

# Adams to set standard for swimming program

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Senior Dan Adams has become a part of Behrend's sports history. Adams has become a member of two brand new sports teams. This year, the men's water polo and swimming teams were formed for the first time. Adams has participated on the men's water polo team and is now a member of the men's swimming team. Adams is hoping to help start a winning tradition for these two sports teams.

At the beginning of the 2000-2001 fall semester, the water polo team was the first water sport that Adams had ever played. Swimming is also a new sport for him to master. Adams' position on the water polo team was deep man. The deep man is a type of wing or forward position. Adams has learned a great deal being on the water polo team and is now learning the ropes about the swimming team. His water polo and swimming coach, Josh Heynes, has been extremely helpful to him. Also, Jen Slack, the assistant swimming coach, is helping teach Adams the rules and tactics as a member of the swimming team.



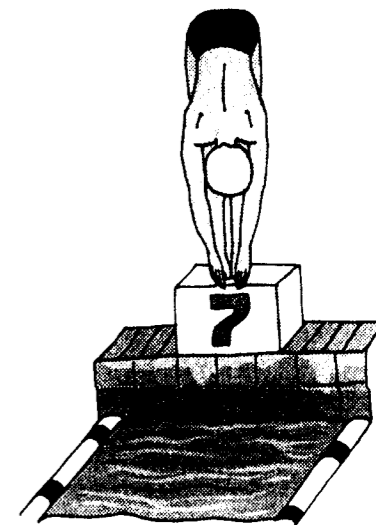
Dan Adams poses in front of a trophy case in Erie Hall. He hopes to lead the swimming team in order to win medals to add to the trophy case.

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Adams has come to Penn State Behrend from Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He attended Laurel Highlands High School and is now majoring in mathematics.

Adams has swimming practice six days during the week at 6:00 a.m. The practices are generally two hours long and are held at Harbor Creek High School. He believes that juggling swimming and school does have its effects and also that getting up at 6:00 a.m. can definitely wear on a college student. His favorite experience thus far has been being able to obtain the experience of two new sports. Adams enjoys meeting new people on each of these two new teams and traveling to different schools such as Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

This semester, the twelve member swimming team will be competing in two meets that are day long events. They also will be attending two invitationals, which are three days long. Their next swim invitational will be held on Saturday, January 20, at 1:00 p.m. at Edinboro University. Adams encourages anyone interested to contact the swimming coach because the team is looking for new people with or without experience to



# Lady Lions struggling with difficult non-conference schedule

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The Behrend women's basketball team opened the new year with two tough losses to non-conference opponents this past week, then bounced back for an impressive conference win on Wednesday. The Lions took a tough loss to Allegheny College on January 2, 65-49, despite taking a one point lead into the half. The women then hosted Juniata where they fell short, 67-60.

The losses dropped the Lions to 7-4 on the year after an impressive start.

In their loss to Allegheny, the Lions couldn't overcome the play of Gator forward Stephanie Pollock who scored 13 points and grabbed 10 offensive boards, giving Allegheny many second chance opportunities. Three other Gators scored in double-digits.

The Lions had only one player reach the double-digit mark in Jen O'Lare, who tallied 14 points. Erin Phillips contributed with a 19 point effort with ten rebounds and two steals.

In the Lions' loss to Juniata, the contest was much closer as the women only lost by seven points after a close game throughout.

The Lions were paced by O'Lare and Kate Costanzo, who both scored 15. Danielle Bemis came off the bench to add seven for the Lions.

Juniata's Kelly Grove led her squad with 21 points and three steals. Her team combined for 57% shooting from the field to rival the Lions' 48%, to give Juniata the win.

On Wednesday night, the Behrend women continued their conference schedule, hosting Pitt-Bradford. The Lions moved to 2-0 in conference play with a 65-41 win over the Panthers.

O'Lare, again, led the Lions with 19 points, 6 rebounds and 2 steals. The women had balanced play, as all but two players scored points.

After a first half that saw the Behrend women shoot only 24% from the field, the Lions nearly doubled their percentage in the second half. They outscored the Panthers 42-22 after the break.

The women moved to 8-4 on the year and will host Washington and Jefferson on January 13 in Erie Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Conference play will resume on January 17 as they will travel to Frostburg in hopes of avenging their Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship game loss in the 2000 tournament. Frostburg is 0-2 in the AMCC so far.



The women's team warms up for their game on Wednesday night against Pitt-Bradford.

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