

## OnDeck

# Behrend Athletic Events

### Friday

Women's Volleyball vs.  
Pitt-Greensburg  
7 p.m.

### Saturday

Men's Golf @ ECAC  
Championship @ Skidmore  
9 a.m.

Cross Country @ Dickenson  
Invitational  
10 a.m.

Men's Water Polo @ W & J  
Noon

Men's Water Polo @ W&J vs.  
Slippery Rock  
3 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. California  
of Pa.  
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Pitt-  
Greensburg  
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Pitt-Greensburg  
3:30 p.m.

### Monday

Men's Golf, AMCC  
Championships @ La Roche  
Noon

Women's Tennis @ Westminster  
3 p.m.

### Tuesday

Women's Tennis vs. Thiel  
3:30 p.m.

Men's Water Polo @ Grove City  
vs. Salem  
5:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball @ Lake Erie  
7 p.m.

### Wednesday

Women's Soccer @ Case Western  
Reserve  
4 p.m.

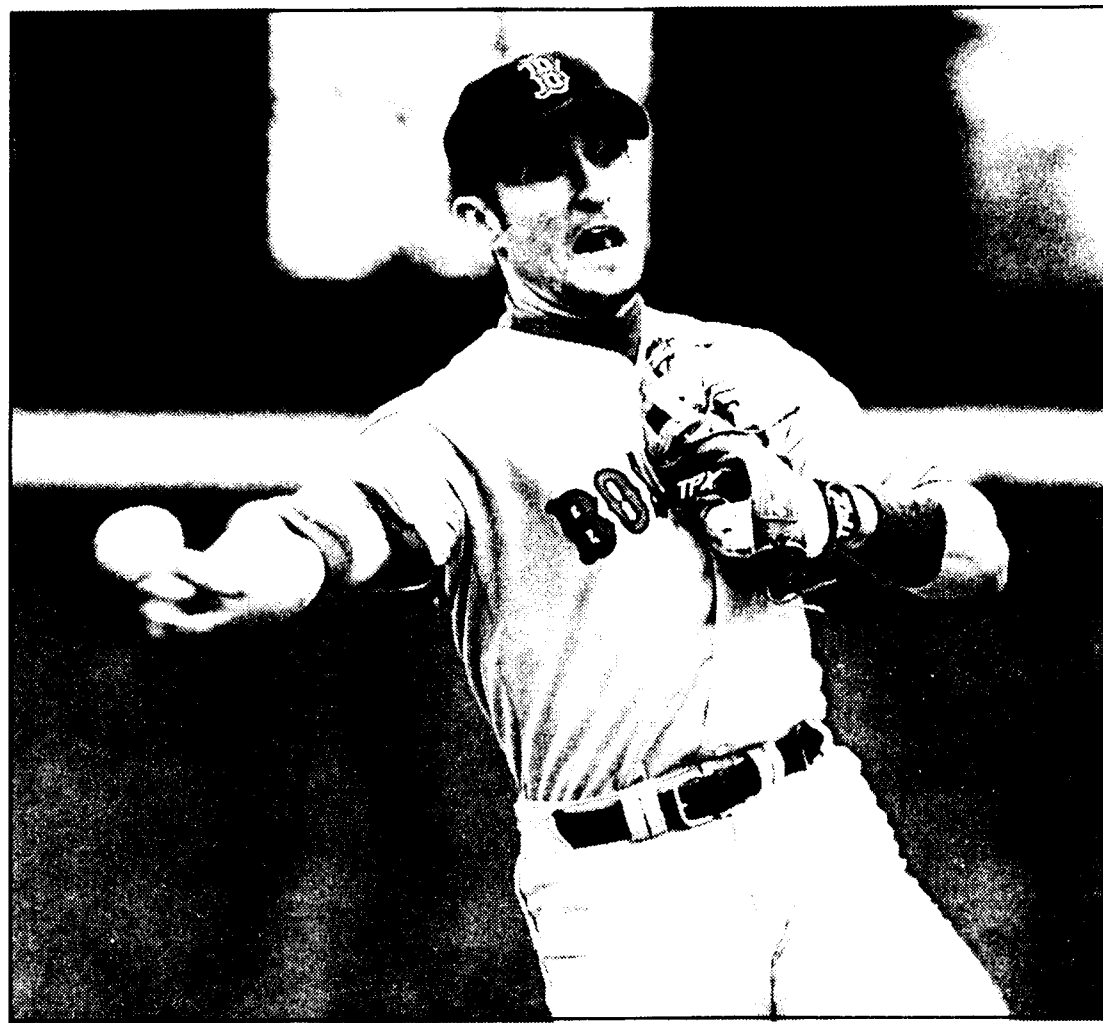
## Intramurals Schedule

### Flag Football

Men's, Women's  
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Games begin  
Tuesday

