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Athletics Attain New Four-Year Status; Sweeting Looks Toward Promising Future



Behrend Wins Two Ways

Coach Herb Lauffer psyches his team to a 8-0 win over McKeesport in last Saturday's soccer match. Next year Lauffer and his team will face tougher opposition as Behrend expands its competition to four year colleges.

Faculty Organization Goal: Improvement in Communication

by Garry Cochran
Staff Reporter

"Improvement of communications between faculty and students, and faculty and administration is our prime goal," stated Dr. Richard Tomsic, newly elected chairman of the Behrend Faculty Organization. Dr. Tomsic has high hopes for this year's progress in uniting all instructors to help improve their departments.

The Faculty Organization is composed of the Behrend teaching staff. It is their purpose to improve or make additions to the general teaching faculty. Eight divisions separate instructors into similar skill groups: Languages, Mathematics, etc. A further

division is that of the standing committees.

The purpose of the standing committees is to serve as the investigative arm of the Senate, to report, and to make recommendations.

a--The Campus Development Committee concerns itself with all aspects of the physical plants and properties.

b--The Academic Planning Committee is concerned with all matters pertaining to academic life of Behrend students.

c--The Students Services Committee concerns itself with the aspects of student life which relate to the educational process.

d--The Library Committee is concerned with the development and use of the library facilities.

e--The Improvement of Teaching Committee concerns itself with the development of new teaching techniques, the use of visual aids and other materials to promote more

effective teaching.

f--The Committee on Faculty Affairs is concerned with matters of policy concerning faculty affairs; with matters relating to the cultural, social and material welfare of the faculty; and with matters associated with the educational environment in which the faculty works.

When asked what power the recommendations will have with the administration, Dr. Tomsic commented, "Last year the Academic Committee recommended seven additions be made to the faculty. The Administration responded to their suggestions with only one minor change." There is no direct connection between faculty and administration other than the fact that they share a similar desire to improve Behrend.

Items of concern in several of the committees this year are: implementing a two-year Arts and Letters program, making further improvements in Liberal Arts, improved registration and advising services, and getting the faculty more involved in the planning of specific courses offered. A committee will be appointed to investigate the total inadequate number of textbooks which is due to the failure of the publishers, the professors, the administration and the Bookstore to communicate.

The governing body of the Faculty Organization is the Senate, made up of division chairmen, executive officers, Mr. Kochel, student representatives, and University Park senators. Dr. Tomsic would like to "work closely with the SGA." Students will soon be appointed to serve on committees with the faculty, and will help present the students' views. Dave Giersch of the Music Department is the committee chairman of the Student Services Committee.

by Dave Ruef
Sports Editor

Another milestone has been reached in Behrend history as Roger Sweeting, Athletic Director for Behrend, announced that Behrend athletics has attained a four-year status. This will take effect starting in September of 1972.

This measure was approved by Irvin Kochel, Director of Behrend, and Dr. Robert J. Siannell, Dean of the College of Health-Physical Education of Penn State. James Tarman, Director of Sports Information at Penn State, will soon send out a news release confirming Behrend's new four-year status.

Behrend is currently attempting to affiliate with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), thus dropping their association with the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Next year will be a transitional year at Behrend, as letters have already been drawn up to initiate scheduling with four-year colleges.

To attain games with these schools is dependent upon the previous commitments to other colleges. Another factor that may present a problem is money. Schools may find it difficult to expand their programs because of the lack of funds. Behrend may have to continue to play some two-year institutions.

Athletic Past

The beginning of Behrend athletics was the 1954 - 55 basketball team, coached by Mill Simon. The record of this team was unavailable. The 1955 - 56 team was 8 - 3, as the baby Cubs defeated Jamestown Community College four times. There was also a golf team that year that compiled an 8 - 4 record. The highlight of that season was a victory over Gannon College.

In 1963, Roger Sweeting entered the scene with only three sports in existence: basketball, baseball and soccer. At that time Mr. Sweeting was promised that in the next few years there would be

a soccer field and a baseball field. This promise was not fulfilled until a few years ago. Mr. Sweeting was the only full-time coach in 1963.

Golf returned to Behrend in 1964 with Mr. Bedford as coach. Mr. Edward Onorato came to Behrend in 1966 and started the wrestling program. Tennis had its birth in 1968 with the arrival of Mr. Herb Lauffer, who also coaches soccer at the present time.

Sweeting Pleased

Mr. Sweeting was asked his reaction to the growth of Behrend since he came here in 1963. "I am quite pleased that we are now going to have a four-year program. Since money is a problem, we will try to schedule games with other schools of our size who also cannot give athletic scholarships. As far as the future of Behrend athletics, I am confident that Behrend will continue to grow. I have a lot of faith in the administrators to keep Behrend Campus continuously on the move forward."

One thing that will hamper the development of athletics is the lack of personnel. Most schools not only have coaches, but also assistant coaches, separate physical education instructors, trainers, business managers, and a sports information director. These jobs are virtually impossible for just four men to handle.

As Behrend moves on to a new era of athletic competition, it seems appropriate to look back at the best years of the individual sports.

Basketball had its finest season in 1968 - 69, when the Cubs finished with a perfect 20 - 0 slate under Coach Sweeting. This team was finally eliminated at the regional tourney at Brandwine.

1969 was the best year for tennis, as Coach Herb Lauffer, in his first year of coaching, led them to a 9 - 0 mark. The netmen won the Commonwealth Campus Tournament, finished second in the NJCAA Regional Tourney,

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Students Injured In Mishap

Richard M. Plonka (4th term, Science, New Castle), 19 years old, operator of the vehicle and Richard Nalevanko (4th term, English, Hannastown) 19 years old, were injured in a one-car accident at the intersection of Route 430 and Jordan Road. According to a report from the State Police. Both Students were taken to Hamot Hospital for treatment.

Police said that the driver lost control on the curb due to a heavy fog. There were no charges, but arrest and citation are still pending.

When contacted on Tuesday afternoon, Hamot hospital reported that both persons injured were in satisfactory condition.

Leadership
Workshop
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Behrend



No Time For Rest

Dr. Richard Tomsic, chairman of the Behrend Faculty Organization, informally discusses his ideas concerning communication improvements between faculty and students over lunch in the cafeteria.