

The Timeline

September 24, 1929:

Mount Mercy College opens its doors for the first time.

February 1931:

Miss Billie Brennan, the director of Athletics at the Mount, initiates an intramural athletic program for freshmen and sophomores. The grades compete with one another in volleyball and basketball.

September 1932:

Saint Joseph's Hall opens, fully equipped with an auditorium, kitchenette, swimming pool, social rooms and a gymnasium. St. Joe's is a 27,933 square feet structure. Mount Mercy officially becomes a four-year institution, as recognized by Pennsylvania State law.

March 15, 1933:

The intramural volleyball season begins. Freshmen and sophomores begin weekly workouts and compete against each other in St. Joe's Hall.

April 10, 1933:

The Dramatic Club sponsors a swimming party with an exhibition given by Olympic swimmers Lenore Knight and Anna Mae Gorma, eventual winner of a silver medal in the 1936 games. Members of the Homestead Swimming Team also participate and perform a diving and swimming show.

November 29, 1933:

The sophomores defeat the freshmen in volleyball intramurals. Miss Evelyn Reardon, the new athletic director, promises other inter-class games, with the possibility of a varsity team.

January 1934:

Regular basketball practice begins. Reardon promises a varsity team, but only if student interest is high. She also wants to organize a varsity swim team. *The McCauleyan* reports: "Students are urgently requested to go out for sports. Mt. Mercy is becoming known in the educational and social fields, and soon will be conspicuous by its lack of interest in athletics."

January 11, 1934:

The McCauleyan reports developing interest in a new sport: "marked innovation of a sport of a different nature, an activity heretofore neglected by the Mount students – roller skating." A skating event is planned by the freshmen class and held at Saint Peter and Paul's Skating Rink on Larimer Avenue in East Liberty.

April 1934:

Students organize a horse-riding club under the direction of Reardon. She promises that for the upcoming school year, an athletic association will be formed that includes groups of tennis, swimming, basketball and horse-riding enthusiasts.

February 3, 1935:

Almost an entire year later, Reardon again promises a new athletic organization with a great following. She announces that "over half of the student body has already signed up for membership."

May 5, 1935:

Babe Ruth strokes the last three home runs of his career at Forbes Field. The final home run is the first ever to clear the then 10-year-old right field roof.

November 1935:

Miss Rosemary Kraeling, new physical education instructor and athletic director, holds a meeting to create an athletic association on Nov. 18. At this meeting, representatives from each class are chosen as officers of the newly formed association.

February 1936:

Kraeling announces the first-ever members of the Women's Athletic Association of Mount Mercy (WAA). Olive Skodol, president; Catherine McVey, secretary; and Betty Brown, treasurer. A membership drive to promote athletic activities on campus begins. Several committees are appointed to draw up a program of spring and summer sports including basketball, volleyball, archery, swimming, tennis, ping-pong and badminton.

March 7, 1936:

The Women's Division of the Physical Education Department at the University of Pittsburgh hosts representatives from eight local colleges for a recreational program of basketball and swimming. Ten students represent the Mount: Skodol, McVey, Brown, Rita Smith, Rita Stinner, Helen Quinn, Melva Miller, Verona McGinley, Rita McLaughlin and Dorothy Pfarr attend, accompanied by Kraeling.

April 30, 1936:

Members of the WAA sponsor a swimming party to raise money for the annual Play Day. This is an intercollegiate tournament at the University of Pittsburgh where local school teams compete in various sports.

The WAA begins making plans for recreational horse-riding at the Schenley Park Stables. Beginners and experienced riders are welcome.

May 19, 1936:

The University of Pittsburgh hosts representatives from local colleges in a meeting at the College Club on Craig Street. The purpose of this event is to discuss and make a tentative schedule for a rotating Sports Play Day. Play Day is an event hosted by a selected school where students from various colleges compete in sporting events four times a year. At this meeting, it is decided that Carnegie Tech would host hockey, Mt. Mercy would host swimming, Pitt would host basketball and the Pennsylvania College for Women would host mushball. Play Day was meant to generate a feeling of sportsmanship among local colleges.

June 1936:

The WAA ends the year with a membership of 100 students. The officers for next year's athletic association are chosen: Kay McVey, president; Betty Brown, secretary; and Helen Quinn, treasurer.

October 1936:

Ruth Meyer and McVey represent Mt. Mercy at the Convention of Western Pennsylvania's Division of College Women at Slippery Rock's Teachers College. Plans are made at this convention to inaugurate a point system of awarding participation in athletics.

November 1936:

A WAA meeting of 65 girls reveals a great interest in swimming. Miss Ruth Anderson, a prominent figure in campus activities at Pitt, is a special guest visitor at the meeting.

December 15, 1936:

The first of various Play Days occurs. Representatives from the four participating colleges attend, as well as representatives from Duquesne University. The inauguration of a points system is announced at a WAA meeting: 75 participation points earns a numeral; 200 points earns a letter; and 500 points earns a jacket. The winning team in class competition earns extra points.

December 1936:

The Play Day event is postponed until spring.

January 21, 1937:

At the monthly meeting of the WAA, Miss Jane Shurmer, the physical education department faculty

member at Pitt, gives a discussion on the rules of basketball in preparation for the upcoming intramural tournament.

Rita McLaughlin announces that she has become the basketball coach and schedules Tuesday evening practices, accompanying her Wednesday night tap dance session.

February 1937:

The WAA announces that it will award three silver trophies for its annual sports championships. Two will be group awards that go to the winners of the IM basketball and swimming competitions, and will be transferable each year. The third trophy will be awarded permanently to the IM tennis champion.

March 1937:

The WAA awards the junior class with the basketball trophy after it eliminates its three opponents in the tournament. Rita McLaughlin, junior manager and captain, accepts the trophy.

Mt. Mercy announces a date for Play Day and sends invitations to the four other colleges.

March 13, 1937:

The Mt. Mercy basketball team, comprised of students from every grade, plays the Pitt basketball team at Trees Hall. Pitt wins both games.

April 17, 1937:

Mt. Mercy hosts a successful Play Day. Representatives from all four local colleges attend and enjoy friendly swimming competitions. Refreshments were served.

May 1937:

The WAA recognizes 24 girls in *The McCauleyan* who exhibited excellent posture during the month of April, but doesn't name them.

The tennis season begins under the direction of Mr. Finn and Helen Rita Hogan.

Miss Kraeling becomes suddenly ill.

May 15, 1937:

Six students attend Play Day at Pennsylvania College for Women. They enjoy games of tennis, badminton, bowling, archery, golf and horseback riding.

October 21, 1937:

The WAA hosts a swim party in St. Joe's. The association announces its board of representatives at its monthly dinner: Mary Jane Vetter, senior; Mary Agnes Peters, junior; Josephine Rishel, sophomore; and Edna Carroll, freshman.

November 1937:

Betty Brown, now president of the WAA, announces plans for an interclass basketball tournament beginning in January. The tournament will conclude with a faculty-student game in February.

December 1937:

The WAA sponsors recreational swimming, badminton, bowling, horseback riding and basketball activities.

Mushball is expected to begin in the spring.

January 1938:

The McCauleyan publishes an article about Major E.J. Gibney's visit to campus. Gibney, the military instructor of the R.O.T.C. unit of Pittsburgh, is a guest speaker for the monthly WAA meeting.

February 1938:

The senior team caps off a seven-year string as a team with a victory over the sophomores in the interclass tournament. *The McCauleyan* publishes an article about the girls, entitled, Champions for Seven Years.

The seniors then defeat the faculty, 23-11, in first-ever faculty/student event. *The McCauleyan* reports:

“Showing unusual spirit and earnestness, the faculty team fought to the final whistle and in the last quarter due to better passing and more accurate shooting, began to close the gap between the two teams.”

March 18, 1938:

Slippery Rock hosts Play Day. Seniors Sylvia Green, Betty Brown, Eleanor Walters, Janie Vetter, Rita McLaughlin, Melva Miller and Helen Joyce; sophomores Josephine Rishel and Mary Brenna; and freshman Edna Carroll represent Mount Mercy at Play Day.

The WAA announces that only 30 of the 79 paying members of the WAA are active participants.

April 1938:

The Mt. Mercy basketball team defeats St. Anthony of Millvale at Arsenal Gymnasium, 20-19. St. Anthony was the only undefeated team in intercollegiate play. *The McCauleyan* reports: “The amazement of the audience was no greater than Mt. Mercy’s, who were overwhelmed by their own brilliance.”

April 9, 1938:

Because of popular demand, Pitt hosts a swimming Play Day, the second of its kind. *The McCauleyan* reports: “An unusual amount of false starts and giggles hindered the games. After climbing in and out of the pool at least ten times, the girls were too tired to be any good.”

May 1938:

The faculty defeats the students in mushball. The dean issues this statement: “There is every indication that in another year the students will be able to cope with the recognized ability of the faculty and will no doubt be able to break even.” The freshmen defeat the seniors in the IM mushball tournament, 19-5.

New officers of the WAA are announced: Jane Scully, president; Mary Lynch, vice-president; Rita McGinley, secretary; and Betty Fitzgerald, treasurer.

The IM basketball trophy was awarded to Melva Miller, the captain of the champion senior team. The freshmen team wins the mushball tournament, and team captain Edna Carroll accepts the award. Mary Enery wins the individual swimming award and Betty Brown, graduating president of the WAA, received a ‘Gratitude Award’ for her service.

May 2, 1938:

The first-ever interclass mushball game is held. The juniors and seniors meet in “bloody combat.”

October 1938:

Miss Rosemary Tierney is named the new directoress of the WAA. She places an emphasis on sports “which will be of use later in life rather than those which require a team of six or more for competition.” She acknowledges the popularity of swimming, but urges students to attend regular practices for other sports. She places a special emphasis on badminton, tennis, and riding at Schenley Park.

The WAA announces that it will sponsor archery since the interest in the sport has grown because of a college tournament where Errol Flynn, the actor/archer in the “The Adventures of Robin Hood,” presented a trophy to the winner. *The McCauleyan* reports: “As a sport, it was introduced to us in the 18th century by the Prince of Wales, so we might call it a royal sport.”

November 1938:

Students begin training for the annual inter-class tournament and “above all, for that one major classic battle between college students and the faculty.” *The McCauleyan* reports: “the spirit aroused in this game is synonymous with that animated in Pittsburgh the weekend of the Pitt-Fordham football game, or that experienced by the Carnegie Institute of Technology after its startling upset of the mighty Pitt team. Who knows, perhaps the faculty at Mount Mercy may even declare a holiday if they upset all predictions and defeat the students.”

A new aim of the WAA is announced: to create interests in students for a program that will be of value to them in life after college days are completed.

During this month, horse-riding courses are in full swing in the South Hills and bowling sessions are held regularly Wednesday nights.

January 1939:

Rumors spread through campus that the faculty “has been engaging in secret practice” in preparation for the faculty-student basketball game.

A plea goes out to members of the WAA to return to activities. *The McCauleyan* reports: “Now, at the peak of basketball season, we have ten girls report for a general practice. Imagine! Ten out of a possible 60 report.” Four games are played against Saint George’s, Cathedral High School, Saint Rosalia’s High School and Our Lady of Mercy Academy.

February 1939:

The faculty stuns the students in the annual game, winning 16-11. The WAA honored the faculty team at the monthly meeting.

A new format for the class tournament is announced: the freshmen will play the sophomores and the juniors will play the seniors. The winners of these two matches will play each other and the losers will play each other. Then, the winners of the second round will play each other for the championship.

March 1939:

Another plea goes out via *The McCauleyan* for members to attend meetings and events. *The McCauleyan* reports: “The maximum number of fans for the basketball game versus Our Lady of Mercy Academy was eight.” The basketball teams loses all four games to Our Lady, Cathedral High, St. Rosalia’s High School and St. George’s High School.

April 1939:

The WAA housecleans and rids itself of inactive members and appoints dedicated members to lead sports. Jo Rishel and Mary Patricia Lynch lead badminton, Ethel Albert leads mushball and Sallie Dobson leads archery. *The McCauleyan* reports: “The slogan applied to archery, ‘for poise and grace,’ should attract many a girl who is interested in being truly charming.”

May, June 1939:

The WAA hosts Play Day on May 16 under the supervision of WAA President Jane Scully. Students from local schools enjoyed tennis, badminton, swimming, basketball and archery. Students in the department of Home Economics assist in the event’s organization by preparing and serving dinner. Newly elected members of the WAA board are announced: Jo Rishel, president; Betty Fitzgerald, vice-president; Bertha Most, secretary; and Pat Collins, treasurer.

October 1939:

Despite requests, the WAA declines to sponsor football intramurals.

The WAA announces new membership rules: each girl must play more than one sport and after two unexcused absences from the monthly meetings, the member may be permanently dismissed. All dues must be paid as well.

November 1939:

The Bowling Club begins its season on Nov. 7 at Strand Bowling Alleys on Forbes Avenue. *The McCauleyan* reports: “By the way, bowling is supposed to be fine for figures in addition to an engaging pasttime.”

The McCauleyan reports: “Pitt and [Carnegie] Tech girls have challenged Mt. Mercy representatives to a series of volleyball encounters. Such a challenge must not go unanswered, and a call for volunteers has been issued.”

January 1940:

Mt. Mercy announces plans to create the first-ever varsity basketball team, but doesn’t follow through on plans for several more years.

WAA announces a new system of honors for athletes to be recognized based on participation.

March 1940:

Students defeat the faculty, 17-11, in the annual basketball game. Mt. Mercy then goes on to beat Pitt, 22-12, but the game is overshadowed by the faculty student game.

October 1940:

The WAA announces largest club enrollment in its brief history, but doesn't publish the exact amount.

January 1941:

The basketball team completes the season with games against Duquesne, Carnegie Tech, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, and others. *The McCauleyan* deems it a "successful" season, although no record or scores are published.

April 1941:

The sophomore class wins the basketball tournament, but bowling becomes the number one sport at the Mount.

May 1941:

The Faculty defeats the students in the annual basketball game.

November 1941:

WAA introduces shuffleboard as a recreational activity. The club announces its new board members for the school year: Helen Majcher, basketball; Mary A. Smith, swimming; Jeanna Jernstrom, bowling; Gail Striffler, ice skating; Jacqueline Camarata, riding; Ann Dorsey, volleyball; and Virginia Yahner, health.

December 1941:

New changes are made to the basketball tournament. Five teams (three freshmen teams, one sophomore and one junior team) comprised of eight to ten girls with a managing captain will play each other in Round Robin play. Players who accumulate the most points based on participation and skill level will represent the Mount in outside games.

December 7, 1941:

Pearl Harbor is attacked by Japanese forces, forcing the United States to enter World War II.

January 1942:

In the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack, *The McCauleyan* publishes a patriotic editorial connecting sports with national identity. Sports Spot.

February 1942:

The faculty-student basketball game, originally scheduled for Feb. 24, is rescheduled for March.

March 1942:

Basketball season begins under Helen Jeanne Majcher. Games are scheduled against Duquesne University and St. Thomas High School, as well as the Shadyside Nurses.

The faculty defeats the students in the annual basketball game, 9-8. *The McCauleyan* reports: "We don't know whether they attribute their success to Wheaties or that Krispie Krunchie treat that builds you up but never lets you down." The paper also reports, "The action was fast and furious from beginning to end."

April 1942:

The WAA encourages gardening as an outdoor sport. *The McCauleyan* reports: "In your own backyard, in a vacant lot of your choosing, you can acquire the suntan you formerly got on the beach and provide enough exercise for even the most ambitious athlete."

May 1942:

Volleyball is a hit in gym class and mushball becomes very popular on campus.

Miss Chesnick, new WAA director, plans to have groups of girls represent the Mount at a sport tournament at the Pennsylvania College for Women (in swimming, badminton, bowling and tennis).

October 1942:

Miss Ann Sullivan is named the new physical education teacher and WAA director. She advocates an improvement in the usual sports, and envisions new opportunities at the Mount. *The McCauleyan* reports: "Did you know our gym was perfectly marked for an indoor tennis court?" The WAA begins its weekly recreational periods for interested girls to play basketball or swim. The Mount also begins holding regular swimming and gymnastics classes twice a week.

November 1942:

The WAA holds volleyball tryouts, but in two parts: part I is a demonstration of the fundamental rules of volleyball; part II is a demonstration of the following techniques – service, setup, block and spike. Peg Brallier is named basketball coach of the senior class Academy team. The WAA announces that the Mount will host the basketball referee exams for the first time. These are normally held at Slippery Rock University.

February 1943:

The Mount hosts the National Referee's Exam on Feb. 1 and 2.

March 1943

The students defeat the faculty in its annual basketball match, 16-8. The girls also defeat Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Duquesne University and Carnegie Tech. A Senior Red Cross Life-Saving course begins meeting twice weekly to supply lifeguards to city pools.

April 1943:

Mount Mercy's basketball team concludes an undefeated season under Ann Sullivan. The girls finish this season 8-0, defeating Carnegie Tech, Pitt and Duquesne twice. Roster and Results. *The Sun Telegraph* publishes a photo of the team. The WAA schedules a bowling party at Strand Bowling Alley for anyone interested.

October 1943:

Enrollment at the Mount peaks at 200. *The McCauleyan* sends out a request for girls wanting to play and improve their games to get involved in the WAA.

November 1943:

Seniors hold a skating party fundraising event for the National Federation of Catholic College Students that "netted big dividends – both socially and financially." The party grossed \$30. Every Thursday, Mount girls visit St. Paul's Orphanage to instruct the children in athletics and play games. A cheerleading group develops to aid the basketball team under the direction of Rita McIntyre, the head cheerleader.

March 1944:

Gym outfits are introduced, "a cool shade of lavender trimmed in gold" with a monogrammed cardigan. Swimmers wear cardinal red suits. Mt. Mercy defeats Our Lady of Mercy Academy, 29-26. The proceeds from the game netted \$70. \$50 were given to the Puerto Rican mission and \$20 given to the Chaplains Aid.

April 1944:

The basketball team defeats Pennsylvania College for Women, 40-29, but loses for the first time in two years to Duquesne, 29-21. The volleyball team announces official organization and interest in becoming a varsity squad.

October 1944:

The McCauleyan reports: "Because of the lack of material, Mt. Mercy gym suits will be yellow instead of the customary violet." The WAA announces that if there's enough interest, square dance lessons can be held in the gym.

The WAA says recreational periods will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The pool and gym will be open to anyone interested.

The Mount continues to visit St. Paul's Orphanage, teaching basketball, relay games, low-organized games, square and social dancing. Archery is added to the list of activities and is held in the green.

The largest life-saving class in its brief three-year history begins work.

November 1944:

The WAA is recognized as a Class-II club by other local colleges based on a large number of students taking part in a diversified activities program.

The physical education department purchases new badminton equipment. Now 12 girls can play at once.

Twenty-two freshmen are initiated into the WAA: eight through basketball, four through archery and 10 through swimming.

Student Jean Albert is interested in starting an archery team. *The McCauleyan* reports: "To further this end, she promises to wear a blanket and carry her bow and arrow to classes." Gilda Aloe and Margie Colgan make up the official track team of the Home Economics Department, because "at various hours, the duet sprints down steps and streak across campus."

To promote the National Federation of Catholic College Students, the WAA announces that it will charge for basketball games this season. The proceeds will provide athletic equipment for Catholic groups in the region.

January 1945:

Intra-class basketball intramurals begin. Hot dogs and drinks are sold at the games to help the missions.

