaccurate slanted agenda-driven news reports. Too bad for America. As a country, we need to fix this.

This past week, March 20-24, the Graham Spanier Trial took place and the press along with a very forceful Attorney General's Office ram-rodged their case in the courtroom. For its part, the media then obligingly, while reporting the "news" slipped in stories of other days and times to make the witnesses and Spanier himself look guilty to their readers. There was no even-handedness.

The stuff they added to the real news was often incriminating, injected seemingly innocuously to theoretically clarify the testimony being reported each day. None of what I read was ever helpful to anybody from Penn State, but it did help the prosecutors.

After damning Spanier, JoePa and Penn State for five years, the press had too much invested in its narrative and its agenda to not add their own spin to make it appear that that the Penn State parties were negligent and most definitely guilty. All they were supposed to do was describe each day's events but they could not resist stoking the flames of guilt.

John Ziegler, a big critic of the slip shod handling of all of the proceedings in the overall Sandusky related cases offered some commentary before the trial. I have several excerpts from a piece Ziegler wrote the week before the plea deal and the trial. They are included below. Ziegler, a Penn State and Paterno advocate with no affiliation said that he hoped his expose about the the renewal of Spanier's top security clearance might help show what kind of man was put on trial. The FBI does not renew top security clearances for n'ere do wells. r

After I present these excerpts, we will commence with the events of the Graham Spanier trial from day one—Monday March 20 through the reading of the Jury's verdict on Day 5, Friday, March 24, 2017.

An unfair trial should not be a possibility after 200 years of being guided by the finest Constitution ever written. But, unfortunately, sensationalism bowled over the truth today. Selling papers and selling media ads trump the truth nowadays, making a fair trial a rarity. Here are some excerpts from Ziegler's report:

“Graham Spanier, Tim Curley, and Gary Schultz, have already been convicted by the news media and the eagerness of some at Penn State University to save their own personal hides by taking blame for things that there is no evidence or logic indicating they ever happened.”

Ziegler continued: “Consequently, I believe (as do several others extremely close to the defense team) that there is a very good

chance that they will be unfairly convicted. As was proven by the *utterly nonsensical verdict in the civil trial of Mike McQueary* (the former Penn State assistant football coach who finally claimed, ten years after the event happened, with the incorrect date/month/year, that he witnessed Sandusky sexually abusing a boy in a Penn State shower), the jury pool in Pennsylvania is just too polluted on this topic for justice to easily prevail.”

Ziegler then explained his own affiliation to Penn State:

“While I have no connection to Penn State, for most of the past six years I have made the biggest mistake of my entire life/career and have investigated the whole case more thoroughly and objectively than anyone else of which I am aware. Among many things, I am the only person to extensively interview Sandusky himself on the record (for about six hours in prison, on two different occasions) and the only media person I know of who radically changed their mind about what really happened here, AGAINST their own self-interest”.

“I am absolutely positive that these Penn State administrators, all of whom had sterling reputations before the scandal broke and everyone’s incentives suddenly dramatically flipped, are totally innocent...”

Ziegler pointed out that the FBI believes Spanier is clean as a whistle in the Sandusky case:

“When former Penn State President Graham Spanier was forced to resign just a couple of days after the explosive grand jury presentment in Sandusky’s case was leaked, he had a top-secret security clearance with the federal government. It wasn’t just any security clearance either as he had an SCI (Sensitive Compartmented Information) designation which is about as high as civilians can go.

“After the scandal broke, the federal government, understandably, immediately commenced an exhaustive six-month investigation into whether Spanier’s clearance should be terminated or renewed. The person charged with that task, FIS (Federal Investigative

Services) special agent John Snedden interviewed nearly every key person in the case related to Penn State and found not a shred of evidence of any kind of cover-up, deception, or malfeasance. His report also unanimously recommended that Spanier's clearance be renewed, which, without objection, it was."

Ziegler does not see the probability of a fair happening here:

"My fear is that, as has happened so often in this case already, the full truth of this matter will only come out after innocent people have already been permanently damaged, and that no one will ever have the incentive to fix the harm caused by a false narrative in which almost everyone in power is now completely invested. That is why I have decided to release this information now."

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The Trial Date March 20, 2017

I had this book 100% ready to go before today, which is the trial date of Graham Spanier, former Penn State President. The trial is supposed to begin today but at 10:30 AM, they were still picking jurors.

Before we move to the trial, I would like to show what type of guy Graham Spanier is from his public actions in defending himself. First of all, the man is going to trial to prove that he is innocent. He refused to take the safe way out and plea that he was guilty to receive a lesser sentence. In my opinion, and perhaps I am easily swayed by my desire to see the right kind of actions taken, Spanier definitely believes he is innocent.

This is not the first trial in which Spanier has chosen to engage to restore his reputation that was sullied when the Board of Directors fired him in November 2011, the same day that Joe Paterno got his

phone call. This press release reports on Spanier's actions in 2015 to clear his reputation. Sr. Spanier was not sitting reading the papers:

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Former Penn State President Graham Spanier has filed a defamation lawsuit accusing former FBI director Louis Freeh of scapegoating him in Freeh's scathing report on the Jerry Sandusky case.

The long-promised lawsuit filed Wednesday accuses Freeh of damaging Spanier's reputation through the report prepared for Penn State trustees in 2012. The Freeh report faults Spanier and other school leaders for allegedly covering up reports that the longtime assistant football coach abused children.

Spanier lawyer Libby Locke calls the Freeh report "a public relations product" that "scapegoated" Spanier, then-football coach Joe Paterno and others.

Spanier and two other former school officials are awaiting a criminal trial over their handling of the abuse complaints.

Spanier arrived early for the Trial

Today, the trial referenced above is about to begin. Spanier arrived at Dauphin County Courthouse in Harrisburg today, Monday March 20 to defend himself against charges.

The prosecution's case is based on Spanier's alleged lack of action regarding a February 2001 report about former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

The report noted above was not the Freeh report, which was a subsequent report to the one referenced in the case log. The Freeh report has been discussed openly in this book.

The supposed crime is that Spanier's inaction allegedly was a cause that led to the abuses of at least three other boys before Sandusky was stopped. Sandusky is now doing a maximum of 442 years for his crimes. Obviously, the effect of the 442 years is life in prison.



Former Penn State President Graham Spanier walks to the Dauphin County Courthouse before his trial Monday. (Photo by AP)

Sandusky has appealed his own conviction and his appeal may be the next action that is taken up by the court. He avers that he is not guilty and had been set up. We'll see today and later this week if Spanier's case sheds some light on Sandusky's chances on his appeal. Sandusky will appear at another court Friday of this week.

What we know as I write at about 11:00 AM on 3/20/2017, is that jurors are just about finished filling out questionnaires and nothing at all so far has happened trial-wise inside the courtroom.

I'll bet you a dollar to a donut that Spanier was looking forward to the end of this trial a lot more than the beginning. The claim of course is that he failed to act to stop sexual abuse of children by Jerry Sandusky. Most of us have no privilege as to what Spanier knew but one thing is for sure, as this trial begins, the press is gunning for him.

The corrupt press seems to prefer the frightened board of trustees more than they like Spanier and the revered Joe Paterno. Would it not be nice if the people of Pennsylvania could trust both our officials and the media to tell the truth and pursue the truth to its logical end. Instead the press and the officials showed up at the beginning of this trial with their personal verdicts in hand? We'll see but I expect even more sensationalism as the week progresses.

So, what did Spanier do? Well, who knows? That is what this trial is all about. It reminds me of Kris Kringle on the stand in his own defense in *The Miracle on Thirty-Fourth Street*.

