

# Giv hopes for Christmas miracles

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Christmas time will soon be upon us, and every boy and girl will be asking Santa for a doll or a fire truck. However, for us sports fans, Santa could be much busier trying to fulfill our Christmas list. Here is my list of Christmas wishes. I want:

-- an undisputed top-ranked college football team after the New Year's Day bowls.

-- a college football playoff system to be implemented. Of course, then there would be a controversy over who makes the playoffs, but I wish for a clear cut way to determine that too.

-- East Carolina, who may finish 11-1, to finish in the top 10 of one of the final polls.

-- no rookie in any sport to be allowed

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to make over \$750,000 during his first year, and the athlete shouldn't be allowed to sign an extension for more money until the year is completed.

-- Eric Lindros to sign an NHL contract.

-- Herschel Walker to sign with a running-oriented offense so we can see if his college and USFL days were a fluke.

--gold medals to be given to Magic

Johnson and the olympic team.

-- Pete Rose to be on the Hall of Fame ballot.

-- the two major league newcomers, the Colorado Rockies and the Miami Marlins, to win 55 games each next summer.

-- one of the four NBA expansion teams to make the playoffs.

-- an outdoor stadium for the Saints so they can shoot off fireworks.

-- Kent Hrbek to win the WWF belt for his antics at the World Series.

-- no AstroTurf in baseball or football stadiums. If we can put a man on the moon, we can grow grass indoors or find a good substitute.

-- a 1992 World Series that has the excitement of the 1991 Braves-Twins series.

-- Penguins coach Bob Johnson to make a healthy return to the NHL.

-- the Sacramento Kings to win a road game in 1992.

-- an NHL crackdown on fighting. First time offenders receive a 10-minute penalty, second-time repeaters get a game suspension and third-time fighters are given a 5-game suspension.

-- a World Series appearance for the following teams in the next five years: the Mariners, Indians, Astros and Cubs.

-- the "tomahawk chop" to expand to Cleveland.

-- a baseball coach for PSH.

I hope Santa can grant me some of my Christmas wishes, even just one of them. Until next semester...May all your homers be game winners in the ninth inning.

## Volleyball team digs EIVA shot

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Penn State Harrisburg is once again offering club volleyball for all students who wish to play competitively and haven't joined the varsity women's team for one reason or another.

The club is divided into two sections. The first section consists of male and female students who like to bump the ball around and play against fellow students. The second section is compiled of men who make up the varsity club team.

President Mark Fontanilla said the reason there is no varsity men's team at the college is because none of the neighboring colleges have gone varsity. However, Fontanilla has high hopes for this team.

"We are hoping to get into a club division," Fontanilla said, "which is the highest a men's team can go right now."

Fontanilla added that the men's team is planning to join the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) which is the governing body for volleyball on the east coast.

The current men's team, which consists of eight players, has been practicing in case of the move to the EIVA. Recently the club played in a tournament at Shippensburg University. Nine other teams competed in the tourney, and the Penn State Harrisburg team placed fourth in their pool.

Fontanilla also said that seven of the eight players are seniors this year and team members are strongly needed for the team next year.

People who are not interested in the men's club team, can play Sunday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Capital Union Building. This squad currently has 17 members, but new players are always welcome.

The club fee for joining either volleyball squad is \$2. Anyone interested in becoming a member of one of the teams should contact Fontanilla at 948-0186.

