

SPORTS

Baseball team in fall training

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Baseball coach Gary Pritegard is in need of a few more baseball players for his fall scrimmage schedule.

Presently the coach has fifteen players out for the eight-game fall schedule, and he would like to double that amount.

Pritchard has five returning players this year, along with these are four new players that he recruited while the team was on its spring training trip to Florida this year.

The third year, the coach feels it's a shame more players don't come out for the team.

"It's a good way to make some good friends and to play some good ball" Pritchard said.

Pritchard said Penn State Harrisburg has one of the nicest fields in the conference.

After the fall sacrimage schedule, the team looks foward to its trip down south next year for a week long spring training schedule. This year's trip probably will include a two-day stop over in North Carolina.

The team practices every day at 5 p.m. on the field east of Olmsted building. The coach invites students to bring their gloves and give the game a try.

Pritchard will be taking players until right before the first scrimmage game on Sept. 17.

When they return from spring training, the Lions will begin a 24-game spring schedule of baseball.

This Lady Lion roars from the Den



photo by Denina C. Benson

Mary Alice "Harv" Pittman, the cook in the Lion's Den made her first hole-in-one August 24 after three months of golfing. The event took place at the Spring Creek Golf Club in Hershey. Harv used a five iron on the par-three 120-yard fourth hole. Witnesses were Lois Cochran and Jan Morrow.

Hank's pen rambles sports update

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In recent days, sports across America have been quite busy. Let's see if we can catch up on things....

Pete Rose is gone from baseball but he bets he'll be back soon.... Jim McMahon is no longer a Bear, now he is Charging up the lackluster San Diego offense... Nolan Ryan picked up career strikeout No. 5,000 in striking out Ricky Henderson. Ricky will remember that 90-plus miles-per-hour fastball for a long time.... Good news for little league baseball, a little league team from Conneticut, USA., ended South Korea's three year reign as Little League World Series champions. This brought the trophy home for the first time in six years... Football wives beware, both college and pro football is back in action.... An era has ended, Chris Evert played her last U.S. Open match, losing to Zina Garrison after a string of dominating performances in her earlier matches.... Finally on a sad note, A. Bartlett Giamatti, Major League Baseball Commissioner, died of a massive heart attack. A new commissioner is yet to be named.

Penn State Football: just the facts

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Football:

Fact: Five Penn State opponents are ranked in the top 25 this year.

Fact: Two of Penn States opponents were serious contenders for the national championship.

Fact: Penn State is coming off a losing seson, going five and six last year.

Fact: Penn State is ranked 12th in the country going into this season.

Hold it! Ranked 12th, that isn't possible. What could the reason for this shocking fact be? Well, there isn't just one reason for this but several.

The biggest reason might be last year's dissapointing five and six record. Penn State having a losing record, can it be? The last time Penn State was a sub .500 team was back in the 30's! The team is out to prove last years showing was a fluke. Penn State is hungry to win and win it will.

Another big factor is the team is healthy again. Blair Thomas, #32, Penn State's Hiesman Trophy candidate, returns to pick-up where he left off in 1987 where he represented an impressive

59.4 percent of the lions rushing attack and rushed for 1,414 yards.

Thomas's 1987 rushing stats are good enough to place him third on the all time single season Penn State record books. Only Lydell Mitchell, in 1971 and former Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti have rushed for more.

In 1988 the Lions minus Thomas came up 500 yards short of the teams rushing total of 1987. So Thomas is going to be a vital factor in Penn State's success during the 1989 season.

The quarterback struggle between Tom Bill and Tony Sacca, both experienced and capable quarterbacks, also might explain some of the Lions' optimism.

Sacca filled in, after Bill went down to injuries early last season and did a good job for a first year quarterback.

With an experienced quarterback at the helm and a healthy Blair Thomas as the foundation added to the sour taste last years losing season to draw upon, the Lions look ready to do some damage in their schedule.

Turn to the Capital Times to keep track of the Nittany Lions this season.

NOTE: Penn State lost it's Sept. 9 season opener to Virginia, 14-6.

PSH sports schedules

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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| SEPT. | 19 | TUES. | BEAVER | 7 p.m. | H |
| | 21 | THURS. | NEUMAN | 7 p.m. | A |
| | 29 | FRI. | CEADAR CREST | 7 p.m. | H |
| OCT. | 2 | MON. | ALVERNIA | 7 p.m. | H |
| | 11 | WED. (tri) | WILM/ALV | 7 p.m. | A |
| | 16 | MON. | ALVERNIA/L.B.C. | 6 p.m. | A |
| | 17 | TUES. | WILSON | 6 p.m. | A |
| | 23 | MON. | NEUMAN | 6 p.m. | H |

SOCCER

(HOME GAMES IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

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| SEPT. | 27 | WED. | BEAVER | 6 p.m. |
| | 30 | SAT. | Lancaster Bible | 1 p.m. |
| OCT. | 7 | SAT. | TOURNAMENT/PSU/ HOLY FAMILY/ COLUMBIA UNION/ MISERICORDIA | 4 - 7 p.m. |
| | 8 | SUN. | TOURNAMENT (cont.) | 1 - 3 p.m. |
| | 10 | TUE. | NYACK, NY | 6 p.m. |
| | 12 | THURS. | Columbia Union | 4 p.m. |
| | 14 | SAT. | Misericordia | 1 p.m. |
| | 18 | WED. | VALLEY FORGE CC | 6 p.m. |
| | 24 | TUE. | Washington Bible | 3: 30 p.m. |
| | 28/29 | | KAC Playoffs | TBA |