

Volleyball team expects to reach far

BY MARGARET YIM

Proving wrong the thought that NCSSM sports are lacking compared to other schools, the women's volleyball team has the confidence that they can be one of the top three teams in the conference this season. What makes them so sure that they have what it takes to be competitive in the TISAC, our athletic conference? From the comments of coaches and players, they seem to be headed in the right direction.

The volleyball season started with 3 grueling days of tryouts that ended with a difficult choice for the coaches. "There were so many talented players that it made the cut very hard, but we felt that we made the right decisions," commented Sue Anne Lewis, Assistant Coach and SLI. In exchange for a tough choice, however, the team has 10 gifted players with a lot of game. The team is led by Head Coach Davene Mainwaring and Assistant Coach Lewis, as well as by senior co-captains Molly Cline and Chelsea Nielsen. Other players include senior Hailey Loftis and juniors Amy Bryson, Caitlyn Frese, Ishita Gandhi, Rose Guo, Kaitlin Icard, Lisa Pepin, and Rachel Revelle. The team is managed by seniors Heather Ferguson and Jina Kim.

The competitive nature of the team has shown itself in all of the games that they have played so far, and it's obvious that they have what it takes to reach great heights. "I think that this year's team has the complete package: passing, setting, hitting, and most

importantly, the will to win," praised Lewis. In their recent game against Durham School of the Arts, they proved themselves, beating the Bulldogs in three straight sets. Their consistent serving and accurate passes led the way to their second straight win, and their ability to make smart decisions on the court has helped them as well.

Since those wins, the Uni's have been playing in a stretch of away games, in which they have sorely missed their supporting fans, in addition to having to cope with an injured player. However, the communication and bond that the team shares have made it so that even though some players are in positions that they have never played before, the team is still going strong.

Lewis does profess to some flaws.

"Our biggest weakness is that we get down on ourselves after the other team gets ahead of us. The past two games, we've faced the problem of getting behind in a set and not being able to catch back up," Lewis said.

Despite these setbacks, the team still believes that there are good times to come. "We've come such a long way since the first day of practice. I see us becoming more of a team every minute we're together on the court. If we keep working like we have been we're going to be unstoppable," said junior Kaitlin Icard.

Co-Captain Chelsea Nielsen said, "I know I'm going to have great memories to look back on and I'll be missing it next year when I'm in college!"



Athletes focus on the ball while playing intramural soccer.

Intramural soccer dominates

BY STEVEN JI

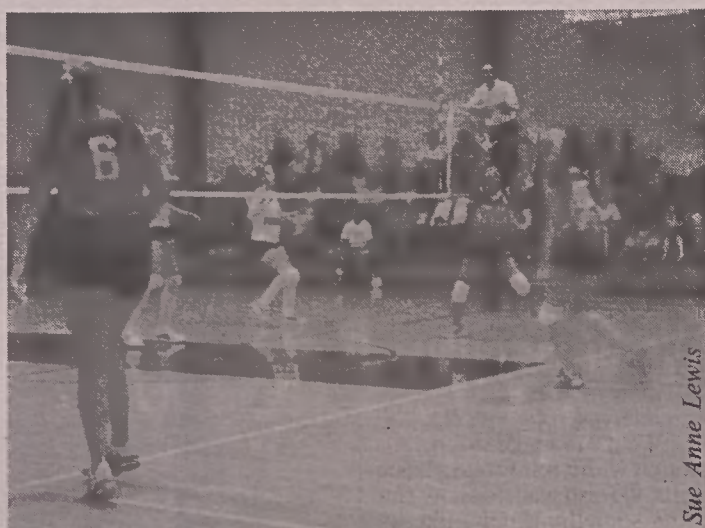
Varsity sports can be found at any old high school. NCSSM, however, also offers students a different kind of sporting activity: intramurals.

Intramurals are sports in which the competition is only with other students at NCSSM. Students are divided into teams based on which hall they live on, and each week games are held on the athletic fields behind the school. IM soccer games take place on a half-sized soccer field, with seven players from each team/hall playing on the field at one time. Lasting a half hour each, they tend to serve more as stress-relievers and social activities than actual competitive events.

Brian Gonyeau, coordinator of the intramural program, feels that intramurals are an integral part of student life. "Intramurals are for participation and fun," says Gonyeau, "They relieve

stress and build hall camaraderie. They are also outrageous. I've seen banners and kids with their faces and bodies painted."

The holy grail of the intramural world is the President's Cup. This cup is given at the end of the year to the male and female halls with the highest amount of points for all intramural sports. The elusive point system used at NCSSM is mostly dependant on participation. While a hall can earn five points for winning a game, it can earn up to thirty for participation. So, having the whole hall out there to play will aid it's chances to win the Cup. The brunt of the work of IM organization falls on Gonyeau having to prepare matches every week for the 20 halls. But, he is not complaining. "I love it," he says, "I love being around kids, and I love being around sports." Even his farewell was, "See you on his IM field!"







Kaitlyn Icard sets the volleyball for teammates Amy Bryson, Caitlyn Frese, and Ishita Gandhi during a game.

NCSSM Trivia Challenge

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For those of you who don't know, the NCSSM Trivia Challenge is an ongoing contest between the faculty and students of NCSSM. Each month, four lucky people (2 faculty and 2 students) will be asked the same set of four trivia questions. Their answers and comments will be published in that month's Stentorian and the correct answers will be tallied up. At the end of the year, we see who is ultimately the most trivia-aware: faculty or students? If you would like to submit your own questions, please email us at lium@ncssm.edu or yimm@ncssm.edu.

Questions	 Mr. John Woodmansee	 Dr. Amy Sheck	 Adam Preslar	 Lyndsay Booth	Answers
What day is the Chinese Moon Festival this year?	I have no idea. You're going to make me look bad.	The Moon Festival? Well, sun I could have told you. Is it in October?	I have no idea. September 30?	The what?!?! I don't know this.	Sept. 18 th
In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, what is the capital city of Puerto Rico?	<u>San Juan</u>	<u>San Juan</u>	<u>San Juan</u>	I have no idea.	San Juan
What does LCD stand for, technologically?	I don't know.	Get out! <u>Liquid Crystal</u> ... diode... no wait! Don't tell me... <u>Display!</u>	Ahhhh... ummm... I guess color display, I don't know what the L is	Low... something digital?	Liquid Crystal Display
What Green Day song contains the lyric "I'm walking down the line, that divides me somewhere in my mind?"	I don't know the names of any Green Day songs, so I won't get that one, but I have heard of them!	Um... I don't know. I used to like Green Day, but I stopped listening to them because their lyrics suck now. I don't know.	(He jumps) I have the CD. I'm trying to remember it. <u>Boulevard of Broken Dreams?</u>	<u>Boulevard of Broken Dreams!</u> Yay!	Boulevard of Broken Dreams
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