

Track & Field places well at Geneva Meet

by Jason Snyder
sports editor

The Behrend men's and women's track and field teams continued to excel in their inaugural season with a third and fourth place finish at the Geneva College Five Team Meet on April 1.

"We ran very well against some established programs, and in the process, ran some super times," commented head coach Rich Hoffman.

The Behrend men placed third in the meet with 52 points, trailing St. Francis with 111 points and host Geneva with 67 points.

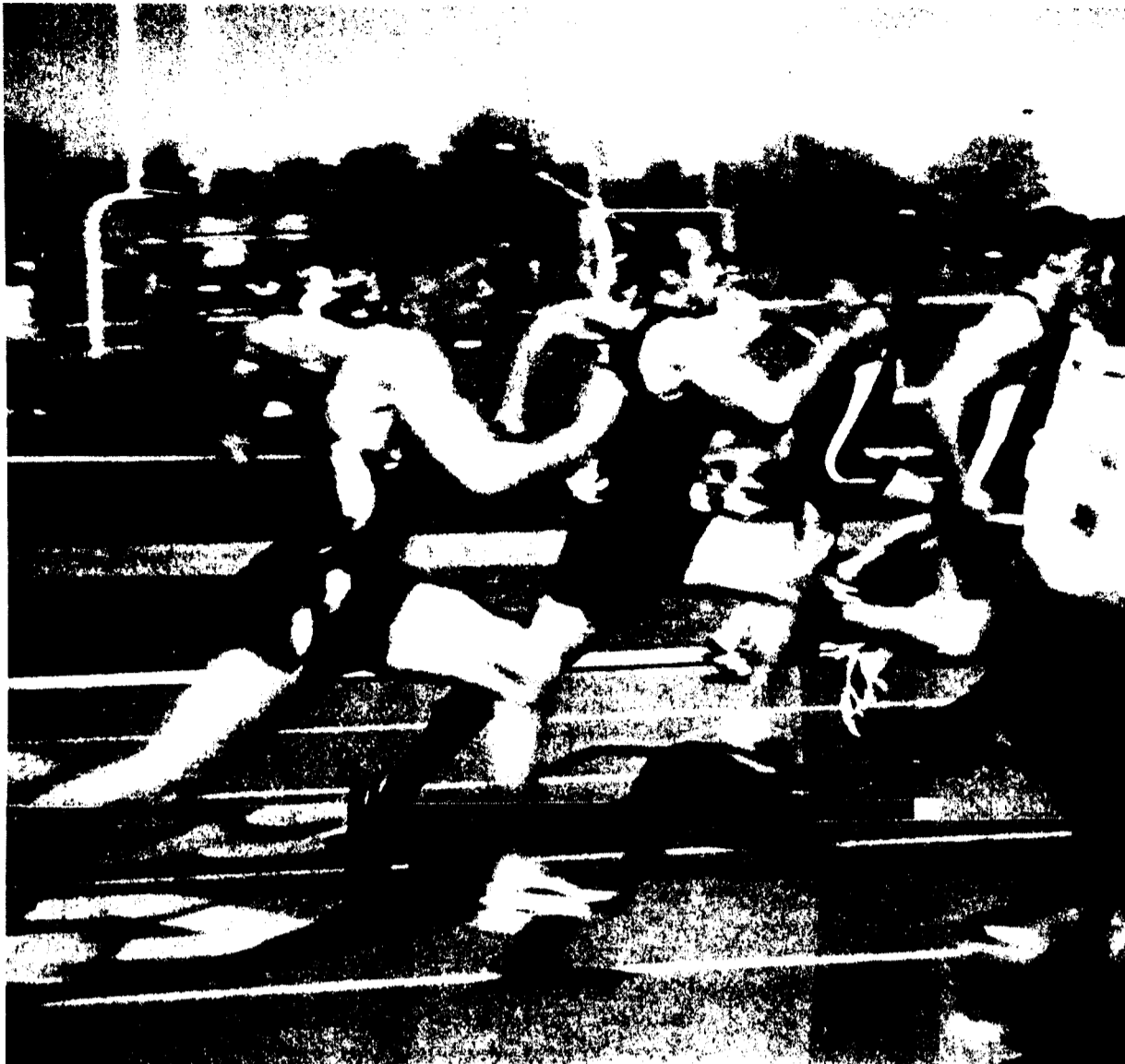
The Lions were once again lifted by Jerrod Hart in the pole vault. Hart finished first in the event with a season best vault of 13 feet. Scott Nicklas was the only other individual winner for the Lions in the field events. Nicklas cleared 43' 10.25" in the triple jump to add six points to the Behrend total.

