

Coach Stoner plans for season

# Baseball team looks good

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Last year, the Cub baseball team streaked off to a torrid 9-1 start, but at mid-season the pitching crumbled and the club sagged to a 12-12 finish, the first non-winning season since Behrend became a 4-year college. Coach Clarence Stoner hopes to better that mark this year and he has the talent to do it. He has three "homegrown" juniors on the team and more experience returning than in previous years.

The infield looks pretty solid offensively and defensively except at second base. At first is returning letterman Jim Davis who led the club in batting last year with a .367 average and holds five Behrend records. Despite a shoulder injury, he is very solid defensively and smacks the ball with authority. He will be backed up by Paul Mornak and Mark Himish, who is also a utility outfielder. At the other corner is Bill Metzger, a .363 hitter who led the team in RBI's and was honored last year by being named the District 18 All-Star third baseman. Although replacements Ned Eldridge and Greg Milkovich have been hitting the ball well, they will probably only see limited duty. Tom Lawless is the regular shortstop and the fastest man on the ball club. By virtue of his stealing potential and his ability to get on base (.321 batting average), Tom will be the leadoff batter. At second, it is a duel between Steve Burik and Bruce Shaffer; the two are relatively close in ability and it is nearly impossible to pick the starter. Pitcher Mark Falvo played the position in high school and could be used at second when he isn't scheduled to pitch.

Coach Stone is having difficulty choosing his starting outfielders; there are no less than 10 players vying for an outfield post. Tim Slaven, a .292 hitter last spring with a lot of power potential, looks to have locked up a position in left field, but right and center are still up for grabs. Returning letterman Jim Carino and David

Lewis are experienced and have had a good spring with the bat. Mark Esslinger is the best defensive fielder in the group, Russ Gavran hit .454 in limited action last year, Tom Kummer, George Stathis, Joe Mack, Lou Zegarelli, Kim Triscuit, and Prince Mobley all will be battling for a starting job.

Durable backstop Tom MacMillen caught every game last year to keep his hot bat (.323 average) in the line-up. Freshman Don Rutz will probably see limited action behind the plate.

The idea of a designated hitter has spread from the American League to the college and Behrend will utilize one this year. Since pitchers are generally anemic hitters, the DH bats in place of the pitcher, adding some punch to the batting order. Tom Kummer hit .290 in 1975 and was the early candidate for DH, but he is having a slow start and in danger of losing the position.

Mr. Stoner expected his pitching staff to be the Achilles heel of the team, but developments so far have proven him wrong. "The pitchers have been getting the ball over the plate with good velocity and are ahead of the batters unlike last year when we were plagued by control problems and earned run average over nine." With a strong defense behind them the men on the mound won't have to worry about striking out every batter. Early in the season, Coach Stoner will look towards his experienced pitchers until the "cream comes to the top in competition." One of his aces, Tim Slaven, has gained new confidence and has developed a better breaking ball. Gary Freeman, who is trying to overcome control problems, Al Maki, Pete Carter and Mark Falvo along with Slaven will form the backbone of the starting rotation. But don't count out promising freshmen: Bob Paysour, Bob Maras, Joe Mack and Bill Radolec.

Coach Stoner indicated that if he had to put a team on the field today he would "look towards his experience" and work there. In

the best interest of the team he said that he would sort through his 28 players and "find the best 9 men in any combination that will win ball games." That is the purpose of intrasquad and scrimmage games, so the coach can observe his men first hand and in actual game conditions. This is especially important since some players hit well off the batting machine, or in batting

practice, but choke when it comes game time and vice-versa.

The success of the baseball team hinges on the teams they will play. Behrend has strengthened its schedule for this year, dropping some pushover teams and adding some notoriously better clubs. If all goes well, Behrend might be one of the four teams chosen among 18 to compete in the District 18

tournament. The four teams are selected by the district coaches on the basis of their final record and the quality of their play.

Last Saturday's baseball doubleheader against Geneva College was cancelled because of inclement weather, so Behrend's next home game will be played Saturday, April 10 against Mercyhurst at 1:30 p.m.

## Tennis team makes comeback

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In its inaugural test of the tennis season last Thursday, Behrend was humiliated by the Allegheny College Gators 8-1. Neal Waxham narrowly edged Dana Black 10-8, to register the only victory for the Cubs. The match, however, was played under extenuating circumstances. The contest was moved indoors to the Billie Jean King Tennis Center because of wet and windy weather conditions. Secondly, a lack of sufficient time demanded that the team had to play 10 Pro sets instead of the customary best out of

3 series. Team member Russ Wise attributed the team's poor showing to "Allegheny's considerable improvement over the last year coupled with our (the Cubs) own inexperience" and coach Herb Lauffer said that he was disappointed and thought the team could play better tennis.

Saturday, however, was an entirely different story when Behrend traveled to Beaver Falls and defeated Geneva College in sunny 60 degree weather. Mr. Lauffer felt that the 6-3 victory was an excellent example of a team effort—all six players were involved in the scoring—and pointed out that it was in doubles that the team righted itself. The

match was tied at 3-3 going into the doubles and "up to that point we played some erratic and inconsistent tennis." After the duo of Steve Pappas and Russ Wise struggling through three hard fought sets to defeat Tom Helsing-Joe Camp, the teams of Neal Waxham - Jim Weidner and Barry Lewen - Harry Roth breezed to easy victories and locked up the match for Behrend.

