

## OVER THE EDGE

### Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Andy Lawrence has been named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. He is a starting forward for the 17-2 men's basketball team. The Behrend Lions are also atop the AMCC with a 8-0 record.

In the conference win over Lake Erie, Lawrence hit for 14 points on 6x10 from the field and earned a game-high 10 rebounds. He also worked for three assists and a steal in only 26 minutes of action on Wednesday in Erie Hall. On the road in Pittsburgh, Lawrence contributed 13 points and 6 rebounds in the win over the Redhawks.

On the season, he is averaging 11.3 ppg and 5.3 rpg. For his career he has scored 1,174 points (8th), made 416 field goals (8th), netted 150 three-pointers (4th), has 201 assists (13th), and earned 96 steals (10th).

### Behrend Scores Men's basketball

Behrend 78, La Roche 63  
Behrend 76, Penn State Altoona 60

### Up Next...

Feb. 5 Pitt-Bradford 8:00 \*  
Feb. 8 St. John Fisher 8:00 \*  
Feb. 12 Frostburg 8:00 \*  
Feb. 16 Pitt-Greensburg 8:00

### Women's basketball

Behrend 75, La Roche 54  
Behrend 68, Penn State Altoona 48

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### Sports Spots



The late Ben Hogan left a very special legacy to the realm of tournament golf. One of only four players in the long history of the game to win all the major competitions (U.S. Open, British Open, Masters, P.G.A. Championship), he was noted for his impeccable accuracy from tee to green. In his prime he was monotonous to watch, fading his shots into the fairway and onto the putting surface with a machine-like efficiency. When discussing his philosophy he said, "The longer they (other pros) play me, the less chance they have." Denis J. Harrington

## TRIVIA

What professional hockey player holds the NHL record for most career points scored?

Answer: Wayne Gretzky 1,921

Coming Soon...

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# Men's basketball continues to roll

## Men's team on track to host AMCC championship

by Matt Buser  
staff writer

The Behrend men's basketball team continues to pile up wins as the season progresses. Wednesday night's 76-59 win over visiting conference rival Penn State-Altoona improved the Lions' record to 17-2, including an unblemished 8-0 in conference play. A crowd of 520 packed Erie Hall to see the game.

Behrend mixed inside power with outside touch to open a 14 point halftime lead at 44-30, and held Altoona at bay during the second half for the win.

Center Chris Hughes scored 17 of his game-high 25, and guard Matt Keith scored 15 of his 17, in the first half. Hughes was effective inside while Keith's points all came from five three-pointers. Behrend's last four baskets of the half were Keith three-pointers.

"We looked to go inside-out," said Hughes. "We look inside first

and then the outside will be open. That's our game plan."

Hughes added seven rebounds, two assists, two steals, and two blocks. Forward Nate Willson scored six points, grabbed four boards, and handed out a game-high seven assists. Forward Greg Dunn chipped in nine points and four rebounds. Guard Ashley Orris scored eight and grabbed four boards, and forward Andy Lawrence helped the cause with eight points.

The Lions success thus far into the season can be attributed, in large part, to the four seniors on the team. Hughes, Lawrence, Willson, and forward John Park have helped steady the team towards its goals.

"They're an experienced group," commented Behrend Head Coach Dave Niland. "They've been playing since day one, since they got here, as far as being in the middle of it. They don't get rattled, they understand the focus they need to have for every game, and they prepare very well."