February 1945:

Weight loss becomes a common interest at the Mount. Miss Sullivan's strategy is to diet and exercise. *The McCauleyan* reports: "Now the great problem would be whether you'd rather sport a questionable figure or die of overwork and starvation."

Pauline Tepe and Elaine Nesser become apprentice basketball officials. They are part of a group of girls who desire to become National Basketball Referees. Both are refs for the Bureau of Recreation.

March 1945:

The students defeat the faculty, 20-12, in their annual matchup. *The McCauleyan* reports: "Dr. Schiller again demonstrated his skill at keeping the students away from the basket. Dr. McCurdy decided he suffered from a tragedy all 'athletes' fear – an off night. Miss Sullivan thrilled the spectators with her dazzling one-hand shots. Miss Griffin's excellent performance was partly due to the fact that she had a trainer conditioning her during each time-out. Miss Rebman never missed an opportunity to charge onto the court and frantically wave a towel in front of Miss Griffin, after which she would trudge to the sidelines for a well-deserved rest."

Kickball is introduced to recreational gym classes.

Mt. Mercy defeats the Academy, 26-17, for the campus championship. Proceeds of \$50 are given to the Puerto Rican mission. Pitt defeats the Mount, 21-7.

April 1945:

The McCauleyan publishes a photo of students enjoying the sport of archery. Seniors Practice Archery.

June 1945:

The WAA announces its officers for the upcoming school year at Leadership Day. Cora Pantalone, president; Anne Newell, vice-president; Constance Zatkovich, secretary; Elaine Nesser, treasurer; and Nancy McDonald, historian.

The McCauleyan extends a thank you to the following "honorable graduates:"

Mary Alice Smith: Three-year varsity winner, Red Cross Life Saver and secretary of the WAA

Mary Helen Hockswender: Three-letter basketball player, Red Cross Life Saver, a recreational leader at St. Paul's Orphanage, and an enthusiastic archer

Betty Jane Ellis: Excellent badminton player and member of the basketball team

Margie Colgan: Manager of the varsity basketball team for three years

Adelaide Harris: Red Cross Lifesaver, recreational leader at St. Paul's, winner of two varsity basketball

letters and vice-president of the WAA

Peggy Brallier: president of the WAA, three-letter varsity winner, a camp counselor, physical education instructor at St. Xavier's Academy, coach of the Academy team and writer of "Sportrayals" for *The McCauleyan* for the past two years.

October 1945:

Peg Brallier is named the Mount's new physical education teacher. *The McCauleyan* reports: "A letter of gratitude has been received from Father James Biller of Muse, Pa., concerning the donation of athletic equipment from Honus Wagner by way of the WAA. Father Biller expresses his thanks and assures us that the equipment is being put to good use."

November 1945:

World War II ends as the Nuremberg war trials begin in Germany.

December 1945:

Lieutenant Dorothy Bradley is the guest speaker at the WAA meeting. She graduated as physical education instructor and was a physiotherapist at Children's Hospital before enlisting in the Army. Of the 29 months she served, 19 were spent at front-line hospitals during WWII.

The WAA continues its recreational swimming periods every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The *McCauleyan* publishes a photo of girls enjoying swimming. Stroke One, Stroke Two...

April 1946:

The WAA thanks Mary Catherine Duffy, the greatest contributor to the basketball team the past four years. Nicknamed "Sis," she was the highest scorer on the Academy team.

Mt. Mercy wins the college-Academy game, 25-14, on March 14. Proceeds are donated to the Puerto Rican missions.

Students defeat the faculty again in the annual basketball game, 16-12. Guest speaker Marie C. Mooney, the assistant superintendent of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Recreation, discusses employment opportunities in the recreational field at the monthly WAA meeting.

May 1946:

The WAA holds a picnic at South Park May 14 to award seniors caps bearing school colors and letters. All former letter holders receive sleeve stripes to indicate activity in basketball.

June 1946:

The new WAA officers for the upcoming school year are announced: Pauline Tepe, president; Mary Rowan, vice-president; Alice Costello, secretary; Bernadette Carey, treasurer; and Mary Diulus, historian.

The WAA announces plans to expand the recreational program for the next school year by using the tennis courts at Schenley Park for interested students.

October 1946:

Enrollment at Mt. Mercy peaks at 400, including 109 WWII veterans.

November 1946:

Thirty-one freshmen are initiated into the WAA, bringing the total membership to 70. The Mount continues its recreational periods from Monday through Thursday at 4:30 p.m. with basketball, swimming, volleyball, tennis, badminton, archery and square dancing.

Two intramural basketball teams are formed: one of freshmen and sophomores and one of juniors and seniors.

December 1946:

The WAA sponsors a basketball game between the varsity squad and the college alumnae. The game ends in a 14-14 tie. Alumnae team members included: Betty Jones, Betty Jane Keating, Peg Brallier, Cora Pantalone, Marjorie Hamas, Mary Helen Hockswender, Mary Catherine Duffy and Mary Alice Smith.

The freshmen/sophomore team defeats the junior/senior team in intramural basketball, 19-9. Freshman Marjorie Koester scored 12 of her team's 19 points.

January 1947:

Guest speaker Mary Hoover, the president of the Pittsburgh Ski Club, spoke at the WAA meeting and discussed techniques of the sport and great places to ski, both locally and nationally.

Basketball season begins. On the roster is Pauline Tepe, team captain; Dorothea Keally, Elaine Nesser, Viola Dimartiro, Mary Diulus, Hilda Antonacci, Marjorie Koester, Threa Kolosa, Mildred McLellan, Mary Lou Portman and Lois Shunk.

February 1947:

The McCauleyan publishes a column discussing prominent women in sports entitled, American Women in Sports.

Starting on Feb. 16, volleyball is a newly sponsored activity during recreational periods on Tuesday and Thursday's. The sport is also open to male students.

March 1947:

The McCauleyan publishes a profile of Alice Marble, a multi-talented athlete who inspires the athlete in every girl. Versatile Alice Marble Inspires Amateurs in All Sports.

Mr. Bonavita of the Water Safety Department is a guest speaker at the monthly WAA meeting on March 19. Bonavita speaks about Camp Kincora as a possible summer camp where the girls can work as counselors, trainers and instructors. *The McCauleyan* reports that six Mounties will have duties at Kincora. Dorothea Keally will be a unit director and swimming instructor; Mary Lois Ruffenbach, dramatics and archery; Madeleine Lussier, handcrafts and swimming; Pat Heyl, lifeguard and swim instruction; Betty Jamison, clerical work and swimming instructor; and Mary Lou Hurley, table tennis.

The faculty-student basketball game scheduled for March is cancelled.

April 1947:

The McCauleyan publishes an article detailing the formation of basketball teams comprised solely of World War II veterans. Mount Vets Form Basketball Teams.

May 1947:

The WAA holds a picnic at South Park to bid farewell to graduating seniors, especially Mary Jane McGill and Jane Harter of the WAA.

March 1948:

The Mount defeats the Academy basketball team, 22-11, in the annual intercollegiate showdown. Proceeds are given to the Puerto Rican mission. Representing the college team: Pauline Tepe, captain; Dorothea Keally, Helen Hegerle, Mary Jane Kearns, Patricia Harrington, Joan Bozzo, Mary Lou Portman, Lorraine Logan, Mildred McClellan, Helen Steliotes. Thanks to donations from the Union Supply Co. and W.S. Brown Sporting Goods on Wood Street, the WAA and the Academy Leaders Club held a fashion show during halftime. Ensembles were grouped together by type of sports: individual, team, winter and club. Fishing apparel got the largest ovation. The suit was made from water-repellent garbardine and complete with rod, reel and license.

On March 9, the Mount loses to the Pennsylvania College for Women in basketball, 41-30. Pauline Tepe scored 21 of the Mount's 30 points.

May 1948:

The McCauleyan publishes an article written by Mount students who interviewed some of Pittsburgh's local heroes. Students of Mount Mercy Interview Pirates Stars.

October 1948:

The WAA announces its officers for the upcoming school year. Joan Slater, president; Patricia Heyl,

vice-president; Mary Lou Hurley, secretary; Dolores Strauss, treasurer; Helen Hegerle, historian; and Barbara Plutnicki, news reporter. The membership this year will be held to 50, despite 21 new members being initiated Oct. 20.

Antonian Hall opens on Oct. 24.

Jane Kearns, Patricia Heyle and Anne Sullivan serve as delegates from Mt. Mercy College's WAA at the conference of the Athletic Federation of College Women at Grove City College. The main objective of the conference was to form a statewide organization.

November 1948:

The WAA announces plans for weekly recreational periods. Monday: swimming; Tuesday: team games such as volleyball, basketball and softball; Wednesday: individual sports such as tennis, badminton and archery; Thursday: swimming.

The McCauleyan publishes an article profiling the Note Dame football team. [A Typical Notre Dame Man.](#)

January 1949:

At the monthly WAA meeting, trial questionnaires are distributed to members in an effort to determine the group's attitudes and opinions concerning reorganization of the association. One suggested plan is to have the WAA function as a nucleus for on- and off-campus activities. A separate questionnaire shows the popularity of sports are as follows: basketball, swimming, volleyball, badminton, tennis and softball.

The McCauleyan publishes an article profiling Pittsburgh's hockey team. [At Ease with the Pittsburgh Hornets.](#)

February 1949:

The Academy defeats the college team for the first time in the five-year series. [Rosters.](#) *The McCauleyan* reports: "The players were considerably handicapped by the wax on the gym floor. It caused much slipping and sliding and almost resulted in serious accidents." \$100 proceeds were given to Mother Superior of the Puerto Rican missions during halftime. After the game, the cheerleaders perform a square and folk dancing demonstration.

October 1949:

The WAA announces that it will act as a governing board for school-wide recreation and appoint individual committees to direct individual sports. Membership on the board includes nine seniors, eight juniors, and new members will be chosen on a basis of interest, contribution and activity. The WAA officers are announced: Rosemary Prentice, president; Nora Smith, vice-president; Joan Kennedy, secretary; Mercedita Noya, treasurer; and Mary Beth Burke, historian.

The WAA appoints the following students as chairs of individual sports: Mary Jane Kearns, Dolores Strauss and Nora Smith, swimming; Joan Bozzo and Jeanne Landgraff, team sports; Ann Criley, Joan and Margaret Kennedy, tennis; Mary Lou Hurley, Dorothy Mellits and Patricia Putz, badminton; Esther Sacchini, Mercedita Noya and Dorothy Runser, table tennis; Mary Jo Dunn and Joanne Weber, dancing; and Elaine Sable, bridge.

Recreation nights are to be held Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

March 1950:

The College defeats the Academy team in its sixth annual match, 17-7. [Team rosters.](#) Before the game, 32 members of both teams form a huge 'M' on the court and sing the alma mater songs. The Athletic Council creates by-laws for the WAA.

May 1950:

The WAA constitution is approved by the faculty-student association, making every student at the Mount a member of the WAA and eligible to vote in elections of officers. New members will be added in the second semester each year, bringing the total membership to 1/10 of the student body. New members must apply to council to be approved.

Miss Sullivan urges students to attend tennis instructions at Arsenal Park via the 77/54 trolley that stops right in front of the park.

At the South Park picnic on May 2, gold link bracelets inscribed 'AA' are presented to senior graduates.

June 1950:

On June 2, *The McCauleyan* publishes a recap of golfer Mary Kuhn's visit to the Mount. An Academy graduate, Kuhn was Pennsylvania's amateur golf champion twice. Golf Champion Speaks to Club.

October 1950:

In the first documented softball intramurals, the freshmen defeat the sophomores, 38-18. The softball championship is undetermined because the sophomores could not produce a team by season's end. So the freshmen created a pickup team of four sophomores, some juniors, seniors and two freshmen. The freshmen combined to hit three home runs.

The WAA announces that recreation periods will be held Tuesday nights and students can enjoy swimming, table tennis, bridge and dancing.

Horseback riding lessons become available for \$2 at Selznick Riding Academy on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

February 1951:

The College-Academy game is played, but *The McCauleyan* does not report the final score. Admission to the event was fifty cents and a fencing exhibition was held during halftime.

April 1951:

The WAA end-of-year banquet is held on campus for the first time, moving from South Park to campus due to the weather.

May 1951:

New officers for the Athletic Association Council are chosen: Marie Arch, president; Lois Kuntz, secretary; and Peggy Anfang, treasurer.

October 1951:

The Athletic Council announces that on the second Tuesday of each month, visitors from outside colleges may attend the recreational periods.

Marie Arch, AA president, represents the Mount at the Pennsylvania Division of the Athletic Federation of College Women.

November 1951:

Individual sports committees are chosen: Lois Kuntz, individual sports; Catherine Feeney and Margaret Anfang, team sports; Dorothy Fetter, social activities; Christine DiBernardo, swimming; Mary Anne Hannon, outdoor sports.

January 1952:

The college varsity defeats the Alumnae in its second basketball match, 45-42.

February 1952:

The Academy defeats the college in basketball, 18-16, when Nancy Meyer was fouled twice in the final three seconds and made both foul shots.

April 1952:

Mary Margaret Carly and Rosemary Held beat Carolyn Greco and Nancy Yunker in the tennis doubles championship. In singles, Held defeated Yunker for the win.

The Athletic Council hosts the Girl's Handicap Swimming Meets, sponsored by the Allegheny Mountain Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. The event is aimed to promote greater interest in girls' competitive swimming.

May 1952:

Swimmers represent the Mount at a swim meet at the Carnegie School of Technology. Sophomore Christine DiBernardo places third in the 50-yard breaststroke. Freshman Eleanor McFadden places fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

October 1952:

The AAC announces that recreational periods will be held Tuesdays with tennis, volleyball, badminton and swimming.

Marie Arch, junior; Suzanne Wermecke, president of the Mount's WAAC; and Miss Anne Sullivan attend a Women's Athletic Association Conference at Penn State College.

November 1952:

The McCauleyan publishes the school-wide budget for clubs and organizations. The WAA is allotted \$25. Here's Where Your Money Goes.

February 1953:

The Academy defeats the college in its annual basketball championship game, 19-12. *The McCauleyan* publishes The College Roster. "An interesting demonstration on the art of high jumping was given during half-time by Lloyd Duff and Frank Christopher, members of the University of Pittsburgh track team."

March 1953:

The faculty defeats the senior varsity team in basketball, 22-15.

April 1953:

The McCauleyan publishes an article filled with springtime optimism for the Pirates. Pitcher 'Casey Will Waltz with a Foul Touchdown.

October 1953:

The intramural season begins with an interclass softball game between the seniors and the sophomores. But the very first game of the tournament starts off a little rocky. *The McCauleyan* reports: "Because of the seniors' inability to field a team, the game was forfeited to the sophomores." A pickup game ensues, and Elaine Burr emerges as the winning pitcher, Betty Woll the loser. Iris Sues cracks a home run. Final score: 17-5 seniors. Senior team members include: Louise Paslian, Peggy Anfang, Loretta Alexandrunas, Pat Portman, Betty Moore (alumni), Elaine Burr and Nancy Slater. Sophomore team members include: Betty Woll, Nancy Brown, Bernice Vinsky, Patrice Flaherty, Nancy Dougherty, Helen Coltellaro and Iris Sues. Captains by grade: Paslian, Burr (jr), Woll (soph), Bonita Cox (fr).

The WAA officers are announced at the annual meeting: Peggy Anfang, president; Suzanne Wermecke, vice-president; Patricia Curnette, secretary; Dolores Kennedy, historian; and Patricia Flaherty, treasurer.

December 1953:

The junior class wins the intramural softball tournament. On the junior team: Nancy Slater, Sue Wermecke, Christine McShane, Nancy McNally, Dorothy Hoffman, Perky Lawler, Joan Reis, Joann Mott, Nancy Yunker, Libby Hogan, Marian Englert and Rosemary Held. On the sophomore team: Betty Woll, Nancy Brown, Bernice Vinsky, Maureen Fitz, Donna Marie Gagliardi, Augusta Hogan, Patricia Flaherty, Carmen Garcia and Joan Coltellaro. On the freshman team: Bonnie Cox, Joan Richards, Dorothy Winslow, Mary Shaughnessy, Ann Arch, Carol Kominsky, Maureen Hoffman, Maureen Cronin, Helen Goldstein, Ann Kenedy and Mary Lou Hunt.

February 1954:

The McCauleyan publishes a photo of diving class. Freshmen swimmers.

March 1954:

The Faculty defeats the seniors, 34-16, in third annual basketball match. On the faculty team: Barbara Bounds, Thomas Hopkins, Stephen Jurasko, William McShea, Anne Sullivan, Sylvester Thiesen, William Urrichio and Joseph Valla. On the senior team: Jackie Tessaro, Marie Arch, Loretta Alexandrunas, Peggy Anfang, Peggy Cauley, Dolly Kennedy, Louise Paslian, Pat Portman and Nancy Weigel.

March 9, 1954:

The McCauleyan publishes an article about the WAA's popularity on campus. Get on the Ball.

March 30, 1954:

The freshmen class wins the interclass basketball tournament, and is voted by the WAA to face the faculty team in a showdown. The faculty defeats the freshmen, 34-8.

April 1954:

The McCauleyan publishes a softball photo. Faculty Gain Victory in Freshmen Tuggle.

The McCauleyan publishes a photo of swimmers during the all-school swim meet. Swimmers.

April 27, 1954:

Mount Mercy holds the first all-school swimming meet. Seniors vs. freshmen, May 4; juniors versus sophomores, May 11; seniors versus juniors, May 18; sophomores versus freshmen, May 25.

May 4, 1954:

WAA holds last meeting and declares the entire intramural season a success (basketball, softball, volleyball, badminton).

October 22, 1954:

The McCauleyan publishes an article profiling Steeler John Lattner. Fighting Irish Star Scores with Steelers.

February 1955:

The college defeats the Academy in its annual campus basketball championship, 31-24. During halftime, Nancy Yunker (the president of the Athletic Association Council) and Jan Trimbur (president of the Leader's Club of the Academy) present a check to Mother M. Gerald, directress of the Academy. The fencing class from the YMHA/YWHA gives a fencing demonstration. On the college roster: Iris Suess, captain; Helen Martiny, Maureen Cronin, Betsy Woll, Kathleen Nowalk, Mary Claire Dougherty, Mary Elizabeth Cusick, Mary Anne Shoffstall, Donna Marie Gagliardi, Carmen Garcia, Frances Leahy and Lee Brice. On the Academy roster: Janet Balkey, Joanne Andiorio, Mary Louise Byrnes, Eileen La Rocco, Judy Ritter, Miriam Hepp, Marita Horiell, Ellen Stern, Margie Kablach, Louise Scarpino, Mary Beth Richtarsie and Claire Thompson. Arlene Busse and Patricia Tetzlaff managed the team.

May 1955:

Mary Claire Dougherty wins the singles badminton championships over Margaret Yahner. Rosemary Held and Nancy Yunker defeat Father Gerhard and Father Stephen Jurasko for the doubles championship.

The AAC officers for the upcoming school year are announced: Iris Suess, president; Mary Claire Dougherty, vice-president; Kitty Brehl, secretary; Mary Elizabeth Cusick, treasurer; and Rose Billingsley, historian.

October 1955:

Mount Mercy's freshmen class reaches 120 students, the largest student class in school history.

