

OVER THE EDGE

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Ashley Orris has been named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. He is a starting guard for the 20-2 men's basketball team. The Behrend Lions are also atop the AMCC with an 11-0 record, and have secured home court advantage for the AMCC Tournament on Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26.

In the conference win over Frostburg that clinched home court, Orris was 3 of 6 from the floor and 5 of 6 at the line for 12 points. Orris also had 4 rebounds and a pair of assists against Frostburg. In an important win over regionally ranked St. John Fisher, he scored a team-high 14 points, and grabbed a team-high 9 rebounds in a 60-58 win on the road. Orris also had four assists and a steal.

On the season, he is currently leading the team with 2.8 assists per game, scores 7.9 points per game and works for 4.1 rebounds per game.

Orris is a graduate of Union City High School.

Behrend Scores

Men's basketball

Behrend 78, Frostburg 62
Behrend 54, Pitt-Greensburg 45

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Feb. 19 Lake Erie 8:00 *
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Feb. 26 AMCC Touney 4:00

Women's basketball

Behrend 66, Frostburg, 69
Behrend 91, Pitt-Greensburg, 71

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Bold type denotes AMCC opponents

Sports Spots



Chuck Behrend was the last of pro football's two-way linemen. He earned induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame following 14 years (1949-1962) as a Philadelphia Eagles lineman. Recently, while recalling his "rainy" days, he said, "I played left-side linebacker on defense and center on offense. When the ball changed hands I just stepped out there. For 12 seasons I averaged 55 minutes a game. And one year I did the punting and placekicking (kickoffs, field goals and extra point attempts). I must've been nuts." Denis J. Harrington

TRIVIA

What professional bowler has won the most titles in PBA history?

Answer: Earl Anthony 41

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ATHLETIC AND REC CENTER

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ERIE HALL STILL ALIVE

Men to host AMCC Tourney, extend win streak to 12

by Matt Buser
staff writer

The Behrend men made the last regular season home game at Erie Hall one to remember, winning a defensive battle over Pitt-Greensburg 54-45 on Senior Night, Wednesday night.

The win, Behrend's 12th straight, improved the men's record to 21-2 overall, and 11-0 in conference play. The team's 21 wins ties the record, set last year, for overall wins in a season.

Over 500 fans were packed, standing-room only, into Erie Hall, highlighting the need for the new Athletics and Recreation Center, where Behrend will begin playing its home games next season. But it also provided a great environment for the game.

"It was a nice crowd here tonight," said Behrend Head Coach Dave Niland. "A great college atmosphere. I think the kids were excited to play, and they knew we were playing a good team."

"It's just a great atmosphere," said senior forward John Park. "I don't even think you could stand in the gym. It was packed and it was great. It's a great place to play."

Senior night got off to a shaky start, as Behrend found themselves behind for a good part of the first half. Scoring was slow, and Behrend was down 18-13 with 8:44 to play. An Ashley Orris three-pointer from the top of the circle evened the score 18-18 with 6:54 to play. Orris finished with four points, and had a game-high six assists.

The two teams played strong defensive basketball, with no team grabbing

a decided advantage. Behrend led by two at the break, 29-27.

