

Engelbert, Peterson lead women's volleyball team

Former player Kellie Diehl becomes new coach

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The women's volleyball team has one tough act to follow. Not only did the 2000 squad finish 15-13, including a 10-4 record in the AMCC conference, but the Lions finished second in the AMCC tournament to Frostburg. The team, whose overall record was skewed by difficult non-conference competition, retains almost every player from 2000, which makes expectations for this year that much greater.

Newcomer Kellie Diehl, who knows a thing or two about Behrend volleyball, will coach the Lions for the upcoming season, replacing former coach Cindy Jacobelli. Diehl was a four-year starter for the team before graduating in 1992 and returns to find a solid group of players who now know what it takes to get to the AMCC championship game.

Mary Good, the only senior to graduate from last year's team, was perhaps one of the best volleyball players at Behrend. Good holds the record for most career kills (1028) and digs (1666). Her departure leaves a big hole to fill for the Lions. However, with six incoming freshmen on the roster, the Lions have a strong mix of youth and experience that could lead to another stellar season and quite possibly the AMCC championship.

Leading this year's volleyball team will be co-captains Brianne Engelbert and Sarah Peterson and juniors Danielle Bemis, Rose Boni, and Pam Walters. Engelbert, a middle hitter/setter, racked up 170 kills and 325 digs last year on her way towards a place on the all-conference team, while Peterson, an outside hitter, returns in good health after suffering injuries that ruined her 2000 season. Bemis, another outside hitter, had a strong showing last year, piling up 247 kills and 423 digs while Boni had 235 digs at her defensive specialist position. Walters joins Peterson and



The girls volleyball team is already underway. Here they get ready to practice their spikes against some guys in an open gym.

Bemis in providing strong leadership for many of the younger players at the outside hitter position, the team's biggest strength, after being named to the AMCC all-conference team last year as a setter.

Three sophomores will look to improve on their strong showings last year. Jessica Niedermeyer, an outside hitter, recorded 222 kills last year while teammate Lauren Senkevich had 151 kills at her outside hitter position. Along with sophomore middle hitter Katie Butler, all three will be looked upon to provide strong showings at the net with all-conference player Good now gone.

The 2001 Lion volleyball team welcomes six new recruits to this year's team: freshmen Kelly Cozad (outside hitter and middle back), Kyra Durinsky (outside hitter), Trish Krantz (middle hitter), Elizabeth Lorenz (defensive specialist), Ashley Ordy (setter and outside hitter), and Emily Waters (setter). Waters and Ordy will be counted upon early to provide relief for Engelbert at the setter position.

"I plan to build on the records they've had and

shoot for an AMCC championship; the program is capable of that goal, said Diehl. "The program has a good base and it will be nice to continue the success."

The Lions will be tested early in the season, as they compete in the Cortland Tournament, which started Thursday, and in the Carnegie Mellon Tournament on Sept. 7 and 8. The Lions had a strong showing in the Cortland Tournament last year but struggled in the Carnegie Mellon Tournament and will look to prove they can't be walked on when the tournament starts on Sept. 7. The Lions also host their own tournament on Friday Sept. 14 and Saturday Sept. 15 as this is the first year the volleyball team has been able to use the Junker Center for their games.

Before their tournament though the Lions play host to Thiel on Tuesday Sept. 11, which marks the first regular season game ever for the Lions in the Junker Center. Their first home conference game is Sept. 20 against Lake Erie.

Men's soccer team gears for another AMCC post-season appearance

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After an overall strong showing last year despite a misleading record, the men's soccer team under the guidance of head coach Dan Perritano looks to put a hurtin' on opponents with a strong core of offensive players and a more experienced defense. Perritano, one of the most successful coaches ever at Behrend, enters his ninth season as head coach of the men's soccer program.

The Lions, who went 11-10-1 in 2000 and 4-3 in the AMCC conference, will look to build upon last year's postseason success. They lost a heartbreaker to Frostburg in the AMCC title game 1-0 in overtime, but went on to win their first game in their only appearance in the ECAC tournament before losing in round two by a 1-0 score.

The Lion squad will be counting on offense and goaltending to pick up where last year's seniors left off. Gone are seniors James Martin, Dave Kowalczyk, Tommy Sieg, and Leo Hanley. Martin and Kowalczyk were a big part of the offense's scoring touch, while Sieg provided strong leadership in goal. Those three, along with defensive back Hanley, leave a couple of holes on the team that will need to be filled by some of the returning starters.

Seniors Chad Droz (midfielder/defensive back), Dan Falk (midfielder/forward), Chris Lightner (forward), David Snook (midfielder/forward), and Mark Szewczykowski (midfielder) will be counted upon to lead the Behrend attack. Droz, Falk, and Szewczykowski were named to the AMCC all-conference team in 2000.

Junior forward Ryan Ohl will look to build upon his fine sophomore season. Junior defensive back Matthew MacArthur provides the leadership on

defense, especially with Sieg gone, and along with Droz will guide some of the younger players as they continue to get more games behind them.

