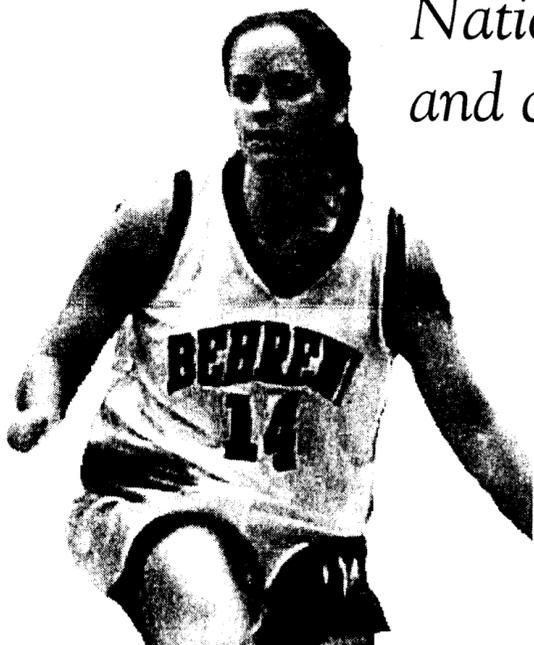


Year for the Ages

National attention, the End of an Era,
and conference championships highlight
Behrend athletics in 99-00



It's official. There will never be another intercollegiate basketball game played in Erie Hall.

With a 64-60 win over Alvernia College on March 2, Erie Hall's storied history as the home of the Lions ended.

Alvernia brought an 18-9 record to the contest, and had won the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference tournament to earn the spot in the game. Behrend's win improved their overall record to 24-3, and added to their school record for wins in a season.

The win also propelled the men's team to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament where they would defeat Rochester Institute of Technology.

Behrend continued their dream season with a win over Cortland State to advance to the Elite Eight.

Salem State stopped the Lions one game short of the Final Four with a 75-69 victory, despite a gutsy effort by the Behrend players.

The miracle run of the Lions made their 1999-2000 season, a "season for the ages."



Conference Dominance

Women's tennis three-peat

The women's tennis team three-peated as Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) champions this past fall season.

From the start, the women's tennis team was poised to win their third AMCC title in as many years. Behrend dominated the AMCC from the beginning of the season and they ended up with an overall record of 17-2. Most important, their conference record was a perfect 10-0, which secured them the top seed at the conference tournament. Besides being undefeated in conference play, the women's tennis team also set a school record for wins by winning 17 matches.

Behrend also dominated the all-conference teams, with six players being named to one or more All-Conference teams. Penn State Behrend's Julie Leininger, Jamie Brubaker, Angela Albertson, Jen Morton, and Christine Chan were named to the AMCC All-Conference singles first-team. Julie Leininger and Jamie Brubaker also were named to the AMCC All-Conference doubles first-team. AMCC All-Conference recognition also was given to Emily Rubin, AMCC All-Conference singles second-team, and Christine Chan and Jen Morton for AMCC All-Conference doubles third-team. "They all played very well," women's tennis coach Jeff Barger said.

Unlikely Champs

Men's soccer upsets Frostburg for championship

The Penn State Behrend men's soccer team claimed the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) championship this past fall. The Lions defeated AMCC rival Frostburg State by a score of 2-1 en route to claiming the championship.

Men's soccer coach Dan Perritano was excited about winning a second AMCC championship. "Our players displayed a positive and enthusiastic spirit in this tournament," Perritano said. "We put away our chances to defeat a very talented team."

This is the second time that the Behrend Lions have defeated Frostburg en route to the AMCC title. Frostburg fell to the Lions in the inaugural championship 1-0 after Behrend posted a 12-8 season. Last year, the Lions set a school record by ending the season 13-9, but fell to Frostburg in the AMCC championship game, 4-0.

Women's soccer wins title in dramatic fashion

The Lions advanced to the ECAC playoffs this past fall after winning their third AMCC Championship in as many years on October 31.

Behrend opened the AMCC Championships against Lake Erie in the semi-final match. Behrend defeated Lake Erie 3-0 en route to the championship game against AMCC rival Frostburg. But the Bobcats were no match for Behrend, as Frostburg was shutout by goalkeeper Michelle Malatesta, as the Lions captured their third straight AMCC title by winning 2-0.

Playing in difficult weather conditions, the Lions fell one goal behind at halftime after a goal by Villa Julie's second leading scorer Kerri Harman. Not to be outdone, Behrend's Bethany Cummings tied the game at one a piece at the 65th minute. The game would remain tied throughout the rest of regulation and almost two overtime periods. Heroics provided by Penn State Behrend goalkeeper Michelle Malatesta allowed the Behrend Lions to remain tied with the opposing Mustangs.

With 38 seconds remaining in the second overtime, Penn State Behrend's Amy LaRocca kicked the shot heard 'round the campus' when she scored the winning goal. Her goal helped to advance the Lady Lions to the semi-finals in the ECAC Tournament.

INTRAMURALS

This year, 17 activities will be offered during the fall and spring semesters. We are looking to involve as many teams and individuals as possible.

Flyers for each activity are posted on the Reed Building intramural boards, the Erie Hall intramural board, the residence hall boards, and other places around campus. Entry forms are available in the Intramural Office, at the RUB Desk and on the intramural web site. All entries must be turned into the Intramural Office in the Reed Building.

If you have any questions or want to get involved, stop by the Intramural Office. Remember that the intramural program is here for you. Have fun, get some exercise, and meet some new people.

TRIPLE HALL & THE ARC

The ARC is the new athletic and recreation facility currently under construction. We hope to be using this building sometime late this semester. Student ID will be required to use this new facility as well as Erie Hall and the Jageman Fitness Room.

Athletic equipment such as basketballs, footballs and volleyballs will also be available this year in Erie Hall at the concession stand after 5:00 p.m. on the weekdays and the entire time the building is open on the weekends.

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Modified Pitch Softball has been eliminated as an intramural activity and Arena Football will take place for the first time in February 2001.

We have added a Triathlon and fantasy hockey to complement the current activities that include the canoe trip, the white water rafting trip and other fantasy sports.

Calendar

Fall Semester

Activity	Entries Close	Play Starts
Tennis Singles (M,W)	Sept. 1	Sept. 6
Doubles (M,W, Coed)		
Slow Pitch Softball (M,W, Coed)	Sept. 1	Sept. 6
Sand Volleyball (M,W, Coed)	Sept. 1	Sept. 7
Golf Medal (M, W)	Sept. 8	Sept. 23
Team (M, W, Coed)		
Cross Country Individual (M, W)	Sept. 29	Oct. 2
Team (M, W, Coed)		
Flag Football (M, W, Coed)	Oct. 6	Oct. 12
Billiards Singles (M, W)	Oct. 27	Oct. 30
Doubles (M, W, Coed)		
Bowling Singles (M, W)	Oct. 27	Nov. 4
Team (M, W, Coed)		
3 vs. 3 Basketball (M, W)	Nov. 10	Nov. 13
5 vs. 5 Basketball (M,W)	Dec. 8	sign-up deadline in fall - play begins spring

Spring Semester schedule is available at Intramural Office and on intramural boards.

The intramural participant is encouraged to consider his/her personal health and physical condition prior to participation in intramural activities. Such participation involves physical exertion, fundamental skills for that sport or activity, and may involve physical contact. The participant, being aware of any conditions predisposing him/her to injury or illness, and in consideration of the inherent physical exertion and possible contact involved in intramural participation, may wish to seek the advice of a physician prior to participation.