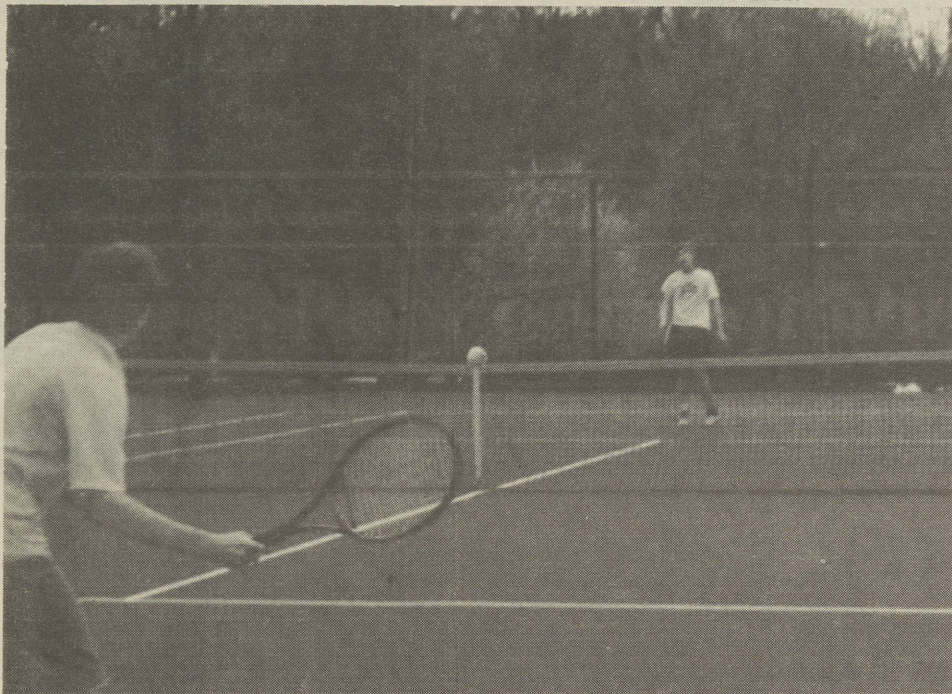
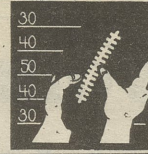




Sports



Varsity tennis players work on their swings.

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Fighting Fists of Fury

By Jenna Montgomery
Lion's Eye Staff Writer

Having begun just four weeks ago, the Karate Club is off to a promising start, with membership doubled from last semester.

Under the instruction of Dennis Dozier, three main styles of martial arts are taught: Tang-soo-do, Hapkido, and Jui-jit-su, with the primary focus on Tang-soo-do, a Korean based form that Chuck Norris performs.

About 20 PSU Delco students, including roughly eight females, whose skill levels range from beginner to black belt, have joined the club. Practice focuses on teaching self-defense techniques, which includes more experienced maneuvers, such as sparring and using various weapons.

With the women's increased presence, Dozier plans to accommodate their special self-defense needs.

Tryouts for one of the six

spots on the demo team are being held this week. The squad will represent our campus at events, as well as compete against other colleges, including one tournament to be held at State College in November. The karate club also expects to offer self-defense clinics as fundraisers throughout the year.

The Karate Club is open to any student or faculty member who has an interest. Practices are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30p.m. in the auxiliary gym.

Wear loose clothing, bring a water bottle and expect to get an excellent cardiovascular workout by practice's end. This informal and friendly atmosphere is perfect for learning martial arts. Best of all, karate offers discipline, body maintenance, and most importantly, self-confidence.

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Varsity soccer (open to men and women) begins practice this week for a challenging season playing in two conferences.

Delco Soccer Update:

I Pass the Ball, You Kick the Ball, We All Score

By Jim McGovern
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As the soccer season comes to an end, the Penn State Delaware County Men's team has to feel a lot of satisfaction. The team had to forfeit their first three games due to a book keeping error, which greatly hurt their chances for a playoff berth. Developments such as this would have broken a lot of teams, but Penn State Delco isn't one of them.

"Having to forfeit those

games didn't inhibit our movement on the field. We were able to refocus, to get through adversity," said Coach George Karabestsos.

No where was this more evident than in the team's first game after the forfeits, a 5-1 victory over Manor.

The team didn't stop there. Other victories followed, but even in defeat the team was still able to gain the respect of the league. After a tough loss to Penn State Hazelton,

The Old University Try!

