

\$450 raised during volleyball-a-thon

by David Bruce
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The Men's volleyball club and the women's varsity team raised over \$450 during their volleyball-a-thon on February 19.

There was a tremendous response to the event, with three challenge teams participating; EKN Fraternity, Third Floor Niagara, and The Apartment Guys. In all, over 35 volleyball players were div-

ing, setting and spiking in Erie Hall for almost 5 hours.

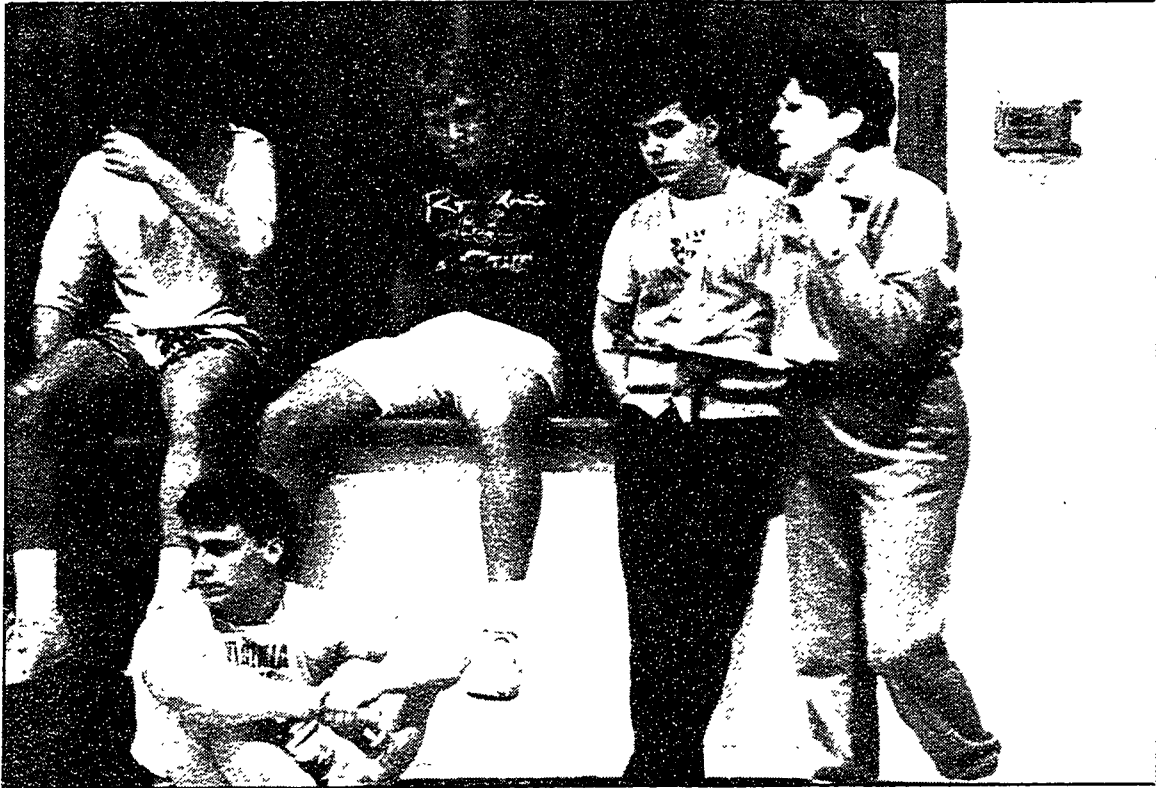
This was the third consecutive Volleyball-a-thon, last year's event raised money for travel expenses and this year's funds will be used to purchase new outfits.

Some of the top fund raisers from the women's team were Julie DiFrancisco and Beth Beres, both of whom are in contention for prizes for their efforts. These prizes include dinner for two at the

Waterfall Restaurant, dinner at Barbato's Restaurant, and movie passes.

As for the event itself, a number of different contests were played: a co-ed tournament, a triples tournament and "King of the Hill"—a type of hybrid volleyball where one team keeps serving until another team scores.

For those who pledged money to a volleyball player, your money is due by February 25.



Jan Wilson organizes the teams for the volleyball-A-Thon. Photo by Wendell Bates



The men's club volleyball team: (Front L-R) Tom Wilkinson, Sean Weaver, Kevin Wagner, Steve Stegman. (Back L-R) Doug Pecora, Ken Fisher, Clark Bradley, Tom Orda, Scott Olsen and Tim Wilson.

Playoffs set for intramural teams

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All four playoff spots have been filled in the intramural basketball league, though it took an extra playoff game.

On February 16, the Smooth J's, led by Jim Ambers and Moe Pringle, defeated Chubbors 32-17 to gain the final playoff spot.