November 1955:

Mount Mercy hosts the first sanctioned Amateur Athletic Union Invitation swimming meet. The college and Academy combine to form one team for this event and will compete against the Mt. Lebanon Club, the YWHA, the Uniontown YWHA and the Shanagrin Country Club. *The McCauleyan* reports: "All competitors are AMA champs except the Mount girls, who have never participated in competitive swimming." The Mount is represented by Kathleen Sheedy in the 100-yard freestyle; Sally Seibert, Janet Balkey and Ann Brice in the 100-yard back stroke; Judy Halveck in the 100-yard breast stroke; Mary C. Dougherty in the 160-yard individual medley; and substitutes Dolores Scuilli and Martha Haley. Admissions to the event is 50 cents per student and a dollar for guests. Spectators will be limited to 50 students and 100 guests. During the competition, a spring board diving exhibition was given by Al Patnik, a national collegiate and AAU champion.

February 20, 1956:

The college defeats the Academy in basketball, 41-29.

March 5, 1956:

The college defeats the alumnae team, 24-19. On the college team: Maureen Cronin, captain; Mary Claire Dougherty, Betsy Woll, Mary Weaver, Joan Dearden, Diane Caspar, Eileen La Rocco, Joan Kavanaugh, Kathleen Early, Helen Martiny, Catherine Murphy and Gail Papera.

March 12, 1956:

The faculty-senior basketball game is scheduled. On the faculty team: Father Stephen Jurasko, William Uricchio, Nancy Mohn, William McShee, Thomas Hopkins and Barbara Bands. On the senior team: Diane Vukmir, Mary McCartan, Iris Suess, Patricia Anderson, Maureen Fitz, Charlotte Schaffold, Bernice Vinski, Anita Eaton, Betsy Woll, Yolanda Amicone, Lee Brice, Carl Ertzman, Peggy Bliss, Barbara Fox, Mary Cusick and Katherine Ashton.

June 1956:

WAA announces officers for the upcoming school year: Mary Dougherty, president; Joan Supel, vice-president; Maureen Cronin, secretary; Lutegarde Dupre, treasurer; Lois Wanner, historian.

September 28, 1956:

Freshman class increases to 147, surpassing the previous year's record high.

November 1956:

The McCauleyan publishes an article supporting Catholic athletes competing in the Melbourne Olympic games. Catholic Athletes Will Spark Olympic Team, Says Sign.

January 1957:

The first ever college-Academy swim meet is held. Swimming for the college: Kathy Boal, Kacee Connolly, Brenda Hageman, Sue Isherwood, Marie Stotts, Joyce Walsh, Mary Ann Dunn, Rosemary Harley, Mary Kelly, Sally Seubert and Mary Kay Isler.

February 1957:

The McCauleyan publishes an article announcing that the Mount Mercy College swim team broke two records during the college-Academy game. "Swimmers Break Records."

April 1957:

The faculty team defeats the seniors in basketball, 25-20.

October 1957:

The WAA announces plan for a new sports program under Ann Sullivan and Brenda Hageman, president of the WAA. The program includes competitive and recreational swimming, badminton, basketball and volleyball. Activities are scheduled every weekday from 4-5 p.m. and Monday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m.

November 1957:

The Athletic Association announces officers for the school year: Brenda Hageman, president; Carol Hrabchak and Barbara Reb, volleyball chairs; Mary Claire Dougherty, tennis; Diane Schmeiler, badminton; and Joan Halloran, basketball. The WAA announces its yearly schedule as well: volleyball in November, basketball in January and February, badminton in March and April, tennis in May and June, and swimming all year.

December 1957:

The volleyball team wins two out of three games against the Academy; but then loses to the faculty team and then loses two out of three against Carnegie Tech. Volleyball players include: Lutigard Dupre, Darla Weiland, Betty Cercone, Mary Ann Cleary, Libby Foster, Carol Hrabchak, Madelene Musto, Virginia Chiccitt, Terry Consentino, Virginia Hague, Carmencita Vasquez and Penny Vent.

March 14, 1958:

The McCauleyan publishes a printout on the school's new gym teacher, Mrs. Richard Gregory. The teacher's name was not revealed in the article. Gym Teacher Stresses Individual Sports.
The Mount basketball team plays against other colleges for the first time in several years, defeating Chatham, 48-30, and Saint Margaret's School of Nursing, 54-32. More games are scheduled versus Pitt and Carnegie Tech.

In intramural basketball, the sophomores defeat the freshmen, 17-15. Top scorers for the sophomores are Kate Dunn, Jeanne Adamson, Winky Coane and Maddie Musto; and top scorers for the freshmen are Jean and Jo Yahner, Mary Ann Sherry, Betty McCormick and Penny Vent.

March 31, 1958:

The McCauleyan publishes a comprehensive look at every student-athlete for every sport. Intermural Game Night Features Sports, Bridge.

October 27, 1958:

The McCauleyan publishes an article discussing the weekend's activities between the Mount's ladies and Notre Dame's gentlemen. Notre Dame Meets Pitt, Mount Mercy.

December 1958:

The McCauleyan publishes an article an article for students interested in their figures. For Weight Watchers Only.

January 21, 1959:

The basketball team defeats Saint Francis of Loretto, 23-21. On the roster: Captain Nancy Zentgraf; Judy Patton, freshman guard; Ida Laquatro, freshman guard; Patricia Malley, freshman guard; freshmen Rosemary Withum, Judy Cook and Grace Ann Zeiles; junior Joan Halloran and senior Denis Casper.

March 1959:

WAA President Brenda Hageman and Physical Education Director Nancy Zentgraf organize an intramural sports night, complete with basketball, foul shooting competitions, volleyball, swimming, paddle tennis, and even bridge and chess.

The McCauleyan publishes an article recapping the Mount's basketball team, which finished the season 4-1. A team photo is also printed. MMC Team Finish Season; Freshman Win Intramurals.

April 1959:

The McCauleyan publishes an optimistic poem about the Pirates' upcoming season. When In Spring.

October 1959:

WAA Moderator Nancy Zentgraf announces new plans for the season. Volleyball will be played during the fall, basketball around Easter, and the pool and gym will be open all year for swimming, basketball and badminton.

The McCauleyan publishes a photo taken during the recreational swimming period. Recreational Swimmers.

November 1959:

The WAA sponsors evening recreation periods on the first and third Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. The period includes bridge, volleyball and swimming.

May 1960:

The WAA sponsors a golf clinic in Saint Joe's Hall. Golf pro Chuck Scally, owner of Scally's driving range, is guest speaker at the event.

October 1960:

The WAA initiates its season with a Get-Acquainted Bowling Party on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Strand Bowling Alleys in Oakland.

The WAA announces its Sports Night for the season on Oct. 17 and plans to host volleyball, badminton,

basketball and swimming.

The WAA president for the year is Charmaine Austin.

October 13, 1960:

Bill Mazerowski of the Pittsburgh Pirates hits one of the most famous home runs in baseball history, a game seven, bottom-of-the-ninth inning blast that propels the Pirates past the New York Yankees in the World Series.

December 1960:

The WAA women attend Play Day at Geneva College. The girls play basketball, volleyball and swimming.

January 1961:

The WAA announces plans for intramural basketball to travel to various colleges and nursing schools.

February 1961:

Intramural basketball begins. Games are played every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. Students interested in playing are asked to contact team captains: Patricia Rainaldi, Peggy Kurdila, Tanya Johnson, Cecelia Casaldi or Charmaine Austin.

March 27, 1961:

The McCauleyan publishes a photo of the faculty-student basketball game. Sr.-Faculty Game Tomorrow Once-a-Season Rivalry Begins.

October 20, 1961:

The McCauleyan publishes an article regarding the seniors' sponsorship of the Pittsburgh Hornets. Mercy Srs. Sponsoring Hornets Hockey games Through Dec. 13.

November 1961:

The WAA begins another season of Sports Nights on every other Monday from 7-9 p.m. The night includes dancing lessons, volleyball, basketball and swimming. Pat Colangelo conducted dance lessons. The WAA announces that intramural volleyball will be played on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. A senior life-saving course will be conducted every Monday and Friday from 3-4 p.m. under Eileen Tyrrell. The pool is open daily from 1130 a.m.-1 p.m., except Wednesdays.

March 26, 1962:

The McCauleyan publishes a photo promoting the Senior-faculty basketball game. Wonder Who'll Get the Ball.

October 1962:

The WAA sponsors "Fun Day" for the entire freshman class at 2 p.m. on Oct. 13. The purpose is to acquaint the freshmen class with the activities of the WAA.

May 22, 1963:

An all-school picnic at South Park is held. The WAA is in charge of the softball and badminton equipment.

November 22, 1963:

President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

December 1963:

The Mount Mercy varsity basketball season begins its season. Their first opponent is the faculty team, and they win, 36-22. Miss Carey and Miss McClain coached the team, which practices every Tuesday and Thursday. Team members include: Kathy Morrison, junior; Doris Maher, freshman; Bev Schlotterbeck, freshman; Mary Kealy, freshman; Peggy Kadillo, senior; Peggy Priel, sophomore; Rosemarie Clarke, freshman; and substitutes Cel Casaldi, Pat Clark, Judy Bowers, Louise Hornsleth, Belle Papera, Jade Giacobbe and Clare Gates. Season results: vs. Chatham, L 26-21; vs. Duquesne, L 50-26; vs. Pitt, W 39-21; vs. Chatham, W 25-21; vs. St. Francis of Loretto, L 29-27.

October 1964:

The WAA begins its season with volleyball intramurals, with the winning class receiving a trophy at the annual spring sports banquet. Basketball tryouts begin on Oct. 21, and each team will play in an eight-team city league beginning in November. The Dolphins Club prepares for swimming shows throughout the year on Mondays and Thursdays.

December 1964:

Basketball season begins, coached by Miss Carey, William Uricchio and Pat Ranaldi. *The McCauleyan* reports: Kathy Morrison led the team with an average of 12 points per game; “fouling honors” go to Peggy Priel and Bev Schlotterbeck who fouled out of five games; “Fouling out opponents honors” go to Judy Bowers and her deceptive techniques.

Season results: @ Point Park Junior College, 2/21, W 35-20;

@ St. Francis of Loretto, 2/13, L 31-25

vs. Chatham, 2/16, L 26-25 in OT

@ Seton Hill, 2/18, W 30-14

vs. Duquesne, 2/23, L 50-28

vs. Point Park Junior College, 2/25, L 24-20

@ Chatham, 3/1, L 37-27

vs. St. Francis of Loretto, 3/3, W 30-23

vs. Duquesne, 3/15, L 62-29

vs. Faculty, L 35-24

November 1965:

The WAA sponsors a search for the best dressed woman on campus for *Glamour Magazine*, which is publishing an issue entitled, “The Ten Best Dressed College Girls.”

Sophomores emerge victorious in the intramural volleyball tournament. As an added incentive, an all-school sports plaque will be engraved and each girl will receive a charm. The winning sophomores were: Dianne Calderaro, Bobbi Grant, Carol Garcia, Helene Kirchner, Mary Lou Ference, Janie Hunter, Lisa Villa, Gerry Marcy, Michele Makary, Terry Stinner, Marsha Taylor and Mary Jane Wilbur.

December 1965:

The WAA changes its name to Gamma Alpha Omega sorority. It announces that it will award participants based on a point accumulation system with a GAO pin.

February 1966:

GAO elects Sandra Cable, a freshman majoring in speech correction, as the Mount’s representative for *Glamour Magazine*. She will compete in the magazine’s annual fashion competition. Cable was previously Beaver County’s entry into the Junior Miss Pennsylvania contest, and she won the Poise and Personality competition.

March 1966:

Point Park, Pitt and St. Francis defeat the basketball team. Games against Duquesne, Chatham, and a rematch versus St. Francis are scheduled.

October 1966:

The WAA, under direction of Carol Tanner, announces its officers for the upcoming school year: Judy Perran, president; Pat Bradley, vice-president; Barb Scarpa, secretary; and Sue Brewer, treasurer. Intramural volleyball set to begin on Oct. 3.

The Dolphin Club, a group of synchronized swimmers, begins class to prepare for their first performance during the Mount’s Fall Festival.

A GAO mixer is held Oct. 21 to raise funds for GAO achievement pins.

December 1966:

The McCauleyan is renamed *The Harbinger*.

GAO holds its second annual “Best Dressed Girl on Campus” search. In the first round, freshmen Sue

Bobish and Ellen Samerton; sophomores Aleta Reilly and Patricia O'Donnell, junior Liz Trench and Joan Contosta; and senior Mary Ann Priel battled to advance to the semi-finals. Liz Trench, Joan Contosta, Mike Harrington and Sue Babish advanced to the semi-finals. Liz Trench was deemed the winner. Trench, a junior speech major, hopes to pursue a career "in some area of television." The girls were judged by Mrs. Allen, Dr. Uricchio, Sr. Augusta, and last year's finalists, Pat Bradley, Sue Maurer and Sandy Cable.

May 1967:

GAO holds the all-school picnic at Schenley Park. The faculty-softball team defeats the students, 20-5.

September 1967:

GAO announces that the intramural volleyball tournament begins, and will continue through October.

Every girl may participate in her grade's team, and is told to watch the bulletin boards for more information.

November 1967:

The Harbinger publishes the Student Government Association Budget. The GAO is dealt \$275 for the year.
S.G.A. Budget.

February 14, 1968:

The Harbinger published a photo of the Dolphin Club. Dolphins to Enchant 'Sea.'

March 1, 1968:

The Harbinger publishes the school's very first "Sports Page."

Basketball finishes its season with three wins and three losses. Its victories came against Pitt, Chatham and Point Park. On the team: Gail Giacobbe, capt.; Becky Slack, Renee Slack, Elaine Mortimer, Michelle Gaboriault, Marianne Conaty, Karen Ann Paroc, Ronnie Narkovic and Maureen Rooney. Mrs. Straw and Miss McMahon coached the team.

April 3, 1968:

The Harbinger publishes a photo of the Faculty-student basketball game. Photo.

April 4, 1968:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

October 1968:

The Harbinger publishes Mount Mercy's club allotments for the school year. GAO now functions on an annual budget of \$125.

GAO officer are announced for the school year: Marianne Conaty, president; Elaine Mortimer, intramural representative and vice-president; Anne Laplume, secretary and treasurer; Becky Slack and Charlene Staff, publicity managers. Activities for the school year were the formation of a tennis team, a ski day, recreational swimming, basketball and the Dolphin Club.

The Dolphin Club announced that it will perform a show in spring, a type of "circus with a carnival on the side." Club members are: Marsha Sharietts, president; Leslie Shriver, vice-president; Jill La Carte, secretary; Betty Engle, treasurer; and club moderators, Miss McMahon and Mrs. Stae.

November 1968:

The Harbinger publishes an article on the Mount's flag football team and its game against Pitt's team.

MMC Maulers Mauled!

March 1969:

Basketball finishes the season 3-5. On the team: Jackie O'Meara, Grayce Allegro ("the shortest member of the team, who had trouble guarding tall girls, but always managed to put some girl off her guard"), Charlene Schaaf, Renee Slack, Becky Slack, Mary Ann Connady, Elaine Mortimer and Anne La Plume.

May 1969:

Mount Mercy holds its annual sports banquet. *The Harbinger* publishes a photo of the faculty-student football game. [Photo](#).

July 1, 1969:

Mount Mercy officially changes its name to Carlow College.

July 20, 1969:

Three NASA astronauts land on the moon, becoming the first humans to successfully do so.

October 1969:

The Harbinger changes its name to *The Capsule*.

December 1969:

The Capsule publishes an article about Carlow opening its doors to neighborhood children for recreational activities. [Carlow Goes to the Kids](#).

There is no published information available between 1970 and 1973.

June-August 1974:

A summer recreational swimming calendar for students, faculty and staff is released. The pool will be available during summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-9 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

October 1974:

The recreation schedule is released. Mondays and Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – free swim; 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. – basketball intramurals; 6:30-7:30 p.m. – tennis; 7:30 p.m. – free swim Tuesdays: 12-2 p.m. – free swim; 3:30-5:30 p.m. – basketball intramurals; 6:30-7:30 p.m. – square dancing; 7:30-8:30 p.m. – swim and trim Thursdays: 12-2 p.m. – free swim; 5:30-9 p.m. – open gym

December 1974:

Glamour Magazine invites Carlow girls to the Top Ten College Girls Contest for 1975. A panel will select the winners based on records of achievement in academic studies and/or extracurricular activities on campus and in the community. The winners are to be announced in June. Ten girls will be taken to New York for a photo shoot and receive \$500 cash.

January 12, 1975:

The Pittsburgh Steelers win their first-ever Super Bowl, defeating the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IX, 16-6. The Steelers would win three more Super Bowls in the next five years.

February 1975:

The second semester pool schedule is announced. Mondays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 5-8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 3-6 p.m.; Friday: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The gym schedule is also released. Mondays: 3-8 p.m.; Tuesdays: 12-8 p.m.; Wednesdays: 3-6 p.m.; Thursday: 12-8 p.m.; Fridays 12-5 p.m. Activities will include basketball, volleyball, tennis, trampolines and mats for working out.

March 1975:

The American Cancer Society sponsors a “Save-a-Life Swim,” and asks Carlow students to participate. On March 17, Carlow students play five Pittsburgh Steelers in a benefit basketball game at Chartiers Valley High School. Carlow is coached by “Mossie” Murphy of Duquesne University. The proceeds benefit the school’s Annual Giving Fund. Admission was \$2.50 for guests and \$2 for students. Gail Evans meets with Fred Sukitsch, who was interested in starting a women’s basketball program.

September 1975:

Evans and Sukitsch hold a meeting for potential basketball players. Approximately 20 girls attend.

October 1975:

Basketball tryouts are held. Fifteen girls attend. Thirteen make the team. They play a 15-game schedule, including games against: Boyce Campus, CCAC; Seton Hill; Beaver County CC; South Campus CCAC; Kent State (Trumbull); St. Francis; Clarion State; and West Liberty State. Carlow's record was 4-11 at season's end. Uniforms cost \$400. To cover the expenses of balls, pinnies, first-aid equipment, knee braces, tennis shoes, scoreboard and signal horns, the girls raise several hundreds of dollars selling light bulbs. Coach Sukitsch earned \$1000, "not very high, but quite reasonable in comparison to other colleges," according to the budget proposal.

January 1976:

Evans and students discuss the possibility of having an intercollegiate volleyball team based on the success of the informal volleyball group. Evans talks to Jim Kennedy, a high school volleyball coach who was interested in coaching a women's collegiate volleyball team. Kennedy agrees to coach for a minimal fee of \$150 for one year.

March 1976:

Evans does the same with Cornelius Kachole, a Carlow student and excellent tennis player. They draw a list of the best tennis players at Carlow and talk to them about starting a team. The players are excited about the opportunity. In the spring, they play four exhibition matches versus Seton Hill, St. Francis and Duquesne University. They won all four. To keep costs minimal, Evans coaches without receiving extra pay, they car-pulled to matches and didn't have uniforms.

Kennedy holds volleyball tryouts. The team is chosen and it practices all summer.

September 1976:

Evans contacts several athletic directors, all of whom are experiencing trouble with scheduling. The need to organize into a conference or to become part of a women's conference was great. However, most conferences were not centrally located for the team's purposes and would involve too much traveling. Out of necessity, the schools formed their own conference.

The tennis team disappointingly resumes its season in the fall with five matches against Duquesne, Seton Hill, St. Francis, Robert Morris College and California State. The team lost three of its top four players, and the team lost four of its five matches.

Students defeat the faculty in its annual softball match, 21-10. The students "out-ran, out-hit, out-everything" their opponents.

