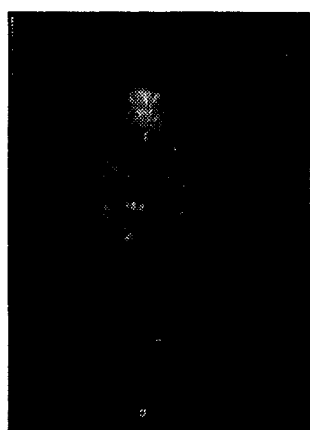


To The Edge

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Julie Leininger



Leininger won all three number one singles and all three number one doubles matches in league play last week against Frostburg State and Penn State Altoona. Leininger has guided the Behrend Lions to a 4-0 record in the conference.

Lady Lion is taking the shots for the team

by Jeanine Noce
staff writer

This Lady Lion is not only the captain of the team, but she is also the goalie taking the hits. Her name is Michelle Malatesta, and her "goal" is to lead the Lady Lions to a conference title. Malatesta, a junior, has traveled to Penn State Behrend from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, which is outside of Pittsburgh. She arrived on August 18 for the team's conditioning and start of practices.

Malatesta has played soccer for the past fifteen years. She has been a member of various teams. She has played for Bethel Park High School's varsity soccer team all four years, also the Beadling soccer team for all four years during high school, and the Penns Forest team for two years during high school.

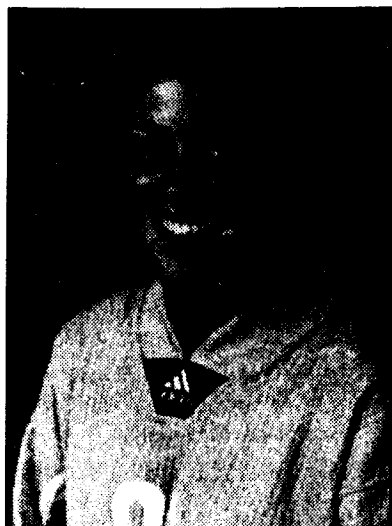
The Lady Lions, which is a team

of twenty women, have practice daily from 5:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. and typically have two games a week. One of the games is normally during the week; one is on the weekend. Malatesta feels that it is not extremely difficult to balance school and soccer. She stated, "I do better because I am on a strict schedule." Malatesta also juggles one more activity, which is working for the Penn State Behrend Admissions Office.

Malatesta's major is General Arts and Sciences. She is hoping to pursue a career in education, and upon graduation from Behrend College she will be completing her fifth year of school at Mercyhurst College for student teaching. Malatesta also stated that she loves being a part of the team. She believes that the Lady Lions coach, Dan Perritano, and the assistant coach, Nate Weily, are extremely helpful and very understanding.

Malatesta's favorite experience on the team was last year's Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference quarterfinal game against Villa Julie, which Behrend hosted. The game went into double overtime, and the Lady Lions scored with thirty-eight seconds remaining. Malatesta also stopped a penalty kick in this unforgettable game.

This year the Lady Lions are working extremely well as a team. Their record as of September 29 is seven wins and two losses. The women unfortunately will not be traveling anywhere over fall break this year but will be competing in California next fall. The next conference game will be held this Saturday, September 30, where the Lady Lions will attempt to defeat Pitt-Greensburg at 1:00 p.m.



Michelle Malatesta has been strong in goal despite not facing too many shots lately. For instance, she only faced one shot during the game against Pitt-Bradford last Wednesday.

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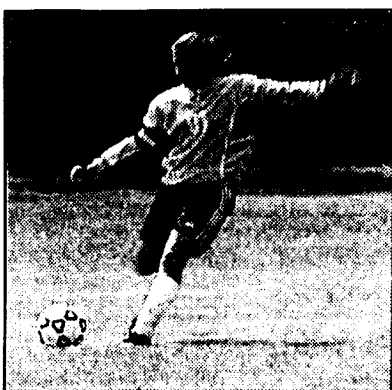


PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

Intramurals offer intense competition outside of varsity sports

by Jeanine Noce
staff writer

The teamwork, the variety of sports, and the fun are just a few of the reasons students at Penn State Behrend are becoming involved with intramurals. The Behrend intramural program has greatly increased the number of activities and participants over the past ten years and is continually expanding. During the fall and spring semesters there are seventeen different activities to participate in and also several fantasy leagues that can be played on the computer.

