# Sluggers on their way to San Jose

Lion baseball team takes its annual spring break pilgrimage, this year to sunny California

By BRAD YOUNG Collegian Sports Writer

In each of the last three years, baseball coach Joe Hindelang has scheduled a spring break junket for his squad to some balmy region of America where the competition is steamier than the shining sun.

In the 1994 campaign, Hindelang's Lions went on whirlwind tour of hardball in Texas, where college baseball is just about as big as boots, spurs and the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

Last season, it was a visit to SEC country. Always potent Alabama and Auburn were two of four opponents in the Deep South journey, where the Lions won only once in eight games.

Starting tomorrow, the Lions will head to another baseball hotbed -California — for five games and a tournament in the Golden State. They open with a pair against Santa Clara starting tomorrow, one showdown with No. 12 Stanford Monday, one against Pacific Tuesday, then a clash with No. 19 California Wednesday before closing the week at the four-team Spartan Classic in San Jose.

"It's a chance to get off campus, get together as a team and play some great teams," Hindelang said.

The Lions are looking at the road swing as a chance to bounce back from a pretty dismal showing last

After opening the season in surprising fashion by taking two in a three-game series at Winthrop, the Lions went into another three-game set against Div. II Norfolk only to lose the first game and tie the second contest. The third was canceled.

"We didn't come out with the same emotion as we did against Winthrop," senior co-captain Jim Jaskowski said. "Give Norfolk credit. They played really well, but we had a little bit of a letdown and they caught us."

Along with the hope that the West Coast swing will let them recapture their winning ways, the Lions are looking at the games as a measuring stick for where they are as the Big Ten season approaches. After returning from California, the conference race starts just two weeks later with four games at

Jaskowski thinks there is no better way to get ready for that than playing top-caliber teams like Stanford and Cal. He said the trip will not only be a good time, it will aid the team "immeasurably" in its quest for the postseason.

"It's always nice to see where you stack up against some of the best teams in the country," the lefthanded starting pitcher said. "It definitely helps to play those types of teams. You have to raise the level of your play ... It's a lot of fun and it's a great challenge. These teams are awesome.'

Not too awesome, though, Hindelang said.

"We're potentially a very good team," Hindelang said. "I'm confi-

# Cager asst. recruits success

By MICHAEL SIGNORA Collegian Sports Writer

It happened miles from the Rec Hall hardwood, years before the Jordan Center. For Penn State assistant Ed DeChellis, touring the garden of Martin Gaudio was yet another pitstop on a long coaching journey.

"I knew we were in pretty good shape with Matt when his dad took me out to the other side of town," DeChellis said, as the Lions prepare to go to Minnesota tomorrow and Wisconsin on March 6 before returning home to face Ohio State on March 9.

"I was the only one that got to go with Matt's dad and see his cucumbers and tomato plants. When I walked through the garden, I knew we were in good shape."

As all collegiate coaches realize, recruiting is the lifeblood of a program. A full-time assistant since 1987, DeChellis has been intricately involved in that process for several years.

When enticing Gaudio to head from Follansbee, W. Va., to Happy Valley, DeChellis developed a great rapport with the recruit's parents.

"He was at my house all the time, I mean all the time." Matt recalled. "He became a friend of the family.'

Donata Lisicky, the mother of Lion standout Pete Lisicky, said she and her husband developed a similar relationship DeChellis.

"Eddie's a terrific guy, no doubt about it," Donata Lisicky said. "He always did everything by the book, and as a parent, that gave me a great feeling."

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Lion assistant coach Ed DeChellis gestures during the Illinois game earlier this season at the Jordan Center.

The personal interaction was a presented itself, DeChellis definite plus, but DeChellis didranked squad and a brand-new 15,000 seat arena to discuss with potential Nittany Lions.

Somehow, prior to the arrival of the Jordan Center and sold-out crowds, DeChellis got things done. Former coach Bruce Parkhill remembers.

"I could tell he really loved Penn State and was truly interested in becoming a coach," Parkhill explained.

After his graduation from the University in 1982, DeChellis served as a graduate assistant for two seasons before heading to Salem (W. Va.) College as an assistant coach and director of intramurals.

return to the University he loved eral years.'

jumped at the chance. As a n't always have a nationally restricted earnings assistant though, the glamour of the profession was far from reality.

