



Lori Hegedus posing for the Warren Behrend Athletic Association to be held tomorrow night. Photo by Paul Bailey

Using Thumbs

There And Back

by Robin Baulding

This past weekend, April 7 and 8, a group of gentlemen from the residence halls competed in their unique "Buffalo Chips There and Back Contest." The contest was a hitchhiking competition match that had a time limit of sixty hours. The object of the contest was to see which pair of contestants could hitchhike the farthest and return to Behrend in the shortest amount of time. The participants were coupled as follows: Marty Alleman and Mark (Tex) Houston; Mitch Cholovich and Dan Johnson; Gorge Fish and Derek Knauss; Jeff Lose and Glenn Scott Hurley and Jeff Barlow. There were two ways of winning: farthest distance in air miles and the number of miles combined with time.

Marty Alleman and Tex Houston placed first in both accounts. With nine rides, Marty and Tex reached Nashville,

Tennessee and returned to Behrend in thirty-one and a half hours.

Gorge Fish and Derek Knauss tied second place with Jeff Lose and Glenn Kemp. Gorge and Derek went as far as eleven miles outside of Kentucky in thirty-two hours. Jeff and Glenn went to Phillipsburg, New Jersey in twenty-seven hours with thirteen rides.

Scott Hurley and Jeff Barlow placed third. They reached Fort

Niagara, Canada in fifty-two hours with six rides. Last but not least to mention were Mitch Cholovich and Dan Johnson. They got as far as Davenport, Iowa with twenty-nine rides, but they failed to return within the time limit.

A party will be given in honor of Marty and Tex who won the contest. Congratulations, especially on your ingenuity of the contest.

Coach Optimistic

by John Blimmel

The Behrend College Men's Tennis Team opened their season on March 31 at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center against Allegheny College. Behrend came out on the short end of the score, dropping the match by a 7-2 count. The team lost five of six single matches with only number 4 position player Steve Pappas winning his match. In the doubles, Pappas and Kevin Lenze won for Behrend.

Behrend bounced back with a victory against Geneva, 5-4, and Malone, 6-3, with a loss, between

the two victories, to Thiel, 5-4.

Coach Herb Lauffer is optimistic that his team can improve their 1977 record of 4-6. Five of the six top position players return from last year's squad, and the sixth, Steve Pappas, was a member of the team two years ago. The top six players are in order: Number 1 man, John Meyers, no. 2 Jim Weidner, no. 3 Kevin Lenze, no. 4 Steve Pappas, no. 5 Jeb Black, and no. 6 Dave Remner. Coach Lauffer hopes that the team's experience will be a factor in bringing a few more victories Behrend's way.

Time To Have A Ball

by Michele McWhertor

Spring has finally arrived and with it comes the second annual Warren Behrend Athletic Association ball. "Have a Ball" is being held at Rainbow Gardens this Saturday, April 15.

Music for the occasion is being furnished by Chuck Dressler's Music Machine. The dance runs

from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Edna Babcock, social chairperson, hopes attendance will surpass last year's recorded seven hundred guests.

The \$10 donation per couple helps fund the Behrend athletic scholarships for the upcoming year.

"Have a Ball" provides the students as well as the sports enthusiasts from the community with a golden opportunity to have a great time while helping to preserve and maintain the athletic program at Behrend.

For ticket information call either 898-1511 or contact Mrs. Babcock, head librarian.

Girl's Club Softball

by Carrie Caffrey

The spring weather is slowly trying to ease its way into Erie after a long and cold winter. Despite the damp ground and the patches of leftover snow, the spring activities are beginning.

Some students may have noticed groups of girls painfully running around the campus, sacrificing their dinner hours for aches and pains. Their primary purpose for running has less to do with preparing their figures for bathing suits than with conditioning for the Behrend Girl's Club Softball Team. After joining these girls, I quickly realized that a club sport should not be taken lightly, though it differs from a varsity sport in many ways.

One of the major differences is in the school's attention to and support for a club team as compared to a varsity. The school can't supply uniforms, trophies, expensive equipment, and adequate transportation for club teams. Club practice sessions are usually shorter and less frequent than that of varsity teams. The game schedule is also considerably shorter, involving competitors near by to keep transportation problems under control. Several girls on the team enjoy the "less intense" atmosphere, though, and play club softball to exercise, have fun, and learn how to play softball better.

Also there are no "eligibility" rules involved in club sports. In a varsity sport, a player must be a full-time student at Behrend, grade point averages are carefully observed, and one may not play more than four years on one specific varsity sport. Once these requirements are satisfied, the player must be physically qualified in order to make the team, which usually is the most difficult requirement to fulfill. But any student enrolled at Behrend carrying any number of credits, at any age, with disastrous grades, in any condition is allowed to participate in a club sport. However, a club player is not insured by Behrend whereas a varsity player is fully covered both in practices and in games.

The coach of a club sport obviously would not receive the same benefits that a varsity coach receives. Our coach, Mrs. Wilson, receives nothing but laryngitis, headaches, bruises from the overtrous and foul balls, and a recently broken window in Erie Hall. In all seriousness, Mrs. Wilson does a fantastic job with the girls and enjoys herself as well. She works us hard enough to be competent, skillful players, yet she doesn't drive us to the ground, somehow allowing practice to be both fun and productive. Incidentally,

because she is coaching a club sport, she has been rewarded with a lighter class load to compensate for her efforts with the girl's club softball team.

I asked Dr. Sweeting why Behrend doesn't have a women varsity softball team. Dr. Sweeting explained that all sports begin as intramural activities, one that is informal with teams consisting of only Behrend students. If an intramural activity receives a great deal of participation and enthusiasm, it may eventually be raised to a club sport. A club sport is considered in between an intramural activity and a varsity sport. Once a club sport has been established, it, too, depends on the number of supports and the desire for it to be made into a Varsity Sport in order for the transition to be made. Dr. Sweeting feels very confident to predict that the next Behrend Club Sport to become a Varsity Sport will be girl's club softball. Whether or not his decision was influenced by the fact that Behrend has only one club sport, which is girl's softball, isn't really important. The important idea is that in the near future, Girl's Club Softball has a good chance to become Behrend's next varsity sport if students show sufficient interest in it.

It's time to start thinking about next year. Get involved!! Join the Collegian Staff WE NEED YOU!!



Watch for The Lambda Sigma Scholastic Contest!!