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## Weinberg named new women's lacrosse coach

By Matthew Yoder  
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In an attempt to solidify the head coaching position and reverse the disappointment of last season, Suzanne Weinberg has been named the new head coach of the Lady Lions lacrosse team, Penn State Athletics Director Tim Curley said yesterday.

"We are very pleased that Suzanne will be returning to Penn State as head coach," Associate Athletic Director Ellen Perry said in a Penn State Sports Information press release. "Her experiences have prepared her well for the lacrosse team's future."

Weinberg was a four-time letterwinner at Penn State and an integral part of three Lady Lions teams that reached the NCAA tournament.

"My experience as a player and as an assistant coach at Penn State were exceptional

and I look forward to a similar experience as a head coach," Weinberg said in the release.

For the past four seasons, Weinberg was the head coach at Drew. She compiled a 56-15 career record and led the Rangers to four straight MAC titles. Weinberg was named MAC coach of the year twice, and in 1997 was also named the South Atlantic Region coach of the year.

During the offseason, Weinberg has remained active in the development of youthful lacrosse players. She is the director of the Five Star Lacrosse Camp in Philadelphia, and chairs numerous committees, including the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee and

Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association All-America Committee.

Weinberg, who still competes in lacrosse events yearly, said she has a positive outlook for the upcoming season.

"This year's team has a lot of potential and (assistant coaches) Tara (Rowlyk), Emmy (Hansel) and I are excited to get started toward realizing that potential in the 2001 season," Weinberg said. "I feel fortunate to return to Happy Valley in such an important role."

"I can't comment on anything," said Rowlyk, refusing to elaborate on the coaching change.

Weinberg will replace Karen Schnellenbach, who coached the Lady Lions to an 8-9 record in 2000, her only season as head coach. Penn State did not qualify for the postseason.

Schnellenbach took control of the team on

an interim basis after Julie Williams resigned last summer because she was getting married.

As head coach, Williams brought significant respect to the women's lacrosse program, finishing with a 116-55 overall record. She coached 18 All-Americans in her nine-year career.

Penn State enters this season with six seniors returning, including first-team Mid-Atlantic Region All-American Christine Kenney.

Senior goalkeeper Megan Ames will look to build on a strong season last year, and junior B.J. Lucey, who also performed well last year, will flank Kenney.

The team will surely miss the services of Julie Tice and Jenn Webb, first-team Mid-Atlantic Region All-Americans from last season.

"I am really excited," Rowlyk said.



Schnellenbach

## OSU 'looking real good' to Parkhill

■ Former Penn State men's basketball coach Bruce Parkhill said he was trying to make a decision last night about the possibility of leaving Penn State for Ohio State last night.

By Geoff Dodd  
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Bruce Parkhill is close to deciding if he will join old friend and Ohio State men's basketball coach Jim O'Brien on the Buckeyes' floor next year as an assistant coach.

He's so close, in fact, that he might have made his decision last night.

Parkhill said yesterday during an 8 p.m. telephone interview that he "was in the process of making a decision" and had expected to make one some time later yesterday evening.

He declined to release his decision until this morning, saying he wanted to notify Ohio State first.

"Right now, it's looking real good," Parkhill said from his State College home.

"The hurdle that I have to overcome is leaving here, but people have told me I can just come back, which is true.

"And that's exactly what I intend to do. I want to retire here."

Parkhill had practically done just that earlier this summer, intending to improve his golf game and broaden his interests.

He also had still planned to broadcast Nittany Lions basketball games for ESPN-Plus.

That all changed when O'Brien called Parkhill a few weeks ago.

Now, the former Penn State coach has an opportunity to slide into a right-hand-man spot with O'Brien, Parkhill's friend for 20 years.

Parkhill never liked recruiting during his 12-year tenure, yet he convinced the likes of Calvin Booth, Pete Lisicky, John Amaechi, Dan Earl and Jarrett Stephens to come to Happy Valley.

He loved coaching, though.