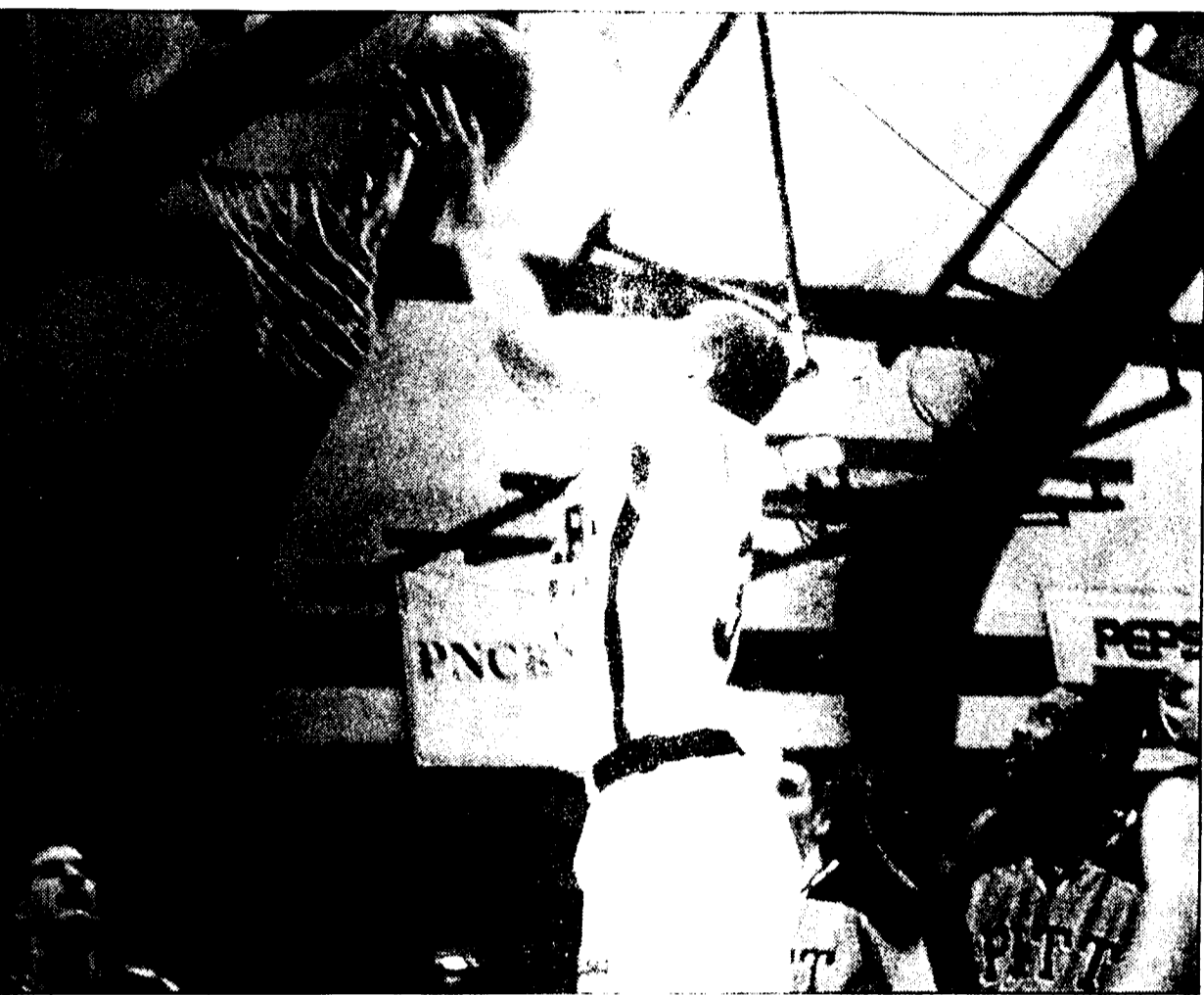
The trend continued for the first minutes of the second half as well, and with 9:57 to play, Behrend led 41-40. From that point, though, the Behrend defense took over, limiting Pitt-Greensburg to a pair of foul shots and a single three-pointer for the rest of the way.

Seniors Andy Lawrence and Chris Hughes scored Behrend's next eight points, and outscored Greensburg 8-1 during that stretch. The lead was 49-42 with 1:27 left in the game. Orris and forward Andy Berchold hit free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"It was a big game," commented Park. "We knew we had to bring our 'A' game to the court today."

Coach Niland added, "I thought we defended very well, and I thought we executed down in the last five minutes when we had to. We made mistakes, but not many."

The four seniors all played pivotal roles in the win. Lawrence scored eight points, had five rebounds and three assists. Hughes had 22 points on 10 of 15 shooting, and grabbed six boards. Park scored seven and



Nate Willson breaks through the Pitt-Greensburg defense on Wednesday night at Erie Hall. Willson scored 4 points in the Lions' 54-45 victory over the Bulldogs.

grabbed four rebounds. Nate Willson scored four points, had six rebounds, two assists, one steal, and one block.

"I thought Nate Willson was terrific tonight," Niland said of his captain. "You don't notice a lot of the things he does, but he guards, he rebounds, and just does a really nice job."

