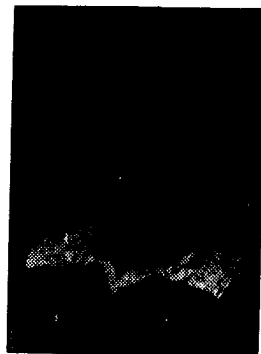


## To The Edge

### Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Mary Good



Good, a senior and two-sport standout from Wattsburg, PA, leads the women's water polo team with 20 attempts and 6 KOD's. Good also has 9 goals, 2 assists, 6 steals, and a 31% shooting average in four games.

## Intramural Calendar

### DEADLINES

April 6 - Badminton Singles  
(Men's and Women's)  
Badminton Doubles  
(Men's, Women's, and Coed)

April 13 - Swimming Individual  
(Men's and Women's)  
Swimming Team  
(Men's, Women's, and Coed)  
Meet on April 21

## Behrend Sporting Events

March 24  
Women's Water Polo at W & J/  
Gannon 4:00 PM/7:00 PM

Women's Softball at Penn State  
Altoona 1:00 PM

Men's Tennis vs. Penn State  
Altoona 11:00 AM

March 26  
Women's Softball at Pitt-  
Bradford 3:00 PM

March 28  
Men's Baseball at Pitt-  
Bradford 3:00 PM

Men's Tennis vs. Thiel 3:00  
PM

Women's Softball vs.  
Fredonia 3:00 PM

March 29  
Women's Softball at Buffalo  
State 3:00 PM

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# Galley is making history for the women's water polo team

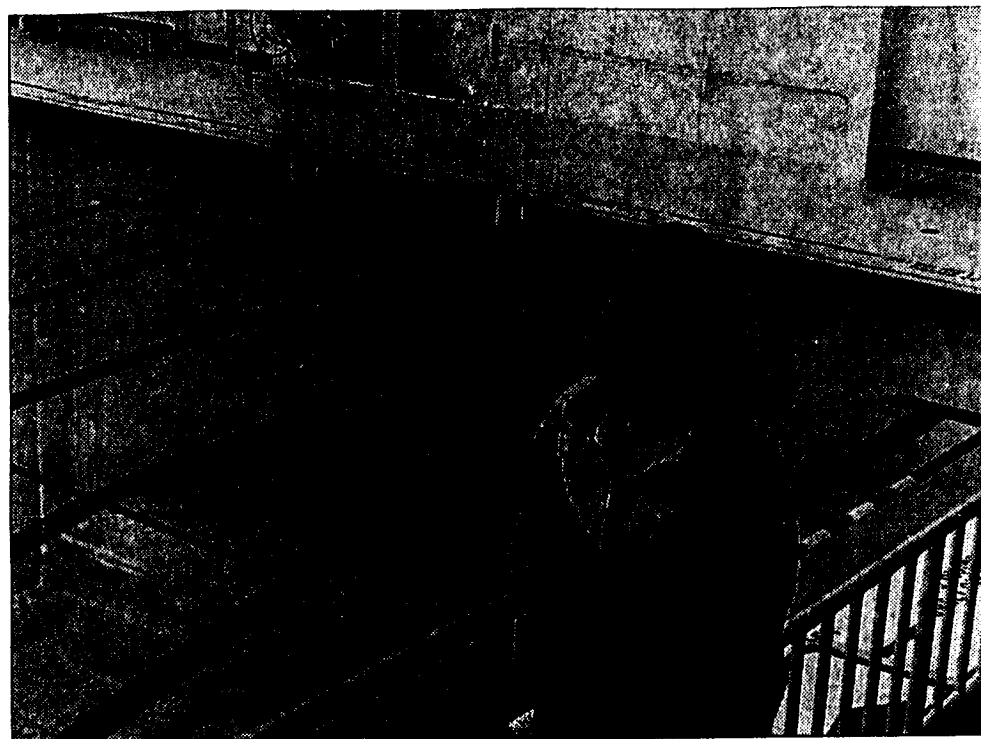


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by Jeanine Noce  
assistant sports editor

Katie Galley is one of 16 members of Penn State Behrend's first women's water polo team. This is Galley's and several other members first year playing this challenging sport. The ARC houses the women's polo team and has just recently opened for water polo games.

Galley came to Behrend from North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where she attended Norwin High School. She is majoring in communications and media studies and began playing water polo just two months ago. The team began practicing and selecting members in February. The team has been together for approximately two months and is working extremely hard to make the water polo team successful.

