

Sports

Women's banquet honors four seniors

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All four seniors of the women's basketball team were honored Wednesday night in St. John's Arena to end the buckeye's successful 21-13 season.

Nancy Darsch, who is in her eleventh season at Ohio State, said the seniors have contributed to the team in different ways.

"I think collectively and individually they're just a tremendous group of people," she said.

Senior forward Katie Smith, who received Ohio State's all time scorer for both men and women, was voted by her teammates the most valuable player.

"It's been a long four years and it's been a lot of fun...but I'm kind of glad it's over, but now I got to move on, hopefully to bigger and better things," Smith said.

Senior co-captain Adrienne Johnson received the most improved award as well as the Brown Memorial Leadership Award.

"I'm just really touched to accept both awards. The most valuable player and leadership

awards both meant a lot to me," she said.

Darsch said Johnson was a leader in showing others how to improve on and off the court.

"She really was a buffer for our team and I think a great leader in showing the young players and new players how you can be both a good person...and work your butt off," she said.

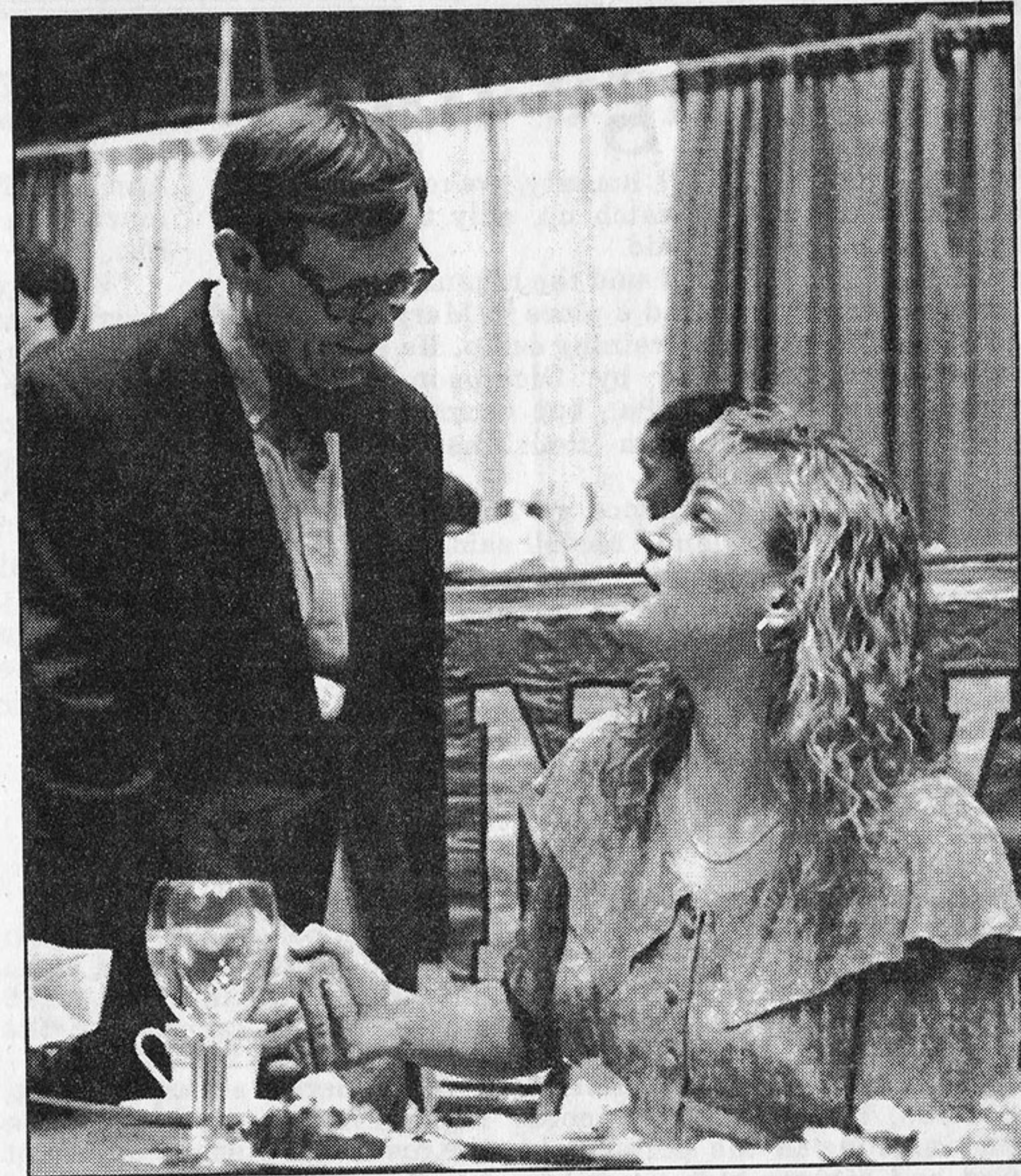
The top rebounder award went to senior forward Lisa Negri.

"Rebound was definitely one of her strengths and she was a key rebounder for us in many games; especially the in the last six or seven minutes," Darsch said.

GiGi Jackson, who is a senior forward, received the most inspirational award, new for this year.

"It was a missing category from our awards and it's important to include that. And, it just so happen that every senior left here with an award, and that's exactly what you like to see for your senior class," said Darsch.

Also receiving an award was junior guard Shelly Nichols and sophomore guard Tomika Patterson for best defense.



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President E. Gordon Gee shakes junior Kelly Fergus' hand at the women's basketball banquet Wednesday night.