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Kings of the court

by Michael Cifelli Collegian Staff Writer

Two players have put Penn State-Behrend on the basketball map this winter—Randy Gorniak and Gary Zang. The duo is a key part of a nucleus of players who have helped the basketball team find its winning ways recently, ending a tough losing streak. It reinforced the team's idea that "we should do it," according to Gorniak. It was also a reminder of the confidence they have in themselves as a solid basketball team. Gorniak is currently ranked number one in Division III hoops in the rebounding category with an average of 15.9 per game. The hot hand of Gary Zang, a Delaware Campus transfer, earned him a fourth place ranking temporarily in

field goal percentage nationally. Randy Gorniak, the 6'7" senior forward, doesn't see himself as a jumper. "I don't outjump people. I see where the ball is going, and I have a desire to get it." He has hauled in a total of 270 rebounds so far this season. Gorniak has also seen his role on the team go from a primarily defensive one to a scoring one as well. His 19.9 points per game average attests to that. Coach Zimmerman sees the Behrend big-man as a leader and a responder. "Randy is a leader. He does things I expect a senior to do. Everybody knows what he's capable of, and opponents gear their defense towards him. He responds well." And respond he has. According to coach Zimmerman, some of his

biggest season performances have been double-figure outings against Gannon, the so-called "cream of the crop," in which he had over 20 points. Zimmerman went on to state that Gorniak's senior year has shown "steady improvement," and that his chief characteristic is "consistency." As of the January 28th issue of the NCAA News, Gorniak's rebound average bested players in all three divisions of the NCAA, by at least two rebounds. Another player has made his mark this year. Gary Zang, a transfer from the Delaware Campus near Philadelphia, was ranked fourth in Division III field goal percentage at one point this season. He has since dropped from the leaders, but not far off the pace.

Zang has hit 91 buckets in 167 attempts so far this season for a 55% shooting figure. He has also proved to be "ice" on the free-throw line with a statistic of 74% (29-39). When asked about his reaction to being amongst the leaders, his answer was simply: "I was surprised." It has been a season of growth and improvement for the junior small forward. "I am gaining confidence and given more responsibility as the season progresses. I like to help out the younger guys. It (Behrend) is a step up from what I was used to at Delaware—I'm really looking forward to next year." Zang's season is highlighted by the Fredonia game, in which he scored 25 points; and at Thiel, where he was 100%, hitting every shot and free-throw he attempted.

Coach Zimmerman stated that the 6'2" shooter "is still learning the system and grasping defensive concepts. He can improve more." Zimmerman mentioned his importance to the team as a "3-man." "Gary is a combination guard-forward that has the ability to shoot from the outside, as well as rebound and score on the inside." Zimmerman went on to add that, "Gary jumps well, is a game player and he's strong. He plays bigger than 6'2". In addition, Zang has further proven his defensive abilities by leading the club in steals with 38. Zimmerman further included that, "He is a consistent shooter with a good shot selection. He did hit a slump, but got back up. He plays the same everytime out and

doesn't turn the ball over much." Gary Zang will be back on the court for another year at Penn State-Behrend. "My goals for next season are to be a responsible leader, shoot 50% and to win." Coach Zimmerman summarized the performances of Gorniak and Zang by calling it a two-way thing. "They deserve it. High shooting percentages and rebound averages are more important to a team than someone with a high scoring average—that's just a one-man show." Zimmerman credits the squad's recent winning surge to production from more players on a whole. "It takes some pressure off of the Gorniak brothers and Zang. The opponent has to worry about more people like Weed, Snyder and Moller. The team has balance."