The 2000-2001 season is the first for both the men's and women's water polo teams. The men began practicing during the fall semester, however, their practices were held at other locations. The women's team was the first to begin practicing in Behrend's new pool.

Galley does not hold a specific position. Each of the members on the team plays both offense and defense. The practices are held every morning from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. They are also held every

afternoon from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Galley joined the team a week or two late, due to having a Spanish class from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Due to this conflict, Galley's afternoon practice schedule is practicing from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and then she attends class from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. When class is finished she then returns to the pool and practices with the team from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Galley is also the Editorial Page Editor of the *Beacon* and a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa honors fraternity. These are just two of the other activities that Galley is involved in. Galley believes that it is extremely difficult to balance working on the newspaper, attending classes, and playing water polo. However, she stated that the way to handle all of her different activities is to give 110% always.

Galley enjoys being a member of the water polo team. She commented that it is very different from being a member of the newspaper staff. Every aspect of water polo involves the entire team as opposed to being an editor of the *Beacon* where a majority of the work is done individually. Galley stated, "The *Beacon* staff works together as a team on the layout nights, but the rest of the time I usually work by myself."

Galley's head coach Josh Heynes and manager Al Haywood are very patient with the beginners. Galley also stated, "Coach Heynes helps out

everyone. He has taught us so much in such a small amount of time." Haywood was a member of the men's water polo team in the fall and is now using his knowledge to help the women's team.

Galley's favorite experience thus far was when she was able to start in the water polo game against the University of Michigan.

The team's record thus far is 0 - 6. Galley hopes that the team will win one game before she graduates. Galley graduates in December, however, the season ends during the last week of April. So, this will be the only semester that she will be able to play.

The water polo team has played most of its games here and at Gannon University. The team also will travel to Grove City College, March 30 and 31. This weekend the team will travel to Washington and Jefferson College to compete in four games. One will be played on Friday and three will be played on Saturday.

Galley concluded by stating, "even though this is a brand new team with such little polo experience, all of the women are playing and practicing extremely hard. A lot of us did not know anyone on the team when we joined, but in these two months we have been practicing, we have all learned to work together and everyone gives 100%."

## Softball team hopes for better weather conditions

by Mike Bello  
staff writer

After its Florida trip, the softball team looked forward to returning home and preparing for its next competition, starting with Baldwin & Wallace and a few other independent games before running into AMCC competition.

Instead, all the team could do to keep its game sharp was nearly two weeks of indoor practices and drills due to inclement weather conditions. Besides the game with B & W, the match-ups at Washington & Jefferson on Friday, March 16, and at home against Thiel on Monday, March 19, were postponed as well.

"The team is hanging in there," said head coach Cindy Jacobelli, about the layoff. "It is very frustrating to go outside for a week in Florida, and then come back to the gym for two weeks. They have been doing a lot of hitting in the cage and the pitchers have gotten in some good workouts, so we should be ready to go. We just want to play."

Behrend's first game since Florida was scheduled to take place yesterday at John Carroll (1-9). The game was originally scheduled in Erie, but instead was moved to Cleveland. The Behrend field is still not ready to host any games yet due to the wet and muddy conditions. The Lions will then switch gears away from their indoor practices and play five different opponents in a week's time starting on Saturday.

Behrend travels downstate to play Penn State-Altoona (2-1) on Saturday, followed by a game at Pitt-Bradford two days later. Altoona got an early confidence builder by sweeping a double-header against Wilson College but, like the rest of the league, is still unproven as to how competitive they will be in the

AMCC. Pitt-Bradford has yet to play a game also because of the weather, but has already lost some players to injuries. That could hurt their chances of finishing atop the AMCC, which is a realistic goal heading into the season.

On Wednesday at 3 p.m., Behrend plays host to Fredonia College. Before the Lions can even catch their breath, they will then make a trip up north on March 29 to compete against Buffalo State. Buffalo State was an NCAA playoff team last year which has yet to play this year. Behrend will then finish out its stretch of five games in eight days against AMCC foe Pitt-Greensburg (2-1) on March 31. Despite struggling the last few years, the Pitt-Greensburg team has high expectations since nearly all of its players are returning from last year.

The Lions will look to improve upon their pitching performances from Florida after having ample time to throw in between their last tournament game and John Carroll. Mandy Bodnor logged in the most time on the mound on the trip, pitching 24 innings and giving up 24 earned runs. Bodnor, 1-3 on the year so far, gave up 42 hits while striking out 13 batters. Covert (1-1) was another key factor for Behrend, pitching 16 2/3 innings and giving up 11 earned runs with 5 strikeouts. Jennifer Pinkhouse picked up a win by pitching 7 innings and giving up only 1 run, while sophomore Becky Corbin suffered the other loss for the Lions during the Cocoa Beach Tournament.

