

# Lions roar to 9th straight victory

Men's basketball team improves record to 15-5 while moving AMCC record to 6-1

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The Lions couldn't be feeling much better about themselves at this point in their season, as they have been unstoppable as of late, reeling off nine straight wins, while extending their overall record to 15 - 5.

They have also found themselves in second place in the AMCC standings at 6 - 1, only one game behind league leading Pitt - Bradford (6 - 0).

Even though the Lions have enjoyed great success in the last few weeks, head coach Dave Niland remains modest, trying not to let the recent success change the team focus.

"The only thing we look ahead to is the next practice," commented Niland after the Grove City win.

Whatever the Lions have been doing in practice seems to be working, as they continue to take one win at a time.

"We have just been working hard in practice every day and letting it carry over into the games," said sophomore John Parks.

Besides good shooting, defense has certainly played a large role in the success of the Lions

thus far, as they are currently ranked 10th for NCAA Division III teams in scoring defense, allowing a stingy 61.1 ppg.

Last night against Grove City, the Lions held off a late charge by the visitors, as they used tough defense and steady offensive execution, to hang on for the win by a score of 69 - 53.

"It was a good win over a good team," said

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Dave Niland  
men's basketball head coach

Niland.

"It was a good battle, and we just made plays down the stretch to win the game," added junior Brian Emick.

The Lions shot a solid 48% from the field (22 - 46), while also shooting an impressive 90% from the free-throw line (18 - 20).

Besides outshooting Grove City, the Lions also held an advantage on the boards by a count of 37 - 28.

Leading the scoring for the Lions were both Brock Bovaird and Ashley Orris, with 18 and 16 points apiece.

Brian Emick had a big game, as he knocked in 13 points, while pulling down a team-high 13 rebounds.

Also contributing big in the win were Jason Paloskey with 14 points, and Nate Willson with 7 rebounds and 5 blocked shots.

Earlier in the week on the 4th, the Lions traveled down to LaRoche, where they came away with a big 60 - 54 victory.

Ashley Orris led the way with 17 points and 5 rebounds, while Jason Paloskey and Brian Emick had 13 and 12 points respectively.

Brock Bovaird added 10 points and 6 assists, as Nate Willson pulled down a team high 10 rebounds.

The Lions will next look to extend their winning streak to ten games when they travel to Allegheny on 14th, for a 3:00 p.m. contest. The Lions will next be at home when they host Lake Erie on the 18th, at 8:00 p.m.

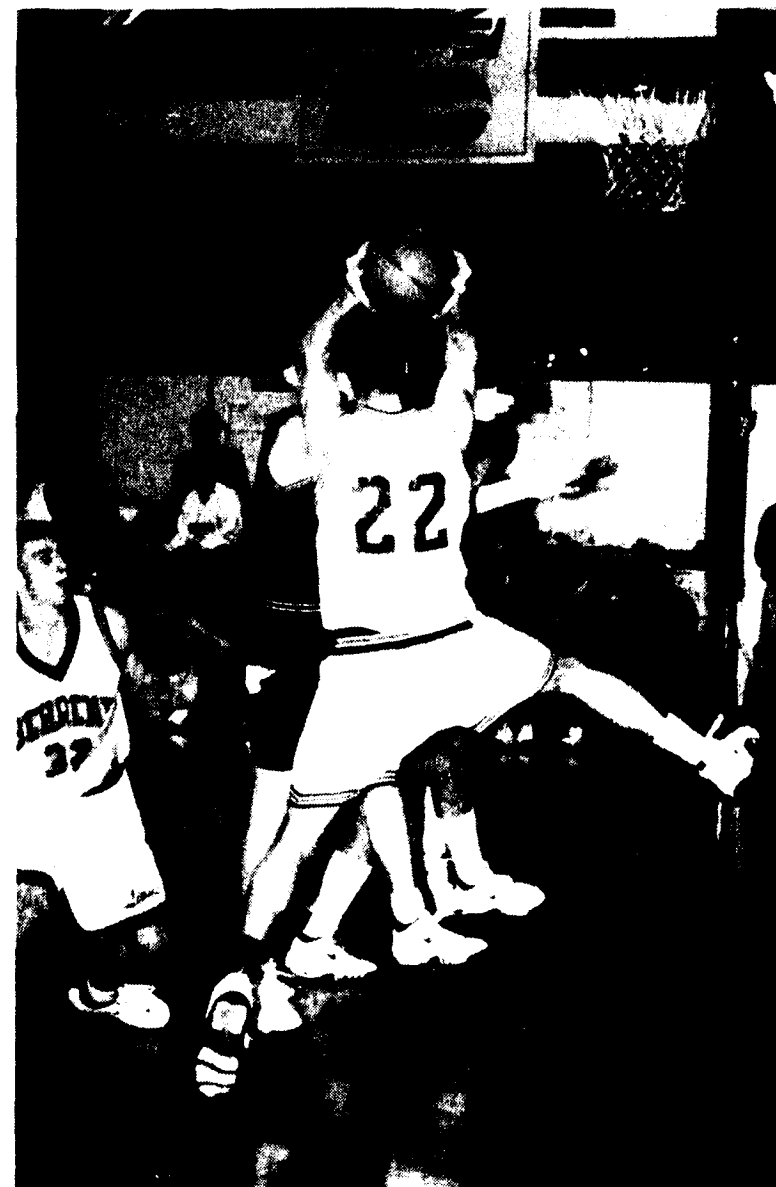
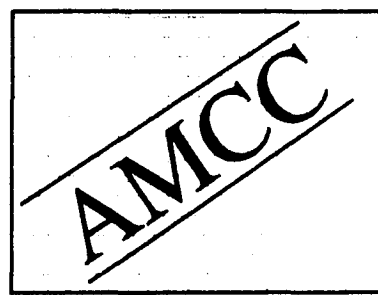


