

Behrend inducts five into athletic Hall of Fame

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Penn State Behrend recognized five former athletes on Saturday at the ninth annual Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony. Five individuals were honored for their past performances and accomplishments while attending Behrend. This year's class of inductees includes Bill Breedlove, Lisa Butch, Dave First, Mark Lytle, and Gary Wolfe.

Bill Breedlove was a member of the 1978 Behrend soccer team that was inducted into the Hall last year. He went on to graduate from Behrend in 1983. Breedlove played a key role in the men's soccer team's success during his years at Behrend. Bill played the stopperback position and was "critical to the team's success," said Breedlove's presenter Tony Orlando. Bill "used his skills to his advantage and he played his strengths," continued Orlando.

Bill was co-captain as a senior and a two-time Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference All-Star for Head Coach Herb Lauffer. Breedlove said that he was "honored to be inducted" into the Hall of Fame and that his "successes on the field are a direct result from positive influences." He continued to say that he benefited from a lot of "good coaching" and it "had a lot to do with his

success." Breedlove also referenced the influences from his soccer coach, the late Herb Lauffer. "Herb had the insight to allow us to be us, he let us work to our strengths," commented Breedlove.

Lisa Butch is the eleventh female student athlete to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Butch played both basketball and softball while attending Behrend from 1985-89. She is one of only four women to tally over 1000 points in her basketball career, scoring 1062, ranking her second all-time in Behrend history. Lisa also made major contributions to the women's softball program. She was named team "MVP" of the softball team in 1985 and had a .329 batting average as a senior. During her tenure as a player, the softball team earned their first ever E.C.A.C. bid in 1989, in part to Lisa's contributions. Butch said that induction into the Hall is "not something you expect to accomplish" and that it "feels great to have accomplished enough to be recognized as a part of Behrend history."

Dave First is the first Behrend golfer to ever be inducted into the Hall of Fame. His career scoring average is an impressive 78.6, which is the lowest in Behrend history. First also earned the White Letter Award for being the most valuable player on the Behrend team. He was



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The 1999 hall of fame inductees include (from left to right) Lisa Butch, Bill Breedlove, Mark Lytle, Dave First, and Gary Wolfe.

the Behrend golf coach for the Lions from 1987-89, which makes him only one of four inductees who was both a player and a coach.

Mark Lytle was a two-year standout at Behrend before transferring to State College. He was named the White Letter Award winner in 1971 due to

an impressive record of 7-1 with a 1.48 earned run average. "Mark is the best pitcher in Behrend College history to this time," stated Marks pre-

senter Roger Sweeting. "He is modest about his abilities and achievements," Sweeting added.

Lytle was surprised that he was even nominated and was humbled to be surrounded by such great athletes. Lytle told the story about how he didn't make the baseball team in ninth and tenth grade. But because of his father's encouragement he went on to further success playing baseball. He continued by saying, "if it wasn't for my father I wouldn't be here".

Gary Wolfe was the final inductee for the Hall of Fame Class of 1999. Wolfe also played on the 1978 N.A.I.A. District 18 Championship team with Bill Breedlove. He played the very important stopper-back position, which was a key piece of the team's defense. In '78, Gary was named a Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate All-Star for his superb performances throughout the season. I "just wanted to win," stated Wolfe in his induction speech. "I expected to have fun and I learned the meaning of it while at Behrend", Wolfe added.

This year's group of inductees increases the total of Hall of Fame members to fifty-five. Penn State will honor the year 2000 inductees on June 17.

Volleyball to battle rival Altoona

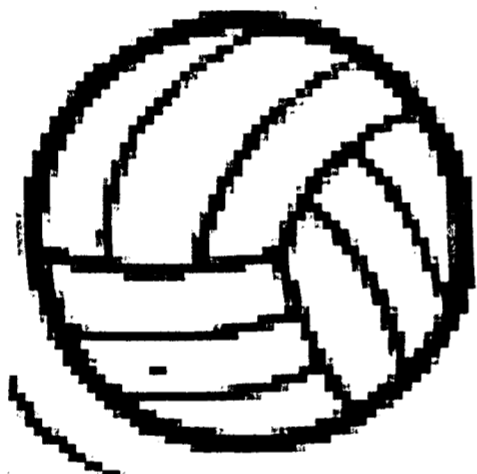
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The Penn State Behrend women's volleyball team fell to La Roche on Wednesday night. The team dropped to 6-10 on the season. The Lady Spikers kept it close, despite losing 3-0. The team was led by junior Mary Good with 9 kills and eleven digs and sophomore Vanessa Kruse pitched in with 7 kills and eleven digs.

Two of the three games were decided by two points, both 16-14 losses. La Roche presented tough competition, but the women fought to keep it close. "We played a La Roche team that is a good team in the AMCC, we played well, but we just couldn't finish," said assistant coach Greg Jacobelli.

The team has high hopes for the second half of the season. "The first half was a little rocky but the team always played solid. "We as a team have meshed well together and we will continue to grow as a team as the season progresses," stated freshman Karen Walters.

The women's next match is Friday, October 1, at home vs. Penn State Altoona.



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Out of Bounds

The race to the millenium, but not the race of the millenium

One year ago, the nation was in awe. Suddenly two new men defined athletics and heroes. The playoff race captivated fans, putting them right in the middle of the race with them. Races came down to the final game with Americans finally put baseball at the top of their priorities. Baseball was once again America's Pastime.

This year, the excitement settled. Americans now hold homeruns parallel with such regularities as field goals in football, fouls in World Cup soccer and profanity from the mouth of the Jets' Keyshawn Johnson. The drama of homeruns can be compared to the decreasing fascination of the slam dunk over the past 30 years.

