

Lack of ingredients hurts softball team

by Sean Weaver
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"... A little bit of this, a little bit of that and a big little bit of those... all it takes are the right ingredients to make it work." As the Penn State Behrend Womens Softball Team bring their season to an end, it seems that a lack of the right "ingredients" are the cause of an annoying and vexatious schedule.

"Basics in defense," said one of the Cub players, "defensively we make more errors than should be allowed." Errors statistically contributed to the 1-10 record of the women's team and offensive importance also took effect. Team members said that the "team bat" has been on the down side recently, but now has begun to turn around. "Our batting averages have improved dramatically," said Sue

Holmes, "but it will take a team effort to bring it up to par."

The ingredients do not end with the players by no means. Ann Burbules is in her first season as coach of the lady Cubs and feels that it is essential to get the team to work with their coach and with each other. "At a school like Behrend, it is hard for students to get the opportunity to actually get to know their coach well," says Burbules. Since most athletes transfer to Penn State's main campus after two years, team unity and leadership are lacking. And the small amount of time spent with each other does not help.

The 1983 Mercyhurst graduate also said she enjoyed working with the women's team and that it is a good learning experience for her.

Another ingredient is seniority. Nine of the 11 members of the

women's team are from the freshman class. Coach Burbules commented on this askew balance as a future "blessing." Sophomore leadership will help in the future," say Burbules. "Confidence among classmates will also be a plus on the field."

Injured reserve lists continue to impede the team's efforts as two members wait out the rest of the season. Patty Nuhfer, right fielder for the Cubs, acquired a broken finger and Jill Smith, second baseman, is out with a knee injury.

Competition runs high in the women's league. "...and that's good," says Coach Burbules, "playing teams like Allegheny College helps the team know where they are and makes them work harder." Allegheny College was ranked number one in the region and number five in the nation in

the pre-season ranking. The Behrend softball team will compete in a tournament consisting of five teams with top 20 national rankings. "This type of tournament will be good for the team in many ways," says Burbules, "and if we continue to compete on such a level, Behrend will get recognition

among the top 20. This will help us in seeking a national ranking."

The future holds a loss in terms of leadership but high hopes still exist in the eyes of the women's coach. "There is a lot of inexperience on the team right now," says Burbules. "But in the next fall semester season, we hope to get

two weeks of good play to prepare us as a team for the spring."

Every player and coach, and the characteristics of each are essential to a good season in any sport. And the women's softball team seems to be looking for it all to work as they plan a new season of all the right ingredients.



Catcher Lisa Darenkamp

Photo by Jim Cooper

Hagler-Leonard: A postscript

by David Bruce
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Like almost every other boxing fan in the world, I didn't think Sugar Ray Leonard had a chance against Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Surely, I reasoned, Hagler punches harder, fights more aggressively and has been fighting regularly (well, semi-regularly)

I was almost afraid for Sugar Ray's safety. He had only fought once in five years and that comeback attempt almost ended tragically as Leonard was knocked down by a lesser opponent. If a no-name could do that to the olympic champion, what would a destroyer like Hagler do?

As it turned out, Sugar Ray pulled out one of the greatest upsets in recent boxing history, out psyching

Hagler for a split-decision victory.

Sugar Ray's strategy began almost 12 months ago when he agreed to fight Hagler. Leonard knew that Hagler wanted to fight him desperately, that he was jealous of Leonard and finally he would get this chance.

Sugar Ray realized this and egged Hagler on, saying that he wanted Hagler just as bad, that this was "the" fight. But when it came to the actual match, Leonard knew the only way to win would be to out-finesse Hagler.

Normally, Hagler is too smart to out-be out-finessed, but Leonard did such a great psych-job that Hagler abandoned his typical stalking style and went for a quick knock out and Leonard would easily dance away from that.

Added pressure was placed on Hagler when he unexpectedly and

virtually gave the first four rounds to Leonard. It seemed as if Hagler was waiting for Leonard to dictate the style of the fight, which he did.

Though Hagler recovered and began to dominate in the middle rounds; he started to go for the knockout and was obviously frustrated by Leonard's dancing and clutching.

In the later rounds, Hagler began to realize what Leonard was doing and he finally began to stalk Sugar Ray and pound him.

However it was too late, Leonard had won too many early rounds, and had been able to dance his way out of major trouble in the later rounds, stealing a couple of rounds with flashy flurries.

Though Hagler was never hurt by any of Leonard's punches, he was beaten by simply being out-smarted.

Barbell Club is back

by Angela Papaleo
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Bulging muscles, tightly defined abdomens, protruding quadriceps, how many of you have stared in awe as a bodybuilder strolled by? Well now you can find that here at Penn State-Erie, yes right here. Thanks to The Barbell Club president Vinnie Canella.

