

Cub mascot keeps team on their toes

by Dave Bruce
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One of the latest rages among colleges is to have an official mascot to perform at basketball games, fund raisers and pep rallies. Our entry into this field is the Behrend Cub, performed by Terry Anthony.

Terry first became interested in the art of "mascotting" when he noticed a sign on campus asking for volunteers. He was the alternate Cub his freshman year, and took over the top spot at the beginning of last year.

The Cub has performed at the Millcreek Mall as well as at freshman orientation, but he spends most of his time at Erie Hall rooting for the Men's and Women's basketball teams.

His usual routine consists of the familiar antics of the referee-baiting and opponent-hexing, but Terry has included the unusual as well, such as a strip show.

While Terry tries to discuss his game plans beforehand with the players and referees, sometimes he catches them by surprise.

Once he got into trouble when he shook a bald ref's

hand then rubbed his head. "He got extremely furious," Terry admits. "He told Herb Lauffer (athletic director)." Now Terry makes it a point to talk with every official before the game.

Except for that one incident, Terry has stayed out of trouble. "I don't do anything obscene," he said. "I try to be tasteful since I'm representing Behrend." However, he has seen other schools' mascots surpass the boundaries of good taste.

"One of the mascots was encouraging the fans to swear, and was extremely rude to our cheerleaders," he said.

As for Behrend's players, they seem to appreciate the Cub. "They like the Cub because I excite the crowd and when the crowd gets noisy, they (the team) seem to play better," says Terry.

"At first, I was apprehensive (of the players), but they treat me like one of the guys," Terry admits.

So next time you are at a basketball game, and you see the Cub performing, do not forget the man behind the mask.

Fans shoot it out during half-time competition

University Relations—This year, area sharpshooters will have their chance to go for the goal during half-time at Penn State-Behrend men's basketball home games.

During each game, three spectators will be chosen by ticket numbers to compete in the "Half Time Shoot Out," a 24-second competition sponsored by the college's ROTC department and local merchants.

In a brow-sweating battle against the odds, Shoot Out participants will try to make four consecutive shots (a lay-up, a free throw, a

medium-range and a long-range) in 24 seconds or less.

The contestants who make their first shot will receive free popcorn and coke from the Penn State-Behrend ROTC Scuba Club. Those who complete two shots before the buzzer win a dinner for two at Chi

Chi's Mexican Restaurant. Aces who make three through the hoop will win a remote control telephone from Shaw TV and Appliances. And the grand prize winner who completes all four shots will receive \$1,000 cold cash from Kimmel Pontiac.

Behrendettes will perform at games

by Angela Papaleo
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The jury is in and they have decided to allow the Behrendettes to exist here at Penn State-Behrend this year. The girls were very excited and relieved to hear the news.

However, they have not yet performed at any of the basketball games. They are planning on displaying their talents at the basketball game on Saturday, December sixth. The girls will try to have a varied repertoire. They do not wish to repeat a routine more than twice, preferably not at all. To achieve this goal the Behrendettes began practicing back in October. They now practice every Monday and Wednesday at 8:00pm in Niagara Hall.

The season starts in December and is finished in February with a total of nine games. They will only be available for the home games. Although the Christmas holiday semester break will bring the students home, only one game will be missed. The last performance before the break is December tenth. The season will commence again when we return on January twelfth.

The Behrendettes consisted of twenty members but have been reduced to sixteen which they feel will be sufficient enough to contribute to a very successful year.

Spirit alone will not make a Behrendette squad. Finances are always a necessity. With the season already beginning the team did not have time to wait for their budget request to be approved. Therefore they created their own uniforms. They will be attired in white t-shirts with designs made of glitter. This will be complimented by tight fitting black pants, white socks and shoes. This outfit will only be temporary until the Student Government Association approves the budget proposal at the next meeting to be held Wednesday night, December third. This has already been approved by the Budget Committee. The money they hope to receive will be used to reimburse the dancers as well as finance the much needed new uniforms. The desired ensemble will include blue material used to make the blouse and slacks, gloves, pom-poms and perhaps even hats.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting to observe the Behrendettes in action. Sophomore captain Lori Davison says that one of their greatest fears is disappointing the audience. But this emotion is one shared by many performers everywhere. She said, "We're all very excited. We really hope to inspire enthusiasm at the games." She hopes that many people will support both the basketball team as well as the Behrendette Dancers.



Behrend Cub mascot dances onto the court.

Photo by Rick Brooks

Holmes plays in tournament

by Sean Weaver
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Senior captain Sue Holmes was recently named to the all tournament team at the Penn State-Behrend Ramada Inn women's basketball classic held at Behrend College. Although Behrend fell short of winning the tournament, Holmes was very pleased to be named to the all tournament team. The tournament, held November 28 and 29 hosted three colleges from nearby areas: Mount Union College from Alliance Ohio, St. John Fisher from Rochester, New York, and Malone College from Canton, Ohio.

Malone College has won the tournament for the past three years in a row, this year being the 4th annual event the Malone women's team has dominated the event since its existence.

"We played good games... usually in the first half" said third year coach Karin Sobotta. "We just need to play two good halves of basketball instead of one or the other."

The team is now into their season with a 1-5 record, but there are high hopes for the remaining games. "We have a good team with a lot of talent...it just takes time to adjust" says Chris Huff a senior member of the women's team.

Holmes is leading the team in points with an average of 13.2 points per game and Lisa Butch with an average of 10.7 points per game. Leading the team in the rebound category is freshman Michele Madison who is averaging 7.3 rebounds per game.

