

New athletic facility to be completed in fall of 2000

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Slated for completion in November of 2000, Behrend's Athletic Recreational Center (ARC) will enable students to exercise and enjoy aquatic sports right here on campus.

The multi-purpose building is currently under construction east of the library, and will actually be divided into two sections. If facing Jordan Road, the gymnasium will be to the right and the exercise rooms and offices will be to the left. In the future, we will walk through the building on a walkway that continues from the library's main walkway. For the past 30 days or so builders have been clearing the land for the erection of the 73,000-sq. ft. building. So far, a deep 18-ft. cut has been made into the hillside that will encompass the center.

The Celli-Flynn Architecture Firm out of Pittsburgh, under the supervision of lead architect, Tom Celli, designed the \$12 million building.

The center will cost over \$12 million by the time the equipment is bought, but the ARC is a state building, which means it receives some federal funding out of the Department of General Services. The ARC is the third state building on campus following the Nick and the Library/Academic buildings.

The center will host three full size, regulation basketball courts, all separated by netting, and bleachers to accommodate 2,000 spectators. This space will be utilized during special events and graduation. In addition to this, a three-lane track will be built around the courts.

In the lower end of the recreational center, a large exercise facility will be built with all new equipment and televisions to be used free of charge by the university students. Also in this

area will be large spaces for aerobic classes, locker rooms, offices and classrooms.

Matt Winans, 01 Chemistry, commented, "It's going to be a great improvement for the entire university. To be able to have those resources for athletics will be very beneficial. The exercise equipment will improve our athletic programs. The more advanced equipment you have readily available for the athletes, the more efficient the players will become."

One of the most significant additions is the eight-lane pool that will be available for student use. In addition to general recreation, "[it] will enable us to add a men's and women's swimming and water polo team," Provost and Dean John Lilley said. One might think that this would require some additional monetary funding, but according to Dr. Jack Burke, senior associate provost and senior associate dean, Penn State received a \$60,000 grant from

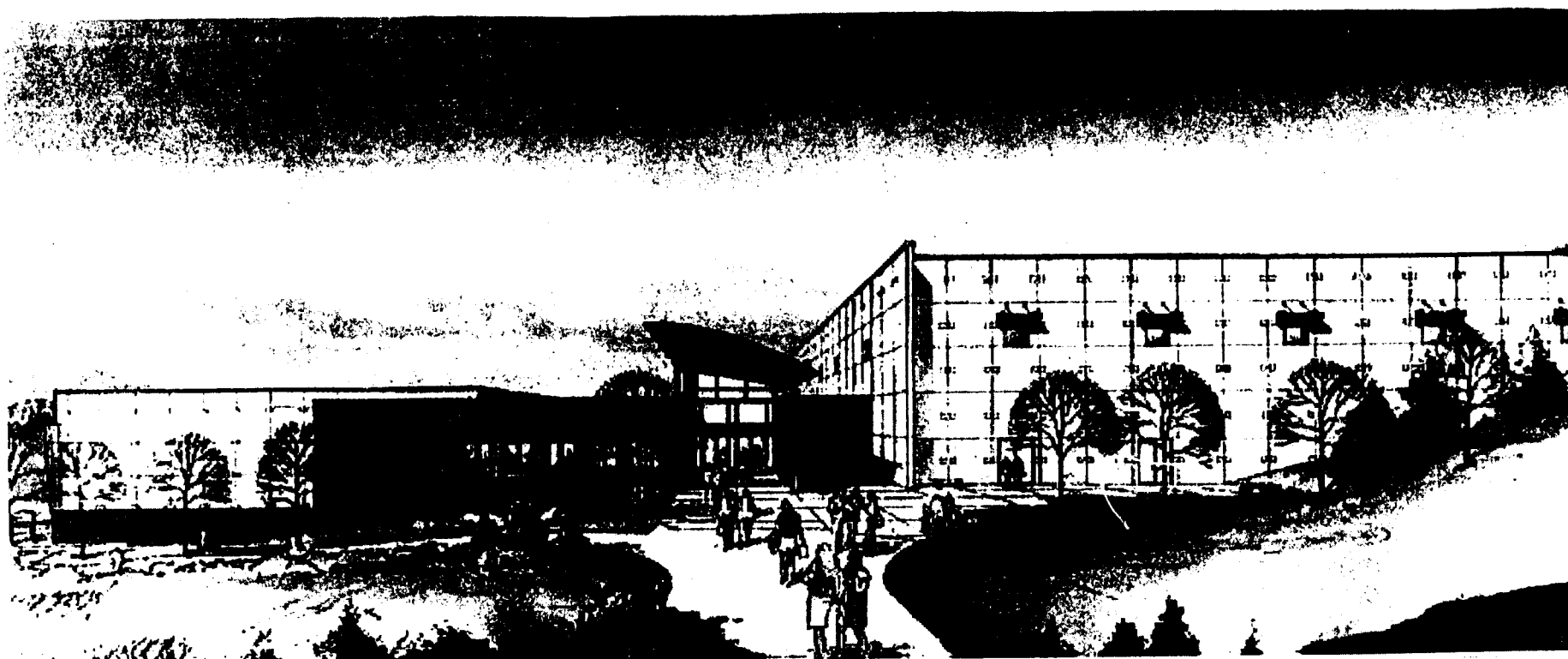
the US Olympic Committee for the creation of the water polo teams at Behrend.

"I'm really looking forward to this pool that we're getting. It will provide me with something fun to do in my free time, not to mention that I'll be getting some exercise," said Jerod Bollard, 03 MIS.

