

Athletic Staff Additions



The faculty at Behrend boasts of two new additions to its coaching staff. They are Mr. Herb Lauffer and Miss Barbara Curcio. The three returnees are Mr. Roger Sweeting, Mr. Ed Onorate, and Mr. Robert Monahan.

Mr. Sweeting is a 1959 graduate of Bowling Green University, where he majored in physical education and was active in baseball, basketball, Army ROTC, and fraternities. In 1963, he earned his master's degree in physical education. He is the Director of Athletics at Behrend Campus, besides teaching physical education and coaching basketball. Previously at Behrend, Coach Sweeting has taught soccer and coached the Behrend volleyball team, which took the Commonwealth Campus Tournament last year. He is also faculty advisor to the Booster Club. In his spare time he keeps busy with handball, softball, and golf. In the 1966-67 basketball season, he guided the Behrend team to the Pennsylvania Junior College Athletic Association State Championship with players like Bruce Heinrich, Everett Williams and Ron Horvath. Coach Sweeting commented on this year's basketball season, "Barring any unforeseen events, any game Behrend loses will be an upset."

Mr. Onorate graduated from Slippery Rock in 1964 with a major in physical education. He had attended Behrend for one and a half years prior to this. In college he was active in football and wrestling. Here at Behrend, he is currently coaching the wrestling team. Previously at Behrend, he had coached soccer and tennis; at Lancaster, he was Assistant Football Coach and head wrestling coach, turning out an individual state wrestling champ.

Coach Onorate is currently a Booster Club faculty advisor, along with teaching health and physical education and his coaching duties. His remarks on the coming wrestling season were hopeful. He stated, "We could have a good team if everybody stays out." He has no returning lettermen but has his eye on a few good prospects.

Mr. Monahan graduated from Penn State in 1952 receiving a BA in economics. He gained his MA from Gannon College in 1968 and is also a Certified Public Accountant. Teaching the golf team at Behrend is really a sideline, since he is an Assistant Professor of accounting. He has taught Economics 14 and will teach Accounting this year. Last year he coached the golf team to a tremendous season. His team took first place in both the Penn State Commonwealth Campus Tournament, and the PJAIA (State) Tournament at Scranton, and tied for fourth place in the Regional Tournament of 16 teams at Hagerstown, Maryland. This was the first time Behrend had sent a golf team to the regionals.

This season Mr. Monahan is optimistic for a very successful season, because he has many players returning, as well as a few new prospects. He will be hoping for more titles and trophies. It should also be noted that the golf team will play a split season this year, with some games to be played in the schedule to be played in the spring.

Mr. Lauffer is a 1963 graduate of Slippery Rock with a BS in Physical Education. He received his MS from the University of West Virginia in 1968. In college he played soccer for four years and was captain of the team. At Behrend this year he will coach

the soccer and tennis teams. Prior to this, he had coached at Ingoquois High for five years; four years in tennis and the last year in track. At Ingoquois he coached the tennis team to two consecutive county championships, in 1966 and 1967. Their records were 10-2 and 12-0, respectively. Dave Gricelak and Craig Hill from Behrend were on those championship teams. In addition to his coaching and teaching duties for the Athletic Department, Coach Lauffer is an advisor and will handle the winter intramural schedule. He is very optimistic for both teams he is coaching. He says, "The soccer team has a tough schedule but the boys have good spirit and ability. They show a lot of hustle and will be in good shape for the games." Most of his tennis team is also back this year and will be looking for a championship season.

Miss Barbara Curcio is a graduate of Slippery Rock with a BS in Physical Education. In 1968, she received her Master of Education Degree. While in college she was active in the tennis club and intramural activities. At Behrend she will be the faculty advisor to the cheerleaders as well as advisor to the Mixed Bowling League. Previously Miss Curcio has taught at Montrose High School in North Butler County, Pennsylvania. Unlike the other members of the coaching staff, who hail from Erie or the Erie vicinity, Miss Curcio comes to Behrend from Farrell, Pennsylvania.

SOCCER

Any boy interested in participating in soccer is urged to see Coach Lauffer as soon as possible. Practice is daily and starts at 4:15 p.m. Coach Lauffer is asking for good student support and a large turnout for the games. Anyone interested in managing the soccer team and also requested to see Coach Lauffer.

WRESTLING

Anyone interested in wrestling is asked to meet with Coach Onorate at common hour, Thursday, in Room 121 of the O.E. Building.

BOWLING

The Mixed Bowling League will meet Tuesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. at the Eastway Bowling Lanes.

INTRAMURAL REPRESENTATIVES

All intramural representatives must attend a meeting to be held common hour, Thursday, in Room 121 of the O.E. Building. Please take notice.