

Sports

Volleyball:

Good Vibrations

Photo by Joe Kupec

By Derrick Stokes

Gooooood, Gooooood, Good Vibrations. The Beach Boys classic is blasting from the stereo and images of sand, sun, and sport -- particularly volleyball -- come to mind.

Wake up my friends, you're in central Pennsylvania and autumn is upon us.

You can't have your sun. But you can have your sport.

Volleyball season begins at Penn State Harrisburg.

The team begins its quest on Sept. 17 at Beaver College.

After last year's dreadful season, optimum is running high.

Following a 1-7 losing campaign, there's no place to go but up.

"Last year's team was basically a pick-up team," said Captain Kathie Kirkpatrick.

"There was not enough dedication last year," she said.

Senior Kim Ahner echoed those comments.

"We played for fun, rather than to win," said Ahner. "We should have a decent team this year."

This year's team looks promising. Five poised and experienced seniors are returning from last year's squad ready to help out newer players.

Although team spirit and morale is apparently up this year, optimism cannot overcome physical limitations. The team's tallest player is only 5'8".

"We have the ability to play defense but height is a determining fact," said Kirkpatrick.

"We need height; girls who can block," said Coach Dave Hume.

Entering his third year, Hume is finally starting to build a program here.

In his first year, he couldn't find enough players for the team.

Last year, his second, the team won a single game. He called it a "major achievement in itself."

"We're continually making progress," he said.

Although the team only practices five nights a week, the players' class and work schedules have to be taken into consideration, Hume said.

"It's a realistic approach," he said.

Lack of interest and difficulty in recruiting continues to be a stumbling block. Penn State Harrisburg loss many athletes to University Park, Hume said.

He said he is planning to contact volleyball coaches at Penn State commonwealth campuses in an attempt to recruit bigger, better athletes. Until then, he can rely on Selma Chehouri.

According to teammates, Chehouri almost single-handedly organized last year's team.

"I wanted to play badly but they [the team] didn't have enough girls to play," she said.

Her determination on and off the court won her the team's **Hustle Award**.

"We'll win half [of] our games," Chehouri said.

Well, it worked for Joe Nameth in Super Bowl III.



Coach David Hume (left) and Tracy Nystrom at volleyball practice.

Are You Responsible For Killing The Roos?

You may be perpetuating the slaughter of nearly three million kangaroos in Australia this year.

What do you have to do with roos?

Kangaroos are hunted mainly for their pelts, which are turned into a high-quality leather and made into, among other things, sport shoes.

Faced with a Greenpeace-organized boycott in Europe, many sport shoe manufacturers, including Nike, Puma and New Balance have dropped kangaroo leather from their sneakers.

However, Adidas continues to use kangaroo leather in its promotional shoes, which it gives to professional athletes and school athletic programs.

After the success in Europe, Greenpeace is turning its attention to the American market.

The United States is the world's largest importer of finished kangaroo products and the third largest importer of new kangaroo products.

Targeting both running shoe manufacturers and the U.S. legislature, Greenpeace hopes to pressure the Australians to curtail the kill by drying up the American market for kangaroo goods.

The Australian kangaroo hunt is the largest slaughter of wild mammals in the world.

In addition to the commercial hunt of more than 2,900,000 roos for 1988, an estimated one million roos will be gunned down outside the government quota.

Seven species of kangaroos have already become extinct and 12 others are considered endangered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

For more information on Greenpeace's efforts to save the kangaroo population, contact the editor in W-337.

Tennis, Anyone?

Well, this is it ladies — the beginning of our 1988 Penn State Harrisburg Women's Tennis season! We are trying to form a team, so if you've been playing for two years or two months, we need you! All you have to do is call Joyce Povey at 948-6421 and we can schedule a meeting so that we can plan our matches. So make that call and become a part of the Penn State Harrisburg spirit!

PSH Athletics Are Suitable for All

By Tara A. McKinstry

Sound mind, sound body.

The Penn State Harrisburg Athletic Department can help with the second part of this familiar adage.

Duane Crider, director of the athletic department, said there are three types of athletic programs on campus: varsity teams, clubs and intramurals.

Intramurals include both organized activities and open recreational activities.

Organized, one-time events such as the upcoming Frisbee/Beach Volleyball Day at the residence halls, can turn into regularly scheduled events if enough interest is expressed.

For example, last year, table tennis grew from four to 16 people. Women's volleyball grew out of one person's interest, into a 16-person team.

Crider encourages anyone with an interest to stop in and see if it could become a scheduled activity.

Open recreational activities include ping pong, pool, racketball, free-play basketball and the weight room.

In the future, students wishing to use the weight room will be required to view a tape concerning safety regulations.

There are six varsity teams on campus: baseball, basketball, soccer, women's volleyball, golf and tennis.

Varsity players receive no physical education credits or scholarship awards. However, they are recognized at an athletic awards banquet at the end of the year.

Anyone interested in playing baseball or soccer for the 1988-89 season should contact Duane Crider in the Recreation & Athletic Department at 948-6266.

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