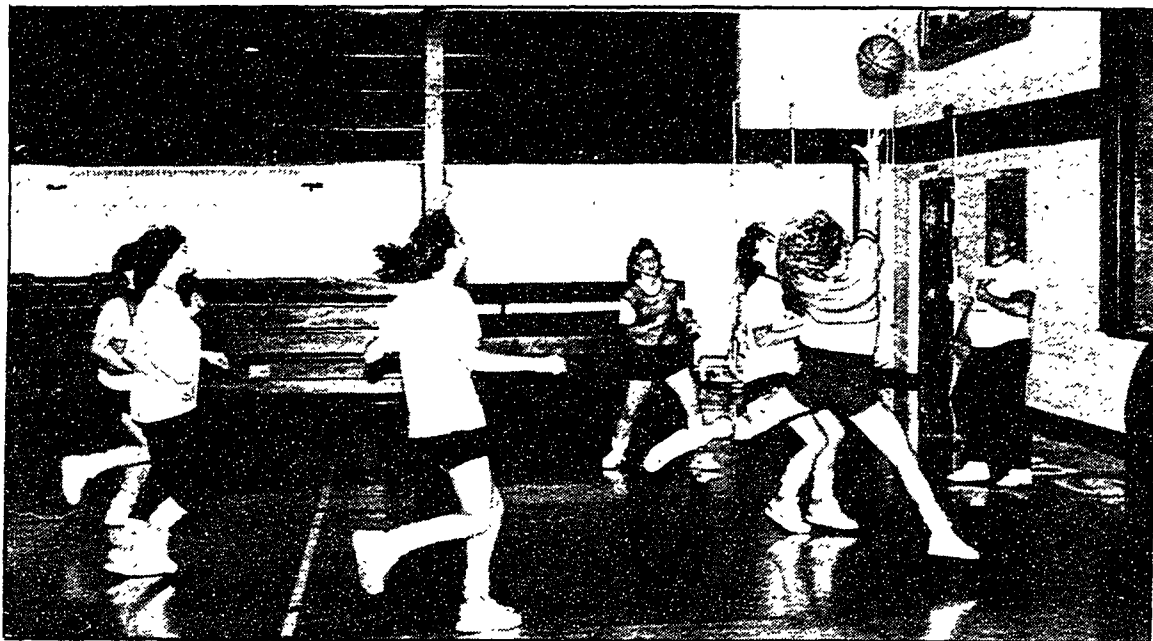


# Basketball teams tip off season



Lisa Butch goes up for a lay-up.

Photo by Rick Brooks

by Sue Holmes  
Collegian Sports Editor

The Women's Basketball team will open their season this weekend November 22 and 23 at the Fredonia Invitational Tournament. Last season the Lady Cub's finished their season with a 8-17 record, and third year Head Coach Karin Sobotta is very optimistic about the upcoming season.

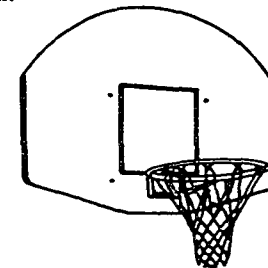
"We are opening up our season at the Fredonia Tourney which we won last year, and I feel that we will win it again. I am not one to make predictions, but I am confident that the team this year has the potential to do well," Sobotta said. The Lady Cubs will face Elmira College of New York in the first game of the tournament. Last season when the two teams met Elmira won the contest by five points.

Coach Sobotta said that she will be expecting a lot from her

freshmen, and will be pushing them to meet their full potential. Sobotta is especially looking for great play from freshman point guard Lisa Dorenkamp. "I will be expecting Lisa to play like she is a sophomore with one year of college playing experience. She is a great asset to the team and her enthusiasm really gets the team going, she will push herself to live up to the expectations I have set for her and her attitude will help to carry the team," Sobotta said.

Sobotta will also be looking for help in the point guard position from sophomore Lisa Butch. Sobotta said that "Lisa has a lot more confidence than she had last season, and with one year of college basketball experience she should help out the team tremendously." Sobotta also feels that her team blocks out very well against much taller opponents, and this should be an asset to the team.