District Attorney: What is your name?

Kris Kringle: Kris Kringle.

District Attorney: Where do you live?

Kris Kringle: *That's what this hearing will decide.*

Judge Henry X. Harper: A very sound answer, Mister Kringle.

District Attorney: Do you really believe that you're Santa Claus?

Kris Kringle: Of course.

Graham Spanier does not believe that he is Santa Claus nor does he believe he is Jerry Sandusky. He is neither and he knows it. He does face serious charges of conspiracy and child endangerment, which many of those without a stake in the game, such as myself believe are cooked-up. Is he guilty? That's what this trial will decide.

One-time president, Spanier was originally scheduled to be tried right alongside two of his co-workers, legally referred to as co-defendants. As we know from Chapter 1, these are former Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley and retired Penn State Senior Vice President Gary Schultz.

Unexpectedly for onlookers to the events in this scandal, all of a sudden last week, on Monday, March 12 on what was the beginning date for Curley and Schultz's courtroom trial, these two peers and co-defendants pleaded "guilty." They got a deal.

I bet with all the time that passed, considering they felt their actions were ordinary and proper – no big deal -- when they took them, with all the bad they heard about themselves in five years, how would they know whether they are guilty of a crime or not? It sure may not seem so. However, rather than risk the chance of a jury finding them guilty and doling out heavy incarceration, they both

opted to take a plea to assure they would have some life left when all this is over.

If they are guilty, they got a sweet deal. If they are innocent, they got railroaded (bullied) into taking the deal. Graham Spanier's trial may show or it may not show their guilt in the matter. But, it will give all of us an enhanced perspective.

One thing is for sure, guilty of a crime or innocent, they pled guilty and therefore took their best odds-bet. They chose not to risk that anything worse than that to which they pled, would happen to them. They did not admit in any way that they are reprobates and bad guys. Reading the accounts, one can tell that the corrupt media was very disappointed that there was no bloodshed from either.

Spanier decided he would go for 100% innocence and risk rotting in jail rather than say he is guilty of charges for which he avers he is 100% innocent. Spanier is a big man fighting for his principles against a lot of influential people and a corrupt press, who hope he fails.

He was offered an easier way out just like Curley and Schultz as he was apparently offered the same deal. Curley and Schultz repeatedly claim innocence though they copped a guilty plea to save their lives of a terrible potentiality.

Those following the case at home know that this whole legal proceeding has been botched and it began with Governor Corbett, who has no love for Spanier, sticking his nose in where it did not belong. Corbett seemed to forget he was no longer the DA. The prosecutors did their share of botching also; and the press wanted anybody connected with Penn State to be found guilty—even if they were not on trial and even if they are dead.

After main jury selection

Today, after jury selection, the prosecutors spoke with the press who appear to be 100% on their side. They told the press that they had decided to call Curley and Schultz to the stand. Good! None of us know the truth and all of us want the truth.

Hopefully, we will get the truth. We'll see.

The irony here may very well be that the only person who is found 100% innocent of charges not brought in this courtroom is Jerry Sandusky. More independent evaluations of the Sandusky case have found that Jerry Sandusky may have been more of a buffoon than a pedophile. More and more people are leaning to believe that Sandusky is actually innocent. So, there can be some interesting turns if the prosecutors actually do their jobs better than they have in the past five years. Again; we'll see.

Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but Once.

If I had a family and I were not a kid anymore and could not risk a spurious prosecutor looking for a name, choosing to target me to gain her or his fame improperly, I can't say that I would not go for the sweet deal even if it were not artful.

Pennsylvanians want the prosecutors to get to the truth but the prosecutors seem to want to quickly lock somebody up, and get a green light out of this scenario and move on to something with less risk. Why else would all three defendants get an offer for a sweet deal?

Reporters have been doing lots of sniffing, while wondering what dirt they can uncover to bury the trio. They have not been looking for the difficult truth. For today's faux journalist reporters, it is easier to fan the flames of guilt than do their jobs well.

They offered that the weekend before this trial (today when written) that friends of Spanier told these press opportunists that he had turned down a plea deal similar to that given Schultz and Curley. In the same report, a trusted newspaper said that a PSU Trustee, Al Lord said that Spanier told him he would "rather go to jail for telling the truth than admit to a lie and say I did something I didn't do."

I must admit that I love Spanier's spunk, When the railroaders, lynchers, and the lyers own all the lines to truth and safety, and they

do not mind being corrupt, what chance does a regular person have? Regular people are in unfamiliar territory when forced to navigate through all the lies to get to the truth?

Graham Spanier has checked out his odds, and IMHO, he is today's hero even if he is found guilty of any or all of the three charges he faces. It is too bad that a fine man such as Graham Spanier or any person is forced to deal with such a corrupt system.

With the hangman's-noose fervor that the corrupt press displays today, I am reasonably convinced, that if they could get a few horses, and if Joe Paterno were alive today, they would find a lasso and an old crooked tree and hang Joe Paterno before anybody even knew he was a suspect. Paterno was not even charged but you would never know it. With all the corruption surrounding the scandal and this case, perhaps Jerry Sandusky was more of a buffoon than a pedophile. The press had him guilty long before his trial.

So, far at least, Spanier says he intends to testify in his own defense.

The Elite Board of Trustees needed to be spared for their own culpability over the years (They were Spanier's bosses). How can 32 VIPs who love PSU be believed after pulling a Sergeant Schultz (I know nothing!) for ten years? Did they ever visit their own campus to find out what was going on? So, to make up for their malfeasance, both Spanier and Paterno had to be axed, and Louis Freeh had to be paid a lot of millions to make sure no guilt was cast at them.

Graham Spanier was a top level executive sacrifice for the board. Joe Paterno was the public sacrifice. They would not let Spanier anywhere close to the major investigator, Louis Freeh, because he is honest and recently we have found that he is also brave.

The spineless board of trustees (BOT) needed Louis Freeh to know very well for whom he was working so he did not implicate anybody on the BOT. They could not handle a hint of guilt. They were frightened like children that they might have had to explain their roles with so many known problems. There were thirty-two of

them that never did anything at all to help the situation in the ten years. Why are they immune? Why did they fire just two guys?

A major plague apparently festered on campus so much that in the end, the board had to fire some famous people, but miraculously all board members escaped any reproach. It does not add up and so many observers want this trial to provide the missing truth. Does anybody wonder how many PSU board members were cozy with Sandusky and how many also had seats on the Second-Mile Board?

Tuesday of Trial Week, March 20, 2017

On Tuesday Morning, the two sides were prepared to make their opening statements. On Monday, the day's work concluded with seven women and five men being chosen for the main jury panel after the questioning of prospective jurors was done in secret.

Today, Tuesday afternoon, the opening statements were made after the morning session in which the four alternates were chosen for the jury.

The Defense opened by stating that former Penn State President Graham Spanier did the best he could with a bad situation, and he should not be branded as a criminal for it. It was a concise opening statement.

"Graham Spanier agreed to a plan (to deal with Jerry Sandusky) that he believed to be appropriate in light of the facts presented to him," Sam Silver, Spanier's lead trial lawyer told a Dauphin County jury of seven women and five men.

"This is an effort by the Commonwealth to criminalize a judgment call... We're going to urge you to reject that effort to criminalize well-intended decisions."

The single focus State prosecutors were not looking for truth but were looking for blood. Of course, they would not buy into the Spanier defense or there would be no trial. So, they alleged that by failing to take the 2001 incident report directly to police or child welfare authorities, the three university administrators left Sandusky

free to assault at least three more boys over the next seven years, including one in a Penn State shower. Please note the word alleged as few facts have been discovered as truth. Nothing is proven and so, these are allegations about allegations.

