

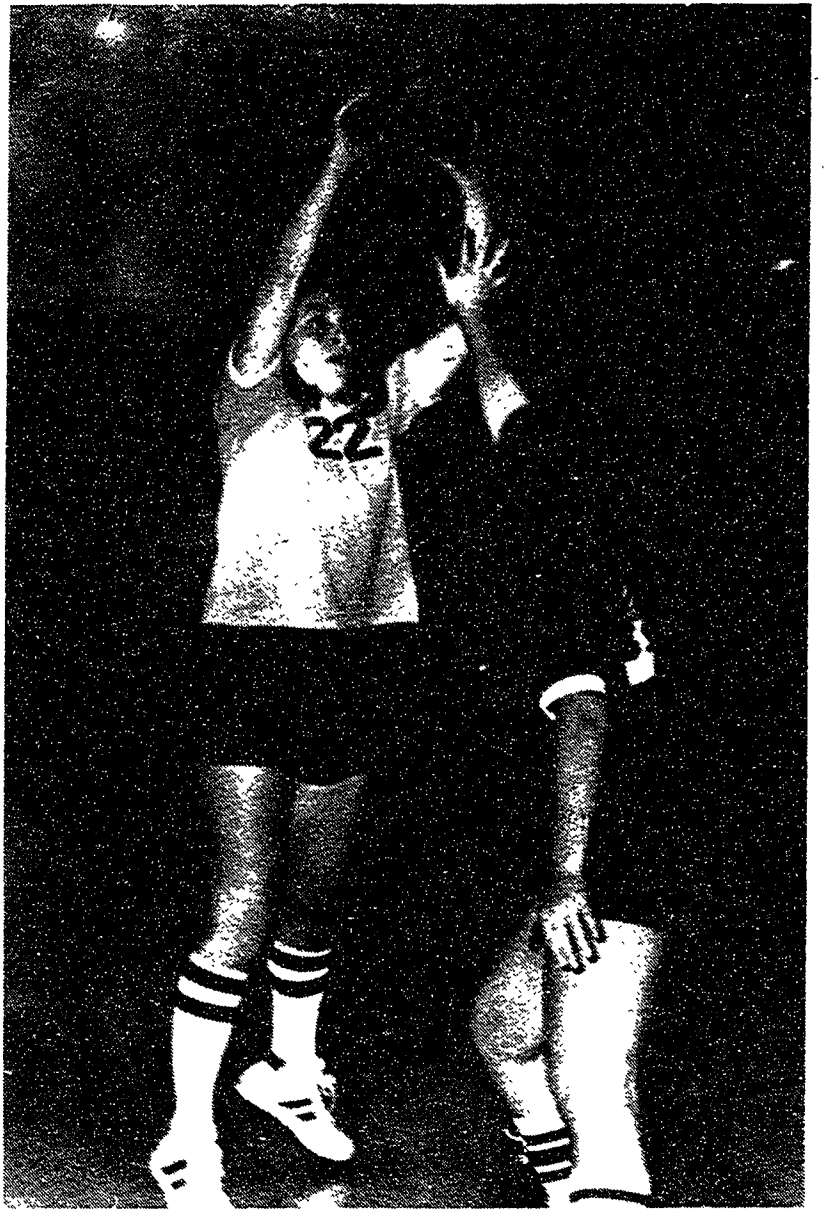
Tim King, the 167 pound wrestler, grapples with his opponent during the Edinboro match on February 10.

## Suzy Says...

The Behrend "Dream Team" ends its nightmare of a season Saturday at eight against Clarion in the "Behrend Square Garden".

The women's basketball team, sporting a 2-1 record, are in contention for first place of the NAGWS Keystone conference. With an overall record of 5-4, the team will face Allegheny tonight, Thiel Saturday, and Mercyhurst next Thursday. Tonight's game is home, as is next week's.

The wrestling team has its final match on Saturday against Mt. Union College. The individual wrestlers will then participate in the district regional tournament, and possibly go on to the nationals.



Bobbi Colton takes aim during the scrimmage on Wednesday, February 9, against Mercyhurst. They have won games against Keystone Conference foes Gannon and Mercyhurst with one loss against Grove City.

As the snow melts.....

# Baseball Season Becomes Imminent

by Suzy LeViseur  
Sports Editor

As you look out the window at all the "wonderful" snow it's hard to believe that baseball season is just around the corner. Coach Clarence Stoner and the 1977 version of the Behrend baseball team will be heading for Florida February 25. Camping in the St. Petersburg area in tents and sleeping bags loaned to them by ROTC, the team will get outside and get a full workout. Besides providing their own transportation to the Sunshine State, the team raised sufficient money to take a maximum of twenty-four players. Before returning on March 7th or 8th, the team will play quite a few scrimmages against Florida schools.

When asked about this year's team, Coach Stoner said, "Five players left Behrend to go to University Park and only one can or chose to come back." District 18 all-star third baseman in 1975, Bill Metzler, is returning. A righthander, Metzler batted .376 last year. Two other players coming back who played significantly last year are Tom Lawless and Al Maki. Lawless, the District 18 all-star short-stop, was the top batter in the district with a .448 average. One of two southpaws of this year's pitching possibilities, Maki hurled 50 and one-third innings for a 5-4 record.

"The rest of the positions are wide open," said Stoner. "We lost our number one catcher, our outfield and our first baseman."

Players returning from last year who have "an excellent chance for starting", Paul Mornak (first base catcher), Steve Burik (second base), Ned Eldredge and Greg Milkovich (third base), and Joe Mack, Bob Maras, and Bob Parpour (pitchers). Maras, a reliever last year, was (0-0) with one save after pitching 20- and one third innings.

Other players with potential whom Coach Stoner is watching closely are Bill Dolcich, Joe Ely, Todd Kresge, Steve Ratkowski, Scott Veith, James Mann and Bill Radolec, all right-handed pitchers. The catching duties could fall to Jeff Flaus or James Mann. Mornak is the only first baseman. Burik will face competition from Mark Work, Lonnie Styles, and Mike Fox. Scott Hurley will backup Lawless at shortstop. Metzler will most probably be number one third baseman unless Stoner moves him to second. Behind him are Eldredge, Milkovich, and Mike Schrim. Styles, Fox and Ratkowski can be moved to the outfield with Joe McCormich and Lou Zegarelli. "The outfield is also open to anyone, who is out for the team, who can handle the position and hit."

Other new candidates are, for

the infield, Robert Baur, Pat Davis and Rick Bell; for the outfield, Stan Murawski, and Richard Rys.

"Pitching makes or breaks a season," states Coach Stoner. "Many experts say 80 to 85 per cent of the game is good pitching talent. If our pitchers can come

through, both in the games and in the classroom, we will have a good season."

He also admitted that this is the first time we've started a season with so many players with little or no college-level experience. However, "Coach Stoner says, "I'm optimistic."

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