October 29, 1976:

Representatives from Bethany College, California State College, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, Geneva College, Point Park College, Robert Morris College, Seton Hill College, Waynesburg College and Washington & Jefferson College meet and agree to form a women's athletic conference. They write a constitution. Chatham College and Stuebenville eventually join the as of yet unnamed conference, while Geneva drops out. Tennis, field hockey, volleyball and basketball are included in conference competition. Softball, fencing and track and field are available for conference members but there aren't enough teams to justify post-season play.

November 1976:

The tennis team has a 1-4 record for the fall to accompany their spring record of 4-0. They beat Chatham, 3-2; Seton Hill, 4-0; and St. Francis, 4-1. On the team: Sally Malave, Brennie Bryant and Mary Lu Rang in singles competition; and Sue Scallop, Renee Tkach, Debbie Dapper, Eileen Bittner and Cathy Morgan for doubles competition.

The basketball schedule is printed in *Spirit*. [Basketball Schedule](#).

February 1977:

Pittsburgh Steelers Roy Gerela returns for his second semester as a Carlow student.

March 14, 1977:

An excerpt from the Athletic Program Budget Proposal by Sister Marie: "We have about six

complete basketball uniforms left of the 10 that we purchased three years ago. The players say that they do not fit them and that the style of shirt is not comfortable. The volleyball team has used the basketball uniforms, but we would like them to at least be able to have their own shirts. This year they bought Carlow T-shirts in the bookstore and stenciled numbers on them. The tennis team made their own uniforms last spring... Up until this time, we have provided no stipends for meals for away games. The food service has packed cold lunches for the teams.”

November 1977:

Spirit announces that Carlow College is a member of the Pennwood West Conference. Other teams in the conference include: Bethany College, California State College, Chatham College, Carnegie Mellon University, Geneva College, Seton Hill College, Washington & Jefferson College, Duquesne University, Point Park College, Robert Morris College, Waynesburg College and the College of Steubenville.

Basketball scrimmages Allegheny Campus of Community College and lose, 57-29. They beat Butler County Community College in overtime, 50-43, in the next scrimmage. They open the regular season with losses to Boyce Park, 43-38, and Seton Hill, 55-44. They win the next two versus Beaver County, 34-29, and South Campus Community College, 69-31. According to *The Carlow Courier*, the following students are on the 1977-78 basketball team: Sherri Bevins, f/g; Carol Variel, Dale Michael, f/fd.; Barb Bosco, jr/fd; Monica Parenti, f/f; Mary Bartosewicz, f/g; Norma Villalta, Cindy Ward, s/g; Dotsy Winner, f/fd.; Kim Rotunda, jr/fd; Jean Sagan, so/gd; Susan Harmer, so/gd; Aggie Curry, so/fd; Donna Rebotta, fd; and Lynn Slimko, sr/fd and Kathy Koiwalok. The head coach is Luke Ruppel, a first year graduate of Pitt. He has a degree in athletic administration from Allegheny Community College. Fred Sukitch, who started Carlow's basketball program, has resigned from his position as head coach to further pursue his business career. He is now an assistant coach. Vince Coppano, also an assistant coach, was previously an assistant coach at Clarion State College for two years.

Tennis team members include: Eileen Bittner, Brennie Bryant, Debbie Dapper, Patty Greir, Sally Malavi, Anna Marie Morito, Donna Parlis, Lori Watts, Rachel Whetzel and Vickie Yarosz.

Volleyball team members include: Donna Busina, Bev Damaczek, Anita Hurley, Lois Kusick, Beth Ponebeshek, Suzie Rapp, Nona Orrenes.

February 1978:

The Carlow Journal publishes a photo of the basketball team during its victory over Penn Sate. [Will It Make It?](#)

March 1978:

Basketball loses to St. Francis College, 42-36; Kent State, 43-41; Clarion State, 74-37; St. Francis, 76-37; and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, 76-34. Commentary on the Kent State game: "We have to learn to keep our composure in a game like that. We were better than Kent, but we lost because we didn't play to the best of our abilities," said Kim Rotunda. Commentary on the St. Francis game: "It was a game we should have won but we were hampered by turnovers. We have to be more precise in our passing and more accurate in our shooting," said Kathy Kowalak.

Mary Ann Bartosciewicz is named the basketball team's Most Valuable Player for the 1977-78 season during the last game on March 6.

March 14, 1978:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article about a potential student-athlete's criticism of St. Joseph's Hall. [Potential Athlete Downs Carlow Gym.](#)

The Carlow Courier publishes a photo of [Dale Michael](#) in action during a basketball game.

The Carlow Courier publishes a profile of basketball star Monica Parenti. ["Screaming Mimi" Monica.](#)

The Carlow Courier publishes a photo from Carlow's [Akido Class.](#)

April 1978:

The Carlow Journal publishes a photo of the Faculty-student softball game. [Staff Slugger.](#)

The Carlow Courier published a profile of tennis star Sally Malave. [Carlow's Own Tennis Star.](#)

Jan Harbinson, the student activities director, announces that Vince Capuano, currently the assistant

basketball coach, will assume the head volleyball coaching duties in addition to his basketball responsibilities. Ruppel will become the assistant volleyball mentor. "We have a young and developing program. We expect good things next year. We stress the positive and participation. We would like to invite all students interested in playing or come to our spring meetings," said Capuano. Ruppel, on Capuano: "[He] can contribute to the success of the Carlow athletic program because of his dedication and enthusiasm and his proficient coaching ability."

June 1978:

The first annual Carlow College Basketball Clinic is held on campus from June 25 through June 30. The only camp of its kind in Pittsburgh, the event attracts players from all over Western Pa. Ruppel and Capuano provide individual instruction. Coaches and players from local colleges and high schools will instruct groups of players.

The budget for the varsity athletic program was \$6,693.

Salaries: Basketball coach (\$1000); Volleyball coach (\$850); Basketball and tennis assistant coach (\$850).
Uniforms: 12 Basketball uniforms @ \$35 each (\$420); 10 Tennis uniforms @ \$25 each (\$250); 12 Volleyball shirts @ \$20 each (\$240).

Transportation: Van Rental @ 22.50; Basketball: 10 games @ \$22.50 each (\$225); Tennis: 10 matches @ \$22.50 each (\$225); Volleyball: 3 matches @ \$22.50 each (\$67.50).

Officials: Basketball: 10 home games at \$40 a game (\$400); Tennis: No officials (\$0); Volleyball: 8 matches at \$20 a game (\$160).

Student Meals: Basketball: 14 people/\$3/10 games (\$420); Volleyball: 12 people/\$3/8 matches and tournament (\$288); Tennis: 11 people/\$3/9 matches (\$297).

First Aid: All sports (\$250)

Conference Expenses: Dues (\$50); Tennis tournament (\$50); Volleyball Tournament (\$50).

Equipment: Basketball (\$300); Tennis (\$150); Volleyball (\$150).

September 1978:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article written by basketball player Barbara Bosco about the Pittsburgh Steelers. Super Bowl Steelers?

The tennis teams begins its season under the direction of Jan Harbison. Team members include: Sally Malave, Rachel Whetzel, Eileen Bittner, Ann Marie Moreto, Mary Beth Pfeiffer, Eileen Sevolt, and Kate Klein. The team's first match against Seton Hill College resulted in the following: Sally Malave won, 6-0 and 6-2; Eileen Bittner won 7-5 and 6-0; and Mary Beth Pfeiffer lost 6-3 and 6-3. The doubles match resulted in: Ann Marie Moreto and Elaine Sevolt losing 6-2; Pfeiffer and Bittner won 8-6, then lost, 5-3. The game was called because of darkness. The team practices Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in St. Joe's Gym.

The tennis schedule is as follows:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| @ Seton Hill, 9/15 | @ CMU, 10/4 |
| @ Robert Morris, 9/19 | @ Cal. State, 10/5 |
| @ Duquesne, 9/21 | @ Bethany, 10/7 |
| @ St. Francis, 9/25 | @ Chatham, 10/9 |
| @ W&J, 9/27 | Tournament at CMU, 10/14 |

The pool schedule for the school year is as follows:

M: 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

T: 2:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. (swimming intramurals from 6:30-9p.m.)

W: 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

H: 2:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

F: 11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

S: 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Su: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

October 1978:

The volleyball season begins under Capuano, Ruppel and Peggy Shields, a graduate from Clarion State with a degree in Athletics. Team members include: seniors Beverly Demignczyk and Nona Orrenges; sophomores Donna Marie Buccina, Dorothy Bastyr and Valerie Blöse; and freshmen

Linda Denise Wilkins, Jean Sarah McGeerey, Chris Burkley, Sharon Morris, Annette French, Joyce Boggio, Beth Aducci, Cathy McClain, Tina Naylor and Marcia Sabo. Orrenge and Demignczyk are the first two seniors to play varsity athletics. The team practices Monday through Friday from 8 p.m.–10:30 p.m. and 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. on weekends. Ruppel, on the team: “We’re going after the Pennwood Conference this season.” Capuano, on the team: “The team should have a good enough record and they should become champions.” A spot on the wall in the gym office was cleared for the plaque that the girls intend to win.

October 17, 1978:

Basketball tryouts are held in St. Joseph’s Hall. *The Courier* reports: “The equipment shortage has been taken care of, and with this out of the way, we can now concentrate on being the best this league has to offer!” Returning as coaches are Ruppel, Capuano and Shields.

October 24, 1978:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article entitled, Spirit is Dwindling. The article details a lack of spirit at Carlow. “Physical education classes need to be diversified. Dance classes offering instruction in dances such as ballroom, disco and ballet should be instituted into the Carlow curriculum. An area of athletic lacking is student involvement and participation in Carlow sporting events. How can student participation be expected at these events if we have no physical education classes to teach students how the game works? If classes were offered, for example in tennis, students after learning the game may want to join the team, or at least go and watch the match. This theory holds true for both basketball and volleyball. Students do not take an active interest simply because they do not know what is going on. A third area of athletic lacking is the gym. Carlow students can find it increasingly difficult to utilize their own gym facilities. Outside organizations frequently rent our gym for their own gymnastic events. This wouldn’t be so awful if it were posted when the gym was in use. A list of times should be posted when students or others may sign out the gym. This list should include when the various teams are using the gym, when outside people are renting it, and even when security is working out in the gym. There is a definite lack of communications involving the use of St. Joseph Hall!”

November 1978:

Tennis star Sally Malave wins the Pennwood West Conference Tournament. She defeats Suzanne Seay of Chatham College, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. In 31 matches played in her four years at college, she was defeated only twice (one coming against tournament favorite Seay). She defeated W&J’s Leslie Cowieson, 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals, then defeated St. Francis’ Isabelle Dougherty, 6-2, 7-5 in the semi-finals. The tournament was held at the tennis courts of Carnegie Mellon University.

December 1978:

The Carlow Journal publishes an article about Sally Malave, a star tennis player whose mother is a Mount Mercy alum. Alumna’s Daughter Brings Tennis Fame to Carlow.

December 5, 1978:

The Carlow Courier publishes two articles. One describes the school’s unofficial cheerleading squad, Students Show Spirit. The other is a call for students to support their school’s athletic teams, Let’s Hear it for Carlow Girls.

January 1979:

The Carlow Journal publishes an article on the evolution of athletics at Mount Mercy and Carlow College. Women’s Sports ‘old hat’ to Carlow.

The Carlow Courier publishes a letter to the editor about the Steelers Super Bowl victory and Carlow’s enthusiasm for it. It’s True Mania.

March 1979:

Basketball star Mary Bartoszewicz is selected for the All-Tournament Team after Carlow competes in the Trumbull Invitational Basketball Tournament in Warren, Ohio. Carlow Basketball Player Named to All-Tournament Team.

The basketball team finishes the season 11-7, second in the conference after undefeated W&J. Ruppel, on the team: “The team has accomplished most of their goals, and if not for a few injuries with some of the players, Carlow would be in first place.” In the season finale against Chatham, Carlow held

a halftime lead of 37-20. The final score was Carlow 78, Chatham 30. Mary Ann Bartoszewicz was named to the All-Conference and All-Tournament teams, and in two years at Carlow she has scored 500 points and has 700 rebounds. Bartoszewicz is a nursing major. Team members include: Cynthia Bittner, Tina Naylor, Catherine McClain, Maxine Henson, Karen Stelluite, Joyce Boggio and Annette French. The team was coached by Luke Ruppel and assisted by Peggy Shields, Vince Capuano and John Brodrick. Sharon Morris and Chris Berkly were managers.

April 1979:

Junior Becky Necciai is chosen to be an official ball girl for the Pittsburgh Pirates. A Carlow representative for the Carlow chapter of the Loyola Society, which is an honorary nursing organization, Becky will be required to gather stray baseballs and catch fouls behind home plate.

April 1979:

The department of athletics plans to sponsor a basketball clinic for high school girls in June under the direction of Luke Ruppel, co-clinic coordinator, varsity basketball coach and assistant volleyball coach; and Vince Cuppuano, co-clinic coordinator, assistant basketball coach and volleyball coach; Janis Harbison, clinic operations director, athletic director and varsity tennis coach; and Mary Bartoszewicz, coordinator of student instructors and Carlow's 1978 basketball MVP. "We are extremely pleased with both the turnout for our clinic last year and the serious hard-working attitude of the athletes who attended. As with last year's clinic, we will feature instruction by some of the finest coaches and players in the area, as well as the varsity coaching staff at Carlow," said Ruppel. Flexibility and conditioning session, individual shooting lectures and practice, league games, defensive/offensive and rebounding skill practices and swimming in the Carlow pool will all be offered at the clinic.

September 1979:

The Carlow Courier publishes a photo of the 1979-1980 volleyball team. Team members include: Cynthia Bittner, Linda Wilkins, Annette French, Lyn Wagner, Pat Oliver, Tina Naylor, Sharron Morris, Mary Stewart, Peggy Vasko and Georgette Crayton.

October 1979:

Margaret Mary (Peggy) Shields assumes the responsibilities of the head volleyball coach and assistant basketball coach.

The Carlow Courier publishes the Policy for Use of Pool and Gymnasium.

November 1979:

The Carlow Courier publishes Carlow Student Breaks the Ice. The article congratulates Tami Markoff on her ice-skating accomplishments.

The volleyball team ends its season with victories against top-seeded Bethany College and third-seeded Seton Hill College in the Pennwood West Conference at W&J College on Nov. 10. The team's van broke down en route to the Bethany game in West Virginia and on the return trip. Senior Beverly Demianczyk is team captain.

December 1979:

The Carlow Journal publishes an article on Carlow student Tami Markoff. Markoff was the first Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club member to pass the entire U.S. Figure Skating Association's gold medal test in singles. Student Takes Skater's Gold Medal.

January 31, 1980:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article detailing the assault of a faculty member inside a restroom in St. Joseph's Hall. Faculty Member Assaulted in St. Joseph Hall.

The basketball team, under new head coach William McShea, has a 2-2 record after defeating CMU and Chatham College. The remaining schedule:

@ W&J, 2/4

vs. Kent State, 2/7

vs. Seton Hill, 2/9

vs. W&J, 2/11
 @ My Aloysuis, 2/13

February 1980:

A new pool schedule is released, including a list of lifeguards on-call at the pool. Debbie Esswein, Louise Snyder, Mary Beth Pfeiffer, Marianne Michaels, Kathy Chamets, Mary Gleba, Barbara Kurkas, Chris Kolakowski and Stephanie Moss all are pool guards.

March 1980:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article about a Carlow student who begins teaching an evening self-defense course. Carlow Student to Teach Self-Defense Course.

Carlow holds the first annual roller-skating contest on St. Patrick's Day. First prize for a single skater gets a Carlow shirt. Second prize for a couple skate receives tote bags. Third prize for a group skate receives a surprise gift. "You may do the jitterbug, rock and roll, walk, Charleston, waltz, high step, monkey, square dance, and of course, disco."

Gail Evans, the new student athletics director, announces the formation of volleyball intramurals and a club softball team. She wants teams to begin competition as early as March 21st. Three softball exhibition games were already set up with Chatham and Robert Morris Colleges, as well as the faculty-student match.

May 1980:

The students and faculty play a best-of-three softball tournament. The students defeat the faculty in the first game, then play to a tie in game 2. The students won the third game, the tie-breaker, by a score of 24-22.

The Carlow Courier publishes an interview with Gail Evans. She said the largest problem she has is getting students involved, because academics are such a strong factor on campus. She wants students to realize that outside activities can help them become more well-rounded and even help with studies by serving as a vent for frustrations. As far as plans for next year, she intends to continue the clubs she started this year (Running Club, Softball Club, and Aerobic Dance class, of which 70 girls attended), as well as have more swimming at lunch and in the evening. Another possibility is participating in activities for college credit.

September 1980:

Weekly events at Carlow include: lifeguard classes on Sundays and Thursdays; Running Club on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays; First Aid/CPR classes on Mondays; and Learn to Swim Classes on Wednesdays.

October 7, 1980:

The Carlow Courier publishes a photo of the volleyball team as they prepare for their season opener. Tina sets the Volley.

Twelve intramural volleyball teams enter the Monday and Wednesday night league, competing for the "Carlow College Intramural Volleyball Championship." They will play within their league for five weeks, and then all teams will be seeded for a single elimination championship tournament based on their record. The champion will then face two more challenges: the faculty/staff team and the Chatham intramural champs.

The softball team handily defeats the faculty softball team, 23-4 and 12-3. Cold weather plagues the game: 40 degrees and high winds.

The Student Activities Department makes backgammon, monopoly, pool and ping-pong available in the evenings to anyone with a Carlow I.D.

November 1980:

St. Joseph's Hall gets renovated. Repairmen replace metal gutters with new copper gutters; remove two courses of slate gutter eave; install necessary expansion joints and eave tubes; at three feet centers, install a copper support bar from the gutter lip and under the slate; re-install slate after new gutters have been installed; furnish and install necessary pipe scaffolds to accomplish the above work; and check existing copper cornice work at gutters and re-fasten to wall when necessary.

The varsity volleyball team starts the season victorious over Penn State McKeesport, then loses five straight. The season's shining moment comes in the regular season finale when Carlow defeats Bethany College in West Virginia, the only unbeaten team in the Pennwood West Conference. Carlow is eliminated in the first round of the conference tournament Nov. 8, losing its first two matches to CMU and Bethany. "The team had the talent and devotion to place first, but essential experience was lacking. It is believed that this year's team did not realize its potential at the tournament," *The Carlow Courier* reported. Senior captain Cindy "Red" Bittner was the team's best asset. She "helped to develop Carlow's varsity sports and has created a sense of spirit that will always remain within the walls of St. Joseph's Hall and everyone she has lovingly touched." The team finishes 2-8.

The Nov. 18 intramural volleyball standings were as follows:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday Night League: | Wednesday Night League: |
| Top Ten, 11-1 | Cobra-ettes, 8-0 |
| Hare Krishnas, 6-4 | Generic Team, 5-3 |
| Bad Dude Babies, 5-5 | Magnets, 5-5 |
| Blue Bruisers, 4-8 | Wild Ones, 4-4 |
| 9 th Floor Fatties, 1-8 | Super Spikers, 4-6 |
| | Traveling All-Stars, 0-8 |

November 24 is the IM championship game. Monday Night leaders versus Wednesday Night leaders.

October 1981:

The volleyball team begins its season and would finish the year 1-8.

