

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday
Men's and Women's Cross Country @ NCAA Mid-east Regionals @ Lehigh

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Men's and Women's Cross Country @ NCAA Mid-east Regionals @ Lehigh

Men's and Women's Swimming Intersquad Meet
Junker Center
10 a.m.

Sunday
Men's Basketball Exhibition Game
Junker Center
2 p.m.

Friday Nov. 16
Women's Basketball Behrend Tournament
Junker Center
Behrend vs. Bluffton
6 p.m.
John Carroll vs. Alvernia
8 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 17
Women's Basketball Behrend Tournament
Junker Center
Consolation Game
1 p.m.
Championship Game
3 p.m.

Men's Basketball Behrend Tournament
Junker Center
Behrend vs. Geneseo
6 p.m.
Medaille vs. Mount Aloysius
8 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 18
Men's Basketball Behrend Tournament
Junker Center
Consolation Game
1 p.m.
Championship Game
3 p.m.

Intramurals Schedule

Friday
Intramural 3 vs. 3 Basketball: Men's and Women's Teams- Competitive and Recreational

2-Ball Competition Men's, Women's, and Coed Teams (2 players)

Friday Nov. 16
Team Triathlon - Swimming, Biking, and Jogging Men's, Women's, and Coed (3 Players each team)

Friday Dec. 7
Intramural 5 vs. 5 Basketball: Men's and Women's Teams

All entries must be at the intramural office by 4 p.m. on the scheduled date

Don't expect the same old Michael

by Nick Nesbitt
staff writer

STATE COLLEGE- Michael Jordan made his second comeback out of retirement to professional basketball this year. Jordan has made some adjustments to his game and will try to dominate the league in a new fashion.

At the Bryce Jordan Center on Oct. 22, Jordan and his Washington Wizards faced off against the defending Eastern Conference champs Philadelphia 76ers. The Sixers, minus stars Aaron McKie, Eric Snow, George Lynch, and Allen Iverson, defeated the Wizards by a score of 91-87.

Jordan posted 17 points, two steals, four assists, and four rebounds in the losing effort. Richard Hamilton finished as the game's highest scorer, a role that Jordan dominated in previous years.

Jordan, the league's most popular player in history, received a hearty roar and deafening cheers from the crowd during the introductions, as well as every time he touched the ball. When he scored, the crowd was even louder.

In the fourth quarter, when the game was down to the wire, Wizards coach Doug Collins removed Jordan



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Michael Jordan, shown here with his classic tongue move, is back on the court again, but many wonder if at age 38, Jordan can be competitive again.

with about six minutes left, leaving him on the bench for the rest of the game amongst loud, periodic chants of "Jordan, Jordan" by the fans.

Jordan has struggled with some of the fundamentals of his game. Since he has gotten older he has improved his physique, but has started to become more of a jump-shot player and lost the "attack the rim mentality" of

his previous nine seasons in the league. The problem with Jordan opting for the jump shot is that he depends on the shot while struggling, shooting a mere 7-17 in the game against the Sixers.

He also has a new routine, the air ball, that he manages to get in each game he plays. Jordan also lacks the jumping ability and the stamina that

he once had with the Bulls. You will not see the high-flying dunks everyone is used to from His Airness and you can't expect to see him playing 45 minutes a game. He now resorts to the less than spectacular lay-up on his drives to the hoop and only plays around 38 minutes each outing.

Playing on a team of young, inexperienced, and low talent players, Jordan no longer has the solid teammates in Dennis Rodman or Scottie Pippen or the coaching of the great Phil Jackson when he was with the Bulls. Instead he has Hamilton, Christian Laetner, and the former high schooler and this year's No. 1 pick, Kwame Brown, to look to for support. The team is led by his former coach, Doug Collins and his coaching staff.

Jordan may not be coming back as his old self to the NBA that he once dominated, but he will certainly be a factor for the Wizards, and teams will set their game plan to stifle him to thus beat the Wizards. Jordan could be the key for this Wizards team to make it to the playoffs. He would not only match up with prime-time players in Vince Carter, Allen Iverson, and Tracy McGrady, but would try to mirror the success of the old Jordan.

World Series, patriotism go hand-in-hand



Personal foul
Mike Bello

Anthrax scares through the mail,

threats of more attacks on our home turf, a war on a government that doesn't seem to be going anywhere. How was America able to deal with all of this? By immersing itself in a World Series unlike any we've seen in the past 20 years. By cheering from the stadiums, our homes- in my case the Internet- and of course, the bars. America rejuvenated its spirit by uniting to cheer on two teams with whom most have no connection.

