

Team leader named ATW

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This week's Housing and Food Service's athlete of the week has been playing the game, basketball that is, since seventh grade. She is none other than junior Becky Reed.

Reed went to Northwestern High School, and is currently a management major with a minor in MIS. Her future plans are nothing definite, she would like to be in a management position and work with computers.

When asked why she thought she was chosen as the ATW, Reed responded, "I think I was chosen for being consistent throughout the season."

Reed said this about this past season, "Some might say that the win/loss record was disappointing. I think we (the team) did better than the record showed. The freshmen this year came in strong, they had a big void to fill. We might have had a young team, but I think we were still good."

Reed commented in length about goals, both team and personal. "This year's team goal was to make ECAC. I think everyone toned down their personal goals."

When asked if Reed accomplished her personal goals, she answered quite modestly. "I always set my personal goals very high. I set them just high enough that I can almost touch them, but never reach them. The smaller goals, like driving to the basket and ball handling, I think I've improved on."

Reed's teammates also feel she is a much improved player. Nikki

Bohn explained that, "Becky is a very improved player, she stepped up in her ability, and I think she'll be a great leader next year. She's learned a lot from the seniors in the past, and she doesn't need anyone to push her, she can push herself."

Another of Reed's teammates, Mary Ann Rupp, said, "Becky is a very dedicated player. She tried to keep everybody else up, when things were down."

When asked to comment on Reed, Megan Musante said, "A leadership role was vacant on our team, and Becky stepped up and filled the position."

Head Coach Roz Fornari said of Reed, "Becky is our most athletic player, she is a captain. She improved her court presence dramatically and led the team in blocked shots."

As far as Reed is concerned this season was a success, "We left on a good note, I think the team is in great shape for next year."



ATW: Becky Reed

Behrend baseball:

Perritano and the Lions prepare for another season

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Baseball fever is starting to catch on at Behrend. The Lions, under Coach Dan Perritano, though hampered by the weather as of late, are starting to practice for the upcoming season.

They will not have to wait too long to get into game situations. They are scheduled to play March 23-26, in a tournament at Capital College.

While this year's team is dominated by underclassmen, it is a whole and experienced team looking to improve on their 11-18 record last season.

Though Perritano has only three weeks left to prepare the Lions for the tournament, he is very excited to get going. "The

games in Capital's tournament are going to let us find out where we are as a team and what we will have to improve on. Those games will be the strongest part of our schedule," said Perritano.

With seven experienced players returning, Perritano is looking to them for leadership and guidance for the team.

Perritano explained that, "The returnees are a responsible group of kids and I'm sure they'll be examples for the new guys, on and off the field. One of our strengths should be our hitting, we should have a solid hitting ball club."

One of those returning players is sophomore centerfielder, Quinn McGuire. Last year McGuire batted .264 while leading the

Lions with 91 plate appearances. He also had 22 stolen bases.

McGuire is very optimistic about this season. "We hope to do better than .500 and a 20 win season is not out of our reach. Our pitching staff has improved and our team speed has also improved."

Another returning player is senior pitcher-first baseman, Tom Gardner. He led the Lions last year with a .410 batting average along with 21 stolen bases.

"We are very capable of being .500 and above. Credit should be given to Coach Perritano for starting to turn things around and we are gaining respect among the other colleges," said Gardner.

The first home game for Behrend is April 5.

Catch Behrend's Baseball team at home during their upcoming season...

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