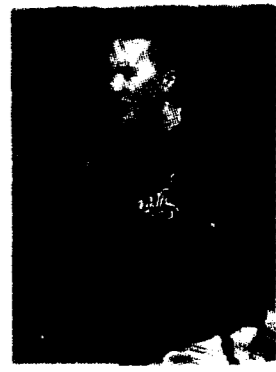




Q&A with the head honcho
His duties are endless, but athletic director Brian Streeter is leading the Behrend athletic program to the next level. Read what he has to say on page 3B.

Sports

Softball finals
The Lions were ranked fourth in the AMCC heading into the conference playoffs. To find out how Stephanie Covert and the rest of Lions did at La Roche, turn to page page 3B.



Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Saturday
Men's and Women's Track and Field @ Baldwin-Wallace, 8 a.m.

Women's Softball @ Frostburg (DH), 1 p.m.

Men's Baseball @ Fredonia (DH), 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Men's and Women's Track and Field @ Grove City 10 a.m.

Men's Baseball @ Bethany (DH), 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 5
Men's Baseball Oberlin (DH)
Behrend Baseball Field 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 11-12
Men's Baseball
ECAC Southern Regionals TBA

Wednesday, May 15-17
Men's and Women's Track and Field @ ECAC Championships, TBA

Thursday May 16-19
Men's Baseball
NCAA Regionals, TBA

Friday, May 24 - 26
Men's and Women's Track and Field @ NCAA Nationals TBA

Intramural Champions

Fall 2001

Tennis
Women's Singles-Amanda Svitek; Men's Singles A Flight-Dave Cooper; Women's Doubles-Christine Charnock, Kate Costanzo; Men's Doubles A Flight-Andrew Schenck, Nate Latimer; Men's Singles B Flight-Jake Boyle, Emily Rubin; Men's Doubles B Flight-Jake Boyle, Tom Pollack; Coed Doubles-Lorenzo Andreaggi, Kelly Anne Bateman.

Slow Pitch Softball
Men-Outta the Blue; Coed-Crack's Addicts; Women-Theta Phi Alpha.

Volleyball
Men-Team Farside; Coed-Das Uber; Women-Best RC Ever.

Golf
Men's Team-Pat Mashuda, Jeff Webster, Rob Wittman, James Bowen; Men's Medal-Jeff Webster; Women's team-Amy Cabaday, Cori Lesniak, Tracy Jones, Kristin Ardillo; Women's Medal-Kristin Ardillo, Cori Lesniak, Amy Cabaday (3-way tie).

Flag Football
Men-XXX Men; Women-Girls of Mmmmk3; Coed-Green Turtles.

Billiards
Men's Singles A Flight-Josh Ongley; Men's Doubles A Flight-Andrew Meinbriese/Jake Jones; Men's Singles B Flight-Ashley Orris; Men's Doubles B Flight-Al Haywood/Mark Morris; Coed Doubles-Stephanie Rodich/Pat Burns; Women's Singles-Stephanie Rodich; Women's Doubles-Stephanie Rodich/Lauren Packer.

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Lions fall to Bradford in AMCC finals

by Mike Bello
sports editor

Throughout the season, the Behrend baseball team looked forward to some revenge against Pitt-Bradford after the Panthers scored two runs in the ninth inning to win the AMCC championship last year. For the nine seniors on the team, that revenge may never come.

Behrend, hosting the playoffs in the first season on its new baseball field, dropped a 3-1 decision against Bradford on Saturday before rebounding to win the next game between the two teams 4-1 on Sunday. In the championship game of the double-elimination tournament, the Lions were limited to one run on two hits by Bradford's Matt Mravintz as they fell 5-1.

For the players, it was a disappointing finish to the conference season, but by no means did it ruin everything the Lions had accomplished this season.

"The season is by no means a complete disappointment after losing to Bradford in the AMCC title game," said senior Jake Boyle. "Obviously, the players' attitudes after the game were very disappointed as Bradford has become our biggest rival the past two seasons. We would like nothing more than to beat them."

"We know as a team we have to look ahead and finish the season strong because we have a great chance at making ECAC and that would most likely mean another shot at Pitt-Bradford," said senior catcher Luke Bundy.