You may ask how can one simple game picked up America's strength, but that's an easy question to answer. By combining patriotism with a sport full of history with a city at ground zero of all the past two month's occurrences, America realized our lives can and will go on.

I applauded when I saw two things at Yankee Stadium during Game Three, President Bush and an American flag recovered from the Twin Towers. They showed not only that we cannot be defeated, but also that something that may seem trivial to many, the game of baseball, has the ability to bring us together.

It didn't matter if you were black or white, Asian or Latino, rich or poor, male or female, Catholic or Jewish, Protestant or Muslim, we were all cheering for the Diamondbacks and Yankees at the same time we were cheering for ourselves.

First, I wondered why anyone criticized Bush for appearing at Yankee Stadium. In a city that has had more than its share of horrific events, I thought there was no better place for Bush to be than in New York cheering on the Yankees to victory. Many other presidents have gone to World Series games, why can't he? If he didn't go because of terrorist threats, then they've already won by disrupting our lives.

Second, I was moved when the camera showed that flag flying high at Yankee Stadium. It showed how resilient we are, New Yorkers and the rest of us. Two immense buildings came crashing down Sept. 11, leaving nothing but a pile of rubble. And what is one of the few things that emerges from that pile? The American flag, a symbol of our pride, joy, and all that this great country means.

When I first saw the flag, I wondered what it was doing there. It looked like a ragged, dirty piece of cloth with two rips across the stripes. Then the announcers said where it had come from, and all of a sudden the flag meant more than that. It represented America, how we were beaten, torn, and thrown in the dirt Sept. 11, yet, we still fly high.

And to have it at Yankee Stadium, home of a team that you either love or hate, was all the more fitting. The Yankees symbolize baseball, which in turns symbolizes America and its rich history. The flag just wouldn't have had the same meaning if it had been flying at say, Turner Field in Atlanta or Safeco Field in Seattle.

Even if you aren't a baseball fan, you had to applaud how much excitement this series generated to take our minds off all the disheartening moments we've been through. It gave us a chance to cheer for something positive, something extraordinary, and boy, was this true.

At first, the series looked like it would be rather boring, with Arizona piling up two easy wins behind the heat-bringing duo of Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson. Then the series shifted to New York, and someone must have sprinkled fairy dust on the stadium because that's when the magic happened.

In game three, Scott Brosius knocked home Bernie Williams in the sixth inning to give New York a 2-1

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Men's soccer comes up short in AMCC championship

by Kate Levdansky Petrikis
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In the first game of the AMCC tournament on Friday, Behrend played Pitt-Greensburg, which beat the Lions in the regular season. Behrend was very pleased to get a chance at revenge in this game.

Eric Nyberg scored the Lions' first goal in the first half of the game. Mark Szewczykowski came out strong in the second half and scored the second goal.

Greensburg came back to score late in the game, and had many shots in the remaining minutes. However, Behrend pulled out the win, 2-1.

The championship game was against Frostburg. Behrend defeated them in the regular season, by a goal, but it was a very hard-fought game by both teams.

"Playing in Frostburg is very hard, because the fans there are terrible, they are rude, and

ruthless," said Lion soccer player Chris Lightner. "(Their) big crowds get on any player for the smallest things."

The game was even until the second half when Frostburg took the lead 1-0. Behrend started playing much harder after the goal, but it did not help. Frostburg scored another goal with only six minutes left in the game. Behrend not only lost the championship game 2-0, but also missed out on an ECAC bid.

However, the Behrend Lions had plenty of players make the All-Conference teams. Named to the first team were defender Chad Droz, midfielder Dan Falk, forward Chris Lightner, and defender Mark Steigerwald. The second team included defender Travis Lightner and goalie Jake Hordych. Midfielder/forward Andy McCormick, midfielder Andy Laver, and midfielder Szewczykowski were all named to the honorable mention team.



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Junior Ryan Ohl, left, and senior Chris Lightner were unable to bring the championship trophy home to Behrend. The Lions lost a hard-fought battle to Frostburg 2-0.

Men's club volleyball hopes to become Behrend sport

by Edward Dearolf
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As the Behrend men's volleyball club strides closer and closer to becoming a varsity sport, it has high expectations and hopes to spike the competition to reach nationals.

The club is led by team president and captain Adam Wagner and co-captain Mike Landy. The Lions have 12 players, including six who will start. Though no official starting line-up has been announced, here is how the team may look: Wagner (setter and defensive specialist), Landy (setter), Spencer Robbins (outside hitter), Mike Skellie (middle hitter), Nick Kenyon (middle hitter), and a weak side hitter.

