

## Calendar of Events

### Behrend Athletic Events

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving @ Misericordia, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving @ Frostburg, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. La Roche, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. La Roche, 6 p.m.

Men's Indoor Track & Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational, TBA

Women's Indoor Track & Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational, TBA

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
Men's Basketball @ Oberlin, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
Women's Basketball vs. Pitt-Greensburg, 6 p.m. TV Game

Men's Basketball vs. Pitt-Greensburg, 8 p.m. TV Game

Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving vs. W & J, 6 p.m.

## GO LIONS!

### Intramurals Schedule

**Ping Pong**  
Men's, Women's, & COED Entries Due Tuesday, Jan. 31  
Schedules Posted By Feb. 2  
Play will begin Feb. 3

**Arena Football**  
Men's & Women's Entries Due Friday, Feb. 7  
Games Begin Feb. 11

**Swimming**  
Men's, Women's, & COED Entries Due Friday, Feb. 21

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# Let's talk draft

Well, I know that it is Super Bowl weekend, but I am not too intrigued by a Tampa and Oakland Super Bowl. I will be rooting for Tampa in case anyone cares because I have liked them since I can remember. I just don't tell many people about that.

I was pretty close with my preseason picks of Tennessee and Philadelphia, but I screwed up with my column last semester. However, I am here to talk about the NFL Draft that will take place in a few months. This has me more worked up than the Super Bowl that is only a few days away.

The picks will be fun to try to guess and I am no Mel Kiper Jr. Still, we do know that the top 10 picks go in the following order: Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Arizona, Jacksonville, Minnesota, Carolina, and Washington.

Cincinnati needs a quarterback and everyone knows that. Detroit needs everything but a quarterback. Chicago needs, well, a bunch. Houston can use just about anything. Dallas has a mastermind coach now, but they don't have an offense.

Heisman winner Carson Palmer can expect to wear orange next season and be thrown into the teeth of the NFL. He wasn't spectacular in the Senior Bowl, but the Bengals will hope that he plays like he did against Notre Dame this past season in every game next season for the Bengals. I still don't know if that will help him win. He will have no one to throw to, but I suppose Cincinnati needs someone to build a franchise around. I mean look what they did with Boomer

Esiason. Detroit's pick should be very interesting. The Lions have a good class of young cornerbacks and receivers. Still Charlie Rogers from Michigan State will be available and he could be just the target that Joey Harrington needs to connect on more long passes.

Terrell Suggs from Arizona State will be awaiting his phone call and the Lions could make this outstanding defensive lineman the second pick. In a long shot, they could look to Jordan Gross to solidify the offensive line, hoping that Harrington will have more time to throw the ball.

Chicago should go with the best quarterback available in the draft. Jim Miller and Chris Chandler are not going to improve that team. They have good wide receivers if they can stay healthy, so Byron Leftwich should be a good selection. He has great touch for a big man and could give Chicago the mobility they need in the pocket. Hopefully, for the Bears, Anthony Thomas will get healthy again. This is the pick that is clear cut to me, but we shall see in a few

months. Houston's David Carr got sacked more than any quarterback in the history of the NFL in the Texans' expansion year. Gross and Eric Steinbach are the best offensive linemen available in the draft, so for Carr's sake the Texans should go this route. However, there is a pile of good receivers coming out in the draft and Texans' management may just hope that Carr can get the ball off before the pressure gets to him and go with Miami receiver Andre Johnson.

After Houston, it gets tricky. Everyone knows that Minnesota needs some serious help on defense and Penn State's Jimmy Kennedy would be a solid choice. Of course, Terence Newman and Marcus Truant are excellent cornerbacks who would be good picks. Rein Long of Washington State won the Outland Trophy and should be another major player on defense for some NFL team.

Look for the second half of the first round to be dominated by defensive players and especially the down linemen including Jonathan Sullivan who is 6-3, 293 pounds. Chris Kelsey, Boss Bailey, Kenny Peterson, William Joseph, E.J. Henderson, and Andre Woolfolk should all be first round draft picks. More than likely, more than half of the first-rounder will be from the defensive side of the ball. Mike Doss, the hard-hitting safety from Ohio State

and Gerald Hayes of Pittsburgh have a legitimate chance of going in the first round, too.

