

**ATHLETE  
OF THE WEEK**

**Emick hits the boards  
hard to earn ATW**

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Junior forward Brian Emick hit the glass like a madman this past week, leading the men's basketball team in rebounds every game they played, as he pulled down the Housing and Food Service Athlete of The Week. Last Saturday, Emick helped Behrend defeat Hilbert 67-42, leading the team in rebounds with 13, while also netting in 11 points. The following day against Binghamton, Emick pulled down a team high 10 rebounds, while also chipping in 4 points to help carry Behrend to a 59-48 win.

Most recently, Emick pulled down another team high 7 rebounds, while also leading the team with 16 points, in a hard fought 69-63 loss to Pitt-Bradford. "He's a competitor. He's been having to guard people 3 or 4 inches taller than himself, and has still been outrebounding them every game," said senior Matt Plizga. "He's the Dennis Rodman of Behrend basketball," added sophomore John Park. Emick and the rest of the Behrend ballers will be in action Jan. 17, when they travel to play Waynesburg in an independent contest at 7:30 p.m.

**Men's basketball team drops  
nailbiter to Pitt-Bradford 69-63**

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The Penn-State Behrend men's basketball team took a hard fought loss to AMCC conference foes Pitt-Bradford Wednesday night by a score of 69 - 63. The loss drops Behrend's record to 6-4, while moving their AMCC conference record to 0-1. The game was wire to wire throughout the contest, before Pitt-Bradford slowly pulled away in the last twenty seconds of the game. Behrend took a 31-27 lead into half-time, before being outscored 42-32 in the final half to lose the game. "We just didn't seem to get any breaks in the key moments of the game," said senior Matt Plizga. "We played hard. They are a veteran group that play very well together. They made a lot of good plays tonight. We just need to get

healthy," said head coach Dave Niland. Speaking of getting healthy, the Lions have been playing without leading scorer Andy Lawrence, who was averaging 15.6 points a game, while also pulling down 6.2 rebounds. Lawrence, who is out with a bum ankle, is expected to be back in the lineup sometime in the near future. "It hurts not having Andy for games like this," added junior point guard Jason Paloskey. The biggest problem of the game for the Lions seemed to be guarding Pitt-Bradford's Pat Culliman, who bagged 6 of 9 three-pointers, to finish with a game high 22 points. Leading the Behrend scoring attack was Brian Emick, who finished with 16 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals. Also contributing to the offensive

effort were Brock Bovaird with 14 points and 2 steals, and Nate Wilson, who finished with 10 points and 6 rebounds. "The only good thing about this game is that we get to play them again later in the year," commented sophomore John Park. Over the holiday break, the Lions played five games in which they came out of with a 3-2 record. On the 18th of December, the Lions avenged a previous loss to Thiel by thumping them 77-68 at home. Brian Emick led the way with 20 points, while Andy Lawrence controlled the boards pulling down 10. The Lions next traveled to Grove City on the 3rd of January, where they defeated Grove City by a score of 58-49. Leading the way on offense for Behrend was Brock Bovaird with 17 points. Brian Emick and Nate Wilson

each pulled down 6 rebounds in the winning effort. A hard road loss followed, with a 51-56 loss to Fredonia State on the 7th of January. Brock Bovaird led the way with 15 points, as Brian Emick again led the rebounding with 8. The Lions next spanked Hilbert by a score of 67-42 at home on the 10th. John Park led scorers with 13 points, while Brian Emick led the rebounding with 13. Lastly, Behrend took a hard loss to Binghamton, by a score of 48-59 on the 11th of January. Jason Paloskey led scorers with 15 points, while surprise, Brian Emick led the rebounding with 10 boards. The Lions will next be in action when they travel to Waynesburg on the 17th, for a 7:30 p.m. independent contest.

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Deutsch means German, Nate!

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