

# SPORTS

## This Weekend's Schedule

### Friday, Feb. 1

**Behrend Hockey: @ California University of Pennsylvania, 9:20 p.m.**



**Behrend Swimming: vs. Grove City & Pitt-Bradford, 5 p.m.**

### Saturday, Feb. 2

**Behrend Hockey: vs. Fredonia State, 6:20 p.m. Mercyhurst Ice Arena**



**Behrend W. Basketball: vs. Pitt-Greensberg, 6 p.m. Junker Center**

**Behrend M. Basketball: vs. Pitt-Greensberg, 8 p.m. Junker Center**



### Sunday, Jan. 27

No Games Scheduled

## Behrend prepares for top teams this weekend

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With no games scheduled, the Behrend hockey team used the past weekend to prepare to play two of the top teams in the nation and recuperate from injury.

"Half the team got the flu last week, so it was nice to get a weekend off to get healthy for the rest of the season," says senior forward Dan Thiessen.

The team's game on Saturday Jan. 26 against Hilbert College was cancelled due to a broken zamboni at the Mercyhurst Ice Arena. There is no word if the game will be rescheduled. The team could have been short-handed in the game against Hilbert, having upwards of six to eight players on the shelf, battling the flu. "I was up all night last Thursday. The last thing on my mind was hockey," said Thiessen.

Now, with players getting healthy, the team looks to this week, where they will travel to Bethel Park, Pa to take on powerhouse California University of Pennsylvania on Friday, Feb. 1. Cal has not only been the team to beat in the College Hockey East (CHE), but in the nation. They have been ranked No. 1 in the Division III club Atlantic Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). They have also been almost unbeatable this season.

losing only to Division-1 Duquesne University and Northern Colorado.

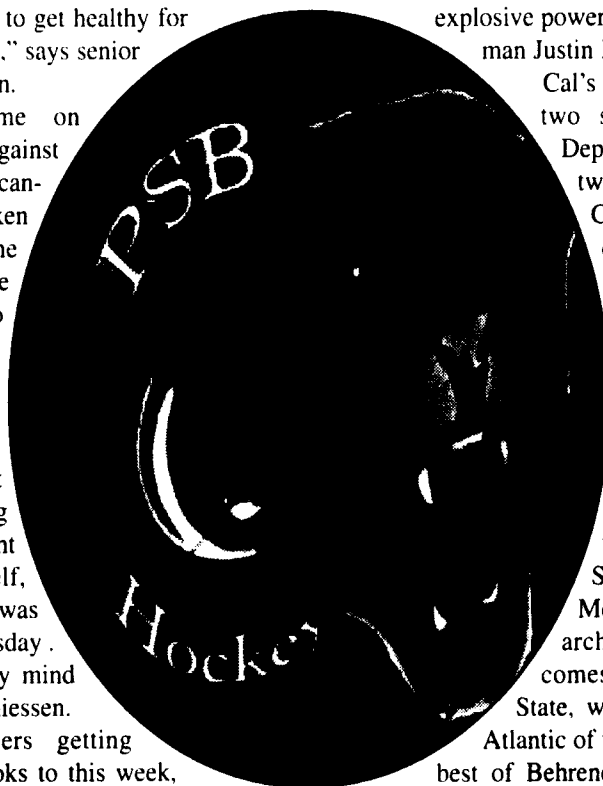
On Oct. 27, Behrend lost to Cal 7-6 in overtime at the Igloo Ice Arena in Erie. Though the loss was a tough one to take, the team believes that the outcome this time could be in favor of Behrend. "We know that we can beat this team, it is just going to take that little extra stride to get it done. We also need to stay out of the box against Cal, who has an explosive powerplay," says junior defenseman Justin Duchini.

Cal's offensive attack is led by two senior forwards in B.J. Depaoli and Matt Ward. These two make up 33 percent of Cal's offensive, scoring a combined 139 points in 20 games.

"They have been tough to stop at times, but if we play a physical defensive attack and pressure them, we can shut them down," says Thiessen.

Behrend will also play their final home game on Saturday Feb. 2 at Mercyhurst Ice Rink, when arch-rival Fredonia State comes into town. Fredonia State, who is ranked third in the Atlantic of the ACHA, already got the best of Behrend this year, beating them

twice in their home tournament back in October. Even though Behrend will be the underdogs in this game, they have confidence that they will be victorious this time around. "We are definitely fired up for this game. We got a few seniors playing their last home game for Behrend, so we want to send them out on a good note," says Duchini. The puck will drop for Behrend/Fredonia at 6:20 p.m.



### Intramural Deadline Update

**Ping Pong  
Deadline is Friday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.**

**Arena Football  
Deadline is Friday Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.**

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## Men's basketball runs wild on Mt. Aloysius

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The men's basketball team reached one of their goals in upsetting Lake Erie last week, but a let-down loss to Frostburg State two days later, left the guys down and disappointed. With Mt. Aloysius coming to town, the boys knew that they could not give up another loss.

Led by senior Kevin Buczynski's 24 points, Behrend cruised to a 98-54 victory over Mt. Aloysius. Junior Tom Newman was a major spark in the Behrend offense, grabbing 18 points. Also adding to the scoring attack was sophomore Adam Kaiser with 12 points, senior Dan Zeigler with 11 points, and senior David Gahan with 10 points. Zeigler also grabbed eight rebounds for Behrend.

In November, Behrend was upset by Mt. Aloysius 74-66, giving the boys some motivation going into Wednesday's game. "We had a great week of practice and were prepared for Mt. Aloysius. The loss against Frostburg State was rough, but we are back on the right track," says Buczynski.

With the win, Behrend improved to 14-4 and 8-3 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC), leaving them tied for first place with Lake Erie. Even though Behrend already beat Lake Erie, they know that Lake Erie can pass them in the standings if they slip up again. "We still have a lot of tough games left, so we are going to keep having great practices and take it one game at a time," says Buczynski.

The next game for the boys is against Pitt-Greensberg Saturday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Junker Center. Earlier in the season, Behrend was defeated by Pitt-Greensberg 57-53 in a wire-to-wire contest in Greensberg, Pa. Even though the previous meeting between the two teams was almost two months ago, Behrend has not forgotten the hurt from losing that game. "We lost to them earlier in the season in a game that we should have won. It is the same deal with Mt. Aloysius. We are not going to overlook Pitt-Greensberg and take care of business on Saturday," says Buczynski.

Currently, Pitt-Greensberg is ranked No. 3 in the AMCC. Behrend knows that if they want to stay in first in the AMCC, they are going to have to take care of the pesky teams like Frostburg State and Pitt-Greensberg. "If we keep playing like we did against Lake Erie and Mt. Aloysius, we should be ok for the rest of our schedule," says Buczynski.



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Junior Tom Newman has helped Behrend to a 14-4 record.

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