The men participate in tri-matches, playing two matches in one night. They can look forward to about 20 contests this season including top competition against Case Western University. Last year the team only lost three matches while winning the EIVA Penn-Ohio conference. This qualified the Lions to participate in the East Coast Club Championships held in Baltimore, Md. Though the team failed to reach nationals in Division I, it has progressed greatly the last few years and has high goals for this season.

"The team has grown so much since I've been here," said Wagner, a senior. "My freshman year we barely had

enough players to make the team, and now we're going to championships, and we have a good shot at nationals."

Though the team will lose Wagner and Jeff Clark after the season, the Lions have players ready to fill in the roles and continue to succeed. Landy will take over the team next season.

As a club, the team raises funds in a few ways. It will hold a tournament in January. The Lions help with score keeping and line calling at the women's matches, and Student Activities provides money to help with league dues, traveling fees, uniforms, and other necessities. The team hopes this will all lead to the large and important goal: to become recognized as a varsity sport here at Behrend.

"We've grown a lot and will hopefully continue to grow until men's volleyball becomes a varsity sport here at Penn State Behrend," said Wagner.

In order to keep on growing, the team is always looking for new, interested, and talented players. Anyone who is dedicated and committed or just likes volleyball can join. Interested students can simply attend one of the volleyball club's practices. They normally practice from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Any questions about the volleyball club can be answered by e-mailing Wagner at afw109@psu.edu.

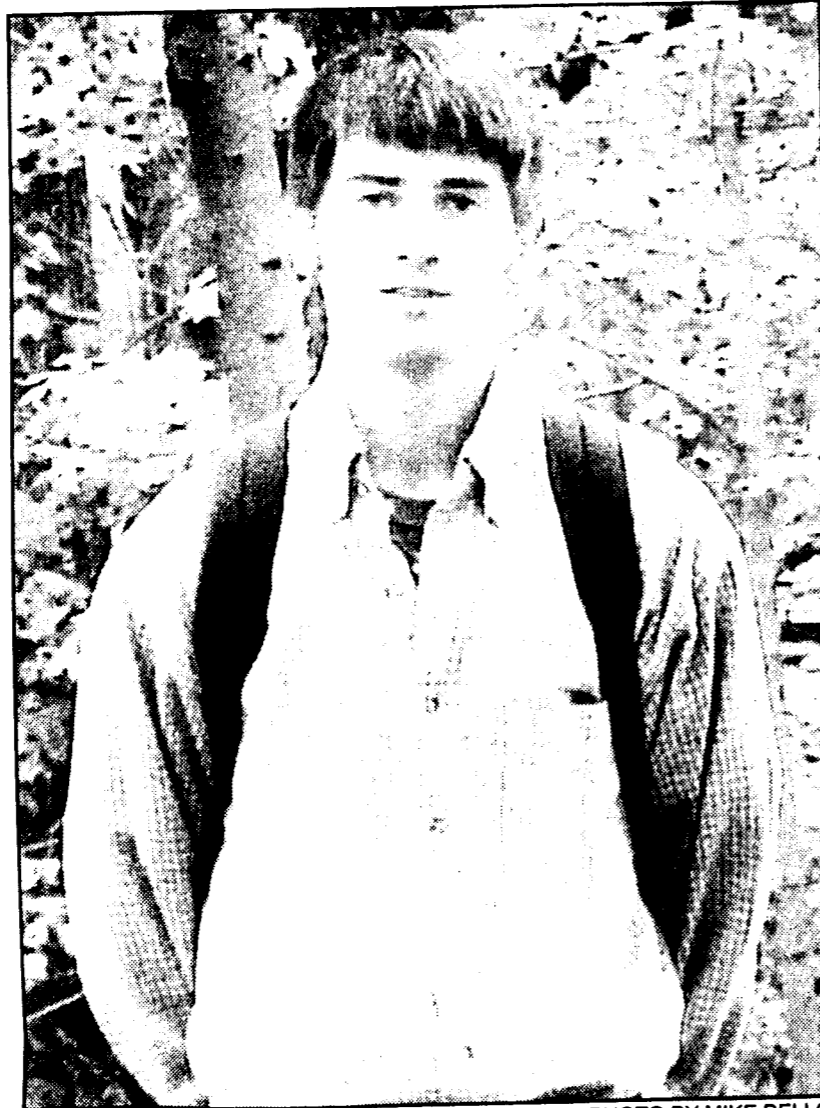


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Senior Adam Wagner leads the men's club volleyball team against difficult Division I competition, all of which the team hopes someday will help land a spot as a recognized Behrend sport.