
The Service Line

Volleyball News from the MSU SideOut Club
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Welcome Home!

After spending five of the past six weekends on the road, our Spartan volleyball team returns home this weekend and will play at Jenison for four of the final six weekends of the Big Ten season. The road is a very tough place to play in the Big Ten, with nearly every stadium featuring a raucous, hostile crowd.

Collecting so many frequent flyer miles is difficult for anyone, but especially so for student-athletes, who often have to make up exams, tests and missed assignments and adjust their sleep and eating patterns, on top of all the other demands on their time. In addition, many of the players are banged up and are having to deal with nagging injuries or more serious ones.

All of these issues are difficult to deal with at any time, but particularly when the team is struggling. As a result, our players need our support now more than ever. Every member of the team is committed to giving their best effort and to being great representatives of Michigan State University in the classroom, the community and on the volleyball court. This weekend, they need all of us to show that we appreciate their efforts by turning out and bringing a couple of friends. And make sure to give the team an extra loud round of applause to let them know that we are behind them!

The SideOut Club has several special activities planned to enable MSU Volleyball fans to make a weekend of it. A coach's luncheon is scheduled for Friday at 11:30 at Damon's on Lake Lansing Road. The annual tailgate will begin at 3:30 on Saturday and will run right up until the match starts at 7:00. The SideOut Club's annual meeting will take place at 5:30, either inside or outside of Jenison depending on the weather. But neither these events nor the two matches will be complete without one more ingredient: you!

Tailgate—Oct. 23

Don't forget the 5th annual Spartan Volleyball Tailgate Party on Saturday, October 23, before the match against Northwestern. The fun will take place on the green in the south parking lot of Jenison (in front of the main entrance) starting around 3:30 pm, until game time at 7. Bring a dish or grill-able items to share. If you can bring a grill and charcoal, or have any questions, contact organizer Cathy Caswell at 332-4353 or caswell@msu.edu.

Make Banquet Plans Now

By Jenny Bond

The year-end banquet is scheduled for Sunday, November 28, 2004, at Hawk Hollow Golf Course. We are working to keep the costs the same as last year – \$30 per person and \$15 for a special plate for children 14 years old and younger. We anticipate that the reception will be about 11 AM and the meal will be served about noon. More details will follow later. However, get the date on your schedule now.

Three seniors are to be honored – Kim Schram, Michaela Kopka and Diana Steplyk. These players deserve a first-rate send off. Your attendance will help us make the banquet special for them.

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Meet the Freshmen: Maggie Griffin



Picture: MSU Sports Information

This is the second in a series of three profiles of the three new players who joined the Spartan volleyball program this season. Maggie Griffin, a 6' setter from St. Charles, Illinois, is the third of four children of Jim and Mary "Kevin" Griffin. Her parents met while attending Cincinnati's Xavier University, where Kevin played volleyball and basketball.

Maggie followed in her mother's footsteps by taking up both sports at a young age. At age 9, she joined the renowned Sports Performance Volleyball Club of West Chicago, the club that has produced such Spartan players as Jenna Wrobel, Christie Landry and Diana Steplyk. She almost immediately gravitated to the setter's position, where her ball-handling skills complemented her height and made her an imposing force for opponents.

Her parents realized how serious Maggie was about volleyball when she began high school. She told them that she was giving up basketball, a sport that she loved and was quite good at, to dedicate all of her time to volleyball. This had to be an especially hard choice for her since Kevin played four years of college basketball, Jim played four years of high school basketball, and both of them coached the sport.

Making the commitment to become a top athlete also entails many social sacrifices. Maggie had to invest a great deal of her free time in volleyball in order to pursue a "commitment to excellence," a motto established by her Sports Performance coach, Rick Butler. But her parents believe that it was worthwhile because these sacrifices enabled her to develop exceptional discipline and

an outstanding work ethic. In the process, Maggie blossomed into one of the top prep players in the country.

