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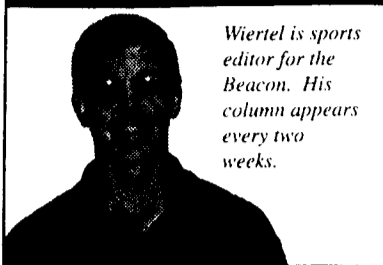
The sounds of summer

Summer is right around the corner, and the signs of its arrival are ever present. Once again, the summer sports scene in Erie is filled with excitement and could not arrive soon enough.

On the diamond, the Erie Seawolves will be entering their second year in double A. Unlike the predecessors before them, the 'Wolves participate in a full season of baseball. Most Erieites have become accustomed to the short seasons that the Erie Sailors and other recent franchises entertained. Games didn't start until the middle of May and the season usually ended in early September. Obviously these seasons did not produce as many games, but they were always well attended.

Baseball has been a staple in the local sports world for years, but only

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recently has it become more appealing to a wider group of patrons.

Thanks to a new downtown ballpark and the increased talent level of the players, the interest level in baseball is on the rise.

Unlike other cities where fans are alienated from the players, Erie is different. The ballpark puts fans close to the action and the amenities are on par with new major league facilities.

But baseball isn't the only game in town this summer. This year marks the inaugural season for the Erie Invaders indoor football team. Not since the defunct Erie Wave and the World Basketball League, has baseball been challenged locally.

The Invaders aren't the Erie Wave, though, and they have a much stronger organization backing them. Hopefully fans will throw their support behind the team and propel them to success. Fan support is crucial to the team's lifespan here in Erie. If only local football fans went to watch the games, the Invaders will have no problem filling the Tullio Arena.

The indoor brand of football is quite different from the football that can be seen during the fall. You won't find any superstar multimillionaires in this league, but that doesn't mean that the

talent level has to suffer. The Invaders are stocked with former area football standouts and several have arena league experience.

Arena football is something that I



have been advocating for years. After watching it on ESPN, I thought that arena football would be a nice addition to the Erie sports scene.

My opinion is meaningless on this matter though. The most important

people in this situation are the citizens of Erie. Without the overwhelming support of the public at large, arena football in this area is destined for failure.

Something that never fails in this area during the summer is the patronage of local golf courses. Just try and get a tee time at Downing Golf Course during the summer, and I think that impossibility will illustrate my point. Even though the area contains several good golf facilities, it still lacks an affordable professional caliber public facility. With several courses in development or in the process of being built, this problem could be rectified within the next few years.

Although it is tough to get a tee time at most courses during the summer, golfers are pleased to find that greens fees in this area are affordable.

Residents can purchase affordable season passes at several area courses, including the municipal courses that are owned by the city of Erie.

Being an avid golf enthusiast, I know the trials and tribulations local golfers have to go through every summer. Getting tee times anywhere during the weekend is nearly impossible, unless you want to play on a cow pasture, and the Erie climate does not help your game either. It seems that as soon as you begin to play well, the season is coming to a close and the snow begins to fly.

No matter what your sports preferences are, there is definitely something for you to do this summer. Whether it is on the links, or on the diamond, there are enough sporting events to go around.

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASEBALL (12-11)

Penn State Altoona	14-12	4-0
Frostburg	8-8	2-0
Pitt-Bradford	7-14	2-0
Penn State Behrend	12-11	0-2
Pitt-Greensburg	2-6	0-2
La Roche	2-12-1	0-2

Week in Review

April 1	P.S. Altoona	5-7	L
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April 5	Fredonia	4-6	L

Upcoming Games

April 8	Pitt-Greensburg	1:00 p.m.
April 9	Case Western	1:00 p.m.
April 11	Pitt-Bradford	1:00 p.m.
April 13	D'Youville	1:00 p.m.
April 15	Frostburg	1:00 p.m.
April 17	@ Pitt-Greensburg	1:00 p.m.
April 20	AMCC Tournament	TBA
April 25	@ Grove City	1:00 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS (2-4)

Penn State Altoona	5-0	3-0
Penn State Behrend	2-4	1-2
Frostburg	0-0	0-0
Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-0
Pitt-Bradford	0-0	0-0
La Roche	0-0	0-0
Lake Erie	0-1	0-1

