

Pornography debate

ARHS refusal sparks controversy

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The Association of Residence Hall Students' recent decision not to participate in the Undergraduate Student Government's Department of Political Affairs debate on pornography has sparked controversy among student government leaders.

ARHS, which is responsible for showing pornographic movies on campus, passed a resolution Monday night that no member may speak on behalf of the association at the debate next semester.

The move angered William Bailey, chairman of USG's Debate Committee, who said yesterday, "It seems like (ARHS members) are avoiding the issue and also avoiding hearing the students' opinion."

Bailey said ARHS views the debate as USG's attempt to polarize ARHS and USG. USG stopped participating in the showing of pornographic movies last spring.

The debates are intended to be "non-partisan and purely educational — not an organizational fight," he said.

However, ARHS President Kent Jute disagreed saying the debate would only cause people to "point their fingers (at ARHS) and say we're immoral and sexist."

ARHS is the sole organization affiliated with Penn State Cinemas — formerly the Penn State Movie Co-op — the only group that shows pornographic movies on campus. USG pulled out of the co-op in April amid complaints that student government shouldn't be involved with pornography.

"We don't feel we need to debate," Jute said. "We've taken a stand. We're showing the films. There's no need to debate."

Jute said USG is trying to stir up controversy about the pornography issue because it had expected ARHS to receive a lot of disapproval over the issue and that has not been the case.

Todd Anthony Sloan, co-director of USG's Department of Political Affairs, said his department created

the debate committee to run a series of student debates on political topics, and pornography is only one of the topics to be debated.

"Our goal is to have students debate and come to debates and be educated," he said. "What we find very unfortunate is that elements within ARHS view it as pitting USG against ARHS."

USG Vice President Sue Sturgis, former co-director of USG's Department of Women's Concerns, agreed to debate against pornography. Bailey said that because ARHS is responsible for showing pornography on campus, the debate committee decided to approach ARHS to ask that the organization recommend one of its members as a possible opponent, he said.

Bailey was shocked when he found out that ARHS had passed the resolution Monday night, he added.

ARHS did not politicize the question, Jute said. Bailey and Sloan told him that the debate was not intended to be an ARHS-USG debate, but when they told him USG Vice President Sue Sturgis would take the anti-pornography stand it was obvious to him that they were being too idealistic, he said.

"They can say a million times that it's not going to be an ARHS-USG debate, but everyone knows Sue Sturgis is vice president of USG," he said.

Bailey said several members of ARHS had expressed an interest in participating in the debate but that they have changed their minds within the past few days.

Sloan said the debate will still take place, but the debate committee "simply would not look favorably on any ARHS (member) participating."

Bailey said that since the debate has been politicized by ARHS, the committee's aims will not be served by an ARHS member's taking part, as the debate could then be regarded by students as "an organizational feud."

Jute said ARHS would not appreciate any of its members taking part in the debate even if they did not claim to represent the organization.

"Even as an individual, you're still representing your constituency and ARHS until you're out of office," he said.

Jute said he would not like to see a feud between ARHS and USG and that he believes a debate would result in one.

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Lady cagers squeeze past Syracuse 61-58

By DAVID SEAMON
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Usually when the women's basketball team has the hammer poised to drive the final nail into an opponent's coffin, it doesn't allow for any last requests. The Lady Lions generally take this opportunity to turn on the afterburners so they can snowball a rather safe lead into an insurmountable advantage.

Last night at Syracuse, where the Lady Lions squeezed past the Lady Orange, 61-58, the above scenario never really materialized. Sure the Lady Lions jumped out to a 24-13 lead with 6:30 remaining in the first half. But instead of burying it for all time, Penn State's offense became gift-conscious two weeks

ahead of schedule — its turnover spree at the close of the opening half left the host team back into the contest.

Head Coach Rene Portland was disappointed in her team's sloppy play which allowed the Lady Orange to pull even at 31 entering the locker room.

"We had six turnovers in a row in the first half and that's what did it," Portland said.

Portland said that the pendulum began to swing in the Lady Orange's favor when they capitalized on her team's mistakes, and effectively ran a fast break offense.

After the intermission, the largest lead that the Lady Lions enjoyed was a six point margin on two separate occasions.

At the 2:06 mark, All-American Suzie McConnell picked up her fourth personal foul sending Janice Long to the charity stripe for Syracuse. But Long missed on both attempts, securing a five point lead for the Lady Lions. On the ensuing possession, the Lady Lions squandered a scoring opportunity, and Vera Jones came back to pull the Lady Orange to within three points, 59-56, with an 18-footer. There was still 1:50 left to play.

