

Intramural Update

by Michael Coursey

Spring is finally here, thus signalling the end of another school year and the culmination of another fine year of Intramural sports at Penn-State Behrend. I spoke with Duane Crider, our Director of Intramural Athletics at Behrend and he reported that this year has had a record number of participants in I.M. Sports.

I.M. Volleyball has had a successful season and I.M. Softball will be underway as soon as the weather breaks. The deadline for tennis entries is April 12, with Ultimate Frisbee Competition deadline set at April 13.

Finally, it's time to break out your running shorts and participate in the SIXTH ANNUAL, PENN STATE-BEHREND "RUN FOR FUN."

The runs will consist of two distances, 3,000 and 10,000 meters. It's slated for Saturday, April 28, starting at 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. at the Behrend Campus. There are seven different age categories ranging from 12 and under to 50 and over, plus one Behrend Students and one for Behrend Staff-Alumni.

Register by April 20 in order to receive a complimentary T-shirt (those registered late will not receive one). Awards will be given to the first three finishers in each male and female category. They will be awarded at the Wilson Picnic Pavillion.

Entry forms are available throughout Campus or at Erie Hall. Inquires should be made to Duane Crider at 898-1511, ext. 239.

From The Sports Editor

by Michael Coursey

With the end of the semester looming nearer I would like to make some predictions for the upcoming major league season, plus predictions for the NBA, NHL and USFL. I don't have any nicknames like "The Greek" or "Dandy Don," but I've won a few sport bets in my day. My choices or predictions are as follows:

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
(Division Pennant)

A.L. EAST N.L. EAST
Detroit Pittsburgh

A.L. WEST N.L. WEST
California Atlanta
World Series: Pittsburgh vs. Detroit

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
(Championship)

New York Knick's will face the Portland Trailblazers in the Championship game. The Knicks will win in six or seven games.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
(Stanley Cup)

The New York Islanders will win their fifth Stanley Cup this year.

UNITED STATES FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(Conference Champs)

EASTERN CONFERENCE **WESTERN CONFERENCE**
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N. Orleans Los Angeles

A problem that has been very apparent to many students, staff

and faculty here is a lack of a quality athletic-fitness facility on campus. Many of my classmates (myself included) spend valuable time and money to use athletic facilities; such as the YMCA, health clubs, spas etc., because the facilities here are mediocre at best. Trying to battle with the athletic teams to use Erie Hall or dilapidated conditions of the weight room, make attempting a good workout, a very trying experience. The amount of time that the gymnasium is open for general purposes is very limited. Compounded with a severe winter climate, attempting a cardiovascular beneficial exercise (running, swimming, racquetball, etc.) is very difficult during the winter months. It seems with the emphasis our society puts on physical fitness, that a tax-supported Land Grant University such as Penn-State Behrend, could provide an adequate health-fitness center for its students and faculty.

Millions don't have to be spent either. Money spent economically, thoughtfully and wisely could vastly improve the weightroom and wrestling room among other areas. Plus a lightweight, synthetic structure, (similar to the one at the Eastside YMCA) could enhance Behrend's pool use to year round.

Much is being done to make Behrend a more attractive and comfortable place to "experience" college. The administration seems to be wholeheartedly supporting the "whiz kids," just don't forget about the Phys Ed Majors and the "Ironmen."

Lady Cubs Open With Victory

by Jill Franz

The Behrend Lady Cubs softball team opened their season with two easy wins over Villa Maria. The first game score was 10-0, and the second 14-1.

Defensively, Darlene Leopold pitched a one-hitter with seven strike outs in the first game. The second game Brandy Buck was called upon and came into pitch a no-hitter and two strike outs.

Coach Jan Wilson was quick to add that, "The team rallied around both pitchers to form a really good defense." This is shown by the fact that the team only had one error in both games.

The upperclassmen showed their strength in batting and leading the team was Kathy Snider

with a homerun and a double. Michelle Miller went three for three in the second game, and Missy Stasenko batted a triple and drove in three runs.

Joining the upperclassmen in the offensive rally were freshman Grace Norvaisa with a double and Beth Pilkington with three RBI's.

"The team's offensive is looking very well," says Coach Wilson. The team displayed a batting average of .347, which is high above the batting average of the past few years.

The Lady Cubs will be facing both Mercyhurst and Point Park in the upcoming week at home and they would like to see everyone there for support. We wish them luck!

Cubbie Nine Split Twinbill

by Michael Coursey

The Penn State-Behrend Baseball team split their opener with University of Pittsburgh-Bradford. They lost the opener by a score of 7-2, but battled back in the nightcap to win 6-5. This was the first time the ball team has been on the field this year due to inclement weather.

Coach Joe Spinelli is optimistic about his ball club, but knows this is a young team loaded with freshman, thus inexperience could hinder the cubs. But with a lot of hustle, determination and executive of fundamentals, they could have a surprising season.

In the doubleheader with Pitt-Bradford, Coach Spinelli used many pitchers since it was their first outing and was pleased except for the number of walks given up by the cub hurlers. Pitt-Bradford star Mike Gresik homered in the second game, but popped out to first base with a runner in scoring position to end the Panther threat. Freshman Troy Williams recorded the save in the second game. The ball team needs all the fan support it can muster so come out and cheer on our Cubs! Upcoming local games are:

Mercyhurst, April 17 at Mercyhurst; Edinboro, April 26, at home; LaRoche, April 28, at home; Gannon, April 30, Away-Cannavino Fld. Erie.

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