On Friday and Saturday, November 28-29 the Lady Cubs will be hosting the Behrend-Ramada Inn Classic Women's Basketball Tournament, held here at Erie Hall. Friday night in the opening game of the tournament, Malone College of New York will play St. John Fisher at 7pm and at 9pm Mt. Union College will challenge the Lady Cubs. On Saturday the consolation game will be at 1 p.m. with the tip-off of the championship game slated for 3 p.m.



## Funds Raised By Phone

by Sue Holmes  
Collegian Sports Editor

On November 9th the first ever Phone-A-Thon for the athletic department was held at Behrend College. The purpose of the Phone-A-Thon was to generate funds for the sports teams here at Behrend. This was done by calling former Behrend athletes and asking them to pledge to Behrend athletics.

There was a very large turn-out, with 40 student athletes, helping in the calling of alumni. Athletic Director Herb Lauffer said "I was very happy with the turn-out of student athletes and cheerleaders and with the great help the coaches gave during the Phone-A-Thon." Lauffer also said that "This is a great way to keep the alumni in touch with what is going on here at Behrend, and it is also good because it gives the athlete an opportunity to talk to the alumni."

As of today the Phone-A-Thon has generated 2055.00 dollars for the Behrend athletic department, with pledges still coming in. Lauffer said, "That with the great response of this Phone-A-Thon there will definitely be a second one."

## Men's team plays in Gary Miller Classic

by David Bruce  
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The Behrend Men's Basketball Team will open their season at the Gannon Hammermill Center, with the Gary Miller Classic on November 22, with the tip-off slated for 8:30 pm. Behrend has participated in the tournament since its start in 1983, defeating Franklin University, and losing to Edinboro and Gannon in the three previous opening games.

This year, the Cubs take on the Golden Knights again. Coach Zimmerman and senior Randy Gorniak recently gave their thoughts on the upcoming games.

"The players are looking forward to it ... we are getting things accomplished," replied Coach Zimmerman. "This is our fourth year at the Classic ... last year we played Gannon strong until the final quarter." Gorniak echoed the coach's statement, "Everybody is pumped up, Gannon is a good measuring stick ... we will know where we stand (after the game)."

