

Eye on Sports

Men's hoops team pioneers the west

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A new era of Penn State Delco men's basketball began Friday morning, when the team boarded a bus and headed west. Despite the two-hour class delay and freezing rain, the team was able to leave for its first cross-state trip to compete against the western Pennsylvania Penn State campuses.

As part of the change to four-year eligibility beginning this season, the men's basketball team will

UPCOMING MEN'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday	PSU Wilkes Barre	7 p.m.
Saturday	PSU Schuylkill	1 p.m.
Feb. 17	PSU York	7 p.m.
Feb. 20	PSU Fayette	8 p.m.
Feb. 21	PSU Mont Alto	3 p.m.

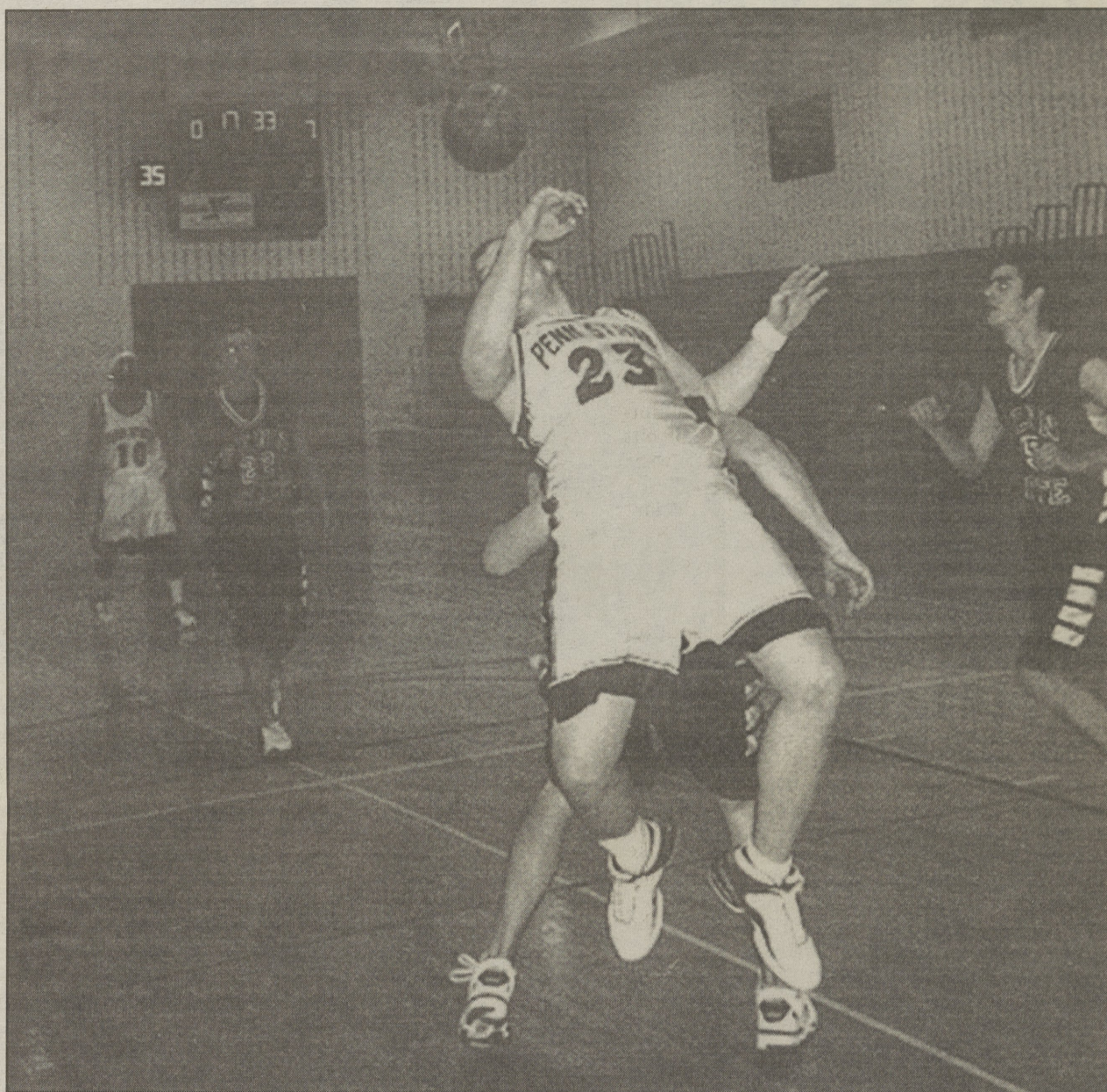
now compete against four additional Penn State campuses.

