

Team needs consistent effort

Eight players return from fall

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The spring semester portion of the Penn State-Behrend men's golf team is about to begin. Their team will begin play at the New Castle Country Club in the Westminster College Golf Tournament on April 1st.

Coach Herb Lauffer is waiting to get a first look at how his golfers will perform this spring. He has all of his fall golfers returning and hopes that they can play as well or even better than they did in the fall.

The fall season for the Behrend men consisted of eight team members in which only seven were eligible. Freshman Josh Phillips was not eligible to play in the fall, but will be around to give the team another player this spring.

The team was highlighted by the play of Dave Koster, a junior who averaged 79 strokes per round and Chris Donalies who carried an 80 stroke average.

In the fall, the team of eight members shot fairly well. Coach Lauffer seemed to be satisfied with the progress of his team during the fall season.

"Overall, we played fair, as well as we had expected. There were a lot of good individual performances which were very good and proved to be consistent."

Lauffer stated that consistent effort from all eight members of the club is needed.

"The highlights were Dave Koster [junior] and Chris Donalies [sophomore]. This spring I hope for a little more

consistency to improve our chances. After these players had finished, the team's play dropped off and they tended to finish in the middle of many tournaments."

So far this spring, the team has only been able to get out a couple times to the course because of the varying weather conditions. Their practices have

mainly been halted to practicing only at Country Greens in Girard and local sites on campus. Coach Lauffer hopes to be able to get out to Gospel Hill so the players can work on their games.

When asked what he expected this spring from his golfers, Coach Lauffer said, "I hope to do a lot better than the fall. We need to get our numbers [scores] down and be focused to meet that end. I know the guys feel that way and hopefully we will achieve it."

This Spring the golf team will play in a number of tournaments

including: the Westminster College Tournament, the Pitt-Bradford Tournament, the Thiel College Invitational, and are looking forward to hosting their own Penn State-Behrend Invitational on April 27th at Riverside Country Club.

Coach Lauffer is looking very forward to this tournament in late April. "It will be a small tournament, but we hope it will grow. I have had a lot of cooperation with the people at Riverside and look forward to this invitational."

Women split

BEHREND- The Penn State-Behrend Women's Softball team split its two games against Mount Union yesterday.

The Lady Lions won the first game 5-4. The second game was shortened to five innings due to darkness and Mount Union received the victory 7-2.

No other details about the games were available.

Today the Lady Lions host Geneva college for a 3 p.m. first pitch. Behrend then takes on local rival Gannon University Tuesday, April 2.



On the links: Behrend Golf Coach Herb Lauffer is anxious for the weather to get better for his team to get out on the golf course.

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