

# Experience will be the key for the 1987 tennis season

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With a new coach and only one returning player, the 1986 Women's Tennis Team ended their season with a 2-9 record. However, Coach Karin Sobotta was not disappointed in the team's performance.

During their season, the team played such top ranked teams as Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Canisius College of New York, University of Buffalo, and many others.

In their final match at the St. John Fisher Cardinal Invitational, the tennis team placed 8th with two wins in doubles. The first doubles match was won by Katie Phillips and Margie Surovic over Wells College of New York. Capturing the second doubles win was Lisa Hites and Jacquie Anthony over Elmire College of New York.

The only returning member from the 1985 team, Katie Phillips, played number one singles. She's a sophomore from Upper St. Clair

High School in Pittsburgh. Playing number two singles was sophomore Shawn VanHees, known better as "Stormy". She is from Ft. Meyers High School in Florida.

Freshman Kathy Veazy played number three singles. She graduated from Sherwood High School in Olney, Maryland. From Jersey Shore High School, Kelly McConnell, also a freshman, played number four singles.

Margie Surovic, a junior from Ft. LeBouef High School in Waterford, played number five singles. And number six singles was played by freshman Gail Brown from Mt. Lebanon High School. Also from Mt. Lebanon was freshman Amy Springer. Freshman Lisa Hites came from Northwestern High School in Albion. And from Uniontown High School came Jacquie Anthony.

Playing first doubles were team members Katie Phillips and Margie Surovic. Second doubles were played by Kathy Veazy and Kelly McConnell. And third doubles teammates were Lisa Hites and Jac-

quie Anthony.

When asked to sum up the 1986 season, Coach Sobotta replied, "The girls are now more experienced. And because they are so dedicated to the team, the players have improved their tennis skills very much."

"Much of the credit for the improvement in our team has to go to Coach," said team member Lisa Hites, "The time and patience she put into teaching such an inexperienced team can not go unnoticed."

After twelve years of giving private tennis lessons, Coach Sobotta is extremely well qualified to teach tennis here at Behrend College. While she attended the University of Idaho, Karin Sobotta competed in intercollegiate sports on a scholarship in Tennis and Basketball.

Among her other credentials, Coach Sobotta was an instructor at the Four Star Tennis Academy at Yale University and at the University of Virginia. Presently, she teaches tennis at the Westwood Racquet Club.

Kathy Veazy expressed her feelings by saying, "I feel like I got a lot of experience playing on the tennis team this season. I got a lot out of the practices we had and generally improved my tennis

skills. I also felt that Coach Sobotta knew exactly what she was talking about in regards to tennis."

Coach Sobotta felt that the season just went by too fast. "There was not enough time to accomplish all the things that we wanted to accomplish," said Sobotta. As a matter of fact, Coach Sobotta did not officially accept the coaching position until late August, and with the tennis season ending on October 10th, there was not much time for Sobotta to organize and teach the team.

All the team members felt that they learned a lot by playing tennis at Behrend College. Kelly McConnell said she benefited most from the rough practices when she commented, "The drill that was the most beneficial to me was the 'killer' drill. (The drill involves six balls hit by the coach anywhere and everywhere.) We had to run them all down and get them over the net in bounds. And we were out there until we hit six in a row."

Next year, most of the players, if not all, will be returning for the 1987 season. Coach Sobotta has hopes that next season's more experienced team will produce a winning record. She plans to begin practice in early August to allow the team more time to prepare for the season.



1986-87 Tennis Team

## Injuries plague volleyball team

by **Dave Bruce**  
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While their record might not prove it, the Behrend Women's Volleyball Team is benefiting from the caliber of the opponents they have played.

The team's record is 12-17, but they have just played such nationally ranked teams as Ohio Northern and Western Maryland. Coach Jan Wilson said that while the record might suffer against these opponents, "eventually the team will learn, especially the freshmen, and in the long run it will help them."

This is not to say that the team has not beaten any of the ranked teams. They defeated Glasboro St. of New Jersey, as well as Niagara St., a Division I squad.

Coach Wilson believes that the biggest problem this season has been injuries. Both Michelle Madison and Michele Williams

broke their ankles, Erinn Benner suffered a knee injury, and Julie DiFrancisco fractured her arm.

This has caused Coach Wilson to constantly make changes with the line-up, and flexible players such as Chris Zurkan have been extremely valuable this season.

The team's most recent tri-match resulted in a sweep over Canisius; 15-13, 15-13 and Mercyhurst; 15-7, 15-12. "It was an all-around team effort," Wilson said.

As for individual play, Sue Holmes is the team leader in kills with 125, and Anne Hatton leads the team in blocks with 25 and in serving aces with 34.

Some of the team's future games include the Fredonia Tournament on Oct. 18, in which Behrend has won for three consecutive years. There will be a home tri-match on Oct. 30 against Mercyhurst and John Carroll University beginning at 6:00.

## Bari brings optimism to Behrend

by **Shelli McClellan**  
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Micheal Bari, a newcomer to Penn State-Behrend this year brings with him optimism for the baseball team. Mr. Bari was an undergraduate student and baseball player at West Virginia Wesleyan College. He did his graduate work and coached at East Strausburg before coming to Behrend.

