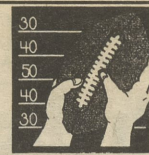




# Sports



## Intramurals In Full Swing

By Bill Raymond

It's 12:20. Your class is over and yet again you are faced with a situation that has become one of the most difficult and depressing dilemmas that a student like yourself has to face on a daily basis.

You don't have class again for at least another hour. You've done just enough homework that you can get away with sounding like you know what you're talking about, should the teacher call on you. You could go over to the library and act as if you are one of the most studious people on campus, but really, how many times can you look at the Jenny McCarthy home page before you realize you have no shot.

There's always the new and improved cafeteria, but the Fruit Loops you ate a few hours ago aren't sitting well, and you think they might figure out that you aren't really a food critic. You're just the person who sits by themselves and makes abstract art with ketchup, napkins, and left over french fries.

There is one thing I failed to mention. It involves getting to know a lot of people, having a lot of fun, and actually becoming physically fit while doing it. No, we are not opening an arcade. One word: INTRAMURALS.

Vince Screnci, the student director of intramurals, makes the decision short and sweet for you. "There is no excuse for people to say there is nothing to do on this campus. It's a great way to meet people and a great way to get a release from class and school work."

The lineup for spring intramurals is one of the biggest ever on this campus. There are team sports, individual sports, coed teams, and even non-competitive sessions. Anyone who wants to be involved can be, no matter the size, strength, or sex. You could sign up by yourself, or if you and your high school friends want to relive the past glories, sign up a whole team. The competition as well as the competitors, are both friendly and serious at the same time.

Currently, aerobics is taking place (MWF 12:30) in the back gym. Aerobics is non-competitive, and will last through most of the semester. It is being run by several members of the faculty, including Barb Rostick, Dick Barret, and Joe Biscontin.

Of the two indoor sports slated for the spring, basketball is the first to start (about the time this is published, so hurry up!). The teams for basketball will be 3 on 3, and there must be at least one woman on every team. Indoor soccer, a sport very much on the rise in this area, will begin once basketball has ended.

As soon as the weather permits, intramurals will bring in the spring with three outdoor sports. Beach volleyball, street hockey, and singles and doubles tennis will be a great way to usher in the fresh, warm air, and see the horizon that is the end of the semester and summer vacation.

So this is your chance. Come out and enjoy the competition and camaraderie with your fellow students, or sit alone and make happy faces in your sloppy joes. The choice is yours.



Faculty, staff and students enjoy aerobics Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during common hour under the leadership of Kathy Lau (4th semester, 2 EBA).

## Heavy Hearts, Hard Games; Men's Hoops Need Support

By Bill Raymond

They are a good team. They are fundamentally sound, they practice hard, and they put out maximum effort night in and night out. Despite all this, the men's varsity basketball team are also a struggling team.

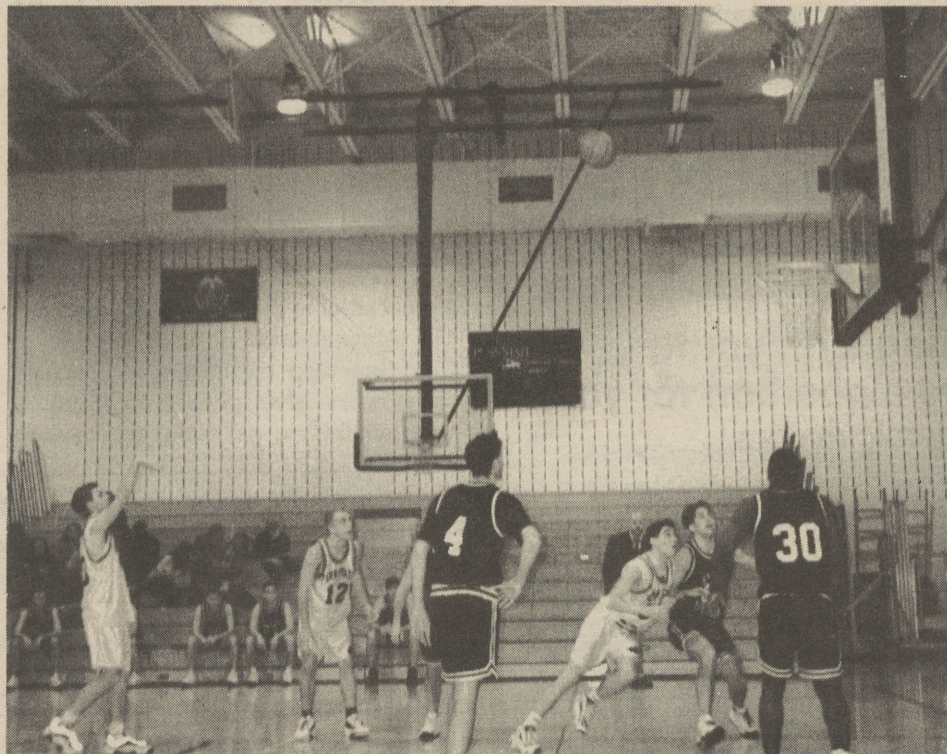
Dave Fisher, assistant coach and former player (1989-91), has seen this before. "I've seen a lot of teams around here, and this group of guys has the ability to be as good as any of them. We just seem to hit a rut in every game."

