

## Men seek to rebound

by Jim Parachini  
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When you trot down through what will soon be snow and sleet to Erie Hall to see Behrend's men's basketball, you will most likely find players not only in the air but on the ground diving for loose balls as well.

That's when they are not constantly running up and down the court trying to prevent the opposition from scoring.

Speed and aggressiveness makes for exciting basketball and that is going to be the style of head coach Doug Zimmerman's team this year at Penn State-Behrend.

Having completed his best recruiting year since his arrival at Behrend three years ago, Zimmerman is hoping that this year's squad is the one that will put the Cub's program over the hump and on the road to national competitiveness and respectability.

"We're going to have an up-tempo team this year aided by upperclassmen which we haven't had in the past," Zimmerman said.

"No matter how talented you are, it's difficult to beat experience. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, I feel confident that we can compete on the national level."

Returning upperclassmen include senior guard Gary Manuel (5-9) who will occupy the point spot. Juniors returning include 6-5 forwards Greg Green and John Sargent.

Green, a two-year starter, and Sargent have returned physically stronger thanks to a productive off-season weight program.

Perhaps the biggest impact player will be junior forward Randy Gorniak (6-8). Gorniak will return after missing the second semester last year. The reason for the excitement are his stats from the previous two years including his impressive '84-'85 results of 15

points-per-game and 12 rebounds-per-game.

"Randy is capable of big numbers," Zimmerman compliments. "He's very good inside, can create shots, shoot with either hand and draws a lot of fouls."

Sophomore returning players include high percentage shooting guard Jon Meanor (6-0), swingman Mike Siggins (6-5), second guard Jim Webb (6-1) and swingman Paul Cwalina (6-3). Both Cwalina and Meanor were starters last year.

Immediate help can be expected from a group of talented freshmen. Point guard Joe Weed (5-9) is expected to be a major factor at the point position. Randy's older brother Gene (6-7, 225), is also expected to make his presence felt.

Kevin Brown, a 6-1 guard, is probably the quickest player on the team. Other fine players expected to make positive contributions are forwards Tom Leftwich (6-4), Rich Irr (6-4) and Jack Beaver (6-8).

"Our returning players along with the incoming people, will not only provide us with more depth, but allow us the ability to put more pressure on the opposing team and dictate the tempo of the game," Zimmerman said.

## Lady Cub hoopsters should improve

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With a limited number of players it becomes very difficult to be competitive on any level.

Faced with that situation last year, women's basketball coach Karin Sobotta has reason to be optimistic about the upcoming campaign, only her second at Behrend, due to the fact that she has more players to work with.

With only eight women on last year's squad, Sobotta's lady hoopsters finished with a 6-17 record as a District 18 NAIA school. There are 11 players on the current roster including three returners, two of which were letter winners last year.

"It's difficult to say how we'll do because we're now Division III with a new schedule but I'm excited because we have 11 players and they are all experienced, having at least started for their respective high school teams," Sobotta said.

"Of the eight players last year three of them had hardly played at all. Our depth will allow us to do a lot more things on the court such as run and press."

Six of the 11 players are listed



Karin Sobotta

as guards, indicative of a team not blessed with a great deal of height.

"If I had to use one word to describe the team it would be, smart," said Sobotta. "Since we have a short team we will play a flex type of offense (all positions interchange) and also press a lot on defense playing man-to-man."

The three returning Lady cubs include juniors Toni Lumley, a tennis standout, Chris Huff and sophomore Michele Williams. Lumley (5-6) and Williams (5-7) both lettered last year.

Two pleasant surprises from

Penn State's Shenango Valley campus are juniors Karen Yurchison (5-8) and Sue Holmes (5-10). Yurchison, a Grove City resident, will play guard and Holmes (who along with Williams and freshman Allicia Gray also competed on the women's volleyball team) will play both forward and center.

"Both of those players are a big addition to the team," Sobotta said. "Each one is capable of scoring a lot of points also."

The other junior on the team is 5-5 guard Paula Skaggs, a transfer student from Houston, Texas. "Paula's a very good defensive player and will make things happen for us," Sobotta said.

Along with Gray (5-10) Sobotta has four other freshmen on the squad. They include Kim Erikson (5-8), Lisa Butch (5-7), Sue Walchack (5-6) and Kim Audette (5-4).

"I don't like to make predictions because I don't want to put pressure on anyone or myself but I feel we are capable of having a .500 season," Sobotta concluded. "The potential is there and the competitiveness of the players each day in practice will help us down the road."

## Lumley and Mitchem named to Keystone Conference all-star team

by Barb Cavano  
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Toni Lumley and Melissa Mitchem of the woman's tennis team were chosen for the Keystone Conference All District in singles. Lumley and Mitchem were named to the 2nd team and were seeded 3rd and 4th respectively. "The girls will not compete in any matches," said Coach Pam Fisher. "It's an honor to be named. Toni was Captain of the '85 squad and

she also teamed up with Melissa producing an effective doubles team," Fisher said.

Mitchem is a second semester freshman and Lumley is a junior who may be returning next year.

On the soccer field, four Behrend players showed their stuff in the Western Pennsylvania Inter-Collegiate Soccer Conference match held at Slippery Rock University on Nov. 11.

Steve Lossing who played back

was named to the first team. Mike Hockenberger, halfback, and Joe Kushon, forward, were named to the second team and goalie Larry Guenther was given honorable mention.

The conference consisted of a North versus South confrontation. Behrend played for the North along with Gannon, Mercyhurst, Alliance and Grove City. The South consisted of players from Slippery Rock, Robert Morris, St. Vincent, Geneva, Pitt-Johnstown and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Due to other

commitments, Gannon and Geneva did not show up and Slippery Rock was switched from North to South to try and even up the teams. This move left the North short handed, with the South winning the game, 2-0.

Halfback Mike Hockenberger stated, "It was a good game except for the playing conditions because the field was muddy." Larry played a good game. He played most of the game because the Grove City goalie was injured."

## Hoop excitement to begin

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The Nittany Lions will finish 11-0 with a 23-13 win over the Panthers in Pittsburgh. So far I am 4-0 picking Penn State this

year and 0-2 picking the Steelers. As for the Steelers, I see them staying in the AFC Central race with a win over the puzzling Redskins, say by a 31-24 score.

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