

## **202 attend Penn State Girls' High School Clinic**

The Feb 16-18 PSU high school girl's clinic was a spectacular success, yielding 202 participants despite several cancellations due to interstate road conditions. Teams from Virginia, DC, Maryland, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania traveled to State College for the eight sessions held in the indoor field house, classroom and IM gym from Friday night to Sunday noon.

Bryn Chivers, Head Coach of the United States U-19 National Team was in attendance all weekend. He addressed the entire group Saturday afternoon regarding his USA Rugby Program and conducted several technical sessions throughout the Clinic. Quite a few players were tested, observed and interviewed by Bryn as he continues to seek out and develop the best players in the nation for the U-19 program.

PSU Womens' Head Coach, Pete Steinberg led a staff of past and current USA Eagles, National U-23's, and All Americans that assisted in the clinic delivery and provided a 9-1 participant to staff ratio. Of huge value to the players and the number of coaches in attendance was the allocation of four hours of scrimmage time Sunday morning in Holuba Hall which has two side by side, 60 yard Nexturf football fields under roof. Players were divided into experienced, intermediate and rookie groups and everyone got ample playing and observation time. Over 65 high school girls played their first game of rugby at the Clinic.

It was a great weekend for high school girls rugby in general as it was noted that it was the first time ever in the USA that 200 high school girls had assembled for an instructional camp. It was equally valuable to Penn State Rugby in exposure for the program to potential recruits, generation of funds for the Teams PSU operating accounts and also for the Alumni Club, which sold \$4200 worth of PSU Rugby merchandise in one hour on Sunday morning.