

Pitcher hot at bat

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"Beth is tearing the cover off the ball; I hate being on third when she is hitting because she is pulling the ball so well," stated senior shortstop Becky Reed. In fact, Beth Calhoun's outstanding hitting and pitching have earned her this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week honors.

Normally known for her pitching skills, Calhoun has been making a lot of noise with her hot bat the past six games. She has a six game hit streak that includes ten hits, five doubles and eight RBI's and an amazing .682 on-base percentage. "One of my goals coming into this year was to improve my hitting," Beth says.

On the year she is batting a

declared first year Coach Sharon Gregory.

Beth brings more to the team than just a solid bat, she is also a starting pitcher for the 8-7 Behrend Lions and has had a standout year in the field. "My versatility is an important aspect of my play. I have the ability to play nearly any position that I'm needed at," Calhoun stated.

"Beth has the total package, she does a great job on the mound as well as at the plate," said Coach Gregory. On the mound this year Beth has started seven games winning four of those. She has also pitched six complete games and racked up 43 and a third innings.

The key to Beth's success on the mound is in her control. "Being in control directs everything that happens for me when I pitch," said Calhoun.

"Beth is very versatile; we can use her anyplace and know she will get the job done."

- Lisa Fox, centerfield



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Good job 13: Third baseman Marlesse Schlott [right] congratulates Beth Calhoun [left] for driving in more runs for the Lady Lions. Calhoun is not only one of the two starting pitchers, but is also a key cog in Behrend's offensive attack.

team leading .512 with an on base percentage of .620 and 16 runs scored. She also leads the team with eight doubles and is tied for second in home runs with three. "Beth has the ability to dominate the game both offensively and defensively,"

Coach Gregory agreed, "Beth throws hard and has excellent control, which allows her to dominate most batters."

Centerfielder Lisa Fox stated, "Beth is very versatile, we can use her anyplace and she will get the job done." This seems very

true since not only is Beth the top hitter on the team and one of the top pitchers, she is also one of the best fielders on the team. She has committed just one error in 83 chances as a first baseman and pitcher.

Beth is not only a statistical leader on the team, but an emotional one as well. "She leads by example, Beth always practices hard and plays even harder," said Coach Gregory. Calhoun downplays her

leadership on the team as more of an offensive task.

"Becky [Reed] and I are at the top of the batting order, when we are hitting the ball the rest of the team seems to do the same," stated Calhoun.

Tennis begins with slow start

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The Penn State-Behrend men's tennis team is off to a slow start (0-3), but they hope to pick up the intensity over the next week. However, they are hosting their own tournament this weekend, the Behrend Invitational.

Thus far the Behrend men's tennis team has been unable to practice outdoors because of the snow that has plagued our area. They have had to resort to practicing indoors at either the Pennbriar Athletic Club or the Westwood Tennis Center. Although their season is off to a rocky start they hope to look to

the future and begin their winning season.

Their first three matches were against tough private schools, but now their schedule takes them to schools that are more evenly matched with Behrend.

This Invitational will be held at the tennis courts adjacent to Erie Hall. In case of bad weather, the tournament will be held at Pennbriar Athletic Club off I-90 at Exit 7. Behrend will host seven different schools and looks forward to its competition this weekend. The tennis team looks forward to seeing some fan support this weekend to root them on.

The Behrend men's tennis team is made up of only two seniors, Greg Best and Brant Suhrie; and they have five freshmen to back them up, Art Faix, Trent Goerk, Ryan Murawski, Rob Avitabile, and Ed Meyer. So far this year, Coach Chuck Keenan has only one player contributing, winning two of three singles matches and winning one doubles match with Trent Goerk.

Coach Keenan had nothing but kind words for his young freshman, Art Faix.

"He is the only one producing for us with two singles wins and winning one doubles match with Trent Goerk."

Keenan has high expectations for this year's season.

"Last year we won one

"Our goal is a winning season."

- Coach Chuck Keenan

match, but it is tough to get a team going because they play one year and either transfer or just decide not to go out the next season. This year I hope to play for a .500 finish."

This season the men's tennis team will play matches against schools such as Frostburg State, Alfred, Washington & Jefferson, and Carnegie Mellon. Their next match is here at Behrend on April 5th and the team hopes to see some fan support at the match.

Senior and Co-captain Best believes that his goal is a reality.

"Our goal is for a winning season. We have a fairly young team consisting of five freshmen and two seniors. We are looking forward to going away to John Carroll which will be a good match-up for the Behrend team and hosting our own Invitational and doing well in it."

Rose Bowl title forfeit?

By College Press Service

LOS ANGELES--Quick, football fans, who took home the Rose Bowl title this year?

For those of you that guessed the University of Southern California Trojans, think again. It might just be the Wildcats of Northwestern University after all.

The Los Angeles Times reported March 28 that 15 players on the University of Southern

California's football team took a class in which seemingly

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neither attendance nor work was required. At the head of the class were star receiver Keyshawn Johnson, running back Delon Washington and quarterback Kyle Wachholtz, who each received an A.

After the Times reported the accusations, USC notified both the Pac-10 Conference and the NCAA. Both groups have started an inquiry into the matter.

If found to be true, USC could be forced to forfeit all games from the 1995-96 football season, including the Rose Bowl. That would make Northwestern, who lost the game 42-31 after a Cinderella season, the champion.

Northwestern coach Gary Barnett told reporters he didn't want to win the Rose Bowl through the back door. "We

wouldn't take it anyway," he said.

Such an event, however, would not be without precedence. Since 1985, 39 teams in all sports have had games forfeited or championships taken away due to NCAA rules violations.

The USC course in question was named Tutoring Elementary, Secondary or University Students. Thirty of the 40 students in the class were athletes, and one student told the Times they never had to show up until an adviser told them to go to the final.

"I went to the class, and it was full of athletes," the student told the Times. "I was handed a paper that was already completed, then told to hand it back in. The paper had my name typed on it, and it was some sort of essay question."

The tenured USC professor who teaches the course, Vernon Broussard, said he announces on the first day of class that attendance is not required and that everyone can get an A. "It is virtually impossible to fail my class," he said, according to reports.