The Smooth J's enter the Final Four tournament with 6-2 record, and will play top seeded Gary's Gang on Feb. 23 at 10:00 p.m.

Gary's Gang features the play of Gary Manuel, Steve Battaglia and Mike Meridino. They finished the season with a perfect 7-0 record.

The other semi-final game will slate the Big Brac's

against the Lucky Dogs on February 23 at 9:00 p.m. The Big Brac's also were undefeated this year, and are led by Mark Majewski and Greg Green.

The Lucky Dogs were 6-1, and feature Terry Ryan, Mike Flanagan and Sean Love.

The two winners will meet on February 25 at 10:00 p.m., immediately following the consolation game.

Michael Bari, who organized the league, said, "There was good competition throughout the season...little problem with forfeits, abusive language and fighting." "The final four are a good representation of the league."

The next intramural event, volleyball, will take place after spring break, and sign-up sheets are already out. Please contact Sarah Rose at 898-6340, for more information.



Janet Grey, Steve Stegman, Larry Laonic, Sue Holmes

Ski team at Behrend

by Angela Papaleo
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If you don't already know Penn State-Behrend has its own Ski Race Team. No, they are not affiliated with the Ski Club here. They are a completely separate organization.

The Race Team consists of five members: captain Skip Jackson, Jim Fraps, Sam Avampato, Bill Alcorn and Chais Gaydos. The season began January 17 and ended February 28. They travel all over Pennsylvania to such resorts as Elk Mountain and Seven Springs. Transportation, however, is determined by each individual. Behrend does not provide the luxury of a bussing service.

Joel Ortry and Skip Jackson started the club last year. They used to race against small schools such as Gannon University, but have since moved on to tougher competition. The team became revived last year after receiving a letter from the NCSA (National Collegiate Ski Association) inquiring if interest was still active at Behrend.

The Student Government Association granted the race team \$800 for the entire season to assist them with provisions. "We're very appreciative of everything they've done for us," says captain Skip

Jackson. This money is put towards lift tickets and entry fees for races, as the members have their own skis. But they still end up paying approximately \$40 each, every time they race, to cover costs. The team had fund raisers before the season began to help earn funds. Unfortunately they did not achieve enough to purchase uniforms. They do, however, have sweatshirts from last year.

The ACSC (American Collegiate Ski Conference) sponsors the races. Our team has beaten four teams with one fifth place win, two sixth place wins and one seventh. They needed another fifth place to qualify for Regionals this weekend. They therefore missed this privilege by one place. Although they will not be participating in these events the racing team is more competitive now than it has ever been.

Unfortunately this season has come to an end. But do not fret, there's always next year to be able to join. "Anyone showing interest is more than welcome to come and try out," encourages Skip. He regrets that this was his last season here because next semester he will be attending Penn State University Park. As he leaves he wishes the best for the team hoping they receive much interest and choose a sufficient replacement to take over for him.

Off campus gym classes offer new adventures

by Pat Schlipf
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There are two off-campus physical education classes that can be taken for credit: they are bowling and swimming. Karin Sobotta is the instructor for bowling and swimming. The fee for either class is ten dollars for the use of off-campus facilities. Both courses may be taken for one credit each.

Bowling class consists of five games per week: two on Tuesday and three on Thursday. The games take place at Eastway Lanes in Westleyville. Fifteen lanes are used for each class. "It's easier at Eastway because the scores are computerized and shown above on

a screen. I can see how the students are doing without making them nervous," Sobotta said. There are two classes that have a maximum enrollment of 45 students.

There are some good bowlers in the class. The best score so far is 236. Tournaments are held and bowling pins are given away as trophies. Bowling classes are held at 9:25 and 11:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings.

The swimming course can be taken to certify a person as a lifeguard. Classes are held at the YMCA in Harborcreek at 7:30 a.m. Certification can be awarded for advanced lifesaving and the Red Cross advanced lifesaving course. The course is fifteen weeks

long and primarily deals with water safety.

The basics of the course is the survival float, front crawl and breast stroke. Other techniques that are taught are: surfboard rescue, boat capsizing, rescuing panicking swimmers, rescuing submerged people, and group rescues.

Lifeguarding requires CPR and lifesaving certification. To be a water safety instructor, a lifesaving certificate is needed. Now that the swimmers are in condition, their ef-

ficiency is much improved.

Written and practical tests are given. Some of the practical tests are: treading water with your legs only, rescuing submerged people and proving you can save people in certain situations that may occur while in the water. Quizzes are also given, to keep the students updated on the notes that are given during part of the class time.

There are only thirteen students enrolled in this class. Sobotta says, "I wish more people would get into it. I recommend people to take it."



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