

ATHLETICS AT BEHREND COLLEGE

Varsity Competition

The Behrend College fields eight varsity teams, four for men and four for women. Men's varsity sports and coaches are soccer — Mr. Herbert Lauffer; basketball — Mr. James Sims; baseball — Mr. Clarence Stoner; and tennis — Mr. Herbert Lauffer. Women's varsity teams and coaches are tennis — Ms. Ellen Johns; volleyball — Mrs. Janet Wilson; basketball — Ms. Ellen Johns; and softball — Mrs. Janet Wilson.

Behrend is a member of District 18 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which governs men's varsity competition, and a member of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). Behrend also holds membership in the Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference, and the Women's Keystone Athletic Conference, both of which are comprised of nearby colleges. Student-athletes may qualify for postseason competition and honors through these organizations up through and including national championships.

To be eligible for varsity competition, freshmen must be full-



time students (8 credits or more) enrolled in a degree program; provisional students are not eligible. Students must pass a minimum of 8 credits the first term, and at least 24 credits each academic year to remain eligible. All teams are coached by members of the Physical Education Department, located in Erie Hall. Candidates for any varsity team are urged to contact the coach, or the athletic director, Dr. Roger Sweeting, early in the academic year for more information.

Intramural Sports

Intramural competition is held throughout the year at Behrend. Team sports offered include flag football and soccer in the fall, basketball and bowling in the winter, and volleyball and softball in the spring. In addition, competition in individual sports such as golf, tennis, and badminton is

offered during the year. Other sports may be added, depending on expressed student interest.

In most sports, competition runs concurrently in separate leagues for men and women. Bowling competition is coed, while competition in tennis, badminton, and volleyball includes

both separate and coed activity. A minimum of four teams is required before league competition is conducted. It is not unusual for fifteen to twenty-five teams to be formed.

Intramurals provide an inexpensive form of student recreation and an opportunity for remaining active while improving sports skills. Students are urged to participate in some phase of the program. Additional information and entry forms may be obtained from Mr. Clarence Stoner, the intramural director, in Erie Hall.