Moreover, instead of narrowing her life, her volleyball talents exposed her to a wealth of experiences. As a junior in high school, her club team traveled for ten days to Beijing to train with members of the Chinese National Team, and then to Tianjin, China, to compete against Nankai University. As if the eighteen hours of flying and the vast cultural differences weren't enough to deal with, there were the additional challenges of the SARS epidemic and the United States declaring war the day before they left. As a senior, Maggie traveled to Boca Chica and Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic to train with Dominican Youth and Junior National Team members at the site of the Pan American Games.

Along the way, Maggie continued to excel and inspire her teammates to excel. She led Sports Performance to the USA Volleyball 18-Open National Championship in Atlanta in 2003 and to a repeat in Houston in 2004. In both years, she was named tournament MVP, the only player ever to earn the honor twice in the same bracket in the twenty-five-year history of the championships. She was also selected as a Fab 50 player.

Upon her signing, Chuck Erbe noted: "Maggie is one of the most gifted setters in the nation coming out of the club system. She has been a setter her entire volleyball career and has proven herself to be a championship-level athlete. I expect her to compete for the starting setter position from the beginning of her freshman year."

Maggie has lived up to those high expectations individually, having become only the third freshman in school history to be named starting setter. She has already dished out over 600 assists, and has a chance to break the school's freshman record. Moreover, she takes great advantage of her six-foot frame with the sort of blocking and attacking skills that opponents do not expect from a setter.

Maggie and all of her teammates are disappointed by MSU's record this season, but it has not lessened their resolve. Kevin Griffin notes of her daughter, "It has not been the successes so much as the failures that have strengthened Maggie and taught her some great life lessons along her nine-year journey!"

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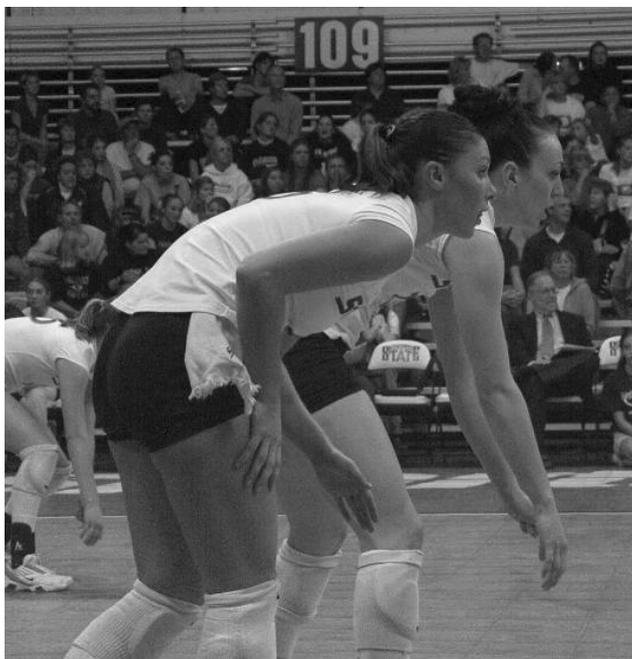
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Spartan fans have been thrilled for the past four years by the regular sight of Kim Schram leaping high enough to have to file a flight plan with the FTA and then hammering down yet another emphatic kill. Kim, a senior outside hitter from London, Ontario, passed MSU legends Erin Hartley and Val Sterk last weekend to move into fourth place in the school's career kills list, and is on pace to move at least one spot higher before the season ends. Her accomplishments on the court have earned her First Team All-Big Ten honors, honorable mention All-American selection and three consecutive berths on the Academic All-Big Ten Team. And yet her prowess on the court is only one aspect of a multi-dimensional young woman who exemplifies the ideal of a student-athlete.

The most obvious measure is success in the classroom and Kim is enrolled in the Honor's College and is a fixture on the Dean's List. But an education consists of much more than grades on a report card and Kim's years at MSU also embody the dual threads that have created the modern university. Until the twentieth century, the dominant view was that the primary function of higher education should be broadening the mind by exposing it to great ideas and great literature. By the twentieth century, many questioned the value of this focus. G. K. Chesterton tellingly remarked, "Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid." A more practical consideration was that it was hard to justify the expense of college unless it prepared a student for a career.

