

# Cross country new varsity sport for fall '96

## search for a coach going on now

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If you are a sports fan, you'll love what Penn State is doing for you. They are trying to bring a totally new approach to cross country here at Behrend. They have decided to bring this varsity sport to our campus.

For those of you that did not know that Cross Country was available here at Behrend, it is. This year the team took on the look of a club and not as a team. Next fall Behrend's Athletic Director Herb Lauffer has decided to bring the team to life. All he needs are some dedicated runners.

In order to put a team together, Lauffer believes that "runners must come out in solid numbers and make a commitment to the program." Lauffer believes that Behrend can become a competitive running team at Division III meets. "We can be competitive, but it will take some time to build up our program," Lauffer states. He is just looking for runners to get the team going and perhaps even take a title.

Practices will begin as soon as students report back to school in the fall, considering the first meets will begin in early September. Lauffer is hoping to

have a big turnout for cross country in the fall and is looking for approximately 10-15 runners for each of the varsity men's and women's teams.

These varsity teams will compete against a variety of different Division III schools including Buffalo State, Grove City College, and Alfred University just to name a few.

A course has been established by Coaches Fornari and Niland which is similar to the one that was used for intramurals although it is a bit longer for the men. The men's course is approximately 5.1 miles and the women's course runs about 3.2

miles.

These two coaches are also responsible for recruitment of new freshmen that may want to join the program. Recruitment in our area is fairly good because

of the tremendous runners that come out of high schools in the surrounding counties. We look forward to having a strong team sometime down the line and these recruiting efforts will help.

For those of you that are wondering who the coach is going to be, you are just going to have to wait a little longer. When Lauffer was asked about a coach he had this to say, "We look to advertise in early April, and we will have a single coach for both men's and women's cross country. When a coach is named, he will be hired as a full-time faculty member and will be given a teaching assignment within the Esact department."

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-Behrend Athletic Director  
Herb Lauffer

## Jarrett wins Daytona 500

by Brian Gregory  
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NASCAR fans your time of the year for glory began last Sunday in Daytona Beach for the famed NASCAR "Super Bowl of Auto Racing," The Daytona 500.

The big story of the week was that Dale Earnhardt, a man that had tried to win the race and failed in 17 previous attempts was at the pole for the big race. In fact, not only did he have the pole, but last year's runner up in the Winston Cup points standings also had won the IROC race and the Twin 125's earlier in the week.

Right from the start, Earnhardt fell back to ninth, as the Fords overpowered the Chevys, as they did throughout much of the day. On lap nine a massive wreck took out last year's winner of the Winston Cup Jeff Gordon, and a short time later Sterling Marlin, who had won the last two Daytona 500's, fell victim to engine trouble.

The race claimed Ernie Irvin's car later in the race, but his teammate Dale Jarrett driving the No. 88 Ford Thunderbird kept the pace throughout the day.

With about 33 laps remaining, a pit stop was made and by taking only left side tires, Earnhardt came out in the lead. However, Jarrett was paced by a gang of Fords a short time later to overtake the lead.

With help from fellow Chevy driver Kenny Schraeder and the combined draft from the two cars, Dale and Kenny were able to move to 2-3. This made it a Dale and Dale show just as it was back in 1988 when Jarrett just outlasted Earnhardt for the victory.

The end of the race was close just as it was in 1988, but the muscle of the Thunderbird outlasted Earnhardt's and Schraeder's Chevys to take the checked flag. All in all, Ford took eight of the top ten positions.

Next up on the NASCAR circuit is Rockingham Motor Speedway on Sunday.

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