Defense Attorney Silver, representing Spanier, in his short 20-minute opening statement, said that if jurors can put themselves in Spanier's position in 2001, they should be able to see that he did nothing remotely criminal.

For example:

The defense is expected to attempt to defuse eyewitness, then-graduate assistant, Mike McQueary's changing account of seeing Sandusky in what was an apparent sexual situation with a boy in the Lasch Football Building. Spanier for whatever reason, never got the account directly from McQueary.

He "relied on information that others gave to him" - in this case. His people in charge of dealing with Sandusky were top level executives, Curley and Schultz. Silver also said he would expect that the jury would also hear that Spanier was never led to believe by those men that what McQueary saw was sexual or potentially criminal in nature. Working on matters such as the 2001 incident was not why Spanier had his position. Others at the university including Curley and Schultz were already on the job working on that matter.

Admittedly PSU in hindsight bungled the situation, the collective decision not to report the former coach to police or child welfare officials - while ultimately a failed decision - was in fact the farthest thing from a coverup.

"They were only considering what would be the right thing to do," Silver said. "It's who should they tell. What should they do... Not: 'Let's do nothing.'"

Spanier, Curley and Schultz did in fact, Silver noted, decide to take the report to The Second Mile, which was Jerry Sandusky's employer at the time, and an organization devoted to the welfare of children.

They also decided to bar Sandusky from bringing Second Mile kids onto campus athletic facilities.

Silver also contended his evidence will show that McQueary, Joe Paterno and others who were aware of the 2001 incident, were never told by Graham Spanier that they should keep things quiet.

In his wrap-up, Silver did his best to make sure the jurors understood that nobody had ever claimed that Spanier and his aides handled the Sandusky situation perfectly. But, they did what they thought was best.

He admonished the jury that their sole duty in the case is to determine whether Spanier's "conduct at the time - before anyone knew the end of the story - was criminal behavior... "Is he a criminal," Silver said, looking back at his client, "for agreeing to a plan to bar Jerry Sandusky from bringing kids on campus, and to tell the head of The Second Mile what had been reported?"

Silver appealed to jurors to let Spanier walk out of court just as he entered - as an innocent man.

A conviction on the child endangerment count could carry the possibility of jail time for Spanier.

The case was set to resume at 1:30 PM on Tuesday

Tuesday PM

McQueary was the prosecution's first witnesses.

Neither Mike McQueary nor Sam Silver came to court in the afternoon with their boxing gloves tightened around their wrists, hoping to spar. Silver did not even take small jabs at McQueary, perhaps believing that he would gain no favor with the jury by punching McQueary in the nose. Instead, Silver was downright congenial. Let's wait to see how Silver deals with the big gun witnesses, Curley and Schultz, tomorrow.

The prosecutor, Chief Deputy Attorney General Laura Ditka asked Mr. McQueary to tell the jury what he saw when he walked into Penn State's Lasch building on the night of Friday, Feb. 9, 2001. That is important to Spanier's fate because he is accused of not properly acting on McQueary's report that he saw Sandusky, an assistant football coach, apparently molesting a young boy in the shower room—according to Ditka.

We have reported on changing McQueary testimony several times in this book. McQueary gave an account similar to those he had given in the past.

He testified that he came into the Lasch building's locker room and “heard showers running, heard slapping sounds, ...The slapping sounds alerted me that more than just a shower was going on...through a mirror...I saw an individual behind a minor individual in the shower,” he added. McQueary noted that it was Sandusky.

McQueary expressed shock and tried to get a better look, slammed a locker door to make noise and hopefully stop what was going on.

McQueary acknowledged talking to Dr. Jonathan Dranov about the incident and he went to Paterno's home to inform the coach. McQueary described Paterno's demeanor as "saddened."

McQueary noted that within 10 days Curley met with him along with Schultz. He repeated the story to them. He said he never described the Sandusky shower incident as "horseplay." McQueary said he made sure they knew it was a “sexual incident.” Ditka pressed McQueary if it was in that shower?" McQueary affirmed.

"They said they would look into it and investigate it. They would take it seriously," McQueary said of the result of his meeting with Curley and Schultz. Spanier was never mentioned.

After another week, Curley called and reported that Sandusky was banned from bringing children into the athletic facilities and the incident was being reported to Second Mile, McQueary said.

He said that he still saw Sandusky in the athletic facilities after that, and didn't hide his disgust at the situation. McQuery said it was not until ten years later when the situation exploded that PSU officials actually took Sandusky's keys and banned him from campus buildings.

Silver did not attack McQuery in his short cross-examination. He wanted to be sure what McQueary told Spanier about the shower incident.

"Dr. Spanier never talked to me about any of that," McQueary said.

"Nobody ever told you to keep your mouth shut?" Silver asked.

"No," McQueary replied. "I've never had a conversation with Dr. Spanier about that."

When Silver asked if he is sure that he told Curley and Shultz that he believed he saw Sandusky sexually abusing a boy, McQueary replied, "That's the message that I certainly gave, that it was sexual."

Silver then asked if he directly told Curley and Schultz "that you saw Jerry Sandusky molesting a boy."

"I can't tell you if I used those exact words in that sequence," McQueary replied.

In the McQuery Lawsuit v PSU in 2016, about a year earlier than the Spanier case, Penn State attorney Nancy Conrad seized on two points during Investigator Sassano's testimony. She sought to show that it was McQueary's own actions or perceived inactions, not Penn State's, that harmed his reputation and that the university was justified in placing McQueary on administrative leave for his own safety.

Dr. John Dranov, a family friend of McQueary's father, testified Tuesday as well. Dranov recounted the night of Feb. 9, 2001.

According to his testimony, John McQueary called Dranov and asked him to come over to his house. Dranov saw Mike McQueary visibly shaking when he arrived at the McQueary home.

McQueary described the events in the Lasch building to Dranov. McQueary said he heard “sexual sounds” coming from the shower.

Dranov told the court that McQueary said he saw a boy lean out from the shower, and then saw an arm reach around the boy and pull him back into the showers. In prior testimony, Dranov said McQueary was visibly shaken and when Dranov asked multiple times what he had seen, McQueary became more upset but only discussed the sounds he heard. He never said he saw anything sexual in his discussions with Dranov despite being asked multiple times.

Silver asked Dranov if he received any instructions from Spanier to not report the incident, Dranov said that he did not.

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The morning was mostly Penn State employees and others reporting their recollections of what had happened. Penn State administrators testified against Spanier on Wednesday, along with one of Sandusky's alleged victims. By late morning Tim Curley took the stand and in the afternoon Gary Schultz got his turn walking the gauntlet.

Former Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley was first one up late Wednesday Morning. Curley. After having pled guilty because he felt he should have done more, Curley was slotted as a key prosecution witness in the child endangerment case against former PSU president Graham Spanier. But, when he left the stand after over an hour of testimony, many in the courtroom felt that his responses may have been just as important to the defense team.

You may recall from Chapter 1 of this book that we discussed that Curley pleaded a week ago Monday on March 13, to a misdemeanor count of child endangerment. He did not do too much more today as he owned up to having a guilty conscience about his own role in the Sandusky scandal.

He verified that he, Schultz, and Spanier discussed the matter and had collectively agreed to a plan of action that would keep their 2001 shower room report about Sandusky as a matter that they would deal with in-house.

He said that none of them believed that they were dealing with sexual or criminal activity. They thought Sandusky was innocent of a sexual engagement. That is why, according to Curley, they thought it best to resolve it without the pressure of a police investigation.

