

Behrend upgraded to Division III stature

by Jim Parachini
Collegian Sports Editor

This could very well be a banner year for Penn State-Behrend's athletic program.

The biggest change this year is that Behrend's intercollegiate program is now affiliated as an NCAA Division III school.

No longer are the Cubs a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Fan support plays a large part in helping the sports program succeed at any college whether the school have an enrollment of 3,000 or 30,000.

"We've always had good fan support in the past," said athletic

director Herb Lauffer of the student following at soccer matches.

"The players like to see a lot of people come out to watch the games," Lauffer added. "There's no question it helps them play better."

All three fall sports teams are in action this weekend. The women's tennis team, coached by Pam Fischer and having played the University of Buffalo and Mercyhurst already, are at Gannon University today at 3 p.m. and then travel to play Fredonia Saturday, at 11 a.m.

The women's volleyball team heads into an eight-team tournament this weekend at SUNY-Cortland. Next weekend on Sept.

20 and 21 the Lady Cubs will participate in a 10-team tourney at Thiel College.

Behrend's men's soccer team hosts John Carroll Saturday at 1 p.m. before facing rival Gannon in an away match on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

PIGSKIN PICK - Our football team down at University Park (at press time) has been ranked 19th in the latest Associated Press pre-season poll. The Nittany Lions (1-0) host the Temple Owls (0-1) in its 1985 home-opener Saturday. The PICK here is Penn State 21, Temple 7.

Cubs beat alumni 3-1

Hockenberger's 3 goals lift Behrend to victory

by Mark Wuerthele
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The Penn State-Behrend soccer team opened their pre-season with an impressive 3-1 victory over an Alumni team of former Behrend booters. Excellent performances were turned in by sophomore Mike Hockenberger, scorer of all three goals for the men's team, and transfer student Scott Coykendall.

Offensively the game was dominated by Behrend. Hockenberger's first goal was unassisted and came late in the first half. Midway through the second half a penalty was called on the Alumni team which resulted in another goal for Hockenberger as he converted the following penalty kick to give this year's Cubs a 2-0 advantage.

Returning sophomore Chris Stine assisted on Hockenberger's third goal, which came later in the second half, putting the Cubs up 3-0.

John Lorenz put the Alumni squad on the board with a goal late in the game.

Defensively the Alumni team played very well. Terry Manering, graduate of Penn State and captain of last year's team, thought the speed and agility of the Alumni players was much better than that of last year.

Several freshmen made the Behrend roster such as Marty Becker, Doug McCarthy and Mike Cefelli. They will also be counted on to make this a successful year for the Behrend Cubs men's soccer team.

Fischer: this year's tennis team best skilled

by Paul Kitchen
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Pam Fischer, the women's tennis coach, said this year's squad is "the most highly motivated and best skilled team" that she has had since she came to Behrend four years ago.

Although last season's team lacked depth and experience, Fischer sees "a slightly tougher schedule as a new opportunity" for this year's squad. The Lady Cubs have accepted matches in the St. John Fischer Invitational to be held in Rochester, N.Y. and have already competed in the

McDonald's-Pennbriar Tennis Tournament with four players achieving finalist's positions.

Fischer analyzed her starting team in the following manner. Leading off in the top spot is freshman Sharon Dollard who has "an all around strong game." Kelle Carson, "a graceful and stylish type of player" will be filling in the second seed.

Junior Toni Lomley, "a gutsy and determined athlete" who made the 1984 NAIA District quarterfinals, will be in the number three slot. Melissa Mitchem, a freshman from Titusville and a finalist in the McDonald's-Pennbriar tourney, will compete at number four.

Owning the number five slot is Fairview native Mary Beth Grimes, who has been described as a "strong player." Freshman Katie Phillips, "an aggressive and attacking player," will play in the number six position.

Rounding out the singles positions is Girard product Bonnie Roney, "a pure natural who picked up the game on her own and plays very well."

