

# SPORTS

## Lady Lions make strides

By Heather Heenan  
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The Behrend women's basketball team beat rival Pitt-Greensburg in the Junker Center on December 9. The Lady Lions won 72-63. Behrend is now 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the AMCC.

Behrend is currently in a three-way tie for second place in the conference. Medaille is currently the front-runner in the AMCC conference.

According to Coach Roz Fomari, "I am pleased with the development in the players. They have progressed a lot and everyone has given a good contribution. The team has a lot of younger players this year and they are all playing well." The starters for the game were Natalie Engel, Julia Andrus, Brittany Mays, Meagan Bielani and Vickie Innes.

In the first quarter, Behrend came out strong, making seven of their first ten shots. They were only up by four points going into halftime, the score being 32-28. Mays, the lone senior on the team this year, led the scoring with

eight points on the board, and also had three assists. The women shot 50 percent from the floor, sinking 14 of 28 shots.

Behrend went on to beat the Bobcats by nine points in the fourth quarter, with a final score of 40-35. Mays finished with 18 points, five assists and three rebounds. Andrus and Innes each added 15 points for the Lady Lions. Along with 15 points for the Lions, Innes also added 10 boards to finish for the night.

The Lady Lions are 5-2 and the only losses were to Fredonia and Frostburg. Last Wednesday, the girls traveled to Hilbert to play. "The girls played well," said Fomari. They came ahead with the win 72-63.

The Behrend women will play again on Friday, December 15 when they compete against Chatham College. The women's next game is on December 29 when they host their annual Winter Classic Basketball Tournament. On January 6, the Lady Lions will get back in conference action when they will compete at Penn State Altoona looking for a win.

## McGwire deserves trip to Cooperstown

By Scott Soltis  
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1. Twelve All Star selections. Rookie of the Year. Gold Glove. On-base percent leader two times, slugging percent four times, RBI's once, walks two times. Oh, and he hit 583 career home runs, leading the league four times, including one 70 home run season. Nuff said.

2. He Saved Baseball. This point bears repeating...he saved baseball. Coming off of the 1994 baseball strike, America was losing interest in baseball. Football became (and still is) the new national pastime. Cal Ripken Jr. became the new ironman of baseball and many people took notice and regained interest. In 1998, Big Mac started a chase for the most coveted single season record in baseball and the nation was captivated. I still remember watching him hit number 62 and picking up his son in joy. The McGwire-Sosa home run battle brought baseball back to the forefront, and nothing that happens today can erase that fact.

3. Innocent Until Proven Guilty. Mark McGwire has not admitted to, nor has it been proven that he ever took illegal performance enhancing drugs. He got really big, really fast. He said he took andro. Until someone proves otherwise, this is what there is to go with. What about every other player from the "Steroids Era?" Should the Hall of

Fame ban all players who had access to steroids? It looks like he used, but it looks like hundreds of other players could have.

4. Okay, So Even If He Did Do It... The Hall of Fame is littered with racists, drunks, wife-abusers and dirty players. There were many players who used questionable tactics and were of questionable character who are in the Hall of Fame. Look at Ty Cobb. Cobb was an outspoken, hate-filled bigot who would proudly spew racial epithets. Cobb was also a terribly dirty player who would sharpen his spikes in an attempt to injure other players. McGwire may have done something wrong, but the Hall of Fame is not about wrong or right, it's about baseball.

5. What Good Is A Rule Without Enforcement? When McGwire allegedly took banned substances there was no testing system in place to check athletes. If the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania set speed limits, but told drivers there would be no police on the highways to enforce them, how many of us would drive 65? McGwire may have skirted the system and enhanced his workouts with banned substances, but by not testing anyone, Major League Baseball was practically endorsing their use. This lack of testing pushes the problem away from individuals of the "Steroids Era" and makes the MLB accountable to some extent. It would be wrong to indict an individual player on the faults of a system.

## Intramural Weekly Update



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Shuttlecocks pose for a picture after winning the coed division championship for indoor soccer.

### Recent Results:

Indoor soccer finals took place Wednesday, December 13.

Shuttlecocks won the coed championship. The team consisted of Jeffrey Deluca, Nikki Fisbee, Josh Serafini, Brent Gailey, Matt Cantrell, and Brittany Tonio.

The men's championship was won by Balls Deep. Jeffrey Wemmell, Aaron Mead, Sean Ruhlman, Walter Taylor, Matt Copper, Josh Hopkins, Justin Reese and Dan Mitchell made up the lineup for the team.

Team triathlon events took place from December 4-7.

Brad Ruffo, Brad Sick and Torrey Schmidt won the men's division. Steph Mueser, Katie Ward and Elaine Voltz won the women's division. Jon Diurba, Jory Giger and Leah Haller topped the coed division.

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