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Honors Abound for Herbert

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Senior Kahadeejah Herbert returns to the Lady Lion basketball squad this year as Penn State's all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

The 6-3 center from Willingboro, N.J., has claimed many honors in her college athletic career, but the one that she holds closest to her heart is the honor as team co-captain (which she shares with senior Carol Fultz) that her teammates bestowed upon her this year.

"All my honors mean a lot to me," Herbert says, "but at the top of all honors I'd probably list team captain. It gives me a great feeling to think that 11 other people consider me responsible enough to be a leader."

Herbert's teammates are not the only ones who recognize outstanding talent. Last month, *Women's Court* magazine named Herbert to its preseason All-American list. Herbert was delighted.

"It's really a privilege to have that 'All-American' title in front of your name. Not many are picked — only 20 in the whole nation. And the ones who have been picked are the ones everyone will be watching."


Herbert also has been voted the Most Valuable Player in the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship Tournament for two straight years. She was a Kodak all-district selection last season, and she holds or shares 19 school records, including seven individual marks for free throws and six for points.

A different type of honor awaited Herbert last month when she attended the Atlantic

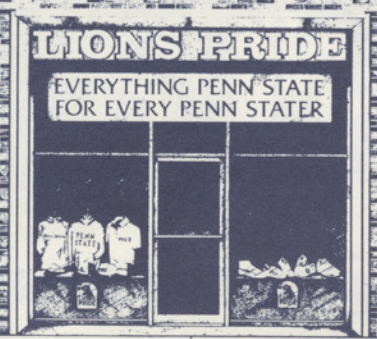
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Herbert (left) with Dr. "J" and teammate Carol Fultz.



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10's inaugural Women's Basketball Media Day at St. Joseph's University, the practice site for the Philadelphia 76er's. To her surprise, Herbert was able to be photographed with one of her idols, Julius Erving, "Dr. J" himself.

"That was a great moment for me," Herbert recalls. "He teased me by asking me if I'd like to transfer to Toledo. He said he had a good friend coaching there who was looking for a tall player. I told him, 'No, I'm comfortable right here at Penn State and that's where I'm staying!'"

Herbert's goal as a senior is to travel to Austin, Texas, not because she has family there or because she wants to sightsee, but because she wants to see her team reach the Final Four in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. She realizes though that the season has just begun.

"Reaching the Final Four will be like climbing a mountain. You've got to put one foot before the other. In our case, we've got to take one game at a time. At the end of the climb, Austin, Texas, will be there."

Once Herbert graduates with her degree in Administration of Justice and a minor in Speech, she plans on becoming a social counselor to junior high school youth. She is currently involved with the Second Mile program as a big sister to a 14-year-old girl.

But Herbert is not counting out the possibility of a future career in basketball.

"I'd like to be a member of the 1988 Olympic team. If I can't find a job in my major, I'd like to go play basketball in another country. When I first started playing basketball, I didn't think it would play that big of a role in my life. But as I look back at all the great people I've met and all the neat places I've been to because of basketball, I realize that it's been a big part of my life."

And Herbert has and continues to be a big part of Penn State.

Highlighting Herbert's Penn State records:

Points, Season — 548, 1982-83.
Points, Career — 1,431, 1982-84.
30-Point Games — 4.
Consecutive 20-Point Games — 7.
Rebounds, Season — 280, 1983-84.
Rebounds, Career — 820, 1982-84.
Season FG Percentage — 56.3, 1982-83.
Free Throws, Game — 14 vs. Rutgers, Feb. 19, 1983.
Free Throws, Season — 182, 1983-84.
Free Throws, Career — 356, 1982-84.
Consecutive Free Throws — 28, 1982-83.
Blocked Shots, Game — 7 vs. Boston U., Jan. 22, 1983.

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