

# Transfer student looks to make her mark **Basketball captures Behrend Spirit**

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Danielle Bemis, a true woman for all seasons, believes it is possible to juggle more than one ball along with a handful of books at a time. Bemis, a sophomore, is a dual athlete who thrives on the challenge and full schedule since she arrived at Behrend on August 18, 2000. She began conditioning for her first sport of the school year, volleyball, and this along with basketball is what accounts for all of Bemis's free time.

Bemis definitely believes that it is extremely difficult to juggle volleyball, basketball and school. However she believes, "being a member is worth it and the juggling of school-work and playing sports all works out in the end." Despite all of the school-work and long practices, Bemis loves



FILE PHOTO  
Danielle Bemis is looking to make a name for herself.

being a member of both of the teams. It is also helpful that her volleyball coaches, Greg and Cindy Jacobelli,

and her basketball coach, Roz Fornari, are extremely helpful. Her favorite experience thus far was the AMCC (Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference) tournament. At this particular tournament, the Behrend Lions came in second place out of four games to Frostburg's team. Bemis believes that at this tournament the team really worked well together and showed Frostburg how strong of a team that Behrend is.

Bemis is from Corry, Pennsylvania and graduated from Corry Area High School. She is a psychology major and plans to attend Behrend for the duration of her academic career. She has played volleyball for six years and basketball for eleven years. Her position for volleyball is a right outside hitter and her basketball position is a second guard, which is equivalent to a shooting guard. She has had volley-

ball practice everyday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., except for Sundays, and she now has basketball practice every day for two hours with also one day a week off.

The volleyball team recently has traveled to California for a tournament from October 6 - 10. The basketball team is traveling to Tennessee on November 22 to play in a tournament, and will be returning on November 27. The volleyball team's final record was 10 - 2 in the conference and overall they were 15 - 13. Bemis has also won two awards thus far this year. For volleyball, she was named "Newcomer of the Year." Also, at the Cortland Tournament she was named to the All Conference Team, and at this game she had 38 kills and 75 digs. She also believes that being a teammate on the volleyball and basketball team has helped her to build good

friendships.

The Lady Lions will be hosting the Penn State Behrend Tournament Friday, November 17. Two games will be played. Westminster vs. William Smith will be held at 6:00 p.m. and Behrend vs. Dickinson will be held at 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, November 18, the Penn State Behrend Tournament will be continued with the consolation game at 1:00 p.m. and the championship game at 3:00 p.m. The ladies' first home game will be on November 21 against Bethany at 6:00 p.m. Bemis is an asset to the volleyball and basketball teams this year. Bemis is hoping to assist the Lady Lions with winning the basketball conference title, and she is definitely a player to watch.

## Basketball captures Behrend Spirit

by Stacy Pondo  
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It's that time of year again and the basketball season is just underway. The theme of this year's athletic spirit drive is, "Whassup?!" "Behrend Spirit." The athletics department is currently working on new and exciting promotions and activities for the upcoming basketball season. The goal of the sports promotions is to create a sense of spirit for all students, faculty and staff on the Behrend Campus.

This year, the athletics department plan to have halftime contests where students will have the chance to win various prizes donated from local merchants and campus establishments. Just to boost your curiosity, some of the halftime prizes include gift certificates to Max & Erma's, Fox & Hound, Old Country Buffet, Wendy's, etc. Also, included will be an opportunity to win \$100 in the Pepsi Half Court Shootout, t-shirts and other various prizes. See the Behrend *Beacon* to find all of the upcoming promotions and events.

Not only will there be halftime contests, but also included in the basketball fun are free promotional handouts prior to individuals entering the game and, of course, an addition to the halftime promotions is, "What's In The Box." A student will have a chance to pick between one of two boxes. Each box will have various prizes in them. It can't be mentioned what will be in any of the boxes because it will ruin the surprise. You'll just have to show up at the games to find out "What's In The Box."

Finally, each student who attends any or all of the games will have a chance to register for the Grand Prize, which will be awarded at the end of the season. The Grand Prize is a "Night On The Town." Certain conditions exist and are as follows: Each time Behrend students attend the men's or women's basketball game they have a chance to register to win the grand prize. This gives the student the opportunity to register a total of 16 times. Participants must be Behrend Students. The winner will be drawn at final men's and women's basketball contest.

As you can see, there is something for everyone, so come on out and enjoy all of the Behrend "Spirit" fun and excitement! Remember to look for all upcoming promotions and events in the Behrend *Beacon*.

JUST A REMINDER: Don't forget to come to the women's basketball games this Friday and Saturday as the Behrend Lions host the Behrend Tip-off Tournament in Erie Hall. Friday's promotions include: Coupons will be handed out at the door for a value of \$2.00 off food bill at Max & Erma's. The winner of the halftime contest will be presented with a gift certificate from Max & Erma's. Saturday's promotions are the following: Pepsi tumblers will be handed out to the first 75 people who enter the game and at halftime Pepsi is sponsoring \$100 to a lucky contestant if they make a half court shot.