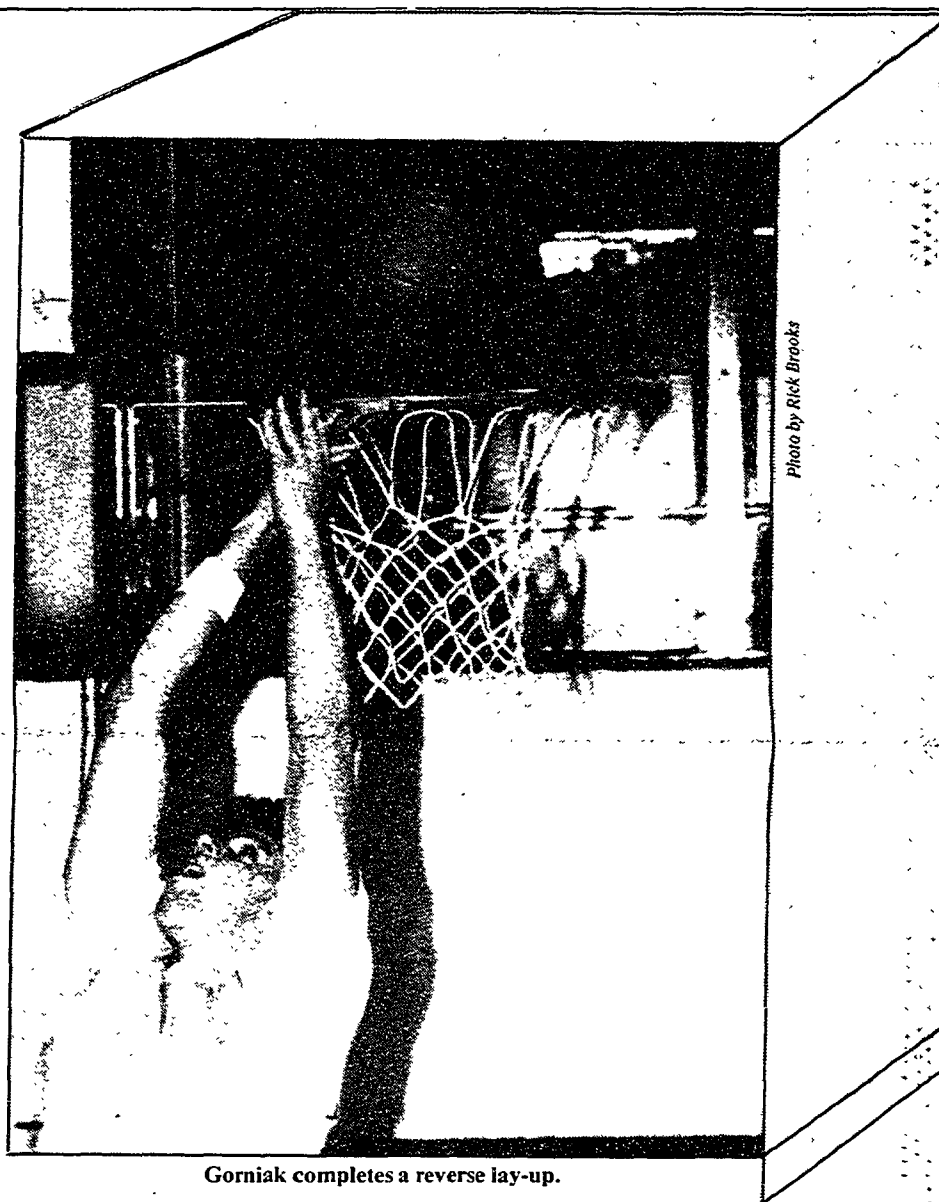
Gorniak, who has been fighting a cold the last few days, said that the team is looking good during practice, that there is, "A lot of competition, especially when we are healthy ...". There have been the usual aches and pains, but the only major injury has been a stress fracture to Jim Webb's ankle. Webb is expected to return to the team by Christmas at the latest.

Both Coach Zimmerman and Gorniak believe that the team's biggest improvement is the addition of three junior transfers; Gary Zang, Wayne Snyder, and Bob Quarture, all from other Penn State branch campuses. "The new guys are helping out tremendously, they have a combination of fresh blood and experience," said Gorniak. "The whole team is more mature, we are shooting with more confidence."

On a personal level, Gorniak thinks there will be increased pressure on him to perform offensively, "Being a senior, more articles are being written about the fact that I have to score more ... more teams will be keying on me."

While the Knights might be focusing on Gorniak, Coach Zimmerman does not believe there will be a key match-up. "Team type play is more important than any match-up," said the coach, "We must run when the opportunity arises but we do not want a track meet."

Gorniak believes that tempo is an important factor in the upcoming game, "To beat Gannon, we must keep control of the tempo. Also we must be aggressive and most importantly, we must box out their big men."



Gorniak completes a reverse lay-up.

Photo by Rick Brooks

## Coach Wilson honored

by Sue Holmes  
Collegian Sports Editor

Head Coach of the Women's Volleyball team, and physical education instructor, Jan Wilson, has been selected to the NCAA National Selection Committee for women's volleyball. Wilson has served as a member of the Eastern Selection Committee, the NCAA Committee that selects the top five teams from the 65 teams in the Eastern Region to become national contenders. As a member of the national committee, Wilson will be involved in the final selection of the top 20 teams in the nation. Wilson feels that one of the big reasons why she got selected to the national committee was because of the number of tournaments that the

Lady Cubs played in this year. "Many of the teams that are ranked in the top 20 were teams that we played in tournaments," said Wilson. This has made her job an easier one because she has been able to watch many of the teams play.

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