The Lions also placed many other individuals in various events. Sophomore Jay Davids finished third in the high jump with a leap of 5' 10". Steve Duda and David Young both threw personal bests in the javelin, placing fourth and fifth, respectively.

On the track, the Behrend men have continued to improve. Freshman Keith Cerroni and junior Tommie Stovall both ran an :11.4 in the 100 meter dash to place fourth and fifth, respectively. Stovall also placed in the 200 meter dash with a personal best :23.3. Cerroni also ran a season best in the event with a time of :23.8.

The 400 meter dash also saw Behrend place two individuals. Steve Omecinski placed third in the event and teammate Shawn Furman followed in fifth. Both athletes ran under 53 seconds with Furman running his season best.

In the sprint relays, the Behrend men teamed for a third place finish in the 400 meter relay. Cerroni and Omecinski were joined by Chris Schlosser, and Alan Corderay to run a season best, 44.73 seconds. Also



Chris Schlosser (middle) keeps up with the pack in Geneva.

placing third for the Lions was the team of Furman, Schlosser, Omecinski and Jason Pfadt in the 4 x 400 relay.

Tyler Travis was the only Behrend runner to take first place in the meet. Travis ran a personal best and school record, 16:29.3 in the 5000 meter run. Only seconds behind was Adam Dzuricky who placed second, recording his best time of the year. Brian Musick also placed in the event with a time of 17:17.2, good for fifth.

Although the Lions didn't place any runners in the 1500 meter, three Behrend athletes ran personal bests on the day. Mark Suroviev ran the school's best time of the year with a 4:13.1 followed by Brian Gaines (4:22.6), Matt Heidecker (4:24.9) and Kevin McElhone (4:25.5).

Having a big meet was Dennis

Halaszynski who ran his best time of the season in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Halaszynski ran the event in 10:24.8 for a fifth place finish. "Dennis has trained hard for this, and it is a definite breakthrough."

The Behrend women continue to show promise despite a small roster. The Lions finished fourth at Geneva with 21 points.

Jenny Detelich ran a personal best in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:06.8, good for third place. She also placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.6. Detelich totaled six points on the day for the Lions.

Tina Rubay ran to a fourth place finish in the 5000 meter run. She ran the event in 23:22.3. The 3000 meter race saw Kathryn Tate and Keri Lowman cross the line in third and

photo by Jason Blake

fourth place, respectively. Both Tate and Lowman recorded personal bests.

In the field events, Carey Kohler and Lynn Herrmann both placed in their respective events. Kohler jumped second longest in the triple jump for the meet with a distance of 32' 2" and also placed fifth in the long jump. Herrmann tossed the javelin a distance of 99' 6" for a third place finish.

Coach Hoffman commented on the Geneva Meet saying, "it was a great atmosphere and our athletes really enjoyed going head to head with these other schools."

The Behrend track and field teams will compete again on April 10 at the IUP Invitational.

Behrend softball tied for conference lead

Lions battle LaRoche for standing's lead

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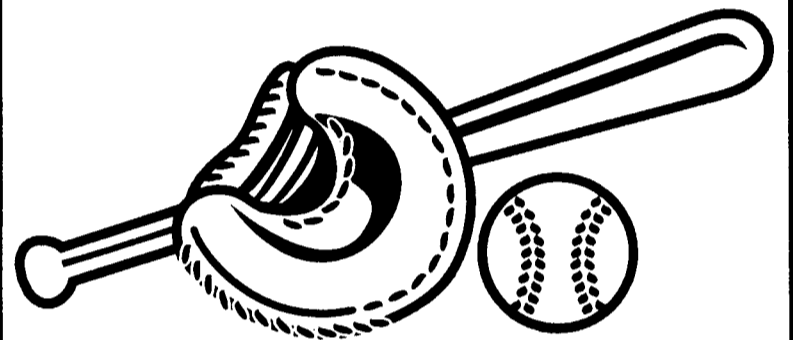
The Behrend softball team had a very eventful week last week. They played two double-headers and pitcher Mandy Bodnor broke the Behrend homerun record with seven homeruns already this year. The Lions moved to 15-5 on the year and 9-1 in Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference play. Their 9-1 mark has them tied for first in the AMCC with LaRoche College.

Their week started out with Pitt Bradford. The Behrend women were victorious in both games. The score of the first game was 11-3 and the second 11-5. Bodnor pitched in both games and totaled seven strikeouts. On top of that she contributed three hits with a

homerun and a triple. Heidt, Blass, and Fox contributed four hits.