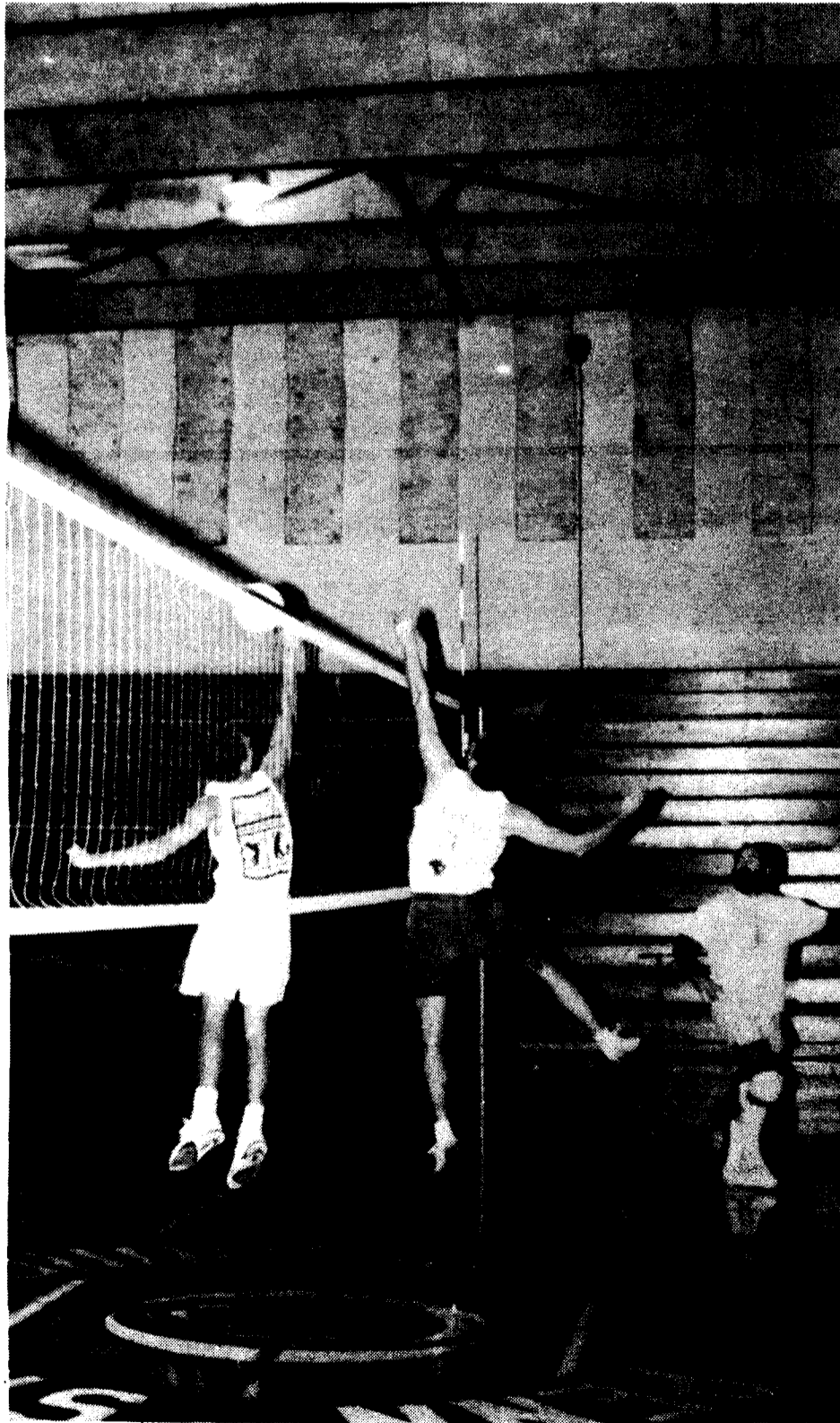


Photo by Mike Starkey

Mike Brady (center) spikes the ball over the head of opponent Chris McGovern as a teammate looks on. The club meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday nights in the Capital Union Building gym. Membership fee is \$2 to join.

## Dugout Doodles

SubMITT answers to the CAPITAL TIMES office in W-341 by Dec. 6. Please include your name, address, phone number and major. This issue's winner will receive a pack of 1991 Fleer Ultra baseball cards and a pack of 1991 Fleer Ultra football cards, donated by Birmingham Baseball Cards.

Identify the people who were given the following nicknames:

1. Mr. October
2. Say Hey Kid
3. Georgia Peach
4. Splendid Splinter
5. Penguin
6. Campy
7. Scooter
8. Tom Terrific
9. Hendu
10. Iron Fist

EXTRA INNING: Name the avian who consulted spheres.

## Last Issue's Answers

- The following are the answers from the Nov. 4 issue:
1. Bobby Bonds is the most times a member of the 30-30 club (HRs and steals, season).
  2. Jose Canseco is the only member of the 40-40 club (HRs and steals, season).
  3. Babe Ruth is the only member of the 40-700 club (pitching victories and HRs, career).
  4. Pete Rose is the only member of the 4000-1 club (hits and tax evasion convictions).
  5. Denny McClain is the only member of the 30-1 club (single season victories and career drug smuggling convictions).
  6. Jose Canseco is the only member of the 100-1 club (RBI and nights spent at Madonna's).
  7. Joe DiMaggio is the only member of the 50-1 club (consecutive game hitting streak and failed marriages to Marilyn Monroe).
  8. Ty Cobb is the only member of the 4100-1 club (career hits and times admitted betting on own team).
  9. Roger Clemens is the only member of the \$5,000,000-1 club (single season salary and times ejected from playoff game for abusive language).

The winner of the Nov. 4 Dugout Doodles was Grant R. Magar, an information systems major from York.