

There's A Sport for YOU at Delco!

The sports tradition at PSU Delco is long and honorable. The intercollegiate teams have distinguished themselves over the years with numerous winning seasons, a number of division titles, and a few outstanding conference titles. Large banners now hang in the gymnasium to honor conference champion teams: soccer ('76, '83, and '89), men's tennis ('72 and '90), lacrosse ('90), and swimming ('74 and '79).

But the tradition cannot continue without you. To put championship teams on the field or court requires involvement from all students, freshmen and sophomores. And if you enjoy playing more for fun than for serious competition, think about joining one of the many intramurals. Look over the lists below, and choose your sport. Delco is waiting for you.



Fall Intercollegiate Sports

The fall season runs roughly from August through the end of October, so if you are thinking of getting involved you need to watch for signs posted on bulletin boards around campus announcing meetings, practices, and physicals. Three intercollegiate sports are offered: one for women and two for men.

Women's volleyball is coached by Robert Saba. It competes against area schools, like Delaware County Community College, Bucks County Community College, and Philadelphia Community College, as well as other Penn State campuses, including Wilkes Barre,

Mont Alto, Ogontz, Scranton, and York. The latter games are usually played at three-team tournaments. Games begin in early September, so start getting in shape!

Men's tennis, coached by Athletic Director Tiz Griffith, will be back this fall looking for another championship season. The season is short, but intensive, with most of the matches played during September while the weather is still mild. Playoff tournaments are in early October. To keep the winning tradition going, come out and offer your talents.

Men's soccer is coached by Alan Miller. After a championship season in 1989, the team had a building year last fall with only four returning players. However, the prospects look good for this year. Delco's archrival in soccer is PSU Ogontz, which has snatched the title from us in past playoffs. The season, which begins in early September, includes a number of tournaments, as well as numerous games. The championship takes place at University Park at the end of October.

WINTER Intercollegiate Sports

The winter season actually spreads out over both the fall and spring semesters. Physicals are done and practices start in mid-November. A few games are played in December before the winter break between semesters. Then the January and February calendar is full. It's a long, but exciting, season. Three sports are again offered: men's volleyball, women's basketball, and men's basketball.

Men's volleyball has enjoyed a number of outstanding seasons with coach Robert Saba. They put in many weeks of practice before the season really kicks in in late January. They compete in two conferences: a Mid-Atlantic

Collegiate Conference, which includes varsity teams from four-year schools like Villanova and University of Delaware, and the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference, which takes in the other Penn State campuses.

Women's Basketball had a strong season last year under their new coach, Ed Dale. They play a number of local community colleges, including, Bucks, Luzerne, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Delaware County, as well as the nearby PSU campuses. The opening game is usually in late November, so think now about working this sport into your fall schedule.

Men's Basketball, under head coach Bill Wiley and assistant coach Lou Tosti, has had a number of outstanding seasons. The season is intensive with two, sometimes three, games per week. But the team works hard to mold together and the results show the success of their efforts. They also compete against area junior colleges (Manor, Valley Forge) or junior varsities (Cabrini), as well as the CCAC teams.

SPRING Intercollegiate Sports

The spring season really begins in the winter in early March when the call goes out for interested participants in women's tennis, men's lacrosse, and men's baseball. The season continues through the end of April.

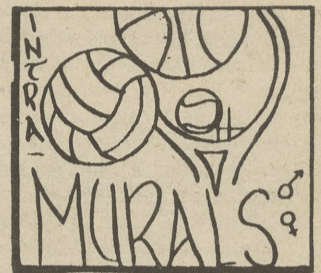
Women's Tennis could really use some support this year. Coach Tiz Griffith had to cancel the schedule last spring due to lack of interest on this campus. She's hoping for a much better turn out this year, so let her know now that you are interested.

Men's lacrosse had a "building season" last spring after a truly outstanding championship season the year before. Coach John Terrell is looking for another great season this spring. If you have in class (accounting, business) or

see him in the hall, let him know you're interested. Although it's technically a "club sport," the competition is stiff and the team could use your talents.

Men's baseball has finally ended up as a spring sport after trying out a fall season last year. The unpredictable spring weather was a factor in the switch last year, but other problems developed which caused the league to return this year to a spring schedule. Coach Jim Diskin from the math department will have a fall training and scrimmage season, though, so watch for announcements about practices and meetings.

Of course, you can also take part in any of these sports by being a fan. All the teams appreciate support from the stands or the sidelines. So check the *Lion's Eye* or *What's Happening* for the teams' schedules, and come out and cheer for the Delco Lions!



INTRAMURALS

Barbara Rostick, campus athletic trainer and intramural coordinator, says that the school will sponsor whatever intramural sports the students request. So let her know what you would like.

In the past these have included coed basketball and volleyball, softball, tennis, and tag football. But the possibilities are endless. Get some friends together and see Barbara in her office in the Commons Building to start something new.

An be warned that the faculty usually fields a team or two also!

