

Perry pecks it way to championship

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The Perry Peckers came, they saw and they conquered their way to the Men's Recreational basketball championship. They defeated Kappa Delta Rho 1 in the finals 49-48. The Peckers defeated the defending champions, Sig Tau A, in the semis, and KDR 1 beat SkinForce in the semis to meet up with each other.

In the Competitive Bracket, the Quitters beat No Skills 44-27 to capture the championship. The women's championship is this Sunday. LA Style 1 takes on LA Style 2 at 10:30 to decide the winner of that bracket.

For the second year in a row, there were play-offs for teams that finished third and fourth in their divisions in the regular season. Behrend Baseball defeated Tekes 1, 38-34, to capture the third place play-off. Teke 2 defeated KDR 2 in the fourth place bracket.

Coed Volleyball 4 on 4 is right around the corner. The deadline for the teams is Friday, Feb. 17 at 4:00 p.m. The entries will be taken at the IM office, forms can also be picked up there. The entry fee is \$2.00, which can be charged to your account.

The teams will consist of two males and two females. The teams are allowed two substitutes



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The big game: Ilya Belkin of Kappa Delta Rho and Chris Straub of the Perry Peckers match up in the Recreation Division championship in which the Peckers won.

each (of either gender). The tournament style will be round robin for each league. The top two teams from each league will advance to the single elimination championship bracket. The games will begin Monday, Feb. 20. The rules are a combination of USVBA, NCAA, and Behrend Intramurals.

Only two out of the four point races are close as Kappa Delta Rho and LA Style seem to be pulling away in their respective divisions. The KDRs have a 317

point lead over their closest pursuer, Tau Kappa Epsilon. LA Style is exactly 1,000 points ahead of their competition.

The other two races are much closer. The Air Derelicts have a slim 93 point ratio over Bam Bam in the independent division. Lawrence- 1st east has a 15 point lead over Niagara- 1st west in the Residence Hall division.

Street hockey and ping pong are both underway. The play-offs for each are in the next few weeks.

H&FS Athlete of the Week

Hannon patrols the paint

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Desmond Hannon, an asset to the Lion's basketball team, is this week's athlete of the week. Since January first, Hannon has been averaging eight points and ten rebounds.

According to Coach Niland, "Off the court Desmond is a mature person and player, not to mention a true definite player and leader."

Hannon said, "I just try to do the job that Coach Niland asks me to do. In my opinion, I feel I contribute most to the team when I come off the bench. I bring an emotional lift and a change in the tempo."

Hannon has been playing organized ball for three years. Coach Niland remarked, "On the court, he plays extremely hard and intense. He's a great leader."

Even though Hannon didn't play for Behrend last year, he has become a team player. "This year's team is a close unit, and we have overcome a lot of adversity. Although we have lost players, we are having a good season," said Hannon.

Junior Lance Burgert said, "Desmond has really picked it up since Christmas break. He works

hard as a rebounder and defender, and he has really improved his offensive ability which has helped the team. He's a great overall player."

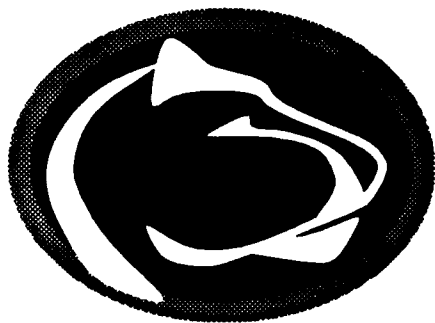
Hannon believes that the strongest part of his game is rebounding and that he specializes in defense. Brandon George agrees. "He's a hard worker, and I feel that he deserves athlete of the week. He's worked hard this week; he got the rebounds, played intense defense, and even put points on the board," said George.

Hannon believes his experience at Behrend has been positive. He's learned a lot from the older players and made friends through basketball.

Chad Sutton said, "He's the hardest worker in all our practices. It has helped his game and development making him stronger on rebounds."

Hannon has set personal goals along with team goals. Personally, he would like to keep doing his job, hitting the boards, and to keep up with his schoolwork. "I would like us to finish the season strong, go undefeated and even make it to the play-offs," Hannon replied.

"I wish I had nine more just like him," Niland said.



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