The Lady Patriots Volleyball and Soccer Squads showed continuous progress throughout their 2007 campaigns, notching notable wins and individual honors for their work both in the classroom and on the field of play.

The Lady Patriots Volleyball Team competed well throughout the 2007 season, but some early season injuries and a young team slowed the Patriots down as they finished with a 10-22 overall record and 5-9 record in the Heartland Conference.

The team was led by senior Elizabeth Stroo, whose four years of leadership and dedication served as an example for every player. Other standouts included junior Lauren Secord and sophomores Vickie Mundell, Amanda Emmert, and Lauren Zegarelli.

Head Coach Cathy Ray, stated, “The team had a hard year this season due to many injuries and a tough schedule. It is hard to be as successful as you want when you do not have a setter in practices and are consistently losing starters to injuries throughout the season.”

“For as much as this team had to deal with, we actually did a pretty decent job, and we ended the year on a high note, which shows that these girls have a lot of character,” Ray commented.

The Lady Patriots soccer team finished their season with an 8-14-1 overall record and a seventh place finish at the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) National Championships. DBU played a tough schedule during the 2007 season, and with four starters going down due to injury, they finished out the season well and kept their opponents to only 1.86 goals per game.

DBU did qualify for the NCCAA National Championships by beating Central Christian College and Mid-America Nazarene in the NCCAA Central Region Championships. The Lady Patriots then competed in the NCCAA National Tournament, going 1-2 and finishing in seventh place.

The team was led by seniors Courtney Schneidau and Amanda Gomez. Other standouts for the season included junior Kimberly Wepler, sophomore Emily Evans, and freshman Chelsea Ross. Gomez was named Second Team All-Heartland Conference.

“We had very high expectations coming into the season but were plagued by injury throughout,” explained 11th year Head Coach David Granniss. “The 2007 season was certainly a test for us, and I am very proud of the program for handling itself with class and Christian character.”
Volleyball Highlights

2007 Record
10-22
Heartland Conference
5-9

All-Heartland Conference
Lauren Secord (first team)
Vickie Mundell (second team)

Academic All-District Player
Amanda Emmert

Soccer Highlights

2007 Record
8-14-1
Heartland Conference
3-8-1

All-Heartland Conference
Amanda Gomez (second team)

Conference Player of the Week
Emily Evans
Amanda Gomez
Chelsea Ross

NCCAA All-Regional
Courtney Schneidau (first team)
Kimberly Wepler (first team)
Emily Evans (second team)
Amanda Gomez (second team)