

SPORTS

Athletes Welcome Alumni, Honor Fallen Graduate

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On Saturday, October 13th, Penn State Harrisburg's baseball and soccer alumni returned for the 2nd annual baseball and 3rd annual soccer games to battle it out with this year's teams.

Both Games were sponsored by the PSH Athletic Association, and both sports had a great turnout.

There were approximately 20 baseball alumni present and almost an equal number of soccer alumni. Altogether, there were over 100 participants involved in the event.

Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, the baseball team was unable to play their predecessors.

However, according to Marshall Walters, baseball's Student Representative to the Athletic Association, flag football and 2 on 2 basketball were used as substitute events.

The soccer team won 3-1 in a game that soccer Head Coach Mark Ashley described as "fun." "Everyone was just out for fun. Half of our starters didn't play due to injuries," Ashley added, "but there was a good turnout of players, alumni, and spectators."

Prior to the sports activities, Clem Gilpin conducted a Memorial Service for Frank Kelly, a 1988 graduate who was killed in an automobile accident on June 2nd of this year.

Frank was a Management major from Stone Ridge, NY, who played baseball for PSH during the '87-'88 season. He was Student Representative to the Board of Directors of the Athletic Association, and attended Ulster County Community College before coming to PSH.

The Athletic Association dedicated this year's baseball season to Frank and presented a memorial plaque to his parents and to the school. Sympathies and condolences were extended to his family during the ceremony.



photo by D. Walters

Students get high on Mother Nature

Marshall Walters (senior-humanities/business) intrepidly scales the face of a cliff at a popular climbing area near Bellefonte, Pa., while Ted Lankay (senior-humanities/business) belays from below. Rockclimbing along with spelunking, hiking and skiing are some of the many fresh-air activities that members of the PSH Outdoors Club take part in. The club meets every other Thursday at 1:00 in room E-339. Anyone interested in becoming a member is encouraged to stop by.

The Personal Defense Club Challenges "You"

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The newest, fastest growing club on campus is ready to take on the entire Penn State Harrisburg community.

The Personal Defense Club, which meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 in the CUB, is planning three community events for the months ahead.

On Thursday, November 8, the club will host a series of free personal defense films for women. The films will be shown at 8:00 pm in the CUB.

Also, before the end of the semester the PDC will hold an Intermural Kata Tournament for all its members.

Then on February 23rd, 1991 Master Rod Sochronaski, a 10th degree blackbelt, will visit the campus to conduct a personal defense clinic for members of the PDC.

"I'm pleased to see a disciplined club such as this organized in our community," states PSH Athletic Director Duane Crider, "It greatly adds to the diversity of our campus programming."

Head Instructor John Kerecz, a representative of the Juko-Kai Shorin-Ryu Karate division states, "The aims of the PDC are to develop a personal defense awareness, increase strength and flexibility, and just plain have fun."

Club members are given the opportunity to earn belts or a diploma in self defense through the organization; both of which are approved by three 10th degree Masters registered in Okinawa.

Skill levels range from absolute novices to veterans like 2nd degree blackbelt, Eric Neissner, and 1st degree blackbelt, Al Pautz.

Club President Dave Opalka and Vice President Joe Zbech are actively looking for new members and new ways of improving the club. They encourage all interested individuals to attend a PDC meeting and see what they're all about.

Female Reporters Invade Locker Room Privacy

"J" the Greek
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Most of you sports fans on campus — you five know who you are — have heard plenty about the Lisa Olson and Sam Wyche locker room episodes.

The Olson saga was unfortunate because it seems to me that she was ogling objects other than her pad and pen.

I want to concentrate on the situation which occurred a couple of weeks ago in the Cincinnati Bengals' locker room.

Cincinnati Coach Sam Wyche did not allow a female reporter to enter their locker room immediately following a Monday Night Football game. Journalists from all over the country blasted Wyche for violating the NFL's Locker Room "equal access" Rules. Then NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue fined Wyche almost \$30,000

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— Mark Jordan

for his actions.

Most journalists applauded the commissioner's actions -- I think it stinks.

First of all, the female reporter was allowed to speak with quarterback Boomer Esiason, the only player she wanted to talk with, as soon as he showered and dressed, and she was still the first reporter to get an interview out of Esiason. What more could she want?

Secondly, and most important, is that Wyche was trying to make a point.

Many players do not feel at ease walking around naked with strange women in the room (My buddy Seibs actually likes and practices this, but that's a story for another time).

Other sports, such as tennis, set up interview rooms where players can talk to the media after they are done in the locker room.

My friend Jimbo sure wouldn't mind interviewing Gabriela Sabatini in her locker room, and if that happened I'm not so sure that there wouldn't be a

female uproar (especially after the pictures were made public).

Anyway, the NFL should do something. Sam Wyche has hinted that something has to be done. If not, another Lisa Olson case is in waiting.

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I don't think Paul Tagliabue should have to tax his mind like that. Other leagues have done something about this problem.

Women do belong in the field of sports journalism, as long as they're done with all of the household cleaning and cooking. And Commissioner, I hope that none of them get subjected to what happened to Lisa Olson, ever again. Unless of course, they actually enjoy it.