February 1982:

The Women's Athletic Association sponsors a Faculty Baby Photo Contest on February 23, 24 and 25. All of Carlow is welcomed to participate, and a 25 cents donation is asked of every voter. Donations are given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

An article detailing the affairs of Gail Evans and the Student Activities Department is published in *The Carlow Courier*. It says inner-tube water polo and a cross-country race were not as popular as intramural volleyball. A free throw shooting contest and a 2-on-2-basketball tournament were held. IM basketball and another volleyball season are scheduled, as well as an 8-ball and backgammon tournament. Evans, also serving as the director of athletics and assistant volleyball and basketball coach, maintains the pool and sells Pitt Panther basketball tickets in her office for \$2. She is planning a summer basketball camp and organizing off-season volleyball for local high school players. "She also finds time to eat, sleep and run."

The basketball schedule is published:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Vs. St. Francis, 2/3 | vs Mt. Aloysius, 2/17 |
| @ CMU, 2/6 | vs. Bethany, 2/19 |
| @ Seton Hill, 2/12 | @ W&J, 2/23 |
| @ Chatham, 2/16 | |

Team members include: Lisa Betler, Chris Burkley, Kathy Caldwell, Jennifer Facchine, Beth Renee McDeavitt, Tina Riston Naylor, Theresa Tartamella and Mary Lynn Wagner. Evans and Peggy Shields coach. "Improvement came with every game, therefore, loss was only apparent by the score but not as far as betterment of the team. To make up for the general lack of height and players, everyone hustled. Even with multiple injuries, Carlow continued playing," *The Carlow Courier* reported. With a 2-9 record, Carlow looked to continue its strong effort for the rest of the season and into next year.

March 10, 1982:

The annual Athletic Award Banquet is held in Mellon Galleries. Assistant Dean for Student Development, Martha Ezzel, opened the evening. Guest speaker Hilda Reverte spoke about her life within the performing arts. Volleyball coach Susan Hershelman and assistants Shields and Evans presented certificates and pins to the 1981 varsity volleyball team. Awards were given to: freshmen Jeanne Dollinger and Michele Nesbit; sophomores Jennifer Facchine, Carol Horne, Gayle Osenider (co-captain) and Wendy Steffler; juniors Georgette Grayton, Mary Stewart, and Mary Lynn Wagner; and senior and co-captain Christine Burkeley. Then, basketball coach Shields presented the

basketball team with certificates and pins. Recipients included: freshmen Leslie Betler, Beth Renee McDeavitt, Karen McGrady, Elizabeth Mussari and Theresa Tartamella; sophomores Jennifer Facchine; juniors Kathy Caldwell (co-captain) and Mary Lynn Wagner (co-captain); and seniors Christine Burkeley and Tina Naylor-Riston. "This year, a tradition has been established through the efforts of the Women's Athletic Association. This newly founded organization consists of nine members – eight of whom are participating athletes here at Carlow and one supportive individual. These particular 'Women of Spirit' have held several fund-raisers to purchase varsity letter jackets for those deemed deserving by the coaching staff. Individuals receiving this award are required to have played two years of a varsity sport." Recipients for the academic year 1981-82 include: sophomores Carol Horne, Gayle Osenider and Wendy Steffler; juniors Kathy Caldwell, Georgette Grayton, Mary Stewart and Mary Lynn Wagner; and seniors Christine Burkeley and Tina Naylor-Riston. Evans presented the Purple Gold Award, one of both academic and athletic excellence, to sophomore Gayle Osenider. "This award is one of great esteem and privilege in which Gayle is certainly deserving." The evening brought out several members of the Board of Trustees, Sr. Elizabeth McMillan, "The World Champion Kickboxing Champion" Jacquet Bazemore, athletes' parents, and basketball star Leslie Betler gave the closing blessing.

September 1982:

The varsity volleyball team begins its season with a victory over Penn State McKeesport; 15-10, 15-5, 15-5. "Carlow girls were obviously suffering from opening day jitters but still managed to win easily by a score of fifteen to ten. With the jitters gone, the next two games were quickly won." Team members include: seniors Georgette Grayton and Mary Stewart; juniors Jennifer Facchine, Carol Horne, Gayle Osenider and Wendy Steffler; sophomores Jeanne Dollinger and Susan Wallace; and freshman Stephanie Bossick, Carol Drever and Lynn Hendrickson. Head coach Sue Hershelman and assistant coach Peg Shields are helped by trainer Carol Ondik.

Vs. Penn State McKeesport, 9/21 W

@. Geneva College, 9/30 (Mercyhurst?) L

@ Youngstown State Tournament in Youngstown, State College, 10/2 L "This was the first tournament for most of our girls, and it showed. When they walked in, they looked like kids in Disneyland," said Hershelman.

Vs. LaRoche, 10/11, W

Vs. California State/Bethany, 10/14; L and L

Vs. Chatham/Penn State McKeesport, 10/18

@ St. Francis/Wheeling, 10/20

@ Salisbury State Invitational Tournament in Salisbury, State College, 10/22-23

@ Chatham/Seton Hill, 10/26

@ Washington & Jefferson/Carnegie Mellon, 10/28

@ Bethany, 11/3

NAIA Tournament, 11/6

Penn West Conference Championship Tournament, 11/7

The Carlow Courier publishes several photos of the volleyball team. [Carlow Volleyball Spikes Into Action.](#)

"I think that we are stuck on a plateau. As I look back over the past couple of weeks, I can't see significant improvement in any area. If we are going to win, we have to start improving again," said Hershelman. "The team, despite some brilliant individual performances, still suffers from inconsistencies and mental breakdowns." *The Carlow Courier* reports.

The team would finish 2-20.

October 11, 1982:

The Carlow College Loyola Society is participating in the American Cancer Society Save-a-Life- Swim. Swimmers asked supporters for contributions per length completed during the week (a maximum of 70 lengths per sponsor). All participants raising more than \$15 received Save-a-Life Swim patches. Those bringing in \$35-99 receive a patch and a t-shirt. For \$100+, students received "football type jerseys." The person raising the most money will receive a jacket. The money raised

is used for public and professional education programs, for patient services and rehabilitations and for research grants.

November 1982:

Eighteen teams participate in three separate leagues of intramural volleyball. Last year's champions, 'The Carlow Colleagues', a faculty/staff team, were eliminated by the Bradford Bombers, who eventually defeated the 'Six Packers' to claim the title. IM coordinator this year was Sue Wallace. Referees included Mary Stuart, Gayle Osenider and Georgette Grayton – all members of the varsity volleyball team.

December 1982:

Intramural innertube water polo beings. Each team should have seven players and two alternates.

March 1983:

Gail Evans officially is appointed the Director of Athletics and Special Events at Carlow and will be assisted by Mary Julia Scanlon, the administrative assistant for residence halls and special events.

October 1983:

"This term, Carlow College has initiated its first effort toward providing students with the opportunity to participate in physical fitness for credit," *The Courier* reports. The weight-training course is introduced and promotes body awareness and improving muscle tone through various lifting techniques. Evans asserts that lifting is not only used for muscle tone, but for self-satisfaction, recreation and athletic awareness. She noted the "fitness mania" that is sweeping the country, and speculated the possibility of Carlow building an athletic program comparable to those of larger colleges. Part of her vision is to have an organized physical education program requiring each student to take a physical education course with two or more qualified instructors leading the way. She also wants to see the athletic facilities expand to include more modern, sophisticated equipment.

The volleyball season begins. Team members include: senior Carol Horne; junior Wendy Steffler; sophomores Carol Drever (captain), Lynn Hendrickson; and freshmen Wendy James, Sandy Kakiiov, Amy Walker, Tess Crivella and Nat Druga. Sue Hershelman and assistant coaches Tina Naylor-Riston and Kim Hodge coach the team. The managers are Shari Davis and Terry Dunnigan. "This season marks a building year for the Carlow Celtics Volleyball Team. Freshmen make up the majority of the team, but they are progressing rapidly and are doing quite well. Still possessing high school habits, the girls will lose them before the end of the season," *The Courier* reports.

The volleyball schedule is released:

Vs. Bradford/Waynesburg, 10/6

@ CMU/W&J, 10/27

@ LaRoche, 10/11

PWC Volleyball Championships

@ California State/Bethany, 10/13

NAIA District 18 Volleyball Tournament, 11/5

Vs. Robert Morris/Chatham/Duquesne, 10/15

Vs. St. Francis, 10/19

@ Seton Hill, 10/21

Their final record "was not impressive," but the team played well. Hershelman called it a building year for the Celtics, and that many players were complimented by opposing team coaches. The team would finish 3-23.

October 27, 1983:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article and an editorial about Franco Harris's visit to Carlow. [Franco was Here!](#)

November 1983:

The Fourth Floor Maniacs win the intramural inner-tube water polo competition. The game, in which teams of five try to pass a ball down the length of the pool and into a floating net, was played on Mondays and Wednesdays in St. Joe's Hall.

The basketball season begins. Team members include: Theresa Tartamella, Karen McGrady, Tammy

Frank, Jenn Facchine, Sondra Conway, Dina Santia, Wendy James, Shari Davis, Mary Reed and Kimberly Zambrell. As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, it competes in District #18 against Point Park, Westminster, Geneva, Penn State Behrend, Pitt-Bradford and Villa Maria. As a member of the Pennwood West Conference, they play Duquesne, Robert Morris, St. Francis, W&J, Bethany and Wheeling Colleges. The Celtics also compete in the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Invitational Basketball Tournament for the first time. The team finished 14-13, good enough for third place in both District 18 of the NAIA and the PWC.

November 2, 1983:

Volleyball intramurals begin, and all are welcome to play except members of the Celtics. In the season's first game, Schmieder's Shockers defeat the Woodstocks.

November 10, 1983:

Bill Cummins, the physical education teacher for the campus school, helps to expand the sports program to include a competent swim team that holds its first meet on Nov. 10. The students, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, have practiced all year, and the team finished 4-1.

January 1984:

In their first year together, the Carlow School Swim Team won their first three meets of the season.

Physical Education Instructor Bill Cummins said the 32-student teams are an excellent group of swimmers who practice every day after school. Tori Rhoades and David Senan are both managers – and in the eighth grade. “As a whole, the team is very strong. It is a pleasure to include these athletes as part of the Carlow community.”

January 17, 1984:

Gail Evans starts the first aerobic dancing class with Janet Gillespie, the founder and director of Present Company (a professional dance performing group of the Dance Gallery on Craig Street. She has over 25 years of dance experience and has performed all over the world, including Antonian Hall.) Evans says dancing is beneficial for a cardiovascular workout, muscle toning, better coordination and tension reduction. It can also enhance the social environment by socialization with peers. The class occurs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

January 31, 1984:

Three teams compete in the 3-on-3-basketball intramural tournament. Girls played a best-of-three match, needing two wins to oust the opposing team from competition. The winners of the championship were the Cheetahs: Michele Marzullo, Kathy Whittington and Chriss Hagg. They defeated the Scrubs and the Damaging Dynasty.

February 8, 1984:

The Carlow Courier publishes profiles in the next few issues of the basketball team's coaches and players. [Player Profiles](#) and [The Staff Behind the Players](#).

The basketball schedule is as follows:

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| Vs. Duquesne, 11/30, L 51-79 | @ St. Vincent's, 1/19, L 70-75 | Vs. Seton Hill, W 65-46 |
| Vs. St. Vincent's, 12/3, W 76-74 | @ Pitt Bradford, 1/21, W 78-31 | Vs. Penn State Behrend, W 70-69 |
| Vs. Bethany, 12/7, W 72-56 | Vs. W&J, 1/23, W 65-46 | Vs. Point Park, W 72-76 |
| @ Penn State Behrend, 12/12, W 88-64 | @ CMU, 1/26, L 38-60 | Vs. Villa Maria, W 72-76 |
| @ Geneva, 1/14, L 47-59 | Vs. W&J, 1/23, W 65-46 | Vs. St. Francis, W 83-72 |
| @ Wheeling, 1/17, L 61-78 | Vs. Westminster, 1/30, L 67-72 | Vs. W&J, L 55-62 |
| | | Vs. CMU, W 71-46 |
| | | Vs. Seton Hill, W 57-50 |

The team eventually would finish 13-7 and place third in the Pennwood Tournament in March.

April 12, 1984:

The Carlow Courier publishes a profile on Gail Evans. Gail is the Director for Athletics and Programming and the Director of the Office of Special Events, whose offices initiate the varsity and intramural programs and student activities. She graduated from Pitt with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. *The Courier* reports that Evans gives 100% of herself to Carlow. She also announces plans to start a softball club because she feels interest is high. Other softball programs have failed due to lack of interest, but she thinks there's enough enthusiasm to build a recreational team with non-mandatory practices three times a week.

October 4, 1984:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article profiling volleyball coach Sue Hershelman. Her volleyball career began as a student at Norwin High School, and she continued playing at Pitt, where she earned a bachelor's degree in German studies and Russian. She earned a masters in General Linguistics and a teaching certificate in E.S.L. (English as a Second Language). She started coaching at Pitt in 1978 as a graduate assistant coach of both the men's and women's volleyball teams. She likes coaching because she gets to watch "the players develop both physically and socially and the chance to work with dedicated athletes." She teaches English 090 and is in her second year as a Learning Skills Specialist.

The Women's Athletic Association changes its name to the Carlow Celtic Booster Club. The club membership tripled after the name change. "The CBC is for people who enjoy being rowdy, wild and crazy Celtic fans." Goals of the club are to promote Celtic spirit, have more fun than can be imagined, travel on buses full of screaming fans to away basketball games, make signs and posters to decorate the gymnasium, and buy varsity jackets for volleyball and basketball players.

The volleyball season begins. Team members include: Tess Crivella, Karen Clemens, Erin Coyle, Linda Stickell, Marie Giegerich, Susan Necciai, Barb Nelles, Natalie French, Becky Keagle, and Monica Pekala. The team is coached by Sue Hershelman and assisted by George Sliman. The team defeats conference rivals Westminster and St. Vincent early in the season before competing in the Oberlin and Theil Invitational tournaments, where they placed third. The team defeated Chatham and Seton Hill as well. In one game versus Chatham, Susan Necciai served 10 of the team's 15 points. The team would finish 10-33.

December 12, 1984:

The Carlow Courier published an article about Steelers players joining Carlow for athletic events. [Steelers Past and Present Herald Celtic Opener.](#)

The basketball team begins its season with a loss to Niagara, 62-44, and rebounds to win their next three against Seton Hill, 59-36, Penn State Behrend, 64-59, and Geneva, 60-52. Sondra Conway scored 23 and rebounded 12 during the Seton Hill game. In the Penn State game, Conway scored 21 and rebounded 19 times, and even blocked five shots. Mimi Reed scored 13 and Tammy Frank shot 100% from the free throw line. Four Celtics scored in double digits in the Geneva game, the most ever in a varsity game (Conway, 13; Reed, 12; Marsha Janco, 11; Kim Zambell, 10). The Celtics are coached by Peg Shields (her fourth year), Debbie Lewis and Melanie McCallister (her first year). The Celtics also added Lorene Won, an athletic trainer, to the staff. She is a graduate of California State University and has an extensive athletic background. She is also a student in the physical therapy program at the University of Pittsburgh. Team members include: seniors Shelly Gialanella, Tammy Frank, and Marsha Janco, junior Mary Reed, sophomore Kim Zambell and Sondra Conway; and freshmen Evangelyn Williams, Lisa Lockwood, Mari Giegerich and Tanya Hatlen.

February 1985:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article about the Carlow school's sports program. When both seventh and eighth graders were added to the school two years ago, the demand for a sports program increased, resulting in the formation of a basketball and swim team. This year's swim team consists of 25-players in sixth through eighth grades that compete in an independent conference made up of private and prep schools. Phil Morelli is guiding the basketball team this season. Intramural sports such as soccer, floor hockey and speed football complete the athletic program and are gaining popularity.

September 24, 1985:

The gymnasium in St. Joe's Hall is dedicated to Kathleen McNulty Rooney because of her family's generosity to Carlow College.

November 1, 1985:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article on alum Shari Morris, a 1982 graduate and current team member of the Pittsburgh Angels, an all-female rugby team. [Angels in Heaven Playing Rugby.](#)

The Campus School swim team begins its third season under Cummins and assistant Kathy Downing. The 45-member team now includes members of grades four through eight. The team practices three or four times per week for over an hour. Thanks to the addition of portable starting blocks in the pool area, the team will spend time working on starts for the breast stroke and backstroke, as well as flip turns. The team has eight meets scheduled against Shadyside, Kiski, Ellis School, Falk and St. Edmunds. Cummins wants to see the conference membership expanded to 10, but said "it's difficult to find competition since we are ranked as an independent school and not all grade schools have an established swim program." He also said, "I feel that the season will be successful because we have three years of competitive experience behind us along with the talent and determination of 45 swimmers."

Gail Evans urges students to visit the weight room, located on the first floor of St. Joe's Hall directly across the locker room from the pool entrance. It houses barbells, dumbbells and plates. Evans urged that it's only a myth that women who lift weights develop "huge unattractive muscles." She said, "women are by nature weak in the upper bodies. Weightlifting helps increase total body strength." The weight room now opens seven days a week, but only for two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and one hour on Mondays and Saturdays.

The volleyball team concludes its season with a record of 33-16, and finishing second in the NAIA District 18 tournament after losing to Waynesburg College in five games, 12-15, 11-15, 15-13, 15-6, 11-15. Team members include: Cissi Bazala, Karen Clemens, Erin Coyle, Denise Geiselman, Marie Giegerich, Jamie Jordan, Becki Keagle, Susan Necciai, Monica Pekala, Lisa Smith, Linda Stickell and Tina Tomko.

January 28, 1986:

Seven NASA astronauts, including Christa McAuliffe, are killed when the Challenger explodes only 73 seconds after launch at Cape Canaveral.

October 1986:

The volleyball team has another strong start, compiling a 15-9 overall record and a 3-1 record in district competition. Coach Hershelman is excited because the team is gaining national attention. She has received letters from high school players in California, Arizona, Chicago and North Carolina that are interested in attending Carlow to play. She also said that attendance is up, thanks to parents, students and faculty. Linda Stickell was the only setter to make the all-tournament team at the Thiel tournament and was named setter of the week. Erin Coyle was named defensive player of the week. Karen Clemens was named hitter of the week in consecutive weeks.

November 1986:

Volleyball concludes its season with a record of 36-15 and places third in the District 18 tournament, losing to Waynesburg, 15-7, 15-2, 15-4. Hershelman said losing to Waynesburg "was a disappointing way to end the season after beating them in regular season play, but Waynesburg was hot and we weren't." Clearly this was the best team assembled at Carlow, and both Hershelman and Sliman were expecting even better things the following year. At the Carlow Invitational Tournament, the Celtics finished first and Karen Clemens, Beckie Keagle and Linda Stickell made the All-Tournament Team. At the Pennwood West Conference championship, the team took second place, losing to Seton Hill College. Clemens, Keagle and Stickell were voted to the All-Tournament Team. At the D-18 tournament, Clemens, Stickell and Coyle made the All-District Team. Hershelman was voted coach of the year.

The Carlow Courier publishes an article profiling Celtic Susan Necciai as a Pittsburgh Pirates Ballgirl. [The Carlow Student's Claim to Fame](#).

February 1987:

Gail Evans resigns as the director of athletics and becomes the director of Health Promotions Services at the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). She was instrumental in establishing scholarships for athletes, too. She was pleased that the pool, weight area and gym are used daily; when she first arrived, weight equipment did not exist on campus. She was instrumental in having the Rooney family donate specially built equipment to the college. She wants to see the physical education courses become a requirement for every major. "I am most proud of the growth of the

athletic department and the quality of the athletic teams. When I started, you had to practically beg people to play on the varsity level. Now, we have a ton of talent. I want the people of Carlow to know that I treasured the years that I spent here and it was a hard decision to leave. I will miss the people and the friends that I have made here and I will especially miss the students.”

