

## Once a Champ, Always a Champ



Joan Throop gazes off into space, as she dreams of the day when she will hit another 700 series. The trophy is a symbol of the 167 average that Joan carried when she was a member of the enlisted women's bowling league.

## Behrend Co-Ed Has Enviably Bowling Record

With a little skip and hop, that is characteristic of her bowling approach, Joan Throop, a freshman at Behrend Center, delivers her ball smoothly, and then turns and covers her eyes. This same procedure can be seen anytime that Joan tries her hand at the game of ten pins, as she so often does. Bowling, Joan's favorite sport, became one of her main interests when she was rooming with Jeanne Barry, a top bowler, who suggested that she learn the game. Jean instructed her in the fundamentals of the sport, and since then, Joan has considered it her best pastime.

It was while she was in the U. S. Navy Waves that she earned the trophy that she has in the above picture. She held the highest average in the enlisted women's league, 167. Her high game for that season was 272, and the 272, along with a 212 and a 256, gave her a high series of 742, an ample number of total pins in any league. She also bowled for the Loblaw's women's team in Erie in 1947, and is, at present, a member of the Behrend Bowling league that meets on Thursday afternoons at the Perry Plaza alleys.

To maintain a good game, she attends practice sessions on Saturday afternoons, or at any time that her friends, all bowling enthusiasts, suggest a few shots at the ten pins. For a while, Joan had to quit bowling because she had a slight bout with polio, and her doctor advised her to take things easy for the time being.

But, last fall, she started trying her skill at the game again. She had forgotten a lot of the tricks she used previously, but is slowly working her scores upward and dreaming of the day when she can turn in another 700 series.

Joan's one hope right now is to get a bowling ball and shoes of her own. If she does, watch out all you bowlers. She'll be way ahead of you.

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## Compy's Cuties

By Patty Lentz

If you want to have a good laugh, ask Compy how she injured her leg at the bowling alleys. It was quite an adventure, so we hear.

The faculty wives and women of Behrend sponsored a "Splash Party" at the Y. W. C. A. on Friday, March 25. After an hour of strenuous swimming, the ladies provided cocoa and doughnuts for the famished girls. Ask Val Meals how many doughnuts she ate. Approximately twenty-five girls attended, and reported having a fine time.

Much to their distress, the freshman girls of the dorm have been stymied in their attempts to learn the art of swimming. Lack of transportation has put an end to their Thursday morning classes. Three determined swimmers, Jane Eisenberg, Diane Fagan, and Fran Nielsen, have completed the skills and tests, and have received their well earned American Red Cross beginner's cards. They are now working toward the intermediate step.

Jet Turner and Whit White were the winners of the Tuesday 9:30 badminton doubles. Just luck, that's all! May Schoch and Gayle Williams were the consolation winners of the same class. It sure will be a fight to the finish in the Monday 2:20 class with roommates Marge Elliott and Nancy Johnston battling rivals Char Flack and Jane Kennedy. Next on the calendar of events are the single tournaments coming up next week.

In the Erie Women's League play the Behrend girls' basketball team advanced in the finals by whipping the VALS 26-11 on March 10. Char Flack netted 12 points, Patty Stocker, 11 points, and Nancy Johnston 3 points.

In the first play-off game the girls were pitted against the American Sterilizer who had beaten them in a previous game. Behrend failed to gain their revenge, however, and lost by four points. The complete score was 22-18 in favor of the American Sterilizer women. Stocker was high scorer in the game with seven, Nan Johnston followed a close second with six, and Char Flack third, with five points. Congratulations to all the team. It was a great game!

## SPORT SCOPE

By Jack Abele

As soon as the birds sing and the leaves turn green, (if it ever happens) Behrend Center's outdoor sports program will roar into "high gear." The slate of activities will include badminton, volleyball, softball, tennis, golf, cross country, and swimming.

