

SPORTS

Women's volleyball has its eye on the AMCC title

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The women's volleyball team is approaching the conference title. The blue and white are ready and willing to move forward. In 2002, the team had played for the conference title but unfortunately lost to their conference rivals, Frostburg, taking the runners up spot.

This year things are looking good with a 5-1 record in the conference. The team seems to be solid thus far under the new direction of Head Coach Phil Pisano and assistant coach Gerry Vensel. "Things are set up a bit different from last year," said team captain and libero, Ashley Ordy. "In the past we played each team twice so we played many more conference games, and we also have added some teams to our conference this year."

On Tuesday, the team played Allegheny College. The Lady Lions started the game fired up with plenty of intensity. They won their first game but unfortunately lost the remaining three.

"We are still proud of our intensity on the

court," said junior Amanda Evans. "Overall the match went well."

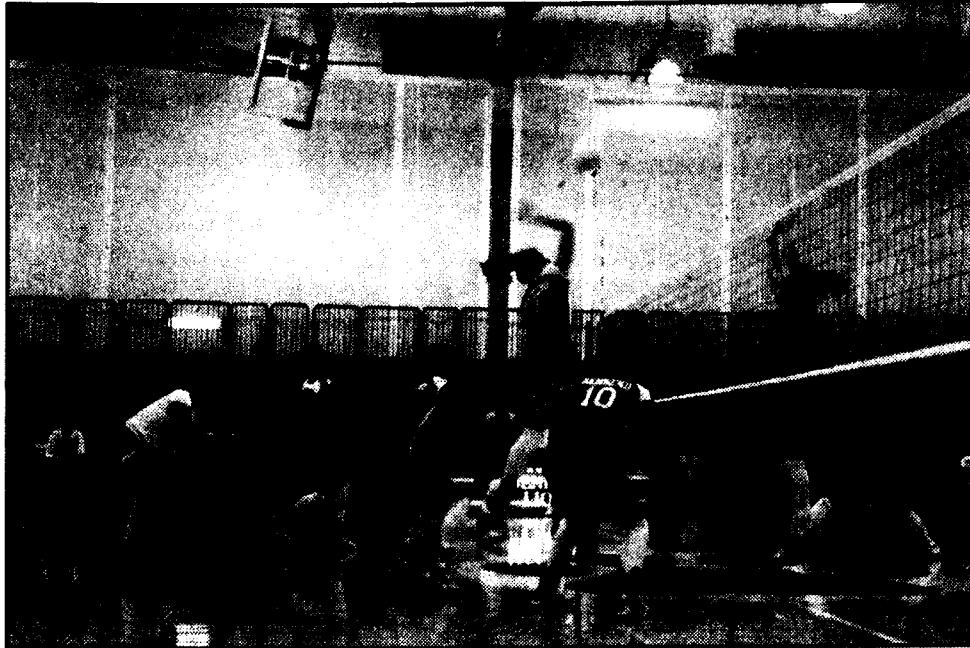
"I have played with many players and in all my years I haven't played on a team that got along as well as we do this year," said

sticky or tough."

The real concentration should be put on Saturday's game against Frostburg. They are the defending AMCC champions and our Behrend team feels it is one of their top priorities to win that game. Team strategy and companionship can come in handy when battling it out on the court against Frostburg.

"When I step out on the court to play the two time defending A M C C Champs, I'll tell you what, there is nobody I want out there with me more than Lisa, Karla, Elaine, Amanda "Butta," Paige, and "Toot," well Amanda," said Ordy. "They are the best people for the job in my eyes, we'd be nowhere without them!"

A good deal of credit also goes to the new coaching staff including Pisano and Vensel. Coach Pisano was assistant coach to the women's volleyball team at Slippery Rock University, and is greatly aiding our team here at Behrend. Assistant Coach Vensel worked for nine years as the head coach of the Gannon Golden Knights. With their help the Behrend volleyball team is showing a great deal of improvement this year.



The women's volleyball team sets up for the kill during their home game against Allegheny College.

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senior libero Ordy. "The girls are great, they are always willing to work hard, and I assure you we work harder than any other team in the conference."

This year there was only one senior and one junior, making the women's volleyball team appear to be inexperienced, but that is not the case at all.

