

Behind The Bench

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A hockey career ends

To the Editor:

It all began here for me on these pages a year and a half ago, and it is very appropriate that it ends here as well. Through writing a letter to the editor I was given an opportunity to express my love for the sport of ice hockey by working as the Publicity Manager of the PSU Ice Hockey Team.

As the last game of the season will be played this weekend, I find it impossible to individually thank everyone I've worked with and learned from during this experience of growth and building. I can only hope this letter reaches you all. Specifically here I want to thank all our loyal fans and supporters. We couldn't have done so much and come as far as we have in establishing ice hockey as a viable winter sport at PSU without you. Just to see those bleachers full and alive with cheering is "pay" enough for me.

I can only hope this university realizes how dedicated all of us involved with PSU Ice Hockey are and how much we dream to see a varsity team at PSU in the near future.

With my graduation approaching I can look back and truly feel I have given something of myself to this school in return for what it has given me.

PSU Hockey Coaches, Team, and Club: Thank you for giving me the chance to be a small part of you. Keep on working towards that goal. Renee: Good Luck in every way! It's all yours, "chief."

With PSU Hockey Love and Spirit Forever,
Leslie Lyn Muhlhauer
12th-FSIA

Correction

Our mistake in yesterday's karate article. The League of Oriental Karate meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 7-9 in 106 White Building. Sorry.

Fencers end with tourney

By GARY SILVERS
Collegian Sports Writer

The Penn State women's fencing team (16-2) takes to the strips for the last time tomorrow when it competes at the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) Nationals in Montclair, N.J.

San Jose, which won the national title last year, is once again the team to beat. The Californians own two of the nation's top fencers in Vincent Hurley and Gay D'Asaro, who both have a shot at the Olympics. D'Asaro's husband, Michael, runs the squad and, along with two others, will coach the Olympic team.

"Hurley and D'Asaro have already accumulated enough points to make the Summer Games," Lady Lion coach Beth Cramer said, "but must also perform well at the nationals." "I'm hoping we fence San Jose in the morning," she added, "so we can catch them half asleep."

Two other schools that will cause problems for the women are Brooklyn and Cornell, which handed the Lady Lions their only two losses of the season. Natalie Blogavadov and Naomi Bolvary lead the Cornell squad and Anne Marie Williams and Jeanette Starks are returning for Brooklyn.

"I feel we should be able to take two of four from Brooklyn," Cramer said. "There were so many close bouts in Saturday's loss that we really aren't too worried."

Lisa Simpson will fence in the first position for the women with Bronwyn Jones fencing number two, Wendy Paschedag three and Pat Mlynek four. The team's alternate is Donna Grischbowski.

"Bronwyn and Lisa are really strong now, but will meet some very stiff competition," Cramer said. "The reason Lisa is fencing ahead of Bronwyn is because she has done better against the better opponents."

"Our number three fencer, Wendy (Paschedag), should do

S P O R T S T R I V I A

Yesterday's answer: Bob "Beetles" Bailey was the Pittsburgh Pirates' bonus baby in 1961.

Today's question: Who is the only National League player to win two consecutive MVP awards since the Baseball Writers Association began its annual poll in 1931?

very well in her squad," she added, "with a good chance of finishing in the top two."

The tournament is a round-robin competition composed of 32 teams. A total of 80 bouts will be fenced tomorrow with the remaining 12 on Saturday morning. The individual finals, which begin Saturday afternoon, are made up of the top four fencers from pool "A," two from pool "B," two from "C," and one from "D."

The Lady Lions finished fourth in last year's competition behind San Jose, William Paterson, and Brooklyn.

Lion golfers boast experience, depth

By BILL KLINE
Collegian Sports Writer

At first glance, the 1976 edition of the Penn State golf team appears to be an exact replica of last year's 8-1 squad.

Mainstays Bob Dine and Sherman Hostetter lead a host of returnees, including last season's top seven golfers, who open their current campaign today against Villanova at the Blue Course.

But a closer look at the Lion

roster reveals the present team has depth and experience that coach Joe Boyle did not have a year ago — a condition that caused poor State performances in two invitationals and the NCAA championships.

"We had so many inexperienced golfers the last two years that we didn't play as well as we had in the past," Boyle said.

"Last year we were just one player away from having a real good team," he added.

"We should have the numbers to play much better this spring."

Indeed, Boyle has the numbers.

Hostetter, a junior, ended all Lion golfers last year with a 75.8 average. Senior and three year letterman Dine averaged 77.5 and he and Hostetter give the Lions considerable experience and quality at the first two positions.

"If they (Hostetter and Dine) can continue to do the

job, we can get some help for them," Boyle said.

The help Boyle was talking about is the five additional starters, and seven golfers are currently vying to fill those positions.

Based on three qualifying rounds earlier this week over the rugged 7,010 yard Blue Course, Boyle said Tom Wilson, Rod Franc, Doug Stroup, and Dick Conn will also start today against the Wildcats.

Either Tom Sulkowski,

Tom Amendola, or Dave Grill, all starters last year, will play at the seventh slot.

Because of the Lions' abundant depth, Boyle said the current starters will be pushed to hold their spots. Sulkowski, Amendola, and Grill played in every match last year and are capable of moving up at any time.

Lurking behind the above nine golfers are freshman Gary Durbin and returning lettermen Neg Norton and Jeff Sunday. Norton (78.3)

and Sunday (82.3) saw considerable action last season while Boyle expects Durbin to get better.

"It wouldn't surprise me if he's (Durbin) one of our top players before the year is over," he said.

Boyle's golfers have the depth, experience, and most important, the talent. He hopes they display enough of those qualities against Villanova in today's home opener.

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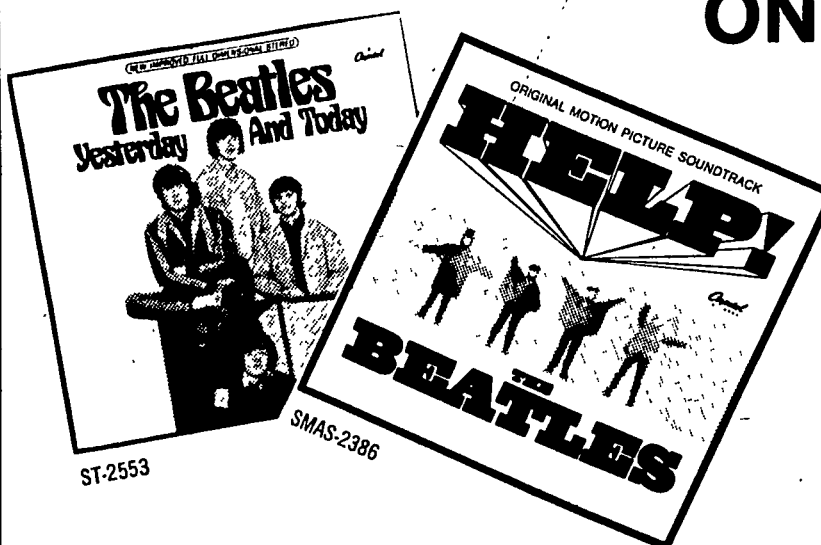
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