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Lady Lion assistant to be Sooner coach

By CARYL KAUFFMAN

Daily Collegian Sports Writer
Maura McHugh, the assistant women's basketball coach, has been named head women's basketball coach at Oklahoma University, it was announced Monday. McHugh replaces Doyle Parrack, who resigned in late March.

McHugh will complete the academic year at Penn State then move to Oklahoma in the summer.

A 1975 Old Dominion University graduate, McHugh was one of the first women athletes to receive an athletic scholarship there. She lettered for four years in basketball for the Lady Monarchs. McHugh was the captain and most valuable player of the Lady Monarchs in her senior year.

Upon graduation, McHugh came to Penn State as a graduate assistant to former Lady Lion coach Pat Meiser and later became Penn State's first full-time assistant women's basketball coach.

Don Jimerson, Oklahoma's assistant athletic director, said McHugh is the



Maura McHugh

best choice to head the Sooners' women's basketball program.

"We were exceptionally pleased with all the applicants for the position," Jimerson said. "The final choice was a difficult one. I think our committee chose the best one for this program at this time."

McHugh was chosen by a unanimous vote.

Lion nine hosts Mansfield for 2

By WILL PAKUTKA

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Mansfield State College is a tiny school with an enrollment of about 2,200 nestled in the Tioga River Valley, a rural section of northcentral Pennsylvania.

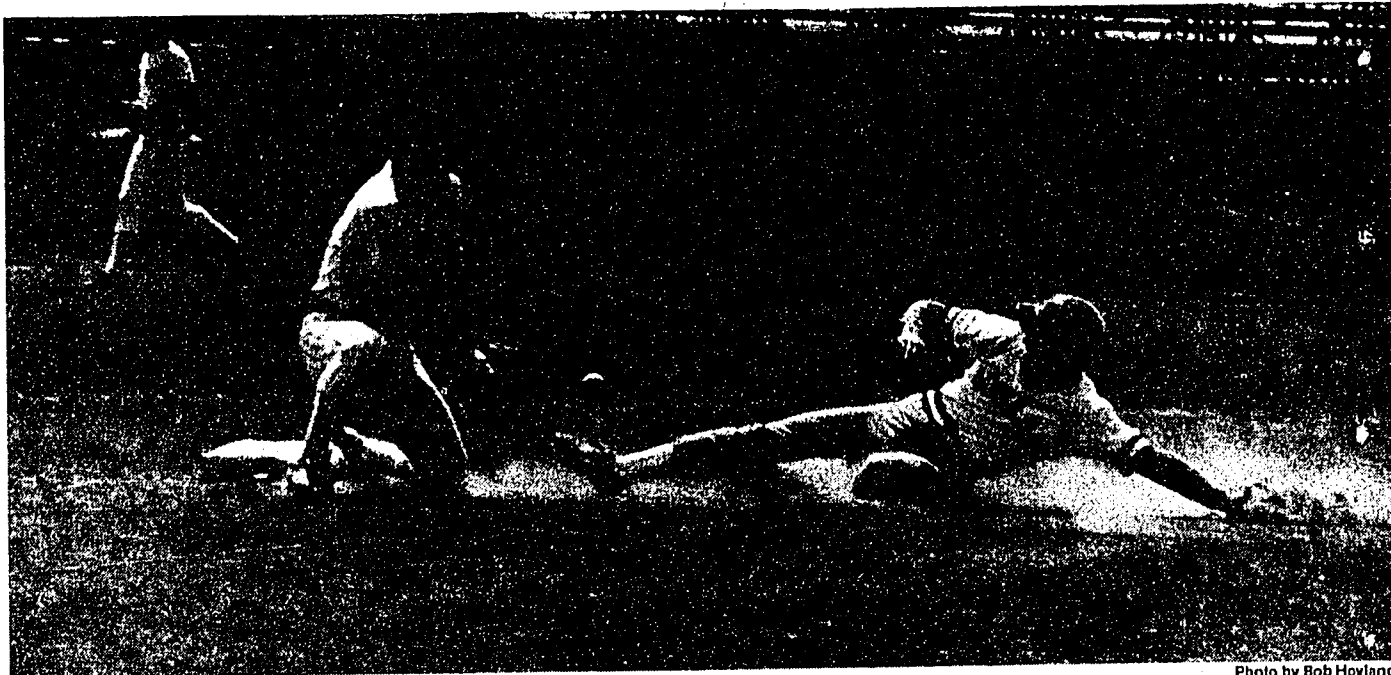
You'd never expect it to be in the way of anything, except maybe a cow or two, but a look at the baseball schedule shows Mansfield is clearly in the way of Penn State.