**Anyone interested in writing a sports column next semester can send a sample column to [behrcol2@aol.com](mailto:behrcol2@aol.com). It should be between 600-800 words and should deal with sports at the national level or here at Behrend.**

## Cross Country winds down season at NCAA meet

By Douglas Smith  
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This past weekend the men and women's cross country teams ran in the NCAA Mideast Regionals at Dickinson University. There were 35 teams in the women's competition, while 34 men's teams competed. The men finished 18th while the women finished 22nd.

Kevin Ritzert, who ran in 27:32.9, led the men. This helped propel him to Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Sohrab Moeini came in second for Behrend with a time of

28:38.6. Dennis Halaszynski was right behind Moeini with a time of 28:45.2. Behrend had a score of 470, while Haverford won the competition with a score of 40. The top five was rounded out by Allegheny, Elizabethtown, Widener, and Gettysburg. Ritzert was named all-mideast region, becoming the first Behrend male to accomplish this feat. Ritzert also was named to the all-mideast freshmen first team.

Lyndsey Boor once again led the women. She finished with a time of 20:49.0. Deidre Garrity finished second for Behrend with a time of

21:14.0, and coming in right behind her, with 21:23.0 and 21:58.0 respectively, were Andrea Sanko and Kathy Perry. The 22nd place finish was the highest regional team finish for Behrend women's cross country in the program's history. Moravian won the competition followed by Dickinson, Haverford, Allegheny, and Gettysburg.

The cross country teams have one more meet left this season. It will take place in Spokane, Washington on November 18. This is the NCAA Nationals competition.



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The cross country teams have one more competitive event this season. Above is a shot of the Behrend Invitational held earlier this season.

## Men's soccer season ends in ECAC postseason play

By Mike Bello  
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Every season has to have an ending sometime, and for the Behrend men's soccer team, that ending came on November 11 when they lost to Muhlenberg 1-0. The loss squashed their quest for an ECAC title and left the Lions with an 11-10-1 record for the year.

"The ECAC tournament was exciting, and we competed very well. We are setting a standard here with our continuously great play," noted head coach Dan Perritano.

Muhlenberg junior Dave Vassilaros took a cross field pass that deflected off of a Behrend defender and then put the shot past goalie Tommy Sieg with only two minutes left in the game. Sieg proved strong in net making five saves, but it was not enough as the Behrend offense was blanked from the scoreboard. The Lions took ten shots on goal to the Mules' 13 shots, but Muhlenberg goalie Rob Pomento made four saves to record the shutout. Gettysburg, the number one seed in the ECAC tournament, beat Muhlenberg the next day with a score of 1-0.

Coach Perritano commented, "it was a good finish to our season. Our team handled not only the early season struggles well, but also our individual responsibilities that led us to a strong season. We were able to recover (from the early season struggles) as a result of people's hard work and dedication."

Mike Fry put his name into the Behrend record books by leading the team in goals this 2000 season with 12 and in points with 26. Dan Falk and James Martin both piled up seven goals and four assists to tie for second with 18 points. Senior Dave Kowalczyk ended his playing days at Behrend by also scoring seven goals for the Lions, tying for second on the team with Falk and Martin. Ryan Ohl was the leader in assists, recording six, and with his five goals he was fourth on the team with 16 points.

Junior Mark Szewcykowski

added five of his own goals, while Steve Danch had two goals on the year. Aaron Pentz, Jason Falk, and Adrian Joseph also added goals during the season.

Sieg finished up the season with a blistering 1.43 goals against average, making 135 saves over the course of the season. He also recorded 6.5 shutouts during the year. Senior Sieg, co-captain of the team along with Martin, passes on the torch to Freshmen Jacob Hordych and Bryan Danch, who will be taking over the reigns as Behrend's goalies next year. Sieg, Kowalczyk, Martin, Pentz, and defender Leo Hanley now have played their last games at Behrend.

Szewcykowski and Falk, along with AMCC all conference defender Chad Droz, will be looked upon for leadership next year as the only seniors on the team, barring transfers. This year's team, which featured ten freshmen and 6 sophomores, will have the advantage in the 2001 season with their youth movement and their experience from the postseason, especially Behrend's first ever appearance in the ECAC tournament.

"The AMCC title game was very heartbreaking; it was difficult to lose. However, our team had great success, and along with that our players performed very well. That is what athletics here at Behrend are meant to accomplish. We want the players to have success and at the same time be able to enjoy themselves," said Coach Perritano.

Frostburg State University, Behrend's main stumbling block to the AMCC title, will be graduating seven seniors, while returning only two juniors. Both teams will be graduating key players from their 2000 roster and will have their 2001 rosters consisting of many underclassmen, so the competition between Frostburg and Behrend will be just as strong. "We have a lot of players returning, and if they are committed to off-season improvement, we will have success next year," remarked Perritano.

## BASKETBALL ACTION... BEHREND SPIRIT

Halftime Sponsored by:  
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Saturday, November 18, 2000

Women's Basketball  
Tip-Off Tournament

Consolation Game - 1:00 p.m.  
Championship Game - 3:00 p.m.

Pepsi Tumblers Handed Out At Entranceway to first 75 People  
"What's In The Box" Contest

Halftime Consists of:

Dance Team  
Cheerleaders  
Pep Band

Half Court Shot worth \$100

**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.