Volleyball with "varsity" image

by Michael Cifelli Collegian Staff Writer

There is a club with a "varsity" image at Penn State Behrend, the men's volleyball team. They are coming off a successful season in which the team finished third in the east. As a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA), they have moved up from the B-flight to the A-flight which includes Pitt, St. Francis, I.U.P., Allegheny, Robert Morris as well as Penn State-Behrend. Being in a higher division, they face tougher competition with only five returning players, three of them being starters. The team is coached by Dr. Bob Light and captained by junior Steve Stegman. Other team members include: junior Ken Richter; sophomores Sean Weaver, Kevin Wagner, Clark Bradley, Tim Wilson and Doug Pecora; freshmen Tom Drda, Ken Fisher, Steve Shadle, Tom Wilkinson and Scott Olsen. The squad practices in Erie Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-12 p.m., and Sundays from 9:30-11:30. There are hopes for varsity recognition. According to Dr. Light, this could only happen with more guaranteed court time. The "future" sports complex is the obvious answer. The impact of volleyball in collegiate sports is "great and growing," states Dr. Light. "It takes some time to establish the sport in the East. It's much bigger in the West, such as California." Dr.

Light also mentioned that volleyball here at Behrend has been supported well by the athletic department, but is in need of more fans. "Volleyball here is exciting. This is a club with a varsity-type schedule." The squad is currently preparing for the schedule ahead, and has already engaged in some competition. They face a busy weekend at the I.U.P. tournament February 7, and at St. Francis for a tri-match with Pitt and St. Francis. During practice, Dr. Light stresses fundamentals and getting players used to each other. "It is probably more important to have teammates know each other well in volleyball more than any other sport." He also runs his team through 6 vs. 6 and one-and-a-half-hour drills. In commenting on the team's strengths and weaknesses, Dr. Light said, "On one hand, they're not used to each other yet. The good thing is that they have good individual talent." With balanced competition, Dr. Light's projection is "to pick-up by the season's end." Dr. Light's hopes for future volleyball at Behrend is, "continued growth, recruiting and improvement." The future can only be optimistic for Behrend's new and fast-paced sport. It has become a welcome and attractive addition to Penn State-Behrend athletics. Yes, that popular beach pastime has found its competitive place here at Behrend.

Bruce's all-star picks

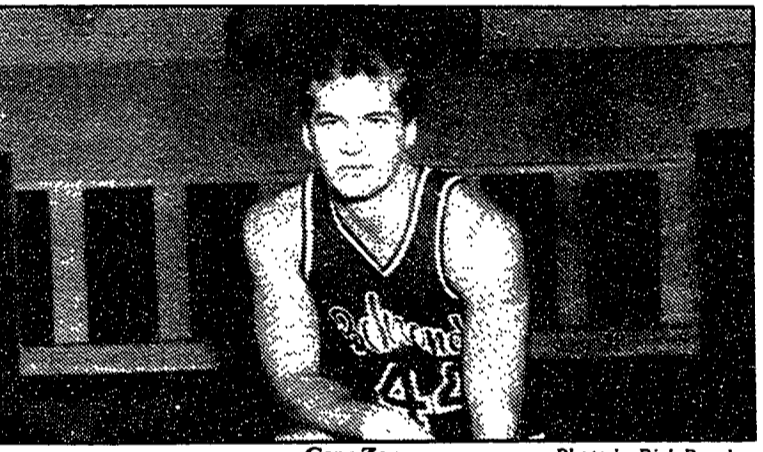
by Dave Bruce Collegian Staff Writer

Since I did not want to write about the Super Bore, and All-Star teams are more fun to compose, I present my semi-official, 1987 NFL All-Star roster: Quarterback—Dan Marino, Miami Dolphins. The best in the game, period. Runningback—Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants. Runningback—Curt Warner, Seattle Seahawks. He gets the nod over Eric Dickerson because of his Penn State ties. Flanker—Herschel Walker, Dallas Cowboys. Wide Receiver—Al Toon, N.Y. Jets. Wide Receiver—Steve Largent, Seattle Seahawks. An under-rated player who gets my vote for his consistency. Tight-end—Mark Bavaro, N.Y. Giants. Center—Dwight Stephenson, Miami Dolphins. Guard—Bill Fralic, Atlanta Falcons.

