

The Collegian commentary

Behrend baseball

By Jim Martin
Executive Editor

It happens every spring: that is, baseball begins. But this is not spring. The only baseball being played is between the division champions in the Major Leagues. What has not happened every spring at Behrend is a relatively little known fact of an accomplishment on the part of a Behrend College athlete.

Last spring's baseball campaign was productive and rewarding in several areas. The crack of bat on ball was echoed continually by baseball jocks. They banged out base hits repeatedly to finish the season with a very fine team hitting average of .304. The free-swinging Cubs helped propel themselves to a 9-1 start. In addition, two of the starters completed truly outstanding statistics versus those of the competitors. These two mainstays, batting third and fourth respectively, were Bill Metzler and Jim Davis.

Jim, who was injured relatively early in the season, totaled these excellent statistics at the plate. In facing the opposition at bat 76 times, he safely hit 29 times while driving in 23 men and scoring 18 runs. This adds up to a superb .367 hitting average.

The real highlight of the season was the reward that another individual earned. That player was the Cubs' third baseman, Bill

Metzler. What he received was a First Team Selection in the District 18 division of the National Athletic Inter-Collegiate Association. Bill's statistics were: with 77 times at bat, he pounded out 28 hits, drove in 25 runs, scored 25 runs and walked 13 times. His hitting average was a crisp .363.

Teams which compose the District 18 division which he faced were Slippery Rock, Geneva, Gannon, Thiel, Mercyhurst, Alliance, Point Park, Edinboro, Westminster, Duquesne, Malone, Houghton, Youngstown, Allegheny, and Grove City.

Understanding his statistics is important. Realizing the actual significance of this fact is pertinent in Behrend College being recognized.

Bill performed well in fall and spring training at Behrend and several other scouting outings that baseball coach Stoner was "not at all surprised at Metzler's ability" in earning this singular award. But the coach was doubtful the due recognition would be given by the voting coaches of the teams Behrend played against.

Metzler recorded 28 hits, which was Behrend's record for most hits in a single campaign by a Cub until Davis broke it by one during the same season. What is hard to relate is, along with his hits, he knocked in some 25 runners,

almost one for each base-nap. Also, once on base, he proceeded to score 25 times.

What looms as more impressive is that Behrend College ranks up there with any other college in any sport in determination and perseverance of all its coaches and dedicated athletes.

The competition in most cases for the other colleges draws from a larger pool of talent. That is, these colleges have players for four years academically and athletically. Comparatively, Behrend does not, in either field. The competition has long established ways and means for recruiting and receiving athletic funds and primarily a well-functioning "Public Relations" output. Once a college with good PR has the talented players, then recognition is profound.

Speaking with coach Stoner, he felt that it was a "definite disadvantage that Jim Davis was injured" because his shots were excellent and he received no due votes of recognition for them in the balloting for first team.

It is an accomplishment indeed for not only Bill Metzler but Behrend College athletics. We are establishing our growing achievements in sports with quality players and quality coaches. The acknowledgement by the other colleges is visually buttressed by Bill Metzler's selection.

"Seagull" to open at Mercyhurst late this month

(Reprinted, by request, from the Mercyhurst Merciad)

"Seagull", a different production for the Mercyhurst Little Theatre contains no Jonathan Livingston Seagull. On the contrary, it's written by Anton Chekov, a dramatist of the late 1800's. Surprisingly, the play is very comical and the characters are diverse. For instance, there is Marsha, a drunk snuff-sniffer portrayed at Mercyhurst by Maripat Rafferty; Arkadina, an aging actress enacted by Mrs. Mina Eisenberg; Treplev, a neurotic writer enacted by John DiGangi; Medvedenko, a boring professor of something played by Sean Casey; Shamraev portrayed by Glenn Hollenbach who is a court jester; Nina, a sweet, budding actress performed by Mary Ann Rozsas; Dorn, a wise man in full moustache and beard played by Peter Libra; Tirgorin, a famous writer

enacted by Tom Edwards; Pauline, a bothersome wretch played by Delia Mirarchi; Sorin, a habitual hypochondriac performed by John Reed; and Yakov, a "yes man" played by Michael Phillips. So "Seagull" has interesting and unusual characters. It takes place in a utopic atmosphere on a large estate with gardens and wildlife. And for all you seagull lovers, we have one stuffed complete with a tragic theme of two young lovers. Treplev loves Nina who loves someone else. Those bird stuffers will get you everytime. And we hope "Seagull" will get you right in your laughter and serious zone, because as Mr. Peter Libra often says: "Sailors have more fun!" And so do seagull lovers and seagull stuffers. The performance of Seagull opens October 31 at the witching hour of 8:00. Admission is Free, so ATTEND and you may even fall in love with our "Seagull".