Tryouts for the varsity golf team have already been scheduled and approximately twelve enthusiasts have reported. Also tabbed for an early start are intramural badminton, volleyball, and softball. Students interested in participating are requested to contact Mr. Simon, instructor of phys. ed, at their earliest convenience. Mr. Simon, points out that full participation and co-operation by Behrendites are necessary to make these tournaments a real success.

Mr. Thurbon, assistant prof of English, and Mr. Patterson, instructor of math, have started their own bowling class on Saturday afternoons. Their devoted disciples include Jody Borkowski, Jack Rimp, John Churchill, Dot Kaliszewski, and Bill Loell.

The swimming season was inaugurated this year by Pat "Polar Bear Club" Stocker. However, it is presumed that the student body will confine their aquatic cavorting to local indoor pools for at least a couple of months more.

This reporter, in his trips "downstate" to watch championship Erie Strong Vincent, in the Pennsylvania Basketball playoffs, observed many Behrend Center students in attendance. Among these avid sports fans were Bill Loell, Jack Mallory, Ron Thomas, Wally O'Neal, Dick Russell, and John Olsen.

Last week the table tennis team defeated Erie Commercial College 16 to 2. Chalking up points for Behrend were Peggy Duff, Val Meals, Sue Lockley, Sonya Weidner, Tom Baker, Wally O'Neal, Earl Schriver, Jim Gehrlein, and Ron Schrimper.

In the men's physical education classes, wrestling has been completed. Current subjects are badminton and tumbling, with boxing looming on the horizon. Despite the aches and pains the fellows are really enjoying the instruction.

That's all from the Behrend sports scene for now. Let's all support the athletic program for this semester; it's for your benefit.

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## • STRIKES and SPARES •

By Pat Kobasa

Just imagine a shiny, black ball with three finger holes whizzing down an alley toward you, one that was thrown by a powerful arm and that scatters the ten pins in all directions. A much-hoped for strike is chalked up on the score sheet beside some enthused bowler's name. That's exactly the feeling that the pin boys at Perry Plaza have when the Behrend bowling league meets there every Thursday.

The season is well underway, and the gang is taking advantage of it. The teams are in close competition with the Bluebirds keeping their first place position, with 10 wins and 2 losses and hoping that they will remain on top. A close second place is held by the Cardinals with 8 wins and 4 losses. The other teams are working for the lead. They are:

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Dodos	7	5
Hawks	4	8
Starlings	4	8
Snipes	3	9

That extra practice on the side is helping Jane Eisenberg, because her average is on its way to reaching her expectations. A 148 game boosted her spirits and her average last week.

Looks as though Mr. Thurbon, faculty organizer of the bowling team, is still tops with the bowling ball. If we should ever select a king of strikes, he would be the number one candidate with Randy Liebau and Mel Waxham pulling through with a close second and third place.

## Office Chatter

By Jody Borkowski

The receptionist of Behrend Center, Pat McClaran, has organized a junior choir consisting of twelve members; and they sing the last Sunday of every month at the Rice Lutheran Church in Lawrence Park. They are an a cappella group (no accompaniment). They are very good, in Miss McClaran's estimation, and she modestly states that this is none of her doing. But we know that Pat is sincere and generous. For instance, Pat told me that she will have her tonsils removed on April Fools Day, and also generously hinted that she would willingly donate them to the Zoology for inspection. A rare donation, this. I suggest the Lab students who are looking for a subject for Zoological demonstrations tie themselves to Pat McClaran.

Mrs. Barbara Doplerala, bookkeeper, contributed greatly to morale of the committees for both the Mardi Gras and Duffy's Tavern by saying that she enjoyed both affairs immensely. Of course, Billy, Barbara's four-year-old son, had a fine time at the Mardi Gras trying to enveigle the winning number for cakes from Art Carroll at the cake stand during the evening. Billy says that he would like to go to school at Behrend Center, but he has a long wait.

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