

Sports

Lady spikers drop two out of three during recent home stand

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This past Thursday, the Behrend lady spikers hosted Thiel and Buffalo State in a tri-match.

The Behrend team defeated Thiel in five matches, as Buffalo State never showed up. Behrend dominated the Thiel match, winning in straight games (15-4, 16-14, 15-13).

The lady spikers used solid teamwork to defeat Thiel. Behrend finished the Thiel match with its highest percentage of kills so far this season. Pam Allshouse led the team with 46 percent of her kills scoring. Kelly Jordan had an accurate evening at the service line, with five aces in nineteen serves.

Behrend's coach, Janet Wilson, was pleased with the win, stating that the girls displayed confidence and good effort during the match.

On Saturday, the

Behrend spikers hosted another tri-match, facing Grove City and Westminster. The girls didn't fair so well, dropping both matches.

The girls played a good defensive match against both Grove City and Westminster, especially considering the superior height and experience of both opponents.

Despite their disadvantages, Behrend had a good day at the net. Erica Scribner had ten kills in the matches, while Kelly Kingston added three solo blocks. Coach Wilson stated that the girls played well together throughout both matches.

Although the Behrend spikers are 9-14, Coach Wilson said that the girls are looking to finish out the last ten matches strongly. Tomorrow night, Behrend has a tri-match at Erie Hall versus Geneseo and Allegheny Colleges.

Men's soccer team suffers a winless week

Losses to Mercyhurst and Indiana drops record to 3-8-2

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A 6-1 loss to Mercyhurst on October 11 did nothing to dampen the morale of the Behrend soccer team as they battled to a 1-1 tie against a tough Slippery Rock team on Saturday.

Head Coach Herb Lauffer said, "I give the team a lot of credit. They were down after losing such a lopsided battle against Mercyhurst. They tightened things up, and played with the same commitment as in their best games this year."

The Lions (3-7-2) opened the scoring against Slippery Rock with a goal by Rob Peterman. Jay Varcoe had the assist. The goal came 40 minutes into the first half, and the score remained 1-0 until late in the second half.

The Rockets' (6-6-1) Jeff Thursam tied the score with 15 minutes left in the game.

The teams played two, 15 minute overtimes, but neither mounted much of an attack. According to Lauffer, it was 80 degrees and fatigue had set in. He said that both teams played in spurts, and couldn't sustain any kind of assault on their respective goals.

In the contest at Mercyhurst (8-5-2), Liam Barron dominated the game for the Lakers. He

amassed two goals and three assists, contributing on five of his team's six goals.

Barron had an unassisted goal to begin the scoring. This was countered by the Lions on a Dave

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Soccer Coach

Beck direct free kick conversion. The rest of the scoring belonged to the Lakers.

The second Mercyhurst goal came as the result of a lack of communication between goalie Ken Gronholm and a Lion defender. The score stood at 2-1 at the half.

The Laker's third goal was scored by John Melody, twenty minutes into the second half.

Lauffer said his team had played well up to that point, but the third goal, "took the wind out of our sails, and we just didn't respond."

This was evident in the fact that Mercyhurst's final three

goals were scored within a 2 and a half minute span to produce the final 6-1 margin.

The Lions didn't fair much better on Monday night, as the Indiana University (PA) Indians left Behrend with a 3-1 victory.

Mid-fielder Matt Gallagher was the lone goal-scorer for the Lions. The goal was unassisted as he beat an Indians defender and then blasted a shot off of Indians goaltender Brian Connell. The score came with 6:50 remaining in the first half.

IUP tied up the score with just 19 seconds on the clock, capitalizing on Behrend's inability to clear the ball from their defensive zone.

IUP wasted little time in taking the lead, scoring the game-winning goal with barely five minutes gone by in the second half. The Indians added an insurance goal with 13:11 to play to close out the scoring.

NOTES: Against IUP, goalie Chris Hahn stopped 11 of the 14 shots that he faced. His counterpart, Connell, stopped seven of eight....Gronholm had seven saves against the Lakers....The Lions host Grove City College this afternoon at 3 pm before traveling to Westminster College for a 1 pm Saturday game.

Sports Bits

The Provost Golf Tournament, which was open to students, faculty and staff, was held last Saturday. The day also included a cook-out at the Wilson Picnic Grove.

Thirty-one golfers participated in the event, with Leslie Curtis and Brett Banker winning the women's and men's titles in the faculty/staff division. Student winner was Todd Lowrey.

In the skills contests, Jenepher Banker was the closest to the pin for the women, while Mark Louis was the most accurate of the men. For the longest drive, Curtis outdistanced the rest of the women. Chet Wolford had the longest drive for

the men.

The Behrend Track Club is sponsoring an 8K (4.95 miles) cross-country race on campus at 5 pm on Wednesday, October 25. Awards will be presented to the top two male and female finishers in the following categories: Overall, 16 and under, 17-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and over, Behrend student, and Behrend staff. Clothing and food prizes have been donated by local businesses.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the Intramural Office or the ROTC office. The entry fee is one dollar before October 22, and two dollars on the day of the race.

Campus officials admit that athletics and academics don't mix

(CPS)- Pressure to succeed in college athletics interferes with schools' efforts to achieve their educational goals, campus officials admitted in a poll released October 3.

The poll, done for U.S. News and World Report, found that 85.7 percent of college deans and presidents polled believe that "the pressure for athletic success and for financial reward in intercollegiate sports today has reached a level where it is interfering with the prime education mission of America's colleges and universities."

More than 60 percent of the

3,900 college officials contacted responded to the survey, and of those, about 10 percent disagreed and 4.1 percent had no opinion.

National Collegiate Athletic Association officials declined to comment.

The survey is part of the magazine's 1990 "America's Best Colleges" issue that went on sale Oct. 9.

Among the survey's other findings:

- 95 percent said that high school athletes being recruited to a college sports program should have to meet the same academic standards as all other

students, while five percent said the standards should be lower.

- 75.1 percent said that the sale and distribution of illegal drugs on campus among athletes is the same for non-athletes.

- 74.5 percent said that crime, violence and sexual attacks were about the same among athletes as among other students.

- 70.6 percent said athletes tend to be channeled into academically less demanding courses.

Soccer Stats*

*through 10/16

	Goals	Assists	Total Pts.
Michael Mihalke	5	2	12
Erik Filoon	2	3	7
Ken Crumb	3	0	6
Ron Peterman	3	0	6
Matt Gallagher	2	2	6
Tom Kerr	2	2	6
Jay Varcoe	0	3	3
Dave Beck	1	0	2
Sam Condeluci	1	0	2
Anthony Perdue	1	0	2

Behrend athletes are making the grade

While national campus officials may think academics and athletics are in conflict at most colleges, Behrend athletes seemed to have found the right mix.

Last year, 42 percent of all Behrend student-athletes had a 3.0 grade point average or better. In a team breakdown, the women's basketball team and the men's tennis team each had the highest percentage of 3.0's at Behrend. Seventy percent of their players had a

GPA of 3.0 or higher. Also, sixty percent of the women's softball team had at least a 3.0 GPA. Individually, three students were nominees for Academic All-American status.

The students are not the only ones that have been doing well. Men's Basketball Coach Doug Zimmerman, who has a 95 percent graduation rate among his players, was named to an academic committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

This is the third time in four years that Zimmerman has been named to serve on this committee. Zimmerman is recognized locally and nationally for his outstanding commitment to athletics.

The coaches are also setting a good example for Behrend athletes to follow. For instance, Women's Basketball Coach Jenepher Banker was a three time Academic All-American at Springfield College (Mass).