

Spring Fever:

New Baseball Coach

By Joel Campbell

With the departure of Coach Clarence Stoner last year to Main Campus, Mr. Joseph Spinelli will manage Behrend's baseball team. Spinelli, also a soccer and basketball coach at St. Mark's Seminary, eagerly anticipates the coming season.

The returning players from last year's successful squad, plus an "excellent group of freshmen", according to Coach Spinelli, should form the nucleus of a good team. Team captains Joe Fornear and Greg Breskey should add leadership to the squad. Coach Spinelli stated that, "this is the best group of freshmen ever at Behrend."

Gone from last year's squad are seven of the team's top ten players, as well as fourteen of the pitching staff's twenty wins.

To replace these losses, Spinelli has many of the athletes playing unfamiliar positions, as well as a young pitching staff.

Spinelli kept 29 players on this year's squad. One of the reasons is so the team can play intrasquad games. With such a short time to prepare for the season, Coach Spinelli feels "It's important for the team to play in game situations, and to rid themselves of mental errors."

Another reason for such a large squad can be attributed to the difficult decisions when making team cuts. The coach's philosophy is that if returning players were good enough to make last year's team successful, that they are good enough for this year's team.

That meant that it would be difficult for freshmen, but the freshmen played so well during try-outs that Spinelli was left with little choice. He feels this group of younger players will help Behrend's program in the long run.

This year's assistant coach is Dick Crist. Crist was Behrend's first team NAIA District 18 selection at third base. Crist will be able to assist Spinelli on the contrasting styles and ballplayers of opposing teams. Spinelli said "Dick adds a bridge between the ballplayers and myself. He'll be a fine acquisition."

Coach Spinelli feels that the return of key RBI men and the powerful hitting corps on Behrend's team mixed with good defensive play will keep Behrend competitive with any team in the District.

Celebrities:

Penn State Twins

By Nick Notias

The 19-year-old Sax twins, Beth (left), and Amy (right), posed for Penn State in order to promote Penn State football. So let's meet them.

They are twins from Upper St. Clair, Pittsburgh. Amy and Beth are sixth term students. Beth is majoring in Letters, Arts, and Sciences, and Amy in Business.

Amy and Beth have had modeling experience with "Seventeen Magazine" and Horne's department store. They were asked if they would pose for other posters, or do any modeling. They said they weren't looking for opportunities to model, but they would model provided that they didn't have to dress in t-shirts or similar costumes.

Because of their immense popularity, the twins have had to deal with autograph seekers. The girls said they find this fun; however, when trying to study, it does become annoying.



The Sax Twins: Beth and Amy

The autograph seekers increase with the poster sales. About two hundred posters were sold in one week alone. As of this writing, there have been more an

1,900 posters sold at \$3.50 each.

This popular poster has created a lot of controversy; some people see the poster and believe it to be

a "cheesecake poster," while some believe the poster is intended to show football as being a major activity at Penn State, not to exploit the girls.

New Economic Research Institute Underway

by Ron Leonardi

Behrend's new Economic Research Institute of Erie (ERIE) is currently in operation and running smoothly, according to Dr. Barry R. Weller, associate professor of economics and director of the Institute.

The Research Institute, which has been in operation for the past month, encompasses a wide variety of objectives relating to its service to the community.

The first objective, Weller explained, involves the gathering of as much descriptive data as possible concerning the Erie regional economy.

One problem encountered is that the data needed is widely scattered in various places such as the Census Department, Penn State, and many local sources.

Second, the Institute will monitor the Erie business cycle and attempt to find out how well Erie County is doing in relation to the state and the nation.

"We want to find out whether things get bad here before they do nationwide or after they do nationwide and whether business fluctuations in Erie are more severe or less so than those on the

national level," said Weller.

The final objective, which is long term, deals with the building of econometric models. These models will enable the staff to predict the future course of economic and business activity in the Erie area.

"We're talking about three stages here," he said. "Data, simple monitoring of the Erie economy, and actually doing some forecasting if possible. That forecasting aspect is very far down the line."

Funding for the start up and initial operating budget is being provided by Behrend and Penn State. This starting budget amounts to \$1,200. "Essentially, what we are doing with that money is getting things such as computer manuals, some data tapes, and some equipment for our micro computer systems," said Weller.

Dr. Weller anticipates that future funding will be derived primarily from corporate and individual gifts as well as grants and contracts.

In addition to Dr. Weller, other staff members include Mr. Jack Burke, Associate Dean; Mr. Anthony Salvia, statistician; Mr. James Kurre, economics; and Dr. Ki Shim, economics.

The research staff is currently in the process of gathering and

examining what data is available with research being done in three areas.

"We hope to have a good working data base in place by September so we can actually start doing research," Weller added.

Dr. Weller is dealing with the College of Business at University Park which will provide in-depth information on Pennsylvania and Erie County.

At the present time, Mr. Kurre is involved with the Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security while Mr. Salvia is contacting various leaders and groups in the community to see what data can be gathered.

In analyzing the Erie economy, Dr. Weller stressed that the area economy tends to be relatively unstable cyclically compared to the national economy. For example, when the nation's unemployment rate rises from six to seven per cent, the Erie unemployment rate is going from nine to ten per cent.

"The problems that you see on the national nature tend to be magnified in the Erie community," said Weller. "One of the things we might want to do is try to pinpoint exactly where those large rises in unemployment come about so perhaps we might be able to minimize them in the future."

Further hampering the area economy is the bleak outlook concerning college students in the job market this year.

According to Dr. Weller, when a business cycle decline occurs,

one of the first things to go is heavy industry which results in an increase in unemployment. How does this hurt college students?

Since the national unemployment rate is so high (the current nine per cent rate being the highest since 1941), there are many workers with experience who are laid off. These people will have to be called back first resulting in an extremely tough job market for undergraduates.

Dr. Weller does not expect a business cycle expansion to begin again until the third quarter of this year which will occur either in September or October.

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