

Nittany Narrator

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THE NITTANY CUBS' record setting two game winning streak was short lived. Consecutive conquests of the game DuBois Dukes and the sloppy Dyke Clevelanders earned Behrend her first victory skein in modern history during the pre-holiday rush hour, but a rugged Edinboro State Freshmen team (plus three varsity gunners) smashed that streak, 74-46, after six days had elapsed in the new year.

As if this weren't punishment enough (the Edinboros forced the Cubs into breaking their new year's victory resolution), the Fredonia State Frosh, still cocky from their soccer whitewashing of the Behrend kickers last fall, tromped the Cubs, 80-52, as the Nittany defense collectively collapsed and the game came close to getting beyond the restraint of the puffing officials. Cigarettes cause cancer in mice!

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HEFTY SET-SHOOTER Bob Rausch lost a couple teeth during the Red Raider fracas as the Cubs mislaid their composure in the second half, ruining a fine first-half showing and giving Edinboro a run-a-way win. Star Footballer Tom Irish donned basketball togs for this game and added ten points to the Behrend aggregate. Rausch, before and after being de-enameled, totaled eight. Todd Cook lead the squad with thirteen markers, three above his team-leading game average.

The baby Blue Devils of Fredonia State jumped to an early 10 to 3 lead on the hosting Cubs a week ago last Thursday and, although the Campus made a real up-hill go of it for nearly three quarters, the New Yorkers scored with diabolical ease in the final ten minutes. After Behrend pulled to within two points of the raucous visitors at 19-21, Fredonia showered the nets with eight straight points and held a 35-28 upper edge at half time. The Cubs started out poorly in the second half but pulled to within five, 42-47, at about the nine minute mark. Then the roof caved in: the Behrend defense collapsed, the officials nearly lost control, several players should have been called for icing the puck or high-sticking or something, and the FF Club skipped home with an 80-52 victory, more than doubling the Behrend goal output, 33-16.

Bruce Clark at 6'2" and averaging nearly ten points per game fractured his ankle (the distal portion of the fibula) early in this one and now serves as assistant bench warmer. Also in this game, the Behrend Cheerleaders, sporting navy blue knee socks and excellent hip action, made their belated but auspicious, though somewhat hesitant debut. Welcome!

Sam Heller topped the home scoring with eleven points. Tom Irish and Todd Cook (could we get Irish stew out of this?) divided twenty, and Larry Loftus added eight. Tom Woodring's seven, Doug Prozan's four and Bruce Clark's deuce completed the itinerary.

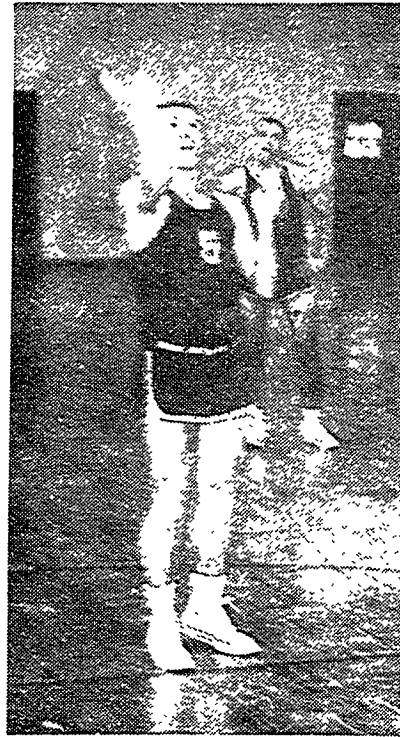
Unconfirmed Report on Southern Hospitality

ONE OF THE PENN STATE Blue Band members reports from Jacksonville, Florida, site of the 1961 Gator Bowl, that several of the Jacksonville restaurants refused to serve uniformed Blue Bandsmen after the Nittany Lions swamped the highly touted and beloved Georgia Tech Ramblin' Wreck, 30-15, on the 31st of December. Bandsmen were forced to purchase eats from local football neutralists after having the fans buy the food. This could be another fountainhead for Freedom Riders!

The Behrend Basketball Game

PLAYING COACH GALLAGHER'S version of Upstate Pennsy "control" basketball, that is, the "Behrend Freeze," our Nittany Cubs wrought mental havoc on Jamestown's "Big O and Crew" two Fridays ago in losing to the visitors, 46 to 41.

The Cubs took a slow 8-6 lead late in the opening quarter before Jamestown rattled off six points to lead, 12-8. But Behrend bounced back and, with one second remaining on the first half clock, Doug Prozan flipped in both ends of a one-and-one to knot the score at 12-all. Tom Woodring gave Behrend her final lead, 13-12, at the onset of the second half. The "Big O," Randy Otander, finally



ROMAN HOLIDAY. . . The blond bomber of Behrend basketball badgering (say that three times quickly), 5' 10" Dave Roman of Johnstown Junior Pitt, sinks just one of the thirty-six points he scored against Behrend in the initial meeting of the two teams this season. In just two contests last year Roman scored a fantastic total of eighty points against our Cubs, fifty in the game at Johnstown which set a new individual scoring record for his college. His three game total against Behrend stands at 116 for an average of almost 39 points per game. The Cubs will really have to give their all defensively to keep him from setting a new record when the two teams clash for the second time this year on January 27, a Saturday, at Johnstown.

SGA ASLEEP

A recent scanning of the S.G.A. minutes posted on the bulletin board has given, at least to this reporter, the impression that our Student Government Association has accomplished little this year. Phrases such as ". . . is being looked into," ". . . is still being investigated," "no report was given," and "nothing was decided" seem to indicate that few concrete results have been the result of the weekly S.G.A. meetings. Such matters as the need for a coin machine in Erie Hall seem to be discussed often but results of most of these discussions are yet to be seen.

Of course, it is easy for someone who is not a member of the S.G.A. to sit back and criticize the efforts of the elected few. But, because these members are elected to serve in our best interests, it is up to them to prove or disprove themselves to us. Every Behrend student has the right to look forward to and expect tangible results from S.G.A. projects.

And, speaking of projects, how about the fire escape behind the girls' dorm? We still want it, for obvious reasons!!

went to work and Jamestown was ahead to stay. Otander finished the game with twenty-one points, nineteen in the second half. Sam Heller and Doug Prozan shared scoring honors for the Cubs with ten tokens each. Tom Woodring was just one behind at nine. Big Bob McCammon, showing outstanding promise since joining the Cubs at the onset of the Winter Term, played a fine game on the boards and added four points. Tom Irish and Bob Rausch split six while newcomer Alan McAllister rounded out the scoring with a pair of free throws.

AGAIN THE CUBS showed excellent eyes at the foul line, hitting for 68% with 13 for 19. But it was the lanky Otander and his 6'6" frame that was the difference in this one.

With the heartening success of the Coach's "control" offense against Jamestown, it may also be employed in a attempt to slice the Penn State Frosh's 107 total against Behrend last year and also to bottleneck the Johnstown Pittsburghers and their all-conference star. Dave Roman, on the twenty-sixth. Buffalo's Bryant-Stratton (from all reports having a poor season) hosts Behrend on the 25th and the Cubs return a visit to Fredonia State on the 26th before traveling to Johnstown. The next home game is with McKeesport on February second.