Two captains for the team are Sue Holmes and Paula Skaggs. Due to difficulty with "interpreting legislation" in the NCAA, Skaggs at this point in the season she is ineligible to play for the team. Coach Sobotta expressed her concern for getting Skaggs back. "Paula picks up the team at practice and in the games, she is a good team leader."

Sobotta also spoke of the younger players and their potential. The third year Behrend coach said the team has good depth in a very talented bench. Lisa Dorenkamp, a freshman, is averaging three assists per game and this shows the strength of Sobotta's bench. The team also has an average of 34 rebounds per game as a team.

Despite the tough Division III schedule the Lady Cubs look ahead to a promising season. "We have the talent...we just need to work together and we can accomplish our goals," says freshman Bobbie Bauer.

The women hoopers will continue their season into the spring semester with the hope of bettering their record.

Mens' basketball team stronger

by Craig Altmire
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Last year the Behrend Cubs may have been "close but no cigar," said Coach Doug Zimmerman, in his fourth year at Behrend. "But," he added, "we're going for the cigar this year."

Although the Cubs began their season with a loss to the Gannon Knights, they bounced back with consecutive wins over Bethany and Thiel.

Behrend's opening game against Gannon took place at Gannon's Hammermill Center in the Gary Miller Classic.

The Cubs surprised Gannon by coming out aggressively, but fell short at the end, losing by 72-54 to the Knights-a division two team; a team that ranked in the country's top ten during preseason.

Tracy Labow led the cubs in the

opener with 19 and the ill Randy Gorniak was right behind him with 18.

Behrend's second game was played at home against Bethany. Rich Irr led the Cubs to a 75-68 win with 19 points and Randy Gorniak, still not at 100 percent, came up with 17 for the Cubs.

The Cubs traveled to Thiel for their third game. Behrend soundly defeated the Tomcats on their own court.

The men's team is strong this year except for a few health problems.

Randy Gorniak has been weakened by a persistent illness since mid Nov. He didn't begin to feel stronger until after Thanksgiving break. Bob Quarture, the 6'7" forward transfer from Penn State-McKeesport was having some problems with a pulled muscle and is

just getting back to 100 percent.

The 6'5" senior forward, Jim Webb is just beginning to come back from a stress fracture in his ankle.

Coach Zimmerman says the Cubs are more aggressive and physically stronger this year. The depth of the team is going to help Behrend this year, says Zimmerman. "We can go eight or nine deep with no problem."

Another advantage Behrend has this year is an increased number of home games. "Last year nine out of our first eleven games were on the road," said Zimmerman.

With the strength and enthusiasm the Cubs have this year, they might just grab that cigar.

Upcoming games for the Cubs before the semester is over include St. John Fisher, SUNY Brockport and SUNY Buffalo.

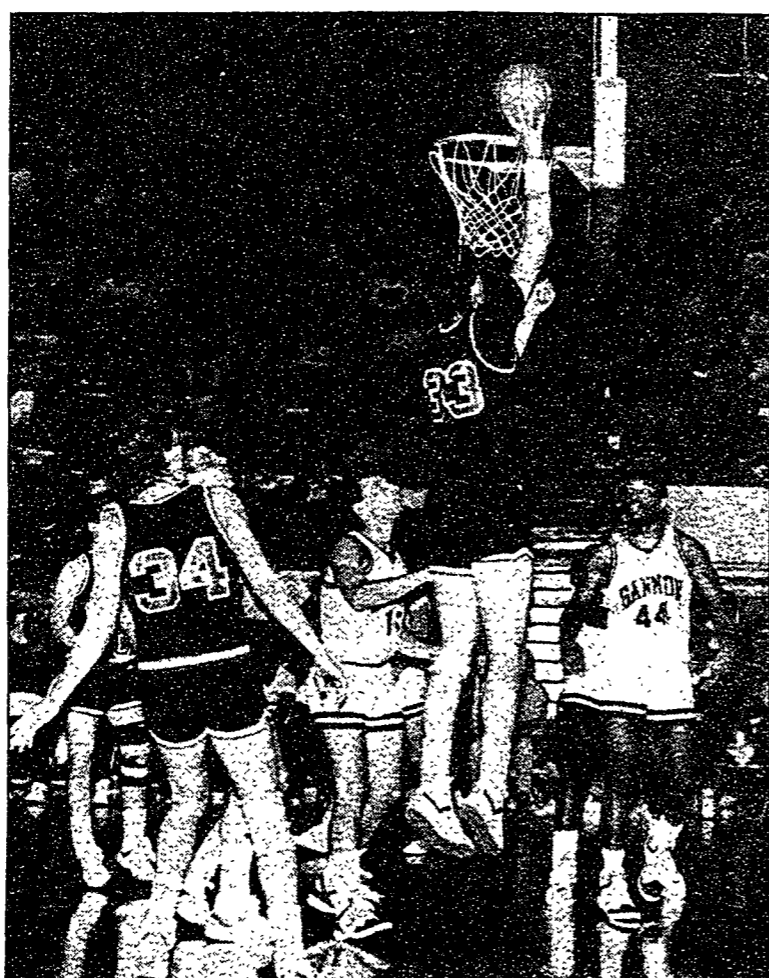


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Gorniak completes a lay-up.

Fiesta Bowl application due Dec. 12

Penn State University will play the University of Miami on January 2, 1987, at Tempe, Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl. The game will be played at 7:00 pm Mountain Time. The following are ticket arrangements for currently enrolled full-time students and members of the faculty and staff. All ticket sales will be by lottery with one application person; two tickets maximum per application. Each ticket is \$25.00. The application deadline is December 12, 1986; 4:30 pm. No cash will be accepted, checks or money orders should be made

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