

Spring sports wrap up

Baseball team finishes with double-header sweep of LaRoche

The baseball team concluded its season this past Saturday with a doubleheader sweep of conference foe La Roche.

Although the team swept La Roche, the Lions did not earn a spot in the AMCC Tournament.

Entering the bottom of the seventh in game one, the two teams were deadlocked at two runs apiece. The Lions managed to score the winning run, though, when sophomore Shane Elzer hit an RBI single to finish out the game.

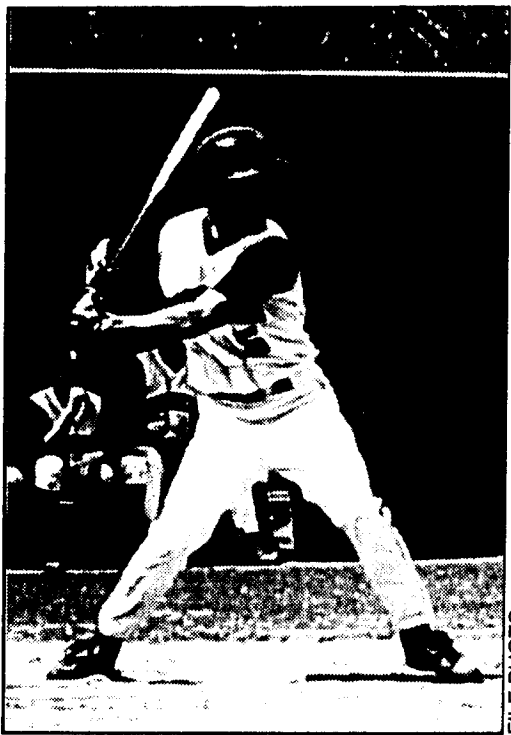
The winning pitcher for the Lions was sophomore Chris McCartney, who finishes the season 6-2. He was also named the AMCC co-pitcher of the week for his weekend efforts.

In game two, the Lions got ahead early with an 8-3 lead and managed to maintain that lead for a 10-5 victory.

Once again, Elzer was a key player in the Lions' victory. He hit two doubles, one RBI and three hits in the game. For his strong play, he was named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week.

With their wins against LaRoche, the Lions finished with a 20-15-1 overall record, 6-6 AMCC record.

Unfortunately, this wasn't good enough to make the conference tournament. Although they had an equal conference mark with Frostburg State, they lost the tiebreaker for the fourth spot in the



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tournament.

Though this was a disappointing finish for the Lions, they will be returning several players next season who will hopefully lead the team to victory.

Tennis team goes undefeated in AMCC, wins conference title

The men's tennis team ended the year at 14-7. It went undefeated in the conference at 6-0, setting a new mark in men's tennis history at Behrend, as the first team to go undefeated in the AMCC.

The Lions also tied the school record of most wins in a single season.

After returning from spring break in Hilton Head Island, the blue and white dominated the conference.

Sophomore Jon Barber earned AMCC player of the week for two weeks in a row, while freshman Matt Meyer earned AMCC best of the rest. Freshman Brian Espin earned housing and food service athlete of the week.

During the season both Barber and Meyer went undefeated in the AMCC for singles play. They both entered the championships with first seeds along with sophomore Kevin Fiorenzo.

Doubles team Barber and Espin entered with a first seed along with Meyer and partner freshman

Garrett Grenek.

The Lions dominated the first round of play as it sent a player to every final for every flight excluding second singles.

Junior Ryan Deimel earned the team its AMCC Championship as he took the win at first singles. Barber also won at third singles and Meyer at sixth singles. They were all named to first team all-conference.

Espin and Fiorenzo took second place, earning a spot on second team all-conference.

Doubles team of Deimel and sophomore John Marini took second place along with Barber and Espin, and Meyer and Grenek. All teams earned a spot on second team all-conference.

At the end of the day the men took home the crown, beating Frostburg State by one point. This is the first time Behrend has won the title since 1998, the first year the championship was held.

For their efforts all season Deimel earned Co-Player of the Year along with Frostburg State's No. 1 player. Meyer earned Co-Newcomer of the Year along with Frostburg State's sixth man. Coach Jeff Barger earned Coach of the Year.

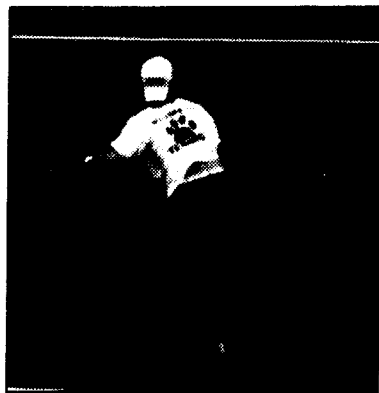


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Men's and women's track teams compete at IUP

The men's and women's track and field team competed at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania where if they put up another set of strong results in the non-scoring event

In the women's running events, the team got its best result in the 4x400m relay where they finished in the second place.

The relay team consisted of juniors Jessica Knapp, Claire Manelick and Jessica Sarver and freshman Holly Weinheimer.

In the 800m run, the squad got seventh and eighth place finishes from Knapp and Sarver, respectively. Knapp also finished in sixth in the 1500m run.

In the field events, the top finisher was once again sophomore Staci Banaszek. Banaszek got her best result in the triple jump, where she finished in sixth.

