

Hampered by weather

# Prep for season

By Brad Phillips  
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It's hard to believe but spring is finally here, the trees are budding, and tennis season is just around the corner.

The uncooperative March weather has been giving tennis coach Herb Lauffer headaches; the freezing temperatures and frequent snowfalls have forced his club to practice indoors and have delayed preparations for the team's season opener on April 1st against Allegheny. The team was dealt another serious blow when it lost 3 key people, Doug Wolf, Mark Majchszak, and Dan Bower, the first week of practice.

The team is also handicapped by a lack of collegiate experience. Sophomores Russ Wise and Neal Waxham are the only returning lettermen from last year's squad, which posted an excellent 8 and 4 record. But sophomores Jim Weidner and Harry Roth and freshmen Steve Pappas, Barry Lewin, Pete Schlicht, and John Mulholland are expected to capably replace the 1975 starters who transferred to University Park last fall.

Coach Lauffer has faith in his men and is "really pleased with the guys we have; they're dedicated, hard-working, and willing to give their best effort at all times." He also said he could not comment on the starting lineup at this time because "all of the players are fairly equal in ability and anyone of them could possibly become the number one player." But the coach indicated that a settled lineup will not be used until 2 or 3 weeks into the season.

Mr. Lauffer felt that the 13 dual match 1976 schedule is one of the most demanding ones the tennis team has had to face and that they will have to play the mat-

ches one at a time." However, the coach expressed the opinion that once "the rough edges have been smoothed out," the club should finish up strong and he expects them to make a fine showing in the NAIA District 18 tournament May 5-6, which he classified as

the "highlight of the season, and the real test of a team." The winner of that tournament goes on to Kansas City to compete in the national finals. So with a little luck, some skill and a lot of hard work, our tennis team might be making a long trip this spring.

## If snow holds off, look for Behrend on the greens

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Arnold Palmer wins the elusive Grand Slam. The Behrend Cubs Men's Golf Team wins the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) championship. Realistically, Palmer will not win the Slam because of eroding talents and Behrend will not win the championship because of an inexperienced team. Nevertheless, Behrend's Golf team will improve throughout the season to gain the necessary experience, thus, challenging the league's better teams.

The 1976 Behrend Golf Team will have a squad of eight people. Mr. Onorato, the coach, will choose the best golfers from eighteen people, who are trying to make the team. When choosing the golfers, the coach looks for a few qualities in a player: his ability to play well, his ability to play under pressure, his ability to play under various weather conditions, and his attitude. The team's varsity letter winners from high school are Kurt Cavano, Larence Cunningham, Mark Drelick, Bradley Gross,

Gary Lorie, and Mark Webster. These golfers should provide a solid foundation for the team to improve upon. The other players trying to make the squad are John Carneval, Christian Dalesanoro, Bruce Eisengar, Mark Feller, Michael Geixner, Thomas Kwarciak, Michael Laner, Gerald Nathews, John Peterson Jr., Ronald Petherbridge, and Jeffery Rickrod.

The Behrend Golf Team's District 18 schedule lasts for a month. The team's first match is an away game against Mercyhurst on Tuesday, April 6, and 1 p.m. The season ends on May 6 against Gannon. All the practices and home games will be played on the Lake View Golf Course in North East, Pa.

This year, the coach and players are hoping for a better win-lose record. Last year's record was seven wins and nine losses—but should be better if the team improves with each match. However, Behrend plays the better teams (Edinboro and Thiel) near the end of the schedule. Even though this does not help, Mr. Onorato will be coaching a promising golf team. Good luck, Behrend!



I like to Gorge myself. . .  
...on a wall of hard rock. Pass the ketchup, please.