With a handful of different opponents approaching, the Lions hope that all the time spent practicing in the new ARC and away from the outdoor fields will make up for the games lost and allow them to shake off the rust from a long layoff.

Got questions  
about the ARC?

Check out its website at:

[www.pserie.psu.edu/athletic/intramural/Arc.htm](http://www.pserie.psu.edu/athletic/intramural/Arc.htm)

# Women's water polo team continues to struggle

by Bob Palivoda  
staff writer

The battle rages on for the women's water polo team to achieve its first win of the season.

After coming off a loss to Marist College last week, the Penn State Behrend women's water polo would try to earn its first win of the season against Cal State of Hayward. Being that Cal State (Division III school) is from the West Coast, the PSU women knew that they must prepare differently.

"California is going to be extremely tough, west coast teams play a different style of polo," stated coach Josh Heynes prior to the game. "We just got to keep plugging away and hopefully something will pop."

Unfortunately, the game proved tough, for the Behrend women as they lost 19-2. The game started out slowly. Partway through the first period Behrend found themselves down 7-0. In the waning seconds of the period, Lauren Packer made a save to keep the lead to 7.

Another great save by Packer opened the second period, but a poor pass gave Hayward the ball, and a chance to score. With 5:53 left in the second period, the lead was increased to 8. Hayward did not waste time getting the ball back, with help from a foul committed by Behrend, to increase the lead to 9-0. This pattern of turnovers at the expense of Behrend continued through the second period when the score came to 13-0.

To begin the second half, Lindsay Spiegel earned control by beating the

opponent to the ball. In the first couple minutes with Hollie Stash's help, Behrend maintained control. However, with a penalty and a good goalie stop by the opponent, the game returned to the control of Hayward.

A combination of strong defense, as well as a few bad passes by Behrend dominated the third period. Hayward was able to extend the lead to 18-0 with just 10 seconds left on the clock. Finally in the fourth quarter Behrend got its rhythm. Shortly into the fourth quarter, Betsy Voigt put the first Behrend point on the board. Stash made a strong attempt, but the goalie was too much to handle. With 4:21 left Hayward scored its final goal, which brought the score to 19-1.

Mary Good did not give up. With 2:25 left in the game, she fired a shot that was unstoppable. She brought the score to 19-2. Behrend controlled the last few minutes of the game, and had a couple more scoring attempts. The Lions' didn't start out strong, which resulted in a 19-2 loss.

However, the score does not reflect the possible outcome of the game could have had. Behrend was able to hang with the West Coast style; it just had problems connecting with its passes. When Behrend would connect, it had problems getting shots off.

Losing is tough on some teams and even devastating at times. However, this is far from the truth for the Behrend women. Coach Heynes believes that instead of the women throwing in the towel, the team is gaining momentum and striving that much harder for their first victory.

"Actually, losing has brought the team closer, they want to get better. They hate losing, but I hate losing more than anyone. Like I said, the improvements are showing and not just on the scoreboard," stated Heynes.

Cassie Harris is a sophomore for PSU Behrend who has had years of experience in water polo. "We're trying our hardest," she commented. "We're definitely coming together as a team, but we have a lot of work that still needs to be done. Water polo isn't an easy sport to master."

It seems that not only do the women

have to battle opponents in the pool, but now a battle occurs with opponents outside the pool too.

A rumor has not only made it through the women's water polo team, but it has also found its way to the Heynes' ears. "Rumor has it on campus that treading water for four quarters at seven minute intervals isn't difficult. So anyone who wants to come out and try it for themselves, practice starts at 4 p.m. in the ARC daily." Expressing his anger towards these absurd comments, Heynes said, "I promise you, one game in the pool and you

will never be as sore or as tired as you will be when I get done with you."

The water polo team faces perhaps its biggest challenge of the season so far when it competes in the Washington and Jefferson Tournament at W&J this weekend. On Friday, it will take on Grove City at 8:30 p.m. The women will then come back for two more games on Saturday. The first will be against Washington and Jefferson at 4:00 p.m. followed by Gannon at 7:00 p.m.



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Coach Heynes encourages the water polo team during a time-out on Tuesday. The water polo team, however, was unable to stop the Hayward offense.