

Intramural program lags

by Edward Nyerick

Vandalism was a big problem last year in the Physical Education Building. Bruce Young, Director of the Physical Education Building, explained that the building was closed for a one week period from October 17-22 as the result of various destructive acts.

Vandalism has not been a problem this year, and the building is open every Monday thru Friday. However, students are not taking advantage of the various intramural programs and facilities available in the Physical Education Building. The student involvement has been the lowest in the past few years. Young could not account for the low term activity because students had been advised during orientation and through various posted messages. Possibly, there is a trend toward academics and as one student put it, "Why waste my time in the gym?" Possibly, the huge number of people who commute and live off campus cannot afford the time and money to be making extra trips to evening scheduled intramural sporting events. In addition, there are those students who don't enjoy sports.

Intramurals

The fall term intramural sports program includes bowling, basketball, and volleyball. A total of 169 students are involved in all three sports. This figure comprises close to 8 per cent of the total Hazleton Campus student population. The low turnout has

forced the cancellation of three intramural sports this fall—Woman's Basketball, Tennis Singles-Doubles, and 5-Man Bowling.

There are some students who don't want to play intramurals but just want to use the gym on weekends. Unfortunately, the Physical Education Building is closed on weekends. According to Bruce Young, it just doesn't pay to keep the building open on weekends for six or seven people.

Students who have any ideas concerning the intramural sports program or wish to start a new program are urged to speak to Mr. Young.

On the inter-collegiate level, the low student involvement has meant the cancellation of the fall Men's Golf program. Six men were needed to comprise a team, but this figure was never met.



PSU football facts

Quarterback Dayle Tate, a junior from Springfield, Va., is Penn State's first out-of-state starting quarterback since Gary Wydman (Corning, N.Y.) in 1964. Pennsylvanians had started at quarterback for 159 consecutive games from Wydman's final appearance against Pitt in 1964 to Tate's start against Rutgers on September 15.

Herb Menhardt is the fourth Penn State soccer player in the last 10 years to take over the Lion placekicking duties. Menhardt was a three-year starter on the Penn State soccer team before deciding to play only football this season. The Lions' other placekickers, who played on the Penn State soccer team, were Matt Bahr, Chris Bahr and Alberto Vitiello.

Curt Warner became the third Penn State freshman to rush for over 100 yards in his first game, when he gained 100 yards in 12 carries against Rutgers September 15. Tom Donovan, now a Lion senior, gained 113 yards in 10 carries in 1975 against Stanford and Matt Suhey, also a Penn State senior, picked up 119 yards in 23 carries against Stanford in 1976.

As of the Texas A and M game, fourteen Penn State runners have rushed for more than 1,000 yards. Two current Nittany Lions are within striking distance of that figure, Mike Guman and Booker Moore.

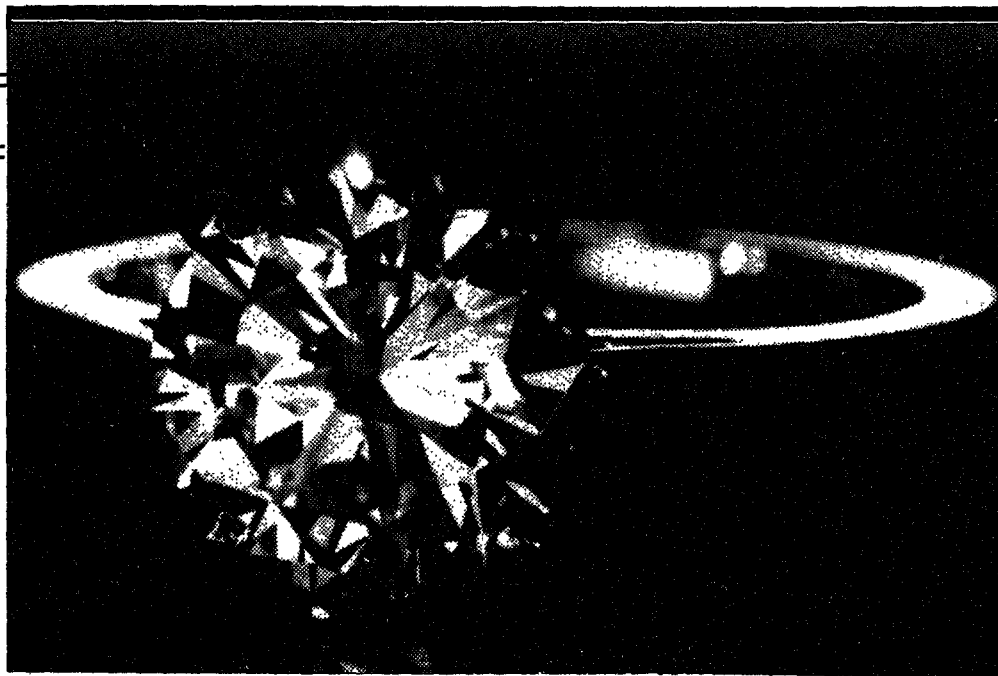
The P.E. Building will be open for free recreation during the following hours, Fall Term.

Gym	12-9 p.m.	Mon.-Thurs.
	12-5 p.m.	Fri.
Swimming Pool	6-9 p.m.	Mon. and Thurs.
	2-4 p.m.	Tues. and Thurs.
Bowling Lanes	6-9 p.m.	Mon.
	2-5 p.m.	Tues. and Thurs.

(There is a \$1.00 charge for 3 games for the bowling lanes)

Exercise Room	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Mon.-Thurs.
Weightlifting Room	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fri.

Any changes because of intramural or varsity sports is done as soon as possible.



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