Deputy Attorney General Patrick Schulte asked Curley to verify whether the version of events he heard about the 2001 shower incident from either Mike McQuery or Joe Paterno was described as sexual activity,

Curley did not recall it that way. He heard something that was much less severe, or at least he reported it to Spanier in a way that it was not such a big deal. In essence this helped the former president, who received his updates from his main men on the scene, Curley and Schultz.

It helps us all to remember that Curley and Schultz were top PSU officials making very large salaries. They were long trusted employees. They never told Spanier anything sexual had occurred because they did not believe it had.

Spanier's lawyer Sam Silver pointed out a very interesting post-plea defense from Curley of the Penn Staters' actions in 2001. The back and forth was like this:

"In 2001, you thought the actions taken (regarding Sandusky) were appropriate?"

"Yes sir," Curley replied.

"You believed that the three of you were doing the right thing?"

"Yes sir."

"Did you believe you were taking steps that would result in the endangerment of children?" Silver continued.

"No sir," Curley concluded. "We did what we thought was appropriate, and we took action."

Curley closed by explaining his guilty plea last Monday this way, keeping it very personal:

"I pleaded guilty because I felt like I should have done more," Curley said, wrapping up his 75 minutes on the stand. "At the end of the day, I wished I would have done more, didn't ask enough questions, so I pled guilty."

The question at the heart of this case is, however, did Spanier have enough information to know that other children would be harmed?

The former president's defense, in large part, rests on the notion that he was never informed that the McQueary incident was a sexual assault.

There's now no direct evidence that he received that kind of report from Curley or anybody.

Two other witnesses who heard retellings of the incident from Curley and Schultz also testified Tuesday that they were not made definitely aware the incident was a sexual assault.

Curley was also asked Wednesday about what Paterno said in that conversation, in which Curley presumably updated the coach on an initial plan that called for notifying child welfare officials, Curley said only: "I don't recall the specific conversation or what his reaction was."

But Curley did take sole ownership of making the suggestion to drop the part of the plan that called for taking McQueary's report to child welfare officials. One must remember to get this right that Curley and Schultz did not see this as a situation in which a crime had been committed.

Wednesday Afternoon

At the end of day three of the child endangerment trial against Graham Spanier, the Commonwealth rested its case.

The day began with testimony from former and current Penn State employees.

Curley and Schultz were once former co-defendants along with Spanier, who just recently pleaded guilty to their own set of charges. Their completed pleas made them eligible to testify in the Spanier case.

The analysts have concluded the big story for the prosecution on Wednesday was how much Schultz and Curley differed in their testimonies.

Curley said he couldn't really remember what was said during any meetings between he, Schultz and Spanier ten years previously.

Curley said that he had no recollection of what former football coach Mike McQueary told them about the 2001 incident where he witnessed Jerry Sandusky in a Penn State shower with a young boy.

As noted in the AM account, Curley explained his guilty plea in the case.

"I pleaded guilty because I felt like I should have done more," he said.

As for Schultz's testimony, he was adamant that Spanier was aware of the 1998 Sandusky investigation (reported to police and dismissed) and he insisted that Spanier was also filled in on details about the 2001 incident but offered no specifics as to who may have briefed him.

When Schultz was asked if he had any regrets on anything, the three of them decided when handling the Sandusky scandal, he said he certainly did, and that he thought they should have reported it to the department of welfare.

Let's look at the Schultz impact a little deeper:

In his testimony, Curley spoke of his meeting with Mike McQueary in the days after the February 2001 shower incident. Curley, who had trouble recalling numerous moments involving the 1998 and 2001 incidents, said McQueary did not use the word "sexual" to describe what he saw with Sandusky and the young boy in the Lasch Building shower.

However, in this trial, McQueary did testify yesterday (Tuesday) that when he met with Curley and Schultz, he told the two he "saw Jerry molest a boy. It was sexual and over the line." McQueary's testimony has been on again off again on the sexual nature of the incident and again the family friend asked him several times and McQueary told him each time that it was not sexual.

Some suggest that the most important part of Schultz's testimony was that he had stuck by his grand jury claim that Mike McQueary never told him it was a sexual assault. Curley stuck with Schultz on that as well. So, what does that mean?

That means Mike McQueary is contradicted by everyone else, including his father and Dr. Dranov.

It's difficult to see how a jury using the reasonable doubt standard could find Spanier guilty of "knowingly" endangering children if Curley and Schultz never told him Sandusky sexually assaulted a boy, but sometimes people believe what they want to believe—even jurors.

Curley indicated under cross-examination from Spanier's defense attorney Sam Silver that "We did what we thought was appropriate," based on the facts they had at the time. Silver is claiming state attorneys are trying to criminalize a judgment call, made by the trio.

Schultz was the prosecution's final of 15 witnesses. He testified after a five-minute, emotional testimony from a "John Doe" victim, who identified himself as a sexual abuse victim of Sandusky in the summer of 2002. The intermingling of witnesses could have been

done to get the jury worked up into thinking that Spanier was the same as the sexual perpetrator. Additionally, the testimony of this witness was not corroborated and proven beyond a doubt.

The victim, now 28, claimed Sandusky molested him in a Penn State locker room shower. For that, as all victims that came out of the woodwork to gain their share of the millions in Penn State payoffs, this victim received a large sum in the millions from Penn State.

Both Schultz and Curley admitted it was a mistake to not inform DPW at the time, adding however, they did not believe Sandusky's acts were sexual in nature until the grand jury presentment was released in 2011.

Nobody reporting on the victims, who seemed to come out of nowhere in the Sandusky case, would be foolish enough to suggest they were not victims. The press would have a feeding frenzy. Of course, I will not do that either but it deserves a look. Penn State just took their word and got out the checkbook.

The Trustees' position regarding the validity and truthfulness of victims' lawsuits and their criteria for settling on financial compensation has not ever been made public and it appears we may never be privy to these settlements. Penn State was snookered by some pretty smart people including the NCAA and Louis Freeh.

The NCAA fines and the settlements to Sandusky's victims that PSU has been paying out are directly related to the university's apparent culpability of Sandusky's crimes, which as we now know was determined solely by the Louis Freeh Report.

This report as we know was approved and paid for by the board of trustees to protect themselves from scrutiny. They revealed that they NEVER read nor reviewed the report before receiving it and announcing that they were implementing its recommendations. Who would do that? In other words, the PSU Board of Trustees agreed to pay out tens of millions of dollars for alleged wrongs -- some of which have not been proven in a court of law, and they did not attempt to find out why? Why?

We do not have to look solely at Sandusky's crimes, but rather Freeh's big theory that university officials such as Spanier, Curley, and Schultz, and Paterno enabled Sandusky's crimes. Is it not amazing that the Press has not attempted to examine this to find out how the Penn State Board of Trustees got away with such a breach of fiduciary responsibility.

Is it not mind boggling? It has cost well over 100 Million dollars. It is not a small mistake. The board's leadership and competent governance pertaining to the Sandusky Scandal has been non-existent since November 2011. Why?

The American justice system must be saved

Truth, honesty and justice have been abandoned today for the sake of yellow journalism. These three values, truth, honesty and justice are the same core values that this society must uphold for it to exist in harmony without the Hatfield's again taking on the McCoy's for each and dispute. That's why we have laws that begin with the greatest law of the land—The Constitution. What happened to upholding the law instead of rushing to judgement without justice?

Many of us are anticipating getting at a little bit of the truth in the Spanier case, even if perhaps justice is not totally served because of a too aggressive prosecution. Nonetheless we are seeking the entire truth behind the Sandusky scandal, and what the media would like us to believe is that it is the Spanier Scandal. But, it is not the Spanier scandal. We'll take the truth, please and whatever that may reveal so that the victims will have justice, and the liars will be scorned.