Both squads could not find the basket until there were eighteen seconds remaining. That's when Danene Hopson grabbed a McConnell miss on the front end of a one-and-one attempt, and streaked coast-to-coast with a layup that brought the Lady Orange within a single point.

The Lady Lions then milked the clock until there were only five seconds left in the game. At that time, Vicki Link was fouled by Long, and Link, the team's leading scorer in the season's early going, iced the victory with a pair of free throws which made the final count 61-58.

Penn State, now 3-1 on the season, was led in the scoring column by Link. The Medford, N.J. product poured in 24 points to go along with grabbing 11 rebounds, prompting Portland to say, "Vicki did a great job of the boards for us."

Link's fellow co-captain, mad bomber Lisa Felson, accounted for 16 points. Freshmen Shelly Caplinger and Adrie DeVries hooped eight and five points respectively. And al-

though floor general McConnell was limited to just two points, she played a strong all-around game. McConnell tied a Manley Fieldhouse record of 14 assists, to go with her 7 steals and 6 boards.

Portland is pleased with the play of her "Big Three," (Link, Felson and McConnell) but hopes that she will receive a little more help from other team members.

"With these three players, we have led-ership," Portland said. "We just have to get the other kids going."

Sue Ludwig led a trio of Lady Orange in double figures with 16 points, in addition to handing out eight assists. Hopson tossed in 15 points, while snaring 11 rebounds. Jones chipped in with a dozen points.



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Rick Tullio and the rest of the ice hockey team will be looking to extend a six-game winning streak tonight at home.

Icemen looking for seventh win in a row

By DAVE SOTTILE
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When the ice hockey team began last weekend's busy three-contest schedule, it had an 8-3 record and a modest three-game winning streak to its credit.

Following a trio of impressive blowout wins (9-1 and 8-2 over Maryland and 9-3 over Buffalo State), the Lions' streak has ballooned to six and can reach the lucky seven mark tonight when Penn State hosts Erie Community College in an International Collegiate Hockey League match-up at 7 p.m. at the Ice Pavilion.

Tonight's game is Penn State's last before the semester break and the Lions would like to improve their overall record to 12-3 and 3-1 in the ICHL with a win over ECC.