Additional staff will be hired including custodial engineers, maintenance workers, a facilities manager in charge of scheduling and at least one faculty

member specializing in aquatic sports who will take on coaching duties.

"We've done focus groups and surveys with students and we feel that there is a lot of interest in the pool. Obviously right now, there are scheduling nightmares with Eric Hall only being one gym," Burke stated. "I think it's going to be a first class facility."



The Penn State Behrend Athletic Recreational Center is scheduled to be completed in November of 2000. The ARC will contain three regulation basketball courts and an eight-lane swimming pool.

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ON THE PATH TO TOP OF AMCC



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

The Penn State Behrend men's soccer team is currently second in the AMCC standings. With a 7-7-1 overall record the Lions will host AMCC opponent LaRoche on October 23.

Volleyball team beginning to turn things around

by Craig Hazelwood
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The women's volleyball team has played very well of late, compiling a 3-2 record in their last five matches. The Lady Spikers' record stands at 4-5 in their conference and 10-14 overall. The team notched two wins against Lake Erie, a win against Pitt-Greensburg, a tough loss to nationally ranked Frostburg, and a disappointing loss to La Roche.

The women are beginning to turn things around for themselves in the AMCC Conference. Their team effort has greatly improved in the last couple of weeks of competition. "The beginning of the season had a few rough spots, but as a player I believe the team's chemistry has grown and I feel good about the last four games in the conference," stated junior Sarah Fry.

On Thursday, October 7th, the Lady Lions rolled past Lake Erie 3-0. The team was led by senior Tanya Deats with nine kills and sophomore Brianna Englebert with seven kills and five digs. The Fredonia Tournament scheduled to take place on the weekend of the 9th was canceled. The women then traveled to Pitt-Greensburg and easily defeated them 3-0. The scores of the games were 15-7, 15-6 and 15-2. Junior Mary Good controlled the tempo of the

game with 10 kills and 16 digs. Sophomore Brianna Englebert also contributed with 6 kills and 13 digs.

The Lady Spikers traveled to Lake Erie on Thursday, October 14th and defeated them again 3-0. Junior Mary Good had eight kills and six digs. Sophomore Sarah Peterson contributed with 6 kills and 12 digs.

The women then lost to Frostburg, who is ranked 19th in the nation. Despite losing 3-0, the entire team contributed. Four players recorded nine or more kills and five players had double-digits in digs. The team was led by freshman Karen Walters with 39 assists and 7 digs. Junior Mary Good played well with 9 kills and 18 digs and sophomore Sarah Peterson added 9 kills and 11 digs.

The women played La Roche last Thursday, losing in four games, 3-1. They held strong for most of the game, but just couldn't hold on. Freshman Karen Walters led the team with 42 assists and 8 digs. Also contributing were senior Tanya Deats with 11 kills and 2 digs and junior Mary Good with 11 kills and 20 digs. The Lady Lions have started to build themselves as a solid team. If they keep up their winning ways for the remainder of the season they can enter the AMCC tournament with a good chance of winning the title. Their next match will be away at rival Penn State Altoona on Friday.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE

Athletes of the WEEK

Name: Dennis Halaszynski

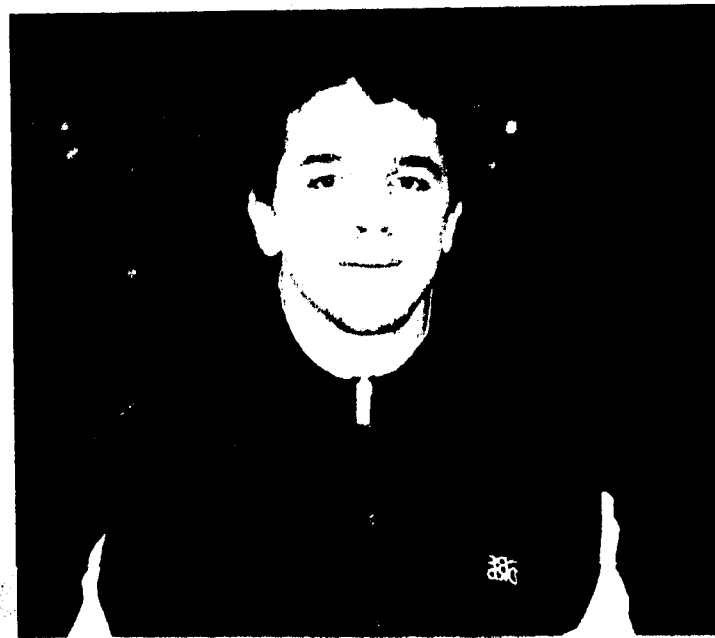
Sport: Men's Cross Country

Class: Junior

Date: October, 11 1999

Dennis Halaszynski finished 24th out of more than 200 runners at the Dickinson Invitational with a time of 27:12. Halaszynski led the Behrend Lions to a 14th place finish out of 28 teams at Dickinson. He has led the charge for most of the season and has improved his personal efforts with each outing.

Halaszynski is a graduate of McKeesport High School in White Oak, Pa.



Name: Diane Holtsford

Sport: Women's Soccer

Class: Sophomore

Date: October 18, 1999

Diane Holtsford has been named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Holtsford helped the blue, white, and red defeat Frostburg State in an important AMCC battle. The Behrend lions are 7-4-3 this year and 3-0 in the conference. Holtsford has been the backbone of the defense for coach Perritano's squad. The team defense has only given up only four goals in their last eight contests.

Holtsford is a graduate of West Mifflin High School.