Of course, the victims who were sexually abused by Sandusky should be compensated by Sandusky and any entity that was complicit with his crimes. The real question is how is Penn State culpable for Sandusky's crimes? The evidence thus far reveals no factual basis that Penn State officials were complicit. Of course, this Spanier trial that we are in the middle of may prove that premise to be wrong.

Today, the Commonwealth rested its case; bit the defense has not.

Spanier's defense team opens court tomorrow, Thursday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m.

Spanier Trial Thursday March 23, 2017

I am not a lawyer but I do admit to having watched Perry Mason a lot as a kid and I enjoy his reruns on ME TV even today when I find the time. The Mason cases are very logical but the Spanier Case and the overall Sandusky scandal--the whole five-year deal is illogical and has been a debacle in many ways.

I was at first taken back when I heard this morning regarding Graham Spanier, who has steadfastly maintained his innocence, and who until today in this trial had intended to take the stand. Of course, I did not talk to him but this is according to sources close to him. My Perry Mason-trained mind tells me it is because the Defense believes it has proven its case on clear points that they feel Spanier no longer needs to make.

Again, I am not a lawyer but that's how I see it. The prosecution proved nothing other than that there are witnesses that think Jerry Sandusky committed sex crime. This is not the Sandusky trial.

I guess I should not have been surprised when the attorneys for Penn State ex-President Graham Spanier on Thursday chose not to call any witnesses to counter the accusations that the ex-president acted illegally in handling a 2001 complaint about Jerry Sandusky showering with a boy. Instead, after a brief closing argument, they sent the case to the jurors for deliberation.

From what I had examined as this case was progressing, it seems to me Tim Curley had made Spanier's case for him, rendering his taking the stand more or less, redundant.

In his close, Spanier attorney Sam Silver argued that there was "no evidence at all," saying the case involved judgment calls by high-ranking university administrators in dealing with the complaint that

Sandusky, a retired assistant football coach, had been seen naked with the boy in a team locker room.

"They made judgment calls," Silver said. "They did not engage in crimes. They did not enter in a conspiracy."

In her close, Laura Ditka who was pretty tough on everybody, said Spanier, former athletic director Tim Curley and former vice president Gary Schultz took actions to preserve the school and their own reputations, at the expense of children. She offered no proof.

"They took a gamble," Ditka told jurors. "They weren't playing with dice. They were playing with kids." Maybe they were doing their jobs based on what they believed at the time.

Spanier is on trial facing two felony counts of endangering the welfare of children and a related conspiracy count. All counts are felonies and will have lasting consequences if a guilty verdict comes in.

Curley and Schultz struck their own plea deals last week to a single misdemeanor count of child endangerment and as we know both testified as prosecution witnesses against Spanier on Wednesday.

We know that Spanier was forced out as president in 2011, after Sandusky was charged with child molestation and Curley and Schultz were first charged because of their handling of the matter. Spanier was charged a year later.

Sandusky was tried and convicted and has been serving time since his 2012 conviction on 45 counts of child sexual abuse.

In this book, we have discussed a rush to judgment and a major betrayal of Coach Joe Paterno. Yet the same forces that stacked the deck against Paterno are at play again against Spanier. They are ready to lash out at anybody, including Spanier, Curley, and Schultz. If the elites of the institution need other fall guys, they will find others. These forces seem to have had one major goal – to make sure that it never looks like the board of trustees had any role in the scandal or its resolution.

And, so, more and more people, who analyze the case are wondering why the rush on Sandusky and the tactics of paying off new accusers that came to the tune of millions and millions of dollars. Was the board paying hush money and is it possible Jerry Sandusky, a buffoon for sure based on his clown-like behavior in this case, may actually be innocent of all or most of the serious charges that have him locked up forever?

It may be coincidence or it may be God's helping hand that put the Sandusky appeal in a courthouse near campus on Friday, March 25, so close to a replay of the scandal in court all week. If the Spanier trial ends today, Thursday, will the media focus on Sandusky tomorrow or has been the case, will Sandusky's plea for an appeal receive no media coverage at all from what in this case has been a biased, unfair, corrupt press.

This scandal sure has been a doozer and it brought with it a lot of heartbreak. It sent shockwaves through the Penn State community.

Those who were not paying much attention woke up on November 10 learning about the night before activities when the PSU board of trustees rushed the firing of Hall of Fame coach *Joe Paterno*. A little more than two-months later, Joe Paterno died of cancer. It was January 23, 2012. With the revered coach now in the show big-time, the story grabbed the national interest and held the interest of many people across the world. Everybody knew the PSU immortal Coach.

Ultimately, the scandal led the school to quickly pay out more than \$90 million to settle civil claims that many continue to see as hush money payments from the board to keep the hangman's noose from their own necks.

When in his close, Silver referred to Spanier, Curley and Schultz, he noted they were all "good men" who took seriously the 2001 complaint by then-graduate assistant coach Mike McQueary.

"It's not enough for you to find that Graham could have or should have done something differently," Silver told jurors in his wrap-up.

He urged them to focus on testimony by Schultz and Curley that they never told Spanier that McQueary had reported seeing something sexual in 2001.

"Mr. Schultz made clear — he, Gary Schultz, told Graham Spanier that it was horseplay," Silver said.

A key piece of evidence was an email exchange in which the three debated what to do.

Silver said several people knew of McQueary's complaint, an in fact The Second Mile's director was also informed.

"That's not a conspiracy," Silver said. "That's an email exchange of responsible people trying to figure out what's appropriate under the circumstances."

Prosecutor Ditka began her closing argument with reference to the "only downside for us" quote, and repeated it several times, urging the panel of seven women and five men to convict him on all counts.

"All they cared about was their own self-interest," Ditka said, arguing the three men "let (Sandusky) run wild" despite knowing he had been the subject of complaints in 1998 and 2001.

She noted that Spanier's academic background should have prepared him to deal with the Sandusky matter. Maybe it did.

"For God's sake, he's a family and child therapist. Got a Ph.D. in it. They knew exactly what to do," Ditka said. Maybe they did.

At 1:45 PM the Jury got the case

After a break in the trial for some legal questions, Senior Judge John Boccabella requested that the Dauphin County jury continue deliberating charges against former Penn State President Graham Spanier into the evening. The County later ordered supper for the jurors.

The jurors had two questions for the judge, and so the court reconvened about 4:45 p.m.

The questions had to do with the definition of the term "reckless," in the child endangerment count; and whether the jurors need to consider the elements of the child endangerment statute when weighing the conspiracy charge.

I regret that my Perry Mason skills will not help me offer any help to the readers as to what this might mean. Would they be talking about degrees of guilt if they were to find the defendants guilty or would they like to know those to determine whether the degree of guilt makes them legally guilty or innocent.

We know that Spanier was charged with both endangerment and conspiracy because of what prosecutors argued was his deliberate decision not to report a 2001 allegation of sexual abuse of a child by Jerry Sandusky to police or child welfare authorities.

Judge Boccabella also clarified, after a juror asked a third question in court, that intent to commit a crime is a key element of finding someone guilty of conspiracy.

If anything, the questions showed that members of the panel are trying to closely apply the law to the facts of the case.

After another juror asked if it is up to the jury as to when they stop deliberating for the night, Boccabella said that will be his decision and his preference is to let them keep at it.

"I'd like to keep you here for dinner," the judge said.

After re-reading the elements of the conspiracy charge at the request of case attorneys, the session ended.

We will be back with the verdict, the rationale for the verdict and a perspective on what all of this has to do with Joe Paterno.