Guard—Max Montoya, Cincinnati Bengals. Tackle—Cody Risen, Cleveland Browns. I hope this makes you Browns' fans happy. Tackle—Jim Covert, Chicago Bears. Cornerback—Darrell Green, Washington Redskins. Anybody who can catch and tackle Eric Dickerson from behind is worth my vote. Cornerback—Mike Haynes, L.A. Raiders. Strong Safety—Dave Duerson, Chicago Bears. Free Safety—Ronnie Lott, S.F. 49ers. Linebacker—L.T., N.Y. Giants. If you do not know his name by now, you never will. Linebacker—Andre Tippett, N.E. Patriots. It's not bragging if you can back it up, and he can. Linebacker—Harry Carson, N.Y. Giants. Linebacker—Karl Mecklenburg, Denver Broncos. Dexter Manley would have made the team, but I do not like his mouth or his work

Punter—Rohn Stark, Indianapolis Colts. I had to have a colt on the team, and he was the only deserving player. Kicker—Matt Bahr, Cleveland Browns. Any kicker who gets hurt making a tackle is on my team. Kickoff/Punt Returner—Gerald 'Ice Cube' McNeil, Cleveland Browns. Members of the Behrend Men's Volleyball club and Women's Varsity team are having a volleyball-athon on February 19 from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Erie Hall. The players are currently seeking pledges for the fund-raiser, with the proceeds going towards the purchase of new warm-up jerseys. Two courts will be in use during the event, and the women's team is looking for a team to play an exhibition match against— anyone interested?

Behrend's best in centercourt



Gary Zang Photo by Rick Brooks

Behrend's Best highlights women's basketball player Sue Holmes and men's basketball player Gary Zang. Holmes is a 5'9" forward center from Hermitage, Pennsylvania. She is a senior Communications major and will graduate from Behrend in May. She is currently averaging 12.5 points per game and 7.0 rebounds per game. On January 23, Holmes reached a milestone in her basketball career by scoring her 1,000th career point. At this current time Holmes has a total of 1035 points and is threatening former Cubs' star Missy Stasenko's 1981-85 record of 1057 points. According to head coach Karin Sobotta, "Sue is one of our most experienced and intense players. She is strong on offense and is toughening up her defense." Junior forward Gary Zang is also honored as one of Behrend's best. Zang is an Accounting major from Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Before playing at Behrend, Zang played at the Delaware County Campus of Penn State. While at the Delaware Campus, Zang was an All League performer. Zang is currently averaging 13.0 points per game. According to head coach Doug Zimmerman, Gary is extremely steady. "He's always around the ball and his experience is a plus for the team." The student athletes that are honored by being chosen as one of Behrend's Best will receive a dinner for two, compliments of Barbato's Restaurant in Wesleyville.



Sue Holmes Photo by Rick Brooks

Shootout at halftime

by Sue Jalosky Collegian Staff Writer

Hey Sports Fans! Not only does Behrend offer great basketball action with our very own Behrend Cubs, but the half-times have become equally as exciting. In order to boost spirit and support for the team from the audience, the Army ROTC and Athletic Department are promoting a "shoot out" during the half-times at every home basketball game. Contestants for this contest are randomly selected by numbers off the ticket stubs. Michael Bari, men's baseball coach, reads three numbers to pick the three contestants. Each contestant must complete four shots in the 24-second time limit, the contestant wins

all four prizes. A completed lay-up wins a box of popcorn and a soft drink at the concession stand. A completed foul shot wins a portable telephone sponsored by Show TV and Appliance. The final and most important shot must be made at half court and wins \$1,000 sponsored by Kimmel Pontiac. So far the highest winner has been up to the third prize (popcorn, dinner, and telephone). It's not too late for anyone who's interested in this fantastic opportunity. There are two more home basketball games scheduled: February 15 against Frostburg State and February 18 against Geneva College. Come support our Behrend Cubs and take a chance at getting into the action.

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