

## OVER THE EDGE

### Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Jen O'Lare has been named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. She is a starting forward for the 16-5 women's basketball team. The Behrend Lions are also atop the AMCC with a 9-0 record.

In the conference win over Penn State Altoona, O'Lare was 8 of 10 from the floor for 18 points and she also earned 5 boards and three assists. On the road in Bradford this past Saturday, O'Lare had 18 points, 3 boards and a pair of steals in the 13 point win.

On the season, she is currently leading the team in scoring at 12.8 points-per-game and is second in rebounding at 4.8 rebounds-per-game. O'Lare also is averaging 2 assists per contest.

O'Lare is a graduate of Bethel Park High School.

### Behrend Scores Men's basketball

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Behrend 60, St. John Fisher 58

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Bold type denotes AMCC opponents

## Sports Spots



Despite the fact his shot wasn't overpowering, his speed didn't dazzle the opposition and his slighness of stature wouldn't qualify him as a physical threat, Wayne Gretzky nevertheless managed to set some 50 odd National Hockey League records. Dubbed "The Great One", he is generally regarded as Canada's most important export. Said Gordie Howe, yet another NHL legend, "Wayne is one tough little bugger." Denis J. Harrington

## TRIVIA

What male professional tennis player has won the most singles titles in history?

Answer: Jimmy Connors 109

Coming Soon...

# ARC

ATHLETIC AND REC CENTER  
FALL 2000

# Men extend win streak to ten games

## Team remains undefeated in AMCC play

by Matt Buser  
staff writer

The Behrend men's basketball team eked out wins in both games in this past week's action, thanks to last second shots in both games. Center Chris Hughes' shot as time expired gave the Lions a 67-66 win at Pitt-Bradford on Saturday, February 5. Forward Andy Berchtold's shot in the waning seconds gave Behrend a 60-58 win at St. John Fisher on Tuesday, February 8.

The two wins improved the men's record to 19-2 overall, and 9-0 in conference play. In addition, the squad has strung together a ten game winning streak. The Lions' last loss came on January 8 versus Thiel.

If the Lions win at least two of their last three games, all against conference opponents, they will host

the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) post-season tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 25-26.

The men play two games this coming week. They travel to Frostburg State on Saturday, February 12, and then play host to Pitt-Greensburg on Senior Night, Wednesday, February 16, at 8 p.m.

The Lions have four Seniors on their roster. Hughes, and forwards Andy Lawrence, John Park, and Nate Willson will be playing their final regular season games in Erie Hall. The four have enjoyed outstanding careers in the Lion uniform.

The regular season concludes when the men travel to Lake Erie College on Saturday, February 19.



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER  
The Behrend Lions are well on their way to the AMCC tourney. With a 19-2 overall and 9-0 AMCC record, the Lions look to host the tournament.

## Women's basketball en route to hosting AMCC Tourney

by Jason Snyder  
editor-in-chief

The Behrend women's basketball team continues to dominate play in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, extending their conference winning streak to 13 games over the span of one year. The last loss for the Behrend women came on February 5, 1999 against Frostburg. Since that loss, the Lions have won an AMCC Championship, given head coach Rosalyn Fornari her 100th career win, and are now a win away from hosting their second AMCC Tournament in as many years.

This past week, Behrend moved to 16-5 overall and 9-0 in conference play with a convincing win over Pitt-Bradford, 65-52.

The Lions jumped out to a 34-28 lead in the first half behind 50% shooting from the field. Despite a drop in field goal percentage in the second half, the Behrend women were able to get to the free throw 20 times as opposed to the 7 attempts by the Panthers.

Jacqueline Jackson sparked the Lions off the bench with her game-high 20 points on 9/13 shooting. O'Lare joined Jackson down low to help dominate the post play. O'Lare scored 18 points and added two steals to go along with Jackson's nine rebounds.

The Lions will travel to Frostburg on February 12 and will host Pitt-Greensburg in Erie Hall's final regular season game this Wednesday, February 16. It will be Fan Appreciation Night and Senior Night and might be televised on local cable networks. The Beacon and the RUB Desk will host the final spirit station in the Reed Wintergarden on the 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free food and prizes will be given out to hype up the game. With wins in those conference games, the Lions will secure the regular season title, enabling them to host the AMCC Tournament on February 25 and 26.

## Athletic changes continued from front page

The second major component of the facility will be the eight-lane swimming pool. Streeter outlined the features of the new pool and said it "will give us the opportunities for free swim, lap swimming, and a number of aquatic sports." In preparation for the opening of the new pool, the athletics department has added men's and women's swimming and water polo as varsity sports. These teams will begin competition in the fall semester and are beginning to recruit players to fill their respective squads.

But the ARC will have much more to offer than just a gymnasium and swimming pool. "The ARC is going to give us the opportunity to have a 3500 square foot weight room, approximately 1000 square feet bigger than we currently have. There is also an aerobics room in the building that will serve the needs, not only of our

aerobics classes, but also the dance classes that we offer," Streeter said. In addition, the ARC will have a larger classroom that will allow more students to enroll in classes that are filled due to the lack of space in Erie Hall.

A major aspect of the ARC that will benefit the entire student body, regardless of athletic interests, will be the increased seating capacity of the gymnasium. With an available capacity of 1600 plus, the ARC will benefit student organizations in addition to athletes. "It will serve the need for concerts (by doubling capacity and) it gives our student groups more opportunities to bring bigger groups in and increase their income which will also bring more groups in," Streeter added.