But, not tonight.

After over six hours of deliberation, the judge released the jury for the night. The deliberations would continue on Friday Morning.

In the comments section of the trial-write-ups, this somewhat accurate account by one emotional observer shows the concern many people have in the game.

In one of the last articles from PennLive, an individual nicknamed Edjhjr offered some thoughts for rational people to consider:

A commenter named Edjhjr felt compelled to write the following:

“Aaron Fisher star witness with photos of himself laying on a bed of cash shooting the finger. Alan Myers writing letters to the AG and lawyers saying nothing happened. He by no coincidence did not testify. The janitors who first had said he saw a victim, then said it was not Sandusky, did not testify.

“All victims first said nothing happened. The tape of the lawyer and detective saying can we lie to him so he tells us something we want to hear. All victims had therapists who said their memory won't allow them to remember, suddenly remember.

EVERY ONE OF THEM.

“This is the biggest load of horse crap know in the country. And the biggest cash grab ever.

“Ask Shubin who just happened to represent nine of them how much he made.”

Spanier Trial Friday Morning March 25, 2017

Friday Morning, jurors resumed deliberations in the child endangerment trial of former Penn State President Graham Spanier.

As noted, they had deliberated for six hours Thursday without reaching a verdict but they did ask the judge several legal questions.

We know that Spanier is accused of conspiracy and two counts of endangerment for his handling of complaints about former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky more than 15 years ago.

Dr. Spanier had been forced out as university president in 2012 when items hit the fan after Sandusky was charged with sexually abusing children. Sandusky is now serving a decades long prison sentence which he will be appealing with a new judge today in a separate courthouse.

After twelve hours of deliberation, which incidentally just about matches the number of hours of testimony in the case, the Jury came back with its verdict.

Conviction on one count (misdemeanor)

The Jury convicted former PSU President Graham Spanier on one count of endangering the welfare of a child, but sine this was not deemed to be a “continuing course” of criminal conduct, the count was lowered to a misdemeanor from a felony. Spanier was acquitted on a second endangerment count, as well as a third count of conspiracy.

Ironically, we may say, the misdemeanor charge of endangering the welfare of a child is the exact same charge that Tim Curley and Gary Schultz had pleaded guilty to on March 12. For those wondering what the punishment would be, experts suggest that for a misdemeanor offense, first-time offenders such as PSU’s three former administrators would typically receive a prison term of zero to nine months. Speculation is that three defendants in these cases could wind up with just probation.

When he became aware of the split decision, Graham Spanier sat next to his attorney looking down at his phone in the quiet but heavily secured courtroom. The verdict had been announced. There was no more doubt about the perceived criminality of the case. The Dauphin County Jury had given its verdict.

Surely Spanier knew at this point that his attorney knew that there was almost no way that an appeals court could uphold this insane

and illegal judgment that had come from this Dauphin County Jury and a Judge who had actually taken time to congratulate them on their illegal verdict.

Prosecutors had asked everybody to accept that Spanier broke the law when, after receiving a 2001 report that graduate assistant Mike McQueary had seen Sandusky naked with a young boy in the showers at Penn State's Lasch Building, he did not demand that it be reported immediately to child protection authorities. Yet, that is not what was reported to him.

Spanier's defense attorney made a reasonable plea that Spanier did the best he could with a bad situation, and he argued that the prosecution was trying to criminalize a judgment call. What if your judgment call of say, postponing an employee's trip to the rest room by three minutes, got you convicted of a crime.?

Though Spanier himself declined to comment after the verdict, His lawyer, Sam Silver, said this case isn't over yet.

"This case has always been replete with significant issues, both factual and legal," Silver said. "Those issues certainly remain, and we fully intend to appeal this verdict."

Silver was being kind to the prosecutor and the judge and surely in America, we must all rejoice in the fact that the judicial system has a hierarchy of judges.

In a statement released soon after the verdict, Penn State said the decision has given the university closure, and added that Spanier--as well as Curley and Schultz--fell short of Penn State's "extraordinary expectations of our leaders."

Humph!

I expect Penn State to be offering retractions on that self-serving statement as soon as the appeals are finished. The Board of Trustees still rules PSU and they have done the University and all of its wonderful alums no favors from the moment they decided in November 2011, that they needed to take action.

This board has not served Penn State well at all.

There is a great drawing of a pensive Graham Spanier by Scott Robbins from PennLive shown below.



Graham Spanier in Dauphin County Court Monday. *Illustration by Scott Robbins, PennLive*

Silver worked hard and effectively to show the jury that Spanier, whose information on Sandusky came from former Athletic Director Tim Curley and former senior vice president Gary Schultz, never understood that what McQueary saw was sexual or possibly criminal in nature.

You were not there and I was not there but I have a problem believing a guy who changes his story (McQueary) and then, because of the change picks up \$7 million in hard cash should be deemed a respectable witness.

Graham Spanier agreed to a plan to deal with Jerry Sandusky, who I like more and more each day, though he is a doofus. "Spanier definitely believed the plan was appropriate in light of the facts presented to him," said Sam Silver, Spanier's lead trial attorney.

Spanier's trial, which was botched by PA State Attorneys from the beginning is the last criminal case remaining from the Sandusky sex abuse scandal. But, this case will produce many entrails and may in fact help Jerry Sandusky prove that he is innocent of the worst of the worst in his own trial.

Sandusky himself was convicted in 2012 of sexually abusing 10 boys and is serving a 30-year prison sentence. Many of us still would like an account as to where all those boys came from.

Schultz and Curley last week, March 12, pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of children for their part in the supposed cover-up of the 2001 report by McQueary. Now, on March 24, their admitted crime and the crime of which Spanier was convicted, appear to be equal in significance.

Will the Spanier appeal, which, when you read the facts in Chapter 23, you will see why he will be exonerated. The PA state attorney's office showed a high level of incompetence and because of Spanier's innocence, Curley and Schultz may be declared innocent for the same reasons.

John Ziegler's crisp summation of the case follows:

"I doubt there has never been a case which more clearly echoed Ben Franklin's famous quote "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately" than this one. We now have four previously esteemed men who have been unfairly hanged (without even putting up a decent fight in court) all of whom know they are innocent and believe that all the others are as well."

"The real story here is the most amazing thing I have ever seen. Sadly, I doubt it will ever be properly told."

Chapter 22 Jerry Sandusky in Court for Appeal

Has a rush to judgment also affected the Sandusky Case?

As we were monitoring the Graham Spanier trial, other things were happening, especially on Friday, March 24, the day of the Spanier verdict.

Jerry Sandusky, who just happens to look guilty, whether he is or is not, was back in court Friday for an appeals' hearing. Sandusky's lawyers are fighting to get his charges dismissed, or to achieve a new trial.

Newly appointed Judge John Foradora knows his football and he offered this comment at the beginning of the proceedings:

“This court proceeding is like being at a Big Ten office reviewing the game. This is a chance to look back at the 2012 trial to see what mistakes were made and a chance to prove lawfully there should be a new trial.”

Years after his child sex abuse trial, former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky was back in the Centre County Courthouse with a smile this time. He already knew what had hit him, felt it unfair, and was ready to engage it differently this time.

Sandusky, whose wife has supported him from day one, is fighting even harder to get his charges dismissed, or to get a new trial. This time, things have changed and Sandusky is appearing before a new judge. The good news in my opinion is that the press is so concerned about keeping the ghost of Joe Paterno in the ground and hoping to put Spanier, Curley, and Schultz in a cage for life that

they are not paying as much attention to Sandusky. Maybe without their “help,” he has a chance to actually make his case.