Make that 11 ruts in 12 games. With the season halfway over the men's basketball team enters the

stretch run with a 1-11 overall record, and 1-7 in the Commonwealth Campus League.

Head coach Bill Wiley, for one, thinks the team can turn it around. "We stayed with every team in the Commonwealth Conference. We just can't get one game to go our way."

With eight games left (as of February 5) and no team running away from the others, this team is far from dead. With a few breaks and a couple of balls bouncing their way, a successful season, and even a playoff spot, is not out of the question. Dave Fisher knows that as well as anyone. "We've been there before. We've done it before. These guys can do it again."



Chris Eggleston shoots a foul shot up recently at a men's basketball game.

## Men's Volleyball Returns Stronger Than Ever

By JoAnne Johnson

The Men's Volleyball Club is looking forward to one of its strongest seasons ever.

Returning as coach for a second year is athletic trainer, Matt Clark, who is "very enthusiastic about this season."

The volleyball club has had a successful history, placing second out of all Penn State campuses three times in the past six years.

This year's club has five key returnees from last season, including captains Rob McCoy, Mark Eiesle, not to mention Mike Izzi, Tom Pflieger, and Alex Tran. There was also an exceptional turnout of thirteen new players.

The coach plans on dividing the team. The "A" team will be the tournament team, who will attend the University Park Invitational on April 20. The "B" team will scrimmage with other colleges for game and practice

## Lady Lions Fight Back

By Mary Doolittle

To win or not to win? That seems to be the question frequenting the minds of the players, coaches, and even spectators of this season's women's basketball team. With high hopes and a lot of heart, the team has the court, but with a record of 1-13 the Lady Lions have a long way to go in order to earn a standing in the semi-finals for the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Association held at University Park.

In their opening days of the season, the Delco Lionesses were unsure if they could even compete after being blown out by Philadelphia Bible, North Hampton, and PSU Berks. The women finally gelled, however. They realized they had a team when they met Luzerne and DCCC and only lost by a mere 7 points and 3 points, respectively.

The women broke their losing streak on January 29, by beating Luzerne and making a powerful statement. The women played with virtually no mistakes and earned the victory.

One of the team's main assets is that they have five guards who can all shoot 3-pointers.

"When we play tough, we are unstoppable," assistant coach Mike Mennachini commented. "Our problem is we need to have all of our cylinders in gear — our offense, defense, and free throws — at the same time for us to win."

After finally taking time to watch one of the Lady Lions's games, Sophomore spectator, Seth Brunner, realized what he had been missing. "Judging by their record, I thought they couldn't play. But I was wrong. They put up a good fight. Their games are definitely nail-biters."

Under the guidance of head coach Brian Donoghue and assistant coach Mennachini, the women have reorganized their goals and aim to hand losses to the remaining PSU commonwealth campus teams and become a threat in the playoffs.

"Our coaches do all they can. Now it is up to our team to pull it together and win for them and ourselves," commented second semester criminal justice major, Alissa Pugliese "We work too hard to give up," added second semester liberal arts Margie Henry.

Don't give up on the Lady Lions. See for yourself. Come show your support as the women's team claws their way to a another win.

experience.

"I think everyone is looking forward to an awesome season," commented freshman Scott Hoffman. "We have so many strong players that returned from last year. I think this team will go far."

Coach Clark agrees wholeheartedly, "As long as everyone has the same work ethic as the returning players, then we'll have a chance. Attitude is the difference between winning and losing."