As a result, the modern university tries to incorporate both the abstract ideal of broadening the mind and the more practical one of preparing students for a specific career. There are obvious tensions between these two aims, and yet Kim is a perfect example of a student who has been able to balance and benefit from both of them.

She is majoring in Supply Chain Management, a course of study that deals with the efficiency and logistics of companies' relationships with their suppliers. Michigan State has earned widespread renown in this field, with U.S. News and World Reports' 2005 rankings placing MSU's program second in the country, behind only MIT. The combination of a great demand for graduates in this field, MSU's highly ranked program and Kim's academic success means that companies will be clamoring for her services as soon as she graduates. Most students would be delighted to know that such a secure future awaits them, but Kim isn't sure that that's the course she wants to take.



Kim Schram (in back) and Nikki Colson
Photo: Al and Renee Schmitzer

She's keeping open the option of working in supply chain management for a couple of years and then returning to grad school for an MBA in marketing. However, she is increasingly intrigued by the possibility of instead pursuing a career in her second degree, which is social anthropology (with a specialization in health promotion). In discussing her interest in this field, she becomes very animated and confides that she would love to be able to go on to get a Ph.D. and spend her life researching, writing and teaching as a professor of social anthropology.

One of the things that has drawn her to this field is her fascination with how cultural values and other socially constructed factors shape people's perceptions of their bodies and their notions of pain. By bouncing these ideas off of ones from her related interests in women's studies and gender studies, Kim has developed specific areas of interest in urban anthropology, gender anthropology, and culture, health and illness.

She feels so drawn to these fields because they help to explain underlying questions, such as how changing societal attitudes are changing the ways in which girls are raised and the impact this has had on their lives and well-being. Kim explains, "The way culture shapes our ideas, our behavior, our opinions, our way of life, the way we perceive the world, and perceive ourselves has become of great interest to me."

At first pass, there might seem to be two disciplines with less in common than the two that Kim is studying, but her inquisitive mind has discerned a thread that may eventually enable her to connect them. She explains that if she pursues the MBA in marketing, she would like to direct her studies toward product development or advertising in one of the numerous industries that caters to young women.

As appealing as both of these options seem, Kim is also entertaining yet another potential future. Last season, she got her first opportunity to play regularly in the back row and the experience was a revelation. Just as her major has taught her to see patterns in the interactions between businesses, and her second degree has enabled her to look for unifying concepts in the seemingly unrelated responses of the human body, so too playing in the back court provided her with a new insight into all of the hustle and bustle on the volleyball court.

She asks with a grin, "How can I give up playing volleyball just when I've finally understood it?" That feeling was reinforced this summer when Kim played and toured with the Canadian National

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Team. She was selected as MVP of the Red and White game and found the whole experience to be one of the highlights of her life. So she is now seriously contemplating playing volleyball professionally for the next few years with the aim of helping Canada earn a berth in the 2008 Olympics.

Wherever she goes next, Kim Schram will represent Michigan State University with grace and distinction. But she is quick to point out that the relationship goes both ways, and that the years she has spent in East Lansing will always remain with her. Some of the instances that she cites are ones that might be expected. She notes, for example, that Chuck Erbe is a master of technical coaching who has been invaluable in her development as a volleyball player. Kim credits Daune Rensing, who was an outstanding outside hitter during her own playing days, with helping her to broaden her repertoire of shots. She also reports with a chuckle that she and Ohio State's Stacey Gordon were kidded by their Canadian National Team teammates for having become "so American."

Other memories that she will always cherish about her years in East Lansing are subtler. Athletes are in the vulnerable position of having their performances displayed before the public. For a go-to player like Kim, the pressure can be especially intense; she notes that she has experienced both the thrill of a match-winning kill and the agony of being blocked on match point.