Judge John Foradora from Jefferson County was called in after the original judge recused himself from the case back in the fall.

"Let's just put it this way. This judge that we have is interested in the case; he has an interest in history," said Sandusky's appeal attorney Al Lindsay.

I may have even said numerous times in this book that I believed Sandusky was guilty but like many others, I was influenced by the prevailing thoughts of the day and had not paid much attention to the reality that perhaps Jerry Sandusky, who a year or so ago, I had called despicable might actually be innocent of pedophilia. If he is, then Sandusky is most definitely guilty of a serious episode of buffoonery. Now what?

Since we have been concentrating on who enabled Sandusky in these last chapters walking through the Spanier trial, perhaps it would be good to consider that perhaps Sandusky did stupid things but nothing really really bad enough to warrant 445 years in the clink. Can any of us accept that as a possibility? It was surely hard for me. I came from “knowing” that Sandusky was guilty to now thinking he may very well be innocent but I am not sure. I think he deserves a new trial.

Sandusky was convicted in 2012 and sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison for each count. That's life for sure. He blames his defense attorney at his trial in 2012 for his conviction. I can see that as everybody had him convicted.

Friday morning began with testimony from that attorney, Joseph Amendola. He spoke with Newswatch 16 after the hearing. He said that "It's painful. It's like there is no end to it," said Amendola. "It's five and a half years removed, going into five this summer, I guess, and it's like it never ends." Amendola of course, is not doing time.

To get a new trial, the new Sandusky's team needs to prove Amendola made professional mistakes. Amendola is not coming off as a bad guy defensive of his actions and he admits his team had little time to prepare.

"My belief would be that Jerry deserves a fair trial and his counsel needed more time, whoever that counsel would be," Amendola said. I like honesty!

Other testimony came from a psychologist and state troopers who have worked with a few of the victims. They were all asked questions about repressed memory.

"Where people are remembering things, they didn't remember in psychotherapy and also suggestive questioning, that's where police officers question people and we think the proverbial, 'put words in their mouth,'" said Lindsay.

No decision was made Friday.

Others, including Sandusky, are expected to give their testimony before a decision is made.

The next court hearing is scheduled for May 11 in Bellefonte.

I do not care how many child millionaires were made from the gullibility of Penn State University's frightened board of trustees. Their therapists may have helped them take a repressed memory of a Dinosaur and proved to them that it had attacked and destroyed their family ancestry including Grandpa Amos. Repressed memory is a little hocus pocus, don't you think? The facts are that repressed memory therapy has been discredited, and can generate false memories of incidents that never actually took place.

After therapy, a number of Sandusky victims got their memories back and came in to get their payoffs. They remembered being raped by Jerry Sandusky but what do I know? There are too many happy millionaire victims and too many millionaire therapists and happy Penn State BOT members to think Joe Paterno and Graham Spanier are the bad guys here. Sorry! I do not buy it.

Chapter 23 When will this be over?

Who can be happy with a guilty verdict?

Samuel W. Silver, Spanier's lawyer, was not thrilled with the victory but he said he was heartened by the jury's acquittals on two of the three charges. Silver plans to appeal the jury's conviction on the third charge. He noted that the case was "replete with significant issues, both factual and legal." Then he announced that he would take no questions. We will speculate on some of the issues in this case and their ultimate resolutions based on many of the analyses that are available.

There is a big legal issue first that from my perspective makes the guilty verdict null and void. It may even make Curley and Schultz's plea deal null and void. The statute of limitations in Pennsylvania for endangering the welfare of a child is just two years. We're talking about the incident of which Spanier was convicted. It dates back to 2001 -- the infamous shower incident that was supposedly witnessed by graduate assistant Mike McQueary. Hey, it's 2017 folks!

That means the jury convicted Spanier of a crime for which the statute of limitations had already expired. You can count on hearing more about that. Neither the Jury. The Judge, nor the Prosecutor can go back to find other things at this point to make up for its mistake as the trial is over. Spanier's legal team is very confident of winning on appeal once they can get the case out of Dauphin County.

For those wondering how this can be, apparently, it has happened before and even recently. The Spanier case is similar to the Monsignor Lynn case out of Philadelphia, another high-profile sex abuse scandal in which the state's original child endangerment statute again was in play. The Lynn case was twice overturned on appeal by the state's Superior Court, the same place where the Spanier case is now headed. I am not looking for exoneration of

criminals but sometimes the convicted are actually innocent.

The state's original child endangerment law, would have required Spanier to "knowingly endanger" the welfare of a child that he was allegedly supervising. It is a stretch even for a dishonest lawyer to suggest that Graham Spanier could have knowingly endangered a child victim that he had ever met. It would be harder yet to have a victim who to this day the university doesn't know the identity of, and who was never produced—even as a trial witness.

This is all great stuff for an appeal. Why PA prosecutors did not know the law should be a concern to citizens of the state. Do state attorneys require a minimum IQ? It gives real bad guys an edge when the AG's office is using parts of a non-existing legal code to try to nail some good guys.

As disgusted as I was and most Pennsylvanians were in the Sandusky case, can we be sure prosecutors and the Penn State Board of Trustees behaved correctly and properly when pressing for Sandusky's conviction. Can any of us accept Sandusky being freed by the legal system for the simple reason that he is innocent? Can it be? How do we know in a corrupt guilty-driven system in which the press participates willingly?



The Upright Citizens Brigade

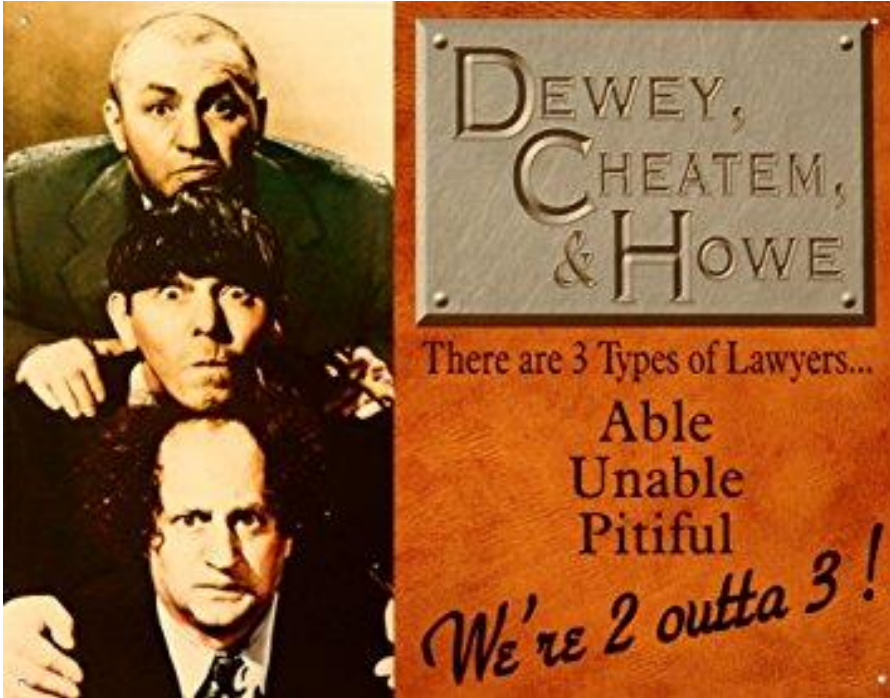
Some things just do not make sense. Can any reasonably prudent person conclude that Graham Spanier himself, President of PSU, in

his role as President, somehow owed a duty of care to a child who he had never met; who was not a Penn State student; and who may or may not have been molested by a then-retired Penn State football coach? That's almost as ludicrous as one of Steve Allen's famous men on the street characters being fingered as the perpetrator in this case. Could it have been Gordon Hathaway (Louie Nye)?