And it showed. In those 12 years, he amassed a 181-169 record, garnering five postseason trips (four National Invitation Tournaments, one NCAA Tournament).

More importantly, he brought respect back to a program that clearly had been fledging.

O'Brien knows about his friend's distaste for recruiting, too, so his job offer had everything Parkhill loved about coaching — except that.

Most non-recruiting positions on most coaching staffs, Parkhill said, are entry level. But not O'Brien's.

It was Parkhill's idea of a coaching utopia. Still, it took a little more to pry his eyes away from Penn State.

"When he called and explained the situation to me, I hadn't really thought about it. But my wife told me that if I didn't consider it, I'll regret it down the road," Parkhill said.

"He's one of the few people I'd consider working with."

O'Brien could not be reached for comment.

Penn State Athletics Director Tim Curley, who took over for 35-year director Jim Tarman in late 1993 (Parkhill's 10th year as coach), is encouraging the former coach-turned assistant athletics director to pursue the opportunity.

Hearing the name "Ohio State," however,



Former Penn State coach Bruce Parkhill (right) calls a game during the 1998 season and could call some of the shots for Ohio State next season.

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still hits Curley hard, given the rivalry between the two Big Ten powerhouses.

"Bruce and I would prefer if it was a non-conference situation," Curley said.

"But he has to address the opportunity in front of him.

"It's probably a rare opportunity he's had to look at," Curley added.

"Five years have gone by since he's been a head coach, and college basketball will be

better with him inside the game than outside the game."

Parkhill echoes Curley's sentiment.

"The decision might have come much sooner, and it definitely would have been easier, had another school from another conference far away from the Big Ten called.

"This place, I love it," Parkhill said of Happy Valley.

"This is a tough thing for me to think about.

But the timing of it all was just right."

Penn State's current coach and Parkhill's successor, Jerry Dunn, had interviewed with Tulane earlier this summer about the then-vacant head coaching spot there.

Dunn, however, said the interview was just done as a courtesy, and he withdrew his name from consideration soon after meeting with Green Wave officials.

Parkhill retired Sept. 6, 1995, six weeks before the start of the season.

Dunn, who was an assistant coach at the time, took over almost immediately, guiding the Lions to a 21-7 record and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Since then, Dunn's teams have gone just 61-60. However, he has guided Penn State to the NIT semifinals twice, the latter appearance took place this season after the Lions lost to Notre Dame in the semifinals.

## Bradley, Lions defense has tough tasks this season against Big Ten's prolific offenses

By Adam Gorney

The Penn State football team will enter a new era later this month when the Nittany Lions face Southern Cal in the Kickoff Classic.

Longtime defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky has handed over the play-book and the frustration to 22-year Penn State assistant Tom Bradley. Bradley will have his hands full trying to field a defense worthy of protecting the coveted North and South goalines from opposing teams.



MY OPINION

With LaVar Arrington, Courtney Brown, Brandon Short and other Lions all playing on Sundays this season, Bradley is left with a "hole" lot of patching up to do before August 27.

Can Bradley, his assistants and the players pull it off?

Sure they can.

With USC giving Penn State a mini-test before cream puffs Toledo and Louisiana Tech stroll into Beaver Stadium, the Lions have three weeks of solid preparation before the Pittsburgh matchup September 16.

And no matter how good, or bad, both programs are at that juncture of the season, everyone knows that game is always a heated rivalry.

But after the first four weeks, the talking must stop and the action must start.

Penn State travels to Ohio State, then has Heisman trophy candidate Drew Brees and

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Purdue in Happy Valley, and then travels to the Twin Cities for an early October showdown with Minnesota.

Brees must be salivating in West Lafayette right now, marking down the date when the Boilermakers travel to Penn State. With the arm and accuracy of Brees, the receiving core Purdue coach Joe Tiller always brings in and an inexperienced Lions secondary, Brees will have the chance to put up numbers we can only imagine.

If Brees spots a weakness, he will expose it. He will go after it until points are put up on the scoreboard and the student section sits in stunned silence.

