

Intramural update

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This week's IM update includes championship football results, bowling and billiard results, and information on aerobics classes.

The billiard champion from the singles division in the "A" flight (more advanced), was Jim Palange (Delta Chi). In the "B" flight Andrew Tisch (Sigma Kappa Nu) won, and Michele Carino won the women's division. In Doubles Kevin Edwards and Bob Obeflander took first in men's. Kate Delaney and Doinelle Sefert won women's doubles. Julie Bedell and Kevin Edwards were the coed champions.

On Sat., Nov. 12 at Eastway Lanes IM bowling took place. All of the divisions played a three game series. Pat Rougeux won the men's indivision, with a score of 682. The winning men's team consisted of Kevin Edwards, Jason Lipscomb, Brett Latimer, and Jason McGuire. Sue Mazer, Deanna Cimminisi, Marcia Jensen, a and Beth Calhoun make up the women's champions. Sue Mazer was

also the women's Individual champion. The coed winning team consisted of Kevin Edwards, Jason Lipscomb, Julie Bedell, and Casey Putterman.

In men's football the final four teams consisted of Behrend Baseball vs. Eagles and TKE 1 vs. Strip Poker, in a surprise win, beat the TKE 1 team. With over one hundred fans at in attendance at the TKE 1 game, many heavily favored them to win. Strip Poker didn't take the lead until 3:00 minutes to go. The final score was Strip Poker 20-6. In the Behrend Baseball game, they scored their final touchdown with "20 seconds to go from the 12 yard line. This was a great year for IM football. There were 36 teams in competition, and they had great weather.

Low Impact Aerobics is offered on Mon-Thurs in the Old Library from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aerobics is also offered Mon, Wed, and Thurs. from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Niagara Basement. Abdomen Workout classes are on Mon and Wed from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Old Library also.

Area pigskin

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The Erie area is now celebrating the fact that all three NFL teams are over .500. Pittsburgh (7-3) had a HUGE defensive effort over Buffalo (5-5) on Monday night and the Cleveland Browns (8-2) won respect and the game over Philadelphia on Sunday. This is the first time in many years that all three teams have been doing this well since 1989.

Sunday in Philadelphia the Eagles were six and one half point favorites over the Brown. This vote of confidence goes along with the fact that Randall Cunningham was 20-0 in Veterans Stadium. This was supposed to be a blowout.

The Browns won the game 26-7 with great defense and excellent field position due to the special teams unit, probably the best in the league.

The offense produced 158 yards passing on the arm of Mark Rypian and 140 yards rushing by Leroy Hoard, playing with a partially torn bicep in his left arm.

The defense only gave up seven points to the Eagles' potent offense, the smallest amount since 1992 with Cunningham at quarterback. Not only was the defense stingy against the Eagles but to all the teams they have played. The 11.8 points given up per game and the 118 points given up total are tops in the league even though the defense is ranked eighth in the AFC.

In Pittsburgh the Steelers kept Head Coach Bill Cowher 6-0 on Monday nights. The Steelers' offense is not to be credited with the 23-10 win but Rod Woodson and the stifling defense. Woodson's efforts were honored this week when he was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week.

The Pittsburgh running game was shut down again for the second straight week, gaining only 86 yards on 26 carries. Barry Foster also played for the first time in three games but to no avail.

Neil O'Donnell had another inconsistent day, 14 of 27 for 148 yards and one interception. The Pittsburgh offense has not scored in 10 straight quarters.

The Steelers' defense is the best part of their game plan.

The Buffalo Bills are the most inconsistent team in football. They win the big games over Miami and Kansas City but lose to: Indianapolis, the N.Y. Jets and now the Steelers.

Jim Kelly was sacked six times and went 22 of 43 for 212 yards and two interceptions. His receivers were pummelled the entire game when a ball was coming their way.

Thurman Thomas went 21 for 91 yards and went out of the game with an injury. Buffalo finished with 128 yards on the ground.

If Buffalo wants to get back for a fifth straight Super Bowl appearance, they must be consistent on both sides of the ball.

