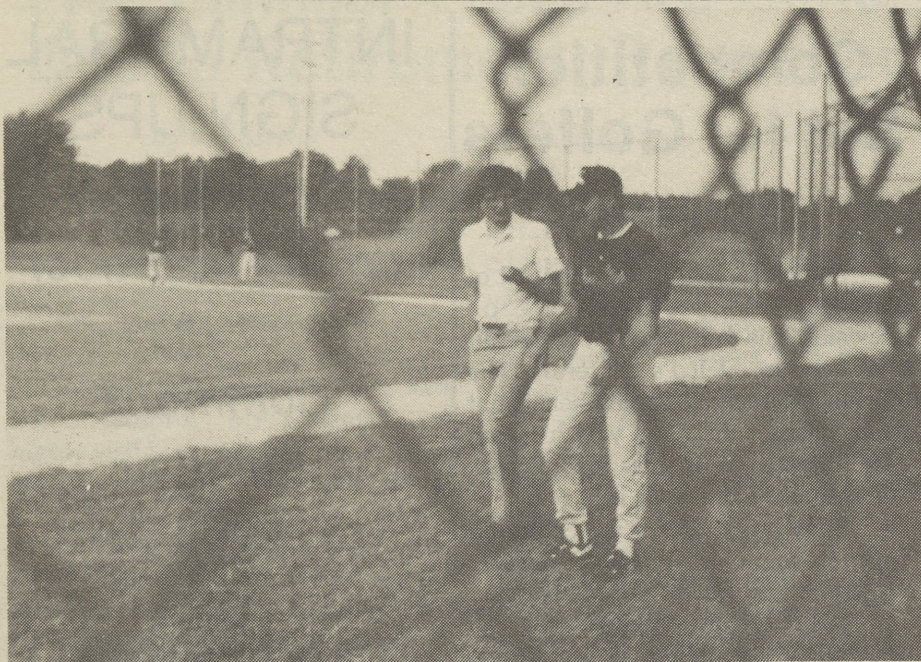


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New Varsity Baseball Coach and Delco Alumni Joe DiMaio speaks with former coach Jim Diskin.

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Coach Has High Hopes for Delco Team Tennis Season

By Janeane Aube

"Prospects look good," said Tiz Griffith, tennis team coach, about the PSU Delco 1994 tennis team.

Many new male freshmen came out for the team this year. The newcomers are Jason Loesche, Chris Jeantet, Jason Shaw, David Scheerer, Tim Calla, Carl Heller, Jim Walsh, and Tom Sibley. However, Griffith said, "Not a lot of women came out." The solo freshman female newcomer is Amy Steel.

"I really look to the team to be stronger this year," said Griffith. The 1993 team had a .500 season, but last year was also the first year that PSU Delco had a co-ed tennis team.

Returning players this year are Andy Savil, Rich Downes, Tom Pfleger, Masha Vigdorichik, Pam Erb, Elaine Weyendt, Kim England, and Nikki Gibbs.

More matches are scheduled to be played this year. Each opposing team will be played twice. Griffith has her tennis team out on the courts

five days a week practicing and drilling to improve their game. "Hopefully, when you get to the match it all comes together," said Griffith.

The players compete to fill the two men and women single spots and doubles teams. However, there are no coed double teams this year because of the difficulty of other schools getting coed teams together.

The team's schedule is as follows:

Sept. 21	PSU Ogontz	Home	3:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	PSU Schuylkill	Away	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	PSU Hazelton	Home	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	PSU Mont	Alto	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	PSU York	Home	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	PSU Ogontz	Away	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	PSU Schuylkill	Home	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	PSU Hazelton	Away	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	PSU Mont Alto	Home	2:00 p.m.

Soccer Team Enjoys Largest Turnout Ever

By Diana Desimone

New faces, new school year, and a new soccer season. This year has shown the greatest turnout of soccer players for the team that Delco has ever seen. In addition to the talented players the team also has a new coach for the '94 season. Coach Mike Pellegrino, a Penn State graduate and teacher at Penwood High School, has his hands full as far as being a first year coach and training the team to win.