## Oswald

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greater than current resources will support. In understanding the Penn State 1976-77 budget situation, we must realize the following: (1) there is almost no indication of significant new tax resources for state funds; (2) our entire budget request is based on recognition of inflationary costs—operating costs which include the salary needs of our personnel, both faculty and staff, who face the same inflated costs personally, just as do student families; (3) we are making every effort inside the University with our present funds to accommodate to this financial actuality—indeed over the past five years we have reallocated some 10 million dollars; (4) our reception at the appropriation committee hearing has been positive and attentive, but the statement of the Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee, Mr. Henry Cianfrani, illustrated the problem: "We're fond of Penn State and we're aware of the University's tremendous progress, but we don't have the dollars. This is a trouble period and you can't get blood out of a stone."

My principal concern involving tuition in my presentation to the budget hearings in both the Senate and the House has focused on the effect of tuition increases on the composition of our student body at Penn State. We still have a full enrollment and indeed have applications from more persons than we can accommodate next year in the total University. But in the last few years there has been a significant decline in the number of students from lower middle income families.

Let me illustrate by reference to the accompanying charts, which I hope you will look at carefully. One chart shows that in 1970, 31 per cent of all Pennsylvania families had a family income ranging from \$6,000 to \$10,000. In that same Fall, 34 per cent of the new Freshmen entering Penn State came from families in that income category. Because of rapid inflation, only 24 per cent of Pennsylvania families were in the \$6,000 to \$10,000 income category by 1974. For that Fall term, however, only 13 per cent of the Freshmen admitted to Penn State were from that income category, a severe decline in four years. This clearly shows that lower middle income families have been losing access to Penn State in recent years.

At the legislative budget hearings I also pointed out

that while costs to educate students have gone up, the state's proportionate support of those costs has not kept pace. At Penn State we now have one of the highest tuition rates of any land-grant university in the nation. Although each year the dollar amount of our legislative appropriation has gone up, the amount of real dollar support per student has decreased. Each year the increase in appropriation has been used primarily for increases in fixed costs. This has put a heavy burden on tuition and its important contribution to our total educational program cost.

Let me, however, put the matter of tuition in another context. In all fairness to a complete understanding of the tuition matter, every student may not realize that Pennsylvania has one of the most helpful educational assistance programs in the country. At this time at Penn State 16,353 of our students are receiving about \$9.7 million in direct (PHEA) state grants, in addition to the Federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grants. This PHEA aid averages for the student recipient about \$600 a piece which can be applied toward tuition.

Here is where we are at the moment. We have urgent need for \$10 million more than the amount recommended in the Governor's budget. I have stated this circumstance is bound to have an effect on our educational programs, on the salary increments for employees who just like students and their families are faced with inflationary costs, and some impact on tuition.

## Fems take bat 'n ball in hand

The Club Softball team is open to all women students at Behrend. The club practices three times per week during the late afternoon, and is under the direction of Mrs. Wilson. For more information, stop in or call Mrs. Wilson in Erie Hall.

The schedule of games is as follows:

Wednesday, April 21	
Edinboro	A 4:00
Saturday, April 24	
Houghton	A 12:00
Thursday, April 29	
Gannon	H 4:00
Tuesday, May 4	
Mercyhurst	A 4:00
Thursday, May 6	
Allegheny	A 4:00
Saturday, May 8	
Gannon	H 1:00
Tuesday, May 11	
Edinboro	H 4:00
Thursday, May 13	
Allegheny	H 4:00
Saturday, May 15	
Mercyhurst	H 4:00



## The Soul Of Seventy-Six

By Pamela Gilmore  
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Many slaves were encouraged to run away to the North when word of a better life north of the Mason-Dixon line, the physical boundary which designated free states from slave states, infiltrated southern plantations. Seemingly simultaneously, an organized system for helping slaves run away, known as the "Underground Railroad," began in the 1820's. And between 1830 and 1860, it was the mechanism behind which no less than ac-

cording to historians, 75,000 slaves were able to escape "slavery" in the South and find "freedom" in the North.

