

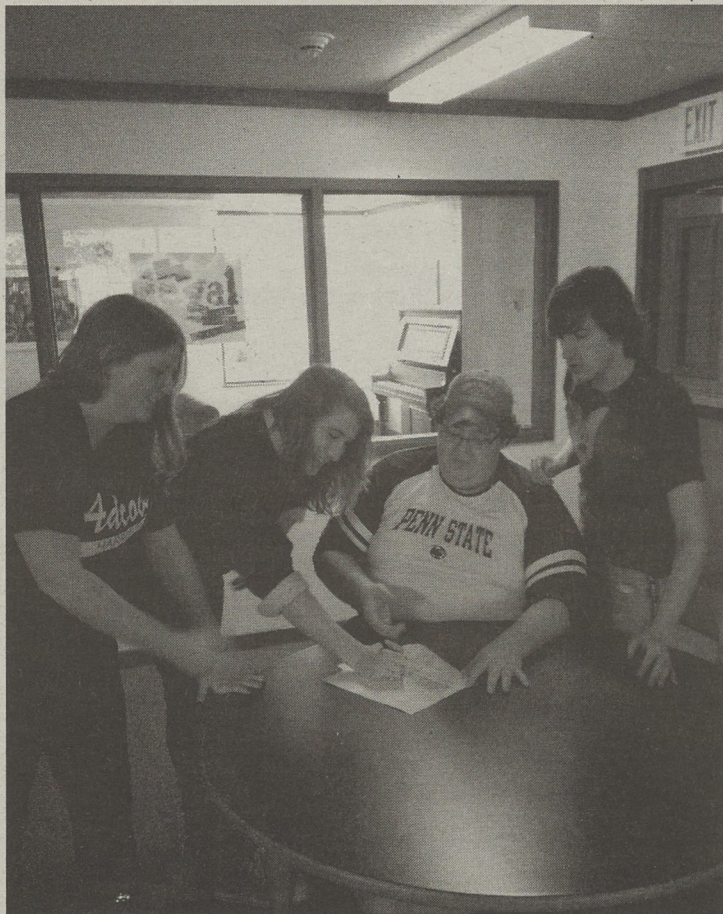
Mont Alto Students Champion

Petition

John Shaffer & Nick Pastura

Students at Penn State Mont Alto are making their opinions about the English Program's closure known. Several students from a diverse number of majors came together to collect 300 signatures for a petition. The petition was developed and written by Mont Alto Junior Coty Covert. Students collected signatures by going door to door in the residence halls and approaching students in common areas. The signatures include six professors and a staff member.

The petition is going to be sent with a letter to University President Rodney Erickson and Vice President of Commonwealth Campuses Madlyn Hanes urging them to reverse the decision. When questioned about the students' efforts, Chancellor David Gnage expressed that he was encouraged and pleased that students are taking an active role. The students hope that if they send a clear message to the University Administration that they can change what see as an injustice.



Coty Covert and Nicholas Pastura collect the signatures of Mont Alto freshmen Meghan Reilly and Brenna Musser.

Attn: The Fourth Wall is seeking writers for all sections, including Mont Alto sports, arts & entertainment, and local news. All students are welcome regardless of major. Writers are not required to submit articles on a regular basis.

You can also participate by writing in your opinions, concerns, and comments to jbs5340@psu.edu.

Volleyball

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Overall this season came with some highs and lows; here are some personal highlights of the season. Freshman outside hitter, # 8 *Olivia Murphy-Sweet*, hit a .700 hitting percentage during the home match against Schuylkill with 8 kills and 1 error on 10 attempts. # 9 *Ashlyn Blank*, a freshman outside hitter from Chambersburg, PA, had a double-double at both games during the quad match. Against Greater Allegheny she racked up a total of 20 kills and 10 digs and against Beaver she had 15 kills and 10 digs. # 2, freshman *Gretchen Robinson*, an outsider hitter, reached a personal best of 6 aces during the home match against Schuylkill. A senior middle hitter #7, *Megan Brown*, had her best game against Greater Allegheny putting down 5 kills and hitting at .263 percent along with 1 assist and 1 block. From Philadelphia, PA, sophomore middle hitter # 15, *Rageena Johnson* had a great game against Schuylkill landing a total of 2 kills and 3 aces. #3 *Chandler Coldsmith*, the team's libero, leads our team in digs, her best game was at York came out on top with 40 digs. From Mechanicsburg,

PA freshman # 13, *Chai Kline*, hit a .818 hitting percentage against Wilkes-Barre with 9 kills on 11 attempts. She also leads the team in blocking. # 12 *Mary Hackney* a right side hitter, had an overall great game against Beaver with 23 digs, 3 kills, 3 assists and 1 ace. From Biglerville, PA, sophomore setter #4, *Katrina Oyler*, leads the team in assists. Her best game was against Greater Allegheny with 37 assists, 19 digs, and 4 kills.

Assistant coach Aaron Hurley said, "I have always believed that if a team has the mindset to win and succeed on the court, the skill will fall into place." Both coaches knew that participating in playoffs was a long shot, but they never doubted the ladies ability to strive for excellence and make the top eight. The MA ladies remained confident, and their determination helped them make the USCAA playoffs.

In regard to the playoffs, Stremmel added "Experience is huge in the conference and you need a .500 record to be considered for playoffs and then they only take the top eight teams."

Hurley is most proud of the ladies ability to play the mental game of volleyball, not just

one filled with physical skill. He also said that "the Penn State College game was the most thrilling game for me because that's where the fans witness a team that was not afraid to fight!" Although each win and each loss sent the coaches on an emotional rollercoaster, one game in particular stands out for Stremmel.

Commenting on the York victory on October 3, 2012, Stremmel says that she "truly felt that this was the first time the girls played not only as a team, but as a team thriving on confidence as well."

Now, the team calls themselves the Cinderella team because they were not expected to accomplish this much. Regina Johnson comments on the end of the season stating "I'm glad about the way we came together as a team and how much I grew as a player."



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