

## Fall sports kick off the season this weekend

### Women's Volleyball

Head Coach: Phil Pisano  
Assistant Coach: Gerry Vensel

Key returns:  
-Elaine Voltz, Confrence player of the year, mid-hitter  
-Lisa Wagner, Captain, All-Confrence outside hitter  
-Karla Murray, Captain, All-Confrence outside hitter

The women's volleyball team kicked off Wednesday at Theil, winning in four games. This weekend they host the opening tournament. Coach Pisano says he is exited about having a very deep team, and is looking to retrun to the NCAA tournament and making some noise while there.



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Karla Murray will start her quest to return to the NCAA tournament

### Women's Cross Country

Head Coach: Dave Cooper  
Assistant Coach: Mike Barlett

Key returns:  
-Jenny Bailey, Sophmore, Confrence runner-up 2005  
-Leisl Soergel, Junior, All-Confrence runner  
-Willa Paterson, Junior, All-Confrence 2004  
-Sarah Patterson, Sophmore

The ladies kicked off their season last week against Westminster, finishing tenth overall, with Bailey placing fourth. Coach Cooper says he is excited about having qality runners, even though they have little depth. The team has this week off, but will resume competition the next weekend at the Behrend Invitational.



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Womens soccer gets back into the kick of things



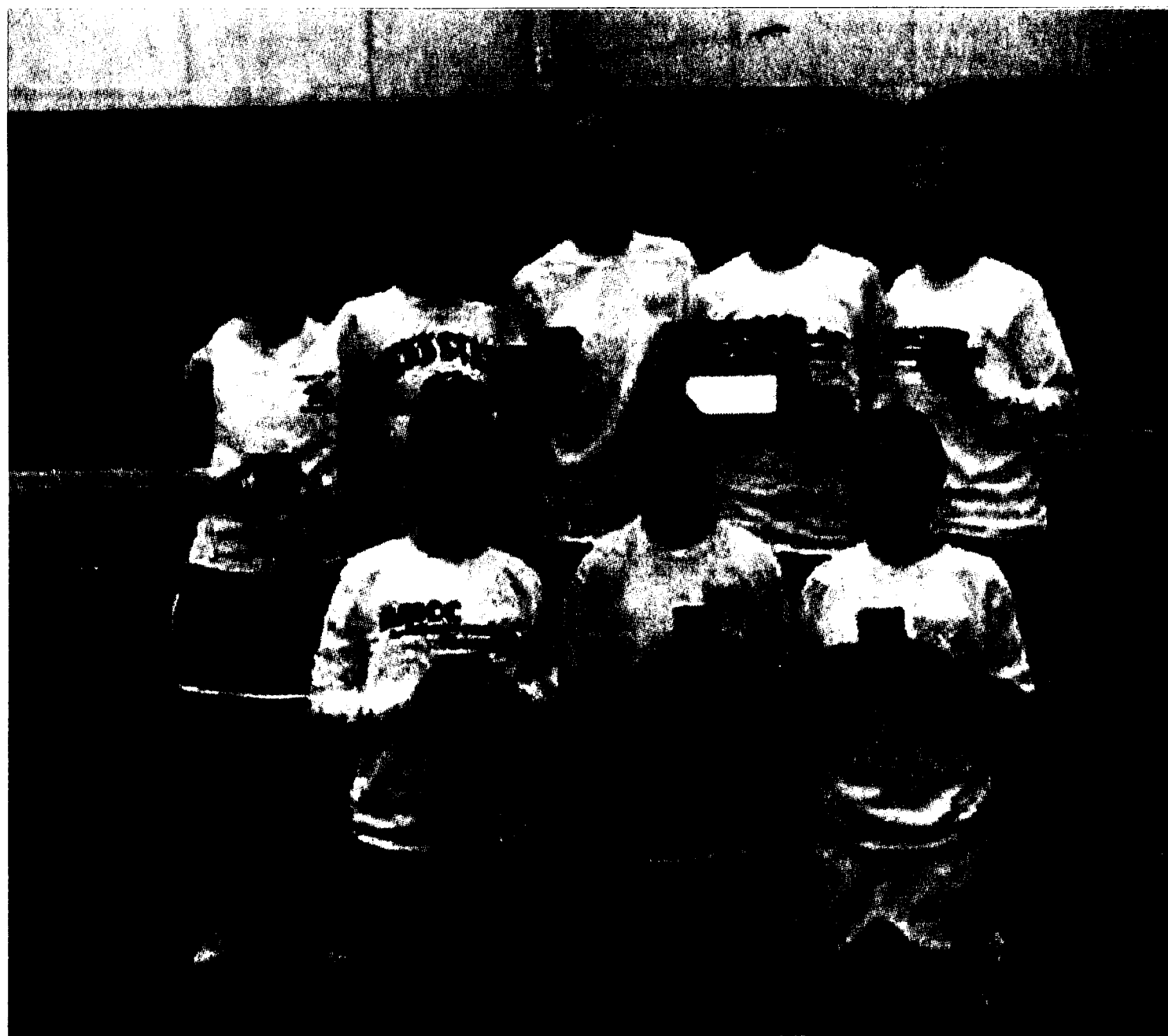
Brad Ruffo leading the pack in cross country Contributed Photo