## Thoughts from left field



Boston's Nomar Garciaparra is one of many players looking for success in the Major League Baseball playoffs

by Rachel Lyons  
staff writer

"I love baseball on TV. Homerun shots by Nomar G. Teams that can't win. And The Twins!" Yes, it's my baseball playoff song for this season. I've seen many baseball playoffs come and go, and this year is going to be different. This year, I've decided to root for the underdogs. Those teams that always get smacked around by the big, scary, capitalistic teams that dominate baseball.

Let me start with the kings of capitalism, the New York Yankees, who once again have the biggest payroll in major league baseball at \$180 million. The Yankees represent everything wrong with baseball and society. The city has the most money, so unfortunately for the rest of the league, the team can afford the best players. Where are all the dollars coming from? Maybe the Yanks are printing their own money. At any rate, they must be stopped. And the team to do it sits at the opposite end of the payroll spectrum.

The Minnesota Twins turned their whole franchise around last season, with \$100 million less than the Yankees. The team was so hideously bad two years ago, and they risked being kicked out of Minnesota...before the season even finished. But something happened this year. Perhaps an act of God? Maybe pure talent. Whatever it was, the Twins are back in the playoffs to take on those menacing Yankees. They deserve a win. They worked their way from the bottom up, and did it without much help from capitalism. Minnesota is truly an inspiration for teams

like Detroit, whose shameless season made them the American League's punching bag. Detroit had won their 38th game towards the end of September. The Atlanta Braves won game 38 on June 8.

Speaking of the dynasty known as the Atlanta Braves, they've had the longest playoff run, appearing every year since 1991. I'll admit I was once a Brave's supporter. Then again, the United States was once a Saddam Hussein supporter. Relationships do grow sour after time, and although I do not intend to declare war on the Atlanta Braves, I do wish for them to be escorted out of the playoffs by a seemingly much weaker force: The Chicago Cubs.

I believe the saying goes, "When pigs fly, Hell freezes, and the Cubs win the World Series." Well, this year one of those impossibilities might become a reality (the latter of the three) as Chicago held off Houston to clinch the NL Central Division. The poor Cubbies haven't won a World Series in nearly a century. Yes, 1908 was a very long time ago, but they've come a long way since 1908. They'll be tough competition. Another reason I want them to win is simply because the Cubs look basically how the Pittsburgh Pirates would look if they had Sammy Sosa and really good pitching. Three of Chicago's big players, Aramis Ramirez, Kenny Lofton and Randall Simon, all played for the "rebuilding" Pirates earlier this year.

While certain teams have dominated baseball's postseason, it's time for a new era. It's time for the laughingstocks of the league to rise up and fight back. It's time for excitement. It's time for the playoffs.

## CHAMPS program big success with student athletes

by Ray Immekus  
staff writer

St. Patrick's Day, Monday Night Football, Washington's Birthday, Halloween. You may be asking yourself what these four seemingly unrelated events have in common.

Well, the answer is simple. College students like to drink on these days. And these are only a small sampling of the extensive list of alcohol-included events that we undergrads partake in.

The list was created by Mike Green, the speaker for the CHAMPS program, and includes more than forty dates that usually involve alcohol consumption by college students.

The CHAMPS (Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success) program is an NCAA-funded program that promotes the health, success, responsibility, and development of student athletes. All 250 of Behrend's student athletes were asked to attend.

Mike Green, who refers to himself as "Green," spoke on Thursday, Sept. 25 about drug and alcohol awareness.

Green is a former Philadelphia Eagle and football coach for West Chester University. He has produced drug and alcohol awareness programs for the Philadelphia Flyers, and at the request of Sen. Bill Bradley, Green created a series of programs for the New Jersey public high school system.

"These programs give student athletes an opportunity to ask important, and sometimes uncomfortable questions of adults other than their coaches and professors," said CHAMPS coordinator and assistant athletic trainer Angela Meserole.

