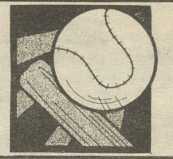
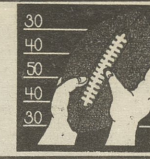




# Sports



## Penn State's 'Hitmen' Look to Promising Future

By James Conroy

Those damn Olympics are finally over, so we can get back to some NHL hockey. Yeah, the USA men's team let us down, but at least they showed that they can wreck up a hotel room real nice.

OK, let's get over that, we've got the Flyers. What's that you say? They don't look like they'll win a Cup with Hextall? So, what's left for the real hockey fan out there? Well, the Penn State Delco Men's team of course.

In their first year of existence the Penn State "Hitmen," as they're affectionately known, have shown grit

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and determination, and have even gained a pretty large following. Playing most of their games in a no-check men's league at the brand new "Iceworks" in Aston, the team has brandished a 7-6 record, and are 1-1 in their last two games.

But, that record shows little about the advancements the team has made in the past few months, playing almost all their games without a coach and not even having real uniforms until their February 23 game, which might turn out to be the turning point of their season.

The team suffered a humiliating 5-2 loss to the Drexel House Deli on February 23. With a virtually non-existent power play and a defense that allowed 32 shots on goal, the team

didn't look like they could compete in this league. The one thing that they did show, however, was their speed as a team and stamina that gave them an advantage going into the third period.

As they say "accentuate the positive," and that's what the Hitmen needed to do in their next game on February 25 against the Olde Hawks.

After a sloppy first period by both teams, including a 5 on 3 Penn State advantage that registered zero shots and only 26 seconds in their offensive zone, the two teams left the period unharmed and the score tied at zero. Old habits die hard though and the Hitmen fell back on their heels and allowed a Hawks goal at 13:25.

After another failed power play, Penn State captain Phil Brady finally put the Hitmen on the board at 4:52, followed by Keith Baumeister's second goal in as many games at 1:56. The Hitmen went into the third period with the lead, knowing they had the advantage. "We knew we still had more energy going into the third," stated Mike Kida (2nd Semester, film and video).

After two goals by the hawks sandwiched between a Penn State goal from Bill Shepard, the Hitmen broke the game open with a short handed goal by John Copper at 2:07. The game still had some tense moments at the end caused by a Penn State penalty at :37 that resulted in a 6 on 4 advantage for the Hawks, but Penn State was not to be denied and they held on for the 4-3 victory.

Although the team's overall play has gotten better over the past months, their power play and defense continue to be their biggest problems. Over the past two games they are a horrendous 0 for 8 on the power play and have allowed 56 shots on goal. But, they do show promise and with their speed they make for an exciting game.

So, all is not lost in hockey land. Hey, at least the women's team came home with the gold.

## Intramural Basketball Attracts Record Number

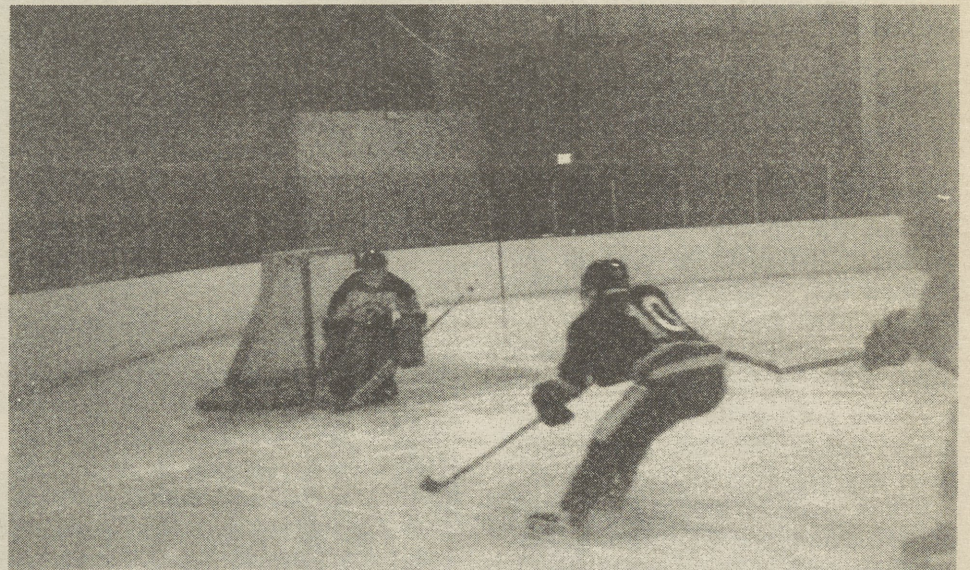
By Christina Papa

Looking for something exciting to do during common hour? Intramural basketball is definitely worth looking into. Every Monday and Wednesday, from 12:30-1:20, an extraordinary amount of students and even faculty participate in the largest turnout ever for intramural basketball, according to Barbara Rostick, Athletic Trainer.

"This is the highest number of teams we've ever had," she said. "You go into the gym and there's people everywhere. It's exciting."

There are fifteen teams this semester, each with five to six members. Four half-court games take place at once, each game lasting 13 minutes. Each team is also required to have at least one female player, which has really boosted participation.

"It's good to see the girls come out," Ms. Rostick said. She also encourages women to get involved in



Keith Audit attacks the goal at the Aston ice rink.

