

# Baseball Team Ready For Action

by Rick Cain  
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As days begin to lengthen, and temperatures start to rise, spring is in the air. With spring, of course, comes springbreak; a seven day trip to euphoria where even the most respectable college student can, temporarily, turn into a drunken, frothing idiot with the mentality of a wet soap dish.

Now, while 90% of the college students in the nation dream of the hot days and endless nights of Daytona, there is a small, select group of men who think of nothing but baseball. They are the Behrend Lions' baseball team.

With two months of workouts coming to a climax in Florida next week, Head Coach Mike Bari feels good about the teams progress. "Though we were not able to do as much as we would have liked to," said Bari, "I think what we have done has gone well with a good positive attitude."

On the mound for the Lions this year is a nine man pitching staff. Leading the hurlers is four-year veteran Dave Bruce. Dave, the team's only senior, hopes to end his career with a strong season in the starting rotation. Another pitcher returning this year is sophomore Bob Duma. Bob racked up the best record, four wins-six losses, of any Lion last year and hopes to better that mark this year. The final survivor of last years pitching staff is junior, Ron Thompson. Ron, a starter/reliever, has improved immensely since last year.

The newcomers to the Lion's pitching staff are led by sophomore Steve Davido. Steve possesses a strong fast ball, a good curve, and the maturity needed to be a respectable starter. The rest of the staff include freshman Eric Haus and Eddie Malsch who are ready to see some action, Eddie as a starter and Eric in relief, while Larry Jacobs, Chris Masterson, and Fernando Antonetti are prospects

for next season. "Overall," said Bari, "this year's staff has more depth and strength than last year's and, though they are still young, possess a strong, winning attitude."

Of course to have a winning pitching staff, a team must have a strong catcher. The Lion's catching duties have been taken over this year by sophomore Bob Druschel. Bob has made the move from infield to the catchers position to better use his "major league" arm. Offensively Bob is one of the Lions biggest producers and has the potential to break a lot of records at the plate. Freshmen Bill Cover and Chris Beibel will be backing up Bob behind the plate.

The infield of the Lions contains a number of talented athletes. First base chores will be done by sophomore Dan Frochlich. Dan possesses the "smoothest glove on the field," according to Bari, but still needs some work at the plate.

The second base position is still

a toss up between two freshmen. Both Neil Higgins and Rich Adams have shown that they have the ability to play and should both get a chance to prove themselves.

Sophomore Darin Wotus wasn't able to play for the Lions last season but has returned to claim the third base position. Complimenting his "major league arm" is a bat capable of hitting the long ball. "By smoothing out his defensive play," said Bari, "and improving his batting average, Darin will be a strong addition to the team."

The final, and probably most important, cog in the Lions' infield machine is sophomore Reese Weizel. Reese took over at shortstop a quarter of the way into last years season and just took off, finishing the year with a .415 batting average. Reese was given an honorable mention for the Mid-East Region All Stars. A repeat performance this year will be a major factor in the team's success.

Moving to the outfield, second

year man Jim Senyo has found a home in left. With a freshman year full of nagging injuries behind him, Jim should be able to contribute to the cause, both offensively and defensively.

Playing next to Jim, in center field, is sophomore Tom Partridge. Last year Tom showed his ability to play in right field while simultaneously leading the team in stolen bases. Described by Bari as a "game player," Tom has been moved to center, and the lead off spot, to better use talents.

Moving to right field, junior Shawn Selby, a junior college transfer from P.S.- Beaver, has shown a lot of potential. During the fall exhibition, Shawn hit a impressive .600 and hopes to maintain his prowess at the plate throughout the season.

Battling Jim, Tom, and Shawn for playing time this season are junior Joe Cunningham and freshmen Craig Frisina and Jim Guard. Joe, the team's captain, is

a solid defensive player but, as Bari put it, "needs a complete 360 at the plate." Jim and Craig simply need some experience.

Leading the Lion's into competition this year is the all important "support staff," as Bari stated. This staff consists of volunteer assistant coach Mike Vitale, team manager Bill Gagliardino, and trainer Sarah Rose. With the mixture of talent and experience on and off the field, the Lions should have no problem reaching their goal of a .500 or better season.

The Lions begin play next week in Florida with a six game exhibition against various colleges around the area. Their regular season begins at home, on March 24, against Thiel College. With all of the things this team has going for it, including a disappointing 6-2 season last year to rectify, this opening game should be exciting. Hopefully the entire season will be the same.

## You Make The Trade

by Darrell Freund  
Collegian Staff Writer

The previous issue of *The Collegian* introduced a new dimension to its sports section. The "You Make the Trade" column is now a permanent addition to the sports section.

The key is student response, interest has been evident. Those of you who have submitted material have seen your views in print. I thank you for your interest.