The schedule shows a game with the tiny state college scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today at Beaver Field.

But the schedule also shows a much bigger game slated for Saturday afternoon against Division I powerhouse St. John's University.

What it all means is the Lions will have to try and keep their concentration today against Mansfield — the first non-Division I team they have seen all season — before they can think about continuing their 74-year rivalry with St. John's, one of the best teams in the East.

To make things just a little worse, the Lions will play a double-header against Mansfield instead of the single game as indicated on the schedule.



Just as Bill Benner is blocking second base from a Howard runner attempting to steal earlier this season, the baseball team will have to block any thoughts of looking ahead to its double-header against St. John's Saturday as it hosts a 1:30 p.m. double-header today at Beaver Field with Mansfield State, a Division III college.

"I don't think we'll really be looking past Mansfield," Lion third baseman Paul Gallagher said. "We really can't afford to lose any more games with the playoffs coming up."

But Gallagher isn't really speaking for himself. He can look past Mansfield as much as he wants.

Gallagher won't play this afternoon because of a minor injury he suffered in Saturday's second game against Howard. But he should be back for Saturday's game against the Redmen.

"Things shouldn't change too much, though. Gallagher, a junior from Yardley, Pa., will be replaced this afternoon by Dave Morrell, a sophomore from Yardley, Pa."

The Lions shouldn't really need too much to beat Mansfield today — that is, if you listen to Mansfield's coach.

John Heaps said his Mansfield team has lots of hitting, but no defense and suspect pitching.

He may be right. But Mansfield has a 14-41 record so far, even with suspect

pitching and no defense.

"They really must have lots of hitting," NOTES: Dave June, who hasn't allowed a run in 16 innings so far this season, and Jim Bennett will probably pitch for the Lions this afternoon.

Mansfield shortstop Dave McDermott and left fielder Dale Reynolds are both hitting over .400. Mansfield's 14-41 record includes some fall games. Penn State, after winning last year's game 10-5, took a 7-2 lead in the series.

Spikers finally bridge season-long generation gap

After three years of struggling, there were preseason hopes that the men's volleyball team would finally release the Eastern Collegiate Volleyball League championship cup that had been held hostage by Rutgers-Newark since 1977.

Even though Penn State started the season with seven freshmen on its 14-man roster, Lion coach Tom Tait expressed an extreme amount of optimism about his club, saying that this year's team had the most talent of any other team he had coached.

But gradually, as the season went on, Tait's optimism turned to skepticism.

Sure, Penn State beat Ohio State, Ball State and Rutgers-Newark, three top 10

teams, once each and took the Nittany Lion Invitational. The final results, however, don't tell the rest of the story.

The problem remained with Penn State until two weeks ago when the Lions were humiliated at Ohio State in three

sets. "After the Ohio State disaster, I tried to stand back and evaluate what was going wrong," Tait said. "Bits and pieces of things weren't falling into place. We had made significant progress in technical areas, but something was still definitely wrong."

"Incredible as it may sound," Tait said, "it finally boiled down to a generation gap."

A generation gap? On a college team? Glancing at the players' ages, however, it seems quite possible that the coach was right.

Seven of the Lions are 21 or older while five are 19 or younger, a wide discrepancy.

"They looked at things quite differently," Tait said. "When I looked back at things, it was clear what was wrong. Before, we were going after sign and symptoms instead of attacking the disease."

"We faced the problem squarely after the Ohio State match. We made some recommendations to solve it and put responsibility evenly on the shoulder of each player, instead of just a few."

Once again, the Lions finished second to Rutgers-Newark in the ECVL playoffs, which ended last Saturday.

Some observers were probably surprised that the team members were not disappointed because Penn State did not reach the National Collegiate Athletic

Association Final Four, the annual Lion goal.

