

Men's basketball jumps into the playoffs

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On Feb. 23, Penn State Delco's boys basketball team reached the unreachable goal. They pounded Penn State Hazelton and triumphed by two points.

The impact of this win is huge for our team, because it's the first time in 7 years Penn State Delco's team made the state playoffs.

When questioned during the PSU Delco/ PSU Scranton game on Feb. 20, Coach Frank Farnese said that their season had seen its shares of, "highs and lows; good and bad," as can be expected with most team's seasons.

Farnese spoke fondly of his team saying, "They are extremely coachable. It's only when a player goes out there and tries to do it all himself that we have a problem, but when they work as a team together everyone is happy."

Farnese was asked what the team needs to work on for next season and he replied, "99.9% of our work needs to focus on our defense."

The most improved player of the season was number 34, Ivan Ponzo in Farnese's opinion. The other players on the team are, 52 Melvin Clark, 42 Rob Clupp, 23 Renaldo Cooper, 31 Steve Corey, 22 Andre Green, 10 Jacque Hall, 33 Zeb Malik, 32 Tracy McDaniel, 30 Guy O'Connor, 44 Jason Ford, 12 Hisham Rahmi, 24 Carl Salerno, with assistant coaches Joe DiAntonio and Jim Halligan.

Delco ended its regular season with 13 wins and 9 losses. In the Commonwealth College Athletic Conference the record was even better: 9 wins and 6 losses. The team left Feb. 27 for the playoffs at Mont Alto to battle their undefeated team.

Unfortunately with only one basket being scored by Delco's Zeb Malik in the second half Penn



Photo by Antea Consorto
The Penn State Delaware County 2002 Men's Basketball Team went straight to the playoffs this season. Players (left to right): Rob Clupp, Steve Corey, Hisham Rahmi, Jacque Hall, Jason Ford, Melvin Clark, Andre Green, Zeb Malik, Carl Salerno, Ivan Ponzo, Renaldo Cooper, Guy O'Connor, Tracy McDaniel, Coaches (center): Frank Farnese, Joe Di Antonio

State Delco lost their chance to go for the championship by a score of 31-50.

Now they have next year to look forward to and they most certainly will only get better from here.

While the season may be over this year, we, as students of Penn State, need to show some support for our athletes. There is a huge space waiting for you all in the stands. Go cheer on our athletes. You'll have a great time!

Join the team... next season's tryouts begin for Men's basketball in early November. Tryout dates to be announced.

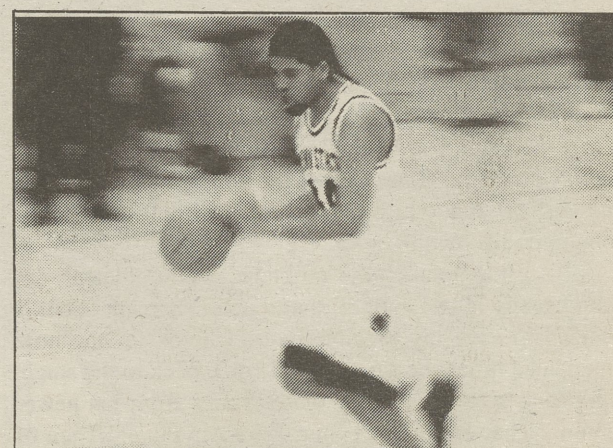


Photo by Antea Consorto
#44, Jason Ford, charges down the court to score

Defining terrorism: an understanding

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Commentary

Since Sept. 11, just about everyone thinks they know what the word "terrorism" means. The basic definition I've heard has come from my 12-year-old sister. "Terrorism is when those bad guys in the Middle East try to hurt us," she says. Coming from a middle school student, this definition isn't a surprise. However, the general public has quite a similar opinion. No one in this country really understands terrorism.

On Feb. 12, Penn State Delco had a chance to learn to understand. Dr. Joseph Betz, a professor of philosophy at Villanova University, came to the Vairo library to discuss the "Definition Of Terrorism."