At first, it was fun to see. But now, the frequency that it is done just takes away from the drama. I, quite frankly, get sick of seeing Shaquille O'Neal think he is on top of the world, making a shot in a basket that hangs inches above his outstretched arms. And, not to be disrespectful to the man that put baseball on the map last year, but it doesn't seem surprising to see a mammoth man like Mark McGwire smack a ball 400 feet back in the direction of a pitcher most likely just brought up from AAA baseball the day before. Once something becomes too repetitive, Americans lose interest. And it is quite obvious that America is losing interest in the home run race between last year's gods of athletics.

But amongst the regularity of



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homeruns in baseball is the uniqueness of the excitement that fans await every October. It's playoff time. Whether records are being broken or not, there is always some playoff race that gets fans geared up for the drama just around the corner. It is as if there is a slow transition from the normal regular season to the upbeat and suddenly meaningful road to the World Series. It might just be my love of the season of fall, but it seems as if the season brings with it a tradition of excitement in the sports world. Even though summer days are filled with many baseball games, no one really cares to follow the sport until now.

There's a chill in the air and a chill that runs up and down your spine when you look in the paper and see that your team is actually scheduled to play in an important game that has some meaning. Almost all baseball fans will finally sit down and watch nine innings of baseball that counts.

I am finally, after a summer of boredom in the baseball world, beginning to find interest. The race in the American League may be complete, but the race in the National League is dead even. Cincinnati and Houston both battle for the right to be called NL Central Division Champs, with the loser of the battle having to hold off the New York Mets for the wild card spot.

The excitement in the NL seems to exceed that of the AL, but that might be working to their advantage. It is like the "calm before the storm" with just the names of the teams making the playoffs in the AL, creating enough excitement that a playoff race really isn't necessary. Cleveland, New York and Texas are all in a race for the best record in the AL, while the Red Sox hope to add to their storied tradition in professional baseball.

In my baseball preview column that I wrote last year, I predicted an easy run for the Braves in the NL with the Indians and Yankees battling it out in the AL. My prediction remains the same, with the Indians topping the Yankees and culminating this season with a World Series Championship.

Homeruns or no homeruns...it's playoff time! Time to start following what is really going on in baseball...not just team standings and homerun races. It's do or die. Win or go home. You know...the fun stuff you can only find when the leaves are turning and the chills are running up your spine.

Behrend's Halaszynski and Perry lead runners at Wooster

by Tim Denial
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The Penn State Behrend cross country team visited Wooster College Saturday the 25th of September. The conditions were good with warm temperatures and sunny weather. Dennis Halaszynski was Behrend's top finisher, finishing in the top 20. His time was an impressive 28:29.00, which was good enough for 16th place overall. Behrend finished 8th as a team with 13 teams competing; Wooster was the top team finisher.

Mark Suroviev was the next to cross the finish line for Behrend. He finished not far behind Halaszynski with a time of 29:02.0. That time placed him 29th out of the whole pack. There were over 150 runners total. Behrend had nine male runners overall that competed last week. Two of Behrend's top runners missed this weekend's race due to injury. Behrend will be glad to have them back when they are 100%.

Coach Hoffman stated "good solid team racing from the whole gang. We ran probably the best race of the year despite a heavy week of running. We had good races all the way through;

and when we get Greg (Cooper) and Dustin (Halaszynski) back in the line up we will be that much stronger."

The Penn State Behrend women also ran at Wooster this past weekend. Behrend's Kathy Perry moved up in the Behrend ranking from their previous meet, crossing the line first for Behrend. Perry's time of 22:05.0 placed her at 58th among all the other runners. Behrend finished a disappointing 12th out of twelve teams, but they hope to bounce back next week.

The Behrend women's team had six runners compete in the Wooster Invite. Jeana Ferilla was the next Behrend runner to finish the race with a time of 22:54.0. Coach Hoffman said that the team "ran better than the results perhaps look" and the team "can still get better."



PHOTO BY JEFFREY MILLER

The Behrend women struggle at Wooster this past weekend. They hope to bounce back this weekend at the Frostburg Invite.

From the Athletic Office

YOU ARE A WINNER MAYBE!!!...MAYBE...

Do you want to WIN CASH this semester? Well, your name, along with the entire Behrend student body, has already been entered into a random cash drawing. The drawing will be held at every fall home athletic contest (men and women's soccer, volleyball, tennis, and cross country). The cash pot will never go under \$25.

Even though your name has already been entered into the drawing, you can increase your chances of winning at each athletic event. During the first half of every home game, students will be able to enter their name in the drawing again by signing up at the Random Cash Drawing station located by the PEPSI BIN. The drawing station will only take entries before halftime.

The actual Cash Drawing will take place during the second half. The time of the drawing is not set, it will vary. You must be PRESENT to win the cash. If the winner is not present at the time of the drawing the cash will roll over into the next athletic contest with an additional \$5 added into the drawing. Hope to see you at our athletic contests!!!

SPECTATOR CASH MANIA

You should have been there!! On Wednesday, September 29, Robert Ludwig, Ryan Reinhardt, and Joe Hinkle could have won up to \$50 at the athletic events. Don't miss out on your chance to win! Sign up at any of the upcoming athletic events.

CRAZY, FUN, AND FREE

All students can participate in halftime contests during soccer and volleyball athletic events this fall. There will be a halftime contest at every event, and students will be able to sign up for the drawing during the first half of the game. COME TO CHEER ON YOUR BEHREND LIONS, WIN PRIZES, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!!! The winners of this week's Wendy's halftime contests are the following:

Wendy's Eggtoxx at Soccer Game
Kelly Maze, Betsy Cummings
Jill Yamma, Jessica Long
Eric Wallo, "Stainer"

Wendy's Simon Says at Volleyball Game
Kyle Hood