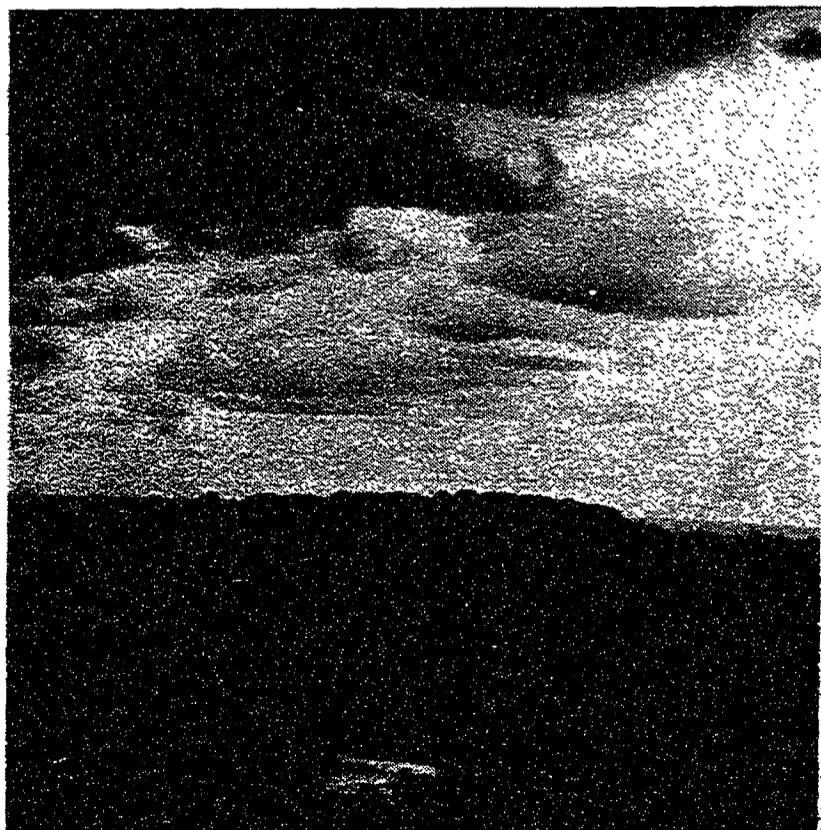
The railroad had a unique language of its own. The "trains" were large farm wagons that carried and concealed the travelers. "Tracks" were back country roads used to escape the slave catchers. "Stations" were homes utilized to feed and care for the runaways throughout their plight. "Conductors" were the fearless men and women of both races that led the slaves

toward freedom. And of course, the "passengers" or "parcels" were those 75,000 slaves who dared to make the break for "liberty and justice" guaranteed "for all." Passengers paid no fares and conductors received no fees. Very definitely, the Underground Railroad united the efforts of Blacks as well as whites in one of the most, if not the most dangerous occupation of the times.

However, contrary to societal norms, the most daring and most successful conductor of the system was not a man but was an ingenious female by the name of Harriet Tubman.

This great brave black woman made 19 trips into the South to bring freedom to 300 friends, relatives, and strangers. Harriet was never captured and she never lost a passenger. She was, unquestionably, a thorough and determined worker. She carried a gun for protection and drugs to quiet crying infants during rescue efforts.

Thanks to Harriet and people like herself, Blacks were able to begin a new life for themselves. A life physically free from the inhumanities of slavery, yet unfortunately and unforeseeable, just as psychologically devastating as the system had always been.



## Sunsets. . .

...are coming earlier and staying longer as Mother Nature gets into high gear for Spring. This view of Lake Erie is a familiar one to resident students.

### Golf Schedule

Tue. Apr. 6	Mercyhurst	A	1 pm
Thu. Apr. 8	Geneva	H	1 pm
	Malone		
Tue. Apr. 13	Alliance	H	2 pm
Thu. Apr. 15	Grove City	H	1 pm
Tue. Apr. 20	Allegheny	A	1 pm
	Carnegie Mellon		
Fri. Apr. 23	Westminster	A	1 pm
	Geneva		
	Waynesburg		
Mon. Apr. 26	Edinboro State	H	1 pm
	Houghton		
Tue. May 4	Thiel	H	1 pm
	Mercyhurst		
Thu. May 6	Gannon	A	1 pm
Thu. - Fri. May 13-14	NAIA D-18 Tourn.	A	