

Decisive victory ends basketball season

By Angelo Vecchio

The Capitol Lions closed out their regular season with a 9 to 14 record by upsetting Misericordia College 80 to 65.

According to Head Coach Charlie Bowen, the team's all-around play has been much better in 1984.

"There's no doubt we played an all-around better game since break. We picked up two new players, Bill Styche and John Thomas, who have helped us tremendously. Styche has turned out to be the 'quarterback' of our team. We've cut down on turnovers from twenty-four to eighteen a game."

Coach Bowen also praised several other players for dedication and subsequent improvement in their game.

"I don't like to point anybody out; it's a team effort. But first of all, I have to credit the seniors for their improved play.

"Players such as Bob Zalno, who only played eight games for us last year but has come back this year to make a real difference in our team. If we didn't have him, I don't know what we'd be doing."

Zalno, the six foot six center, has improved from game to game, according to his coach, scoring more points and playing more aggressive ball.

According to Bowen, several other seniors merit compliments for their contributions:

"Juan Roach has improved 100 percent this year. I can honestly say that."

This was only Roach's second year in organized ball.

Bowen went on to say that

"Brian Gauger has improved a lot since his junior year, and so has Greg Dreisbach. And our top recruit, Bill Ochall, has been just that. He's the leading scorer in the NAIA District 19, and he's just been doing everything for us. You don't always realize it, but we'd be lost also without Barry Richards and Joe Nichols. They mean a lot to our team."

Coach Bowen feels that Capitol's victory over Juniata was the biggest win of the year.

"They're a member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference. They have a front line of players standing six feet seven inches, six feet five inches and six feet three inches. Good players. They're the best team we played this year that we beat. It was our best win."

The team's most disappointing loss?

"It would have to be York College," Bowen said.

"They beat us by thirty (points) last year and only three this season. That was a game we should have won."

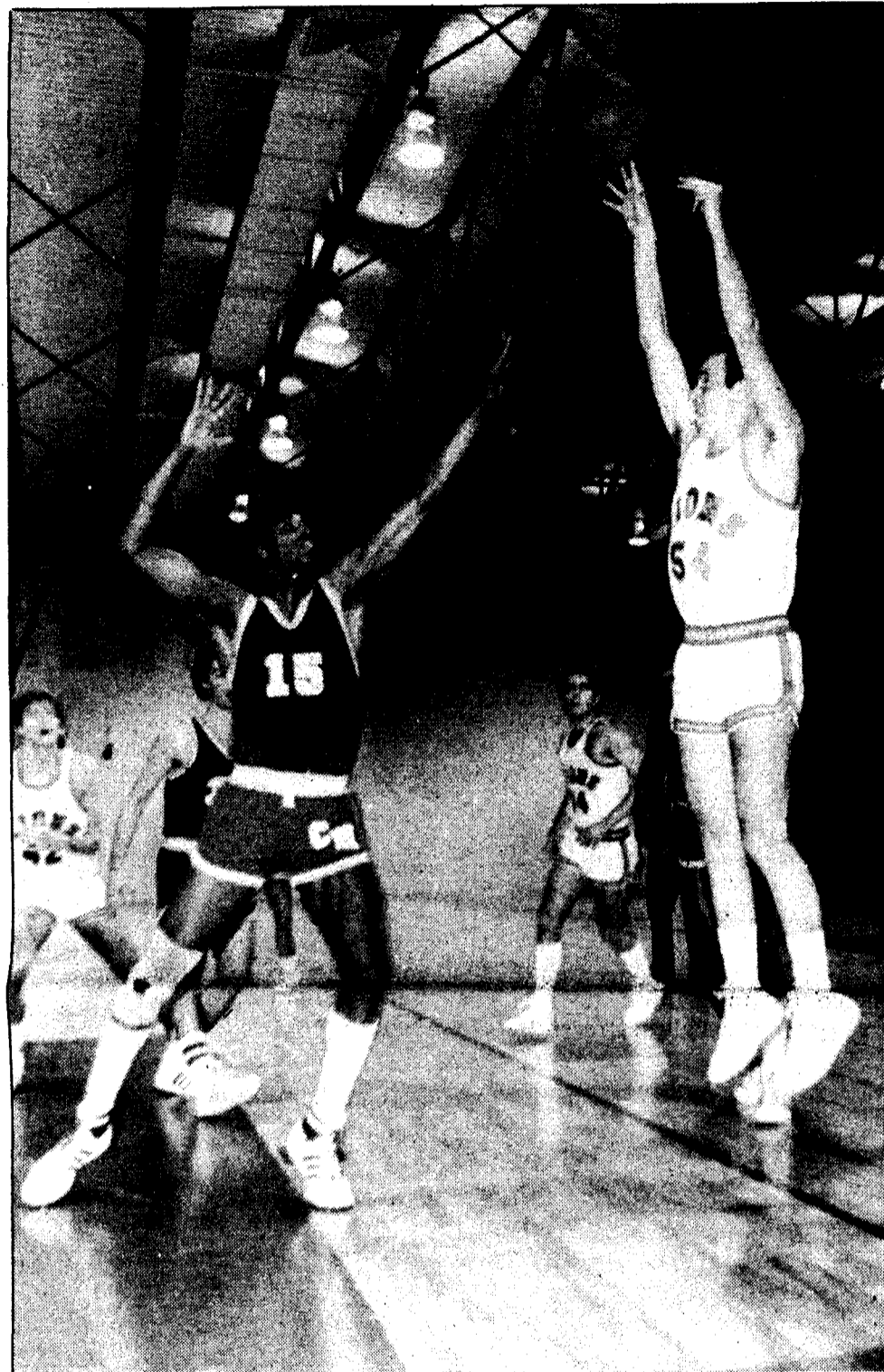
The team is looking forward to the KAC Tournament today and tomorrow at Holy Name High School in Reading. The tournament is hosted by Alvernia College.

Coach Bowen feels that the players would really get a lift if some Capitol fans turned out for the games in Reading.

"What can be better for our guys than to see some fans from down here? We would like to get some people up there."

As for next season, Bowen summed up the prospects:

"It's tough being a junior-senior campus. That's why we have to hope for some good junior-college players."



Senior forward Greg Dreisbach takes a jumpshot during the last game of the season. The Capitol Lion's defeated Misericordia with the score of 80 to 69.

Bowlers end season

By Angelo Vecchio

The Capitol Campus bowling team recently completed its 1983-84 regular season, with a record of four wins and seven losses. The team will now compete in two tournaments: February 17 at Maryland University, and March 3 at ABC East in Harrisburg, Capitol's home lanes.

An unusual statistic emerged during the season. The bowlers' record at ABC East was four wins and two losses; but away, they lost all five matches

According to team co-captain Tony Miles, "We experienced extremely tough lane conditions on most of our away matches.

Bloomsburg had pretty predictable lanes, but the other away matches were really tough. Our home lanes at ABC East in Harrisburg had the fairest shot of any lanes I bowled on this season."

It was an up-and-down season, as our bowlers ended up losing two out of two matches after break. This may have been due, in part, to the departure of three of the team's bowlers.

Several individuals had fine seasons. Included in this group were Tony Miles, co-captain; Billy Hill; and Kim Dolzani.

The bowlers are coached by Betty Evans. Evans is an employee of ABC East lanes, and she has bowled on the ladies' pro tour.

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It looks as though the team might see improvement next season. As Tony Miles concluded, "It will be a much better year if we get a couple good freshmen. We have five people returning, all starters. But right now, we're looking forward to the upcoming tournaments."

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