Nikki Colson recalls that all of her teammates recognized Kim Schram's toughness during a home match against Ohio State in Kim's freshman year. She recalls: "Kim had just made an error and was very frustrated with herself, and to my surprise started crying right there on the court, in the middle of the match! I then distinctly remember going to line up for serve receive in rotation one, because in this rotation Kim and I line up right next to each other. I looked at Kim straight in the eye and said 'Kim, quit crying, we need you right now. I'm setting you the next ball and you're gonna get a kill.' And so I did, and sure enough, Kim got a kill. After the kill hit the floor Kim just looked at me and said, 'Thanks' with this funny look on her face as if saying, 'I can't believe you just set me while I was crying.'"

The incident is not representative – it was the first and last time that Kim ever cried during a match. However, it made a lasting impression on her teammates because her ability to execute and perform showed them just how resilient Kim really was. Nikki explains that at that moment she and all her teammates knew that Kim "was going to be my tough 'go-to-player' for the next three years. In that moment she showed me how tough she really could be when the team needed her. Kim Schram was a great teammate to have because she is so competitive, she isn't afraid to make mistakes, or step up to the plate when the team needs a big play. Go get 'em Kimmy!!"

As tough as the pressure can be, Kim wouldn't have it any other way. She says with conviction, "I love the challenge and the adrenaline rush" that come from knowing that her teammates are relying upon her at the critical moment. She

explains that there is a valuable lesson to be learned from this scrutiny: "sports have a way of teaching you not to care too much about what other people think." She points out that athletes are instead forced to learn how to look in the mirror and evaluate themselves objectively.

She adds thoughtfully that the purpose should be to "recognize faults but with an understanding that we are only human, we are not perfect. 'Failure is an event, not a person' is what I remind myself of often ... all you can do is learn from mistakes and try to get better. If I did my best and I failed, I need to get better, not dwell on it or let the failure become me. Failure has a way of teaching you far more than success as long as you can critically evaluate yourself with total honesty. It's how I can come back and play well after a bad game, or a bad play. I have become good at learning and then letting go." And, she notes wryly, when compared to some of the challenges she has faced in the gym, "life seems so much easier!"

She similarly finds the mental aspects of playing volleyball fascinating, since a player undergoes such a violent swing of emotions within a single point. In order to pass or to serve well, she explains, "you have to be so calm," but that can be immediately followed by a wild scramble that requires spontaneity and creativity. Thus in a split second a player may have to adapt from the yin of passing – which Kim says is "all about proper form" – to the yang of attacking, which melds form and aggression – in Kim's words, it's "all about drawing blood." To competently perform any one of these actions in the pressure-packed environment of a Big Ten volleyball match is tough enough. Being able to do all of them well is the supreme test of both the physical and mental preparedness of an athlete.

Kim will have especially fond memories of her Michigan State teammates. She feels blessed to have entered the program as part of a class of seven and gone through the challenges of college and Big Ten volleyball together, an experience that has made them "sisters." She notes that the team's closeness is really demonstrated after the players have spent a long day in the gym or have been thrust together during a long weekend on the road. When the players finally get some free time and can spend it any way they choose – the first people they usually call to hang out with are one another! Kim says that when she tells this to players on other teams they can hardly believe it. She adds with pride that the team's struggles this year have not affected that bond: "the tough times make us closer, which is what makes the team this year so special."

She notes that the bonds between the classes before and behind hers are equally strong. When Kim was a freshman, Erin Hartley "really took me under her wing and some of my greatest memories of my time here were the many volleyball and life talks we had." Kim says, "I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to play with her for a year and with my other teammates who have now graduated." Now that she is a senior, she makes sure that her younger teammates appreciate

Kim Schram *(continued from page 4)*

that they are responsible for carrying on a tradition of excellence, both on the volleyball court and in the classroom.

While her days in East Lansing have enriched her life and produced memories that she will always cherish, the foundations for her wide range of interests were in place long before she arrived. Kim notes that her father Rob and her mother Cheryl “support me till no end in all aspects of my life. They have always placed a great emphasis on being more than just an athlete – doing well in school, having a variety of interests and being broad-minded.”

