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Senior defenseman Brian Blaszczyk goes up to win the ball against this week's competition. The next home game for the Lions is Thursday, September 29 at 5 p.m. against Capital University.

Men's soccer improves to 5-1

By Kelly Houghton
sports writer

Queen said it first when they shouted "Another one bites the dust!" Although they gave the song life, the talented athletes on our men's soccer team are inevitably the tyrants who are forcing their opponents into the dirt.

In a home contest on Wednesday, your Behrend Lions faced the Grove City Eagles. Both Behrend and Grove City entered the match showcasing very similar 2004 records of 12-6-1 and 12-7-1, respectively, creating what was bound to be a tight competition. On September 22, 2004 Grove City was defeated by your blue and white 1-0. History repeated itself once again as Behrend slid by the Grove City, winning 2-1. Even though it began as an ordinary soccer match, victory seemed distant after the first half as Behrend was found trailing 1-0, failing to play to their top potential. Senior captain Brian Blaszczyk commented, "We knew at halftime that we did not play well in the first half."

M a r c u s Taylor, a talented freshman mid-

fielder from Landisville High added, "In the first half we did not play our game, we played a lot of kick and run instead of possessing the ball." However, your Lions got their act together and dominated in the second half, aggressively scoring two goals and hindering the Eagle's hopes to score. When Blaszczyk was asked what brought the change in pace, he commented that, "We all calmed down, relaxed and started to play the game like we knew we could." This victory improved the men's record for the season to 5-1.

Your soccer stars will next travel to Penn State Altoona on Saturday, September 24. Altoona posted an impressive 13-5-4 record during the 2004 season and will ultimately strive for victory and bragging rights in next week's Penn State showdown. DJ Craven, a junior forward said, "Altoona's picked to win the league. We're pumped to go down there and play them." In competition last year, a victory wasn't grasped by either team, as they tied in double overtime 0-0. Blaszczyk noted that "every time we play Altoona it is a hard fought bat-

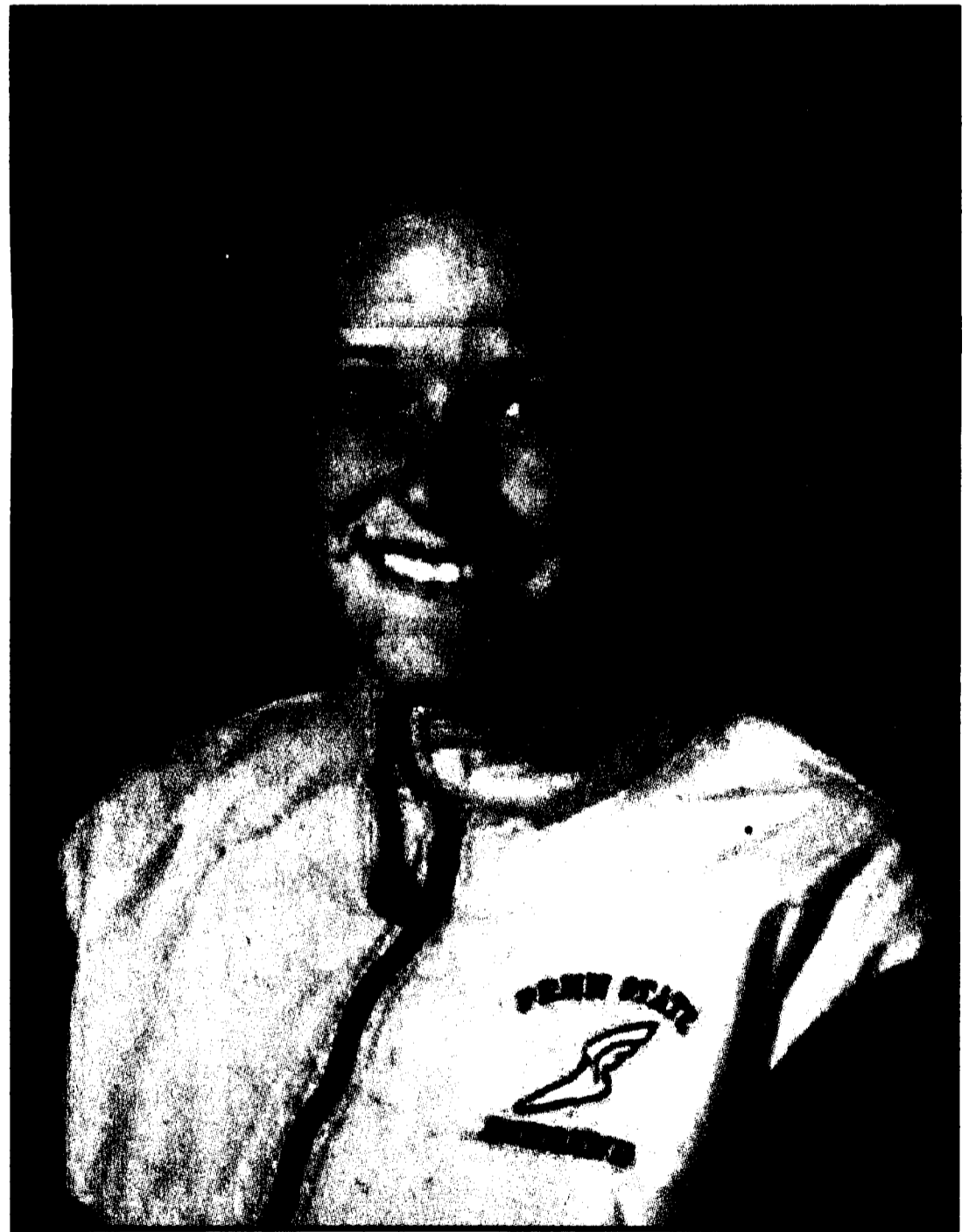
tle." Unfinished business needs to be taken care of this season. A win would prove that Behrend undoubtedly leads the Nittany Lion pack in the game of soccer. Blaszczyk added, "Whoever wants it more will win the game."

