## Soccer team shows much improvement

by Mickey Rathers
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The Behrend men's soccer team defeated Keuka College last Saturday to improve their record to 2-4.

The Lions went on an offensive tirade, tallying four goals to Kueka's one.

Team scoring leader Andy Lafferty scored one goal as did Doug O'Donnell, who was later ejected from the game due to a controversial red card.

The strongest performance of the day came from Ryan Schenck, who came off of the bench to score two goals.

After opening the 1993 season with a win against LaRoche, the Behrend men's soccer team went on a four game slide despite four

strong defensive performances.

The fourth game of the skid came at the hands of Westminster College. The Lions held their opponents to one goal, yet they were unable to put one in the net themselves for a tough road loss.

By maintaining their stingy defensive ways, and building upon their strong offensive performance on Saturday, the Lions hope to continue their upswing.

September 18th was family day for the team. The day was highlighted by a clinic given by the squad for the young members of the Lake Erie Soccer Club under-14 and under-12 divisions.



Arnel Balcita/Collegian Photo Coordinator Whoomp! There It is!: Lion defender, Adam D'Alessandro, a freshman from Library, PA, passes the ball by a Buffalo State player.

## Netters drop three straight

by Paul D. Young
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The Penn State-Behrend's women's tennis team was quite impressive over the first two weeks of the fall season, winning four matches decisively, while dropping a close 5-4 squeaker to Buffalo State.

This past weekend, however, the level of their competition increased a couple of notches and the lady netters found themselves on the losing side of the net.

On Saturday, they faced off against Alfred University who sported a strong 4-1 record coming into the contest.

Sophomore Annemarie Faso provided the only bright spot in singles, posting a 6-2, 6-1 victory at the number one position. Alfred took the remaining five singles contests, all by convincing straight, set scores.

The lady aces managed to secure one win in doubles play on their way to their 7-2 defeat. That win came at the number three spot on the racquets of Melissa Barger and Rhonda Dennison, both sophomores.

The next day concluded the

weekend homestand for Coach Gallegos' charges with their second tri-match of the season. The Lady Lions were matched up against a formidable team from Carnegie Mellon followed by an undefeated Rochester squad.

Against Carnegie Mellon, the Behrend netters found themselves tied up at three matches a piece at the conclusion of the singles. Faso continued her winning ways by double bageling her outmatched opponent at number

Dennison followed through with a straight set victory and freshman Shelly Pearson pulled out a 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 thriller at the final singles spot.

Unfortunately for the Lady Lions, only Barger and Dennison were able to score a doubles win as Carnegie Mellon went on to-a 5-4 triumph.

Next up was the University of Rochester, their toughest opponent to date by far. The lady aces were unable to win a single set as Rochester cruised to a 9-0 whitewash.

The Lady Lions hope to regroup today when they visit Washington and Jefferson.

## A pleasant surprise

by Ilia Belkin Collegian Staff

The Athlete of the Week is a member of the soccer team. Although the soccer team has began a slow 2-4 start, they had a pleasant surprise this past week when freshman Ryan Schenck scored two goals to lead Behrend to a 4-1 victory.

Ryan, is a freshman from Franklin, PA. He was a pleasant walk on to the team and is really excited about playing at Behrend.

Ryan got his first start at forward on Saturday and took full advantage of it. He has been playing soccer for ten years, and dreams of playing in the World Cup someday.

Ryan also enjoys watching basketball, listening to music, and most of all sleeping.

He is extremely excited about staying at Behrend for four years and playing soccer. Ryan believes that if most of the freshman stay for four years, the program at Behrend will improve dramatically.

As an engineering major, Ryan doesn't have much time for anything but soccer and schoolwork. However, he believes that he will have the time and dedication in the next four years to make Behrend's soccer program a notch higher than it is today.



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Athlete of the Week: Ryan Schenck, a midfielder and
freshman from Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville,
PA, takes the field in Wednesday's game against Buffalo State.