They reinforce that message by encouraging her in all of her diverse pursuits. Her dad, a businessman, likes to send her business articles, while her mom, a special education teacher, likes to encourage her creative impulses by surprising her with a new paintbrush or a blank journal. Kim appreciates these thoughtful gestures because they make it easier to keep even a tough loss in perspective. She says, “I am so grateful for their endless support in volleyball and life.”

Kim is equally grateful to her older sister Carrie, whom she describes as “my #1 role model in all aspects of life but especially in volleyball.” Carrie first encouraged Kim to get into volleyball, but she also helps her keep the game in perspective. As noted in the March newsletter, Carrie played the sport at the University of Toronto and led her school to the provincial championships. There are no athletic scholarships at Canadian universities, which Kim thinks about every time she starts “to make this into a job and forget to have fun.” Carrie’s example reminds her of what it’s really all about – “the love of the game and the love of competition.”

Both of Rob and Cheryl Schram’s children have carried on important family traditions. Kim will soon become the third generation of the family to earn a degree from Michigan State. Carrie is now enrolled in medical school at Queen’s University, en route to becoming the fourth generation of doctors in the family.

With so many options, Kim’s future path may take her almost anywhere. But whether she is in the classroom, the boardroom, the volleyball court or somewhere else altogether, it’s safe to assume a couple of things. She will always be alert to the widest possible range of experiences and voices and seek ways to include all of them. And she will do so by making full use of her hunger for knowledge, her ability to thrive under pressure and her passion for excellence.

Did you know?

University of Southern California recently had their fifty-two-match winning streak ended by Illinois. While that streak is recognized as the NCAA record, *it is not the school record*. USC won 56 straight matches from November 27, 1976, through September 27, 1978, when the school was a member of the AIAW. Most of those wins took place while USC was coached by Chuck Erbe.

Alumni News and Notes

This year is the tenth anniversary of the SideOut Club and next year will mark ten seasons since MSU’s magical run to the 1995 Final Four. To commemorate that milestone, **Courtney DeBolt**, setter for the Final Four team, is organizing a very special reunion at next year’s Alumni Match. We’ll be doing our part with a regular column this year on the current activities and whereabouts of former MSU Volleyball players. Thanks to **Kyla Smith** for providing much of the information:

Christie Landry is an assistant volleyball coach at the University of Kentucky.

Kyla Smith is working on a master’s degree at MSU in Youth Development, and also works for the Student-Athletic Support Services. She and Maren Witzel completed a marathon in Chicago on May 31 and they are planning to run the Detroit Half Marathon in October.

In addition to running alongside Kyla Smith in marathons, **Maren Witzel** has completed her master’s degree and is now working at Stealth Engineering in Holt.

Jessica Sanborn has joined the Peace Corps and will be spending the next 2 years in Africa.

Emily Engel is living in Portland, Oregon, and working for Intel in their packaging division as a Packaging/Manufacturing Engineer.

Nikki Colson graduated in May with a degree in Communications and is now working for a large insurance company in Omaha, Nebraska. She is also busy preparing for her December 30 wedding, which will be attended by many of her former teammates.

Vicki Basil is a special education teacher in Minnesota and is working on a master’s degree at Bethel College.

After four years of diving all over the court at Jenison, **Emmy Miller** is now landing on a somewhat softer surface. She is a member of the MSU Diving Team and is enjoying it a lot!

Sarah Gustin is an assistant volleyball coach at Cal Poly.

Erin Hartley completed her student-teaching in Williams-ton last year and is now teaching at Midland High School.

Sara Villwock is continuing her studies at MSU and is a part-time volleyball coach at Olivet College.

—more to come next month—

President's Message

By SOC President Jenny Bond

October Greetings to each of you! The season is not starting quite the way we would have liked. Who could have predicted the injuries the team has experienced? It makes our role as boosters even more critical to the team and program. All of us have had "slumps" in our personal and professional lives. And I hope each of you remembers how important it was to you to have constant and positive support from people who really cared about you during these situations.