By Jim McGovern
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It's been a long season for the Penn State Delaware County Men's baseball team. After winning the championship for the last three years, the team suffered through a 5-11 season in which they didn't make the playoffs.

Freshman first basemen Anthony DiNicola summed up the team's mindset best when he said, "We were disappointed, especially after the success we've had the past couple of years."

This young team does have some reason to be excited. With nine freshmen returning next year, including three starters, the team has a lot

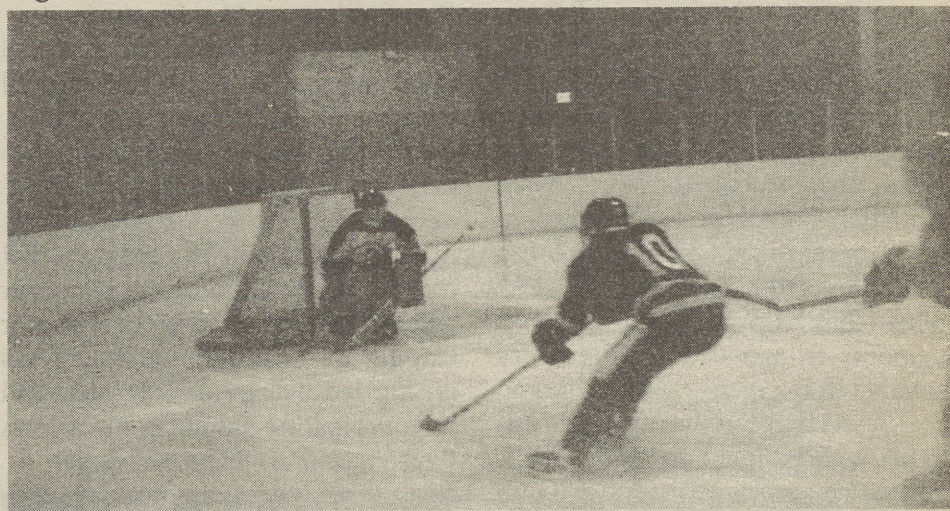
to look forward too.

"The guys we have coming back next season are good players, so we think we have a good chance of being that much better," said DiNicola.

DiNicola isn't the only one optimistic about the future of the team.

"Our experiences this year should help make us a better, stronger team come next season," said Coach Adam Winters.

So even though this season may have been disappointing to the team, hopes run high that next season they can return to the form that made them one of the elite teams in the league.



Keith Audit attacks the goal at the Aston ice rink.

Hockey Team Looks Hopeful

By Gina Ferzetti
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Move over Flyers! Penn State Delco's new ice hockey team kicked off its' season on Oct. 17 at the Ice Line in West Chester against West Virginia University.

The head coaching responsibilities are on the shoulders of Chuck Gorman, a former Penn State Delco student. Gorman shows a strong dedication to this team because recently he has taken some time off this semester to get the team together. Not only is Gorman dedicated, he has experience as well. His previous coaching jobs have included West Chester East and Bishop Shannahan, both local high schools.

Gorman feels that the team will do well this year under the direction of the returning group of players for last year. He also feels that the upcoming freshman, who

have mostly played for local area high schools, will be a huge help in contributing to this team. Freshman Ben Seidman feels the team will do well this year. "I feel that we have a lot of strong skaters on the team and it is up to us as to how far we will go. But with the chemistry our team has, we could go far."

Look for team captain Keith Baumeister, a second year student, to take control on the ice along with help from the assistant captains Matt Steitzman and Nick Pillotti.

Above all, Gorman wants people to come out and support the ice hockey team. "We want to show in-coming teams that we can create competition with other schools. We also need to gain recognition as a club that is taking serious strides." And with the dedication of this coach and his players, this team will surely get the recognition it deserves.

most is the character of his players.

"The players moving on will be missed not just as players, but as solid individuals who represented the school with class."

The eight returning players he has also makes him very excited about next season.

"We have tons of speed returning, and these kids are proud of the program, so they're getting the word out about the program, which should help our recruiting."

decided by a penalty kick in the final moments of the game, the opposing coach came over and commended the team on their efforts.

"He gave some major compliments not just about our play in the game, but also the progress of the program at Delco," said Karabestsos.

With the playoffs now out of reach, the team prepares for its remaining games. Although the season had its share of ups and downs, what Coach Karabestsos will remember