photo by Jason Blake

Junior forward Brian Emick pulls down one of his team leading rebounds against Grove City last night



## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Willson rips down ATW

by David Reynolds  
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Penn State - Behrend basketball center Nate Willson is this week's Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week.

Willson used his outstanding rebounding skills to help lead Behrend to both of their wins this week, as the team extended their winning streak to nine games.

Nate pulled down a total of 17 rebounds in the two games this week, to lead the team rebounding department for the Lions.

"N squared (as his teammates call him), is an animal on the boards," said senior Steve Hout.

"Nate is one of the big emotional leaders of our team," said junior

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Brian Emick  
Junior forward

Brian Emick.

Willson's play has been an integral part of Behrend's success this season. The Lions boast a 15 - 5 record thus far, while standing at second place in the AMCC at 6 - 1.

Through 19 games this season, Willson is averaging 7.8 points per game, with a .565 shooting percentage. He is also pulling down an average of 6.2 rebounds per game.

Nate credits the rest of the team for his success this season. "They're the ones that make it possible," he said of his teammates.

Willson, a fourth semester MET major, is from Bradford, PA, where he attended Bradford High School.

Among his hobbies, he lists talking to his girlfriend long distance, collecting zippo lighters and Mountain Dew final four caps, while not forgetting to mention basketball.

The Lions will next be in action when they travel to Allegheny on the 14th of February at 3:00 p.m. They will next be at home when they host Lake Erie on the 18th of February at 6:00 p.m.



photo by Jason Blake

Number 32 ATW Nate Willson pivots to look for the pass.

## Next Week:

Results of the following games

Men and Women basketball at Allegheny 2/14,  
Men and Women basketball host Lake Erie 2/18

## SCOREBOARD

### Women's Basketball (14-6)

2/4 PSB 54 - LaRoche 61,  
high scorers Marini, 13;  
Moses, 9;  
Buck, 9

2/8 PSB 84 - Lake Erie 20,  
high scorers Madigan, 13;  
Detelich, 12;  
Marini, 10;

2/11 PSB 42 - Grove City 53,  
high scorers Marini, 11;

### Men's Basketball (15-5)

2/4 PSB 60 - LaRoche 54,  
high scorers Orris, 17;  
Paloskey, 13;  
Emick, 12;  
Bovaird, 10;

2-11 PSB 69 - Grove City 53,  
high scorers Bovaird, 18;  
Orris, 16;  
Paloskey, 14;  
Emick, 13

## Intramural Roundup

### SCORING SYSTEM

Teams are allowed ANY COMBINATION OF TWO - VARSITY, EX-VARSITY OR CLUB PLAYERS

**ENTRIES:** Deadline is **Friday, February 20 at 4:00 pm**  
Entries will be taken in the IM office before the deadline  
Entry forms available in the IM office or from the IM board

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.00 will be charged to your student account  
Faculty and staff must submit \$2.00 at the time of entry

**DIVISIONS:** COED only  
Teams will be made up of 2 males and 2 females. Each team will be allowed a maximum of two substitutes which may both be male or female or one of each.

**TOURNAMENT:** Round robin for each league. Top two teams from each league will advance to a single elimination championship bracket.

**TIME & PLACE:** Games will begin Monday, February 23 and will be played at various times. All games are played in Erie Hall.

**RULES:** USVBA, NCAA and Intramural rules will be used.

**NOTES:** You must check the glass case by Sunday, February 22 to see when your team plays. There is not a captains meeting.

# 4 vs 4 COED VOLLEYBALL