Shortage of pork raises prices to all time high but beef remains abundant

That old mealtime standby, the bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, may take on a new look — and taste — in upcoming months.

Because of expected continuing high pork prices, consumers may be forced to find a substitute for bacon in their BLTs, or do without the sandwich favorite.

According to H. Louis Moore, extension agricultural economist at the Pennsylvania State University, there was an overabundance of pork last year, but the situation changed by this spring after hog producers cut back production to the point where pork became relatively scarce.

"After the seasonal price rise at mid-year, hog prices just kept moving up," Moore said. "Butcher hogs today are selling for more than \$60 per hundred and comparable feeder pigs are worth about three times as much as they were nine months ago."

Moore predicts that current conditions are likely to continue for another year, noting that marketings this fall will be relatively small because the spring pig crop was cut back by 22 per cent, while hog slaughter for the remainder of 1975 will probably be about 20 to 25 per

cent below the levels of a year ago.

"Even though hog production is currently quite profitable," he said, "wholesale expansion is not likely to take place this fall. The return of the Soviet Union as a major grain buyer has encouraged many grain producers to consider selling their crop once again rather than to feed it to cattle or hogs."

"But profits are sufficiently high in the hog business so that expansion in numbers should be noticeable by the end of the year. These increased numbers would not reach the market until the last half of 1976 so it would appear that good profits will be in the hog business for at least another year."

What all this means to consumers is continuing high pork prices.

However, Moore noted that beef supplies will be fairly large in the months ahead so housewives will be able to substitute more beef for pork.

A beef roast can be easily substituted for a pork roast, he added, but it will be rough substituting something else for bacon in those bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches.



The Soul Of Seventy-Six

By Pamela Gilmore
Collegian Staff Writer

I had tentatively planned on writing a detailed account on the antebellum south. However, after careful consideration, I've realized that an analysis of the ante-bellum south lies within an analysis of the institution of slavery itself. And because attempting to write an interesting and informative essay on slavery in one column is not only ridiculous, but absurd, I shall try

to analyze the institution of slavery throughout the next few columns according to black as well as white opinions. And I shall culminate the series with my own personal opinions on the subject matter.

As a beginning, let it be understood that the history of slavery did not begin with the formation of America. Quite the contrary. Lerone Bennett Jr., author of one of the most outstanding books on Black history, "Before the Mayflower: A

History of Black America" (1969, Johnson Publishing, Chicago) states on page 32 of the text, the following: "...it (slavery) has its roots in the dawn of history. Slavery in one form or another has been practiced in every country known to man. It was old when Moses was young. In Plato's Athens and Caesar's Rome, men, white, black and brown, were bought and sold. Slavery existed in the Middle Ages in Christian Europe and in "pagan" Africa and still exists in many of the underdeveloped nations of Southern Africa and politically dominated islands of the South Pacific."

Yet, there is a great difference between Ancient slavery and Modern slavery American style. Ancient slavery had little to do with race and was precipitated by war. Whereas American slavery roots lie along racial lines only.

The fact remains that for 350 plus years, black, brown and yellow, men and women were held in bondage. A bondage different from that which all America suffered under by Great Britain. Yes, throughout America, a group of peoples—a group of human beings—were held in bondage once again.

Next issue, a structural look at the plantation south.

News Editor

The Behrend Collegian Board of Editors, by a unanimous decision, chose Ms. Mary Carmalt as the new News Editor for the 1975-76 publication year.

The attractive Ms. Carmalt was chosen among a list of applicants; her energetic interest in Collegian affairs being the highlight of her appointment.

She was also business manager of her high school newspaper, the War Hoop, in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Ms. Carmalt made it very clear during the interview that she "loves Behrend, especially the parties" (as most of us have noted), and that she is looking forward "to a very productive year as News Editor of the Behrend Collegian."

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