On October 12, I sent all the team members an e-mail message. Included in this message were the following statements:

"On behalf of the SideOut Club, I want to let you know that we are behind you whatever your record. You are still the fine young women we greeted in the Fall and we still support you. I can imagine that it is difficult to face practice every day and each match. You will have to dig deep to bring out your best and weather the current slump. I dare you to bring your very best to the court – that is all we ask of you. We wish we could do more for you now to ease some of the pain (physical and emotional!). Know that we think of you often.

"The SideOut Club could not schedule a bus trip to Ohio State as we have in recent years due to the tremendous increase in the cost of renting the bus. We definitely will be with you at OSU and Penn State in our thoughts."

Now, as boosters, we need to provide support for the team and staff. Plan to attend the matches at Jenison. Make an effort to participate in the tailgate and the coach's luncheons. Cheer for the team! They definitely do not need to hear any "boos" or derogatory comments. Recognize that at times there are 4-5 freshmen on the court. I always remember a statement that Chuck made at a coach's luncheon – not one player ever goes on the court wanting to play badly. Increase your purchases of 50/50 tickets if possible, as this is an important fundraiser for the club. Make plans now to attend the year-end banquet.

I know that each of you will live up to the challenge of providing as much support as you can to the team.

We had the opportunity to attend the MSU-UM match in Ann Arbor. I carefully observed their marketing and promotion efforts – large investments have been made in these. The Board will continue to work on how we may increase efforts in these areas.

I look forward to seeing you at the next coach's luncheon and at the tailgate. Let me know if you have comments or suggestions for SOC activities (jbond@msu.edu or 517-676-2676).

Go State!

Jenny Bond

Dennis Eagle—Protector, Entertainer and Salesman

An Addendum—by Jenny Bond

The last newsletter featured Dennis Eagle as a SOC merchandiser. Dennis's "real job," in addition to being a family man, is working as an environmental analyst for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. He spent ten years as a project manager coordinating cleanups of contaminated sites. For the past four years, he has worked on the environmental enforcement end of cleanups, which involves coordinating fines, penalties and lawsuits against liable parties that fail to clean up their "messes."

Dennis currently receives voice training from a professional singer who routinely sings at the Metropolitan Opera. Dennis writes, "Singing is my true passion – second only to my family. I look at it as a gift of nature which was meant to be used and enjoyed and I'll continue to do it until my last breath or it's no longer meant to be." You may get to hear Dennis sing the National Anthem before the end of the season.

Jim Ellis—SOC Treasurer and So Much More!

By Jenny Bond

The volleyball program and the SOC are fortunate to have a fan as competent and devoted as Jim Ellis. He is multi-talented! Jim has been on the Board since 1997 and has provided outstanding service as Treasurer. In this role he keeps all financial records, completes the NCAA Audit Information Report, reports our sales and pays the state of Michigan taxes. He also provides a financial report at every Board meeting and keeps us solvent and legal. You will frequently see him at matches working with the 50/50 final accounting and Young Spartan drawing. The latter was one of his suggestions, which was quickly supported by the Board as a tool to create excitement for volleyball fans in the 8th grade or younger. Jim is always ready to help with all SOC events and the Ellises have had courtside seats since 1998.

Jim and his wife attended their first MSU volleyball match in 1995 at the invitation of Dave Pike, a state of Michigan retiree who has also served on the Board. Jim is one of many SOC members who have links with State government. (If all of us were as successful in recruiting our colleagues and friends as those working for the state, Jenison would be overflowing every match.) Jim worked as the Director of the Office of Quality Assurance for the Family Independence Agency (Department of Social Services), where he worked with auditors in the field and analysts in Lansing. The goal was to identify and reduce errors in the welfare system. As you can imagine, his duties increased as both the cost of welfare programs grew and the emphasis on reducing errors followed. He took advantage of the early retirement program in September 1997.

