

## WE ARE PENN STATE

### Calendar of Events

# Behrend Athletic Events

#### Saturday

Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving @ Pittsburgh Invitational TBA

Women's Basketball vs. Frostburg, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Frostburg, 4 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Women's Basketball vs. Lake Erie, 6 p.m. TV Game

Men's Basketball vs. Lake Erie, 8 p.m. TV Game

## Intramurals Schedule

#### Arena Football

Men's, Women's Entries Due Friday, Feb. 7 Games begin Tuesday, Feb. 11

#### Swimming

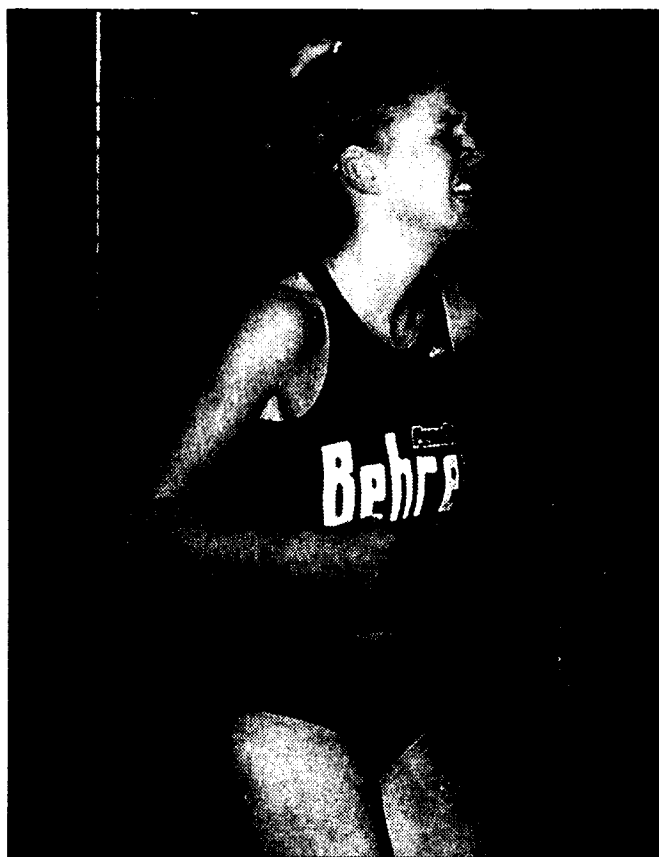
Men's, Women's, & COED Entries Due Friday, Feb. 21 Meet Date TBA

#### Volleyball

4 on 4 COED Entries Due Friday, Feb. 28 Games begin Tuesday, March 4

# Lions claw through setbacks

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Jessica Sarver continued her record-setting ways last weekend setting a new school mark in the mile.

Round two at the Fredonia State Invitational proved every bit as exciting as the Lions first visit earlier in the year. Behrend once more came out of its corner swinging as the men's team captured third place and the women's team fifth.

The success at the meet was more than Behrend expected.

"We knew that a lot of the teams there would be very competitive, especially Division II Edinboro and Rochester. Coach kept telling us all week about Edinboro and how tough they are," said Dave Masilunas.

Besides the tough competition at the meet, Behrend encountered another challenge that put the Lions to the test. Fredonia State's pole vault violated the new regulations which require larger mats to prevent injury and death of pole-vaulters. Behrend had to leave its pole-vaulters behind and rely on its throwers for points. This year's squad lacks throwers.

"We don't have a lot of throwers, so we were forced to rely on the runners for most of the points," said Masilunas. "The other teams had a lot of runners seeded in front of us, so it made our jobs for the day that much harder."

However, in true Behrend spirit, both track teams battled through the adversities to claim four first place finishes and numerous top ten finishes against

their intense opponents.

Leading the way for the men's team was Shane Rock. A catalyst for this year's squad, Rock triple jumped his way to a first place finish, with a mark of 43 - 11 1/4. Rock also finished third in both the 55 dash and long jump, and finished eighth in the 200 dash.

Mike Barlett continued his success in the 800 with a first and teammate Floyd Mattie finished fifth.

Hurdlers Isiah Meek and Masilunas also contributed to the Lions' success.

"There were a lot more people hurdling than we used to racing," said Masilunas. "But, the team just started getting pumped after seeing the other events results and we said 'Hey, we got a chance.'"

Not only did they have a chance, Meek and Masilunas went on to finish 1-2 in the preliminary heat and then finished 1-2 in the finals. Meek's time of 8.1 is only .05 off the Behrend record, which Meek holds.

Corey Poulsen, one the few throwers on the team, unleashed the shot put 42 - 11 3/4 for a third place finish behind two throwers from Edinboro.

On the women's side, jumper Staci Banaszek and runner Jessica Sarver were the workhorses.

In the field, Banaszek tied for first in the high jump clearing five feet. Banaszek went on to finish strong in both the long jump, 15 - 10 1/4, and the triple jump, 35 - 1.

Sarver took third place in both the 800m and the 1500. Teammate Claire Manelick crossed the finish line shortly after Sarver and captured fourth place in the 800. In the 1500, Jess Knapp followed Sarver's lead and came in sixth place.

"As the captain, I feel like I have a job to go out there and give it my best," said Sarver. "Hopefully, that carries on to the other girls. I feel like there is a lot of pressure on me, but it just gives me more experience and leadership so that when someone is nervous about a race I can go over and talk to them about it."

Both Sarver and Masilunas agree that things are coming together for this young squad. The Lions have the next two weekends off and look to hit it hard in practice so that Behrend will see continued success.

Masilunas said, "I really liked how Fredonia had all these championship banners hanging in their gym, and then we come to their gym and beat them."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Tim Schultheis (right) and Steve Werner (second from right) have successfully shifted from cross country to indoor track.

## BEHREND SPORTS BRIEFS

### BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

#### Men's Basketball

The Lions are atop the AMCC standings. They are 7-1 in conference play. Behrend is on a three-game winning streak.

Behrend is shooting 34.9 percent from behind the three-point line.

James Curren is fifth in scoring in the AMCC. Curren is averaging 17 points per game.

#### Women's Basketball

The Lady Lions are currently second in the AMCC and are 6-2 in conference play.

Behrend is shooting an average of 39.2 percent per game. The Lady Lions have attempted 951 field goals and made 373 field goals.

Amber Krumpe is second in shooting percentage in the AMCC. Krumpe is making 50.8 percent of her shots.

### NATIONAL SPORTS NEWS

#### All-Star Games

The NFL held its annual Pro Bowl in Hawaii last weekend. The AFC routed the NFC 45-20. The Pro Bowl MVP was Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams.

In the NHL's All Star Game the West beat the East 6-5 after an overtime shootout. Rookie Danny Heatley of the Atlanta Thrashers scored four goals to win the MVP honor.

The NBA All Star game is set for Sunday.

#### NCAA Basketball

The Men's Top 25 had a huge shake up when former No. 1 Arizona lost to Stanford 82-77. Florida now occupies the number one ranking.

The University of Connecticut handled formerly unbeaten No. 1 ranked Duke. UConn has secured the top spot.

Texas Tech coach Bob Knight became only the fourth men's Division I coach to win 800 games as his team beat Nebraska.



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