# **Sports** April 7, 2000

THE BEHREND BEACON

### OVER THE EDGE Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week Mandy Bodnor

Penn State Behrend's Mandy Bodnor has been impressive on the diamond as of late. Bodnor, a junior third baseman, was 16 for 26 at the plate with an average of .615. She also earned one double, a home run, and had 7 RBI's.

Bodnor is a graduate of Shaler High School in Pittsburgh.

### **Behrend Scores**

### Men's baseball

Behrend 5, Penn State Altoona 7 Behrend 3, Penn State Altoona 9 Behrend 4, Fredonia 6

### Up Next...

 Apr. 8
 Pitt-Greensburg
 1:00 p.m.

 Apr. 9
 Case Western
 1:00 p.m.

 Apr. 11
 Pitt-Greensburg
 1:00 p.m.

 Apr. 13
 D'Youville
 1:00 p.m.

 Apr. 15
 Frostburg
 1:00 p.m.

 Apr. 17
 @ Pitt-Greensburg
 1:00 p.m.

 Apr. 20
 AMCC Tourney
 TBA

### Women's softball

Behrend 0, Buffalo State 5 Behrend 5, Buffalo State 12 Behrend 12, Lake Erie 3 Behrend 27, Lake Erie 0 Behrend 9, Pitt-Greensburg 1 Behrend 19, Pitt-Greensburg 3

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 Apr. 8
 Frostburg
 1:00 p.m

 Apr. 10
 @ La Roche
 3:00 p.m

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#### Men's tennis Behrend 0, Edinboro 9

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# Baseball team continues Iong April stretch

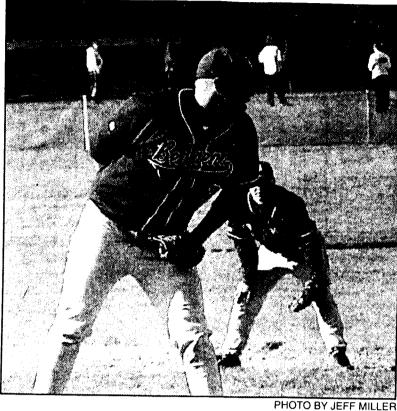
### *Men look to improve conference record*

by Matt Wiertel sports editor

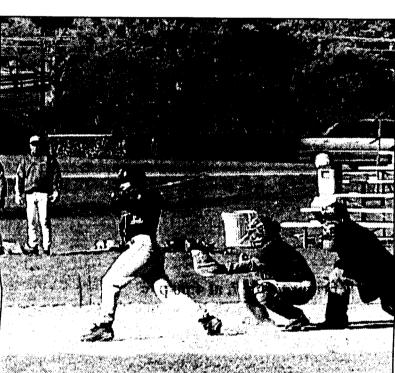
The Penn State Behrend men's baseball team is nearing the end of another long stretch of games. The Lions will complete a seven game seven day stretch on April 8 against Pitt-Greensburg.

The men have compiled a 12-11 record and are 0-2 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC).

In recent action, Behrend faced off
against Fredonia on April 5. The Lions drew first blood, taking a 2-0
lead after the first inning. Behrend's
Jeremy Brubaker set the stage for the



Penn State Bohrend pitcher Charles Sevin waits to select a pitch during the Fredonia game on April 5.



early Lion rally with a leadoff double. The Lions held a lead thru the second inning before giving up three runs to Fredonia in the third. Behrend answered with a run of their own, and set the score at 4-4. After being all square for a short period of time, Fredonia scored two unanswered runs in the final three innings which propelled them to a 6-4 victory.

Behrend starting pitcher Ryan Seyler went five innings, gave up five runs, and walked five batters in the loss. The freshman from Franklin High School also struck out eight. Charles Sevin pitched two innings in relief for the Lions, struck out two batters, and gave up one run.

The men will continue their rigorous schedule on April 8 against AMCC rival Pitt-Greensburg. The match-up will give the Lions the op-

## **Track and field shatters records at Clarion and Geneva**

#### by Tim Denial staff writer

Last weekend the Behrend men and women's Track and Field teams traveled to Geneva University to compete in the Geneva invitational. Behrend also competed in Clarion the weekend of March 25th. Steve Omecinski ran extremely well in Geneva running the 400m in 50.84. This time set a new school record, breaking the previous record by almost a second, earning him athlete of the week.

Along with Omecinski in the 400 were Greg Cooper and Garret Arndt placing fifth and sixth respectively. Shawn Furman's 400m time of 52.11 earned him a third place at the Clarion meet.

In Clarion, Nick Peth and Steve Duda both broke the previous school record in the javelin event, with throws of 173'1" and 172'1" respectively. Peth placed 6th in the meet.

At Clarion, Duda put his name into the record books for the discus with a throw of 121'03". Then his name was entered again into the books at Geneva with a 39'11.5" toss of the shot put. The toss placed Duda fourth at Geneva.

Scott Nicklas jumped for his last time this season at Clarion, taking fourth in the long jump with a leap of 20'3". Nicklas, who is scheduled for surgery on April 7 to repair his ankle, is questionable for the remainder of the season.