Students will be happy to know that the opening of the ARC, in conjunc-

tion with Erie Hall, will allow them opportunity to participate in more intramural and athletic events. "With Erie hall and the ARC together, now we can do more volleyball games, we can have more basketball games, but it will be more appropriate times for things," Streeter said.

As of right now, plans are to leave the Erie Hall gymnasium intact, but future plans will be evolved around student needs. "Depending upon what we do with the facility right now, there might be some other things that might be able to take place...to serve students' recreational needs," Streeter said. Proper funding and instructors will have to be secured before ideas such as a climbing wall can materialize.

Although the ARC is the headline project for the athletic department and the university, other athletics related

projects are underway. The Eastside Access Highway is to be constructed across portions of campus during the 2002-2003 school year. Consequently, the road will cross the current softball field en route to Interstate 90. But plans are to relocate both the baseball and softball fields, creating a better environment for players and coaches. The new fields, to be located on the current soccer fields, will see the addition of dugouts and will be positioned as to reduce the effects of the sun on the batter, catcher, and pitcher. "We are hoping that sometime in the next month we get final approval on the new baseball and softball complex. This is a project that could start as early as this May, depending on where the proper funding comes from," Streeter said.

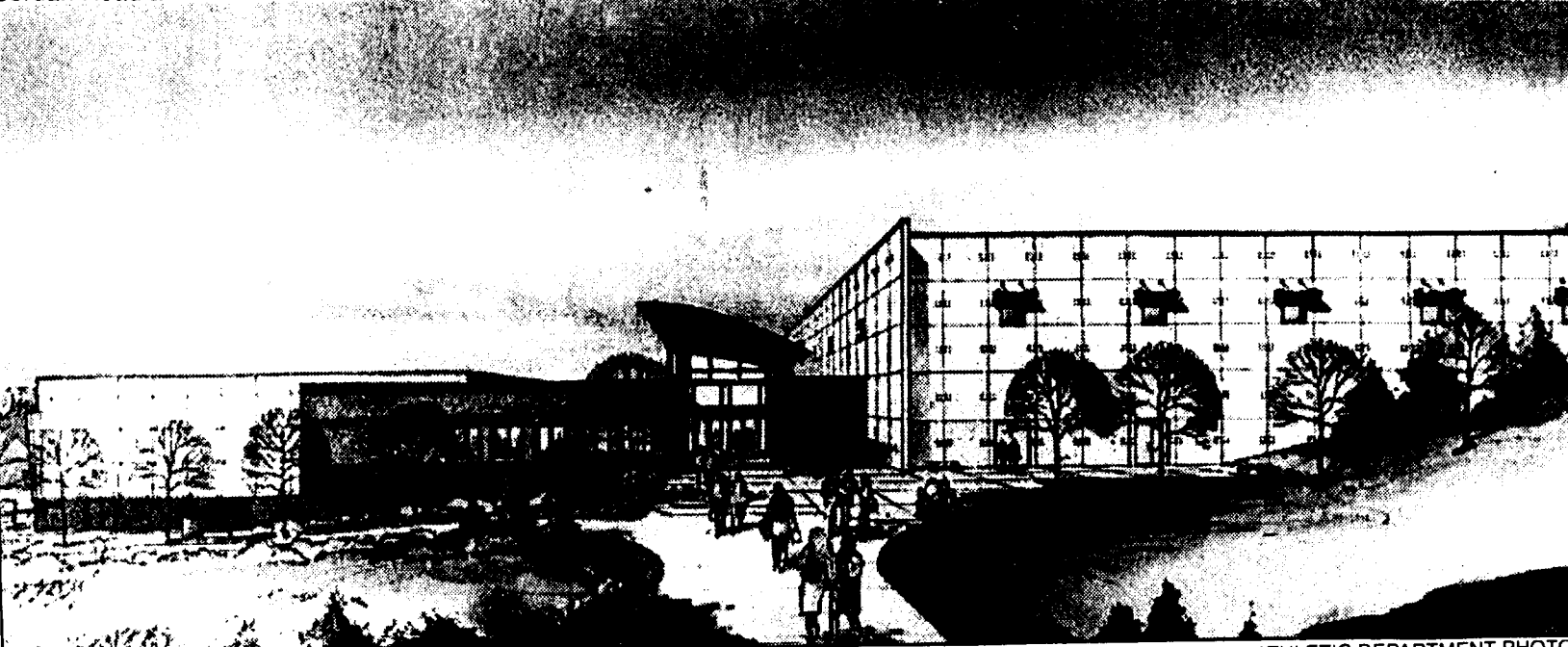
Streeter also envisions the construction of a multi-purpose stadium that could be built on university property across from the Kanty Prep complex on 38th street. Streeter said that this facility could encompass the needs of the soccer teams and would accommodate both lacrosse and football play. "You always want to be looking ten years down the road. We've got to anticipate some of the needs we have before they sneak up on us," Streeter added.

The new facilities will also allow the athletic department and the university to draw more quality student-athletes to the campus. "The recruiting process is going to be enhanced because students are always looking at programs that continually grow. We continue to grow and we have just waited for the opportunity that the facilities are going to give us to enhance what we are doing," Streeter said.

As the Behrend community moves into the 21st century, students and administration alike can say that the near and distant future will be promising. With the opening of the ARC and other facilities rapidly approaching, the next few years on campus will be filled with excitement and anticipation.



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER  
The ARC will be replacing Erie Hall as Behrend's primary athletic facility. The building is located across Jordan Road and will be accessible from Station Road.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PHOTO  
Scheduled to be completed in September of 2000, the Athletics and Recreation Center will contain a 1600 person capacity gymnasium, eight-lane swimming pool, and other amenities.