The team's next home match is set for Thursday, September 29 at 5 pm against Capital University. With team moral reported as being very high at this point, senior standout Brian Blaszczyk said, "We want to win our conference, host the AMCC tourney and then move on to the NCAA tournament." Well Brian, I doubt anyone will have any objections to that, especially after such a commanding start.

An extra special congratulations is also going out to Coach Dan Perritano. Coach Perritano, who is in his 13 year leading the Lions, recently acquired his 300 career win. Marcus Taylor commented that "he deserves every last one he gets," emphasizing that as a coach, Dan Perritano has held the team together on more than one occasion when they have been down.

Housing and Food Services

Athlete of the Week



Behrend Lions Scoreboard

Cross Country

Behrend Invitational

Men finished fourth with a score of 124

Women finished seventh with a score of 209

Soccer

Men won 2-1 over Grove City (5-1 overall)

Women lost to Allegheny 3-1 (4-2-1 overall)

Water Polo

Men lost to Gannon 10-12(1-10 record)

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Volleyball

Women won against Buffalo State 3-0 (8-6 overall)

Tennis

Women beat Fredonia State 5-4 (7-2 overall)

Come out and support your Lions' teams this week. Show your Blue and White Pride. Go Lions!

xWipes attack Junker Center

By Kyle Woodside
staff writer

Don't panic; there was no virus attack like SARS or Presque Isle E.coli at the Junker Center. I did get your attention with the title though, didn't I? Don't lie.

Isn't the object of working out to get rid of sweat, not gain someone else's? I'd like to think so. The Junker Center staff does also. A new system of sanitation is in place in Behrend's weight room - antibacterial wipes.

The wipes, called xWipes, are designed to facilitate clean equipment and a clean fitness area. In the past, spray bottles and used rags were utilized in order to rid perspiration from benches, mats, and the handles of cardiovascular equipment. xWipes are used one time only, then discarded in buckets below the xWipes dispensers. This guarantees that someone else's sweat will not coincide with yours. Intramural director Rob Wittman recommends that weight room users wipe down a piece of fitness equipment before and after using it: "If you do that, then you know the machine or mat is sanitary."

According to xWipes' website (<http://www.contecinc.com/xwipes>), xWipes is "an effective, pre-saturated equipment wiper...the science of clean has evolved a better way for health club members to ensure themselves of a worry-free workout."

Dr. Andy King, who is Behrend's sports medicine guru, feels that the xWipes are a "step forward" for the sanitary conditions of the weight room, but still worries about the chance of sickness. "Those commercials you see on TV for antibacterial products guarantee 99.9% cleanliness. There is always that 0.1% chance of the bacteria becoming immune to the wipes after an extended period of time. This is called resistance. Despite this risk for resistance, I'd still rather see the xWipes than those old rags," states King. Behrend's athletic director, Brian Streeter, credits the new cleaning method to Health and Wellness Director, Patty McMahon. "McMahon traced back

many students' sicknesses to working out at the Junker Center. We researched products and felt the xWipes were the best choice. We are trying to minimize the opportunity for germs to survive in the weight room. Right now, we have five dispensers scattered throughout the weight room, but there may be more in the future if needed. The trainer's room also has a dispenser," states Streeter.

"Having wipes in the trainer's room is genius," said standout Behrend volleyball player Elaine Voltz.

Many other students seem happy about not having to reuse nasty rags. One student, senior Melissa Dale, even presented a monologue of sorts to me because she was so happy about it:

"Everyday that I go to the Junker and run, I dread the several minutes after the run. This is not because I'm out of breath or overheating, but because I inevitably have to clean the machine. I dread reaching for that disgusting, wet, grease-stained cleaning rag. But the other day, I was walking to get the dreaded damp towel, and lo and behold! Cleaning wipes! The Jageman Fitness Room has solved all my cleaning problems!"

Not everyone agrees with the new wipes though. "I've only seen a few people actually use them, so they really don't seem to have a huge effect, and they also seem to be a waste of material," said sophomore Samantha Baldensperger. "I agree with the reasoning behind the wipes, but whether they are necessary or not depends on whether or not people are willing to throw a bunch of wipes away all the time and keep buying new ones."

Of course there is going to be mixed opinions on the 9x7 inch xWipes, but they are here to stay, unlike the microbes.

If you have any questions or suggestions for anything that would benefit the Junker Center, Streeter encourages students to contact him. "Without the students' ideas, we can't fix as many problems," he says.

NAME: Jason Bailey
SPORT: Soccer
CLASS: Freshman
DATE: September 23, 2005

Behrend's freshman forward (Jason Bailey) has been named Allegheny Mountain State's (AMCC) runner of the week. The freshman forward was named runner of the week as he finished 15 out of 125 points in the Behrend Invitational with a time of 20:23.

Bailey was named runner of the week at the Westminster Invitational on September 18, 2005. He was the best of the first two races of his season. He was named runner of the week for the Behrend men's cross country team.

Bailey will be competing in the AMCC tournament on October 1 when they travel to the University of Akron. He will be competing in the AMCC tournament on October 2 at the Carnegie Mellon University.

Bailey was named runner of the week by the Sports Illustrated magazine.