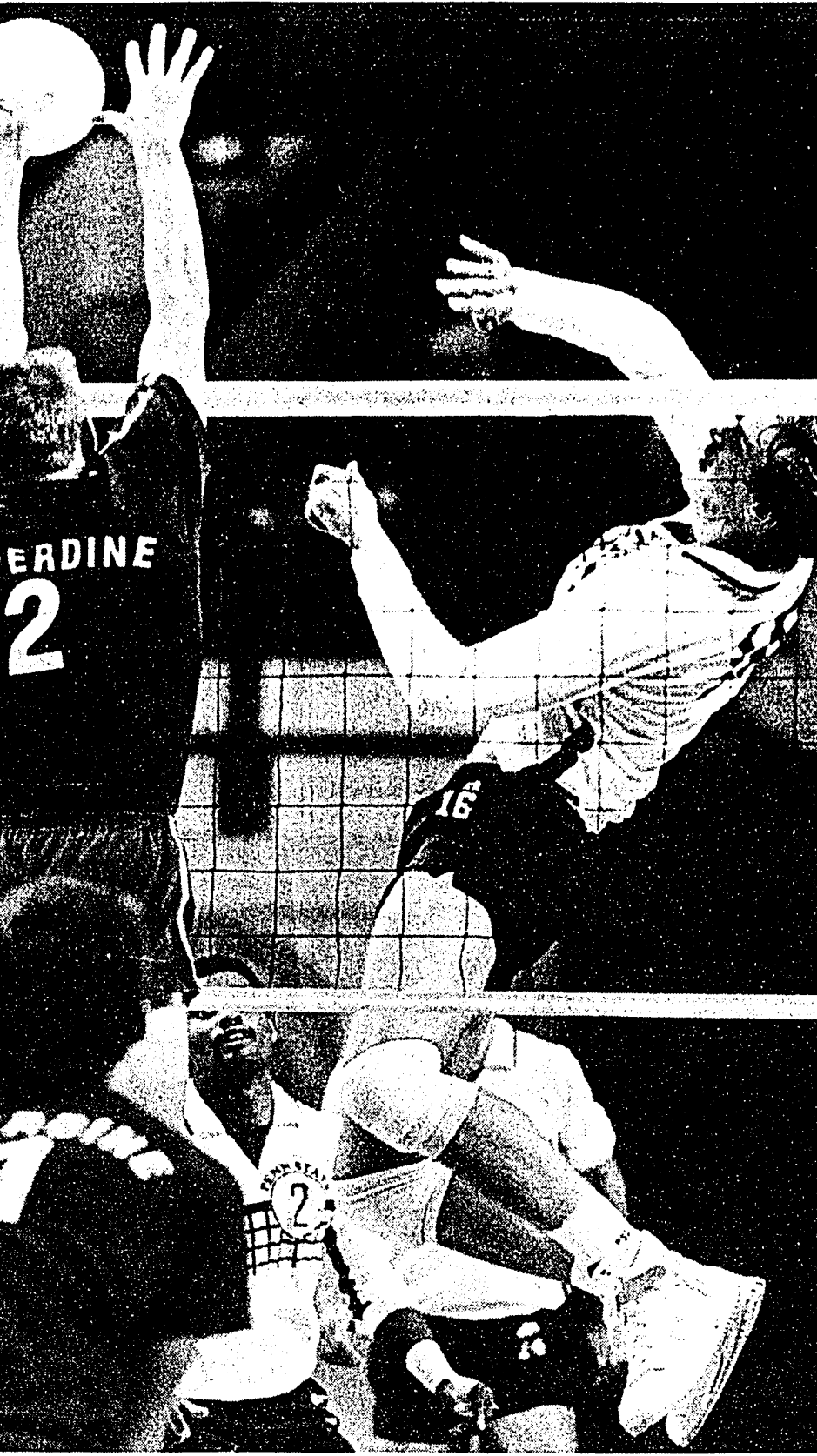
Spikers to begin a new quest

By THERESA DeFRANZO
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Just a few weeks ago, after the men's volleyball team split a pre-season match with the University of Southern California, Head Coach Tom Tait said his team still had a lot of work to do before beginning its season and its quest for the national championship next month.

The team agreed, and decided a meeting to discuss the errors of the USC match and the fall practice session would be the best solution to its problems.

Middle blocker Chris Chase said the USC match was disappointing, noting practices started out slow and weaknesses and errors came out.



"We're a better team than USC," he said. "To lose when you know you're better is hard to swallow. It was an eye-opener."

Sophomore Rob Pierce said the mistakes of the fall were a result of individual problems. He said several people saw the chance for a national championship and they wanted to be stars instead of working as a team, where six good players work together.

Both the team and Tait felt most of their problems were not because of a lack of skills, but rather the lack of a certain attitude.

"As a result of a lengthy team meeting (six hours), to be exact) some significant changes for the better have turned up," Tait said.

"I have been pleased with the workouts since the meeting. We didn't have a good, strong fall in terms of quality in practices due to a number of factors, but lack of success was due mainly to an attitude that was not as useful as we needed it to be. The team rededicated themselves to having the season we want it to be."

'Some significant changes for the better have turned up.'
— Tom Tait

Although the team now has a positive outlook, it will still have to overcome certain challenges. For example, this year's schedule is twice as tough as last year's. The team will meet every other team in the country more than once except Hawaii and Stanford.

Tait said this set-up was no accident. "To win a national championship, you have to have a tough schedule. He said the quality of the schedule, if handled correctly, will help toughen the team mentally for the important tournaments at the end of the season.

Another problem the team will have to contend with is that it did not make as much progress this fall as it had hoped to. Tait said the Lions will have to make up for this

who will be key players throughout the season.

"Because we have a 5-1 offense the setter is the most important player in what kind of success you'll have. If Javier is on, we'll be on. It's true of any 5-1 team, but especially for us because of his talent."

Tait also realizes the importance of Chase. "If Chris and Jav are not connecting on attacks or if Chris isn't dominating net-blocking, we lose some of things that make us a special team."

Both these players have high standards for themselves Tait said,

and he has seen signs that both will have outstanding seasons.

Although the talents of both of these players are crucial to the team, it will take a team effort to win.

"They will receive most of the publicity, but we always operate as a team-type program. The two of them can not get the job done themselves. We need outstanding efforts from all working as a unit," Tait said.

The younger players coming off the bench could prove to be quite Please see SPIKERS, Page 15

Chase learns to live with the pressure

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You're the tallest volleyball player in college today. Your coach describes you as a key player and your teammates agree. Needless to say, you're under the gun.

Sophomore Chris Chase, a 6-foot-10 middle blocker for the volleyball team, is the player in question and admits he has felt the pressure in the past.

