

Nittany Narrator

AS IS THE CASE at this time every year, Coach Jim Gallagher is seriously ill once again with "back-board fever", or more commonly called by athletes "B-ball", "Hoops," and occasionally basketball. This year's illness is not an ailment at all but a blessing: for, for the first time the basketball outlook at Behrend is unusually good. Krute, who is still waiting for that winning season may not have to wait for long as this year's team has more potential than any of his teams in the past. The main deficiency of the team, which is not a new one, is that of the absence of a big man in the lineup. However, the overall ability of ball handling and shooting plus the presence of that all important hustle could override the height problem.

Returning lettermen from last year's squad are Sam Heller, Joe Haser, and Doug Prozan. Sam, a six-foot, 185 pound Spitz from Wesleyville, was the steadiest performer on last year's team. It is hoped that Spitz can retain the form which gained him acclaim on the soccer field. Joe Gabby Haser teams with Prozan to form an experienced backcourt duo. Joe, from Sheffield, is five feet-nine inches tall, the second shortest man on the team, weighs in at 160 lbs. His court savvy should help steady the rookies tremendously. Doug, "the kid," waved retirement and decided to take to the court once again after pressuring from various students. "The kid" is five feet ten inches tall and weighs 155 lbs. His set shot is one of beauty as his twenty-one points in last year's DuBois game can attest.

ANOTHER RETURNING VETERAN is six foot-three-inch Bob McCammon. Mac is the tallest man on the team, and his rebounding could be the answer to Coach's height problem.

The brightest light in this year's outlook is six-foot sophomore Jim Golembeski, former second string city-series choice from Tech, who did not play for Behrend last year. The blond bomber possesses all the moves necessary to a basketball player and what's more puts them to good use. He also has the experience and knowledge of basketball that will blend well with the other rough neck rookies. It is this reporter's opinion that "big Jim" will bring the long-needed spectators to the games. Teaming with Golembeski are three proven performers from Harborcreek. The trio includes Jack Bohman at five feet six inches tall, the smallest man on the team. The little field general is the play maker of the squad and is a razzle-dazzle ball handler. Bob Cook, another of the former Huskies, is six feet one inch and tips the scales at 200 pounds. Bob is the work horse and it is hoped that his beef will be felt under the boards. Church Janicki is the third member of the trio and he is five feet eleven inches tall. The Brylcreme man is a real fighter on the court and tough competitor at all times.

ANOTHER SEASONAL PERFORMER that makes his presence felt on the court is Bob Vicander (rhymes with decanter). The Senior, who claims his first love is basketball and his second Spanish, hails from Youngsville and stands five feet ten inches tall. Ed Skibinski, who could be as hard to guard as his name is to spell, with a little experience, stands six feet two inches and rivals McCammon as the tallest man on the team. Dale Anderson is a six foot freshman who has a sweet corner set shot that could open up those opposing defenses. Harvey and Ed add that needed depth that has been absent in years before.

In short, Behrend is taller than last year, with added speed and good shooting. Height may provide a problem, but the other qualities plus depth and hustle should surmount it. All in all, Behrend's Cubs should be in for a good overall season, and anybody who catches this fired up bunch of hoopsters will wish they hadn't—Hey, Johnstown?

Cubs Shock

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Section of Pennsylvania Junior College Athletic Association. The top two teams enter the playoffs at year end. Year after year Johnstown has been the league powerhouse, but this season it may well be someone else's turn. Altoona is usually tall and tough

and DuBois may be hiding something special this year. Let's play the games one at a time.

In the Johnstown game Behrend led nearly all the way. At one time the lead was as wide as sixteen points and only a quick flurry of Panther baskets in the waning seconds gave the game the air of being closer at the end than it actually was. In addition to the

SGA Members Acting as Private Investigators

By Bob Ropelewski

An ironic, somewhat comical search took place on the Behrend Campus earlier this term when the SGA's Crystal Ball Committee began looking for its namesake. The committee, consisting of Mike Ropelewski and Gene Wood, carried out an investigation that would probably put to shame many of the FBI's extensive hunts.

Working out of SGA headquarters in the basement of Erie Hall, the committee first approached Mr. Lane. After intensive interrogation, Mr. Lane admitted that he knew nothing of the whereabouts of the ball. He did, however, suggest that the investigators see Mr. Fryer, last year's SGA advisor.

Pleading for mercy, Mr. Fryer confessed that he, too, knew nothing of the crystal ball's hideaway, but thought that Mr. Kochel or Mr. Campbell might aid in the search.

After stalking to Mr. Kochel, office, the two hunters were soon convinced that Mr. Kochel, contending innocence, was unable to give them any clues.

The committee next approached Mr. Campbell, who also plead innocence. Unable to give any alibi for his whereabouts on October 6, 1789, he could only suggest that the two searchers look in the SGA office or on the stage in Erie Hall. The results were negative.

The exhaustive hunt continued. On a tip from Jim Runzo, SGA president, Mike wrote letters to last year's student electricians, inquiring about the crystal ball. No replies.

Numerous students were questioned by two investigators, with no results.

Acting on another tip from Jim Runzo, the committee began looking for Mr. Hugh Gallagher, campus maintenanceman. Running across Mr. Gallagher in Erie Hall, the pair asked him for the key to the attic in Turnbull Hall, in the hope that the ball might have been there.

The crafty and quick-thinking caretaker deliberated for a few moments, and then led the searchers to Mrs. Irene Edwards' office—the office, incidentally, located just next door to the SGA office. There, just behind the door, was the crystal ball in a box being

three big men, Chuck Janicki and Bob Cook totaled 15 points between them with Janicki one of the big four down the stretch. Joe Haser and Dale Anderson added two apiece. Bob Vicander and Doug Prozan added to the defense.

The Cubs next home game comes on January sixteenth against independant Ashtabula Kent State.

used as a waste basket.

Minutes later, the motor for the ball, dismantled to a state of unrecognition, was discovered in the SGA office. It, too, was at the bottom of a box covered with much debris.

And so ended the search of the SGA's two top-notch detectives, Mike Ropelewski and Gene Wood.

Moral: Just ask Mr. Gallagher: he'll tell you.



Jim "The Hands" Golembeski displays his "hand"-some assets. The "big man" scored a total of 86 points in the Behrend hoopsters first four games last week. He may well be considered "the man" on this year's potentially powerful team.