For a person to be able to participate in the intramural program they have to be a full or part-time student, a faculty member or a staff member. The cost is three dollars per person and the team can consist of all men, all women, or it can be coed. The team has to also fill out an application be-

awarded and the method by which they are awarded vary from tournament to tournament. The five criteria are: the fulfillment of the schedule pertaining to no forfeits, the per game victories, the placement in the finals, the team that is the champion and the team that is the runner-up. For a team to earn as many points as possible, they must enter as many teams or individuals that is possible up to the limit in each tournament. Also, the winning team for each individual sport receives t-shirts.

Each year there is also one male and female "Intramural Athlete of the Year." This male and female is chosen based on who has best displayed the intramural ideals and philosophy through his or her participation. A few other criteria that the award is based on are athletic achievement, outstanding leadership capabilities, sportsmanship, attitude and desire and the



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS SMITH

Rob Wittman takes a break from his busy day as intramural director and assistant coach in the intramural office located on the bottom floor of the Reed Union Building.

Intramural Calendar

DEADLINES

September 29 - Cross Country (Individual and team)

October 2 - Fantasy Hockey league

October 6 - Flag Football

The season continues to be played for tennis. The Intramural golf play date has been moved to October 7 due to a rain out this past Saturday. Contact Rob Wittman if you cannot play on that day and must play before October 7.

Behrend Sporting Events

September 29
Women's volleyball vs. Penn State Altoona 7:00 PM

September 30
Women's tennis vs. Penn State Altoona 11:00 AM

Women's volleyball vs. Frostburg 1:00 PM

Men and women's cross country at Frostburg Invitational 11/11:45 AM

Women's soccer at Pitt-Greensburg 1:30 PM

Men's soccer at Pitt-Greensburg 3:30 PM

Men's water polo at Johns Hopkins TBA

October 1
JV soccer vs. Fredonia 2:00 PM

Women's tennis at Pitt-Greensburg 1:00 PM

October 2
Men's golf at AMCC Championship at Champion Lakes TBA

Women's tennis at Edinboro 3:30 PM

October 3
Women's volleyball vs. Pitt-Bradford 7:00 PM

Women's soccer at Allegheny 4:00 PM

October 4
Men's soccer at Grove City 4:00 PM

October 5
Women's tennis vs. Thiel 3:30 PM

ATTN: All Behrend Students!



At all Behrend home sporting events, spirit paraphernalia will be given to students. Such prizes include spirit T-shirts, hats, and food like Bruno's pizza.

Sports Update: Slow Week



PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

Tommy Sieg defends goal during a game earlier in the season.

by Douglas Smith
sports editor

Behrend women's soccer, men's soccer, and women's volleyball have had easy weeks. The soccer teams had a doubleheader this past Saturday against La Roche. The men lost 2-0 falling to 1-1 in conference play. The women won 4-3, with Michelle Gutting scoring three goals and moving the team up two spots in the National Soccer Coaches of America Great Lakes poll. The women's team is now 2-0 in conference and 7-2 overall. The men and women will play a doubleheader at Pitt-

Greensburg this weekend. The women's volleyball team beat Lake Erie in their first conference game on September 21. The team will have a busy weekend playing Friday and Saturday. Saturday's game is at Behrend.

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Laura Furko waits for her teammates in a previous game.

