

## Question and answer session with head coach Roz Fonari

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Keith Golembiewski: How has the Women's basketball team been doing?

Roz Fonari: We are finding our way at the moment. The younger players are beginning to understand what it takes to win.

KG: What are your thoughts of this current season?

RF: We are working hard to get better. If we continue to get better we have a good chance of reaching our goals. We are never satisfied and you'd see that by how we compete on the floor. Whether it is the beginning of the game or the end, we have the same intensity, regardless of score.

KG: What is the current record held by the team?  
RF: 6-6

KG: What is different about this year's team?  
RF: Youth. We are young. We are more talented

than others expected, and we are going to make some noise in the next month and a half.

KG: What will the women's team do differently this year than in previous years?

RF: We have a similar work ethic and are doing everything the right way. We are working to win a championship.

KG: What players are making the difference?

RF: We have a lot of them, actually. We have returning players doing a great job leading and many rookies stepping up to fill needed roles. We are a good "TEAM." I couldn't ask for a better group of people.

KG: How do you encourage and push players to the next level?

RF: I am tough on my players. I ask them to be consistent, to give their best, and to get on one another to give more. It is not easy to have a balance between being too hard on them and too soft. This is a crucial time for us to get better. We have a lot of work still to do. I push them because they have the

talent to reach the goals they set out to achieve.

KG: What things haven't you expected from the team that the players have done?

RF: I like our balance. It isn't an individual effort that I am impressed with but how the individual efforts are blending together to make a difference. We are a solid team on and off the floor. I will say that we achieved a 3.24 (GPA) as a team and although I expect us to do well, I am impressed with what they accomplish in the classroom.

KG: Do you have any personal opinions about the Behrend team?

RF: This team has been one of the best to work with. They listen, they are respectful, they want more, they work hard daily. I want them to win for them. They are a very deserving group. There are few people who expected us to be talented this year. I am proud of how this group is coming together. We have won our last 3 of 4 games and I am excited to see how we finish. We have a ways to go still.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sophomore guard Julia Andrus looks for action as she scopes out the floor in a Lions' game.

### January Sports Schedule

|                                 |                                    |        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 20, Women's Basketball     | @ Lake Erie                        | 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 20, Men's Basketball       | @ Lake Erie                        | 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 21, Indoor Track Field     | @ Slippery Rock Invitational       | 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 21, Swimming and Diving    | @ Penn State Altoona,<br>Frostburg | 2 p.m. |
| Jan. 21, Women's Basketball     | @ La Roche                         | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 21, Men's Basketball       | @ La Roche                         | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 24, Women's Basketball     | Hilbert                            | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 24, Men's Basketball       | Hilbert                            | 8 p.m. |
| Jan. 25, Swimming and Diving    | @ W&J                              | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 27, Women's Basketball     | Frostburg                          | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 27, Men's Basketball       | Frostburg                          | 8 p.m. |
| Jan. 27, Swimming and Diving    | Grove City                         | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 28, Indoor Track and Field | @ Case Western                     | 9 a.m. |
| Jan. 28, Women's Basketball     | Pitt-Greensburg                    | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 28, Men's Basketball       | Pitt-Greensburg                    | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 31, Women's Basketball     | Medaille                           | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 31, Men's Basketball       | Medaille                           | 8 p.m. |

### Sports Trivia 101

Pittsburgh Penguins Center Sidney Crosby is one of the top 20 goal-scorers in the NHL this year. If he can finish this season by winning the scoring title, at 18 years old, he will be the youngest player in NHL history to win the goal-scoring title. Who is the youngest player in NHL history to win or have a share of the goal-scoring title?

Last Week's Answer: Pat Riley (Miami Heat)  
Correctly answered by Scott McHenry

The answer will be posted in next week's Beacon issue. Email your answers to csl5005@psu.edu. The first person to answer correctly will have their name printed next week. Good Luck!

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spring 2006  
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declare an intent  
to graduate by  
January 23, 2006  
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want to reserve  
tickets for  
guests at  
commencement.



### HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NAME: Anthony Spoto  
SPORT: Men's Swimming  
CLASS: Sophomore  
DATE: Jan. 16, 2006

Anthony Spoto (Birmingham, MI/Birmingham Seaholm) has been named the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week.

The sophomore led the Blue and White with strong showings against Mt. Union and Edinboro last week. Spoto won the men's 50-yard freestyle against Mt. Union with a time of 23.49. He completed the weekend by placing first in both the men's 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke event with times of 23.84 and 1:11.37, respectively.

The Behrend Lions' next meet is Saturday, Jan. 21 at Penn State Altoona against the Lions and the Frostburg Bobcats

Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.