

Intramural participation on the rise

by Robert Roth
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An important facet to Behrend athletics has always been the participation of students in the intramural sports program. Since September, aspiring athletes have taken part in a myriad of sport's activities ranging from the always popular volleyball, to the innovative ultimate frisbee.

Student support has been up since last year and first-year intramural director Sarah J. Rose is pleased with the results, "it's great that there are some teams which follow through with every sport—the results have been an increase in participation." Volleyball's niche as the most popular of the intramurals has been carved out with 37 teams now competing in three different sections: male, female, and co-ed. The playoffs have begun this week and Rose has been impressed by the athleticism displayed through the course of the schedule.

Rose points out that one of the more interesting competitions to observe was the recently completed wrestling tournament in which 14 Behrend students and faculty competed. The winner of the below 140 weight-class was Brian Cotton, Terry Anthony took the 140-160 division and in the over 161 bracket Larry Guenther prevailed. "Wrestling was a kind of neat thing," Rose related, "hopefully next year we can increase the numbers of the participants."

The numbers definitely won't

be increasing with this year's annual "Mud Run" as the 10k event will not be held so that it can be shifted to next September when the conditions are more conducive to running. Also, Rose stated that the fitness trail would need some cleaning up before the race could be successfully held.

However, there are four sports competitions which will still be held this spring: fast-pitch softball (there are still openings for teams), a tennis tournament, ultimate frisbee, and badminton.

According to Rose, the officiating this year has been, "pretty good, we try and use varsity athletes most of the time and the entry fees go toward paying the referees so we don't make any profit."

In her first year as director, intramural athletics are increasingly popular, though Rose is quick to point out that she is foremost a trainer (sanctioned by the NATA), with a degree from Mercyhurst in sports medicine—intramurals was the other part of the job. She has had specialized training in her field which includes some 1800 hours of team experience with Mercyhurst.

Rose feels that intramurals are an important aspect to a university students lifestyle as she noted, "participation in intramurals provides a tension release, allows students to meet others, and learn good sportsmanship." Students are the backbone of the program and it is clear that many are enjoying its benefits.



The 1986 Behrend baseball team is caught during a moment of repose. The squad lost both games of their opener 8-7 and 13-3 against California (PA)

"Bike-Aid" to benefit the hungry

The Overseas Development Network (ODN), a national student group involved in international development issues, is currently organizing a cross-country bicycle trip this summer to increase awareness of world poverty and to raise money for self-help projects overseas and in the United States.

The organizers hope to involve over 10,000 bicyclists in the ride, raising \$1 million dollars for self-help projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Appalachia, and for fellowships for students in these areas.

Called Bike-Aid '86, the cross-country trek will begin on June 16 as groups depart from four West coast cities: Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. AN Diego, and from Houston and Tampa on July 12. Participants can ride either the entire 3,300 miles or for a shorter segment.

All groups will cross the country, meet with people in local communities along the way, give informal presentations on development, and collect pledges as they go. The groups will meet in Washington D.C., on Aug. 5

and finish at the United Nations in New York on Aug. 11 with a closing ceremony hosted by James Grant, director of Unicef.

Patrons for Bike-Aid '86 include Sens. Bill Bradley and Edward Kennedy, Robert Rodale, publisher of *Runner's World* magazine; Donald Kennedy, president of Stanford University; Rep. Micky Leland, chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger; Stanford Alumnus Eric Heiden (bike-racer and five-time Olympic gold medalist in speed-skating); Greg Lemond and Rebecca Twigg, America's premier bike racers; and Grant.

Congressman Leland notes that "Bike-Aid" will increase public attention and support for the plight of those who suffer from hunger throughout the world, "many lives have been saved. Now the task is to give the survivors the opportunity to live productively."

According to John Shattuck, vice president of Harvard. "The Overseas Development Network is an extraordinary student organization...in an era when student activism is hard to find, ODN is in-

spiring in its seriousness, effectiveness and sophistication."

ODN is a national consortium of over 40 campus chapters founded in 1983 by Nazir and Kamal Ahmad, two brothers from Bangladesh who saw the potential of a national student committed to constructive approaches toward ending world poverty.

Nazir is a graduate student in development economics at Stanford University; he is currently writing and action-information handbook on hunger to be published by Harper & Row.

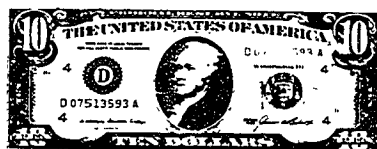
Kamal, a junior at Harvard, is traveling in Africa and Asia looking for volunteer opportunities for American students.

Some 100 volunteers across the country are helping to carry out Bike-Aid '86. Shaun Skelton, a graduate student at Stanford, is national coordinator for the venture. He is an experienced bicyclist an founder of the Stanford Volunteer Network, a community service center.

For more information write to Bike-Aid '86, P.O. Box 2306, Stanford Calif., 94305; or call (415) 497-8559 or 725-2869.

Cub's Scoreboard			
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL		MEN'S TENNIS	
HEAD COACH: Jan Wilson			
April 1	Clarion University	A	1 p.m.
3	Buffalo State	H	2:30 p.m.
8	Thiel College	A	2 p.m.
10	Grove City	H	2 p.m.
12	Geneva	A	1 p.m.
17	Mercyhurst	H	2 p.m.
19	St. Vincent	H	1 p.m.
22	Allegheny	A	2 p.m.
24	Gannon University	H	2 p.m.
26	Point Park	A	2:15 p.m.
29	Westminster	H	2 p.m.
All Doubleheaders			
HEAD COACH: Doug Walbridge			
April 1	Grove City	H	3 p.m.
3	Thiel College	A	3 p.m.
5	Allegheny	A	1 p.m.
8	Westminster	H	2 p.m.
10	Geneva	A	1 p.m.
12	Malone College	H	11 a.m.
13	Fairmont State	H	2 p.m.
17	Gannon University	A	3 p.m.
18	Indiana (AP)	H	3 p.m.
22	Edinboro	H	3 p.m.
29	Slippery Rock	H	3 p.m.
May 1	Mercyhurst	A	3 p.m.

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Annual banquet planned

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The Annual Athletic Awards Banquet will be held May 4 at 1:00

p.m. in Erie Hall. The guest speaker this year will be Gary Borowy, a Behrend basketball alumni who is employed in Erie.

As usual, the afternoon highlight will be the presentation of awards to the male and female scholar athletes, athlete of the year, and letters and team recognition awards.

Behrend athletes are reminded that their parents will be invited to the banquet through the mail but Herb Lauffer, athletic director, stresses that, "students should ask their parents, which will give them that extra incentive to attend."

Don't forget...

Advance register (Behrend & U.P.) for Fall '86 April 7-25 in new Registrar's Office, Behrend Building 113