We will begin with a differing opinion to a Steeler Quarterback problem.

**Action:** "The Steelers should keep Mark Malone; Chuck Noll knows what he is doing. Malone's statistics are better than Bradshaw's (former Steeler Terry) were at the same point in his career. Chuck is just waiting. He knows what he is doing."

**Ray Van Dusen-  
Second semester**

**Reply:** This is a very interesting idea. Many people in Pittsburgh will support Chuck Noll to any extent. However, Malones' not wanted in Pittsburgh. The fans want him out, while his statistics are better than Bradshaw's at the same point in their careers, it is doubtful that Malone will go on to be the quarterback Bradshaw was.

**Action:** "The Cowboys should trade Tony Dorsett for a draft pick."

**Mike Macdonald-  
Seventh Semester**

**Reply:** If the Cowboys could "unload" Dorsett for a high draft pick, they would be doing themselves a big favor. I am not sure if the Cowboys could get anything better than a late second round pick for the running back. Dorsett is a nine session veteran, also his injured shoulder and knees are still questionable. Maybe the Cowboys should get a second round draft pick and use it to get a defensive lineman.

**Action:** "The Steelers should trade a draft pick for Tony Dorsett."

They should also draft a tight-end in the first round."

**Mac McCarthy-  
Fourth Semester**

**Reply:** You should get together with Mike. This would be very ironic considering Dorsett and the Dallas Cowboys have been a Nemesis for the Steelers over the years.

However, I do not know what the Steelers would do with a bruised veteran running back, though the tight-end would not be a bad idea. The Steelers have not had a durable tight-end in years. A tight-end with good hands would add more dimension to the Steeler's offense.

**Action:** "The Celtics should trade Dennis Johnson to Milwaukee for Mark Price."

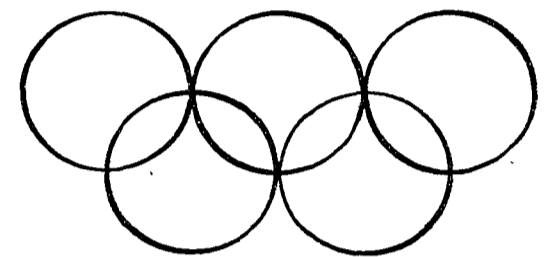
**Troy Broshe-  
Second Semester**

**Reply:** Johnson is getting old, but he is important to the chemistry of the Celtics. If the Celtics would hold off one more season I would make him trade. Get the young guards for Boston some more playing time. The Celtics should also hold off on Price. He has had some disciplinary problems. By waiting one more season the Celtics could perhaps win one more championship and see if Price has mellowed.

**Action:** The New York Knicks should trade Bill Cartwright to Golden State for Chris Mullin.

**Eric Schuette-  
Second Semester**

**Reply:** This would be a great trade. Chris Mullin would be coming home to New York and Bill Cartwright would be returning to where he played college ball (San Francisco). However, the Knicks can't afford to give up Cartwright at this moment. He plays behind Patrick Ewing. But, if the Knicks draft a big man they might bite if Golden State threw in a second round draft pick. Chris Mullin's run in with alcohol has diminished his trading value. By trading him to New York, the warriors could save his once promising career.



## Olympic Review

by Jack Grow  
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Every four years, athletes from all over the world have a chance to prove themselves as the "world's finest." Only through these Olympic games can someone claim the title of being the best in the world at what they do. In this the 15th Winter Olympiad, there have been a few surprises but, as in most Olympic games, the favorites have come out on top.

As was predicted, the Soviet Union has dominated the medal count. At the time of publication, the Soviets had compiled a total of eleven medals. (four of them gold) This has them five ahead of second place East Germany. The United States, have amassed only three.

Probably one of the more followed events is ice hockey. The U.S. hockey team has not lived up to their expectations. After winning their opening game against Austria, the Americans lost a heart-breaker to Czechoslovakia. Although the U.S. led by as much as three goals, the Czechs roared for a seven to five victory. U.S.A.'s next opponent was the dreaded Soviet Union. The heavily favored Soviets took a commanding six to two lead into the third period. With only minutes left to play, the U.S. made a furious comeback but came up short losing by a final score of seven to five. The U.S. team's next opponent was Norway who they easily defeated six to two. This set up a must win game for them against West Germany. Unfortunately, the West Germans rolled over the U.S. by a score of four to one thus eliminating them from medal contention.

Moving to speed skating, U.S. favorite Dan Jansen was stricken by tragedy just hours before his best event. The morning before the 500 meter sprints, Dan learned that his leukemia ridden sister had passed away. Grieving, Dan attempted to compete but fell in the first turn. Later Dan tried again in the 1000 meter competition but once again fell eliminating him from any chance of a medal.