"I thought with me being the only senior it would be tough to motivate and lead these girls, but they showed me just the opposite," said Ordy. "They motivate me to want to be a better player and work harder. I am so proud of every one of them; they have given 100 percent all year even when things get

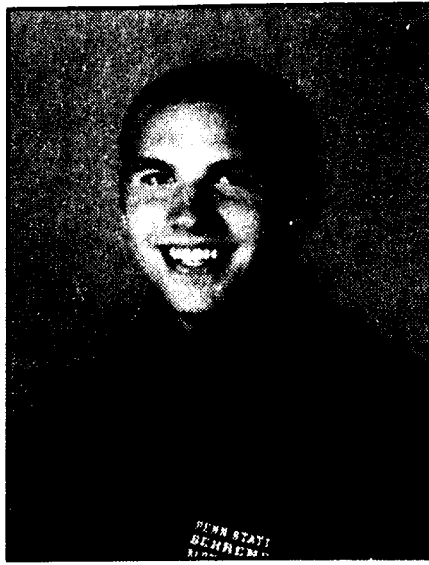
saves and recorded her third shutout on the season. The Lady Lions had the corner kick advantage taking five too Frostburg's three, but the Lions also had four more fouls called on them than Frostburg.

On Thursday, the women's soccer team welcomed Carnegie Mellon to the Behrend Fields, whose record is 8-2-1, in a non-conference game. The Lady Lions were shut out by Carnegie Mellon 3-0. For the first time this season the Lions suffered back-to-back losses and were shut out in consecutive games. Carnegie Mellon dominated the midfield throughout the game not allowing the team to make a comeback.

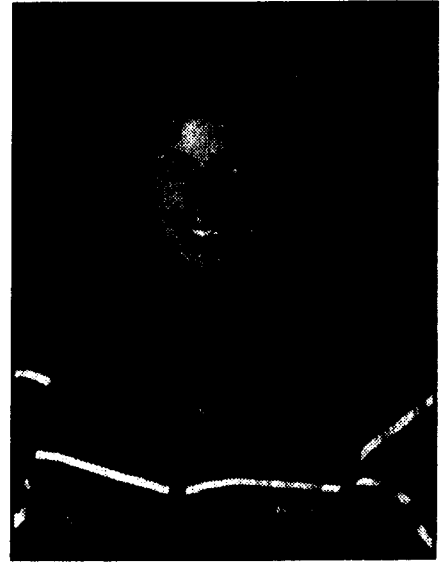
The blue and white's record now stands at 10-4-1 and 6-1 in the AMCC conference. Frostburg and Behrend are tied atop the AMCC conference with 6-1 records respectively. La Roche (5-1) and Pitt-Greensburg (5-2) are close behind. The lady Lions have two games remaining on their schedule, both versus AMCC opponents. They play Mt. Aloysius (1-13) on Oct. 23 and Medaille (7-8-1) on Oct. 26.

Senior Spotlight

Athletes take a look back...



Jeff Black
Men's Golf



Claire Manelick
Women's Cross Country

Behrend Beacon: What is your favorite memory from your sport?

Jeff Black: My favorite memory from my sport is winning the AMCC championships this year and all of the spring break golf trips.

BB: What are your plans for after graduation?

JB: My plan for after graduation is to start my career in the information technology field. Eventually, I would also like to coach golf at the high school or collegiate level.

BB: What will you miss most about Behrend?

JB: I will miss competitive golf and the friends I have made during the four years that I have been here.

BB: What is your funniest moment during golf?

JB: I would say the funniest moments are the van or bus rides to and from matches. Something interesting always happens from conversation to being pulled over or getting a flat tires. To save embarrassment, I will not get into these details.

Behrend Beacon: What is your favorite memory from your sport?

Claire Manelick: My favorite memories are spending time and getting to know all of my teammates and coaches at practices, meets and our pasta dinners. I had so much fun with all the cross country girls over the past four years.

BB: What are your plans for after graduation?

CM: I plan on finding a job working with and helping the environment, hopefully with the Department of Environmental Protection. I would really like to concentrate on water pollution management or West Nile virus control.

BB: What will you miss most about Behrend?

CM: I will miss all my teammates, coaches and friends the most.

BB: What is your funniest or most embarrassing moment?

CM: On the way to the regional meet in Maryland my sophomore year, I got stuck in the van seat belt and Coach Cooper and Garrett (old assistant cross country coach) had to try and get me out.

Women's soccer shut out by Frostburg, Carnegie Mellon

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With a win Saturday, the Lady Lions would have been 7-0 with two games left in the conference versus less talented teams and would have all but locked up the AMCC regular season title.

The last real test that stood in their way was an away game against 8-2-2 Frostburg whose 5-1 record in the AMCC was tied for second. Their only AMCC loss came against Pitt-Greensburg. A win would have given the Lions a 7-0 conference record, but this goal would eventually slip away.

The first half ended with no score, and involved a 30 minute delay because of a thunderstorm. The delay occurred at the 31 minute of the first half. The first half consisted of even play between both sides with each team taking seven first half shots.

Frostburg's first goal came in the second half on the 49 minute of action on a penalty kick by senior forward Karen Kotofski. Kotofski was tackled inside the 18 yard box.

