

New attitude

Coach Guilliams has baseball program back on track

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Attitude. It's a simple word, but it's tough to change in most people.

New Behrend Baseball Coach Greg Guilliams is attempting to change is team's attitude, which was 4-22 last year under former Coach Michael Bari.

Guilliams said that the essence of his program is to promote confidence.

"The key to performance is physical relaxation and mental concentration. Your philosophy is more important than your personnel, because your personnel changes while your philosophy doesn't."

According to past and present players, and also opposing coaches, Bari's program is very different from the new one that has been installed at Behrend under Guilliams.

For shortstop Peter Zulick, his feelings on the subject of Bari's program versus Guilliam's program are quite clear.

"Bari had a lot to do with me not playing last year," said Zulick. "A lot of other people thought of Bari the same way I did."

Zulick continued to say that "Bari had no pattern in the way he did things. If we won, we won. If not, no big deal."

This attitude, says the shortstop, is starting to turn around this year.

"Under Bari the team was lackadaisical, but under Guilliams, everyone on the team knows what the coach wants, which is to win. I think

Behrend swept a home double-header with Allegheny on Oct. 7 by the identical scores of 2-1.

"They made no mistakes," said an impressed Creehan. "Behrend is a sleeping giant."

As for the rest of the Allegheny College ball club, team captain Jack Mosier said after playing Behrend, "It's

improvement in the team.

"He (Guilliams) brings back a new interest in the program," said the Gator's skipper. "I know that he comes from Eastern Kentucky and his background in baseball is solid."

Creehan also pointed out that the players have adjusted well to a new coaching staff.

Creehan said: "The (Behrend) players are responding to the new coaching change with enthusiasm and a new confidence."

On a personal level, Coach Creehan said: "I welcome the challenge to coach against a quality coach like Greg. You only get better playing better people."

What the upcoming Spring season will hold for the Lions is unpredictable. But no matter what the outcome, Guilliams' philosophy would remain the same.

When asked about the Spring season Coach Guilliams said: "We're going to improve. And the reason we're going to improve is because we're going to build confidence. You build confidence by encouragement and preparation, and we will do just that. Therefore, we will be highly skilled and motivated."

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this year that (lackadaisical attitude) will definitely change and there will be a good turnaround," said Zulick.

Zulick is not the only one to see a difference in the Behrend squad this year. The head coach for the Allegheny Gators, Rick Creehan, took notice when

the best coached Behrend team I have ever seen."

Last Spring when Behrend played Allegheny, it was the Gators who came up the victors by a 10-2 margin. According to Creehan, Guilliams arrival is part of the reason for the

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