The Men's Soccer team has already begun the season with a second place trophy in a tournament at PSU York and a record of 0-1 in league games. "You need to pick up the pace if you want to win," said coach Pellegrino. Players agreed and have set out to do just that.

Comparing this season to last

years squad, practices, and coaching, reveals some obvious differences. The team itself has not only grown, but the talent has grown as well. According to Pellegrino, the practices are hard and are pushing those talents to the "next level".

In a practice session some of the returning players, Bob Osborne, Bill Lavery, Diana Desimone, Steve Wiley, Jeremia Eldredge, Guidian Teklegiovgis, and Dave Winters, commented on the change. The returning players replies can be summed up by saying, "There are many differences. The hard is only part of the change, but the hard work is what makes it the game worth winning. Come and support the team on Sept. 24 at their home game against PSU York at 1:00 pm to ensure a victory!

Penn State Delco Baseball Returns by Popular Demand

Tough Season Opener | New Pitcher A Winner

By Shawn Riley

The eagerly anticipated return of Penn State Delco baseball was spoiled somewhat when the new team quickly jumped out to an 0-2 start. The scores were 13-0 and 12-1, but they hardly reflect the heart and determination this team put into those games. However, this crunching doubleheader loss on September 10th to perennial powerhouse Penn State Wilkes Barre may have lowered the team's expectations just a bit.

"It's tough to lose like that, but we can rebound from it. We've got a lot of games left to play yet this season," Assistant Coach Jerry Dugan said after game two.

Coach DeMaio added, "We played like a new team in those games. Our defense was severely lacking. We just aren't playing the way we should be right now, which can be expected after a long layoff I guess."

Just for the record, pitcher Kevin Snow recorded the first RBI of the season for Delco with a fielder's choice in game two. A fan at the game may have had a good point when he said "Hopefully there will be a lot more where that came from or it could make for a long season."

Penn State finishes off their schedule with a game at home versus Neumann tomorrow, a doubleheader next Tuesday at Berks, and yet another doubleheader next Friday at Philadelphia Community College. Next Friday's game is the last one scheduled for the men's baseball team this fall.

By Shawn Riley

Despite a lengthy baseball strike in the major leagues, there will be baseball here at Penn-State Delco this fall for the first time in several years. "Popular demand from both the current students and the faculty really helped bring the team back," Athletic Director "Tiz" Griffith said.

The team will be coached by twenty-four year old Joe DeMaio. His humor and youthful enthusiasm should make him a good fit with this baseball squad.

Among other standout players on the team he inherits Kevin Snow, a starting pitcher with a long list of credentials. He has played three years at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield and one at Sun Valley High. Additionally, he was selected by the Delco West All-Star team for play in the Senior Babe Ruth league this past June.

"It was quite an honor. Out of a hundred players trying out they only took eighteen guys, and I was one of them," Snow said. This Delco West team beat out teams from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia to make it to the Senior Babe Ruth World Series in Wharton, Texas last month. "Playing in the World Series against the best competition in amateur baseball was a great experience for me as well as my teammates," Snow said.

Surely it was, but will this "experience" translate to success during fall baseball at Delco?

"Coach DeMaio and the rest of us are very optimistic about the upcoming season, especially since baseball hasn't been played here in four seasons," Snow said. "We would ideally like to get a quick jump on the competition by winning a couple of games early in the season," Snow added. Coach DeMaio agreed, "With such a short season all the games are equally important, even the ones in the beginning".

The team plays a total of fourteen regular season games with the playoffs for the regional championship slated to begin on October 3rd.

New Gym Hours:

The gym and exercise/weight room is open at the following times during fall semester:

DAY TIME HOURS:
Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 3 PM

EVENING HOURS
Tuesday-Thursday, 7 - 10 PM



Jeff Pollock, Student Activities Committee Chair, sets up to make a shot at Beach Volleyball.

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