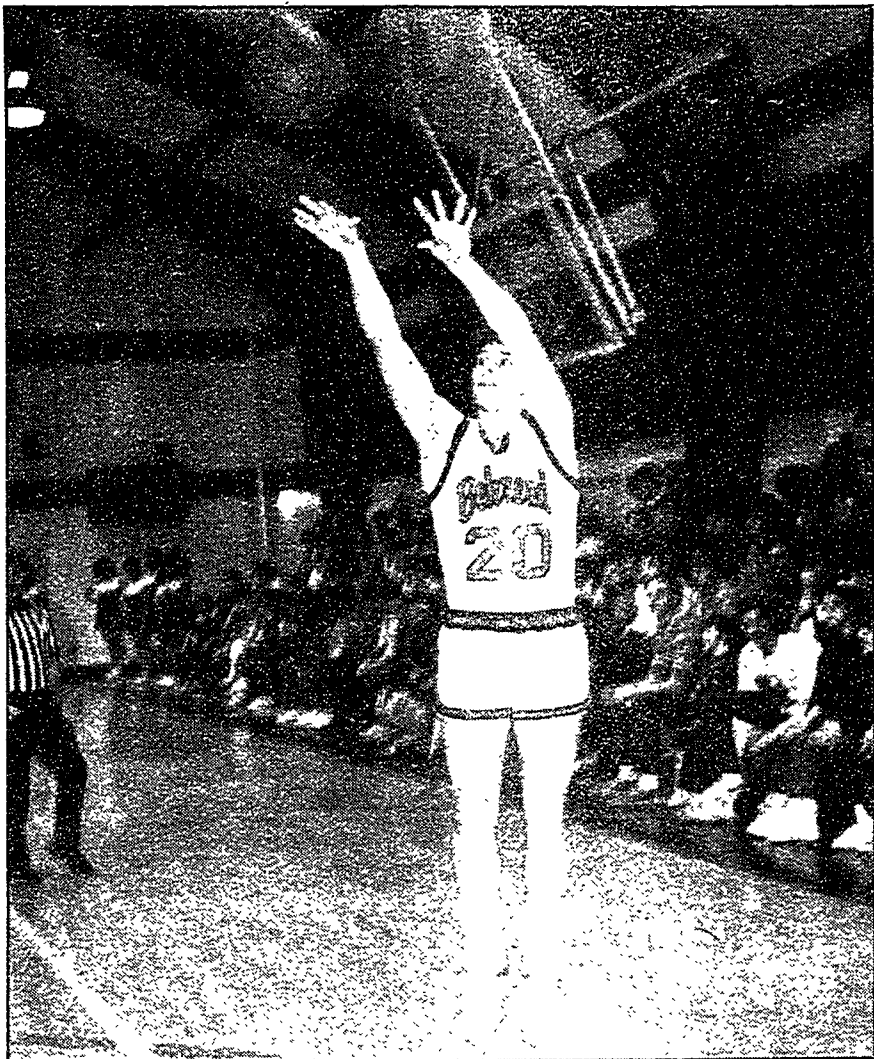
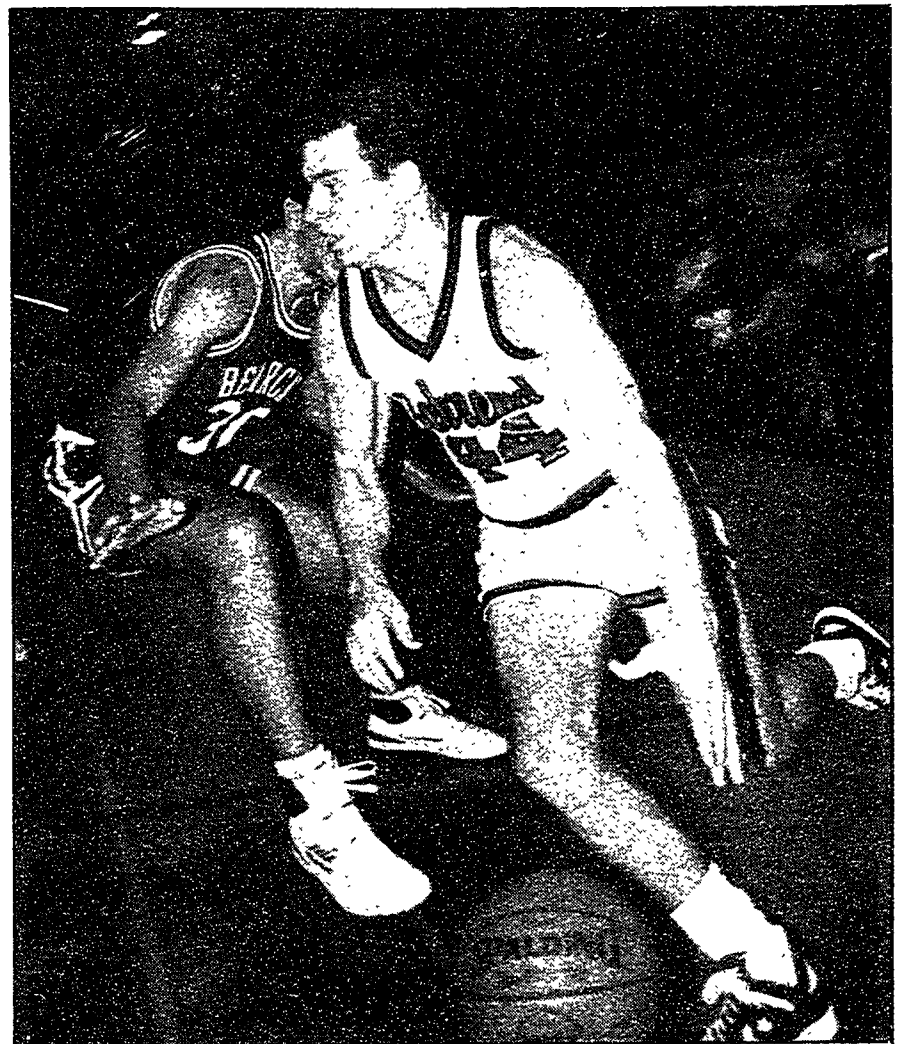