The basketball team struggles as the season opens, losing five of its first seven. The new coach is Annette Giovannazzi, and she's assisted by Debbie Lewis and Melanie McCallister. Kim Zambell scored 39 points against Seton Hill. Freshman Lisa Smith is playing strong, as is a candidate for Freshman of the Year in district play. It endures a disappointing season, then loses to of its top players to graduation: Kim Zambell and Sondra Conaway, Carlow's all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

October 1987:

The volleyball team compiles its best record in history, amassing a 25-4 record just past the midway point of the season. The team wins the Carnegie Mellon Invitational Tournament, and finishes second at the Allegheny Invitational and the Theil Tournament. Senior hitter Susan Necciai and setter Linda Stickell are co-captains of the team. Stickell was named to the all-tournament team of all three tournaments, as was junior hitter Karen Clemens. Senior hitter Erin Coyle-Necciai was named NAIA Player of the Week twice. Other team members include: Marie Giegerich, Becki Keagle, Sonya Konchar, Monica Pekala, Lisa Smith, Cissi Bezala, Denise Geiselman, and Tina Tomko. Hershelman and Sliman coached the team, and said that each player made major contributions to the team. The team would eventually finish 42-10 in the regular season and earn a berth in the NAIA National Tournament held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. At the tournament, Carlow defeats the University of Hawaii-Hilo in the first round of competition, but then loses to Southwestern University, Franklin University and Lenoir-Rhyne University. The team's final season record, including postseason, is 43-13. The senior class is the first group of students to receive financial aid for athletic participation, according to Sliman.

November 1987:

The Carlow Courier publishes an article about the Celtics Seniors on the volleyball team as they make their way to the NAIA District 18 playoffs. [Volleyball... Going for it All!](#)

December 1987:

The basketball team begins its season. Team members include: freshmen Phoebe Heil, Denise Jones and Annissa Robinson; sophomores Cissi Bazala, Tina Tomko, Lisa Smith and Jill Faber; and senior Marie Giegerich. Their first game against W&J ends in defeat, 81-41. The team only has two players returning from the previous season, so it expects to be a rebuilding year. The team relies on its quickness, aggressiveness and raw talent instead of height (the tallest Celtic is five feet, nine inches). Giovannazzi begins her second year as coach, with Debbie Lewis (in her sixth year) and Melanie McCallister (in her second year) as assistants. Games are scheduled against W&J, Wheeling, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, St. Vincent's, Westminster, Salem College, Fairmont State, Geneva, West Virginia Wesleyan, Seton Hill, Point Park and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

February 1988:

The basketball team goes winless in its first 11 games. The roster was reduced to seven girls when freshmen Annissa Robinson was forced to leave because of medical reasons. The team finally wins its first game Feb. 4 against Geneva, then a second against the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford when Phoebe Heil scored a buzzer-beater shot as the game ended.

March 1988:

The Celtic basketball program is discontinued due to a lack of funding and student interest as players and supporters. In the past two years, the team had a roster of six players in 1986-87 and seven players in 1987-88. The college says it does not have adequate funds to maintain two varsity teams.

April 21, 1988:

The Carlow Courier publishes a comprehensive article about the cancellation of the basketball program. [No](#)

Way to Win.

September 1988:

New volleyball coach George Sliman and his assistant, Robin Kukalis, begin the volleyball season. Sliman calls the season a “rebuilding year” based on six incoming freshmen. The Celtics began preparing through an intensive pre-season training program during the summer. Team members include: senior Karen Clemens, a middle hitter who was named to the All-District Team all three years; senior Monica Pekala, an outside hitter; juniors Cissi Bazala and Denise Geisleman; sophomore Lori Martin, who missed most of the previous season due to a knee injury; and freshmen Jodi Frishof, Barb Pekala, Jennifer Costlow, Dianne Kelon, Deanna Daggett and Tara Worthington.

September 1989:

The Celtics volleyball team finishes the season with a record of 23-20. The team finished fourth in the NAIA District 18 playoffs, the seventh consecutive year they qualified for the tournament.

September 1990:

The Carlow Courier changes its name to *The Carlow Kaleidoscope*.

The volleyball season begins. Team members include: Lesley Bridge, Jennifer Costlow, DeAnna Daggett, Dianne Kelon, Barb Pekala, Caroll Schmidt, Leigh Scheller, Michelle Waryanka and Diane Wilds. The Celtics would win the Carlow Invitational Tournament, defeating Concord College in the finals. Setter Dianne Kelon and middle hitter DeAnna Daggett were named to the all-tournament team. They would also compete in the CMY Invitational Tournament

October 1990:

The Carlow basketball program begins again, thanks to the help of new athletics director Monica Pellman, also the coach of the team. Team members include: freshmen Amy Ott, Tiffany Pekala, Jennifer Maryniak, and Carol Schmidt; senior Bonnie Rodgers; junior Dawn Gayton and Leigh Palovich. The team is only a club team this year, so it is unable to compete within a previously established division.

Pellman also starts and coaches the Carlow College Running Club, which meets Mondays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. for a 45-minute workout, which includes exercising, stretching, and a half-hour run. The club is non-competitive, but intends to be soon, according to Pellman.

February 8, 1992:

Carlow hosts the “Old timers” basketball game before the volleyball match against Westminster. Players and coaches from teams of the early 1980’s play each other before the varsity basketball team defeated Westminster, 55-54. The team also defeats Geneva behind DeAnna Daggett’s 14 points; but lose to Theil despite Jen Maryniak’s 15 points.

The Crew team, led by Lori Gassner, draws up a tentative list of races that they will try to enter. They are: the Johns Hopkins Invitational in Baltimore, the West Virginia Governor’s Cup in Charleston and MACRA Championships in Columbus.

December 1992:

The Crew team competed at the Charleston W. Va. The race was designed to give inexperienced rowers some experience before beginning the spring season.

Leigh Scheller of the volleyball team is named a District 18 Scholar Athlete and to the NAIA First Team All District. Beth Ryce was named the District 18 Co-Freshman of the Year and also made the First Team All-District.

September 1994:

The cross-country team places second out of seven teams at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Freshmen Jodi Kuny finished third overall, while junior Andrea Molinaro finished tenth in the 5K/3.1 miles event. The team finishes second out of ten in a Sept. 24 match against St. Vincent’s. Kuni finished fourth overall with a time of 23:23, while Molinaro finished eleventh at 24:12.

October 1994:

The Carlow College tennis team competes in singles and doubles competition for the first time on a varsity level. Last year, they participated as a club team led by student-coach Maureen Vidunas. Vidunas enrolled at Carlow College as a non-traditional student majoring in sociology and wanted to start a tennis team, and since "Carlow emphasizes career preparation and leadership, the college listens to student ideas and follows through with them. That's what they did with Maureen's suggestion for a tennis team," *Update at Carlow College* reported. Cara Mowry and Melissa Scheuring return from last year and are joined by Nicole Capozzi, Beth Ann Kus and Diana Kobus. Vidunas has won a double tennis tournament at Frick Park and a singles tournament in Greensburg. She was also a finalist in the City Parks Tennis Tournament. Amazingly, she didn't start playing tennis until she was 24, and by the time she was 27 she had a state ranking. The team wins its first-ever match against Chatham College. That is their only win however, as they drop the next three.

The Crew team competes in the Head of the Ohio match on Oct. 1.

The volleyball team is 6-3 thus far, and lost in the quarterfinal round to Muskingum at the Allegheny tournament. Beth Ryce was selected as one of six members on the All-Tournament team.

October 15, 1994:

Jodi Kuny, a graduate of Quaker Valley High School, sets a new school record at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown meet. She ran a 21:50 and finished first overall. Molinaro finished second overall.

November 1994:

The volleyball team finished fourth in the conference and qualifies for the NAIA Women's Volleyball Regional Tournament at Westminster College. A sixth seed in the tournament, Carlow drops its first two matches against Westminster and Seton Hill. Juniors Beth Ryce and Jennifer Beil were both named to the First Team All-Conference. Senior Gail Wildenmann was named to the Second Team All-Conference. Junior Dana Wyant and sophomore Dana Martini were given Honorable Mention All-Conference. Beth Ryce, Jennifer Beil and Gail Wildenmann were also nominated for NAIA honors. The team finished 16-20 for the year, with Sliman and Julie Gaul, Carlow's coordinator of Wellness and Fitness Services leading the helm.

December 1994:

The basketball season begins its campaign coached by Renee Devarney and assisted by Chandra Phillips and Jaime Clark.

March 1995:

"Making history as the first Carlow College basketball player to receive the award in the history of basketball at Carlow," senior Amy Person was named the "Player of the Year" in the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference. Averaging 18 points per game, Person shot 42% from the field (second in the conference) and 79% from the free throw line (first in the conference). "This award is a credit to the type of player Amy is," said Athletic Director Monica Pellman. "It indicates the respect she has earned from her opponents during her career at Carlow." Person moves into third on the all-time basketball scoring list with 1,091 points. The team finishes 12-13, 8-8 in the conference. Charleeda Redman was named Second Team All-Conference. She was also nominated for All-American Scholar-Athlete award, which she would eventually win, and was second in the conference in assists (5.1%). Both Person and Redman scored their 1000th point as a Celtic this season. Becky Alexander led the conference in three-point field percentage (36%).

April 1995:

Volleyball coach George Sliman returns from the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. where he began the process of earning Level III accreditation as a volleyball coach. One of 18 candidates accepted, he spent five days at the Training Center attending instructional seminars as part of the Coaching Accreditation Program sanctioned by the National Office of USA Volleyball. Sliman also wants to become a member of the CAP Cadre, an elite group of coaches who serve as instructors for the National Offices' Coaching Accreditation Programs.

August 1995:

John Brown is named the new basketball coach. Brown, a graduate from Baldwin High School and

Duquesne University, is a special education teacher in the McGuffey School District. He is active in local AAU basketball and is co-director of the Steel City AAU. He assists with the Girls' Basketball Showcase at Robert Morris College. He replaces Renee DeVarney, who resigned.

September 1995:

The early success of the volleyball team boosts morale across the athletic board. The team finishes third in the Oberlin Tournament after defeating Penn-State Behrend, Denison College, Wooster College and host Oberlin before losing to eventual champion Ohio-Dominican in the semifinal round. The team also defeated defending Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference and Northeast Regional Tournament champion St. Vincent's.

The tennis team and coach Maureen Vidunas hope to reach a berth in the regional tournament. "I have high expectations for this team," freshman Shawn McGill said. "With the veteran players we have, I expect us to do very well." The team wins its first match of the season against LaRoche behind Cara Mowry and Shawn McGill in singles and Kris Lutz and Janet Conway in doubles; the team had dropped the first two games of the season against Geneva and Chatham.

Members of the cross country team have their eye on a Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference championship. "We're going to have a really good season," senior Andrea Molinaro said. The team finishes fourth in the Thiel Invitational, its best ever ranking. Coach Rick Lippert said, "It was a total team effort. Our eight runners ran consistently and they are very dedicated."

October 1995:

The volleyball hosts "High School Night," an evening where prospective students get acquainted with the college and its sports program. Coach Sliman held a 15-minute "chalk talk" with the student athletes before the match against Westminster. "The night is important because it exposes the volleyball program to so many athletes who do not realize that a program like ours exists," he said. "A lot of high school athletes have Division I syndrome. Not everybody will play at that level." An estimated 80 athletes attend. Senior night is held Oct. 30, and three members of the volleyball team (Jennifer Beil, Beth Ryce and Dana Wyant) and cross-country team (Beth Hickey, Andrea Molinaro and Michelle Tseng) are honored.

The crew season begins its season in the club 4+ portion of the ninth annual Head of the Ohio Regatta on the Allegheny River. Coach Anna Looney said she's looking for a great showing from the six varsity and nine novice rowers. The team competed on the two-and-a-half mile course against bigger schools such as Villanova, MIT and Pitt. The novice rowers win a bronze medal in the Novice 8 event at the Waterworks Regatta in Parkersville, W. Va. "With the windy and cold conditions, they pulled together and ran quite well in the race. They have potential to do really well this season. I look for good things from them the rest of the season." The club competes in the Speakman Regatta in Columbus, also.

November 1995:

The cross-country team ends its season with a sixth-place finish in the conference championships at Westminster. Senior Andrea Molinaro and Jodi Kuny, the team's top runners, were injured for most of the season. Molinaro competed in the Westminster event but in a limited role. "The injuries made it too difficult for us to overcome," said coach Rich Lippert. "If they were healthy all season, it could have been even better."

The volleyball team defeats St. Vincent's, 3-1, in the quarterfinal match, but then loses to Seton Hill, 3-0, in the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference tournament. "We're disappointed, but the season was successful. It was the first time since 1991 that we appeared in the 'Final Four,'" Sliman said.

The basketball season opens with five freshmen, one sophomore and three juniors. "With a real young team, we should improve as the season progresses," he said. Forwards Tonya Derricott Lori Flanagan, and guard Kathy Miller return. The team drops its first two to Notre Dame of Ohio (55-52) and Thiel (60-55) despite 12 points from Derricott against Notre Dame and 21 against Thiel.

December 1995:

The team's first victory of the year comes against Hilbert College of New York in the first round of the LaRoche Tournament, 67-51. This marked the first collegiate victory for first-year coach John Brown. Four players reached double digits in scoring: Kathy Miller, 22; JoyLyn Kemp, 17; Tonya

Derricott, 15; and Trumane Rogers, 12. The team loses to host LaRoche in the championship game, 67-58, despite 25 points from Derricott and nine from Miller. Its second win comes against Chatham, 81-41, but then get trounced by Westminster, 94-47. With a 2-5 record, Derricott averages 16.1 points per game and ranks third in the conference in scoring. Freshman Trumane Rogers leads the conference in rebounding with an average of 10.2 per game.

January 1996:

Derricott remains among the conference's top scorers with 15.1 points per game despite the team's faltering record. Her rebound total stays the same, but Rogers drops to second in the conference in rebounds.

January 20, 1996:

Equipment from the crew team housed at the Three Rivers Rowing Association is damaged by rising flood water from the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers as a result of the Pittsburgh Blizzard. Waters rise 18 feet above flood stage at more than 34 feet, and despite attempts to secure the equipment in their racks at the river-side facility, the fast rising waters allowed no time to relocate equipment. The racing shell floated off its rack, located about 12 feet above ground level, and drifted into four inches of muddy riverbank before floating debris punctured its hull. At the time, it was not sure how the damage would affect crew's spring season.

February 1996:

With the team 2-14, and 0-8 within the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference, forward Tonya Derricott ranked fourth on the conference scoring list with 223 points, good for 14.9 per game. She's also second in rebounding with 138 total, good for 9.2 per game. The team's third victory of the year doesn't come until Feb. 8 against Chatham College, 68-47.

March 1996:

The crew team begins preparing for the season by working out in the weight room. Damage to the team's equipment at the Three Rivers Rowing Association in January have not disturbed the season's schedule.

The basketball team ends the season with a 66-50 loss to Theil and a 3-21 record. Tonya Derricott, the team's MVP, averaged 14 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. She earned Honorable Mention All-Conference status in the K-ECC.

April 19-21, 1996:

Members of the Student Athlete Association attend the first-ever National Student Athlete Association Conference in Chicago. The mission of SAA is to establish a support mechanism for student-athletes by promoting communication between student-athletes and the entire Carlow community. The organization also has an open forum for individuals to discuss athletic related issues. They host the annual sports award banquet on April 21.

Dan Donnelly is named coach of the tennis team. He has worked as a coach and official in youth basketball, baseball, soccer and swimming programs. He worked on his doctorate at George Mason University the past six years and will attend a tennis instructor course at the Van der Meer Tennis Center to become certified through the U.S. Professional Tennis Registry. He replaces Maureen Vidunas, a full-time student who led the team for two seasons as a player/coach.

Volleyball coach George Sliman is a featured clinician at the annual Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Convention in State College. He addressed more than 150 high school and college coaches on the topic of "setter development."

April 21, 1996:

A record 122 people attend the sports award dinner, hosted by the Student Athlete Association.

June 1996:

The women's basketball team hosts several clinics for local school students. One week, a clinic is held for fourth through sixth grades; the next week a clinic for students in seventh and eighth; and the final two weekends are camps for high school players based on positions. John Brown organized and conducted the event.

September 1996:

The cross country team finishes fifth at the Theil College meet. Sarah Keith ran a personal best time. The team disappointingly finishes fifth at the Pitt-Johnstown Invitational.

Tennis players Cara Mowry and Shawn McGill represent the Celtics at a Carnegie Mellon Tournament. The Celtics' Novice 4 crew team finished first in the Head of the Tiahoga River in Cleveland during Homecoming Weekend. The varsity 4 crew team finished fourth.

September 3, 1996:

Non-credit fitness classes begin and include: step and water aerobics, yoga, Irish dancing, ballet, crew and self-defense.

September 6, 1996:

Volleyball coach George Sliman records his 200th victory of his career when the Celtics defeat Thiel during a tournament at Oberlin College. The team loses in the final round of the Westminster Tournament after defeating Point Park and Theil Colleges.

October 1996:

The cross-country team finishes third at a meet at St. Vincent's. Sarah Keith topped her personal best and won an award at the meet. Teammate Kelly Lauer became the first female city resident (14th woman overall) to finish Pittsburgh's Great Race. The team wins its first-ever invitation at LaRoche on Oct. 5.

November 1996:

"Much like Bob Dole, the Carlow cross-country team has run its last race," *Carlow Update* reported. The team competed hard under first year coach Kelly Lauer in the K-ECC competitions at Westminster.

Carlow Athletics begins taking orders for sports paraphernalia. New this year are "Carlow Athletics" hats. The department also sponsors a contest for amateur sports photographers. Each month, the department will select a winner in a number of categories such as best action shot and most fun shot. Winners receive a Carlow Athletics t-shirt.

January 1997:

The basketball team surpasses its total victory count for last season with victories against Seton Hill (73-70), Geneva (77-50) and Westminster (66-60). The team was 5-5 with a 3-2 conference record.

February 1997:

Julie Gaul, campus health and wellness director, begins the WIP program (Wellness Incentive Program). It aims to encourage healthy behaviors, activity, fitness and fun in the Carlow community. WIP will award points to any campus member that participates in fitness classes, wellness seminars, pool workouts and fitness center workouts.

February 6, 1997:

Carlow celebrates the 11th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The Athletics Department teams with Student Athlete Association and the United Black Students to commemorate the day. At 5 p.m., St. Agnes and St. Bede's square off in basketball in Rooney gymnasium. At 6 p.m., a question/answer session with women and sports in fitness takes place. Then at 7 p.m., the Celtics take on Westminster, with a half-time show featuring "Jammin St. Joe's Macarena" with the St. Agnes cheerleaders.

April 1997:

The Wellness Incentive Program announces the final results. Out of 51 participants, the Sixth Floor residents, who made up the team "Mixed Nuts," won with 3,740 points. Second place winners were Fifth Floor's Phish team with 2,149 points. Top individual scorers were Liz Andrews with 995 points; Yan Qin with 944 points; Patty Fife with 720; Dan Donnelly with 490; and Denise Shaffer and Missy Ziegler with 410. Courtenay Sefzik, Stacey Traversari and Melanie Sobeck were also in the 400 point club.