Last year when he was a starting freshman, he felt the most intense pressure of the season during the team's long tour on the West Coast when it played several championship matches in a row.

But the game was not always so demanding for Chase. He was in the seventh grade when he first started playing and did it mainly because he had some time on his hands. When high school approached he decided to keep participating in the sport. Chase's high school heroes in Ney, Ohio attracted Penn State and practically every East Coast college and some from the West Coast as well.

stood out in the crowd more," Chase said. "Because I was playing good then, I played more, and improved quicker."

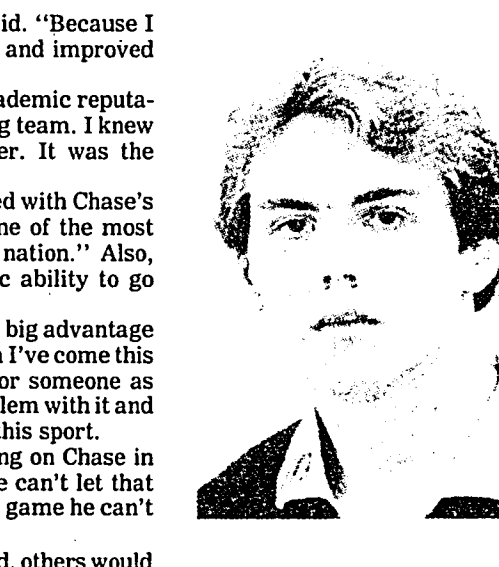
"I chose Penn State because of its academic reputation and because they had a really young team. I knew in years to come they would do better. It was the perfect team to walk into."

Head Coach Tom Tait has been pleased with Chase's performance and describes him as "one of the most dominant front-court attackers in the nation." Also, Tait said, "He has outstanding athletic ability to go along with his size."

Although Chase realizes his height is a big advantage in volleyball, he said it "is not the reason I've come this far." Coordination can be a problem for someone as tall as Chase, but he hasn't had any problem with it and feels fortunate that he has a talent for this sport.

Even though a lot of people are relying on Chase in every game of every match, he says he can't let that affect him. For instance, if he has a bad game he can't worry if others think he let them down.

"Last year when I thought I played bad, others would



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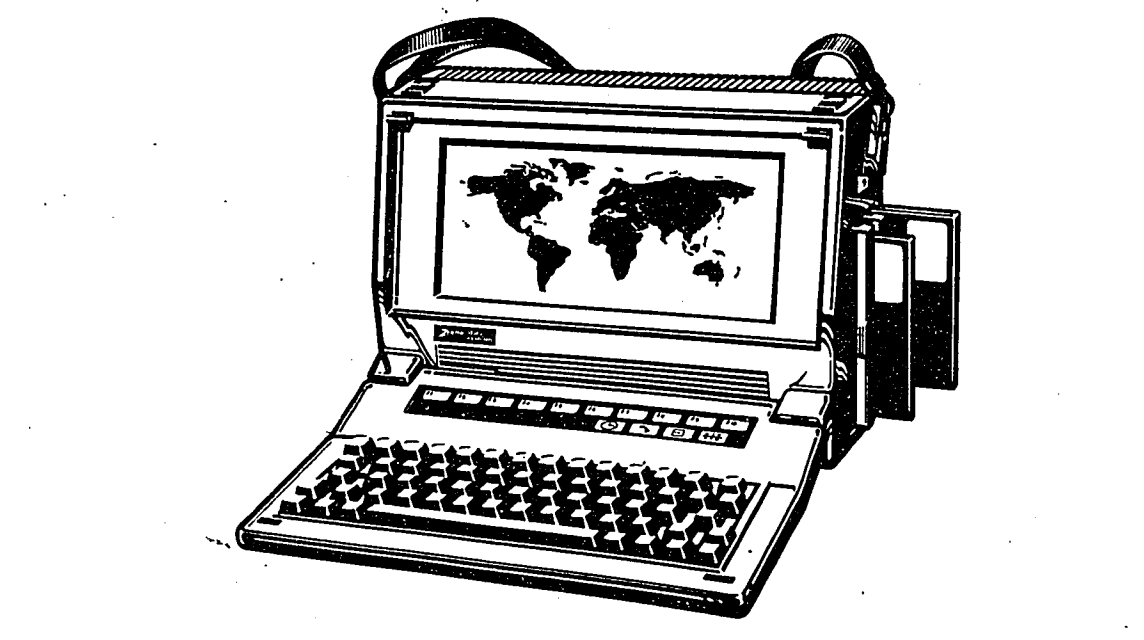
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