## Men's Volleyball Team Gets "Set" for Season

By JoAnne Johnson

The 1997-98 Men's Volleyball Club anticipates a competitive season. With only two returning players (Rob McCoy, sixth semester Biology, and Scott Hoffman, fourth semester DUS), the team is comprised mostly of freshmen, but it is apparent their lack of experience is outweighed by their dedication.

Thanks to the student Activities Fee Allocation Committee, the team has the quality coaching of Delco volleyball veteran Matt Clarke. Scott Hoffman said, "Matt is a great coach, with so much to offer this rookie team."

Matt's experience should prove to be beneficial and result in team victories.

The team will attend the EPCC (Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference) Southern division matches on Saturday, March 21 at the Berks campus, then at home on Saturday, April 4.

On Sunday, April 17, the team will travel to University Park to compete in a tournament to qualify for the division tournament on April 26.

The team would greatly appreciate campus support.

## Dean's List Announced

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Matthew McFarlnad, Amanda McGavin, Megan McGuire, John McManus, Christine McKeon, Krista McShea, Nicole Memmo, Michael Menzel, Lisa Merkins, Clark Mesoella, Audra Miller, Michael Montello, Colleen Montgomery, Jennifer Munzenmayer, Monica Murphy, Danielle Murray, Jennifer Naseef, Joseph Norcini, John O'Hara, William Paffett, Michael Petta, Michael Pewterbaugh, Ronald Phillips, Matthew Potter, Michael Pumphrey,

Charles Reed, Kathleen Reilly, Vincent Rementer, Derek Rieck, Heather Riley, Shari Robbins, L o rrie Robinson, Leonid Rubin, Eleanor Rudisill, Natasha Sacharok, Meliss Salerno, Daniel Schrass, Erica Scott, Joyel Scott, Douglas Scullin, Christina Sebastiani, Douglas Sheridan, Andrea Singleton, Leah Skreenock, Nolan Smith, Keisha Spangler, James Staeger, Michelle Stanton, Stephanie Stevens, Amy Suits, Kathleen Taylor, Donnell Tilery, Melissa Tiniakos, Stewart Tippet, Karen Tracy, Anthony tullio, Kelly Tyne, Shannon Vantine, Tina Varallo, Christina Vastardis, Karen Waters, Darlene Watkins, Janet Watson, Marianne Weiss, Emily Wentworth, Brendan Whelan, Sheila Williams, Alyece Wolff, Christopher Wood, Heather Yerkes, Jason Zerbey, James Zoll

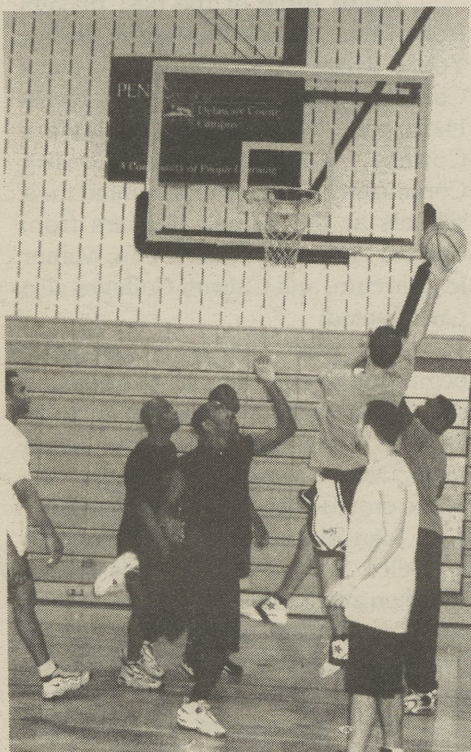
### Food Cart

For Evening Students

From Catherine's Cafe

5:15-6:15 P.M., Mon.-Thurs.

Outside Room 101 Main



The competition gets intense at the intramural basketball games.

all intramural sports, and hopes the intramural Olympics next month will stimulate participation.

There is even a faculty team. "They really give us a hard time," said Ms. Rostick with a laugh. "Everybody always wants to play the faculty."

Also coming up in March will be the basketball playoffs, and the winners will receive T-shirts. In addition, there will be intramural hockey and tennis.

### CATCH THE FINALS!

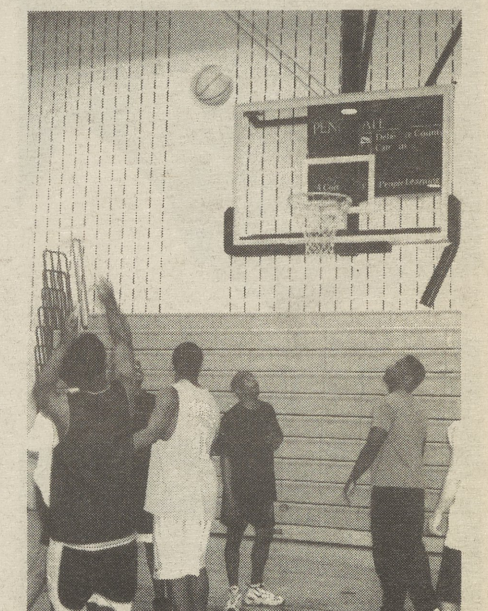
FINAL BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL

GAMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

12:30-1:30 IN THE GYM

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Delco teammates await a rebound during intramural basketball.