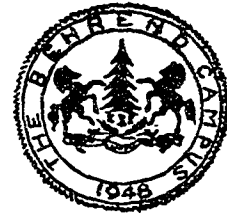




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After two weeks of daily practice, and with only two weeks remaining before the opening game, Behrend's intercollegiate basketball team is shaping up into what is expected to be the strongest cage team ever fielded by the campus. Six sophomores return from last year's 14-7 squad which set a number of records including total victories and total points.

Leading this year's team will be newly elected co-captains Joe Williams and Ron Hornyak, number one and two scorers on last year's team, respectively. Williams, who also led last year's team in rebounds, will play a forward, while Hornyak, the team's leading playmaker, will team at guard with "Barney" Etsel, third highest scorer on last year's team. In the pivot will be another sophomore, Tom Taylor, who led last year's team in shooting percentage (50%). Vying for the fifth starting position are sophomores Rick Dylew-

ski and Bruce Reinhart, both of whom looked good before being slowed by pre-season injuries, and freshman Howie McGregor. All three are expected to see considerable action at the forwards.

Other candidates for these twelve uniforms include freshmen guards Tom Rutkowski, Dave Merritt, and Bob Hamilton, Sophomore John Pyle at center, and freshmen forwards Bob Locke, Dave Frazier, and "Dusty" Kurtic. Of these Rutkowski and Merritt have the most experience and appear most likely to get regular playing time.

This will be a relatively small team--Williams, at 6' 3-1/2" and Taylor and Pyle at 6'2" are the largest --but Coach Sweeting believes that good scoring balance, team speed, experience, and aggressive defensive play will be the factors which will help overcome lack of size.

The team and spectators will go to Oil City against Venango Campus of Clarion State on Nov. 22, 8:00 p.m.