

Mont Alto Cheerleading Tryouts a Success

By Shea Greenland
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Cheerleading tryouts were held on October 18th & 19th from 8-10 p.m. in the MAC Building.

There was a pretty good turnout of about 50 men and women. The ladies were scored on their ability to cheer, jump, tumble, and "spirit,"

which is the excitement they had after each cheer, or pretty much anything they did. This was based on a score sheet of 100 points total, and to be on the squad you had to get a score of at least 70.

People in groups of three were chosen by randomly assigned numbers to show off their talent in front of two judges. The judging table consisted of our current

cheerleading coach, Christina Yoder, and cheerleading advisor, Holly Cieri. Cieri was also the coach of PSU's cheerleading squad last year.

The men only had to show stunting ability to find their place on the squad. This may seem unfair but every cheerleader understands that guys are used for their strength and not for their

ability to cheer, jump, or dance their butts off, so to speak. When asked about the tryouts, Mont Alto campus cheerleading captain, Staci Chamberlain, said, "Men lift weights, cheerleaders lift people," because they are the strongest ones on our team. They are the shadow of the squad because they aren't really seen or noticed until needed, but they are always

prepared to do their job, and are ready and willing to do just about anything that is asked of them. These guys have no fear because if they do then someone is probably going to get hurt.

When asked about how anxiety played a role after the tryouts, Staci remarked, "I was very stressed and getting very impatient, and I just wanted to see the results!"

Serving up the 2006 Mont Alto Tennis Season

By Julius Little
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As the 2006 sports season opened, our Penn State Mont Alto Tennis team came into the year with their heads held high and ready to take on a difficult season.

Led by their coach, Mr. Alan Smith, who has been coaching since 1983, our Tennis team was looking for a new beginning. Although last season was a bit rough for the team and they finished 2-8 they have no doubts or regrets. Coach Alan Smith was

happy with the team's progress last year, considering that there were a lot of beginners, but they had warmed up to the sport and were ready to go this season. The one problem that the team did have was its shortage in female players.

There were only two ladies on the team this year and due to that unfortunate fact the team has to forfeit two games. Coach Smith said that the team bonded well and they all pushed each other to do well. He also mentioned that there is not one person who assumes the role of leader, but that the team was cohesive and played as a team.

The Tennis team had a hard battle this season dealing with injuries and dual sports players created tough situations, and in some events, forfeit. Unfortunately this season didn't end with good looks on paper. The team lost all of its games, but not without competition. Our Tennis team gave every opponent a run losing a lot of close matches ending with 5-4. The team has one more tournament to end the season at University Park. The coach and the team are ready for this tournament and will go there with high hopes and an unbroken confidence, ready to win.

Penn State and the Big 10 Wrap Up

By Justin Zickar
Editor

With the 2006 College Football season closing, this year has been full of many upsets, shocks and disappointments in the Big 10 conference.

It comes to many as a shock that the AP Polls harbored, at times, four ranked college football teams from the Big 10 Conference throughout the 2006 season. However it may not come to a surprise that Ohio State and Michigan rose to the top in polls throughout recent weeks. Their

dominating football teams kept for an interesting race as well as a great game when the two teams battled on November 18th in Columbus, Ohio.

Penn State on the other hand kept a mediocre season, and will subsequently make it into a bowl game later in the year. Although the season may be over shadowed by Joe Paterno's sideline accident, next year will presumably be a better year. Next year, Anthony Morelli will have more confidence as well as experience as quarterback. Plus, Penn State's young receiving unit will still be around to help the cause.

The Big 10 Conference has certainly held up its credibility of being a winning conference and has furthermore proved that this season. The following months of bowl games, as well as next year's season, will certainly be an interesting one. Stay tuned for updates.



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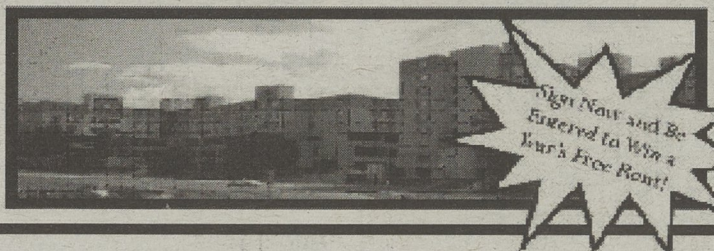
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Woodsmen's Club

By Shea Greenland
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The Woodsmen's Club recently went to competition at the Cradle of Forestry in North Carolina. They worked extremely hard and placed 2nd out of 5 teams in the end. The club feels that they are working well together as a whole this season. Much of this success of working together is credited to long time coach, Craig Houghton.

The Woodsmen's club also went to the Whitetail Ski Resort on October 21st. There they gave a

demonstration of what exactly they do. And what do the Woodsmen's Club do, you ask? They compete in 6 different events: the bolt split, axe throw, pole fill, pole climb, underhand chop, and cross-cut. They work hard learning how to effectively accomplish each of these. "Everybody gave their best effort and we pushed each other to do as well as we did," said Glenn Werner, member of the Woodsmen's Team.

When asked about their reputation the team simply replied, "We are living up to our motto, Kiss my axe!!!"