"We did anything we could to make ends meet," said Mike Morse, a member of the Lion staff in the mid eighties.

Now coach Jerry Dunn's top assistant, the Monaca native clearly remembers his early days in the coaching profession.

"We cut grass, we painted, held camps — anything to pay the bills. It was a struggle for several years but the love for the profession carries you.'

One day that very love could carry DeChellis to a head job.

"He has what it takes, no question about it," Parkhill said. "He's But when the opportunity to been qualified to do that for sev-

## Trackmen try to forget **Big Tens**

By DAVID SCOPINICH Collegian Sports Writer

It's time to move on. The Penn State men's indoor track and field team will put last weekend's lastplace finish at the Big Ten Championships in Ohio State behind them when coach Harry Groves sends 18 athletes to Harvard to compete in the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America.

The ICAAAA is the oldest track and field organization in the country and as many as 104 schools will be represented in some fashion at the meet.

Groves cited the Big Tens as a reason why only 18 athletes will be competing. "We're not entering as a full team with Big Tens being last week," Groves said. "It's hard to bang back again."

The contingent of athletes traveling to Harvard includes senior cocaptain David Kriz. He said he cut back his training a little bit this week in order to peak.

The competition at a meet of this stature is extremely strong. Kriz is aware of one athlete in particular. "There's one guy from Lincoln University who won the ICAAAAs last year," he said. "He already beat me at the Princeton Relays."

One athlete looking forward to the meet is sophomore Neal McNutt. McNutt did not compete in Big Tens because his event, the 35lb. weight throw, was not included.

"I've been looking forward to this meet. Even though I wasn't there last week, this is like a second chance for all of us," he said." I think that's why we're all really

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★★★★ Your magnanimous side is tested. You might need to question just how far you are willing to go trying to get along with someone. The unexpected occurs with a friend. Maintain a sense of humor, and build support as you deal with a partner. Tonight: Be out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Make. adjustments with a LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) family member or loved one. Follow your instincts in a pressure-packed situation, such as making a choice between family and work. This juggling act is strenuous, and you greet the end of the day with relief. Tonight: Run home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Communications take a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, CANCER (June 21- July 22)

★★★★ Finances dominate your you have many ways of making and spending money, depending on the course vou take today. Overindulgence and thriftiness run in cycles for you. Realize how much you have to offer. Tonight: Your treat.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are happier and much more upbeat with today's energy. Use care with partners, because involving funds may force you to they are erratic yet exciting. A posi-revamp. Consider a friend's wish. tive outlook will help you make Focus on building a constructive tie friends and enjoy life more. Enter- or relationship. You have a lot of tain at home this weekend. Tonight: energy-now direct it. Tonight: Make You can have it all.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Your nervous system could be fried from all the work you have information comes your way. Underbeen doing. Lighten up if you can, or stand that you are building a stronger give serious consideration to learning new ways of handling stress. Take a walk during your lunch hour more time to develop. Follow your to get centered. Take care of yourself. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

\*\*\*\* Get together with forces you beyond a restriction and friends, and enjoy yourself. You closer to a long-term desire. Conmight not be able to concentrate on sider which priorities you want to your work. You are well-advised to honor. A boss may be helping you flirt and call it an early day. Be more along more than you are aware. Folsolid and anchored about a financial matter. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are in the limelight. BORN TODAY strange tone. Evaluate what you Let others come to you for decisions Actress Catherine Bach (1954). need to do to make a relationship and help. You end up dealing with a singer Harry Belafonte (1927), work. You might want to pull back personal matter that you choose not singer Roger Daltrey (1944). and do nothing. Give someone space to discuss. Concentrate on the posito be flaky and changeable; then the tive, and don't let the negative domipressure will ease. Tonight: Let off nate. You are in control. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your wild imagination thoughts and ideas. You find that may cause you trouble as you try to get your work done. You will need a lot of self-discipline not to go in a direction that is inappropriate. Make calls, spread ideas and brainstorm. Consider taking a class. Tonight: Take off while you can.

> CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ One-to-one relating is

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★★★★ Defer to someone. New friendship with a loved one and that the feeling of togetherness needs instincts. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

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★★★ You have a realization that low your instincts. Tonight: Clear your desk.