Week in Review

April 5	Edinboro	0-9	L
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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL (3-14)

La Roche	12-3	5-1
Frostburg	5-8	3-1
Pitt-Bradford	3-3	2-2
Penn State Behrend	8-14	4-4
Pitt-Greensburg	3-12	2-6
Lake Erie	0-4	0-4

Week in Review

March 30	Pitt-Bradford	0-10	L
	Pitt-Bradford	6-7	L
March 31	Buffalo State	0-5	L
	Buffalo State	5-12	L
April 1	Lake Erie	12-3	W
	Lake Erie	27-0	W

Upcoming Games

April 8	Frostburg	1:00 p.m.
April 10	@ La Roche	3:00 p.m.
April 13	Pitt-Bradford	3:00 p.m.
April 15	@ Lake Erie	1:00 p.m.

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INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Intramural Swimming

Entries: Deadline is Friday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$1.00 will be charged to your student account for every event, \$2.00 min., \$4.00 max.

Divisions: Men's Women's and Coed

Events: 50 freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke 100 freestyle relay, 200 medley relay, 200 coed freestyle relay, 200 coed medley relay, 400 freestyle

Tournament: There will be 9 events, each having a champion

Time and Place: Sunday, April 16, at the Eastside YMCA. Meet begins at 11:30 a.m. Check in and warm-up time is from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Intramural Badminton

Entries: Deadline is Friday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$2.00 will be charged to your student account.

Divisions: Doubles: Men's Women's and Coed
Singles: Men's and Women's

Tournament: Round robin for each league - top team and individuals advance to single elimination championship bracket

Time and Place: All matches will be played in Erie Hall. Tournament to begin around Monday, April 10.

All entrants are required to check the schedule posted in the Intramural glass case on **Sunday, April 9** to see when to play.

BEHREND CLASSIFIEDS

The *Beacon* would like to applaud all who voted in the SGA elections. It's about time!

Female needed to sublet 2 bedrooms in UP. Own bedroom, price negotiable, during summer. Call Roula at 814-861-2189
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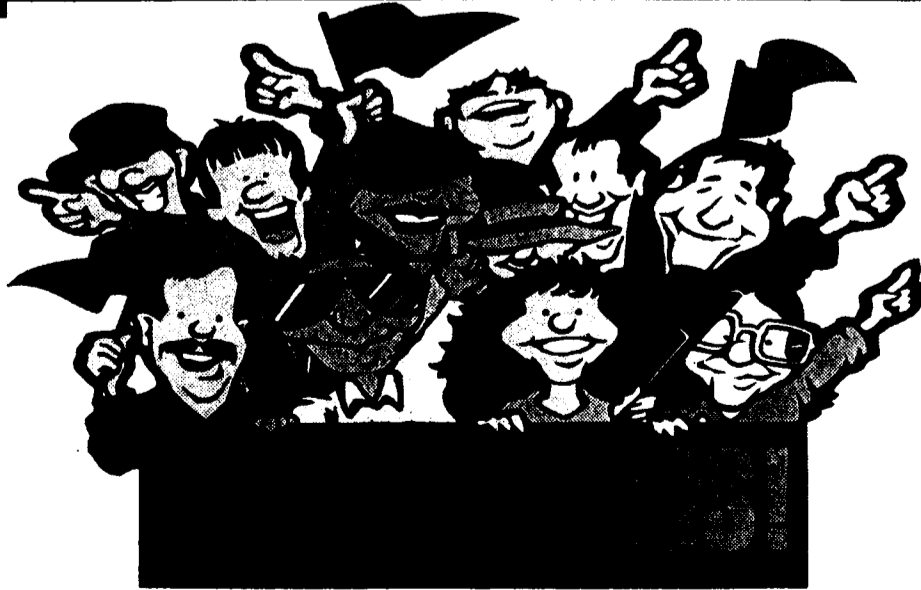
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FREE FOOD

Campus Picnic - Saturday, April 8

Quaker Steak Wings

Sponsored by SAF, Athletics,
Top's and Quality Markets
Picnic begins at 12p.m.



Location - Behrend Baseball/Softball Fields
Come down and enjoy the picnic and the
Behrend Baseball/Softball Games.
The men and women will play @ 1 p.m.