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## **Basketball Coaches Express Hope at Luncheon**

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On Thursday, Nov. 15, I attended Penn State-Behrend's Annual Tipoff Luncheon at The Erie Club, where both the Men's and Women's Basketball coaches introduced their lineups for the

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Behrend Provost Dr. John Lilley, introduced by Athletic Director Herb Lauffer, spoke highly of the Behrend sports program, and is "proud of the teams regardless of their records." Council of Fellows member Dick Dill said that Coach Zimmerman is laying the cornerstone of a program that will soon be strong.

Women's Basketball Head Coach Karin Sobotta spoke of her outlook on the present season. She said that it is going to be rough since all the teams are new to her. But, practices are going well and the girls are working hard.

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Sobotta's goal is to play a quick team with hopes that her girls are better conditioned. Also, she said that good percentage shots will carry them, along with the experience and determination of the team.

Next, Men's Basketball Coach Doug Zimmerman spoke of his team. In his summation of the 1984-85 team, he says that they are better than last year in that they have a deeper bench and are stronger physically. Although the team is young, Zimmerman said that they will be aggressive, try to create action, move the ball and take good percentage shots. Zimmerman said, "We are capable of beating everyone and we are capable of losing to everyone we play."

Zimmerman spoke highly of his players as he elaborated on each of their strengths:

Dave Harris - a good shooter and a hard worker

Randy Gorniak - has excellent ball-handling skills

Greg Green - is the biggest in

size and strength

Ed Malinowski - the big guard and a big contributor

Dave Blanks - excellent in quickness

John Sargent - very mobile and an excellent jumper.

Mark Majewski - epitomizes the team player concept

Paul Cwalina - a very heady player; likes to get inside and work

Bob Mudger - an intense and strong player

Jon Meanor - has had good defensive schooling and will use it well

Larry Davies - can run all day; loves the game

Pete Alex - a great shooter; their best range shooter

Ralph Drayer - probably the best athlete on the team; only needs an inch to create a hole

On the whole, the team looks impressive this year and Coach Zimmerman summed up the coming season in two words: ' C A U T I O U S L Y OPTIMISTIC".



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