On April 1, the women battled Pitt-Greensburg in a double-header. Once again, the team was victorious in both games. The scores were 12-1 in the first game and 16-1 in the second. For a change of pace, freshman Emily Heidt pitched nine out of the ten innings played and picked up four strikeouts. Heidt, Haney, Bodnor, Woods and Blass all contributed two hits apiece, and Leslie Miller went three for three.

The Lions will compete next at home against Lake Erie at 3:00 p.m. on April 8. The Behrend women will travel to Maryland to face AMCC opponent Frostburg at 2:00 p.m. on April 10.



Root, Root, Root for the home team!



Tennis

April 9	Lions vs. Waynesburg	3:00 p.m.
April 10	Behrend Gamma Inv.	9:00 a.m.
April 11	Lions vs. Frostburg/Lake Erie	9:00 a.m.
April 12	Lions vs. Baldwin Wallace	3:00 p.m.

Baseball

April 13	Lions vs. LaRoche	1:00 p.m.
April 15	Lions vs. Grove City	1:00 p.m.

Softball

April 8	Lions vs. Lake Erie	3:00 p.m.
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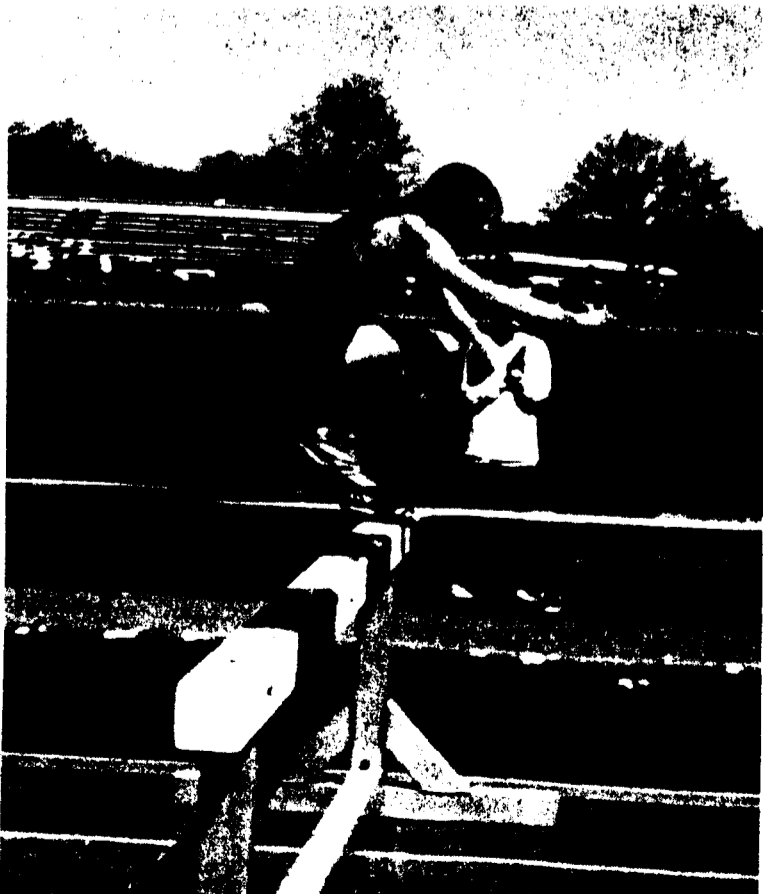
Dennis Halaszynski Track & Field

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"A very young 'aerobic animal,'" is how Track & Field Coach Rich Hoffman describes sophomore Dennis Halaszynski. Dennis runs the 3000 meter steeplechase. This is almost a two mile run with twenty-eight hurdles and seven water barriers and water jumps.

In the first meet at Clarion University, Dennis ran the grueling 3000m steeplechase in approximately ten minutes and forty-seven seconds. This placed Dennis in the top five runners competing. In the second meet at Geneva College, Dennis improved his time to approximately ten minutes and twenty-four seconds. That is about twenty-four seconds improvement from the first race at Clarion to the second race at Geneva.

Coach Hoffman concluded by saying "he is a very dedicated year-round trainer, a good example of the commitment and dedication needed to excel, and it is beginning to payoff for Dennis."



Halaszynski has excelled in the 3000 meter steeplechase in 1999
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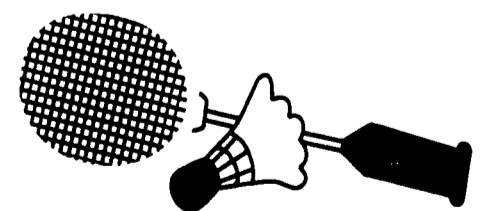
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