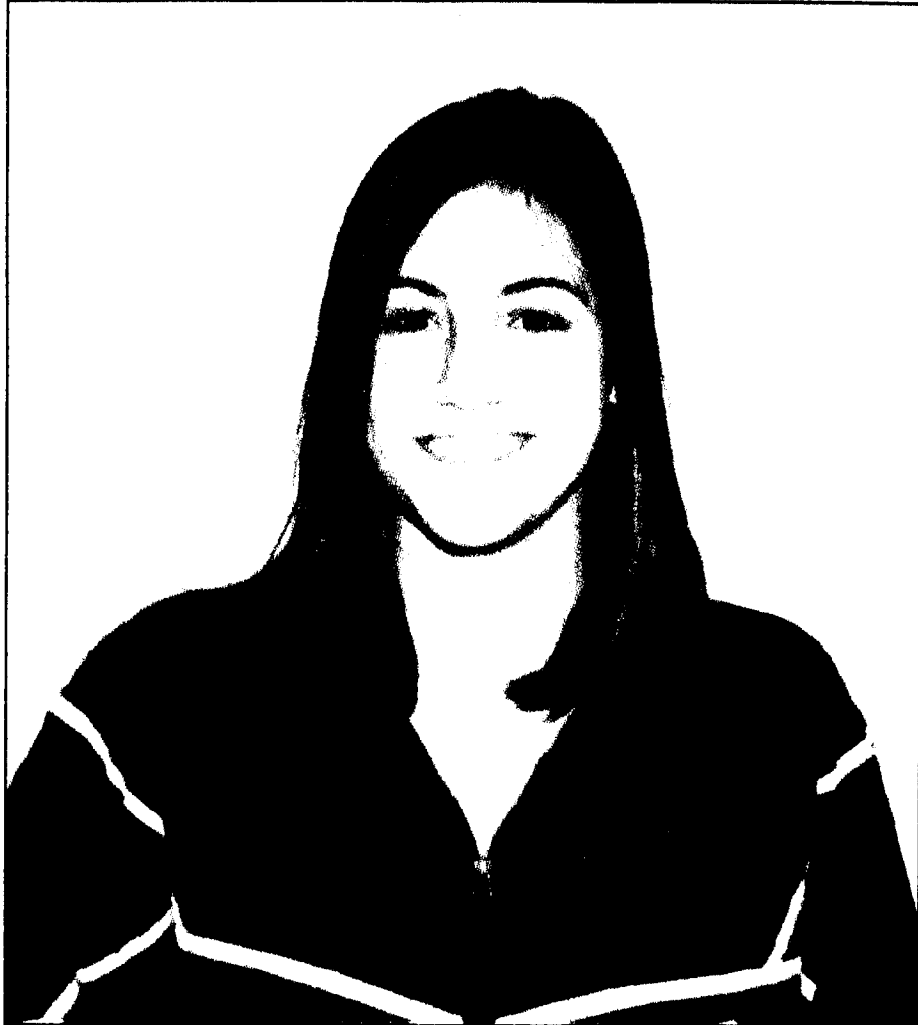


HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Colby Seibert
SPORT: Women's Swimming and Diving
CLASS: Freshman
DATE: February 12, 2007

Colby Seibert (Milton/Milton) has been named the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week. Seibert won three individual events in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference's (AMCC's) inaugural championships and was a key contributor as the women cruised to their first AMCC crown. She took the 100 freestyle (56.97), 100 butterfly (1:02.51), and the 200 butterfly (2:18.84).

The women beat out three other AMCC opponents with a team score of 265 points. Seibert's 100 butterfly time of 1:02.51 was a new school record, breaking the previous time of 1:03.12 set by Whitney Marshall back in 2004.

Next up for swimming and diving will be the ECAC Open, which will take place over three days from Feb 15-17.

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

Dance team and cheerleaders raise money for cancer

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Penn State Behrend celebrated their seventh annual Spirit Against Cancer Cheer and Dance Competition on Feb. 10. The Spirit Against Cancer Competition is an event in memory of Becky Hubler-Decker. Hubler-Decker was involved with the dance and cheerleading programs at Behrend until she passed away from melanoma cancer.

Fifteen dance teams and 47 cheerleading squads participated in raising \$7,000 to help find a cure for melanoma. Since this competition has been at Behrend, \$30,000 has been donated to the American Cancer Society to help in their research to find a cure for cancer.

Each team spent an entire year preparing for this one day to compete for the cause. "This day is one of the highlights of the year," said Brian Streeter, athletic director at Behrend. "It's great to see two unique styles of teams come together for such a great cause and get the respect and appreciation these women deserve."

Many alumni traveled back to Behrend to be a part of the competition to help to warm the spirit. "It's great to see that something that started so small when I was a freshman has grown into something so large and continues to grow," said Somer Stankey, former Penn State Behrend Cheerleader.



Angie D'Aurora/THE BEHREND BEACON
The Behrend Dance Team poses for a group picture before the competition.

Shaylee O'Leary, another former Behrend Cheerleader, said, "It's an exciting way to get Behrend alumni to keep active in the current community and it's an awesome way to see my old friends."

Both Stankey and O'Leary helped judge the cheer and dance routines.

Many current dance team members feel that Hubler-Decker helped make the cheerleading and dance programs at Behrend what they are today. "Without Becky the dance program wouldn't be here," said Angie D'Aurora, a junior dance team member. "I look forward to this competition every year and without the dance program I probably wouldn't be here at Behrend." D'Aurora and other dance team members feel that Hubler-Decker touched the lives of many students and faculty members at Penn State Behrend.

"Becky meant a lot to me, she worked here and I knew her when she had cancer as a college student," said Stacy Pondo, assistant director of athletics at Behrend. "It's amazing to see teams travel as far as four hours away to see how much money they can raise to help the cause and to just have fun."

All the money raised was donated to the American Cancer Society. Anyone interested in donating can contact the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org or by calling toll free to 1-800-ACS-2345.



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A local high school competes at the Spirit Against Cancer Cheerleading competition at Penn State Behrend on Saturday Feb. 10.

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