The group began back in 1983, but came to a halt in 1985. But last semester Canella and Ryan Andrews decided it needed to be revived. So thanks to advisor Sarah Rose, the Barbell Club was on its way again. There are approximately 25 members (15 males and 7 or 8 females).

Anyone can join. All that is required is an interest in weightlifting and a consistent signing on the sign up sheet each time you lift. The members workout individually on their own free time, not as a team. There are no physique competitions. The purpose of the organization is to encourage an interest in weight lifting and to fix up the weightroom, says Canella. The club is also there to answer anyone's questions concerning weight training.

Last semester the club raised over \$200 in a Bench-a-thon and a Bike-a-thon, since there are no dues required for membership. The money was used to purchase weightbelts, t-shirts, chalk, a sign-

in book and stereo system for the group. There are meetings that one must attend every two weeks (Thursdays). At the meetings the discuss workouts, what else is needed for the weightroom, fundraising and exercises. After asking active member Jeff Letendre why he joined his response was "It's a good opportunity to use the facilities available at Behrend and I really enjoy it."

But what will happen next semester? Canella will be transferring to University Park, therefore the position of president is now available. Someone must display an interest in keeping the Barbell Club going "I hope someone will take over next year and continue the club," says Canella.

Athletic Banquet set

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Sunday, May 3 marks the date of the annual Athletic Banquet at Behrend's Erie Hall. The purpose of the affair is to recognize all Behrend athletes for the commitments they made to their respective programs during the year.

The highlight of the banquet is the presentation of five special awards. They include: The James Frye Male Athlete of the year; The John Zahniser Male and Female

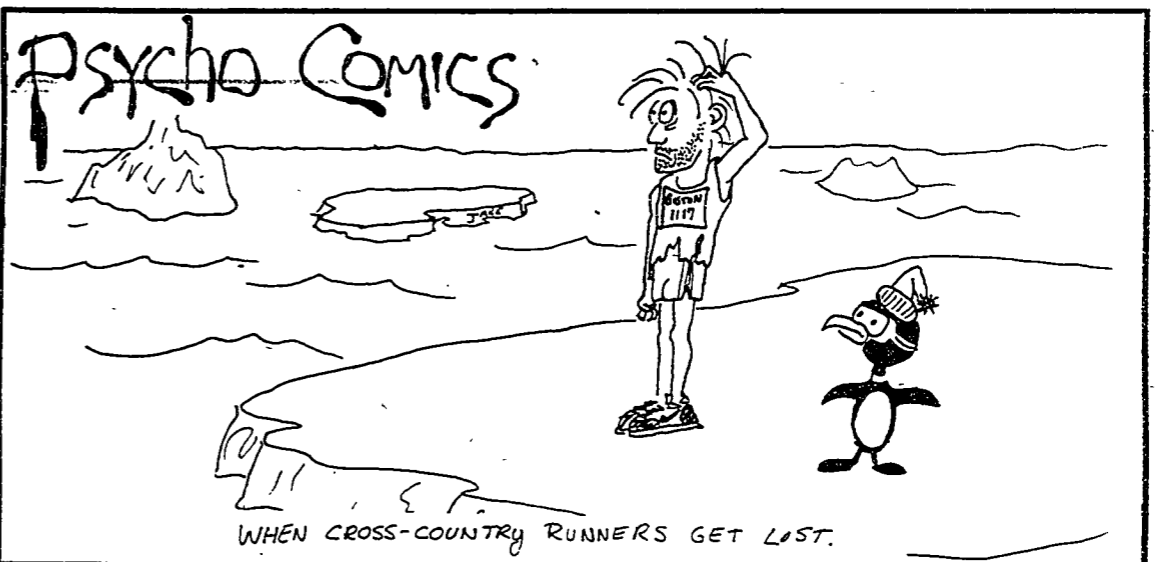
Scholar-Athletes of the year; The Richard Dill Outstanding Service Award; and the Cheryl Ramsdall-Anderson Female Athlete of the year.

Along with athletes, parents and coaches; alumnus Ron Hornyak will attend as guest speaker. Mr. Hornyak is presently Director of Marketing/engineered products for Jarecki Industries. He was a student-athlete at Penn State-Behrend from 1965 to 1967 and starred in both basketball and baseball.

Mr. Hornyak was co-captain of

the '66-'67 basketball squad at Behrend that won the Pennsylvania State Junior College Tournament. He also has the distinction of being the only Behrend basketball player to transfer to University Park and play his final two seasons there.

The Athletic Banquet is an "occasion of recognition," said Athletic Director Herb Lauffer. It is a day to gather all Behrend athletes together under one roof and credit them for their hard work and dedication; as well as the talent they display under the Penn State name.