In singles play: Neal Waxham remained undefeated and extended his 2-match win streak; Harry Roth played a fine match, winning 6-1, 6-1; and Jim Weidner displayed good composure and consistency defeating Geneva's Dan Clark 6-2, 6-3. Mr. Lauffer is proud of Jim's play and feels that "he has matured a great deal and has been a great help for the team."

There was a boisterous crowd of at least 25 Geneva students at the match giving their fan support. Coach Lauffer and the team indicated that the crowd was a significant factor because it gave the home team an added advantage. So the next time any of our sports teams play a home game, why don't you show your appreciation and support, and cheer them on to victory?

## Penn State's seminar on rape is scheduled

(UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.)—Rapists and their victims have one thing in common—both are frequently neglected in clinical practice and in professional literature.

Extensive research is underway in a Boston area on rape victims and the aggressive sexual offender, and the focus of the Pennsylvania State University's Seminar on Rape: Victim and Offender, to be held here April 22, will be on that research.

The seminar is presented for those who work in crisis situations, including nurses, mental health workers, law enforcement officers, counselors, and social workers.

Lecturers are Dr. Ann Wolbert Burgess, associate professor of nursing and coordinator of graduate programs in Community Health Nursing at Boston College, and author of several books, including "Rape: Victims of Crisis," and Dr. A. Nicholas Groth, chief psychologist at Massachusetts Center for Diagnosis and Treatment of Sexually Dangerous Persons, whose publications on the subject include "Some Myths About Rape," a chapter in a book to be published by Beth Israel

Hospital.

Further information about the seminar, a continuing education service of Penn State's College of Human Development, may be obtained by writing The Pennsylvania State University, 410 J. Orvis Keller Conference Center, University Park, Pa. 16802 or calling (814) 865-7557.

## Lions begin drills

Professor Joe Paterno will be conducting experiments in his football laboratory when Penn State opens a month of spring drills Thursday (April 8).

Paterno, a full professor at Penn State, is noted for making key position switches that have helped the Nittany Lions to a 94-18-1 record in his 10 years as head coach. This year's spring practice shouldn't be any different.

"We have to move some people around and make some right guesses about personnel," the Lion coach says. "We have to find out what some people can do."

Paterno and the other Lion coaches actually have two jobs this spring. First, they must find somebody to replace the 11 graduated starters (seven defense, four offense). After those jobs are filled, the coaches must develop the depth that will be needed to face one of the nation's toughest schedules.

"We need to find replacements in spots where traditionally we have been strong—in Greg Buttle, Jim Rosecrans and Rich Kriston and both starting defensive tackles—John Quinn and Ron Coder."

The Lions must replace both halfbacks and an end on defense

plus both offensive guards, the split end and a halfback on offense.

"We should be much better at the skill positions because most of our people are back," Paterno says. "We should be a better team offensively, but depth on the offensive line is a concern."

Another concern is replacing All-American Chris Bahr, who handled all of the kicking duties for the Lions last year.

"Our team was basically built around strong defense and great kicking last year," Paterno says. "The character may be drastically changed this year. We must be ready to play good offense early in the year. We have to do a good job in areas we can help ourselves."

Among the returning starters are tight end Dave Stutts, offensive tackles Brad Benson and George Reihner, center Dave Shukri, quarterback John Andress, fullback Larry Suhey, flanker Jimmy Cefalo, defensive end Ron Crosby, linebackers Kurt Allerman and Ron Hostetler and safety Gary Petercuskie.

The Lions will conclude their spring drills with the annual Blue-White game on May 8. The annual Camera Day attraction will be held April 24.

## Soccer play begins

By Betsy Choder  
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Soccer has begun once again well, not exactly. Intramural soccer has begun. Men's intramural soccer began on March 29th and will end April 13th. There are six teams registered for play. They are the Schooners, the Superstars, Old Pub United, The Eightballs, B.A.M.F.S. and Fortan IV. Each of the teams is scheduled to play five games. All of the NCAA rules are followed except games will have 10 minute halves with a three minute break in between, and each side will

consist of eight players in which 3 of a possible 4 varsity soccer players can play at one time. The standings are tabulated by giving the winning team two points and each team that ties, one point. Total goals will also be kept in case of a tie for the final standings. The officials for the games are Paul Lloyd, Bill Pennabaker, Chris Goddard, Larry LaSota, Jerry Mathews, Mike McClellan, John Russell, and Mike Warner. The games are played around 4:00 each afternoon so if you have time this afternoon go on down to the soccer field and watch 'em play.

## Military Picture

On this Sunday, April 11th, the Student Union Board will present Soldier Blue. The film was directed by Arthur Penn (Bonnie and Clyde, and Alice's Restaurant were two of his better known pictures) and stars dice Bergen, in her film debut. The picture also features Donald Pleasance and Peter Strauss.

This will be the last Sunday night movie of this school year and the film will be shown at 7 and 9 pm. in the Reed Lecture Hall. Admission is \$1.25 for students without activity cards and \$.50 for students with activity cards. Be sure to attend this controversial flick!



### Coffeehouse entertainer

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