

Regular season begins today

Tennis team looking good

By Brad Phillips
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Warning! Be on the lookout for any shady characters lurking around the tennis courts by Erie Hall fitting the following descriptions; they are known murderers looking for innocent and unsuspecting victims. Realistically, the "criminals" listed below are the 9 members of Behrend's tennis team—but they have killed many, many people...in a game of tennis of course. Even with the season nearing and innumerable preparations to be taken care of, amiable tennis coach Herb Lauffer took time out of his busy schedule to offer some comments on the strengths and weaknesses of his individual players and about the team as a whole.

Russ Wise is "one of the more consistent players we have on the team. He's improved his ground game and is more sound off both his forehand and backhand sides. Russ has shown improvement in his volley and service, but needs to refine his service further." Russ is a returning letterman from last years team, had a 6-6 record in the number 6 singles spot, and is expected to land one of the three top spots this season.

Neal Waxham played only doubles last year, but this season he should be involved in both singles and doubles competition. He has an excellent natural backhand, and his forehand is also an effective asset. Neal has a fine, flat service, but it lacks consistency and variety. Coach Lauffer suggested that Neal needs to improve his returns and mid-court play to strengthen his game.

Jim Weidner a sophomore, played on the team two years ago and is maybe the most improved

player on the team. He has been extremely hard at work developing his tennis game. Jim should have a good year if he can gain the consistency and confidence that comes from match experience. He is attempting to play a "serve and volley game" where he can take full advantage of his height and speed.

Harry Roth is another sophomore who wasn't on last year's team, but Coach Lauffer is happy with the progress he has been making. He seems to be improving every week and has a style that is all his own. The coach singled out Harry's serve as rapidly becoming his strong point, but he added that it lacks consistency.

Steve Pappas, a Strong Vincent graduate, is currently ranked number 1 on the elimination ladder. He is probably the most consistent player on the team, and even though Steve is only a freshman, he has at least as much experience as his teammates. Coach Lauffer describes Steve's game plan this way. "He lulls his opponents into thinking he is only a retriever, then he changes the pace and catches them off-guard. He possesses a good, consistent serve but it lacks aggressiveness and variety."

Barry Lewen hits the ball extremely hard, sometimes to his own disadvantage because he has trouble controlling it. He likes to be aggressive, but he needs to acquire some patience and learn some percentage-type tennis. Barry is a freshman and attended high school in Pittsburgh last year.

John Mulholland has only been working out with the team just one week, but he has had previous high school experience at St. Josephs, Tonowonda, N.Y.

Although it is too early for Mr. Lauffer to make a good analysis of John, he is impressed with his willingness to work and his good grasp of the fundamentals of the game.

Mark Selzer is another recent candidate for the team, adding some more fine talent. He has a good, natural forehand with topspin and good accuracy. Mark is a conscientious player who wants to improve all aspects of his game, could have a future in the sport if he continues his dedication.

Pete Schlight, like Mark Selzer and John Mulholland, has only been with the team a short time and has not played competitive, scholastic tennis since his sophomore year in high school. "He needs to brush-up and refine

his play; he has been working hard and has displayed a good attitude."

In conclusion, Coach Luaffer summarized that the "underlying key to this whole team is how quickly it can adapt to compete at a collegiate level; experience will definitely be a factor. We need to

develop confidence, not get discouraged, and learn from our mistakes. Our goal is to be playing our best game by the district tournament."

The tennis team's first match is today at 2 o'clock, so why don't you hustle on down to the courts and watch it in action!



Here's one...

It's sad enough when people (and sick ones at that) find it necessary to deface or destroy little aesthetic articles around campus, but when they take to buildings as illustrated at the lower left...

Edinboro tourney

By Betsy Choder
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Edinboro State College is sponsoring a women's golf tournament on May 3 at Culbertson Hills Country Club. The tournament will begin at 11:30 and there will be no charge for green fees. Transportation will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for both team and individual play. All women interested in playing golf for Behrend please contact Mrs. Laudensack in Erie Hall. She hopes to have girls sign up that can shoot around 115 in 18 holes. All those interested are urged to see her no later than April 15. She needs players so get swinging, girls.

Club softball begins soon

By Betsy Choder
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The women's softball club has begun its second year at Behrend. So far, twenty girls have signed up to participate in the club. Mrs. Wilson is coaching the girls. She is "looking forward to the second season" because she feels that she is "going to have a lot of girls trying out who seem to show a great amount of enthusiasm." The girls practice Monday through Thursday from 4:30 until 6:00.

On Saturday (March 27) five of the girls who are participating in the club attended a softball clinic held at Millcreek Intermediate High School. The girls were Sue Ziegler, Patty Murphy, Pat Fogarty, Betsy Choder, and Barb Eaglin. Many high school students attended the clinic as well. The clinicians were people well-known for their involvement in softball. They were:

- Bill Newsham—ASA-PIAA Official Player-COACH for Twin Taverns team.
- Alice Ritchey—Pitcher for Presque Isle Lancers - 1974 Class B State Champion.
- Pete Lightner—ASA-PIAA

official.
Barb Blakeslee—Coach for Presque Isle Lancers and McDowell High School.