Even with their sterling 17-2 record,

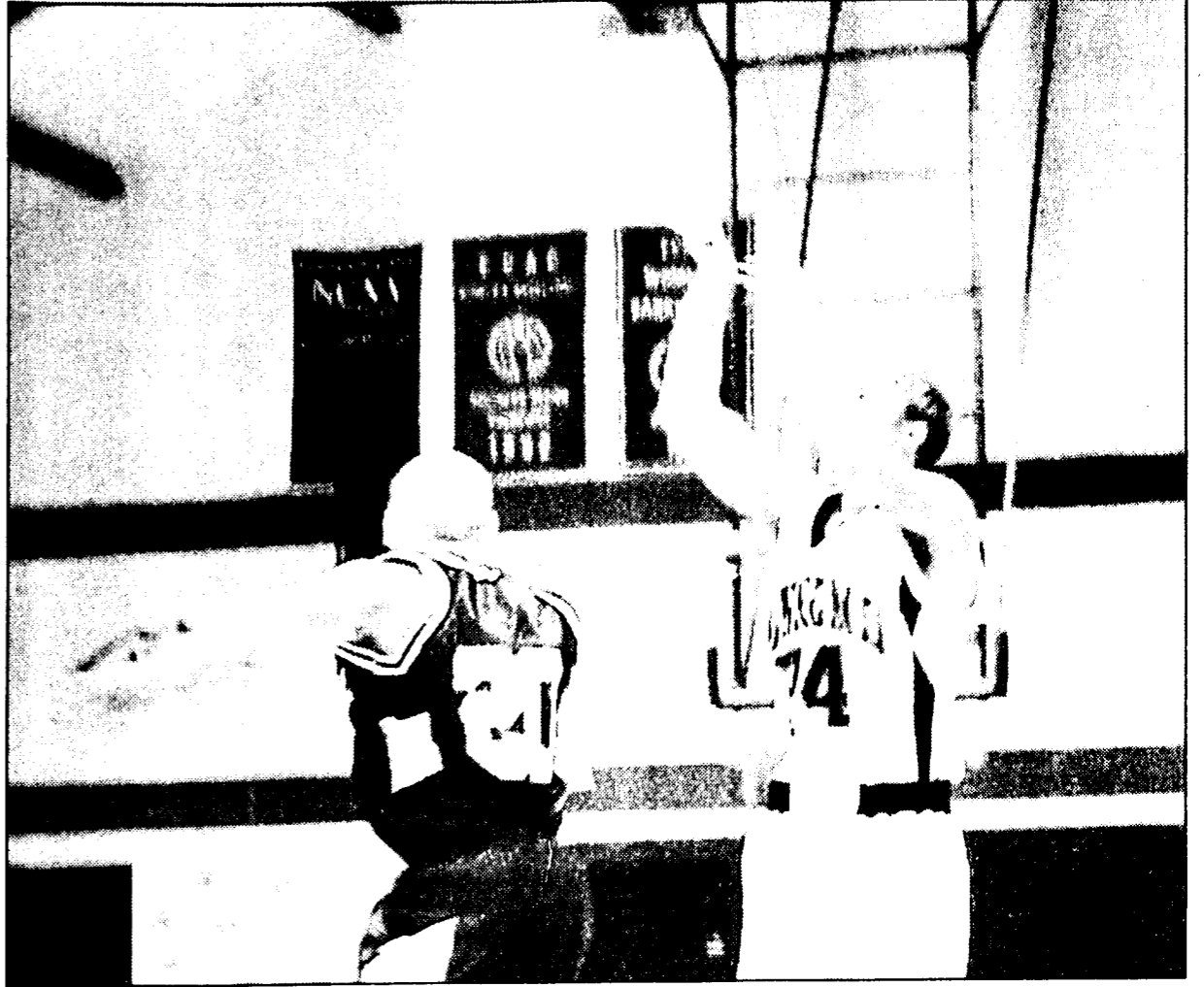


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Matt Keith spots up a "J" over an opposing defender in Wednesday's game. Keith went on to score six points in the Penn State Altoona match-up.

Behrend is taking the season one day at a time, and will not look past their next opponent to potential post-season opportunities.

"I think that maybe you can get caught in that trap of trying to look down the road a little bit," said Niland. "We try to temper that. It's just who's next on the schedule, and our philosophy has always been day-to-day. We're worried about 6:00 [Thursday] night. It's a cliché, but it's very true. We just worry about the next practice."