Betz started out the seminar by stating an exact definition of the word and explaining how the term terrorist came to exist.

"Terrorism is the use of lethal force against innocent people in order to create fear," said Betz.

The word terrorism was introduced in the French Revolution during the Reign of Terror. Betz cited Dr. Edward Herman's "The Real Terror Network" to explain the different types of terror by saying, "People inflicting terror upon a government is retail terrorism, while the opposite of that, a government inflicting terror upon people is called wholesale terrorism. The French Revolution was a type of retail terrorism, while the existence of death squads in El Salvador in the 1980's was a type of wholesale terrorism."

Betz then went on to discuss wholesale, or more commonly referred to as state-sponsored, terrorism. He

first talked about the events that occurred in the Latin American country of El Salvador in the early 80's. The Catholic Church was beginning to practice liberation theology, which favors the poor. The rich upper class that ruled the country did not approve of liberation theology because they felt they weren't receiving the proper attention they thought they deserved because of their money.

The government then asked the United States for help by claiming that these Catholic priests that were trying to help the poor were actually communists. The CIA then proceeded to train death squads to stop the priests and the poor civilians of El Salvador from "spreading communism."

Betz then discussed the type of terrorism everyone thinks they're an expert on. He explained Osama Bin Laden and al-Qaeda's motives for attacking America so viciously.

"Bin Laden and his men do not want Western ideas in the minds of their people. They justify their cause by claiming it's for the good of Islam," said Betz.

The group of students that showed up then asked Betz questions and had a group discussion. Many students wondered how Betz felt about the war against terrorism. Betz said that he didn't agree with it because stopping al-Qaeda isn't going to completely stop terrorism.

"The Arab world is just going to hate us more if we keep fighting," said Betz.

After listening to this seminar, a person could tell that the students that were there were a little more enlightened and felt that now they knew what they were really talking about. Let's hope that they'll help enlighten others so people know about more than "bad guys flying planes into buildings," as my sister put it.

Celebrating excellence

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On Feb. 21, 7 p.m. at Pace One restaurant off of Thornton Road, Barnes and Noble hosted a Scholarship Dinner for the recipients of the Barnes and Noble Penn State College Scholarship.

The scholarship was awarded to five incoming freshmen to help aid them with their educations: Jack Tsai, Toni Hoffman, Amanda McCauley, Cathy Bailey, and Marc Fisher.

Unfortunately, only Tsai was able to attend the dinner, which lasted approximately three hours.

Other people who were there to help celebrate included the Bookstore employees; Renee Lutz, the manager, Jennifer Rufo and Jennifer O'Hara; Dr. Franz and Dr. Tomezsko; Doreen Hettich-Atkins, Sylvia Schaffer, and Lisa Colwell were also in attendance.

Sitting next to Dr. Tomezsko was interesting. The topic of conversation shifted to his main concern of how to get in contact with the students.

Most students do not read their email daily and some do not have cell phones. Also, he asked the students who were there what they could do to make the cafeteria and campus better.

He cares what the students think. "That's why I'm the CEO!" he laughed with everyone. Someone has to do the job.

As for the setting, Pace One is a very nice, upscale restaurant with the biggest and best pieces of chocolate cake in the area.

Their menu has all different types of choices and one could even stay there for a bed and breakfast, at no inexpensive cost, of course.

At the end of the evening, with their appetites gone, everyone parted ways. A good, fun time was the ingredient needed to cure the winter blahhs.

PSU students travel abroad for credit



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It is too late to board the plane for Spain, but there are many more trips to come in the future.

For the first time ever Penn State is offering a summer trip to England and Scotland. There are a number of courses being offered, including theater, art histo-

ry and linguistics. Spending eight days in Europe beats any summer vacation.

To find out more information about earning credits while you travel, contact Constance Kirker, cx13@psu.edu or Celestial Voyagers at 1-800-651-6262, www.celestialvoyagers.com.