In the high jump she finished in seventh and came in eleventh in the long jump.

In the men's events, the best result came from junior Isiah Meek, who came in second in the 110 hurdles.

Meek also did well in the 4x400 and 4x100 relays, where he and his relay team finished in third place in both events.

In the field events, the best finish was from sophomore Dan Mitchell, who came in second in the javelin throw.

Another high finish was from junior Donnie Hackworth. He came in third in pole vault.

In the triple jump, Behrend filled out the third and fourth place spots with strong finishes from freshman Jon McKinney and sophomore Shane Rock.

Both track teams will resume action on Sunday at the Baldwin Wallace Invitational.

Softball team wins four out of its last five games

The softball team finished out its 2004 season by winning four out of its last five games but failed to make the AMCC Tournament.

The Lady Lions closed out the season this past Tuesday with a double-header sweep of non-conference foe Grove City.

In the first game, the Behrend squad came away with a 6-3 victory. It then took the second game as well, shutting out the Lady Wolverines 2-0.

On the previous Saturday, the team continued its winning ways with a sweep of Mount Aloysius, routing them in both 12-1 and 20-7.

With these wins, the team finished the year with a 9-25 overall record, 6-6 in the AMCC.

Though the Lions finished the season off well and a .500 conference record, they failed to qualify for the conference tournament.

This was because they lost a tiebreaker with Penn State Altoona, who was also 6-6, for the fourth and final playoff spot.

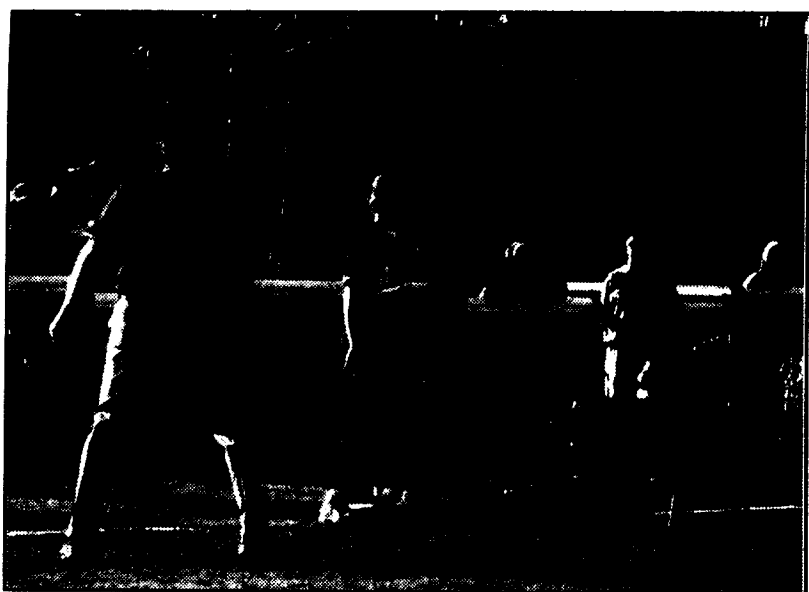
Though this development was a disappointment, the team had several individual and team results to be proud of this year.

As a team, the Lady Lions led the AMCC in fielding percentage at .935.

Individually, the team is led in batting average by freshman Kristin Macha, who is hitting .384, ninth in the AMCC.

Senior Brandy Pollinick is leading the AMCC in stolen bases with 12. She was also named this week's AMCC player of the week.

In terms of pitching, senior Becky Corbin has the best ERA with a mark of 3.18. She also has 32 strikeouts on the season.



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Women's water polo season ends at Michigan

The women's water polo team closed out its season at the Michigan-Allegheny Championships on April 17-18.

The event ended being a disappointment for the Lady Lions as they lost all four of their games and finished ninth out of nine teams.

With this result, the women's record dropped to 4-23. The team's four wins came against Utica, Macalester and two wins against Carthage at the Wheaton Invitational.

While the team did not perform as well as it would have hoped, it has many young players and reason to be optimistic.

One of these players is freshman Cara Ludwig.

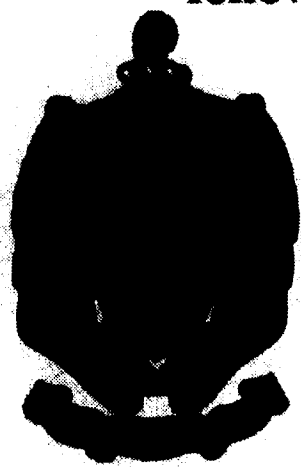
In a game against Carthage at the Wheaton Invitational, Ludwig scored an astounding seven goals in the game to carry the team to the win and set the single game scoring record for Behrend.

Ludwig also set several season long records in her first season on the team. In a game against Gannon, Ludwig's scored three goals to set the all-time goals in a season mark with 61.

This season she has also accumulated 34 steals and 10 assists.

With several players returning to play for the Lady Lions' next season, they have reason to believe that next year will be a very successful one.

The Sigma Delta Alumni Association of Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to recognize the following graduating brothers as well as those transferring to Main Campus:



Lou Cionni Accounting & Finance	Francis Kargbo Electrical Engineering Technology
Chris Pecora Mining Engineering	Shannon Pine Mechanical Engineering
Guy Reschenthaler Political Science	Ryan Riviello Marketing



Congratulations and good luck.