

PENN STATE, HARRISBURG, LADY LIONS TAKE THE COURT

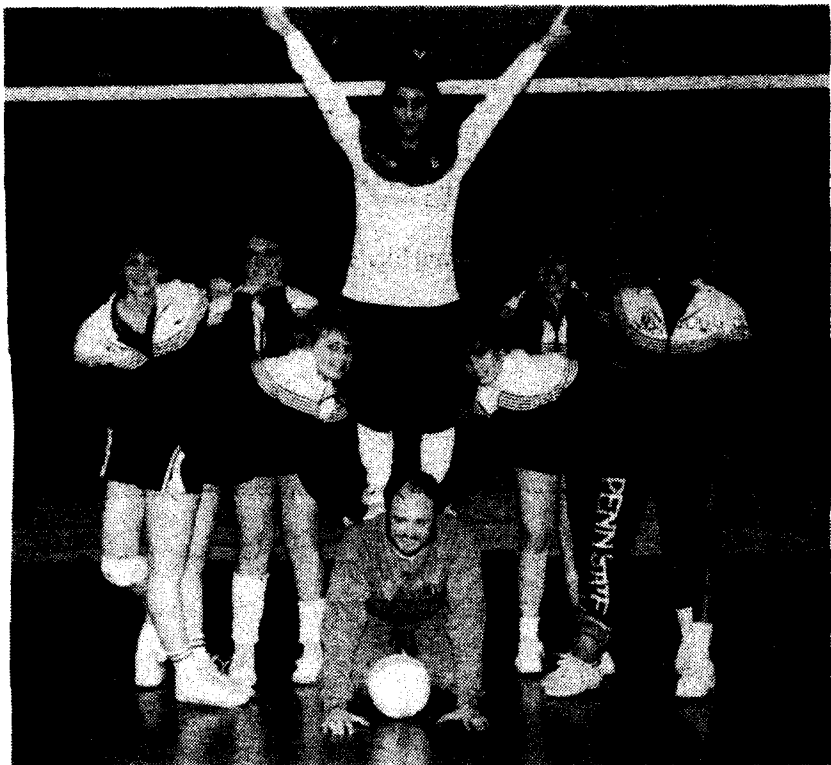
By Bernie Mixon and Kathy Kirkpatrick

Since the 1984 Summer Olympic Games, volleyball has taken the country by storm. Previously a "West Coast" phenomenon, volleyball is becoming popular in East Coast colleges. Teams are sprouting up in numbers. This is the case at Penn State, Harrisburg.

Members of the women's varsity volleyball team are: Becky Aaron, Kim Ahner, Theresa Berezansky, Selma Chehouri, Su Gibson, Eileen Heckman, Kathy Kirkpatrick, and Stephanie Thomas. The women practice on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. The practices consist of refining all aspects of the game.

The Penn State, Harrisburg, women's volleyball team is presently ranked fourth in their conference. The volleyball team was invited to participate in the Keystone Area Conference Tournament on October 24 in Wilmington, Delaware. This is the Lady Lions' last match of the season.

Photo by Kyle Weaver



Women's Volleyball team. From Left, Su Gibson, Kathy Kirkpatrick, Kim Ahner, Eileen Heckman, Theresa Berezansky, Stephanie Thomas, Selma Chehouri at top, and Coach Dave Hume at bottom.

Soccer Team Praised for Season Effort

By Cindi Greenawalt

The 1987 regular soccer season is nearing an end. Following the victory over York on October 19, the team's record was four wins and four losses.

After two years as a club, the team received National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) status. Under the tutelage of new head coach David Edu, former University Park soccer player, and assistant coach Ed Trunk, professor of mechanical engineering, the team anticipates winning the Keystone Athletic Conference championship.

"The team's improvement needs to be commended," said Edu. Their training started late in the season and there wasn't enough time to prepare them before the season started. At their level of play right now, Edu feels they can beat any other team in the league.

"David is trying to instill in them a high level attitude," said Duane Crider, coordinator of athletics and recreation operations. "Their visual and mental image of themselves has to be high. Think you are the best and you will have a tendency to be much better than you normally would be. That is what David is accomplishing on the field and that could be seen on Saturday [October 10]," said Crider.

Saturday the team defeated Cabrini (1-0), last year's district and area champions who went into regional playoffs, according to Crider. It was the realization of one of the team's goals for the season, not only because they were defending champions, but because of unsportsmanlike conduct and rough play last year, said Team Captain Kim Mazar. "At least we won with some class," he said.

Another team goal is to have a winning season, the first in six or seven years, according to Mazar. Their schedule includes two more games.

"Those two games will determine whether or not they go on to the Keystone playoffs and at what level they advance," said Crider. If they win the Keystone tournament, they will advance to the NAIA District 19 tournament in Milwaukee. That is one

of Edu's goals for the team.

Another of Edu's goals, to have an undefeated season, could have been realized if they had worked together at the beginning of the season. Starting three weeks into the regular season, Edu said the team was not prepared for Dickinson and Easton, both four year schools with recruiting and scholarship programs. An early loss to Valley Forge was because of a confidence problem. "They should have beaten them," said Edu. The Gallaudet team of hearing impaired men had an effect on the team. "The handicapped situation created problems, and Gallaudet used it to their advantage," said Edu.

Had their training started on time, Edu said the team would be undefeated. On a scale of 1 to 10, Edu rates them at eight, which is high praise from a coach who holds his praise until the end of the season.

When he accepted the coaching position, he expected to work on strategy, assuming the players were familiar with the game. Finding some who had never played before or who started playing in college, he had to concentrate on individual skills, basic moves, plays, trapping and kicking the ball.

Edu expects 110 percent from each man every time he goes out to play and he said he's getting it. "If there's a weak link or a morale problem, it can influence the rest. Everyone is everyone else's keeper."

"The team has come a long way," said Edu. "Credit goes to the veterans for holding up the offensive and defensive part of the team. Trunk and Crider deserve a lot of credit for their support and help in all aspects of the program."

"The team has a nice personality," said Crider. "Our soccer team is an example of a nice team to follow throughout the season. If you see a contest, it'll be exciting and interesting."

"We enjoy playing soccer," said Mazar. "We can get serious when it's time to be serious, but we're out there to have fun; we're out there to play soccer."

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1987 Penn State Harrisburg Soccer Team before a game with Cabrini College. Penn State won the game 1-0.

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