"We had some personality problems," junior co-captain Mike Gordon said after the ECVL playoff loss. "Last week, we just got together and decided to play as a team. It was the first time this season I had fun playing. It made my season a success."

The other Penn State co-captain, Chuck Kegerreis - a 25-year-old Air Force veteran - expressed the sentiments of his teammates best.

"We played our best ball of the year against Rutgers," Kegerreis said of the ECVL finals. "It was a successful season, but it could have been even more."

Tait said that if he would have discerned the gap earlier, the Lions could have won the ECVL title.

"I'm pleased that we overcame all major hurdles," he said. "What bothers me is what we could have done as a team this year."

"I hope that everybody learned from this experience to forget petty feelings, to get away from being 'I' or 'me' oriented and to compromise with other people."

If that lesson was indeed learned, then this season was every bit as successful as any championship year could ever be.

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Mary Ann Cremo lays down a bunt during the women's softball team's double-header yesterday at Lady Lion Field. Penn State lost the first game, 2-1, but came back to win the second game, 10-1.

Softball team splits double-header

By GLENN KAUP

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Despite a host of strong hitters, defensive players and good pitchers, the softball team has been plagued with one major problem all season — consistency.

And yesterday was no exception as the Lady Lions split what was supposed to be an easy double-header with Lock Haven. Penn State lost the first game, 2-1, but whalloped the Golden Eagles in the second game, 10-1.

"I feel very disappointed having lost the first game," Penn State coach Pat McCarty said, "especially the way some of the runs were scored on errors during routine plays. We had some problems in base running, which has been a strong point in our offense."

"We are also not getting the hits when we need them."

Lock Haven got on the board in the second inning when Lady Lion catcher Margaret Baker threw the ball past third baseman Jan Carlson, allowing Golden Eagle Terri Bittner to score.

Penn State scored its only run in the sixth inning, when Dee Dee Berard tripled and scored on an error by pitcher Kim Eckley.

The second game was a completely different story for both the Lady Lions and the Golden Eagles.

"Our first pitcher, Kim Eckley, is the best one that we have," Lock Haven coach Don Keener said. "The team plays better when she pitches and they have

confidence in the team and they tend to play better. We were hitting well in the first game and experimenting with the hits.

"But the team does not have the same kind of confidence with the second game's pitchers (Sharon Bailey and Kathy Strobel).

However, the outcome of the second game did not depend very much on any differences in the Lock Haven squad as the Lady Lions got their hitting back on track. Penn State pelted Golden Eagle pitchers Bailey and Strobel for 13 hits

in the second game with three RBIs.

PENN STATE						LOCK HAVEN					
AB	R	H	ER	SO	W	AB	R	H	ER	SO	W
Cremon, CF	3	0	0	0	0	Beagle, CF	3	1	1	0	0
Strauffer, 2B	2	0	1	0	0	Contardi, 2B	3	0	0	0	0
Strauffer, LF	2	0	0	0	0	Boo, DH	2	0	0	0	0
Nuss, 1B	2	0	0	0	0	Stiller, P	2	0	0	0	0
Baker, C	2	0	0	0	0	Miller, K, SS	3	0	0	0	0
Carroll, DH	2	0	0	0	0	Hocker, RF	2	0	0	0	0
Loftis, 3B	2	0	0	0	0	Marin, 1B	2	0	0	0	0
Hoy, P	2	0	0	0	0	Bittner, RF	1	0	0	0	0
Zawadzki, SS	2	0	0	0	0	Miller, S, LF	1	0	0	0	0
Malone, SS	1	0	0	0	0	O'Connell, 3B	1	0	0	0	0
Vandorfer, RF	2	0	0	0	0	Boden, RF	1	0	0	0	0
Carlson, 1B	2	0	0	0	0	Calvo, LF	1	0	0	0	0
Ture, PR	0	0	0	0	0	Diermer, PH	1	0	0	0	0
Ture, PR	0	0	0	0	0	Igo, DH	1	0	0	0	0
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Hoy	2	0	0	0	0	Beagle	2	0	0	0	0
Ture	1	0	0	0	0	Boo	1	0	0	0	0
Lock Haven	2	0	0	0	0	Stiller	1	0	0	0	0
Eckley	1	0	0	0	0	Miller	1	0	0	0	0
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