Behrend's best on the diamond

by Sue Holmes
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Behrend's Best highlights women's softball player Sue Holmes and men's baseball player Bob Druschel.

Holmes is a centerfielder from Mercer High School and Hermitage Pennsylvania. She is a senior Communications major and will graduate from Behrend in May. She currently has a batting average of .333 and has six stolen bases. This past week the women's softball team beat Geneva by the score of 12-11 with Holmes driving in the winning run. Holmes will be competing in her last collegiate game when the softball team travels to Grove City College on May 2 to challenge the Lady Wolverines.

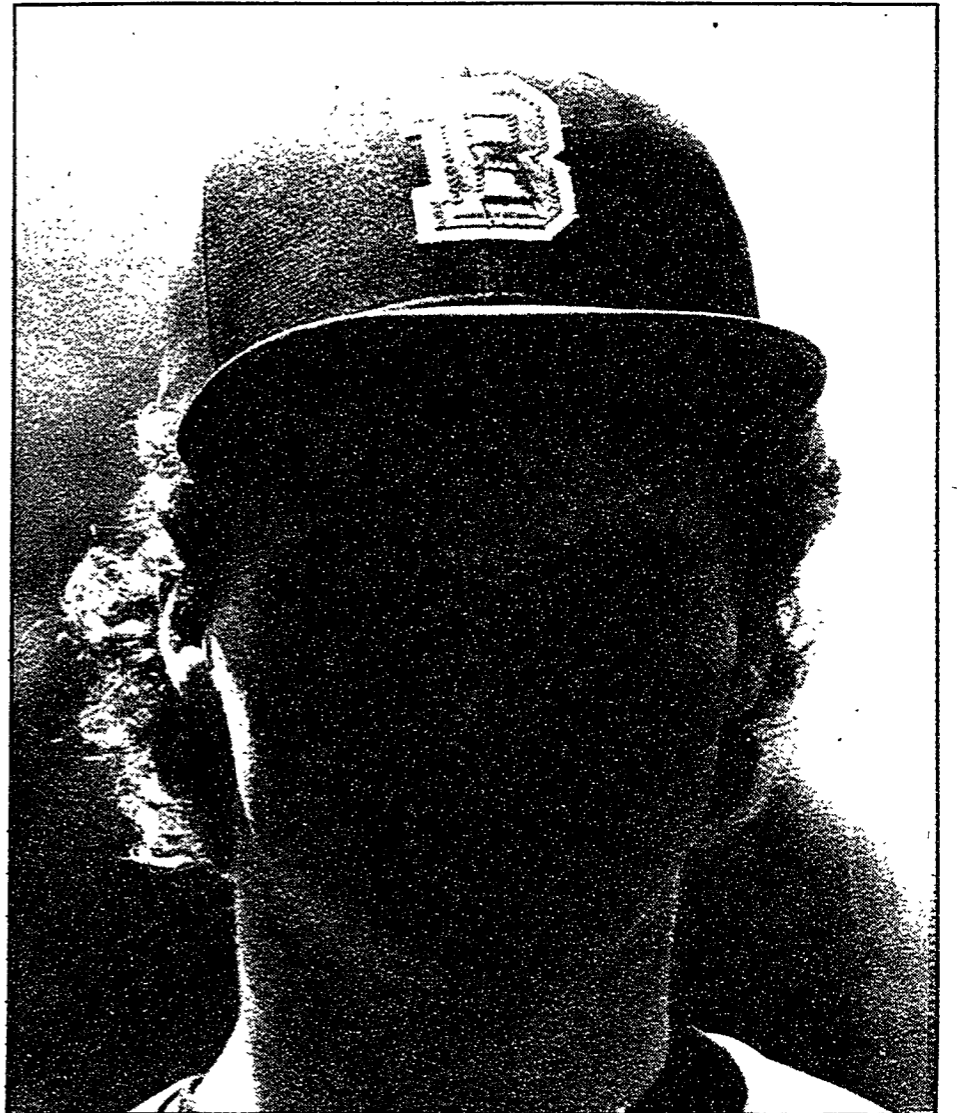
Druschel is a freshman from Mohawk High School in New Castle PA. He is a starting 3rd baseman and a relief pitcher, he currently has a batting average of .382. He has 22 RBI's and is 5 away from the school record of 27. Against La Roche College he went 4-for 8 at the plate.

Holmes and Druschel will receive a dinner for two compliments of Barbato's Restaurant in Wesleyville for being chosen as one of Behrend's Best.



Women's Softball player Sue Holmes

Photo by Holly Lew



Bob Druschel, Men's Baseball player

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