

Men's assistant hoops coach hired

Fairview's Thompson comes to Behrend

by Tony Viola
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Men's basketball Head Coach Fred Paulsen's search for a new assistant coach has ended.

Terry Thompson will be assisting Paulsen in the coaching of the men's basketball team this year.

"With Jim Hamilton retiring from Behrend and Thompson leaving Fairview, the timing couldn't have been better," said Sports

"Adding Terry to the staff this year is a coup," Coach Paulsen said. "His abilities, his familiarity with western Pennsylvania, and his philosophy, are attributes which mesh well with the situation here."

As a player at Clarion, Thompson was a four-year starter. He was co-captain for two years, and was named to the N.A.I.A. First Team All-District two years. Thompson was also named Honorable Mention All-

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Information Director Brett Banker. "He's a fine coach and will help the team out."

Since 1983, Thompson has been the boy's basketball coach at Fairview High School, where he compiled a 122-41 record with the Tigers. Fairview won seventeen games or more the past five seasons under Thompson.

The new assistant coach had also led his former team to five Erie County League titles and won a state championship.

The former Clarion University basketball All-American has also coached in the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic, which is held every year in Pittsburgh.

American two years. He holds the record at Clarion for most points in a game, which is 51 against Grove City College.

Thompson was also head coach for Butler High School in 1981-1983. In the 1982-1983 season, Butler was 19-7 and reached the W.P.I.A.L. Playoffs as well as the P.I.A.A. State Playoffs. He then transferred to Fairview the next year.

Before his tenor at Butler, he coached at Knoch High School for nine years starting in 1972. Their record was 137-73, winning the section championship in 1976 and 1981, Knoch was also a P.I.A.A. State Quarterfinalist in '81.

Booters drop first home match

St. Vincent topples Lions, 4-1

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Last Saturday, the Behrend soccer team dropped a 4-1 decision to St. Vincent, falling below the .500 mark for the first time this season. The loss was also the first home defeat for the Lions (1-2-1).

St. Vincent's Tim Meszar scored just six minutes into the game to put the Lions down early, 1-0. The score remained that way at the close of the half.

St. Vincent's Dan Wright and Mike Parker continued the scoring in the second half, both scoring just four minutes apart.

A fourth St. Vincent tally, by Chris Harskowitch, came with 15 minutes to go, knocking the Lions out for good. Only a score by midfielder Eric Filoon with 6:40 remaining in the game, off a pass from Jeff Hockenberger, averted the shutout. It was Filoon's first goal of the season.

This was the second 4-1 loss by the Lions, the first against SUNY-Fredonia last Thursday. After having gone unbeaten in their first two contests, the Lions seem to have stumbled upon hard times.

Head Coach Herb Lauffer,

however, is not about to press the panic button.

"We've still got a lot of soccer to play (16 games)," said Lauffer. "If we can keep our focus and if we can continue to be enthusiastic about each match, we'll be okay. This is not the time to say that the bottom's going to fall out. The coaching staff will not let that happen. I think the guys need to collect themselves - they haven't given up at all."

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Soccer Coach

Keeping motivated is not the only problem. In the past two matches, the opposition has been scoring in flurries to break open the game.

"We have been plagued by giving up goals in a short period of time," said Lauffer. "We're within reach (of winning), but all

of a sudden we break down and allow the goals to be scored."

"The same scenario beat us Saturday," said Lauffer. "We're down by one at the half, and we're fighting back sufficiently. Then, they come out and within four minutes they make it a three goal deficit. Now the game has turned into an uphill battle for us."

Mental mistakes are another worry for Lauffer.

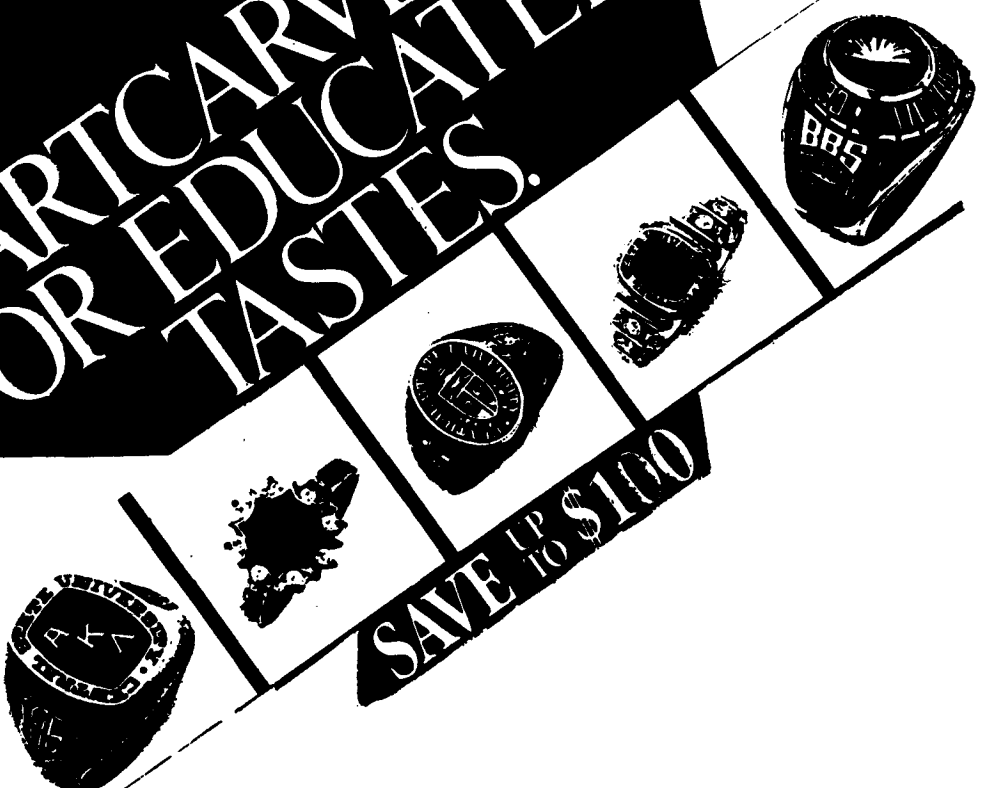
"I think that if we can be a little stronger mentally, the physical side will be all right. Physical mistakes are acceptable, mental ones are the problem. We're still believing that we can win, but by making good decisions."

After all, according to Lauffer, things are not all bad for the club.

"Even in two losses, we showed some consistent play out of some people, and we haven't played badly as a team."

NOTES: The Lions are on the road this week, visiting Geneva College Tuesday night and traveling to St. John Fisher Saturday. One of the Lions' three victories last season came against Geneva.

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