Doubles matches are assigned to sophomores Ann Weist and Joyce Crawford. Weist won her division in the McDonald's-Pennbriar tournament while Crawford was also a finalist.

Fischer, a zealous tennis player who competed in the number one spot for her high school team, received her degree in physical education from the University of Maryland where she participated in field hockey and lacrosse.

She was also named to the Mid-Atlantic Regional field hockey

team while playing for Maryland. Fischer then went on to Slippery Rock University for graduate work and finally to Penn State-Behrend.

Today, the women's tennis team will test Gannon University. "In the past they have proved to be a very difficult opponent," said Fischer.



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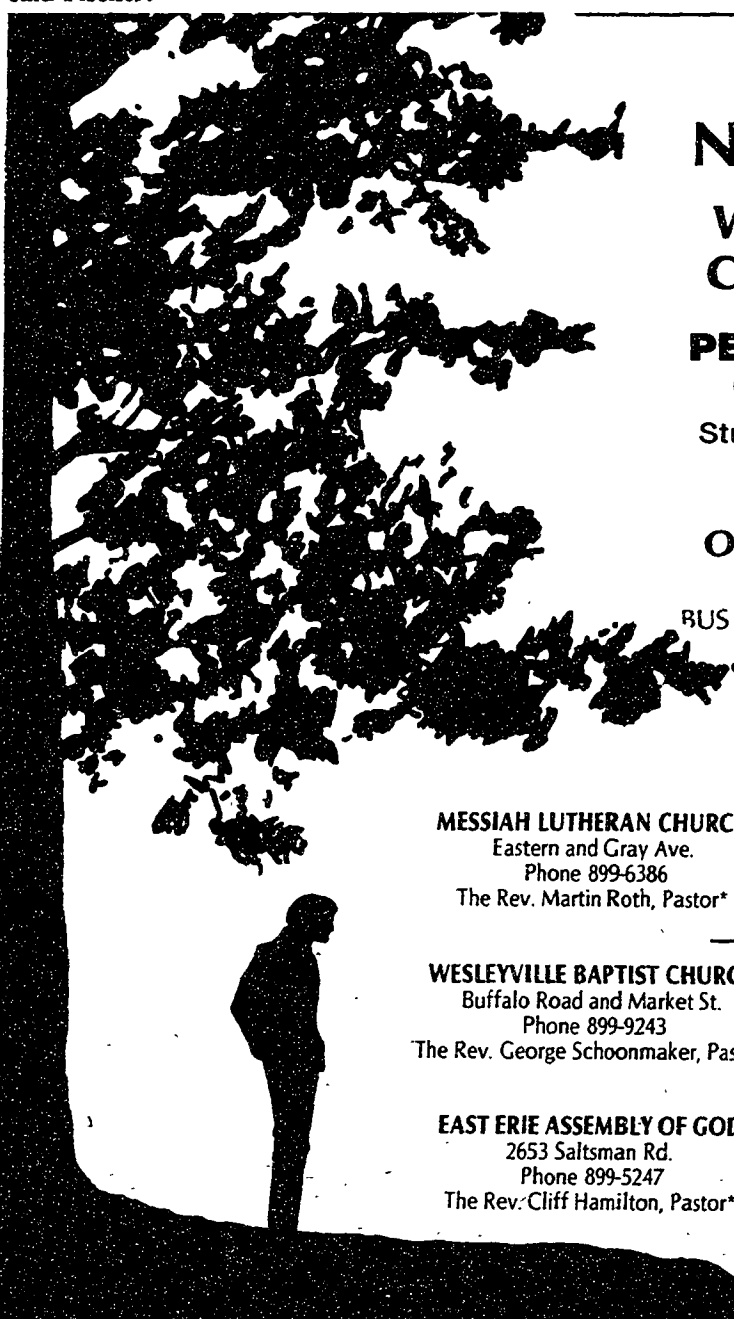


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