I have a problem with public-paid employees declaring victory about anything. Just do your jobs folks. Yet, back in Dauphin County, which has been getting more laughs recently than the best episodes of *Laugh-In*, the ghosts or corporal stand-ins of Dick Martin, Dan Rowan, and Ruth Buzzi have been interviewed multiple times by a hungry press as we discuss the case.

As expected, Deputy Attorney General Laura Ditka declared victory, telling reporters that the prosecutors in the Penn State case were "three for three." She was talking about the guilty plea bargains of Curley and Schultz, and the conviction of Spanier. Well, Laura, I hope you do better in your next case. But, be fearful as the defendants may hire the esteemed law firm of Dewey, Cheatem, & Howe? Then What?



"He [Spanier] had a duty of care and protection for children who came to the Penn State campus and he failed in that duty," Ditka told reporters.

"These leaders endangered the welfare of children by both their actions and inactions," a grandstanding Attorney General Josh Shapiro added about Spanier, Curley and Schultz. "There are zero excuses."

As the word went out that the jury had reached its verdict, thirteen sheriff's deputies filed into the courtroom, to guard against unruly spectators. It turned out to be overkill, but today, who knows what nutty ideas lurk in the hearts of men.

The mood in the courtroom was solemn and business like. There was no visible reaction to the verdict, or any outburst by Spanier, or any of his supporters. A cursory analysis by Dewey, Cheatem & Howe, and they would know that on appeal, unless the state

decides the law no longer matters, the guilty verdict will be reversed.

When the verdict was read, Judge John Boccabella, who takes no chances of violent disruptions in his courtroom and who is known for having locked the doors of his courtroom when possible, made a major point of complimenting the jury:

"I never had a jury more intelligent," the judge asserted. He praised the jury for asking questions that supposedly got to the heart of the case.

An appeals court may take a different view.

I know that in all the Perry Mason Cases I have watched, few ever got to a jury. I cannot see an actor judge in a great Mason episode every appearing partial to a verdict. But, then again, that is television, and this is Dauphin County Reality.

With so long to prepare for a case, many expected that there would be a spectacular dazzlement of events and a cavalcade of phenomenal witnesses who would prove beyond a doubt, the state's premise that Graham Spanier was simply guilty of all charges.

Despite a win on just one reduced count, there was a declared victory by the state's attorneys, which as a citizen of PA, I would say they should spend more time at work than celebrating.

Some may decry Attorney Silver for not putting on much of a defense, But, there was no real prosecution to defend against. What would Graham Spanier have testified against? What should he have been asked to say in his defense when there was no case made against him that was a crime?

The government of PA put on only two days of testimony that were largely fact-free and depended on raw appeals to emotion. The defense trumped the brevity of the prosecution case by not even calling one witness. #1 Defense Attorney Silver was so convinced that the prosecution didn't prove its case, that it chose not to present a defense.

The prosecution's two star-witnesses, former PSU administrators Curley and Schultz, had been so ineffective in their role as prosecutorial witnesses that even the prosecutor wound up trashing both of them during her closing argument.

"Gary Schultz and Tim Curley are not our star witnesses," Ditka told the jury. "They're criminals."

"Tim Curley," she declared, was "untruthful 90 percent of the time."

"Gary Schultz, I would suggest to you was more truthful," she said, but that was because he wound up crying on the witness stand. Crying because he was guilty, Ditka told the jury.

The verdict upset Penn State loyalists but that is because most of us regular Joe's figured that the prosecutor had her way and the state was going to be able to railroad Penn State with more mental sanctions while putting a few good men to jail.

In today's world, everybody is accustomed to winning. Today's Jury's would cut the baby in half if there was a dispute. So, it is understandable in a world of participation trophies that it is OK to punish somebody a little and not a lot if you can't agree on real guilt.

The Jury reduced the charges to 1/6 of what they would have been. Is that not the moral equivalent of a fair judgment for a participation trophy winner. Who cares if it is the truth as long as everybody wins?

Al Lord, a member of the university board of trustees, told reporters that he was "blown away."

"You can't endanger children if you set Jerry loose because you don't know Jerry's a pedophile, and frankly that's what this case is about," Lord said.



A good-guy, Franco Harris always represents Penn State well.

Lord said that prosecutors offered Spanier the same deal that Curley and Schultz got "seven freaking times" but that Spanier turned it down "because he knows he's innocent and he's a man of integrity."

"I wish I could say the same thing for the prosecution," Lord added.

Former football star Franco Harris told reporters that like all of us, he felt bad for Sandusky's victims, but he added, "There is no way that Penn State wanted to harm kids. I mean, that's the furthest from the truth. So, that's the part that still has to be fought."

The defense was facing an uphill climb from day one. The main obstacle: a jury pool tainted by six years of saturation media coverage of the Penn State sex scandal. It was coverage that sadly displayed an unhealthy lack of skepticism for the story line fed to reporters by prosecutors and Louie Freeh. He's the former judge and FBI director who claimed to find evidence of a "callous and shocking" coverup at Penn State by top officials.

But even the jury today did their part to continue to unravel the official Penn State story line. The Dauphin County jury rejected the conspiracy charge in the case; the jury also found no continuing course of criminal conduct was committed by Spanier.

A 2013 poll of Dauphin County residents commissioned by one of the defense attorneys in the case showed how biased the potential jury pool was, thanks to the media not doing its job. The poll, part of an unsuccessful campaign for a change of venue, found that 46.9 percent of those questioned in Dauphin County agreed with the statement that even if Penn State officials like Curley and Schultz did nothing illegal, "they should be punished."

Seventy percent of the people polled in Dauphin County agreed that "from very early on, officials like Curley and Schultz knew exactly what was going on with Sandusky."

Some 64.9 percent agreed that "the culture at Penn State and in the Penn State athletic department tolerated Sandusky's behavior." And 62.6 percent agreed that "Curley and Schultz helped to create the culture at Penn State that tolerated Sandusky's behavior."

BigTrial.Com says that "So it was no surprise that Deputy Attorney General Ditka was able to obtain a conviction by endlessly reprising the story of Jerry Sandusky, the naked child-molesting "animal" lurking in Penn State's showers."

"Like spectators at a frontier hanging, the citizens of Dauphin County can now go on with their lives secure in the knowledge that they did their part to clean up the sex abuse scandal at Penn State."

"After court was adjourned, the saloons of Harrisburg were open for business." Drink Up!

Where was Joe Paterno in the Spanier case?

One of the ironies in the Spanier Case is that little to nothing was made of Joe Paterno by the prosecutors. Yet, for five years, the PSU community in many ways has been in grief over Joe Paterno's abrupt firing.

Even the anniversary of this first head coach's start v Temple 50 years ago could not go without rancor being the operational strategy of the enemies of Penn State and Joe Paterno.

Why was there no protesting at the Spanier trial. Why just JoePa?

Humph!

The Spanier Trial is over and the barn door may be closed but lots of horses got out the door. Can the PSU BOT be corrupt or simply frightened? Check their financial gain!

There will never be truth coming about this matter unless by some chance Jerry Sandusky gets a new trial and somebody cares about him enough to give him a good defense.

Showering with kids is a goofy thing, But many coaches do it. Should it be banned? What if Jerry Sandusky never did anything wrong? Where does that leave the Joe Paterno legacy?

I say Joe wins either way!

What a bunch of balderdash, spewn about by jealous weaklings who could never take a licking or give a licking even when they were young men.

That's how I see it!

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