

Scrib's last spike

Senior Erica Scribner ends her four year volleyball career tonight in Erie Hall

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If you looked up the word "intense" in the Behrend dictionary, you might find Erica Scribner's name.

Scribner came to Behrend in the Fall of 1987 from nearby Iroquois High School. She came here with very few dreams beside getting a degree and maybe playing some sports.

Today she is a senior who will graduate in May with a degree in communication, with two Kathy Ott - Most Valuable Volleyball Player awards, and status as a 1990 2nd Team All-American in softball.

Scribner has had a very successful stay at Behrend, but she is still relatively unknown off of the court and field.

She can be categorized as one of those people that you see all the time, but don't really know who they are.

"I've been here for four years, but I don't really know as many people as I thought I would by now," says Scribner.

Scribner's non-notoriety this year could easily be attributed to the number of home games her teams have played in 1990: three. One home softball game and two home volleyball matches.

Her teammates and Scribner herself admit that she is simply not the stereotypical extrovert athlete anyway.

"I guess I'm just not that outgoing," says Scribner. "Some people can make friends in a

second. I can't. I like to see what people are about first."

Scribner's quiet off-court demeanor hardly hints the intensity that she shows on the volleyball court, where she holds the school record for spike kills.

Friend and teammate Pam Allshouse commented on Scribner's on-court outlook.

"You have to get used to her. When she hits the court she wants to win. She's come off bad to a lot of people because they don't know her, they don't know how aggressive she is."

That aggression has not always been as well controlled as Scribner may have hoped.

Roommate and fellow team member Kellie Jordan is in her third year of playing with Scribner on the women's volleyball team. She says that her first impressions of Erica wouldn't have led her to ask about rooming together.

"I could see she really got into the game," says Jordan. "I couldn't stand her attitude at first. It seemed like winning was all that mattered. But after a while I saw she was really a leader, that that's just the way she motivates herself and others."

That motivation has kept Scribner in the upper ranks of softball as well as volleyball, where she broke the school record for hits in a single season last year.

"I'm not overly driven," says Scribner commenting on all her activities. "I'm not one of those people who works 80 hours a

week on anything, I just have a desire to succeed in what I do."

Scribner's battle to succeed seems to be one that she has won, but those coaches and teammates that have known her over the past four years say that she has won a bigger battle, one of maturity. Teammate Sara Moss summed up the thought.

"Erica seems like she has always been a good athlete and a good player, but this year especially, her attitude has changed. She's more of a team player. She's thinking about people, not just winning."

Scribner will play in front of the home crowd at Erie Hall for the last time tonight as a Behrend spiker.

"I'll miss it," says Scribner. "It's upsetting that it's over, but I'm just glad I could come to a school where I could play for four years. We didn't win all the time, but we really did try."

Scribner's plans for the future are to help her softball team make it to nationals this year, a goal she may just get the chance to satisfy.

After graduating she plans on attending graduate school in Florida where she hopes to pursue a degree in journalism or mass media.

In a world where athletics have come to be used on resumes simply as sources of experience in "teamwork" and "leadership", it is good to see that maturity has made it's way into one Behrend athlete's curriculum.

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