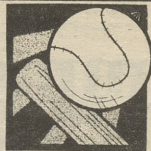
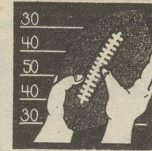




# Sports



Tom Pflieger (eighth semester, Geological Sciences) of the Men's Volleyball Club goes up for a kill in the CCAC Open Tournament that took place on April 20 at University Park.

Photo by JoAnne Johnson

## Sports Banquet Award Winners

By Mary Doolittle

On May 4, the Student Athletic Association will host its annual sports banquet to honor PSU Delco athletes. The awards to be presented range from Scholar Athletes, to the Jimmy King Award, to the Outstanding Contribution in Intercolligate Competition Award, which will be awarded to 15 athletes.

Most of the award winners names are being withheld until the banquet. The Scholar Athletes Awards (maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA while playing a varsity sport) however are:

- BASEBALL**
- Kevin Dorrian
- Chris Hamalak
- Brian Lott
- Tom Keough
- Jeff Scalli
- Bill Twaddle
- SOCCER**
- Chriss Bulla
- Curt Fredericksdorf
- Chhen Heng
- Tinh Ngo
- Matthew Micsenyi
- Mark Eisele
- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**
- Toni Morelli
- Joanne Johnson
- MEN'S BASKETBALL**
- Paddy Berner
- Ben Craddock
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
- Marjorie Henry
- Kate Porter
- Kate Rafferty
- Katie Donaldson
- Eileen Milliken

**Congrats to Men's V-Ball League Runners Up**

## Spring Sports Wrap-Up: V-ball, Lacrosse, Hockey

By B Ray

As the spring of '97 comes to a close, so does yet another year of Penn State Delco sports.

As always, the competition was strong but all the teams proved that, though we may be a small campus, the quality of athletes here are second to none.

The following is a brief synopsis of how some of the teams fared in recent weeks.

**Men's Volleyball** The men's team defeated teams from Penn State York and DCCC before losing a heartbreaker to Penn State Ogontz. In the University Park Tournament on April 20, the team swept through the field undefeated until losing, yet again, to Ogontz in the semi-finals, 2 games to 1. The team finished the tournament third overall. On April 26, the Men finished second in the EPCC, behind Lehigh. They played their hearts out in a 22-20 point rally game against PSU Berks to make the finals. They will play at Ogontz for the overall championship on May

3.

**Men's Lacrosse** The men's lacrosse team shocked the visiting Temple team on April xx, posting an 11-8 victory against the visiting Owls squad. On April 23, Delco entertained the club from Neuman and suffered their first loss, 11-4. Wrapping up their season on April 27 at East Stroudsburg, Delco won in a blowout, 18-4.

**Intramural Hockey** After playing a four-team round robin tournament throughout the playoffs, two teams stood alone on April 30 to play the rubber match in the best-of-5 championship series that was tied at two games apiece.

**Annual Olympiad** The team of Vince Screnci, Chris Dale, Toni Morelli, Paddy Berner, Steve Spinosa, Mike Menicini, Rob McCoy, Ben Craddock, Alex Tram, and Phil Brady won the title after dominating events that included track, European handball, volleyball, basketball, and indoor soccer.



The lax team is given room to start a play that lead to pivotal goal in Delco's 11-8 victory vs. Temple in Men's Lacrosse.

Photo by Lisa Colucci

## "Younger Now..."

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words uttered after I first saw her face. They weren't from me. I was too shocked and speechless from what I was seeing. They also weren't from her. I'm pretty sure she couldn't quite come up with words to describe what she was feeling at the time.

No, they were from a man standing between us in a long white jacket. After that one, brief, shining moment in time, he turned to me and spoke those memorable words: "Congratulations, you're the father of a baby girl."

Here I am, this 19 year old kid who knew everything about nothing. I was just into my third semester here, and my daughter's mother (a trendsetter in the architecture of Dumpville) was fresh out of high school. As the clock struck midnight that evening, I had no idea what to expect of the next day, let alone the next few years.

Those next few years have been a windfall of good and bad, highs and lows. From family court, garnished wages, and "you can't see her tonight because she's going to my boyfriend's cousin's house", to first words, first steps, refrigerator art, and "I love you this much, Daddy", my brain has been subjected to about all it can handle, and she doesn't even like boys yet.

And now I gotta repeat Relationships 101 with Professor Loser again.

It's times like this I want to laugh, and cry, and scream, and throw stuff, and get drunk, and punch somebody, and drop out of school, and .....whatever.

I won't, though. I've done it all before. It doesn't help.

I know my life pales in comparison to others and believe me, I'm not complaining. There are situations that others, both on this campus and off of it, face that can be just as trying, and which I have little concept of. I just know what I know, and I learned from the best teacher anyone could have: life experience.

I truly believe things happen for a reason. Good balances out bad, and what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Failures will happen, confusion will exist, and bad will seem to outweigh good more often than not. My life to this point has made me realize that.

My life to this point has also made me realize that no matter how bad it gets, one constant remains: we were put on this earth to flourish, not fail. Failing is the easy part. I finally figured that out.

The tears that baptized the first words of this have now dried. It's 11:59 PM. Time to start a new day.....maybe even a new life.



Intramural Hockey slaps off.

Photo by Cynthia Moore

## University Scholars

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Mr. Jones is President and Executive Director of the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, a non-profit organization that brings together business and community leaders to solve urban problems. He currently serves on numerous boards and commissions, including Thomas Jefferson University, the Redevelopment Authority, and CoreStates Financial Corporation. He was formerly the Chairman of the Philadelphia Housing Authority and, before joining the Coalition, served as Executive Director of Community Legal Services, and before that, an Assistant District Attorney.

The University Scholars Program is a University-wide program designed to challenge students with opportunities for study, research and scholarly exploration in the arts, humanities, and sciences. Students

who take part in this program benefit by enriching and broadening their education, deepening their preparation for graduate study or a profession.

In order to qualify for admission into the program, the applicant must have a minimum score of 1350 on the SAT 1 and an average high school GPA of 4.07. The selection process is highly competitive. Students are picked on the basis of their student essay, teacher evaluations, student activities, and high school record beyond their SAT 1 score and final grades.

Once a student is admitted, he or she takes specialized courses, independent study and research, graduate study, and Honors option work in regular courses. Upon completing the requirements of the University Scholars Program, which normally includes the writing of an Honors thesis, the student is awarded their Honors degree in formal recognition of their accomplishment.

## SGA Recognizes Students and Faculty

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to take a sabbatical for a long time and hopefully now I'll be able to do some traveling as well."

Dr. Constance Kirker, Assistant Professor of Integrative Arts, has received a University-wide award known as the Milton S. Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award was named after a previous

Penn State president and honors outstanding achievements made by faculty employed full-time for at least five years, with undergraduate teaching as a major portion of their duties.

Recently, Ms. Kirker revealed what teaching means to her in an interview conducted after learning of the award. "Teaching, for me, is like a

box of 64 brand new crayons. There is no limit to what you can do with all that spectacular potential, just as there is no limit to what you may accomplish with all the varied faces in the classroom and the simply breathtaking beauty of all the world's art as your subject matter.

Congratulations to all of the award winners!