The rest of the Big Ten schedule will be the same way. Minnesota already got revenge by ruining Penn State's national championship hopes last season on Homecoming.

Now, Illinois, Iowa and others know it is their chance to shine in Happy Valley. But Penn State can spoil everyone's party by not tucking their tails and hiding. If Bradley, the Lions' defense and a potent offensive attack make a statement early in the season and continue playing traditional Penn State football throughout the Big Ten schedule, this upcoming year will not be an embarrassment.

## Minnesota may reclaim buyout from hoops coach

By Arnie Stapleton  
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MINNEAPOLIS — Armed with evidence that Clem Haskins paid a former tutor, Minnesota might try to recoup its \$1.5 million contract buyout of its ex-basketball coach.

A university lawyer said Tuesday that Haskins has acknowledged giving \$3,000 to a woman whom tutored basketball players after she was ordered to stay away from the team. The payment would violate Haskins' contract and NCAA rules.

Haskins repeatedly denied such a payment in his previous responses to NCAA and school investigators, as well as to Minnesota President Mark Yudof.

But in an "addition and correction process" to the NCAA's official notice of inquiry, Haskins acknowledged the payment to former tutor Jan Gangelhoff in spring 1998, university attorney Mark Rotenberg said.

Rotenberg called the admission proof that Haskins broke school and NCAA rules and violated his contract.

He said the university has not decided whether it would try to reclaim the \$1.5 million buyout to Haskins, but said lawyers are looking into it.

Rotenberg said the university might consider a claim of "fraudulent inducement" if school officials could show they didn't have information on the payment when they bought out Haskins' contract in June 1999, three months after the scandal broke.

Ron Zamansky, Haskins' attorney, would not comment specifically on the latest revelation or on Rotenberg's suggestion that the university could try to reclaim Haskins' financial settlement.

"There is no change in coach Haskins' belief that the conclusion of the independent investigators is wrong," Zamansky said.

Haskins did not return a call to his Kentucky ranch.

Rotenberg also said it was his understanding that Haskins maintains that he did not know Gangelhoff was doing coursework for players.

"So this admission doesn't necessarily mean that coach Haskins is now acknowledging that he knew about the cheating," he said.

"But certainly, his admission he paid Jan Gangelhoff to assist student-athletes after he knew that the U. of M. had fired Jan Gangelhoff and would not allow her to work for our academic counseling program is evidence that coach Haskins misled the university, misled our independent investigators, the NCAA and, at a minimum, provided a benefit to student-athletes outside what was authorized by the U. of M. and that itself is an NCAA violation," Rotenberg said.

Yudof has defended the buyout of Haskins, whose contract was to run through 2002, saying the university needed to move on and that the school was obligated to give him the money because it had no proof of wrongdoing by Haskins at the time.

The scandal broke in March 1999 when Gangelhoff told The Saint Paul Pioneer Press she did more than 400 pieces of coursework for up to 20 players.

The university launched an investigation that took nine months and led to a 1,000-page report now in the hands of the NCAA.

The school's report concluded in November that Haskins knew of the fraud, lied to investigators and told his players to lie after the wrongdoing was exposed.

A federal grand jury also is looking into the scandal.

Haskins originally denied he paid Gangelhoff to work with players after she was disassociated from the program because of suspicions that she was doing players' coursework. But the university's investigation concluded that he was the only "reasonable source" of the payment.

Haskins' personal financial records, turned over to the NCAA, showed the payment was made, Rotenberg said.

Playing in one of the best football conferences in the country, the Lions better not crawl into a corner.

Because once intimidation is shown by any of the inexperienced Penn State players, the opponent will attack.

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno knows this.

Bradley and his assistants know this. And so do the Lions who will be putting on their blue and white jerseys and strapping on their helmets later this month.

Everyone inside the Penn State locker room knows they shouldn't worry about how to stop the rest of the Big Ten on Saturdays this fall. They should worry about who will stop it.

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