### Men's Cross Country

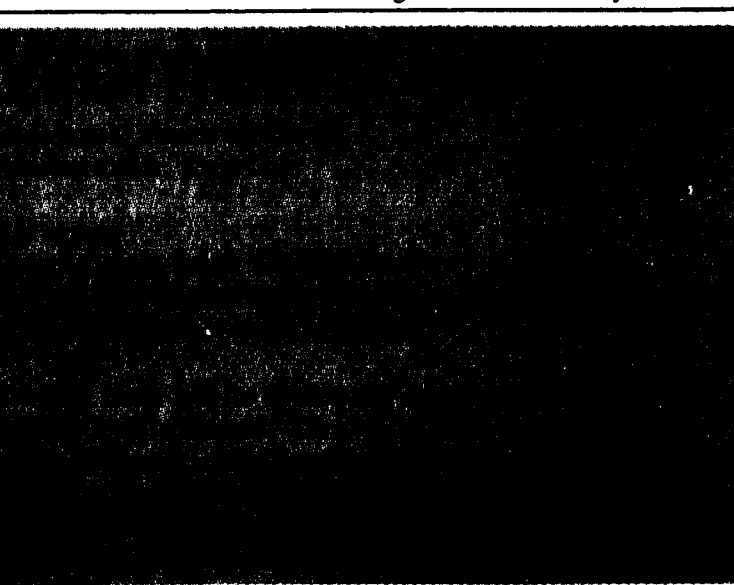
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Key returns:  
-Brad Ruffo, Senior, AMCC returning champion, First ever Behrend NCAA cross country runner  
-Andy Marshall, Junior, All-Confrence

The men began their season last week at the Westminster open Invitational, with Ruffo finishing second. They also have next weekend off as they await to showcase their skills at the Behrend Invitational the following weekend. "We have a young team, but we are turning in good times. I'm excited for this season," stated Cooper.



The Women's Tennis Team is looking to continue on last year's success and capture their third straight AMCC title. Contributed Photo

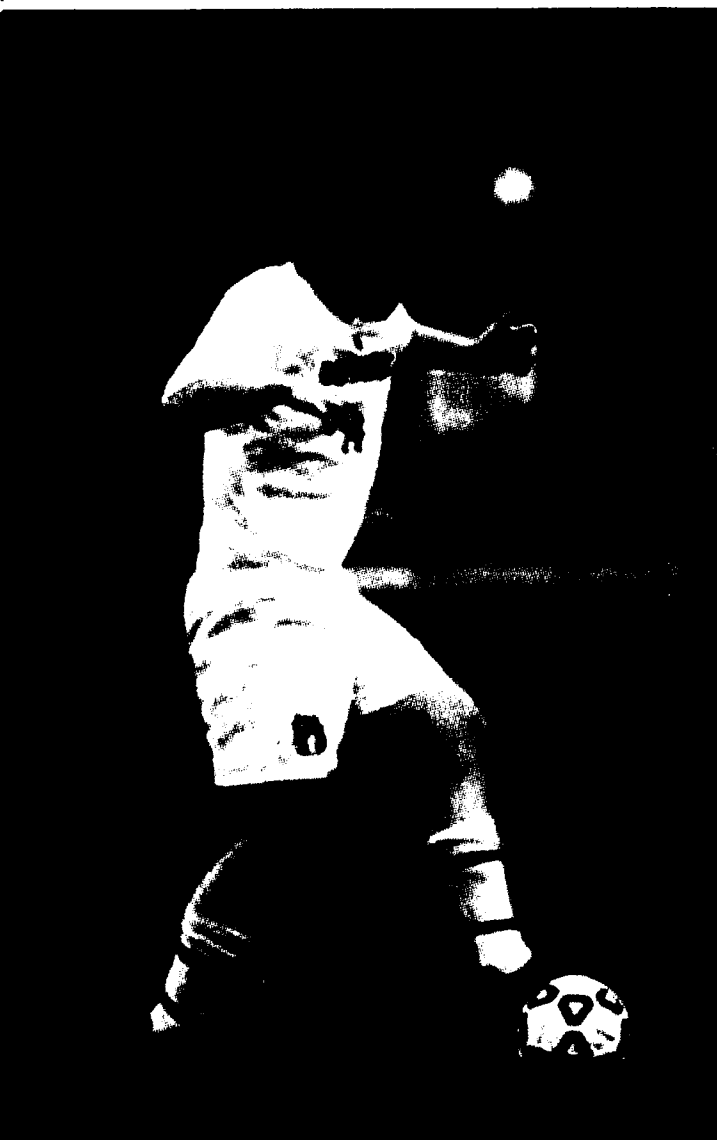


### Men's Soccer

Head Coach: Dan Perritano  
Assistant Coaches: Brian Donovan, Justin Reese

Key returns:  
-Sean Ruhlman, Senior, Captain, Forward  
-Dave Baleo, Sophmore, Midfield/Forward  
-Josh Serafini, Senior, Captain, Defender

Their season will start against Hiram at the Fredonia State Tournament today. Next weekend they resume play at home in the Herb Lauffer Tournament. Coach Perritano hopes to return to the AMCC tournament for the tenth consecutive time. "We have a very deep team and I'm very excited about the season," Perritano stated.



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Josh Serafini takes control for the Behrend Lions

### Women's Tennis

Head Coach: Jeff Barger

Key returns:  
-Allison Mudrey, Junior, Top singles  
-Mindy Calvert, Senior, Top singles  
-Kayla Polick, Sophmore  
-Samantha Pratte, Junior

Murdey and Calvert are the top returning singles players, and also the top doubles team at Behrend. The team will open their season today at Frostburg State, and are hoping to get a jump on their competion in their confrence. They are looking to capture their third consecutive AMCC title.