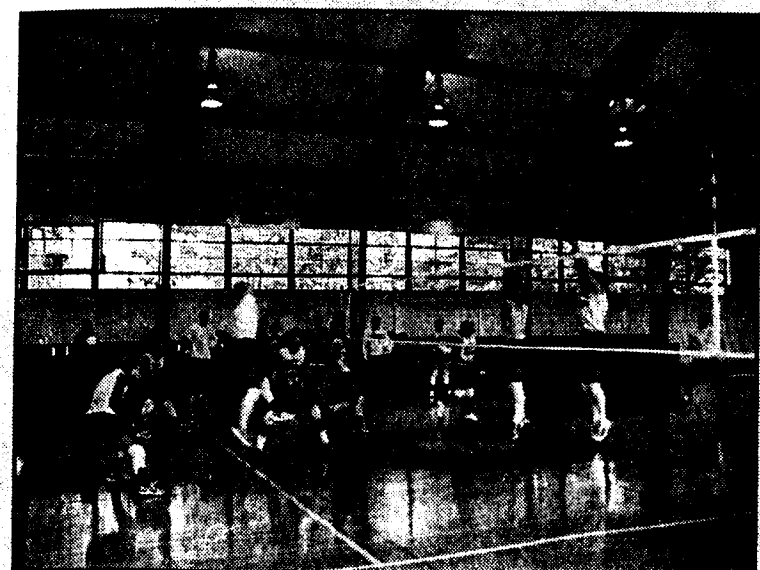


PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF

The women's volleyball team practices earlier in the year.

fore the stated deadline and return it to the Student Activities Office located in the Reed Building to be eligible to play.

The intramural program has been in effect for well over twenty-five years, and Penn State Behrend's current intramural director, Robert Wittman, is planning to continue the variety and availability of these programs. Brett Banker, who was simultaneously the sports information director and the intramural director held the position previously. Due to this, Banker was unable to dedicate all of his time to the intramural program. Wittman filled the position of intramural director in 1991, which was the first full-time position given for the intramural program.

The main incentive for the program is the intramural point system, which is an all-year competition where the teams can earn points by participating in intramural activities. The competition takes place in five subdivisions: Men's Residence Hall, Fraternity, and Men's, Women's and Coed Independent. The number of points

male or female which represents the intramural ideals of social interaction and exercise. A committee reviews the nominations and then the recipients will have their picture placed on the Penn State Behrend website until the next year. Also, the winning teams for each individual sport will have their picture placed on the website until the next year.

The intramural program can also be a job for any student here at Behrend. The referees are students and are paid \$6 per hour if they are new and \$6.50 per hour if they have refereed the sport before. Any student is eligible for this position and will be hired if they fill out an application and go to the informational training meeting.

At Penn State Behrend, any individual can be involved in a recreational non-athletic activity. The variety of sports on and off of the field is an incentive to become involved. Students that wish to make the most of their time should consider the option of the intramural program.

Women's tennis racking up wins

by Kate Levdansky Petrikis
staff writer

The Behrend women's tennis team is coming to the end of their regular season play. The Behrend Lions picked up two more wins this past weekend. After leaving Erie for a long drive, Behrend played Frostburg on September 23. The Lions aced the match 9-0, making their season record 8-2, after having defeating Frostburg by this same score earlier in the year.

Penn State Behrend played the next day, September 24, against Penn State Altoona. Behrend won this match 7-2, increasing their season record to 9-2.

Coach Jeff Barger said the outstanding players of the weekend were Julie Leininger and Jamie Brubaker. Julie Leininger was named this week's Food and Housing Athlete of the week. Leininger won all three of her number one singles matches and all three of her number one doubles matches against Frostburg and Penn State

Altoona. She has led the Behrend Lions to a 4-0 conference record. Another player to note for her remarkable play is Jamie Brubaker, who won all of her number two singles, and teamed up with Julie Leininger to win all three of the number one doubles matches.

Behrend has a busy schedule for the next couple of weeks. Matches were scheduled on September 27 against Fredonia, and on September 30 against Penn State Altoona.

The women's tennis team seems to be on a roll. In October, Behrend has matches on the 1st against Pitt-Greensburg and on the 2nd against Edinboro.