The score remained 1-0 in favor of Frostburg until the 67 minute when sophomore midfielder, Danielle Carter assisted junior defensemen Beth Hlebasko. Hlebasko scored her goal from 40 yards out giving Frostburg a 2-0 victory, and ending the Lady Lions hopes of going undefeated in the AMCC conference. The Lady Lions were out shot 9-2 in the second half. Even with the loss, Coach Patrick O'Driscoll still has high expectations for his team.

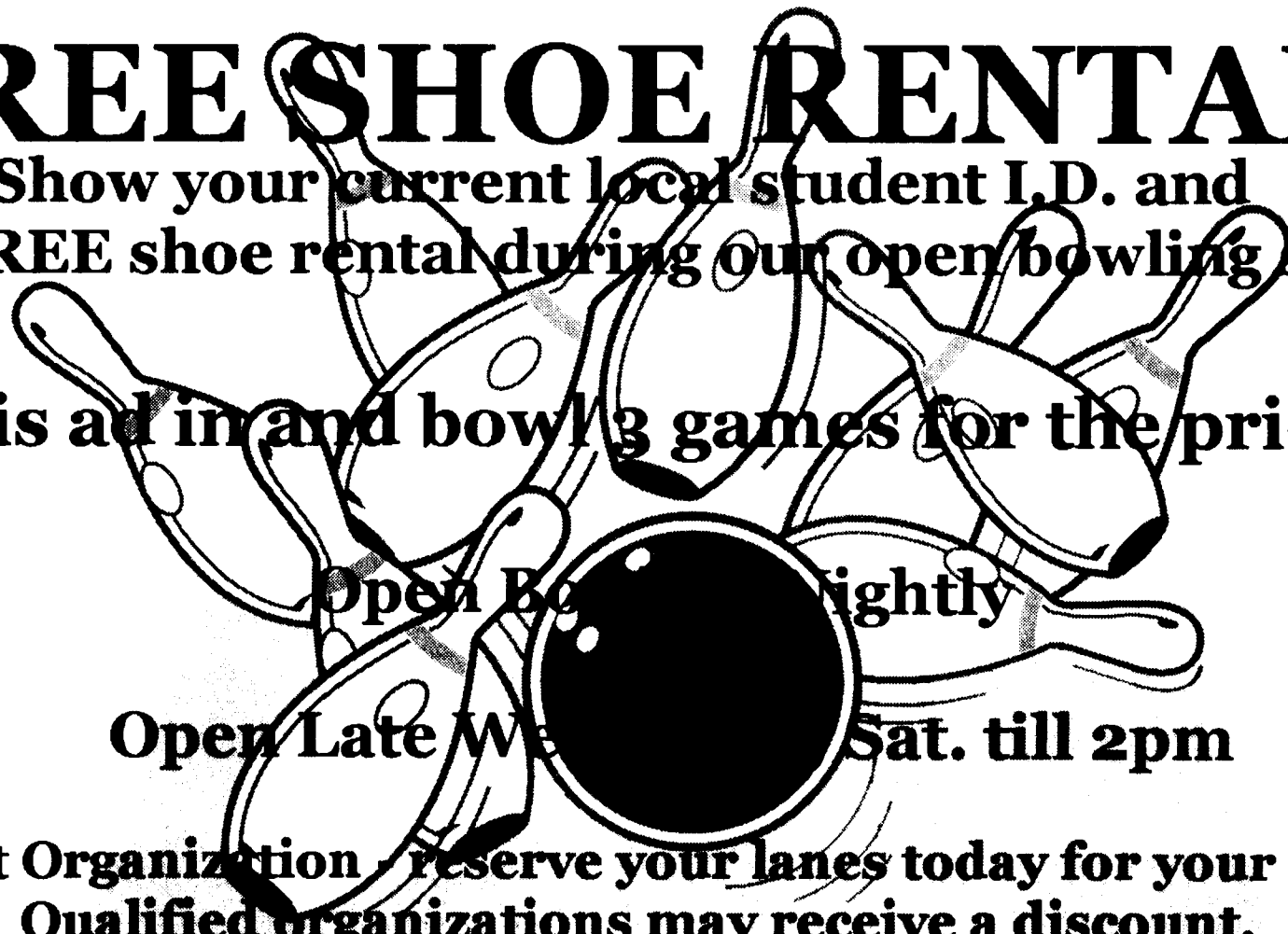
"If we continue to work hard," said O'Driscoll, "winning the AMCC Championship and making it to the NCAA tournament is a very achievable goal for us."

Junior forward, Holly Greiner, led the Lady Lions with six shots, five of them being on goal. Junior midfielder, Kacie Burns, freshman defensemen Emily Miller, and freshman forward Julie Quail all had one shot on goal for the Lady Lions. Overall the Lions were out shot by Frostburg 16-9.

Junior goalkeeper, Colleen Applebaugh, made five saves and allowed two goals. Senior goalkeeper for Frostburg made six

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