The Lions still have a chance of playing the Panthers in ECACs, considering Bradford (24-6) is doing just as well as Behrend (28-7). For now, the Lions are setting their sights on a 35-win season, with four doubleheaders left to play this season, as well as any postseason games.

Boyle had both hits in the third game against Bradford, and scored the team's only run on a wild pitch in the third inning after hitting a leadoff double. Chuck Sevin kept the game close on the mound for Behrend until the seventh inning, when Bradford scored three runs on four hits. The Lions left seven men on base, while Bradford had 13 hits and left nine men on base.

In the earlier game on Sunday, the Lions had one hit in the first five innings before scoring three runs in the sixth, highlighted by Chris Shearer's two-run single. Shearer finished 2-for-4, and had half of his team's hits. Keith Lepionka added an insurance run with a run-scoring single in the eighth. Kevin Dubyak, gave up one earned run and five hits



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Sophomore Tony Azzato connects on a first-inning hit Tuesday against Hilbert at the Behrend Baseball Field. The Lions broke their five-year-old record for most wins in a season with the doubleheader sweep of Hilbert

in a nine-inning complete game, striking out seven.

"The team reacted like any team would, when losing a championship game that you worked the whole season for, we were hurt," said senior Bob Palivoda. "It takes a little time to shrug off a loss of this magnitude, but it also takes a great team to bounce back from such a loss. This team is a great team, and we can and will bounce back to make the ECACs and show just how powerful we are."

In Behrend's first game on

Saturday against Bradford, Eric Haynoski gave up seven hits and only one earned run—a Tim Stafford single in the fifth that scored Bundy. Shearer had two hits, while Ryan Seyler gave up five hits and all three Panther runs. The Lions left nine men on base. The Best collided with Vince Canzano (see story below). Best was taken to the hospital after the mishap.

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Boyle, Best suffer scary mishaps

by Mike Bello
sports editor

Jake Boyle and Adam Best have solidified the Behrend lineup, one of the most powerful the school has ever seen, while providing stellar defense in center and right field. But this past week, both players, and teammates, suffered physical setbacks that had them thinking about more important things than baseball.

Best, a sophomore who was hitting .402 at the time of his injury, violently collided with teammate Vince Canzano during Saturday's 3-1 loss to Pitt-Bradford in the AMCC tournament. Boyle, who had a brain

tumor removed last year, suffered a seizure on Monday night, a common side effect of brain surgery, although the senior was back on the field Tuesday afternoon.

"It was very scary since it was my first one ever and took place almost nine months after surgery," said Boyle.

He sat down to eat dinner at his home in Wesleyville when he felt his tongue and then jaw twist uncontrollably. Before he knew it, Boyle's arms and head were shaking, and he was unable to tell his girlfriend

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AMCC ALL-CONFERENCE				
First Team				
Justin Secrest	Altoona	1B	Chris Shearer	
Tony Azzato	Behrend	2B	Tim Wilkins	
Tony Delbianco	La Roche	3B	Eric Haynoski	
Joe Trietly	Bradford	SS	Kirk Loos	
Jake Mannon	Frostburg	C	Honorable Mention	
Eric Haynoski	Bradford	P	Ryan Briskar	Bradford
Ryan Hamerski	Frostburg	DH	David Sanchez	Frostburg
Jake Boyle	Behrend	OF	Luke Bundy	Behrend
Jason Karas	Behrend	OF	Kevin Dubyak	Behrend
Adam Best	Behrend	OF	Matt Steinbugl	Altoona
Second Team			Jesse Beimeil	Bradford
Steve Simpson	Frostburg	1B	Kevin McDonough	La Roche
Keith Lepionka	Behrend	1B	Dave Troiano	La Roche
Sean Davis	Frostburg	2B	Newcomer of the Year	
Chris Hammond	Frostburg	3B	Joe Trietly	Bradford
Vince Canzano	Behrend	SS	Player of the Year	
Dave Brown	Bradford	C	Jake Boyle	Behrend
Ryan Seyler	Behrend	P	Coach of the Year	
			Paul Benim	Behrend

Track and field holds its ground in 18-team invitational

by Scott Soltis
staff writer

The track and field team traveled down I-79 to compete in an unscored meet last Saturday at Slippery Rock University. There were a total of 18 schools competing at the event last weekend, which made for a long day and made it difficult for the Lions to place. A partial list of teams vying for places on Saturday includes Westminster, Mercyhurst, Malone, Grove City, Allegheny, Fredonia, Geneva, Ashland, Slippery Rock, and Thiel.