April 5, 1997:

Carlow adds softball to its program and plays its first game against Chatham College at 3:30 p.m (they

lost). The approval of scholarship funds in January allowed the team to become a reality. "I think it's a great thing," Athletic Director Monica Pellman said. "We've needed a spring sport for years. A softball team will keep local talent home and increase Carlow's exposure in the Pittsburgh area." The club team will only compete in scrimmage games, but Pellman said the team would join the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference next year and join teams like Seton Hill, St. Vincent's, Geneva, Westminster and Point Park. Amy Johnston, a pre-law student and softball player since age 10, was instrumental in getting the program up and running. She recruited for four players on her own. The team's first scholarship signee is Kathy Walshak, a pitcher from Bethel Park High School.

April 20, 1997:

The Student Athletic Association hosts the Athletic Awards Dinner, attended by 141 people. The dinner features a video highlighting the 1996-7 Celtics' season, produced by interns and athletes Lori Flanagan and Adrienne Boyd. Cara Mowry received the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award. The nursing major is a four-year member of the tennis team, and the top singles and doubles player for the team. She is one of two athletes to play all four years with the new tennis program. Lori Flanagan won the Spirit Award. The senior communications major is a four-year member of the basketball team and has served on the Student Athlete Association and Women of Communications. Dana Martini wins the Outstanding Student-Athlete Award. She was named the K-ECC Second Team All-Conference for volleyball and named to the Conference All-Scholar Team.

September 28, 1997:

The Carlow College Women's Basketball team holds a girls' basketball clinic from 12-5 p.m. The clinic, for girls 5-8, stresses fundamentals.

October 4, 1997:

The crew team competes in the Head of the Ohio Regatta, a benefit for the Mercy Hospital Burn Unit. The two-and-a-half-mile course begins on the Allegheny River at Washington's Landing and ends at the Ohio River near downtown Pittsburgh. Racing begins at 8 a.m.

October 5, 1997:

Members of the Celtic basketball team lead free basketball clinics for female players ages 10-18 at Pitt's Fitzgerald Field House. The Pittsburgh Race for the Cure sponsors the program, which features All-American and Olympic gold medallist Rebecca Lobo of the WNBA's New York Liberty.

October 11, 1997:

Carlow's cross-country team finishes second in its first-ever home meet at Schenley park. W&J finish first.

October 15, 1997:

More than 50 high school students attend "High School Night" to witness Carlow's 3-1 defeat of rival Seton Hill.

October 1997:

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association announces its 1997 Academic Top 25 Honor Roll, and Carlow ranks 16th. The Honor Roll is selected by the WBCA, which recognizes the highest NAIA team grade point averages in the nation for the 1996-97 season.

Tennis finishes its season with the most wins by a Carlow team.

November 1997:

Dawn Hartman was named the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference Player of the Week for the second time.

Monica Pellman begins a club soccer team with the possibility of playing varsity next year. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the spring, the Lady Celtics Indoor Soccer Intramural League will be held in St. Joe's gym.

November 18, 1997:

The Post-Gazette has asked students to help sell editions of its papers to benefit the Children's Hospital Free Care Fund. Volunteers will be stationed in downtown Pittsburgh.

November 1997:

Carlow begins its planning for the first-ever golf outing fundraiser to be held in June 1998.

The volleyball season finishes the year with an 11-22 record, 4-12 in the conference. Dawn Hartman breaks the single season record for service aces set by Barb Pekala in 1990 with 106. She was also named to the K-ECC First Team. Junior setter Maria Sauka was given Honorable Mention recognition for her effort this season. She finished with a serve percentage of .848 and a kill percentage of .23. She recorded 202 digs for an average of 1.76 per game.

December 2, 1997:

Senior Day is held during halftime of the Celtics game against Bethany College. Dee Kobus (tennis), Shawn McGill (tennis), Jen Cupper (tennis), Julie Kopczak (cross country), Jen Markley (cross country) and Jean Emanuel (crew) are honored.

January 1998:

The Celtics varsity softball team begins to formulate. With a roster of 14 women, including only two juniors, the team is poised for its first ever varsity year. Head Coach Dan Richtar said the quicker the team adjusts from high school softball to college level play, the easier the season will be.

The basketball team starts off sluggish with a 5-7 record and 0-5 in the conference. Ann Hreha leads the team in scoring with 14.5 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Carla Stephens leads the team with three point shooting percentage of .545 and is averaging 9.6 points per game. Sophomore Katie Pisowicz has a .780 percentage from the free-throw line. Guard Mary Kaiser leads the team with seven blocked shots while Stephens leads in steals with 20. In a game against Daemen college on Jan. 18, Hreha broke a Carlow single game record for free-throws in one game by shooting 18 for 20.

February 1998:

Kristen Koca is the new crew team coach.

The basketball team makes a surge in the standings thanks to the freshman class. Kelly Toomey has started every game and leads the team with 24 steals and 40 assists. Kellie Stadelman has scored at least 18 points in three straight games. Jessica Sean has 10 steals and Jaime Sturgess has 15 rebounds in four games. Carrie Nichols tallied 17 assists and 13 steals so far, and Mary Kaiser leads the team with eight blocked shots. Rachel Matrascia is leading the team with a field-goal percentage of .487. Jen Horwat is shooting .714 from the free-throw line; and Tiffany Beckwith is shooting .423 from the floor and .308 from three-point range.

Indoor soccer practices for next year's club team take place every Wednesday at 8 p.m.

February 5, 1998:

As part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Carlow participates in a special luncheon at Chatham College. Representatives from colleges in the Pittsburgh area attend and female athletes were honored. Carlow honored senior Dee Kobus, a member of the tennis team, and junior Dawn Hartman, a member of the volleyball team. Both were recognized for their performance on the playing court, in the classroom and their contributions to the Carlow community.

The softball team prepares for its inaugural season in the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference. Its home games are at Beechview Athletic Association Field. Pitchers Kathy Wolshak and Susan Schwab and catcher Kelly O'Connell are expected to lead the team.

March 3, 1998:

The basketball team loses to Geneva in the first round of the K-ECC tournament. The team put up a decent fight in its first tournament appearance in three years, losing 73-66. The team finishes 15-12, setting a record high for wins in a season at Carlow. Sophomore Ann Hreha is named K-ECC Second Team All-Conference; she finishes in the conference's top 10 in four categories: scoring (14.3 points per game), rebounding (8.0 per game), field goal percentage (.496) and free throw percentage (.714). She recorded 27 assists, 37 steals and led the team with 19 blocks. Her 32 points against Roberts Wesleyan and 17 rebounds against Daemen were career highs.

Organization for a Masters Swim Club/Team begins. Masters swimming is an organized swimming program for adults and membership is open to anyone older than 19.

Kelly Hucic and Stacy Payvo help coach nine and 10-year old girls from the Campus School JVB Girls Developmental Basketball Team. Hucic is a sophomore chemistry major and Payvo is a freshman special education/elementary education major. Two members of the JVB team are daughters of

Carlow employees: Molly Onufer is Mary Onufer's daughter, Division Secretary in Management; and Becca Rothenberger is the daughter of Cindy Rothenberger, faculty in the Division of Management. The hard work paid off when the girls won the Big East Developmental League Championships. This was the first time in five years that Carlow has been in first place and Kelly and Stacy are the youngest coaches in the league. The team defeated St. Bart's in the quarterfinals and St. John's in the semi-finals. Becca Rothenberger made the last shot of the game with 12 seconds left to give Carlow a 28-27 victory against Sacred Heart.

April 1998:

Practice begins for the newly formed Masters Swim Program. Practices are held Monday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

April 19, 1998:

The Annual Athletic Awards banquet takes place. Katie Pisowicz was honored as the Outstanding Student Athlete, Jennifer Markley won the Outstanding Senior Athlete and Missy Ziegler won the Spirit Award.

May 1998:

Katie Pisowicz is named Second Team all conference in softball.

The Athletic Department announces three new fitness clubs for students in the fall: the rowing club, the Masters Swim club and the newly designed running club. "Club sports offer less intimidation, more opportunity for competition and more opportunity to start or maintain a work-out routine," *Update* reports.

Plans are solidified for the Carlow College golf outing. The event will benefit the Athletic Department and will be held at Blackhawk Golf Course in Beaver Falls. All proceeds for this event would benefit the basketball team, which will travel to Ireland next summer. Cost for the activity is \$55 per person or \$220 per foursome. The buffet dinner costs \$25. Hole and tee sponsorships are available for \$50.

Summer 1998:

Carlow Athletics move from the Keystone-Collegiate Conference to the Northeast Atlantic Conference of the NAIA, effective this school year.

August 1998:

The volleyball team receives the 1997-98 American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. The award honors teams that exhibit excellence in the classroom by maintaining a team cumulative 3.3 grade point average for the school year. The combined grade point average for the team was 3.39. Carlow was one of only 15 NAIA colleges in the country to win the award; and one of only two schools in the Northeast Region of the NAIA to be honored.

Monica Pellman is named the NAIA Northeast Region Female Administrator of the Year for 1998.

Beginning her ninth year at Carlow, this is the second consecutive year she's won the award. She then gets consideration for the national administrator of the year, announced at the NAIA national convention in October.

Carlow adds varsity soccer to its intercollegiate athletics program. John Sumoski, former coach at CMU, is hired as the first-ever soccer coach in school history. Sumoski holds coaching certifications in USSF and NCSAA. He coached at Baldwin High School and in the Pennsylvania West Olympic Development Soccer Program. He was an All-American at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Monica Pellman said, "We know that soccer is the fastest growing sport among youth, and we feel it is a terrific recruiting opportunity for our athletic program and for the larger Carlow community."

October 1998:

The basketball team sells raffle tickets to benefit the team trip to Ireland in August 1999. The prize is a free trip to Ireland with the team. Tickets are \$5 each and 1,000 will be sold.

At the Head of the Ohio race, the master 4+ finished their race in 18:19, only 4:07 off the winning time and good enough for a bronze medal. More than 60 Carlow supporters battled cold and rain to support the Celtics. The varsity team includes: Andrea Pollack, Toni Sample, Lisa Seidl, Tricia Tobi and

- Kelly Vereb. The Novice team includes: Jessica Brooks, Kristin Didiano, Julia Linden, Julia Mathews, Kelly McCormick and Brigitt Wagner.
- The Celtic basketball team was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association top 15 academic honor roll for the 1997-98 year. The team's GPA was 3.16, and Carlow was the only team from the Northeast Region to be honored. This is the second year in a row the team has earned such an honor. They ranked 23rd in the NAIA.
- The running club begins its weekly workouts Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 8:15 a.m. They meet at parking lot B.
- October 5, 1998:
The volleyball team sponsors "High School Night." A total of 120 students attend and listen to "Chalk Talk" with Coach George Sliman, eat pizza and win prizes in a serving contest. Team members include: Danielle Algeo, Shelly Caldwell, Trisha Caldwell, Jennifer DeForno, Dawn Hartman, Julie Malay, Marie Sauka, Charity Sergent, Denise Shaffer, Jamie Sturgess, Emily Taylor, Ashley VanderMallie, Nicole Walbert, Sara Ward, Stephanie Woodruff and Melissa Zielger. George Sliman coaches; Julie Gaul and Gail Smith assist.
- October 17, 1998:
The Carlow Crew team finishes second with a time of 25:02 in the Women's Open 4 Race in Marietta, Ohio. Team members included Ana Loney, Jan Loney, Julie Gaul and Monica Pellman.
- October 24, 1998:
The volleyball team finishes first in the LaRoche Tournament. Three Celtic volleyball players were named to the All Tournament Team at the LaRoche Tournament: Dawn Hartman, Denise Shaffer and Marie Sauka.
- October 27, 1998:
A Carlow Celtics Booster Club forms and meets prior to the volleyball match against Mt. Aloysius at 6 p.m. Parents and alumni are invited to attend.
- November 1998:
Three volleyball players are named individual category players of the week for the week of Oct. 19. Dawn Hartman is named Hitter of the Week; Denise Shaffer is named Server of the Week; and Marie Sauka is named Setter of the Week. The team currently ranks fourth.
- The tennis team concludes its season with a 4-10 record and finishes fifth in the Northeast Regional Tournament. It marks the first appearance for a Carlow tennis team in a post-season tournament, and the match is played in Castleton, Vermont. Team members include: Tiffany Beckwith, Amy Morton, Courtney Long, Connie Socha and Tricia Tobin. Beckwith finished 5-1 in singles and 6-1 in doubles; and Courtney Long finishes 5-3 in singles and 6-1 in doubles. Susan Dorsey and Shawn McGill coach. Long is named to the Northeast Region All-Region Team.
- The basketball team begins preparation for the upcoming season. Team members include: Heather Ayer, Tiffany Beckwith, Christine Davis, Jennifer Horwat, Ann Hreha, Lacey Huffman, Kristen Kartychak, Rachel Matrascia, Valerie Phillips, Katie Pisowicz, Carla Stephens, Kelly Toomey and Kristi Wencil. Rebounding is the main aspect that coach John Brown wants to see improved. "This team is a great group to work with. They are always focused on being the best players that they can be."
- The Carlow College Club Soccer Team finishes its season with record of 0-3. They played Allegheny College twice (losing 6-0 and 4-0) and Pitt-Johnstown (losing 6-0). Team members include: Tia Chirico, Jessica Diggs, Valerie D'Ottavio, Dana Fiffas, Tyona Henderson, Heather Hepner, DeAnne Lydick, Kara Martin, Nancy Nguyen, Christen Polimeni, Lisa Seidl and Beth Yakubisin. Head coach John Sumoski could not do any recruiting since he was hired in August, and the team suffered many injuries. "The club team had a roster of 13 players, but usually any given two or three were injured," he said. "At times, coaching was difficult because of the lack of experience, but there was never a dull moment." Sumoski said he wants to bring in between eight and 12 players to be competitive in the conference. "I am currently recruiting about 80 players, most of them local," he said. "I have to dig into different states now." Carlow's tentative schedule for the 1999 season will consist of 18-20 games.
- A second Booster Meeting occurs. A dues structure was discussed, as well as officer duties and committee functions. The next meeting is set for January 1999. The Boosters need more volunteers for offices and committee functions, and more alum input and representation.

November 7, 1998:

Senior members of the volleyball team are honored during the volleyball match against West Liberty College. Dawn Hartman, Nicole Walbert and Marie Sauka are honored. Hartman was a Northeast Atlantic Conference First Team All-Conference selection and was named to the NAC All-Tournament team. Sauka was a First Team All-Conference selection. She led the team with 9.7 assists per game. Denise Shaffer was also a First Team All-Conference selection and NAC All-Tournament selection. She was second on the Celtics with 128 blocks and digs with 212.

December 1998:

The volleyball team ends the year 23-10 overall, the best record since 1991. The Celtics advanced to the Conference Championship match after defeating Daemen College, 3-0, in Pool Play and then upsetting the #2 seed, Roberts Wesleyan College, 3-2, in a match that lasted two hours and 40 minutes. But the Celtics lose to Houghton College in the final round, 3-1. This was the best Carlow finish since 1987. "This team has worked hard since the first day of camp." Coach George Sliman said. "I'm very proud of them. This is the most competitive we've been in recent years. These players push each other in practice, which translates into competitions. We have set the tone for next season. We're winning the championship!" Hartman was first in kills with 362, an average of 3.068 per game, and led the team in blocks with 71 (an average of 1.99 per game). She had 296 total blocks. She was First Team All-Conference and named to the NAC All-Tournament team. Marie Sauka was first in assists for the team with 1,023 and had an assist efficiency of 34%. She was a First Team All-Conference selection. Denise Shaffer was second in solo blocks with 62. She was a First Team All-Conference selection and an NAC All-Tournament selection. Melissa Ziegler led the team in digs with 325, averaging 2.69 per game. She received All-Conference Honorable Mention. Hartman and Sauka were named to the 1998 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region Team.

Basketball coach John Brown was named to the 1998-99 WBCA Kodak All-American Selection Committee for the NAIA. He will be part of a national committee that will choose the top 15 women's basketball players in the country. The team starts out 5-2, the best start in history. The team finishes second at the Wooster Tournament, defeating Wooster 80-72 but falling to Hanover College 74-47. Ann Hreha was named to the All-Tournament team.

December 1, 1998:

Joan Reale from the Carlow Nursing Division wins the raffle drawing for the trip to Ireland with the basketball team. The raffle raised approximately \$2,000.

January 1999:

The Celtic's Booster Club is officially renamed the Celtic's Athletic Club.

February 1999:

Ann Hreha is nominated for the Emil S. Liston Award. This award recognizes a junior basketball player who is outstanding at her game and her academics.

Soccer coach John Sumoski signs several new recruits for the fall season: Melissa Bumbera, Jen Frangione, Lauren Johnson, Nicole Modena, Tina Parise, Bethann Steighner and Emilie Wilbrink.

The basketball team continues its success with victories over Notre Dame of Ohio (73-61), W&J (68-66), and Chatham (84-27). The team finishes with a final record of 14-12. The team reaches a mini-milestone in Carlow history: not since the early 1980's has a Carlow basketball team had consecutive winning seasons. The team loses in the first round of the NAC Tournament to Houghton, 72-49.

March 1999:

Ann Hreha, a junior forward on the Carlow College Women's Basketball Team, wins the Emil S. Liston Award presented by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Hreha, an accounting/business management major, has a 3.54 grade point average and is a consistent honor roll student. She is president of Phi Chi Theta, a business fraternity at Carlow, and active in campus volunteer groups *Presents for Patients* and *Operation Save-a-Life*. "Ann embodies a rare spirit of teamwork and dedication, and I am proud to have her as a student at Carlow College," said Carlow College President Dr. Grace Ann Geibel, RSM. The award recognizes an outstanding

junior student of an NAIA men's or women's basketball team with an overall GPA of at least 3.50. The candidate must possess character, citizenship and leadership qualities.

Hreha and Katie Pisowicz are named to the NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete Team. They are two of 102 athletes named to Division II Women's Basketball Team. Pisowicz has a 3.91 GPA and was the fourth leading scorer on the team. The NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete award recognizes athletes in each sport who maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher, and who make significant contributions to their team, based on recommendations from their coaches.

March 31, 1999:

Monica Pellman announces the formation of the first Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Board. It is comprised of community leaders with interests in promoting women's sports and will assist athletes and teams. Ten members attend the first meeting.

April 1999:

The softball team starts off 4-9, but would eventually finish 9-13 in only its second year of varsity competition. Team members include: Jackie Bodzenski, Stephanie Ivak, Amy Johnston, Julie Malay, Kelly O'Connell, Katie Pisowicz, Susan Schwab, Ashley Stotka, Emily Taylor, Sara Ward, Kristi Wencil and Amy Wisniewski. Dan Richtar coaches, and Walt Pisowicz and Cindy Farneli assist.

April 18, 1999:

Carlow hosts its annual Awards Dinner.

May 1999:

The Celtics Athletic Club is renamed the Celtic Pride Association. The mission of the CPA, a non-profit fund-raising and support organization for intercollegiate athletics at Carlow, is to enhance the competitive opportunities for the student-athlete of Carlow and to ensure continued growth and success of the programs into the future.

June 25, 1999:

Carlow holds its second annual golf outing at Blackhawk Golf Course. Proceeds go to the basketball team's trip to Ireland. Teams selected to travel will be selected on an annual basis.

July 15, 1999:

After coaching the volleyball team for 11 years and assisting for four, George Sliman is promoted to the director of athletics at Carlow. He will also serve as the volleyball coach for the upcoming season. His career record is 247-195 and he has taken the team into conference playoffs in 10 out of 11 seasons. "We're excited about moving George into this position. He has been an integral part of athletics at Carlow for many years and has the vision and enthusiasm we need to take our programs to the next level," said Judith E. Yankovic, Chief Operating Officer. Sliman succeeds Monica Pellman, who served as director of athletics for nine years and wants to pursue opportunities in her hometown of Cincinnati.