Sophomores Jeff Morris (midfielder/defensive back), Mark Steigerwald (defensive back), Travis Lightner (defensive back), and Jeffrey Ewing (defensive back) will need to step up quickly for the Lions. They, along with sophomore goalie Jacob Hordych, who takes over for Sieg, form the core of defensive backs that Coach Perritano will rely upon for not only this year but the next few years as well. Sophomores Adrian Joseph, Andy Laver, and Jason Falk will provide support at the midfield and forward positions for the older players.

Seven freshmen join the Lions: Brian Hesch (defensive back), Brian Vollant (defensive back), Andrew Cecil (midfielder/forward), Eric Nyberg (midfielder/forward), John Andy McCormick (midfielder/forward), Jason Ferrier (midfielder), and William Fader (goalkeeper). These freshmen, along with the sophomores, will have to learn quickly about soccer at the college level because they will form the nucleus of the team in years to come.

The Lions start their season off hosting the Herb Lauffer Tournament on Saturday against Moravian. The Lions also will be participating in the Fredonia State Tournament on Sept. 7 and 8 and begin their conference play at Penn State Altoona on Sept. 15.

The men's team, which gave Perritano his 200th win last year, will be tested early on. The Lions will need the sophomores and freshmen to step up their play until the sophomores and freshmen can gain some much needed experience if they are to have a chance of building on last year's finish.



The men's soccer team scrimmaged Fredonia State in preparation for their season. Here, goalie Jacob Hordych directs traffic for a corner kick.

Scoreboard

NATIONAL SPORTS

Nascar		
2001 Winston Cup Standings:		
Pos.	Driver	Points
Race 24 of 36		
1	Jeff Gordon	3528
2	Ricky Rudd	3220
3	Dale Jarrett	3149
4	Sterling Marlin	3110
5	Tony Stewart	3050
6	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	2967
7	Rusty Wallace	2963
8	Bobby Labonte	2947
9	Kevin Harvick	2913
10	Steve Park	2859
11	Johnny Benson	2843
12	Mark Martin	2739
13	Jeff Burton	2691
14	Matt Kenseth	2677
15	Bill Elliott	2650
16	Jimmy Spenser	2626
17	Elliott Sadler	2483
18	Ward Burton	2405
19	Ken Schrader	2369
20	Bobby Hamilton	2366

MLB Standings											
National League						American League					
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	East	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Atlanta	72	60	.545	---	Yankees	77	56	.579	---		
Philadelphia	71	61	.538	1	Boston	71	60	.542	5		
Florida	62	70	.470	10	Toronto	65	68	.489	12		
N.Y. Mets	62	71	.466	10.5	Baltimore	54	78	.409	22.5		
Montreal	56	76	.424	16	Tampa Bay	48	85	.361	29		
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Central	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Houston	77	55	.583	---	Cleveland	75	57	.568	---		
Chicago	73	59	.553	4	Minnesota	70	63	.526	5.5		
St. Louis	71	61	.538	6	Chicago	67	64	.512	7.5		
Milwaukee	59	73	.447	18	Detroit	53	78	.405	21.5		
Cincinnati	53	79	.401	24	Kansas City	53	80	.398	22.5		
Pittsburgh	49	83	.371	28							
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	West	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Arizona	77	55	.583	---	Seattle	95	38	.714	---		
San Francisco	73	60	.549	4.5	Oakland	77	56	.579	18		
Los Angeles	72	61	.541	5.5	Anaheim	69	64	.519	26		
San Diego	66	66	.500	11	Texas	59	74	.444	36		
Colorado	58	73	.443	18.5							
Wild Card Standings						Wild Card Standings					
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Chicago	73	59	.553	---	Oakland	77	56	.579	---		
San Francisco	73	60	.549	0.5	Boston	71	60	.542	5		
Los Angeles	72	61	.541	1.5	Minnesota	70	63	.526	7		
Philadelphia	71	61	.538	2	Anaheim	69	64	.519	8		
St. Louis	71	61	.538	2	Chicago	67	64	.512	9		

NFL Preseason Standings											
American Conference						National Conference					
East	W	L	T	Pct.	East	W	L	T	Pct.		
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	Arizona	2	1	0	.667		
New England	2	1	0	.667	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500		
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333		
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	Washington	1	2	0	.333		
Miami	1	3	0	.250	Dallas	1	3	0	.250		
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	Central	W	L	T	Pct.		
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000		
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	Green Bay	2	1	0	.667		
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	Detroit	1	2	0	.333		
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333		
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	Chicago	1	3	0	.250		
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000							
West	W	L	T	Pct.	West	W	L	T	Pct.		
San Diego	3	0	0	1.000	Atlanta	2	1	0	.667		
Denver	2	1	0	.667	St. Louis	2	2	0	.500		
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	Carolina	1	2	0	.333		
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	New Orleans	1	2	0	.333		
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	San Francisco	1	2	0	.333		