Men's basketball now offers four years of eligibility to student-athletes.

The change required the team to withdraw from the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference and expand its schedule against other Penn State campuses within the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference (CCAC). Their first trip west was scheduled for the first weekend in December, but was rescheduled due to a snowstorm and campus closings. Those games, against Penn State McKeesport and Penn State Beaver, have been rescheduled for late February.

Players packed both their home and away uniforms for their trip this weekend. Since there are no laundry facilities available on the road the team members planned to wear their home jerseys against Penn State New Kensington for their Friday night game, and their road jerseys for their Saturday afternoon game against Penn State Dubois.

The team will finish its season with games against Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Schuylkill, and York. Later this month, two Western teams will travel east to Penn State Delaware County. The team takes on Penn State Fayette at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 and faces Penn State Mont Alto at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.



Penn State Delco's Nick Spinosa, 23, takes a low hit in the back as he battles for a rebound with a player from Penn State Berks during a recent game. Delco's men spent this weekend in western Pennsylvania.

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AROUND CAMPUS BRIEFLY

Get blogging at the library site

There is a vast amount of resources available on the Vairo Library section of the Penn State Delco Web site. Among these resources is the library blog, a message board on which students, staff and faculty are able to post or reply to a message.

Subjects covered by the blog include movies, books, news articles, and websites. Recent topics of discussion have included: The War in Iraq, the film "Finding Forrester," as well as the popular book "The DaVinci Code" by Dan Brown. The library blog can be accessed at <http://www.de.psu.edu/library/blog/>.

— JEFF HUBER

Intramural basketball tips off

A 3-on-3 intramural basketball tournament is scheduled for next Monday, Feb. 16, during Common Hour (12:30 p.m.).

The tournament will run for approximately six weeks, depending on the number of registered teams. Games are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Common Hour in the gym.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to come out to cheer on the players as they compete for the title of intramural basketball champions.

If you are interested in signing up for a team, con-

tact Luanne Sims in the Commons Building.

— STACIE MANN

Lab aides needed in computer services

There is a job opportunity in computer services for students who need work-study jobs.

Students may work up to 10 hours per week as lab aides in Penn State Delco's computer labs. This job requires a basic working knowledge of Macintosh and/or personal computers in order to assist students with computer software and hardware.

Hours are flexible and can be scheduled around classes.

Please email Gordon Crompton of computer services at GXC21@psu.edu, if you are interested.

— RENEE BLISARD

Hockey team looks to playoffs

The Penn State Delco hockey team continues to compete in Division II club hockey. In efforts to proceed on to nationals the Lions will have to win all their games in the playoffs or be one of the top three teams in the Atlantic Conference Hockey League.

The team has encountered many problems during the season, including a change of coaches

Playoffs will be held from Feb. 20-22 and Feb. 27-29,

and all home games are played at IceWorks in Aston.

The Penn State Delco hockey team is holding a raffle for a dirtbike as a fund-raiser. You can buy tickets for \$5 each from any team member.

— JESS GOLDEY

Positions for student senators open

The Commonwealth College student elections have begun. Three student leadership positions are available for 2004-2005: Student Senator for University Faculty Senate (one position) and Student Representatives for CWC Faculty Senate (two positions). Students can nominate themselves. The deadline is Feb. 16.

The University Faculty Senate is the representative body of the faculty and has authority about the university's educational interests. Also, the Senate serves in advisory and consultative capacities to President Graham Spanier on issues affecting attainment of Penn State's educational objectives. The Senate includes 21 student senators.

UFS student senators are full voting members, and each student senator serves as a member of one of the 11 Standing Committees. Student senators are expected to attend the six full Senate meetings during the year, along with participation in the assigned committee.