## Behrend's best on the diamond



Women's softball player Lisa Hites

by Sue Holmes Collegian Staff Writer

Behrend's Best honors womens softball player Lisa Hites and mens baseball player Reese Wetzel.

Hites is a freshman science major from Northwestern High School in Albion Pennsylvania. Hites is a pitcher and third baseman for the womens softball team, she also was a member of the womens tennis team who's season was in the fall.

This past week the womens softball team beat Pitt-Bradford by the score of 8-2. Hites pitched the opening game of the season and only allowed five hits. Hites scored three runs and had four steals in the Cubs victory.

Wetzel is a freshman shortstop from Harborcreek High School in Harborcreek Pennsylvania. When baseball season first started out he was a pitcher but he was moved to shortstop. Against Allegheny College he went 3 for 7 and had 2 RBI's. Coach Bari feels that against Allegheny Reese played good defense."I am impressed because Reese has been improving over the season,"

Hites and Wetzel will receive a dinner for two compliments of Barbato's Restaurant in Wesleyville for being chosen as one of





Men's baseball player Reese Wetzel

## Weather may "foul-up" baseball season

by Angela Papaleo Collegian Staff Writer

Those of you that are familiar with Erie weather know how unpredictable it can be. Which actually would make no difference to you, unless of course you were a baseball player, especially a Penn State-Behrend baseball player. This is the case for about 16 guys waiting to play their first leag game.

The men's varsity baseball team was supposed to have begun their season March 28 and lasting until May 2. But due to weather hazards they've had to reschedule 8 games. As it stands now the team may end up playing a game a day for the next couple weeks. However, this hasn't hindered any attitudes, they all anxiously await the first day.

The team consists of one junior, three sophomores and the rest freshmen. The captains are sophomore Fred Turba and junior Dave Bruce. The most promising player seen thus far by coach Mike Bari would have to be freshman Scott Ebersol. Scott is the team's catcher. While competing over Spring Break in Florida Scott hit .355. Unfortunately he was stricken with an arm injury. However, this did not prevent Scott from participating in every game and his performance was commendable and impressive. Regrettfully the team will lose Scott as his major will be taking him down to Univer-

sity Park. Beyond the regular schedule and the only playing seen this far has been down in Florida and West Virginia. The latter being about a month ago, the team hasn't had and opportunity to better the mistakes they experienced. Due to the weather and the collision with the basketball team, the baseball team had a difficult time practic-

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ing. The weather forced them inside and the batting cage was not accessible bacause of its size causing interference with the basketball team. Therefore the pitchers had no batters to throw to. This was a contribution to their performance in Florida, plus the fact that they were unable to hit indoors. All

freshmen and inexperienced," he says. "All we need is a little time and patience." The guys are not a showy team. They hit hard and make the other team work. "We are aggressive on the base path, we get guys on base and run them. We also like to steal bases," the coach tells us. Jim Senyo is 7 for 8 in his

sucesses, the team is 30 for 34. There are no gimmicks here, nothing fancy, just good solid baseball.

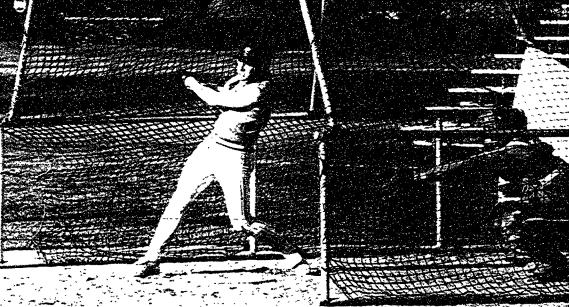
Coach Mike Bari started the Behrend Baseball Fan Club. This was to help raise money for equipment and uniforms. This season it was used to pay for the Florida trip. Anyone wishing to join should see Coach Bari. The guys also held a "Hundred Inning Game" in the fall. Here they accepted pledges and earned \$2200. They're looking forward to raising about 3-4 thousand dollars the next time. Next year they'll be traveling to either Florida, California or Arizona.

"I'm glad there's a break in the

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weather so we can start playing,' says the coach. "We need a lot of support to get the program off the ground." If they play their game and do well on their own field then that will carry over to the road: games. The team is looking forward to a great turn out at their home game April 1 against Mount Union.



Freshman Jim Senyo swings for the fence

things considered, they really didn't do that bad.

The team is currently hitting .270. "They need to be over .300 as a team," says coach Mike Bari. The pitching needs to be improved also. "The kids are young,

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