

## Lady Lions finish tied after double OT

Behrend women move to 6-3-3 with 1-1 stalemate

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Kicking off a new season, the Penn State Behrend women's soccer team has already proved they are the team to beat. Combining old seasoned talent with newcomers, the Lady Lions have already upped their record to 6-3-3. Taking on improving competition, the women's team must prove they have what it takes to become the AMCC champions.

Players to keep an eye on this year will be senior Jill Yama and juniors Katie Giles and Laura Furko, all of whom earned themselves All-AMCC honors. Along with that, Furko also obtained the 1998 Co-MVP of the conference. Sophomore goal keeper Michelle Malatesta grasped the 1998 co-newcomer of the year award and should prove to be unstoppable. Freshman Michelle Gutting thus far has caused quite a commotion with her numerous goals and her amazing speed and agility. The women's team is well-balanced both offensively and defensively and threatens teams with the talent coming off of the bench. Punishing their opponents is their game plan, something they do quite well.



The Behrend women get set to score in their 1-1 tie against the Gators of Allegheny.

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Leading the Lady Lions are coach Dan Perritano and coach Mary Ann Rupp. Perritano has been with the Behrend women's soccer team for the past four years and anticipates another winning season.

Playing against Allegheny at 2:30 on Wed. afternoon, the women dominated the first half, scoring one goal and controlling the ball for the majority of the half. After the halftime activities which included a Wendy's corner soccer kick, the women once again took the field hoping to add on to their lead.

Despite diving saves by Malatesta, Allegheny managed to score a goal with 17:38 remaining in the half. As the half wound down to an end, the Lady Lions tried desperately to regain the lead. After an intense final two minutes of the game, the score was tied 1-1, forcing a double overtime.

Ending the game with a tie, Behrend showed heart and determination against a long time rival and proved they have what it takes to continue their reign in the AMCC.

The ladies will be on the road this weekend. They will travel to Brockport to play on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

## Cross country teams finish in top 20 at Frostburg

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The Behrend's men's and women's cross country team traveled to Frostburg on October 1st and 2nd. The conditions were great for this grassy rolling course. The temperature was a refreshing 68 with an unobstructed sun. The men's team finished in the middle of the pack, finishing in 16th place as a team.

With over 200 runners in this meet it was very competitive. Behrend's own Dennis Halaszynski was a top finisher with a 24th place overall and an impressive time of 27:12.0. Also running for Behrend was Tyler Travis. He finished 2nd for the team with a time of 28:13.0. Mark Suroviev was just 7 seconds behind Travis and was Behrend's third finisher. Dustin Wilcox and Greg Cooper got back into the swing of things in this meet after being out of competition for the past few weeks. It was good to have them back into action.

The women's team finished just one place behind the men with a 17th overall finish. Kathy Perry finished first for the Lions once again but was a disappointing 95th finisher out of



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LEADING THE PACK: Behrend cross country takes on the competition.

the 200 plus women runners.

Not far behind Perry was Jessie Coe with a time of 21 minutes and forty-seven seconds. The women only had

six runners compete in this meet.

## LIGHTNER'S LIGHTNING



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Chris Lightner strikes the ball in the Lions' 3-1 win over Grove City on Wednesday. The men's soccer team will take their 6-5-1 record into Saturday's game, when they will host Pitt-Greensburg in AMCC play.

# MEN'S' LACROSSE

## Lacrosse introduced to Behrend

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The Penn State Behrend lacrosse team will begin its inaugural year this Spring semester. Practices have already begun to prepare for the upcoming season. Exhibition games have been scheduled to begin at the end of October. The lacrosse team will begin as a club sport, meaning the expenses must be paid by the players. Club teams receive little or no money from the school.

Behrend will be joining the National Collegiate Lacrosse League, which includes only club teams. Members of the NCLL include Slippery Rock, Grove City, WVU, and Allegheny. The only other lacrosse teams in the area are Mercyhurst, which is Division II, and Gannon, which is Division I.

The Behrend athletic director, Brian Streeter, has been very enthusiastic about bringing this sport to

Behrend. He has worked hard to help this team develop. The idea is to spark interest within the area for more teams and lacrosse leagues.

Fifty-percent of the team has prior experience. Meaning many of the members have never picked up a lacrosse stick before. The outlook on the season, however, is optimistic.



PHOTO BY MATT WIERTEL

Two lacrosse players face-off at practice on Thursday night.

"With the experience we already have, the team will develop quickly," stated treasurer Keith Jensen. The depth of experience of the players has helped tremendously with the younger players. The team plays without a coach, so the players learn from one another.

Although the season doesn't begin until the Spring, the team is looking for more players. Practice is held everyday in the Northwest corner of the Behrend fields from 4-6. If you are interested in playing contact President Mike May at 898-6637 or show up at the field for practice. No cuts are being made, and there are no tryouts. If you are interested in playing you will get the opportunity.

## The View From Here

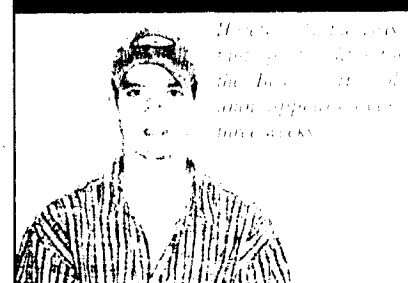
### Learning lacrosse through blood, sweat and tears

About a month ago I was walking out of the Reed Union Building and I noticed a sign on the door about a Behrend lacrosse team forming this year. I figured I'd give it a shot, I didn't have much to lose. I decided to join the team for a few reasons. Most of all because lacrosse is in my blood.

Both of my brothers played in high school and my oldest brother went on to play at Bowling Green State University. He was quite successful, so I figured some of it would rub off on me. When I was just a child, he put a lacrosse stick in my hand and taught me how to catch it my stick. It can be a little intimidating.

One of the first times I ever played catch with my brother was memorable. He lofted the ball to me, and I was rarely able to catch it. Once in awhile, miraculously the ball would find the netting in my stick. After some time I began to get a feel for it.

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I thought I had gotten pretty good, so I wanted him to start throwing the ball harder and higher. He complied with a towering fly ball. I glanced up to follow it and I found myself staring directly into the sun. I was blinded and I lost the ball. Needless to say the ball didn't lose me. It came out of the sun like it was shot out of a cannon, hitting me directly in the nose. It wasn't the pain that initially shocked me, but the fact that a kid my

size had so much blood in him. I was reluctant to ever play catch again.

Luckily I put that aside and got back out there and gave it another try. We played a lot in my hometown. We bought goals and gathered equipment for games. It seemed like every kid in the neighborhood came out to play at my house on the weekends. Although I've played plenty of games in the backyard, I never had my chance to play organized lacrosse. When I finally became old enough to play in school my family moved out of town. We moved to a town that had never heard of lacrosse. I've barely picked up a lacrosse stick since then, until about a month ago.

Our team has formed and we've already begun practices. We are in the process of working out the kinks in our game.

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