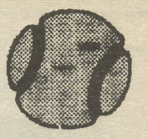




# SPORTS



Men's Basketball Team fights to reach playoffs.

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## Men's Basketball Team Hopes High for Playoffs

By Mike Doyle

With their win over PSU Berks on Monday, January 31, the Men's Basketball team stands at 6-9 overall, and 3-3 in the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference, good for fourth place.

The Lion's came out this season and won their first two games against Williamson and Manor, raising their regular season win streak to 26 games over their last two seasons. But, the loss of four starters from last year's squad finally caught up with them in their third game, when they lost to Burlington 82-84.

This season, Delco has also posted wins against PSU York, PSU Schuylkill, and Haverford's J.V. team.

Their other losses were at the hands of DCCC, PSU Hazleton, Cabrini, and PSU Ogontz twice. The Lion's split their games with Manor.

Delco's game's against PSU Mount Alto, Valley Forge, and PSU Scranton, have to be rescheduled due to last month's ice storms.

The team seems upbeat and confident about their playoff hopes. "We are very happy with our league play, and I think we have a good shot to make the playoffs," said sophomore guard and leading point scorer Jeff Danzi. "We have high hopes to make the playoffs," added John Amoroso, "although some teams might underestimate us because of our (overall) record."

## Confident Lady Lions in the Midst of a Rebuilding Year

By John Tunstall

Collegiate basketball is pure excitement, and our Lady Lions provided excitement in a incredible come-from-behind win against Penn State Ogontz on January 29. From start to finish this was to be a close game, but it was the Delco Lady Lions that prevailed in a shocking buzzer beater, 58-57. The victory was sweet revenge for Delco, who suffered a 20 point loss to Ogontz on their own home floor previously.

The game swung back and forth with neither team able to pull ahead until late in the fourth period. With 4 minutes left in the game, Ogontz began pulling away. Down 8 with just minutes remaining, the Delco Lions dug in for one last comeback. With a spread offense, working the inside outside game, our Lady Lions clawed their way back to within 1. With just seconds left, swingman Kartina Young took control of the ball, driving hard through the lane. Young banked home an off-balance layup to end an incredible game.

"This game highlights the level and potential these girls can play on," declared a jubilant first year head coach Mary Varno. "We have blended into a team. Each girl understands her role to win. In the mist of a rebuilding year, winning a close game like the Ogontz game builds confidence and

valuable game time experience."

The girls had come out of the gate slowly losing 5 straight. "The start was bleak, but the team has held together," explained assistant coach Ron Freeman. The Lady Lions have come together as a team, winning 3 of their last 4 matchups. "I feel every game is definitely winnable," stated a confident sophomore guard Collen O'Malley.

However, a student athlete has much more to deal with than just wins and losses. "Hey, winning is not everything," said Coach Freeman. "The girls are here for an education first. My players are like daughters to me; my job is to mold and develop them into good human beings." The classroom is definitely one place where this team is winning consistently. Most of the girls team sport an above 3.0 grade average. Basketball and brains? Impressive stuff.

Energy and intensity best describes Coach Varno. As a former Delco student athlete, she is savoring the opportunity to return to her hometown, this time as coach. Coach Varno's intensity and Coach Freeman's experience provide a great balance for an improving team. This group of girls is an exciting bunch. Catch the excitement before it is gone. Come out and support the Lady Lions at the next home game, which promises to be entertaining.

## Intramural Soccer

By Phillip Hoertz

Looking for a fun way to meet new people around campus? How about getting some exercise while doing it? Intramural soccer and basketball are a great way to do both.

Three on three basketball will soon be starting in the gym on occasional Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm. You may sign up individually or as a team of

six. Last year about 80 students played and had a great time.

A new intramural sport this year will be indoor soccer. This will be held on various Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm in the gym. The game will consist of six on six play with a maximum of eight players on a team.

If you are interested, sign up for intramural basketball or soccer in the Commons building, office 134.



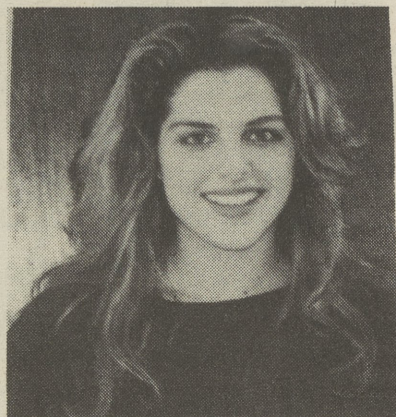
Women's Basketball Team finishing strong with Rita Varano on the foul line.

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## Should Tonya Harding Be Allowed to Skate in the Olympics?

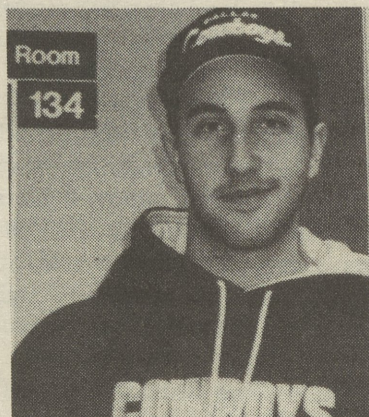


Brooke Bowden, Weight lifter — "I feel that she should not be allowed in the Olympics because she had to know about the plot to knock out Kerrigan. She made a couple of phone calls."



Jennifer Forcey, Women's Basketball Team — "Give her the benefit of the doubt and let her compete."

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John Amoroso, Men's Basketball Team — "I feel she shouldn't be allowed in because she was part of the conspiracy. She was in Kerrigan's shadows and wanted to be number one."

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Diane Desimone, Women's Basketball Team — "She is innocent until proven guilty."