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Delco (in white) closes regular season with big win 74-55 over Mt. Alto.

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Men's Varsity Baseball Scheduled Again At Delco For Fall '94

By James Foltz

Oil up that glove, loosen up that arm, and start spitting. Varsity baseball is coming back to Penn State Delco after a two year lay off. Baseball will be starting this coming fall, next semester.

Delco's men's baseball team will be playing in the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference (CCAC). A schedule of 16 to 18 games is already in the making which includes five double headers against league opponents Hazelton, Wilkesbarre, Berks, Ogontz, and Mont Alto. No coach has been hired as of yet.

It took Tiz Griffith, Instructor of Exercise and Sport Science, two years to get baseball back to Delco after the administration made drastic budget cuts which all but eliminated all sports. She has already been able to get a tennis program back, along with volleyball. Now, because of the student demand for baseball, it too is back.

Asked why the season is held in fall, rather held in spring, Griffith answered, "Traditional baseball is a spring sport, but the Commonwealth season is in fall because our "Spring" semester is not very warm. The team would be playing right now in this

weather because we have to be done by finals, which is the first week of May."

"We have a lot of good baseball players. We really want to encourage kids to come out. I hope that after all of the demand, there will be a lot of players. I hope there are twenty men to play," Griffith said.

Griffith also added that if a student has a clash with his schedule, which might cut into practice, he can still play on the team. However, the academics of a student come first. If a student is interested in playing baseball, contact Tiz Griffith in the Athletics Building immediately.



Coach Mary Varano and Assistant Coach Ron Freeman give last minute instructions to Lady Lions at a recent game.

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Playoffs Spot For Delco Men's Basketball Team

By Mike Doyle

With only two games remaining, the men's basketball team finally locked up a playoff spot and will either play PSU-Scranton or PSU-Ogontz in the first round of the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference tournament.

The Lions posted wins in the last two weeks against PSU-Mont Alto, PSU-Schuylkill, and PSU-Berks, where sophomore guard Jeff Danzi scored 45 points. Sandwiched in between those wins were losses to PSU-Scranton and The University of Pennsylvania J.V. team at the Palestra on Valentine's Day.

Playing at the Palestra meant different things to each player. "It was a great time," said John Amoroso. "I had never been there before and to play on the floor where so many great players played was incredible. There was such a great sense of history." While visions of great Big 5 match-ups of the past went through some players' minds, others weren't as impressed. "I didn't grow up around this area," said Jason Morovich, "It was just another ball game."

The Lions (11-11, 8-5) were ready for a tough challenge when the playoffs began February 28 at the opponent's home court.

Iced Out Intramurals In Jeopardy

By Meg Emhof

Yet another setback has been delivered to our campus courtesy of Mother Nature. The much-anticipated winter intramural sports program is on hold. Signs all over campus announce the bad news that "intramurals will be rescheduled to a later date."

Intramurals were supposed to have begun already, but even they could not escape the snow and ice fiasco unscathed. Because of the class cancellations, make-up classes have been scheduled during the common hour. The common hour is also when intramurals were to have taken place. Of course, class make-ups must take precedence in this situation.

Normally, the turnout for winter intramurals is quite good. Between 90 and 100 people turn out for basketball, around 30 for volleyball, and 20 for soccer. Unfortunately, these numbers would diminish drastically if the games took place any time other than the common hour. One idea was to hold the games at night, but many students have other obligations, such as work or studying.

Tiz Griffith is very skeptical about the winter intramural situation. "We're trying our best to fit them in, but it doesn't look good," she said.