

Out of Bounds

Rodman brings new attitude to Lakers

Dennis Rodman has finally found himself a city that will capture his uniqueness and ability to always be the center of attention. With his move to Los Angeles, he moves out of the shadows of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen in Chicago and has landed in a city known for celebrities and people that love the spotlight.

But with the move to L.A., Rodman, at age 38, will finally get the recognition he deserves as a basketball player. Look at what Los Angeles has done for Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. Shaquille O'Neal is being called the best center in the NBA this season, even though he can't make a shot outside of three feet. Kobe Bryant is suddenly Michael Jordan even though he doesn't have anywhere near the talent that Jordan did. The only difference with Rodman will be that the praises he receives will be well deserved.

As a Bulls fan, I often found myself trying to defend Rodman. People would ask me why I liked him. They would say he was a disgrace to the league. Sometimes his antics were disgraceful and disrespectful, but no one could ever take away from him the effort that he put into getting every loose ball and rebound. I never approved

of Dennis Rodman as a person, but I will always admire him as a player.

I always got a kick out of when his stats would appear on the bottom of the television screen. It would often times read like this: Points - 1,



Rebounds - 17. But who would want a player on their team that rarely scores? I would take him in a minute. And signing him was probably the smartest move the Lakers have made in a long time.

So, how will Rodman fit into a lineup that consists of players that thrive on media attention. Of course, it is a match made in heaven for Rodman. He

is now in a place where he can be in the spotlight. But how will Rodman help the Lakers as a team? In countless ways.

If you sit down and watch the Lakers play, you know they aren't the hardest

working team in the NBA. They have O'Neal, who acts too cool for the game, and other young players who are trying to live up to the hype that the media has used to portray them as. If you keep your eye on O'Neal, you will see a man that plays with no emotion and rarely dives on the floor for a loose ball. The only time he acts like he cares is when he knows the cameras are on him.

JASON SNYDER

Anfernee Hardaway started to get some attention in Orlando, so Shaq moved elsewhere.

In my opinion, Rodman will bring a new attitude to the Lakers. The fans always got loud in Chicago when he saved a ball from going out of bounds or grabbed an offensive rebound over players a half a foot taller than him. He will undoubtedly carry that same emotion into L.A. When the Lakers players begin to see the applause Rodman gets for his hard work, they will follow. Rodman's contract is only for one season, but there will be a lasting impression in L.A. that could carry them to the top of the NBA in the 21st century.

The media has always been quick to judge players that follow a rare lifestyle. They always seem to pick out the bad moments of players' careers. Rodman has had many moments that don't exemplify the image that the league would like to portray. But now that the league's image is viewed as greedy and arrogant, maybe the NBA should show off a man that sacrifices his body, dares to be different and plays for minimum wage. So get off his back! He has enough work ahead of him, carrying the egos of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Snyder is the sports editor for the Beacon. Out of Bounds appears weekly on this page.

BEHREND BRIEFS

Free tickets for AMCC tournament

The Behrend Student Government is in the playoff mood as the AMCC tournament approaches. The Student Government has purchased tickets for all Behrend students for the upcoming tournament.

To take advantage of the free tickets, fans must pick up their tickets in the Athletics Office in Erie Hall. Students must show their student id by Friday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m.

If the tickets are not picked up by the deadline, students must pay student priced tickets for the games.

If there are any questions, call the Athletics Dept. at 898-6180 or the sports information office at 898-6322.

Tiffany Buck breaks three-point record

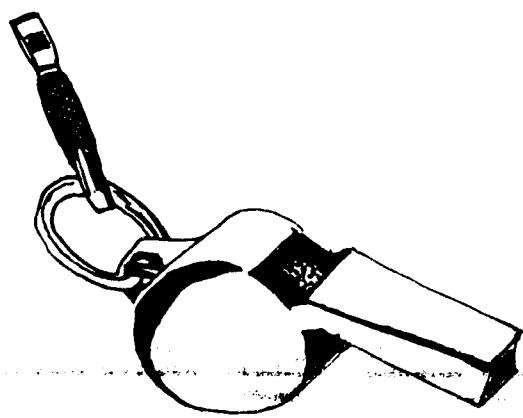
Behrend's Tiffany Buck has set a new standard for three-point shooting in only her third year on the Lady Lions' roster. In the final game of the regular season, Buck took over the record with a three-pointer versus LaRoche.

The record was previously held by Lisa Dorenkamp ('86-90) with 118. Buck's 119 career three-pointers ranks her first as a junior.

"She has grown in her role every year, and has the opportunity to achieve several records here at Behrend during her senior year. Tiffany is an unselfish player that is always looking for ways to get better. She is the type of kid you want to see break records," said head coach Roz Fornari.

You Make The Call!

Do you think Dennis Rodman will help or hurt the L.A. Lakers?



"He'll help them. He brings age and experience. He helped in Chicago, so I don't see why he wouldn't help in Los Angeles."

Steve Tomlinson, 06, MIS

"He'll help. He'll get all the rebounds."

Ben Rumbaugh, 04, MIS

"He won't help. He will bring publicity, but it will be negative and positive. He was good for the Bulls because he was the only rebounder they had."

Steve Slupski, 02, Undecided

"He will help and hurt them. He's not in shape because he hasn't played a game since the end of last season. He might help once he gets back into it, but that might not be until the playoffs."

Randy Armstrong, 04, MIS

"He will help. They're almost fully equipped in every department already. He'll just be icing on the cake and make them a title contender. Plus, he'll bring them more publicity."

Keith Smith, 06, MET

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

Name: Kate Costanzo
Sport: Women's Basketball
Class: Freshman
Position: Guard
Date: February 15 - February 22

Kate Costanzo, a freshman guard, has been named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Costanzo has helped lead the Behrend Lions to the top of the AMCC with an 8-2 record and a 15-9 mark overall.

On Wednesday in Erie Hall, Costanzo was 2 x 5 from the floor and 2 x 2 from the line for seven points and two rebounds and assists. She played really well on Saturday in a tough overtime loss at LaRoche. Costanzo hit 6 x 14 from the field, including 3 x 7 from three-point territory for 16 points.

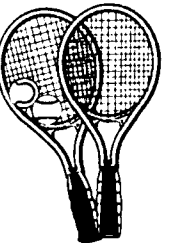
For the season, Costanzo averages 5.6 ppg and clears 1.5 rpg. She comes off the bench and adds energy and a jump shot to Fornari's crew.

Costanzo is a graduate of Kittanning High School.

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Play starts on March 16

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M, W, Coed

Registration Deadline: March 5

Play starts on March 16

Season will last five weeks

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