As if the staggering amount of schools was not enough to increase competition, it also slowed the events. The team arrived at Slippery Rock at 10 a.m. and did not leave until 8:30 p.m. The team faced the entire spectrum of weather while it was there, as well. Coach Dave Cooper would like to see what his athletes could do in good weather.

"We had rain, sunshine, wind, and

cold all at different times," said Cooper. "Not the best of conditions. I think our athletes are just waiting to have some explosive performances if we'd just get a break in the weather."

Nonetheless, the team had a productive day. Isiah Meek came within a blink of an eye of qualifying for Nationals. Meek ran a 14.97 in the 110 hurdles and came a mere .07 of a second from going to Nationals. His time was good for fourth place among the stiff competition. He will have another shot this weekend and better conditions may give him that fraction of a second he needs.

The men qualified two more athletes for ECACs on Saturday. In the pole vault, freshman Steve Feder qualified with a vault of 13-0. Also making the trip to Princeton, N.J. in three weeks for ECACs is Dave Ober. Ober had a fantastic run in the 200, setting a new school record on his way to qualifying with a 22.86. Ober also captured third

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PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Jason Ferrier and the rest of the Lions have two more invitationals to before the ECAC Championships May 15-17. The Lions already have qualified more than a dozen athletes for the competition.

Remember when sports were played for fun?

As the spring semester comes to a close, and the summer months inch ever so close, very soon people of all ages will make time for their golf game (even one as lousy as mine) or get involved with the many sports and activities the summer offers. But as the weather

gets warm, the drive to win and be the best gets hotter.

With summer thought of as a time to relax, have we become too concerned with winning, even in youth sports? Have we taken the fun out of sports altogether?

Competition and the pressure to win are nothing new to college and professional teams. After all, they aren't there for athletes to get exercise and meet new friends. Those teams want to, no, they have to win because a lot of money is involved. People's jobs hinge on the success of a team.

But over the past 10 years, this overly competitive atmosphere has slowly seeped into youth sports and other areas where competition was all but nonexistent. Now, it seems just having fun and enjoying yourself with sports is becoming the exception.

Nowhere is this more obvious than youth sports, especially now with summer baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer leagues becoming ever more popular. I'm sure everyone knows about the father who fought and killed his son's hockey coach over the way he ran practice. Even though that is the very extreme end of what has happened to youth sports, it does represent where the trend has shifted.

Parents have become more involved with their child's sport, which would be a good thing except it's not just cheering and support they provide. Go to a youth game and you can hear parents screaming at their kids or at coaches. Parents demand the best from their children, which is fine, but that doesn't mean yelling and hollering is an appropriate way to accomplish this goal.

Some parents have forgotten why their kids signed up for sports in the first place. Children want to join sports because their friends did or because they enjoy games like soccer or basketball, among other reasons. Their parents, on the other hand, want their kids to learn the importance of winning, no matter what the cost may be.

Think of how much more stressful it must be for the kids when their parents are screaming at them because they performed poorly. The role of the parent is to build self-confidence in the child, not belittle them for performing "poorly." What may seem like a poor effort from the parent's view may seem like good old fun to the kid. They just want to get the chance to play.

Not all parents are like this. In fact, most parents support their children in a very dignified manner. But it only takes that one obnoxious parent to ruin the whole game for everyone else. It's funny how a child can have more self-control than his parents. The parents could use a good kick in the rear end. Maybe then they will realize that IT'S JUST A GAME. Your child should be learning about exercise and teamwork, not "Winning is everything."

Although it's been six years since I last played in the Erie summer leagues for baseball and soccer, I can still remember a fair share of bad experiences with other people's parents. At a baseball game in a 10-

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