With nothing but bad luck befalling the Americans thus far, men's figure skating hopeful Brian Boitano had the whole country pulling for him to bring home the gold. Fighting off Canada's Brian Orser, Boitano used the patented "Tano Triple" to nail down the routine and the gold.

Moving out of doors, the weather has wreaked havoc on the skiing events. After a one day postponement, heavily favored Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland captured the gold in the downhill. With a run in which his hand actually touched the snow, Zurbriggen recovered and proved that he is the greatest downhill skier in the world. Switching to the women's downhill, bad luck once again found the Americans. Favored to win a medal, U.S.A.'s Pam Fletcher struck an Olympic volunteer during her practice run and broke her leg.

There is always something about the Winter Olympics that makes them better than the summer games. Many of the events are more exciting and dangerous. This makes the victors appear more like heroes while simultaneously depicting even the last place finisher as a glorious competitor who risked it all for the pride of his or her country.

## Profile: Sarah Rose

by Ray Van Dusen  
Collegian Staff Writer

Sarah Rose is a woman of firsts. Not only was she Behrend's first full-time certified athletic trainer, she was the first person to graduate from Mercyhurst College with a degree in sports medicine.

"Being an athletic trainer involves a lot of dedication to the job, there are a whole range of tasks that are expected of you, I spend six or seven days a week on campus or on the road with the athletes," said Rose.

"I will also treat and advise students injured in intramurals and physical education classes. My priority goes to the sport that is in season-I am available to watch and council athletes on stretching and safe drills during practice," said Rose.

Rose attends all Behrend home games, "I do various things from the complicated task of diagnosing and treating injuries to getting water for an athlete to prevent cramps," said Rose.

She also helps the athletes with their rehabilitation, or if she is unable to treat them, she refers them to a doctor. "I wish I could offer more of my services to more athletes, but my busy schedule just will not permit it," she added.

Rose is eagerly awaiting the construction of the Behrend life-fitness center. "I hope that the center will live up to its expectations, offering better services to students and faculty," said Rose.

The number of students that use Eric hall causes its rooms to become overcrowded at times.

As a final note, Rose would like to extend an invitation to any student interested in sports medicine to have a chance to have hands-on training. "In being an athletic trainer, you should gain the respect of the teams and become a part of them," said Rose.

Past students who have been trained by Rose have been noted as top ranked sports trainers and placed in top positions, including one person who is now a trainer with the Penn State football team.

In the past, Rose has held summer training sessions for students. She has given a lot to her job as a professional and as a friend to the athletes. She has put forth a reputation as a person who is there to help. She has gained the respect of the athletes who come in contact with her and call her a "mother away from home."

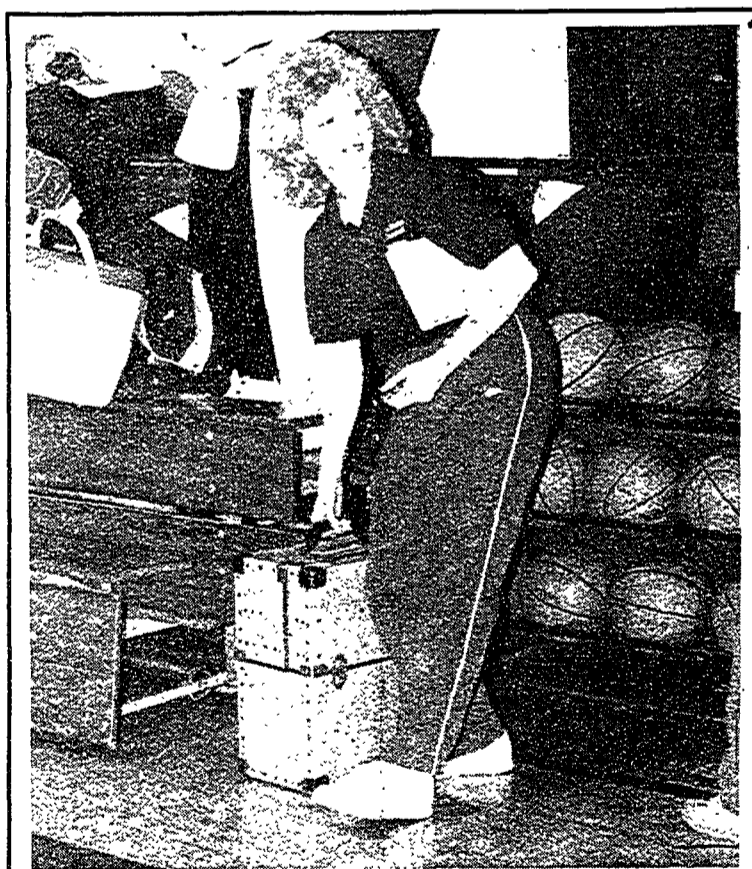


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