September 1999:

The volleyball team begins its season. Team members include: Shelly and Trisha Caldwell, Jennifer DeForno, Andrea Brenning, Kristen Kamp, Ashley Kowalski, Charity Sergent, Denise Shaffer, Jamie Sturgess, Emily Taylor, Sara Ward, Stephanie Woodruff and Melissa Ziegler. George Sliman and Julie Gaul coach.

October 1999:

The tennis team concluded the season with a 1-6 match record. Team members include: Tiffany Beckwith, Erinn Coccia, Courtney Long, Amy Morton, Leanne Pachuta, Jennifer Swetz, Tricia Tobin and Jamie Robson. Susan Dorsey and Dan Donnelly coach.

The soccer team enters its first year of varsity play, taking the step up from a club team. They finish with a record of 6-8-2. Team members include: Mellissa Bresch, Melissa Bumbera, Val D'Ottavio, Jen Frangione, Carrie Hougelman, Lauren Johnson, Nicole Modena, Aimee Novotny, Missy Niemann, Tina Parise, Lisa Seidl, Bethann Steighner, Emilie Wilbrink and Dana Fiffas. John Sumoski and

assistant Kelly O'Neill coach the team. Steighner, Modena and Johnson reach All-Conference status, and Modena was named the NAC Women's Soccer Player of the Week during the season.

November 1999:

Volleyball concludes the season with a record of 18-14. Sliman finishes his 16th and final year as coach with a career record of 265-211. The team loses both matches in the Northeast Atlantic Conference Tournament. Denise Shaffer and Emily Taylor are named to the First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Region. Kristen Kamp and Melissa Ziegler are given All-Conference Honorable Mention, Ziegler for the second consecutive year. All-American Scholar-Athlete Awards are given to Melissa Ziegler and Jennifer Deforno. The team also wins the American Volleyball Coaches Association Academic Excellence Award.

The crew team, under first-year coach Trish Cloonan, competes in the Head of the Ohio Race and finishes fifth overall (varsity time: 17:31, novice time: 20:26). They also compete in the Head of the Occoquan competition, but times were not made available. Varsity rowers include: Andrew Pollack, Toni Sample, Lisa Seidl, Tricia Tobin, Kelly Vereb and Brigitt Wagner. Novice rowers include: Kristin Didiano, Krista Johnson, Sarah Karolski, Renee Simons, Michelle Simons, Caitlyn Yeckal and Melissa Hanbury.

December 1999:

Julie Gaul is promoted to head volleyball coach for the 2000 season. Gaul has been an assistant with the team since 1992, and will now oversee all areas of coaching including recruiting, staff development, public relations and team building. She will continue to serve as Carlow's Wellness Director and as the strength and conditioning coach for student-athletes.

Anchored by the Pittsburgh Harlequins Rugby Football Association, the Carlow Rugby Club members learn to play, referee and coach the sport. The Harlequins are helping to bring the sport of competitive rugby to high schools in the Pittsburgh area. Team members include: Alyson Berkshire, Erinn Coccia, Leeann Horne, Ashley Kowalski, Leanne Pachuta, Christen Polimeni, Lisa Seidl, Brigitt Wagner, Sara Ward, Mikki Williams and Caitlyn Yeckal.

February 2000:

After two consecutive winning seasons, the basketball team finishes the season with a 6-18 record. Team members include: Morgan Gray, Ann Hreha, Lacy Huffman, Melissa Marshall, Jessica Olenick, Valerie Phillips, Katie Pisowicz, Jennifer Powers, Kelly Toomey and Kristi Wencil. John Brown coached and was assisted by Dan Richtar, Bob Bakos, Carol Husa and trainer Tim Levison. The team did not lack individual achievements though. Katie Pisowicz was named the Northeast Atlantic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 6. She averaged 16 points, seven rebounds and two steals in four losses over the week. She scored 20 against W&J and Wilmington College. She also rebounded 12 in the Wilmington game. She shot 53% from the field (21-40), was perfect from the free throw line (2-2) and hit 21 of 27 free throws overall. Also standing out was Ann Hreha, who scored her 1,000th point as a Celtic against Roberts Wesleyan College Jan. 21. Hreha led the team in rebounds her first three seasons, and was the team's leading scorer for the previous two years (averaging 15.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game). She was named to the NAC Second Team and Pisowicz was given Honorable Mention to the NAC team. The both received All-American Scholar Athlete Awards.

April 2000:

The softball team finishes its season with a record of 14-12. Team members include: Katie Pisowicz, Julie Malay, Kristi Wencil, Amy Johnston, Beth McNally, Kelly O'Connell, Jackie Bodezenski, Jen Blumling, Sarah Karolski, Emily Taylor, Marla Winowich, Corrie Ulrich and Carrie Hougelman. Head coach Dan Richtar and assistants Walt Pisowicz and Cindy Fameli coach. The team loses in the first round of the Regional Tournament, 5-4.

October 2000:

The tennis team finishes 4-4, their best record ever. Six Celtics finish with individual records over .500.

Team members include: Tiffany Beckwith, Courtney Long, Amy Morton, Leanne Pachuta, Jennifer Swetz, Jamie Robson and Caitlyn Yeckal. Susan Dorsey coaches the team. The team defeated rival Chatham College twice during the year.

November 2000:

The crew team competes in the Head of the Ohio and performs sub-par. The varsity team finishes 32nd out of 34, with a time of 22:54:3. The Novice team finishes 19th out of 23, with a time of 22:53:3. In the Head of the Occoquan, the Novice 8 finishes 23rd out of 27, with a time 21:34:87. The Novice 4's finishes seventh out of 17, with a time of 21:01:05. The Club 4 finishes 17th out of 20, with a time of 2:32:60. Team members include: Toni Sample, Lisa Seidl, Caitlyn Yeckal and Kristin Didiano in the fall; and Melissa Hanbury, Krista Johnston, Sarah Karolski, Renee Simons, Liz Thompson, Eve Yeager, Brigitt Wagner, Sabrina deitke, and Justina Blanco in the fall. Trish Cloonan had a baby during the winter, so Daniel Grancea became coach midway through the year. As a club, the team is required to fund-raise; but it will receive a stipend from the school. The Advancement Office has shown support by identifying donors who provided money to purchase a new launch. The team even named a launch "St. Dorothy" in honor of Dorothy Jelley McDonough, a Mount Mercy graduate and wife of lead donor Thomas J. McDonough.

The soccer team finishes the year 9-6 and loses to Houghton in the first round of the NAC playoffs, 4-0. Team members include: Joanna Badger, Joanna Bigos, Melissa Bumbera, Carrie Hougelman, Lauren Johnson, Nicole Modena, Aimee Novotny, Missy Neimann, Tina Parise, Amanda Pelch, Stephanie Schneider, Lisa Seidle, Donita Thomas, Stefanie Turner, Bethann Steighner and Emilie Wilbrink. In only their second season of varsity play, the team improves its record of a year ago and advances to the playoffs. Ed Child is the new coach and Diane Vitunic assists. The team ends the regular season with a five-game winning streak, then automatically advances to the second round after Roberts Wesleyan College withdraws from the tournament. The team plays at Founder's Field. They tallied 47 goals on the year (3.36 per game), gave up only 22 (1.57 per game) and had five shutouts. Schneider, Pelch and Niemann received All-Conference Awards; Schneider and Pelch were also named to the All-Region team. Team fact: Lisa Seidl is the only "Soccer Survivor." She is the only player to survive in the move from the club team to varsity three years ago.

The volleyball team finishes 11-25 under first-year coach Julie Gaul. The team finished the regular season with a fifth seed going into the NAC playoffs. They lost in consecutive matches to Houghton (3-0) and Michigan-Dearborn (3-1). Team members include: Trisha Caldwell, Sherrie Harris, Ashley Kowalski, Nancy Nguyen, Charity Sergent, Ashley Smith, Jamie Sturgess, Jamie Miller and Stephanie Woodruff. Caldwell receives an award for NAIA Scholar-Athlete and was named to the All-Conference Second Team. All-Conference Honorable Mention Awards go to Harris, Woodruff and Sturgess. Woodruff receives the All-American Farm Team Award.

February 2001:

The basketball team finishes 14-11 and loses to Roberts Wesleyan in the first round of the NAC Playoffs, 66-52, played at the University of Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald Field House Feb. 22. It was a fourth seed going into the tournament, and the game marked the first home playoff basketball game that the team has ever hosted. Team members include: Annette Benjamin, Amy Donnelly, Tammi Feesler, Morgan Gray, Stacy Gressley, Lacey Huffman, Kelly Kachmer, Melissa Marshall, Jessica Moehring, Terrilyn Olenick, Jessica Opyrchal, Rebecca Perney, Jennifer Powers and Nicole Shepherd. Feesler receives NAC Freshman of the Year honors and is named to the NAC All-Conference First Team. Opyrchal receives an NAC All-Conference Honorable Mention Award. Lacey Huffman is named the NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete. John Brown, and Dan Richtar, Bob Bakos, Carol Husa and trainer Tim Levison coach the team.

April 2001:

The softball team finishes its season with coach Dan Richtar and assistants Walt Pisowicz and Sherri Searight leading the way. Team members include: Jen Blumling, Marie Cooksey, Kandi Corio, Carrie Hougelman, Sarah Karolski, Nicole Kowalski, Beth McNally, Kelly O'Connell, Natalie Page, Lisa Phillips, Jennifer Pomietto, Emily Taylor, Donita Thomas, Corrie Ulrich, Sara Ward

and Amy Wisniewski. The team finishes with a 7-14 record. This marks the first Spring Training trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the team.

Summer 2001:

Carlow College joins the American Mideast Conference, leaving the Northeast Atlantic Conference, and will compete against the following conference foes: Cedarville University, Daemen College, Geneva College, Houghton College, Malone College, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Notre Dame College, Ohio Dominican University, Point Park College, University of Rio Grande, Roberts Wesleyan College, Saint Vincent College, Seton Hill University, Shawnee State University, Tiffin University, Urbana University, Ursuline College, Walsh University and Wilberforce University.

September 11, 2001:

Terrorism hits the United States when two hijacked airplanes crash into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, causing both towers to collapse. A third airplane crashes into and destroys part of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a fourth plane crashes into a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

October 2001:

The soccer team finishes the season with a 7-13 record. This was the streakiest the team has been in three years: they won the opener, lost four in a row, won three in a row, lost four in a row, won two in a row, lost five in a row, then won the season finale. The team boasts the largest roster yet: Joanna Bigos, Melissa Bumbara, Lauren Johnson, Kristen Kostrubanic, Kate Milliron, Missy Neimann, Tina Parise, Amanda Pelch, Melinda Rovon, Stephanie Schneider, Bethann Steighner, Beth Szymeccki, Donita Thomas, Stefanie Turner, Emilie Wilbrink and Stephanie Wilson. Ed Child and Kate Matuszewski coach the team. Schneider, Pelch, Neimann and Thomas earn All-Conference Honorable Mention. Steighner and Thomas win the NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award. Schneider was eighth in the AMC with an average of 2.30 points per game.

November 2001:

The volleyball team finishes 13-24, but competes for the first time ever in Florida. The Celtics had 1,334 kills last season, up from 915 a year ago; and tally 322 aces, surpassing last year's 269. The Celtics ranked fifth in the AMC in digs with 2,582. The team finished third in the highly competitive Carnegie Mellon University Tournament. Team members include: Nancy Nguyen, Charity Sergent, Karoline Sera, Ashley Kowalski, Erica Sera, Trisha Caldwell, Sherrie Harris, Jamie Miller, Melanie Grubisha, Gemma Steiner, Kathy Kittell, Stephanie Woodruff, Shamon Malloy and Diana Palmer. Caldwell was eighth in the AMC in Service Aces and fifth in digs. Caldwell, Kowalski and Woodruff are named NAIA Scholar Athletes. Harris and Malloy receive All-Conference Honorable Mention Award. Woodruff is 14th in the AMC in assists with an average of six per game. Kowalski is second in the AMC in service aces per game averaging .76. The team wins the American Volleyball Coaches Association Academic Excellence.

February 2002

The basketball team finishes the season 12-15 in the American Mideast Conference. The team advanced to the AMC Playoffs (the sixth straight the year the team made it into postseason play) and gained a 33-19-halftime edge over St. Vincent. But St. Vincent stormed back in the second half and scored the winning points with seconds remaining, edging the Celtics from the postseason, 60-58. Team members include: Lacey Huffman, Jessica Opyrchal, Anna Sartori, Nicole Shepherd, Stacey Gressley, Tammi Feesler, Tera Stewart, Terrilyn Olenick, Rebecca Perney and Ashley Smith. John Brown coached and Dan Richtar, Carol Husa and Ann Hreha assisted. Personal season highlights included: Nicole Shepherd's breaking of the Carlow record for three-point percentage with 51%, also tops in the conference nationwide; Opyrchal was named to the AMC Second Team; Feesler, Shepherd and Gressley were named to the AMC All-Conference Honorable Mention; and Huffman wins NAIA Scholar Athlete Honors.

April 2002:

The tennis team switches its season to spring, meaning that it competes for the first time in conference action. Its season was normally held in the non-traditional fall, but now as a member of the AMC, it plays nine other conference teams. Tom Merchant coaches the team for the first time, and the team has a grade point average of 3.64. Members include: Lindsay Goetz, Kimberly Guzzie, Amy Morton, Leanne Pachuta, Jamie Robson, Heather Schumann, Ashley Simko and Caitlyn Yeckal.

May 2002:

The softball team concludes the season, its first in AMC play. The team has 12 returning players for the season, but would eventually finish 8-20 and out of the playoffs. Dan Richtar is head coach, and Sherri Searight, Maggie Vresko and trainer Tim Levison assist. The team members include: Lisa Almo, Kelly Arroyo, Jen Blumling, Ashley Boylan, Kandi Corrio, Nikki Danylo, Carrie Hougelman, Sarah Karolski, Nicole Kowalski, Bethany McNally, Brooke Monismith, Kelly O'Connell, Lisa Phillips, Jennifer Pomietto, Emily Taylor and Donita Thomas. Karolski and Thomas win the All-American Scholar-Athlete Award. Individual highlights include: a four-run game (vs. St. Vincent, Apr. 24) and a five-hit performance (vs. Geneva, Apr. 2) by Carrie Hougelman.

November 2002:

The soccer team finishes the season with a record of 6-11-1. The team jumped out to an early 5-2 record and a 2-0 conference record, but AMC competition proved tough. Team members include: Monica Bass, Joanna Bigos, Melissa Bumbera, Lauren Johnson, Tina Parise, Amanda Pelch, Patrice Rau, Stephanie Schneider, Abby Schwartz, Bethann Steighner, Donita Thomas, Amanda Toney, Stefanie Turner and Emilie Wilbrink. Ed and Paul Child coach. Schneider was named the AMC Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 16-22. She scored three goals in a 10-0 win over Chatham, and then scores her third hat trick against Notre Dame Sept. 21. She finished the season with 16 goals and five assists, placing her sixth in the conference in goals per game (0.89) and seventh in points per game (2.06). Pelch is named to the All-Conference Second Team. She scores seven goals and 16 assists on the season. She finishes second in the conference in assists per game (0.89) and 15th for points per game (1.67). Thomas is also named All-Conference Second Team. She scores 13 goals and 7 assists this season. She finishes tenth in the conference for goals per game (0.2) and 11th for points per game (1.83). Steighner and Turner are named to the Conference Scholar Athlete Team.

The volleyball team finishes 15-21 overall, but 4-14 in the conference. Team members include: Dea Algeo, Monica Bender, Lindsey Bierzonski, Pamela Coudriet, Melanie Grubisha, Kathy Kittell, Ashley Kowalski, Jamie Miller, Megan Molinaro, Diana Palmer, Maggie Pierce, Karoline Sera, Gemma Steiner, Brittney Stellfox and Meghan Zettl. Julie Gaul coaches, and Dawn Hartman and George Sliman assist. The team finishes second at the Hood College "Dig This" Invitational Tournament in Frederick, Md. Stellfox is named to the All-Tournament Team. Kowalski is named to the All-Conference Honorable Mention Team for the season. Kowalski, Sera, Stellfox and Algeo earn conference Scholar Athlete Honors. Stellfox finishes 13th in Assists per Game in the conference with an average of 8.43. Kowalski finishes sixth in the conference in Service Aces per Game with an average of 0.63. Sera finishes 11th in the conference in Digs per Game with an average of 4.15 Digs per Game.

February 2003:

The basketball team finishes 13-13 overall and 9-9 in the conference. The team exchanges a win for a loss the entire season except four times – when they won four in a row, two in a row, and twice lost two in a row. The battle for the fourth playoff seed in the AMC North came down to a four-way hunt between Carlow, Seton Hill, Geneva and Houghton. Carlow needed a victory in the season finale against Daemen to secure a playoff spot, but despite a 38-32 halftime lead and a 72-70 lead with just seconds remaining, Carlow lost, 73-72 on a last second three-pointer. Team members include: Laura Baranowski, Amanda Bonarrigo, Tammi Feesler, Kathryn Fuhrmann, Stacey Gressley, Terrilyn Olenick, Jessica Opyrchal, Rebecca Perney, Jennifer Ross, Anna Sartori, Nicole Shepherd, Ashley Smith, Tera Sterwart and Christine Zupanc. John Brown, and Dan Richtar, Carol Husa and Tara De Mauro coach and assist. Opyrchal scores her 1,000th career point against

Houghton Jan. 25, and she ends the season with 1,168 career points, good enough for fifth on Carlow's All-Time Career Scoring Leaders list. She is also named to the All-Conference First Team. Feesler is named to the All-Conference Second Team. Shepherd is named to the All-Conference Honorable Mention Team. Feesler ties Carlow's Steals per Game record with eight steals against Daemen College Jan. 4. Olenick has eight blocked shots against Ursuline College Jan. 7, setting a conference Blocked Shots per Game record.

April 2003:

The tennis team completes its spring 2003 season, its second in the AMC. The team ends with a 1-5 record. Team members include: Amy Anthony, Marisa and Stefanie Dicerbo, Jasalyn Gerazounis, Kimberly Guzzie, Melissa Hanbury, Caterina Logalbo, Rebecca Morgan, Leanne Pachuta, Jamie Robson, Heather Schumann and Sara Tobin. Tom Merchant and Tiffany Beckwith coach.

May 2003:

The softball team finishes its season 11-7 and qualifies for the AMC Playoffs in only their second year in the conference. Team members include: Jennifer Abbott, Lisa Almo, Kelly Arroyo, Christine Ayres, Jen Blumling, Kandi Corio, Nikki Danylo, Carrie Hougelman, Melisa Jones, Sarah Karolski, Nicole Kowalski, Brooke Monismith, Lisa Phillips, Jennifer Pomietto, Sarah Russo and Donita Thomas. The team travels to Gallipolis, Ohio, to play Rio Grande Community College in the first round of the conference playoffs. They lose both games, 9-2 and 8-0. Lisa Almo tallied the only two runs batted in on the day, scoring Sarah Karolski and Kelly Arroyo. Sherri Searight steps in as coach for the team after Dan Richtar undergoes cancer treatment. He would later rejoin the team. Senior Jen Blumling is named to the First Team All-Conference; and senior Sarah Karolski, junior Kandi Corio and sophomores Kelly Arroyo and Lisa Almo earn All-Conference Honorable Mention.