

## Attention: Women's Basketball calling all cell-phone users

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This year's Lady Lion basketball team is sponsoring a flagship fund raising program at Behrend that benefits both the environment and the abused.

The team is participating in a nationwide environmental program that is attempting to lower the number of discarded cell phones that end up in America's landfills.

On average, 65,000 tons or 130 million cell phones are thrown away each year and their batteries are posing environmental risks in the landfill.

The team is working in conjunction with an environmental company, which is accepting the unused cell phones and redistributing them to women's resource shelters across the country. The team is accepting all cell phones that are in working condition.

"The cell phone program sparked my interest and got my attention when I saw a church in Boston was doing the activity," said head coach Rosalyn Fornari.

The phones are being redistributed to battered women and children as a precautionary measure. The outdated cell phones are vital, service plans are not required in order for users to dial 911 for emergency assistance.

"What I am asking people to do is either to drop them off at my office, or give them to a player, or call me and I'll come get 'em. I'll come right to the dorm room," said Fornari.

"I've already had ten donated this week and hopefully that will continue."

Fornari plans to run the program through the duration of the school year, and for every phone the team donates, they will be reimbursed by the environmental company.

This is the first type of program that has been implemented at Behrend.

"A lot of people will do ink cartridges and recycle those and that's an environmental issue, but this one is a little different for it serves a multi-purpose," said Fornari.

"Truthfully to get them to people who could really use them is a good thing for us."

The team's goal is to collect 500 cell phones over the year and donate them to the program.

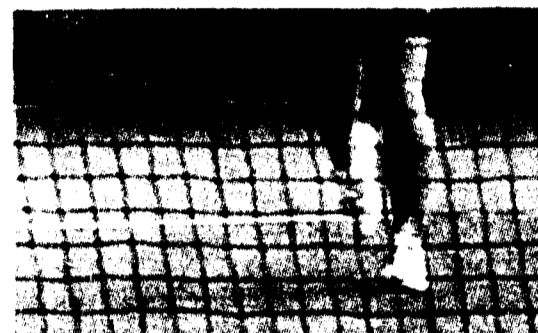
"I'd love to continue the program next year. It is not gonna make our program a lot of money, but the main goal really is the environmental part and the women's shelters."

By working with the program, the team sends the phones directly to their headquarters in Florida. The team's contract with the program places an emphasis on the phones being redistributed in Pennsylvania and the Northwest region of the state.

"Our biggest thing is they don't make any profit off the phone when we give it to them. Their money comes from saving the environment, and then from there it is a matter of them donating the phones to people who need them," said Fornari.

The team has posted signs about the effort around campus, and more information about the program is available at [oldecellphones.com](http://oldecellphones.com). Fornari's office is located in the Junker Center and she can be reached on campus at extension 6425.

## Women's tennis aces Altoona Win is first in three years



FILE PHOTO  
Sophomore Amber Weckowski fills the first singles position in the Lady Lions line up this season.

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After struggling all season for wins, the women's tennis team started to get on the right track with key wins last weekend against conference opponents Frostburg and Penn State-Altoona.

On Friday, the women started their weekend road trip against Waynesburg. The team had previously played Waynesburg a few weeks earlier at home, losing 7-2. Unfortunately for the team, it would be more of the same, as it lost by an even wider margin, 8-1. The team's sole win came from freshman Jenna Yankowski at fourth singles, 6-3, 7-5.

While the team was discouraged by the loss, its disappointment wouldn't last long. The next day, Behrend traveled to Frostburg for their second matchup of the season against them. Frostburg had pulled away with a 5-4 victory in the first meeting.

After doubles, Behrend was down 2-1, sustaining losses at #1 and #3 doubles. Behrend was able to come back in singles, though, thanks to a sweep by Behrend's #3-6 players. The final score was 5-4, a great win for the Lions.

Coach Jeff Barger said, "Our singles play is going really well, but our doubles still needs a lot of work."

The win would prove to be a great confidence booster for the team's match the very next day against Penn State-Altoona. Altoona had beaten Behrend the last three years, but this time Behrend was facing a team laden with freshman. The Lions exposed that inexperience by coming away with a 7-2 victory.

The only two losses for the Lions came from sophomore Amber Weckowski at first singles, 6-1, 6-2, and Weckowski and freshman Mindy Calvert at first doubles, 8-4. After these two wins, Barger is feeling better about the team's level of play.

"Everybody played pretty well. This gives some players confidence because now they'll go into the conference tournament as first seeds," said Barger. The tennis team is very hopeful that it is on the right course to salvaging its season. Before the three matches this weekend, the Lions posted a disappointing 3-8 record. While their current record of 5-9 record is not ideal, their 2-2 AMCC record is proof that they are on the right track.

Another good sign is that Yankowski was named the AMCC player of the week. She went 4-0 at fourth singles and 3-1 in second doubles. All of these things have caused spirits to rise dramatically on the Behrend squad.