Who should the Steelers draft? In my eyes, I say go for a running back in the first round, but that is quite unrealistic. Larry Johnson and Lee Suggs could be available and I would be happy with either of those players. However, the biggest concern was on the Steelers' pass defense so the defensive backs will probably be the focus of the first round. Doss could still be hanging around at the 22<sup>nd</sup> pick for Pittsburgh. Woolfolk is a former wide receiver and could be a top priority for Pittsburgh.

A running back such as Willis MacGahee may still be around in the second or third round for Pittsburgh and a quarterback being drafted is almost a given. I have no idea who that will be but Chris Simms is probably not an option. Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech may hang around long enough as could Phillip Rivers from NC State or Cody Pickett of Washington. Of course, the Steelers will make some local picks such as Claude Harriot from Pittsburgh.

How many Penn State players will go to the NFL in the draft? Anthony Adams, Gus Felder, Michael Haynes, Joe Iorio, Larry Johnson, Bryant Johnson, Jimmy Kennedy, and Bryan Scott all have a chance. I think that six will be selected and Felder, Scott, and guys such as Shawn Mayer will be picked up in free agency after the draft concludes. Of course, nobody will match the 40 players that Miami has in the NFL from the last 4 season of college football.



**Douglas Smith**  
sports columnist

## Swimming faces tough competition in two-day meet

by Lyndsey Boor  
staff writer

Racing hard for two days in a row at the Junker Center, and facing off against Division II teams didn't stop the Behrend men's swim team from beating Mount Union and Division II team Edinboro. The men beat Mount Union 119-103 last Friday and turned right around and beat Edinboro 108-83 on Saturday.

"This was a tough two-day meet. One, because these were our first meets of the new year. We had to knock off some 'race rust', and two, because it was a two day meet, it is tough to swim fast one

night and then get up and do it again the next day," said Behrend swim coach Josh Heynes.

Leading the men was freshman Michael Sandretto. Sandretto crushed his 1 meter diving record on Friday and then broke it once again on Saturday. He is now only 20 points away from qualifying for Nationals. Sandretto also did well in the 3 meter diving event by completing more difficult dives than he had done in the past.

The women's swim team, although swimming hard, could not quite catch the teams from Mount Union or Edinboro. Mount Union won 125-109 and

Edinboro sneaked by 113-78. The women were outnumbered and missing valuable swimmers, but that didn't stop freshman Danielle Rearick from setting her personal bests in the 1000, 500, and 200 yard freestyle.

"In the 1000 she got her best 500 split and then beat that time in the 500 later on that meet against Mt. Union. The next day she got her best 200 free time of the year and then again beat her 500 time from the day before," said Heynes.

"All the hard training done in Florida is really starting to show. We just have to keep going forward until conferences."

Although the double meets may try the endurance of both teams, Heynes said that this will build the team up for the three-day invitational in Grove City. Grove City is set to be a fast meet with records sure to fall.

"Right now school is a threat to us. Since we don't have an AMCC conference meet yet, Frostburg and Altoona will be our main rivals in this meet. Our goal as a team is to place better than last year, and our individual goals are to get some people to Nationals and ECAC's after the conference meet," said Heynes.

## BEHREND SPORTS BRIEFS

### BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

#### Men's Basketball

Despite losing a game, the Lions are still in first place in the AMCC thanks to a second conference loss by Pitt-Greensburg.

James Curren ranks second in the AMCC in shooting percentage at 57 percent.

#### Women's Basketball

The women are currently in second place in the AMCC behind undefeated Pitt-Greensburg.

Carly Cochran is leading the Lions and the AMCC in field goal percentage at 51 percent

#### AMCC News

Behrend will have more competition for the President's Cup. The AMCC has decide to add three members to the conference that should be in place by the 2004-05 academic year. The schools are Hilbert College, Medaille College, and Mount Aloysius College.

### NATIONAL SPORTS

#### NFL

The Super Bowl is this weekend pitting the Oakland Raiders against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Oakland is favored by 4 points.



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