Jason Derry and Jay Davids stepped up to help the team this week. Derry excelled in the triple jump with a jump of 39'3.25". Davids is staying consistent in the high jump. Geneva was Davids' third meet in a row where he finished at 6' 0". The Behrend women also competed at Geneva and Clarion. The women's team was busy with new additions to the record book. At Geneva, Jen

Smialek took fourth place in the 400m with a time of 1:04.48. With that time, Smialek topped her old record she set at Clarion the week before.

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The 4 X 100m relay team set a school record with a time of 54.94. The time was good enough to tally a fourth at Geneva. The 4 X 400m relay squad also left their mark in the books with a time of 4:35.29. This finish placed them fifth at Geneva.

Philly Gonzalez, who soared over 5' 2" to win her event, tied the high jump record at Geneva. She was Behrend's only first place finisher at the Geneva meet.

The Clarion meet was a day to remember. Four school records were broken by the Behrend women at the meet. One of the records that fell was the 400m record. The record was later topped by Smialek in Geneva.

Michelle Gutting set two records during the two meets. Gutting broke the 100m dash record with a time of 12.79. The time was fast enough to place her second in the event. Her finish was a mere .08 seconds off the first place finish. Gutting also set the 200m record with a run of 27.91. Her time was good enough to give her a sixth place at Clarion. Gutting also took third in the long jump.

The fourth school record set at Clarion was in the high jump. The record was set by Philly Gonzalez, who later tied it again at Geneva.

Jenny Detelich had a solid showing by placing 4th in the 3000m run at Clarion and then took fourth again at Geneva in the 800m.

Lynn Herrmann threw the javelin for the women's squad at Clarion. Her throw of 108' 4" was good enough for 4th place at Clarion. Behrend's next meet is going to be held at Wheeling Jesuit University. The meet will be April 8th and 9th.

Apr. 7Waynesburg3:00 p.m.Apr. 8Behrend Inv.9:00 a.m.Apr. 9Frostburg/Lake Erie9:00 a.m.Apr. 10@ Baldwin-Wallace3:30 p.m.Apr. 12Fredonia3:30 p.m.

#### Track and field

Apr. 8 @ Wheeling Jes. Invitational Apr. 15 @ Rochester Invitational Apr. 22 @ Slippery Rock Invitational





### TRIVIA

Who was the first foreign professional golfer to win the Masters ?

Answer: Gary Player, 280, 1961

Coming Soon...

ATHLETIC AND REC CENTER FALL 2000

PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER Behrend's Keith Lapionka connects with a pitch against Fredonia.

plate.

portunity to improve on their conference record before the AMCC tournament, which is scheduled for April 20-21.

# Softball team crushes Pitt-Greensburg

Kelly Woods also excelled during

the the first game. Woods took ad-

vantage of her three at bats with two

hits, two runs and one Run Batted In

(RBI). Game one handed Behrend a

by Jeff Miller staff writer

The Penn State Berhend softball team prevailed in their double header against Pitt Greensburg yesterday. In game one, Mandy Bodnor had an outstanding win, throwing 8 strikeouts and giving up only one run.



The Penn State Behrend softball team dealt Pitt-Greensburg a devastating pair of losses on April 6. Behrend won the first game 9-1 and captured the second game by a 19-3 margin

Bodnor also made noise from the plate. She had one hit which allowed three baserunners to cross home The second game turned out to be

The second game turned out to be much more impressive than the first. Amy Hunter started game two for Behrend on the rubber, giving up only three runs during her appearance. Mandy Bodnor closed the game for the Lions with two strikeouts.

> Bodnor also connected on four out of four at batts, had four runs, and drove in one run. Behrend catcher and second baseman Stacy Blass tallied three hits which led to three RBIs. Freshman Amy Hunter had three hits with one run and one RBI during the contest.

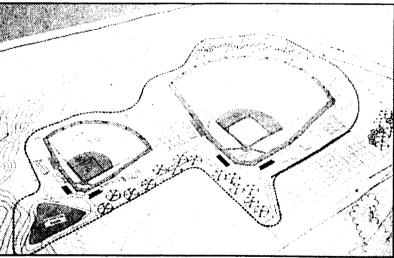
Game two ended with an even greater victory with Penn State Behrend nineteen, Pitt-Greensburg three. Head softball coach Cindy Jacobelli is pleased to see these types of performances out of her young team. "Our youth is a weakness but our attitude is our greatest stength. We are ready to improve ourselves," Jacobelli said.

The Lions will continue their AMCC stretch of games against Frostburg on April 8 at home and on the road at La Roche on April 10.

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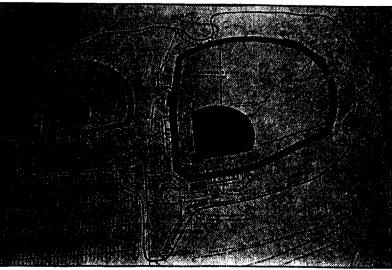
PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

### Behrend unveils plans for baseball and softball complex



PLANS PROVIDED BY ATH. DEP

The blueprints above depict the new baseball and softball fields that will be constucted during the upcoming months. The plans show the path of the proposed Eastside Access Highway (far right) that will displace the current fields.



PLANS PROVIDED BY ATH. DEPT The new fields will feature several new accomodations not available at the current facilities. A pressbox, dugouts and lighting will greet Behrend athletes next season.