In 1998 he entered the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary where he graduated with an M.A. in Old Testament Studies in 2001. He has “slowly been pursuing a Th.M. degree in Old Testament at Calvin Seminary.” According to Jim this is a weird (his word) theological degree that is halfway between a master’s and doctoral degree. Do not be surprised if you see him studying Greek or Hebrew between matches, although I do not know how he can concentrate on either in the Jenison environment. He has been making two trips a year to Ghana to teach intensive two week courses at a Baptist Bible College. Last year he served as an adjunct professor of Old Testament at GR Baptist Seminary when the regular professor was activated as an army chaplain. He tells me that “I plan to continue teaching Bible

so long as I am able.” Interestingly, his first degree was in Economics at Wichita State in his home state of Kansas. He initially came to MSU for a Ph.D. in Economics.

Jim has been married to his wife Eileen since 1969. You will see her assisting in many ways at the matches. She is a partner in Health Management Associates, a national consulting firm dealing with health care financing issues. I do not think we have to worry about her running out of work anytime soon, as she consults mainly with state governments and health care providers across the country. She is also a church organist, keyboard player, choir member and handbell choir director. They have one daughter, Shelley, who is the Associate Campus Director of the Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of New Hampshire. Several years ago, Shelley designed one of the shirts SOC sold. MSU volleyball is a family affair, as Eileen’s sister is a SOC member and frequent volunteer.

Jim and Eileen cite Sarah Gustin and Veronica Morales as their favorite alumni players because they “ran into them fairly often in the community and got to know them a little better than the other players.” He adds, “Despite the obvious talent of the young women that Coach Erbe recruits, I have always been most impressed with the intelligence and outstanding character qualities of our team. When you are supporting such obviously outstanding young women, it is easy to support them when they struggle and even more rewarding when they succeed.” I could not agree more.

Thank you Jim and Eileen for all that you do for the MSU volleyball program and for the SOC!

Coach’s Luncheons

When:

Friday, October 22

Friday, October 29

Friday, November 12

Saturday, November 27

ALL begin at 11:30am and run until about 1:00pm

Where:

Damon’s at 1601 W. Lake Lansing Road
(near the 127 exit)

FALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	TV	Time	Result
Fri	09/24/2004	@Minnesota		8:00 PM	L 0-3
Sat	09/25/2004	@Iowa		8:00 PM	L 1-3
Fri	10/01/2004	INDIANA		7:00 PM	W 3-0
Sat	10/02/2004	PURDUE		7:00 PM	L 2-3
Wed	10/06/2004	@Michigan		7:00 PM	L 1-3
Sat	10/09/2004	@Illinois	FOX	8:00 PM	L 0-3
Fri	10/15/2004	@Ohio State		7:00 PM	L 0-3
Sat	10/16/2004	@Penn State	ESPN2	7:00 PM	L 1-3
Fri	10/22/2004	WISCONSIN		7:00 PM	
Sat	10/23/2004	NORTHWESTERN		7:00 PM	
Wed	10/27/2004	MICHIGAN		7:00 PM	
Fri	10/29/2004	ILLINOIS		7:00 PM	
Fri	11/05/2004	@Purdue		7:00 PM	
Sat	11/06/2004	@Indiana		7:00 PM	
Fri	11/12/2004	IOWA		7:00 PM	
Sat	11/13/2004	MINNESOTA		8:00 PM	
Fri	11/19/2004	@Northwestern		8:00 PM	
Sat	11/20/2004	@Wisconsin	FOX	8:00 PM	
Fri	11/26/2004	PENN STATE		7:00 PM	
Sat	11/27/2004	OHIO STATE		7:00 PM	

Tournament results

Date	Opponent	Result
09/03	Ohio University	W 3-0
09/04	St. John's	W 3-0
09/04	Florida A&M	W 3-0
09/10	Arkansas	W 3-1
09/10	Wichita State	W 3-2
09/11	Washington	L 0-3
09/17	Notre Dame	L 1-3
09/18	South Carolina	L 2-3

NCAA Tournament

Dec. 2-5—NCAA First Round

Dec. 9-12—NCAA Second Round

Dec. 16-18—NCAA Third Round

NOTE: In the schedule at left, home games are in bold capital letters. All home games are at Jenison Fieldhouse.



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