

Cheerleading aims to become sport

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The 1992-93 Cheerleading Squad is looking forward to an all new season. This year they have thirteen men and women, but only three of the thirteen have previously cheered for Penn State.

The captain this year is Pam Mesta, a sophomore communication major. She cheered last year, but she is really looking forward to the new season.

She said, "The outlook for this year looks really good, we have a lot of talent on the squad. Everyone has had previous cheerleading experience and a good attitude."

The cheerleaders are doing their own fundraisers so that they can buy new uniforms this year. They would also like to be officially declared a sport on campus because cheering is very physical and takes a lot of practice and hard work.

This is one of their main goals for the season. Another is to coordinate their program with the

pep band. Athletic Director Herb Lauffer has been supporting the squad in their efforts.

Goeff Bach and Lucinda Gizdic accent the squad with their gymnastic abilities. Cia Michael is the Lion's mascot.

The cheerleaders performed on Thursday, November 12 at the Open House Basketball Exhibition at Eric Hall.

The squad was pleased with its performance. Basketball season runs from November to February.

The first performance for the squad was December 1st during the women's game against D'Youville.

This year there are four new male additions to the squad. The men on the squad play a big role because they supply extra strength that is essential in performing difficult stunts.

Now they will be able to do more challenging stunts that will

be more exciting to watch. Chris Nicklaus said that he is "excited about being a part of the squad, and that even though the guys are new we work well together and are dedicated."



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Rah! rah!: The Behrend cheerleaders show their support at the men's and women's basketball open house.

Earla Simpson, secretary for the squad, is also very optimistic about this season. She said, "We are going to have a good season

because we all have the same goal...to be recognized as a success."

The Lion cheerleaders have a

long season ahead of them.

It won't be easy, but nothing worthwhile ever is.



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Cashhh: Junior Anne Bonner sinks an easy bucket in a decisive win over Brockport.

Athlete of the week

Bonner dominates offense and defense

by Keith McFall
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The first athlete of the week for the winter sports season is Anne Bonner, a center on the Women's Basketball team.

Anne is a junior communication major from Pittsburgh, Pa. She attended Avonworth High School and played four years on the team there.

In a 73-65 victory over SUNY-Brockport in the Arby's/Troyer Farms' Classic, Anne was eight of nine from the field and six of eight from the free throw line for 22 points. In addition, she had ten rebounds and five steals, dominating both the offense and defense.

In the championship game the next night, Anne had ten points and nine rebounds for another solid effort.

Anne has set both team and individual goals for this season

that she will strive for.

The main team goal for the season is to get a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament and win it all.

"We can achieve this goal if we stay focused and take it one

confidence in me that I sometimes lack in myself. She has given me a chance to let me be a player and has helped me develop as a player," Anne said.

Anne had knee surgery last spring and spent the summer getting back into shape by running and playing a lot of basketball.

She also held a job at a supermarket at home. She doesn't have time to do much else during the school year because of the time spent at practice and games, and studying, but she doesn't mind because she loves to play.

Anne hopes to get an internship this summer in some communication field. She plans to graduate next spring and eventually get into the sports information field.

In the mean time, she just wants to enjoy her last two seasons of basketball and help the team in any way that she can.

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game at a time throughout the season," Anne said.

One individual goal that Anne has set for herself this year is to play strong both offensively and defensively. "I have to work to make myself mentally stronger so I can play consistently on the court every game," she said.

Anne has credited Coach Jenepher Banker with helping her improve her game. "Coach Banker always has the

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