Green vows not to frighten, moralize, or preach to the athletes, but rather make them aware of the possible consequences of an irresponsible decision involving alcohol or drugs. He wishes only to educate the students on the harsh realities of alcohol abuse and the problems that they can cause.

"Our methods are interactive and often entertaining - but our message is deadly serious. Our purpose is always the same - the health and overall well-being of the students," reads Green's home page.

"Mike Green's alcohol awareness program was very beneficial. His humorous approach caught our attention and was also educational," said basketball player Mike Daisley.

"He taught us how to drink responsibly. He told stories of how getting a little too obliterated one night and having some fun can turn into a tragedy," added Daisley.

"I think Mike Green was a great speaker. He had a lot of energy and talked at a student's level. He told us more about how to drink, rather than not drinking, which is basically the theme of every other alcohol speaker," remarked senior Student Advisory Committee representative Stephanie Covert.

Green's comical yet educational style seemed to go over well with all the athletes. They all seemed to feel privileged to attend and listen to such a refreshing and informative speaker.

"The speaker was very amusing. He caught our attention from the beginning. He was funny, I liked what he had to say and he made it fun just to be there and to listen to him," said baseball player Gabe Stephenson.

## Golf team struggles for wins

by Greg Smith  
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After a promising start in their first two matches, the Behrend men's golf team had high hopes for the ECAC Southern Qualifier on Sept. 25. After the match, the only thing high was the team's score.

The Lions finished with a 321 at the qualifier, which was held in State College, PA at the Penn State University Blue Course. Their score was good for third out of the five participating teams.

Junior Ryan Deimel shot a 77 and was the low scorer for Behrend, while freshman Josh Loaney fired a 78 in the harsh conditions at State College.

Deimel and Loaney set a good pace for the Lions, but unfortunately the rest of the team could not follow. Jeff Black shot an 81, Anthony Pagliari shot an 85 and Kevin Thieman finished with an 88.

"The ECACs were tough," says Deimel of the tournament. "It basically rained for 12 holes and that makes it hard to go out and put up a good score."

The lack of team consistency has been the problem for the men this season, and their woes continued as they traveled to Wildwood Golf Club for the LaRoche College invitational on Tuesday.

Deimel again finished on top for Behrend with another impressive round of 77, good for third out of all competitors at the tournament. The rest of the Lions, however, were nowhere close to Deimel's performance.

Pagliari, Aaron Becker, and Dan Russo all shot 88 at the invitational. Freshman Josh Hull finished with a respectable round of 83.

Behrend finished with a 336 at LaRoche, good for third out of five at the event.

"As a team, we're not playing well right now," explains Deimel of Behrend's troubles.

"But the conditions were rough again. It was cold and windy, and the greens were very quick, which is something we haven't really seen yet this year."

The men still have a chance to salvage their season at the AMCC Championships, which will be held on Monday again at LaRoche.

## Women's soccer ready for Panthers

by Rachel Lyons  
staff writer

It was an up and down week for Lady Lion's soccer. The team finished out with a 1-1, after a tough loss to a talented Carnegie Mellon squad.

Despite coming up short Tuesday, the Lions did pick up an important victory last Saturday against conference rival La Roche.

Another bright spot for Behrend came as Goalkeeper Dara Nielsen was named as AMCC's "Goalkeeper of the Week."

The Lady Lions headed to Pittsburgh to take on an undefeated Carnegie Mellon on Tuesday. While both teams played a hard fought game, it was Carnegie who pulled out a 3-0 win.

Prior to Tuesday's game with Carnegie, the Lady Lions hosted La Roche in an early important conference match. Behrend made it look easy, shutting down their opponent, 5-1. While the Lady Lions' offense exploded for five goals, sophomore Dara Nielsen kept La Roche out of the nets, allowing just one goal.

Nielsen's performance in goal for the Lady Lions has greatly contributed to their success thus far this season. So much so, that the AMCC named her "Goalkeeper of the week."

"I'm really excited," said Nielsen.

Nielsen not only picked up a pair of conference wins against Pitt-Bradford and La Roche, but also picked up a shutout against Pitt-Bradford, her fourth this year.

After a rough week, the attention focuses to Saturday's upcoming game as the Lions host AMCC rival Pitt-Greensburg.

"I think we're ready," said Nielsen. "Playing at home is a big advantage for us." Nielsen also gives reference to Pitt-Greensburg's upset win over Behrend last year. She says the team is looking for revenge.

Nielsen said, "We're fired up about it!"