Carol Fletcher—Shortstop for Presque Isle Lancers.
Shirley Fletcher—Catcher for PIL; and a woman who has been coaching at Behrend for four years, Mrs. Jan Wilson.

The clinic was held from 8:30 to 11:30. During this time, everyone was informed of the new rules in women's softball by Mr. Lightner. Afterwards, the girls went to be instructed in the areas of softball in which they were most interested.

If anyone is still interested in joining the Club, please see Mrs. Wilson in Erie Hall by Monday.

Although women's softball is not a Varsity team, it still represents Behrend, so please go to the games and give the club support whenever you can.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Edinboro	A	4:00
Houghton	A	12:00
Gannon	H	4:00

Wednesday, April 21
Saturday, April 24
Thursday, April 29
Tuesday, May 4

Mercyhurst	A	3:00
Allegheny	A	4:00
Villa	H	10:00
Edinboro	H	4:00
Allegheny	H	4:00
Mercyhurst	H	3:00

Thursday, May 6
Saturday, May 8
Tuesday, May 11
Thursday, May 13
Saturday, May 15

Lifters get it up during championship

By Dan McKay
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Amidst the smell of Ben-Gay and the shouts of "Get it up," "real tight, real tight," and "Auurrrgh!", the 25th annual Great Lakes Powerlifting Championship and Mr. Great Lakes Physique Contest got off last Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium of Erie Hall. This event, the first of its kind at Behrend, was sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

Before a disappointingly small crowd, the weightlifters were given three chances to lift in each of the three events: the squat, the benchpress, and the deadlift. In competition were Lamar Gant and Ernie Nagy. Eighteen-year-old Lamar is the world's youngest weight-lifting record-holder, and Ernie, 53, is a veteran of many years of pumping iron.

Lamar set his records in the 123 lb. class last year by benching 275½ lbs. and totaling 1,185 in the three events. His advice to anyone interested in lifting is to "Build up the endurance and conditioning of the body before going after heavier weights." Although he agreed that running is an excellent means of conditioning, he cautions serious lifters that too much running puts undue strain on the lower back.

Trophies for Saturday's meet were awarded for the highest total of the three events in each of

the ten different bodyweight divisions and for the overall outstanding squat, benchpress, deadlift, and over-40 lifter. Lamar Gant took outstanding squat and deadlift, Chuck Dunbar won the outstanding benchpress, and Ernie Nagy won the best over-40 lifter.

The biggest weights of the day were put up by Dave Waudington. Waudington, competing in the Superheavyweight division, benched 500, deadlifted 625, and squatted with 700 on his shoulders.

Following the powerlifters were 14 bodybuilders who competed in the Mr. Great Lakes Physique Contest. These fellows took the stage one by one to perform a routine of muscle-flexes and poses. Pectoral muscles rippled, biceps were flexed, stomach muscles tightened, and backs were stretched in this variety of routines. Winning the title of Mr. Great Lakes was Lou Poggi. Dusty Caldwell and Tim King took second and third, respectively.

Open to all AAU members, the powerlifting championship and physique show was directed by Joe Oregina, Pennsylvania Weightlifting Chairman. Joe will meet with Dr. Robert Sweeting, associate professor of phys-ed, to discuss having the meet return to Behrend next year.

Intramural spring sports kick off

By Tom Armstrong
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Behrend College, be prepared for a barrage of intramural sports. This spring term offers various sports the student body can participate in.

Beginning March 24 and closing April 21 is the sign up period for most intramural sports. A person

signs in at the RUB desk or Erie Hall for himself or a team of chosen players. Furthermore, each person on a team pays one dollar to participate in that sport. Then if the team does not forfeit the season, each person gets back fifty cents. This cost includes the facilities the players use, the wear and tear of the used equipment, and the paid referees. Also, Mrs. Wilson, the director of the spring intramural sports program, needs referees. If interested, please contact her.

The intramural sports offered are numerous for men and women. Each sport is played between four and six p.m. Beginning March 29, and ending April 13 is the men's intramural soccer season. Then on April 14 to May 12 is the men's softball; April 6 to April 30, men's and women's badminton (singles and doubles); April 5 to April 21, women's soccer; and April 14 to May 12, women's softball. Although anybody can join, varsity players are limited per team.

One completed intramural sports season is volleyball. The playoffs were held last Tuesday with eight competing teams. The teams challenging for first place were the all-stars against the Hornets, No-Dave against Becky's Bunch, the Barons against Sheldon's Shorthairs, and Behrend Degraders against Fawking Bens. Good luck to all the teams.

Mrs. Wilson hopes every Behrend student will participate. If that happens, the sports season should be interesting and fun.

S.O. tentative budget forms available in at RUB desk or from JoAnn Bruno, SGA treasurer and are due April 19, 1976 by 5:00 p.m.



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As students traveled to class last Tuesday, they may have noticed a change in the Behrend Science Building, and this change was NOT for the better!