Youth movement

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"Rebuilding" is usually a dirty word in sports, yet Head Coach Roz Fornari uses it to describe the 1994-1995 women's basketball team.

"We are definitely rebuilding. We are reidentifying and restructuring what our program is going to be like."

The Lady Lions lost all five starters from last year's 21-6 team that made Behrend basketball history by playing in the NCAA playoffs.

The team defeated Denison College 97-73 in the first round before losing to the eventual champion Capital College.

"This team has the same desire and same goals as last year's group...We are young. We don't lack talent but we lack experience," Fornari said.

Fornari has tabbed Megan Musante (pointguard), Emmy Arnett (shooting guard), Becky Reed (small forward), Karen Strait (power forward), and Marlese Schlott (center) as tentative starters.

"Right now a lot of people that are new are pushing for positions. I plan on rocking the boat and changing starters. I don't want anyone to get comfortable."

The Lady Lions have seven freshmen on the squad: Melanic Banas (guard), Nikki Bohn (guard/forward), Tina Fomich (guard), Emily Marini (guard/forward), Heather Norder (guard/forward), Mary Ann Rupp (guard) and Nikki Schultz (forward).

Sophomore Kate Delaney is out for the season with a knee injury.

Fornari does not believe in naming captains, however she did



Photo by Holly Beery/Photo Coordinator

Last Run: Karen Strait is one of only two seniors on the Lady Lions squad this season.

single out Musante, Strait, Schlott and Reed as team leaders.

"Megan (Musante) and Karen (Strait) are two key leaders on and off the court. Marlese (Schlott) is a presence on the court and Becky (Reed) leads by example."

Fornari is in her second year as head coach, but she said that because of the new players she is still in the process of teaching the team her system.

Fornari admits that there is a positive side to a young team. "It will be easier because they are fresh and have no prior experiences. What they experience now will be building blocks for challenges they will

face later on."

The Lady Lions' first challenge will be tomorrow night against Lake Erie College in the opening game of the Hamot Classic here at Behrend.

Fornari said, "Lake Erie will be an excellent opponent for us to see how good we are. It will be a time for the team to learn about each other."

The other two teams in the tournament are Southern Maine and Waynesburg.

"We are inexperienced and lack size and height but our hustle and aggressiveness make us a difficult team to prepare for," Fornari said.

Women's club soccer goes varsity

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Add the Penn State-Behrend women's soccer team to the list of varsity sports offered here at Behrend.

The total is now 10, with five men's sports including golf, soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis, and five women's sports including tennis, volleyball, basketball, softball and now soccer.

"This is great for Behrend and the soccer program," said forward Lara Herrmann.

The Lady Lions compiled a final record of 6-0 in their inaugural season. This made the decision easy for Behrend Athletic Director Herb Lauffer and Head Coach Rick Nese to make the transition from a club team in 1994 to a varsity squad in 1995.

"We played well and had the commitment; all we needed was the support," said Nese.

There will be several differences between the 1994 and

1995 teams. Donielle Seifert believes the team will have to be committed in order to be successful.

"As a varsity team we are going to be facing many exceptional teams. The one thing the team will need next year is commitment. I think it

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will be a good season as long as everyone gives it her or his all."

The Behrend ladies will also need to adapt to not playing as many games on their home turf. Out of this year's six games, only two required traveling.

The level of competition the Lady Lions face will increase as

they step up from the club to varsity level. Nese is in the process of completing the schedule which boasts 14-16 games and such varsity opponents as Allegheny, Carnegie Mellon and Bethany.

Behrend gained valuable experience by playing Lake Erie and Hilbert Colleges, both of which were varsity teams. Mercyhurst, a Division II power, was also a Behrend opponent in a scrimmage.

Nese is preparing for next year's rise in player competition. He has been busily recruiting players from Pittsburgh, New York and the Erie area.

"Turning varsity will bring a lot more female athletes to Behrend," said Becky Eckendorf.

Herrmann agrees, "This will bring more variety to Behrend athletics and to the athletes."

Women's soccer is certainly undergoing changes to become a varsity team. Hopefully the winning ways of the Lady Lions will not be one of the changes.