



The crowd was on the edge of their seats as this Behrend player goes up for an important shot during the exciting and very close game against Thiel College.

Looking forward . . .

# Cagers in action

By Mike Kaveney  
Business Manager

The Behrend basketball squad dropped its season record to 1-2 with a heartbreaking, last-second loss to Thiel. The game was close all the way, and a thrilling finish ended with Thiel on top 79-77.

The first half was fast-paced, aggressive, and at times, sloppy. There were numerous floor violations, and offensive fouls characterized the style of play. Behrend displayed a tough, full court man-to-man pressure defense and forced a good number of Tomcat turnovers. The Cubs also showed good rebounding strength and utilized their big men well, with Jon Kennedy and Mark Chesko scoring inside. Behrend took a 40-33 lead to the locker room at the half.

The second half was dominated by the outside shooting of Behrend's Mark Chesko and Thiel's John Quinlan. Chesko had nine of Behrend's first thirteen points in the second half.

Thiel, after adjusting to the Cubs' defensive pressure, stormed back with outside shooting

by Quinlan and Denny Lehman. The Tomcats took advantage of a cold streak by Behrend and, with five minutes showing on the clock, had a 71-70 lead. The visitors chose to control the ball and held on to the lead, thus setting the stage for the thrilling finish.

Chip Murphey, on a driving layup, brought Behrend to within one point, 76-75, but was called for an offensive foul in the process. Tom Thiel (that's right, Tom Thiel) converted one of the free throws to put the Tomcats on top by two points. A missed Cub shot, followed by a Quinlan layup, put Thiel up by four, 79-75. Behrend's Jim Davis quickly made it 79-77 with twenty seconds remaining. The persistent Behrend defense then forced Tom Thiel into an offensive foul with sixteen seconds left, giving Behrend the ball and a chance to tie the game. Davis missed on a 15-footer to give Thiel the ball. Chesko then fouled Quinlan with two seconds remaining. The Thiel ace missed the foul shot, Chesko rebounded and fired a half court pass to Pat

Gahr, whose desperation shot fell short at the buzzer, leaving Behrend with a 79-77 loss.

Mark Chesko led the Cubs with 21 points and Jon Kennedy hauled in 11 rebounds, while John Quinlan paced the Tomcats with 25 points.

Three days later, Allegheny College invaded Erie Hall, and due to a second half spurt and some hot shooting by the Gators' Marty Orzechowski, left Behrend with another frustrating loss, this one by a 72-67 score.

Behrend started out strong behind the shooting of Jim Davis. Davis had thirteen first half points and Jon Kennedy added ten more before intermission. Along with the scoring of Davis and Kennedy, Behrend once again showed their opponents a hounding man-to-man defense, and once again took a half time lead, 42-38.

In the second half Allegheny jumped into the lead with three quick buckets. Behrend retained their composure and played an effective zone defense, not allowing Allegheny to penetrate the free throw lane. Nevertheless, Behrend couldn't regain the lead, despite the efforts of Pat Gahr, who had nine second half points, including four for four from the foul line. The closest the Cubs came to victory was a Jim Davis desperation shot with sixteen seconds remaining and Behrend trailing 69-67. Three Allegheny foul shots in the closing seconds made it 72-67, and another tough loss for the Cubs, whose record was lowered to 1-3.

The Cubs' scoring was evenly distributed between Jim Davis (16 points), Pat Gahr (13), Jon Kennedy (12), and Eddie Evans (10). Marty Orzechowski poured in 23 points for the winners, including 14 in the second half, and Bill Faloon chipped in with 16.

Behrend's tough luck continued with a low-scoring physical loss to Fredonia State. This time the Cubs were involved in an overtime period before going down to a 49-47 defeat. Chip Murphey led the Cubs with 12 points.

And just before the press deadline, word has reached Behrend that the Cubs fell prey to a powerful Edinboro team by a 91-66 count, leaving the Cubs with a record of 1-5. Rusty Cunningham led the Cubs with 15 points.

## Barry Drake will perform here in Jan. coffeehouse

By Janet Mazur  
Collegian Staff Writer

Performing at the Friday, January 9th Coffee House will be Barry Drake, a guitarist from Jersey City, New Jersey. A member of the national Coffee House circuit, Mr. Drake has appeared in over 70 colleges within the past five years, including Purdue, NYU, Cornell, The University of Wisconsin, Mercyhurst, and even Behrend. He has also performed at the Gaslight in New York City, the Unicorn in Boston, Coffee and Confusion in San Francisco, and at the Cambridge Folk Festival in Cambridge, England. Needless to say, he's been around!

He's gotten great reviews, and his sensitive style is often compared to that of James Taylor.

On January 14th, the Coffee House will host Tom Moran and Frank Wieland, both Behrend students, specializing in blues and traditional material.



Pictured above are the men who represent our school in the varsity basketball arena. The major part of the season is yet to come, so keep an eye on them to go far.

## First home wrestling match tonight

By Mark Reese  
Sports Editor

This Thursday evening - tonight - the 1975-76 edition of the Behrend Cubs wrestling squad will hold the first home match of the season. They will host the Malone State Pioneers, and things will get underway at 7:30 in Erie Hall.

So far this year, the Cubs have

participated in one league match, at Indiana State, and a tournament at Edinboro. Indiana, traditionally our toughest opponent, defeated the Cubs, but several wrestlers showed great promise. At Edinboro, two of our men placed—Jim Tracy in the 150 lb. category took second and Jim Nowakowski took third in the 158 lb. class.

Behrend's wrestling team is

rebuilding this year, after losing some members to U.P. and graduation, and will try to continue the string of successful seasons that climaxed with last year's 10-6-1 record. The team is well balanced and poses a threat to all the upcoming teams on the schedule.

Coach Ed Onorato believes that his wrestlers have what it takes to win, "if injuries don't force us to default in any classes we will be putting a real tough group on the mats. It will require a lot of hard work on the part of each boy, but in any event the fans will be sure to see exciting wrestling—lots of action—at our matches."

The next match will be shortly after we return to school when the Cubs travel to Youngstown State January 6. Student support of the team will be sure to give them a boost, so be sure to come and catch the action in Erie Hall tonight.

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