# Cubs quiet noise of tornados



Joe Weed shoots for two.



Gary Zang drives baseline for two.

## Last home game for Gorniak and Sargent

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Last Wednesday, the Behrend basketball crew took on Geneva College for what was their final home game of the 86-87 season. Fans packed Erie Hall and saw the Cubs quiet the storm of the Golden Tornado, 77-70. Their aggressive, fast-paced brand of play gave them their 8th victory in their last 11 contests.

There was an added highlight to this game: the honoring of senior forwards Randy Gorniak and John Sargent. Gorniak, the leading division III rebounder, canned 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds while his partner, Sargent, was in top form with 12 points and nine rebounds.

High spirits from a fired up Behrend crowd accompanied the Cubs from the opening tip-off. A few fans attended the game with blue, white and red "war paint" on their faces. A little over two minutes into the game, point guard Wayne Snyder opened the scoring with a jump-shot from the corner. A pair of charity tosses by Sargent and a tip-in by Randy Gorniak gave the Cubs an early 6-2 lead. The trading off of baskets and leads for the next five or six minutes settled the two teams in for a defensive battle. Sophomore guard Mike Moller opened up the Cub lead with a three-pointer and a breakaway layup. He followed that up a few minutes later with his second three-point field goal to give Penn State-Behrend a 7 point lead. The long distance marksman lead the way for Behrend in the first half with four three-point shots.

Dealing the fast break kept Geneva close in the first stanza, with point guard Tim Dilworth being their bright spot. The half ended with an intense atmosphere in the house. In the final seconds, Geneva launched a toss the length of the court, only to miss the hoop completely and land on the stage in the Blue Band section. The Cubs took a 39-29 advantage in the locker room. Moller and Sargent lead the way with 14 and 10 markers respectively. Behrend out-shot Geneva from the floor

41% to 36%, while Geneva out-rebounded the Cubs 22-17.

Much of the same intensity continued in the second half as Behrend took command with a 17-point lead in the opening three minutes. Randy Gorniak brought the Cubs to the fifty point mark when he took to the air for a breakaway slam. Sargent also gave the crowd what they wanted as his board-crashing took control in the home finale.