Behrend's next game is on Saturday at Pitt-Bradford. Bradford is currently second place in the conference, and presents a difficult challenge for the Lions.

"They've won seven or eight in a row," said Niland. "We've never won there. Certainly we're the underdog going in. We'll see how we play."

Niland continued, "It's a hard place to play, they're a terrific team,

and we'll have to play our very best to win, for sure, in that game."

"That's going to be a good one," Hughes said. "They're right up there with us on top of the league. It's a big one for us."

Behrend plays at Bradford, then at

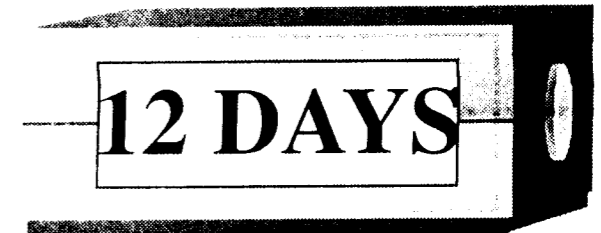
St. John Fisher on February 8, then at Frostburg on February 12. Behrend returns home to play the final regular season home game ever in Erie Hall on Wednesday, February 16, when Pitt-Greensburg pays a visit.



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Chris Hughes scores two of his twenty points during the double-header against Penn State Altoona.

## COUNTDOWN TO THE END OF AN ERA...



UNTIL THE LAST REGULAR SEASON GAME AT ERIE HALL  
FEBRUARY 16, 6:00P.M.

# Women approach year of perfection in AMCC

by Jason Snyder  
editor-in-chief

The Behrend women's basketball team continued their unbeaten streak in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference with wins over LaRoche and Penn State Altoona this past week. The women moved to 8-0 in the conference and 15-5 overall. With the wins, the Lions are unbeaten in league play for nearly an entire year.

The Lions survived a first half scare from the LaRoche Redhawks, scoring a 75-54 victory after an impressive second half. The Redhawks led the Lions, 36-30 at the half, behind 50% shooting from the field and 4-9 from three-point land.

Behrend went on a run in the second half, outscoring their conference opponents, 45-23. The women shot 57% from the

field and 80% from the foul line while holding LaRoche to just 29% shooting.

The Behrend women held an impressive rebounding edge of 29-15, despite allowing the Redhawks to pull down 11 offensive boards. The offensive boards by LaRoche allowed them to outshoot the Lions by 11 shots in the second half.

Behrend relied on their inside play to carry them to the victory. Erin Phillips led the Lions with 18 points, followed by Jen O'Lare and Jacqueline Jackson who both dropped 17. Carrie Nestor scored eight points, dished off seven assists and grabbed five rebounds.

This past Wednesday, the Behrend

women scorched Penn State Altoona, shooting 60% from the field. Despite shooting 56% from the field in the first half, the Behrend women trailed at the intermission, 29-28.

Again, the Lions regrouped to dominate in the second half. The women increased their percentage to 64% in the second half, blowing out Altoona after the intermission, 40-19.



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Women's basketball coaches Rob Wittman and Roz Fornari look on during the game on February 2 against Penn State Altoona.



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Carrie Nestor moves into position to get a rebound versus Penn State Altoona.

Behrend dominated the boards again, 27-18, and relied on their inside game to carry them. O'Lare scored 18 points as the game's leading scorer, followed by Tiffany Buck's 13 points behind her long-range shooting. Led by Buck, the Lions went 9-12 from downtown. Nestor dished off nine assists and had a steal.

The Lions won, 68-48.

Behrend is one win away from clinching home court advantage for

the AMCC Tournament. They will play three of their final four games away, traveling to Pitt-Bradford on February 5, Frostburg on the 12th and Lake Erie in their final regular season game on the 19th of February. They will host Pitt-Greensburg on February 16 in their final home game, and the last regular season action in Erie Hall. Behrend has defeated all four of these teams by an average margin of just under nine points.