

Women's volleyball finishes a rather successful season

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The Penn State Erie Women's Volleyball team wrapped up their season with a second place finish at the AMCC Tournament, after beating Pitt-Bradford in the semi-finals on Friday, November 3, 3-1. The Lady Lions went on to lose to Frostburg in the finals on November 4, 3-1. The game scores of the semi-final match were 15-11, 15-5, 10-15, and 15-5.

Due to their efforts in helping Behrend earn second place, several Lions were chosen for the All-Conference team. They were Mary Good, Brienne Engelbert, and Karen Walters. Jessica Niedermeyer was selected as honorable mention for the All-Conference team. Danielle Bemis, a sophomore transfer student, was named Newcomer of the Year. This

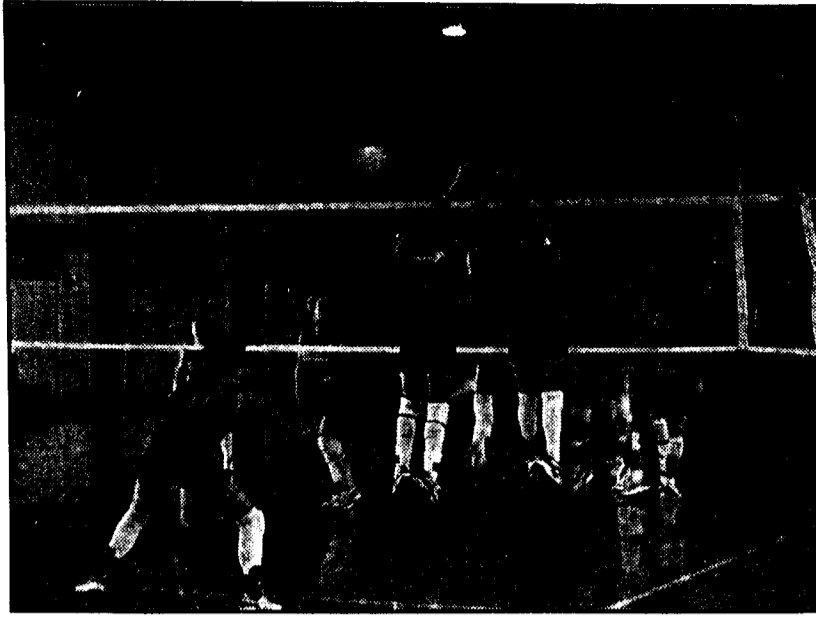


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Karen Walters (3), Laura Senkevitch (15), and Danielle Bemis (10), led the women's volleyball team to a successful year.

nomination for Good was her third consecutive year as a member of the all-conference team.

This tournament also improved the individual statistics of the team. Good, the lone senior, proved her leadership with 293 kills and 583 digs for the season. Bemis, an outstanding asset to the team, contributed 247 kills and 423 digs. Engelbert led the team in blocking with 59, 32 of which were solo. Walters assisted the hitters a total of 890 times throughout the season. These individual efforts, along with their teamwork, proved to be successful for the Lady Lions.

Good's efforts at the tournament let her slide past Carrie Grzejka, who had the career record for kills with 1027. Good set the new record 1 above Grzejka with 1028. Good also has the career record with 1621 digs.



PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF
The volleyball team lost to Frostburg in the AMCC Championship game.

Behrend offers Fan Jam to excite students for basketball season

by Douglas Smith
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With the basketball season approaching fast, Penn State Behrend will be showing its team spirit in an old-fashion style pep assembly. The Penn State Behrend Basketball Fan Jam takes place tonight in Erie Hall at 7:00 p.m. It is a time for all students, faculty, and staff to come show their support for the basketball teams and be rewarded for attending.

The men and women's basketball teams will be in preseason action with inter-squad scrimmages during the Fan Jam. Each team will hold a 15-minute scrimmage followed by post game events for chances to win free food coupons from Wendy's, Burger King, McDonalds, Dairy Queen, and more.

The Fan Jam will showcase nine returning players for the Lady Lions. Last year's team went 19-8 overall and 11-1 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. They also reached the postseason for the fourth



FILE PHOTO
Jen O'Lare is one of two returning seniors for the women's basketball team this year.

Seniors Jen O'Lare and Lisa Sanders lead the team. There are four juniors on the team, as well as four sophomores. Six freshmen made the team.

The men's team made it to the NCAA's Elite Eight last season and finished the year with a 26-4 record. Still many questions arise about the team. There is a core group of experienced players that could help maintain a high level of success. If the team were to make the postseason this year it would be the fifth year in a row.

"We are very young. The veterans will have to play well until we gain some experience," stated Coach Dave Niland.

Ashley Orris is the only senior on the team. Matt Keith is one of three juniors. There is one sophomore and ten freshmen that made it onto the 2000-2001 squad. The men's team also plays a scrimmage on Saturday versus Guelph on Saturday.



FILE PHOTO
The dance team will be out to show its Penn State pride during the week's festivities.

time in seven years.

Coach Roz Fornari stated, "We have a good group of returners and a strong mix of rookies coming in. I believe

this season will be a growth process, the more we learn and develop, the better we will be. I look forward to seeing where this team takes us."



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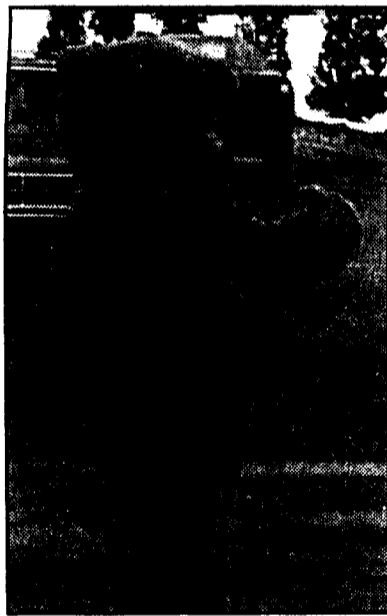
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