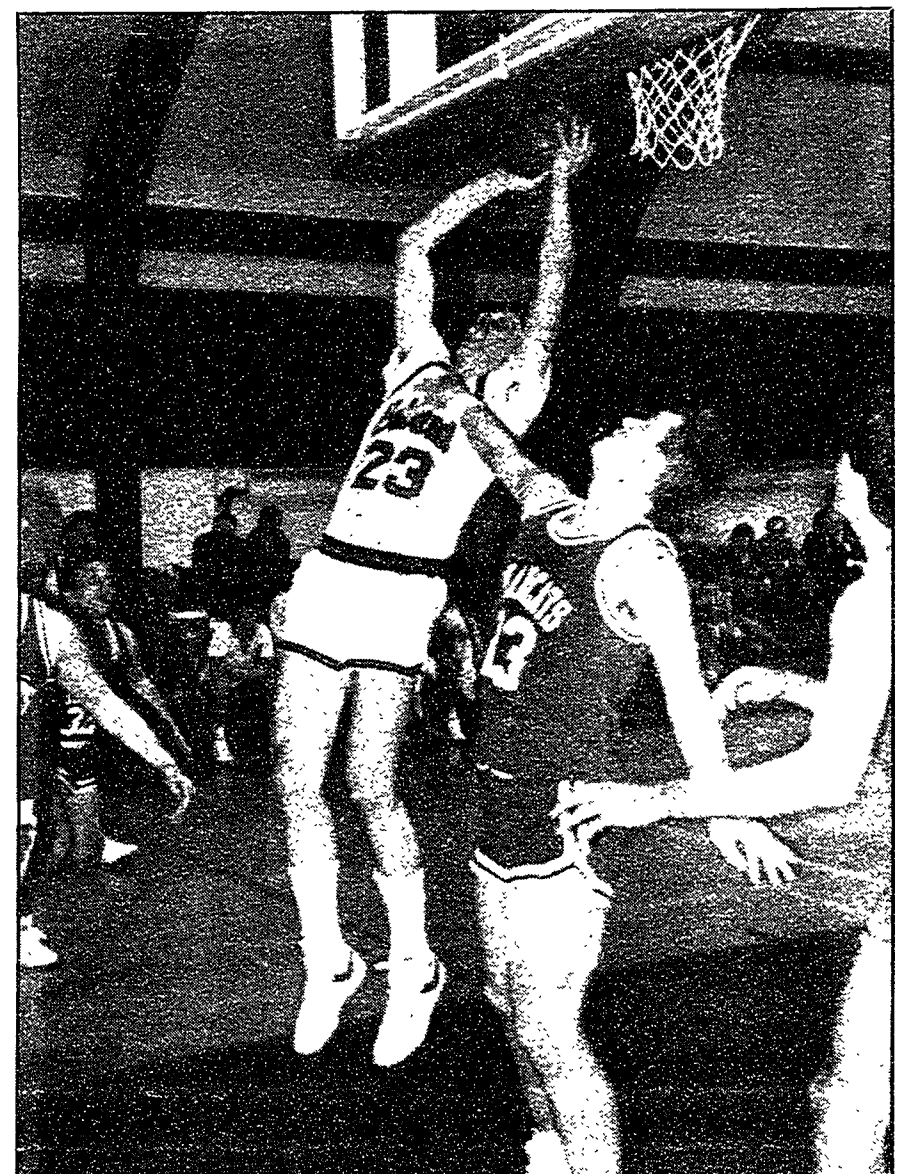
With 4 minutes left, Geneva fought back to within four, but that is as close as they got as Gorniak put down his second dunk of the evening with seventeen seconds left to bring the energetic Behrend crowd to their feet. That seemed the appropriate way to finish his scoring in his last home game.

In a game that had everything from painted faces in the crowd, slam dunks, nosebleeds, rolls of toilet paper thrown on the court and a basketball hurled at the Blue Band, why would one be surprised to see a fight? That was the case as the benches cleared with six seconds left. The fight itself was much like a charge on the pitcher's mound or a hockey brawl. After the smoke cleared and play resumed, the teams swapped free-throws. After sinking one of Behrend's freebies, Sargent left the court, followed by a series of cheers from the crowd of Cub faithfuls. The cheers continued after the final buzzer as Coach Zimmerman's squad continued their winning surge.

The Cubs put four players in double figures with Randy Gorniak leading the way with 20 points. The backcourt duo of Moller (19 points) and Snyder (18 points), as well as Sargent's 12 points helped Behrend sustain a balanced offensive attack.

Sargent's presence was felt in rebounding as he led the way with nine, Randy Gorniak had seven. Guard Joe Weed was the big playmaker with 11 assists.

The win improved the squad's record to 11-13 on the season. It seems that basketball opponents end up on the losing side when they step in the "Cub's Den" at Behrend.



Gene Gorniak is fouled as he goes up against a defender.



The mens team huddle before the start of the game. By Andi Elias



Wayne Snyder drives past a Bearcat.