Of his seniors as a whole, Niland

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Women move to 17-6 overall; will host AMCC Tournament

by Jason Snyder
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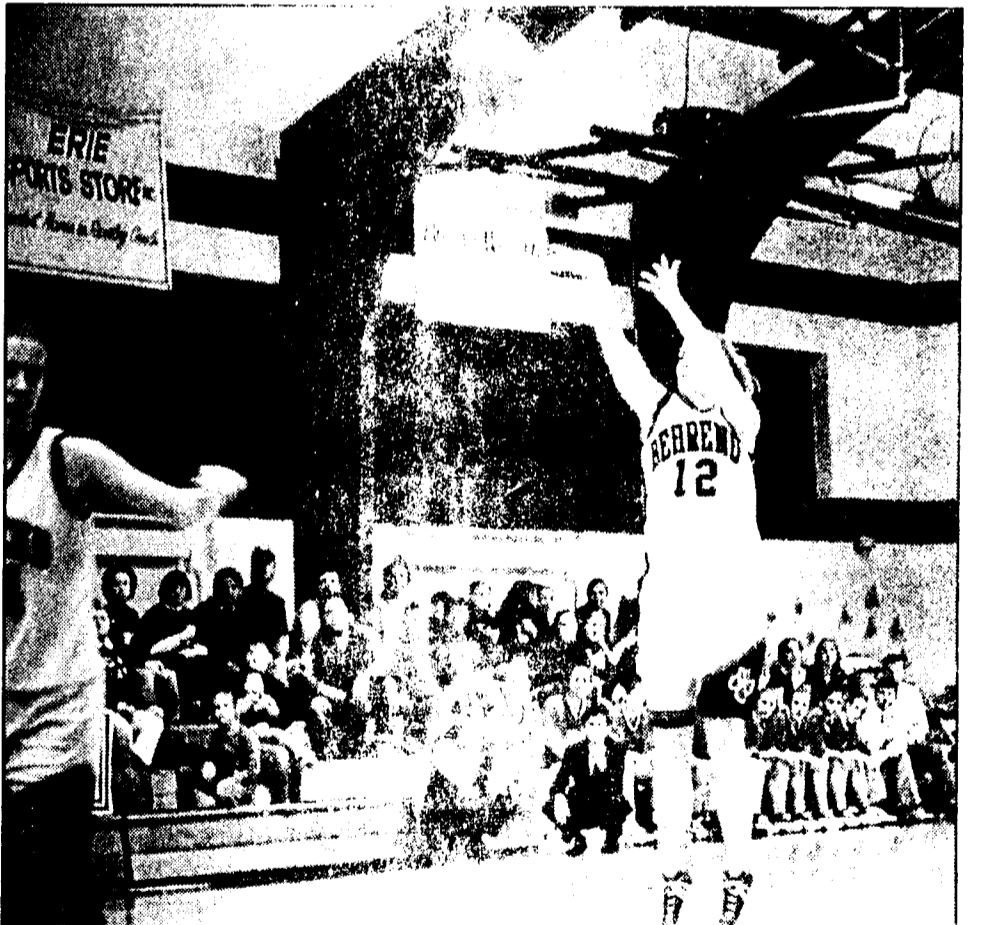
On a night that the Behrend women's basketball program honored seniors Carrie Nestor and Tiffany Buck for their contributions to the Lions basketball program, Nestor and Buck showed back their appreciation with performances that exemplified both their careers in their Behrend uniforms. On Senior Night, and the final regular season

game at Erie Hall, the seniors sparked the Lions to a 91-71 victory over Pitt-Greensburg, clinching the regular season Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference title. The Lions will host the AMCC Tournament on February 25 and 26 in Erie Hall.

Nestor added to her assist record (529) at the college with ten assists (291 career steals, second on the school's all-time list. Buck, a