The baseball team had a short fall season that ended with a 1-1 record with a loss to Gannon. Coach Bari found the season "disappointing, weather wise" but he pointed out that the bad fall weather taught them patience. "We learned to take the weather as

it comes." This will be helpful this spring, Erie weather being what it is.

The new coach looks forward to this spring. He says he is working on attitudes. His goal is to make the team competitive and to turn the young team of mostly freshmen and sophomores into a winning team.

At present the team is working inside on a weight program. After that, they travel to Florida for a baseball camp during spring break. In this camp they will play other northern teams who have come south. The team will also travel to West Virginia in early March before beginning their 34 game schedule this spring.

## Together is the key to success

by **Sue Holmes**  
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Although the Lady Cubs ended the 1985-86 season with an 8-17 record there were many highlights. They won the Fredonia Invitational Tournament and had close games with nationally ranked Allegheny College and with Division II Gannon University.

With six promising newcomers in addition to five returning players the Lady Cubs have fresh talent to blend with experience. The newcomers include five freshmen and a senior while three seniors and two sophomores return for a challenging 1986-87 season. Coach Sobotta said "We are entering the season very optimistically, and our goal is to be respectable in Division III of the NCAA, and be more than just competitive—we want to win!"

The Lady Cubs success will depend on several factors coach

Sobotta said "Early injuries (2 ankle surgeries and an appendectomy) slowed their progress somewhat and a lot will depend on how we adjust to the circumstances. Each player must get to know one another in order to develop the necessary teamwork to play good basketball."

Four returners played starting roles a majority of the 1985-86 season and Sobotta feels that "The experience of playing together will definitely help. They are unselfish players and they want to develop together." Key returners are seniors Paula Skaggs and Sue Holmes and Sobotta will be looking to both of them for leadership. Sobotta feels that the "1986-87 roster has depth too which will create internal competition and will lead to a well-balanced team. Everyone has a role to play and each player will make a contribution."

## Practice begins for club volleyball team

by **Sue Holmes**  
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Under the direction of Dr. Robert Light, the Men's Club Volleyball Team began practice on Oct. 7, with the expectations of continuing their tremendous success.

The Behrend Club Volleyball Team is currently an associate member in the Pennsylvania Conference of EIVA, (Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association) and finished the 1986 season with only one dual loss.

As an associate member, the

team was not eligible for championship play; however, they were invited to the championships based on their season record.

In dual meet competition the club team was the only team in their conference to defeat IUP and they also captured first place at the Allegheny College Tournament. The team lost only one dual match to very powerful Slippery Rock University. Most of their non-division competition was from such strong universities as Drexel, Syracuse, Cornell and Columbia which the Behrend team defeated. On the basis of their excellent showing the team is ranked third in

the East of club volleyball teams. "That was not a bad showing for the first season," said Coach Light.

When asked why the Men's Volleyball program was not a varsity sport, Coach Light replied, "It is a lack of space, we do not have enough access to the gym to have practice every day. It is difficult

scheduling practices and games when both women's and men's basketball and intramurals are in progress." This is the second year for the club volleyball team and Coach Light feels that with an influx of freshmen volleyball players and the experience of the returnees, this year's team could do even better than last year's team.

## Benefit baseball game

by **Dave Bruce**  
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The men's varsity baseball team played an 100-inning game on Sunday morning, October 11, to raise money for a spring trip to Florida.

It is estimated that the team raised about \$2,000 for the trip, with each player responsible for raising pledges. The money will be placed

into an account until the spring.

As for the game itself, which lasted six hours, the players were split between two teams; veterans and rookies. Surprisingly, the rookies defeated the veterans 21-14.

In order to speed up the game, a pitching machine was used, and only one strike, or two foul balls, constituted an out.

## Intramurals underway

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The Behrend Blue Book defines intramurals as, "The emphasis on continuing opportunities for skill development, competition, maintaining physical fitness, and recreational enjoyment, regardless of sex or skill level."

Behrend's Intramural program is guided under the watchful eye of Sarah Rose, the Athletic Trainer. She says that flag football and golf are in session currently and will be for a few more weeks to come.

If a team is successful enough to be crowned champions they receive navy blue and white, Recreational Sports T-Shirts, designed by Doug Conley, a student who graduated last year.

An upcoming intramural event is the "Schick Superhoops" contest, it is a three-man team contest with head-to-head action sponsored by the Schick Corporation.

Sign-ups for the superhoops competition started on Oct. 15 and will be going on until Oct. 29. There will be complimentary gifts given by Schick to all who participate. Winners will advance to regional play at Ohio State University and if they succeed there, will advance to a Cleveland Cavalier halftime highlight game for the finals.

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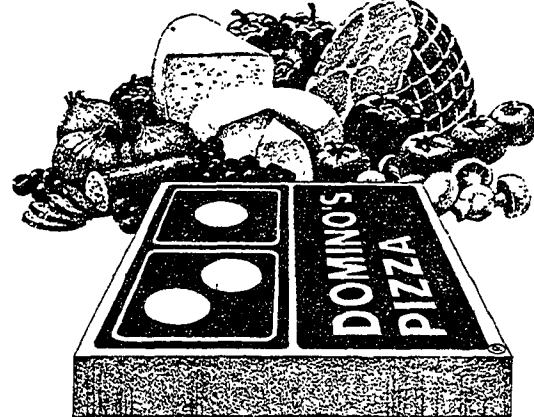
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