Barger said, "It's important to keep up this level of enthusiasm and confidence. We've had better overall play even in practice because these wins are lifting the players' spirits."

The upcoming schedule also looks promising for the squad. They have four matches left before the AMCC Championships. The Lions have played all the teams once before this season, losing only to Chatham. The odds are definitely in Behrend's favor to finish out the season very strongly.

"Realistically, I think we'll at least win three out of the four matches," said Barger. "Hopefully, though, we can win all four."

## Men's soccer winning streak snapped by Grove City College

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The men's soccer team improved to 2-0 in the AMCC with a 6-1 victory over LaRoche on Saturday. Unfortunately, the Lions could not keep their momentum going, losing to Grove City College on Wednesday in overtime, 2-1. This bumps their record to 5-2-2.

Against LaRoche the first half was dominated on defense by both teams. Neither team could score, sending the game into half time tied at zero.

In the 56th minute of the game, senior midfielder Andy Laver broke the tie with a goal assisted by forward Eric Nyberg. Laver's goal began a nine-minute scoring spurt that resulted in a 4-0 Behrend lead and a demoralized LaRoche squad.

Freshman forward/midfielder Stanley Kaweesi scored two of these goals, one in the 58th minute and the other in the 65th minute.

The goals were assisted by Laver and sophomore midfielder Andy Lesser, respectively. Kaweesi also assisted on a goal by Lesser in the 58th minute.

LaRoche slashed any hopes of a shutout with an unassisted goal at the 67 minute mark, by junior midfielder Chris Petrozza. This was the first and last time a LaRoche shot would reach the back of the net.

Senior goaltender Jake Hordych made five saves, en route to the Lions' fifth victory of the season.

Sophomore midfielders Justin Ramsey and Robert Craddock added insurance goals in the 79th and 89th minutes. Ramsey's goal was assisted by Laver.

"We played our best game in front of the goal all year. Our defense is playing collectively well as a team," said Head Coach Dan Perritano.

Laver finished the game with a goal and two assists, and Kaweesi tallied two goals and an assist, which helped him earn a spot on the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference's weekly Best of the Rest list. He scored 3 goals and had an assist in two Behrend victories last week.

Even though the men dominated against LaRoche, they could not hold off Grove City, losing in overtime 2-1. Behrend's lone goal came from Lesser.

In a rematch of last year's AMCC championship game, the Lion's will host division rival Pitt-Greensburg on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in a televised game.

"We need to defend against the counterattack, and we'll do that in practice on Thursday, to shorten Greensburg's ability to get forward in a hurry," said Perritano, when asked what his team will do to prepare for its game against Greensburg.

## Volleyball digs in for tough season

by Amy Hiles  
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The Lady Lions were very busy this past weekend. On Friday, Behrend faced Altoona, losing 3-0. On Saturday, Behrend met Frostburg, losing again 3-0.

Later the same day, Behrend matched Grove City, falling 3-2. Then on Tuesday they took on Pitt-Bradford, winning 3-1.

While playing Pitt-Bradford, the Lions were more mentally focused and determined to win. Their serves and hitting were strong, and all in all, the Lady Lions played a smart game.

Grove City's game started out strong, but unfortunately, didn't end in a win for the Lions. Their serving was good, but they just weren't able to stay in the game.

Last week, freshman, Rae Ann Sherrad was announced as part of the Best of the Rest in the AMCC. She had 29 kills, 29 assists, 58 digs and 10 aces in the previous 4 games.

"Well last game we worked really well as a team... I personally probably had to work harder offensively, but I have had to play good defense as well," said senior Katie Butler.

"The key to success is playing as a team and not individuals, and that is what we did and we came through with a victory."

"I was upset about being 0-4 and I think we should have won some of those games. I think we're really up and down right now and hopefully working more toward being mentally tough," said head coach Kellie Diehl.

The Lady Lions will next play Lake Erie on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY HEATHER MYERS/BEHREND BEACON

Sophomore Justin Reese has stepped up to become one of the key players for the men's soccer team this year, with three goals and one assist so far this season.

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**Athlete  
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Stanley Kaweesi-  
Katongole

Sport: Men's Soccer  
Class: Freshman  
Date: Sept. 29

Stanley Kaweesi-Katongole (Columbia, MD/Oakland Mills) was named this week's Beacon/Housing and Food Athlete of the Week.

Kaweesi-Katongole was a key part of a two win week for the Behrend Lions men's soccer team, scoring three goals. Two of those goals were against La

LaRoche this past Saturday, where he also picked up an assist for a total of five points for the game. Earlier this week, Kaweesi-Katongole scored a goal against Pitt-Bradford in a 3-0 win. He has the second most goals on the team and is also tied for second in assists with two.

Next up for the blue and white will be a home match against Pitt-Greensburg on Oct. 4 at 3:30 p.m.