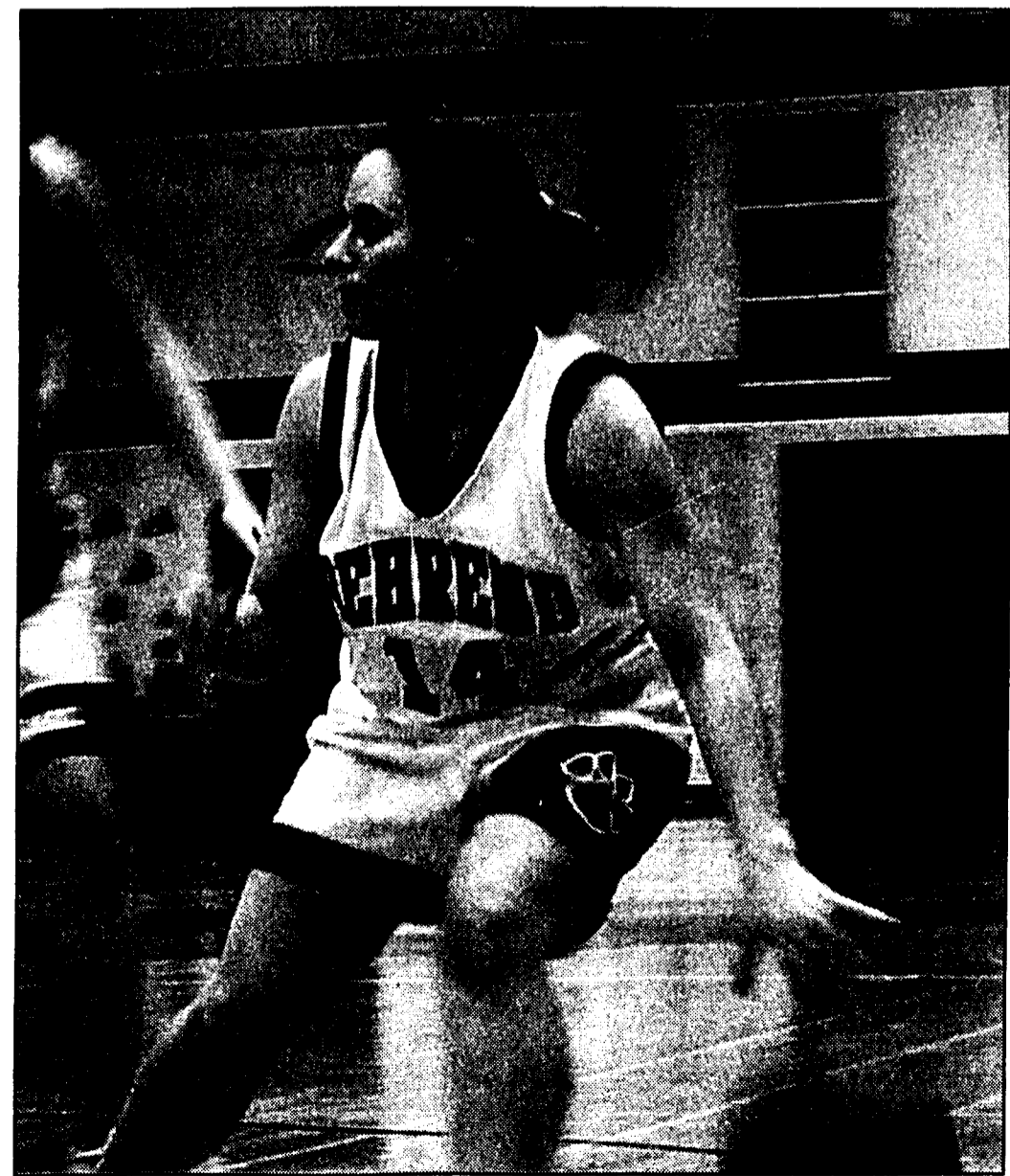
multiple three-point record holder for the Lions, nailed three from downtown, including a three-pointer in the closing minutes to help Behrend pull away for the victory. The senior duo combined for 8-13 from the field for 24 points.

The first half was



Behrend senior Tiffany Buck (12) scores against Pitt-Greensburg. Consequently, Buck holds the record for most rebounds in Penn State Behrend history.

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Carrie Nestor, Penn State Behrend senior, tries to maneuver past a Pitt-Greensburg defender. Earlier in the night, Nestor was recognized at senior night for her career accomplishments.

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kept close until the Behrend women slowly began to pull away, capped off by a three-point buzzer beater by Nestor to give the Lions a 42-31 halftime lead.

Early in the second half, the Lions continued to pull away, going up by 20 points. The lead was cut to under 10 behind the play

of Pitt-Greensburg's Sweeney, who converted two of three but not quite enough to spark a comeback.

Behrend's defense countered the Bulldogs' offense to remain unbeaten in conference play. Phillips led the Lions' offense with 11 points. O'Laire had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and some key free throws converted.

to rebuild the deficit. The Lions scored 20 points in the final 10 minutes to score 11 points and the 20-point lead. The win came off the heels of a heartbreaking loss to Pitt State, who snapped Behrend's 11-game winning streak in the AMCC.

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