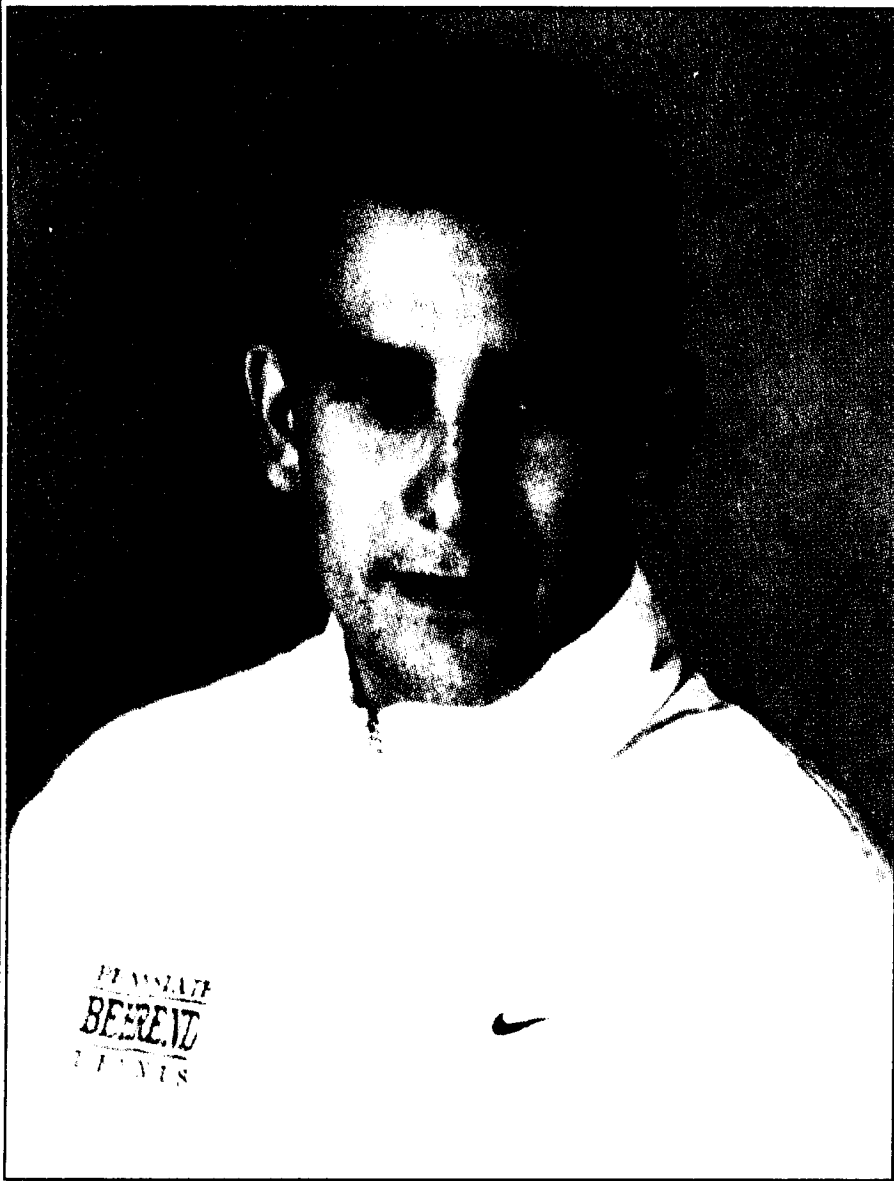


## HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**NAME:** Garrett Grenek  
**SPORT:** Men's Tennis  
**CLASS:** Senior  
**DATE:** April 2, 2007

Garrett Grenek (Butler/Butler) went 3-0 last week in second-flight doubles with teammate Jim Palmer (Sharon/Sharon). Grenek's team beat out Alfred's second-flight doubles team 8-2 en route to a 9-0 shutout victory. The two then edged out Frostburg State's doubles team 8-6 in a losing effort as the team went down 3-6. Men's tennis then bounced back against Penn State Altoona, winning 8-1 as Grenek recorded his third doubles victory of the week.

Men's tennis is now 5-12 overall and 2-1 in the AMCC.

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

## Baseball team sweeps Mt. Aloysius

By Matt Waronker  
assistant sports editor

The Penn State Behrend baseball team improved their conference record this week to an even 4-4. The Lions tallied three consecutive victories before losing the back end of a double-header to conference opponent Pitt-Bradford. The loss, a heartbreaking 5-4 defeat, brought Behrend's overall record to 12-5. The Lions did, however, begin the week strong, sweeping visiting Mt Aloysius by scores of 2-1 and 3-2.

In the first half of their twin bill against the Mounties, Behrend held a two run lead. However, due to a late seventh inning resurgence by Mount Aloysius, the Lions found their slight lead cut in half. Mt. Aloysius was able to load the bases after a David Koerbel walk and the Mounties were able to notch a tally on the scoreboard. Despite the close call, Koerbel got the Lions out of the jam and picked up the win for Behrend.

In the second half of their double-header, both teams threatened often and were able to make their mark on the



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Sophomore Ben Cain hurls on off the mound.

scoreboard early. Behrend found themselves down going into the third inning, but due to a solid offensive inning, were able to tie up the game early in the inning off of a Dustin Dubensky double.

Behrend would earn two more runs throughout the third, as freshman second baseman Ryan Liddle and senior Brian Hart both scored for the Lions. The Mounties would fight for one more run late in the fourth but their efforts would not be enough as Behrend claimed a 3-2 victory to sweep the series. Sophomore pitcher Ben Cain earned his first save of the season.

In the Lions second series of the week, they traveled to Pitt-Bradford. After shutting out the Panthers 4-0 in their first game, the Lions looked to keep their momentum as they entered the second half of the series.

Unfortunately, Behrend was unable to do so and after riding a 1-0 lead throughout the better part of the game, the Lions gave up five runs in the sixth inning. Despite a late surge in which the Lions were able to bring the game within one run, Behrend was defeated 5-4. The Lions gave up 10 hits and committed two errors in the losing effort.

The Lions now prepare for an upcoming series at Penn State Altoona this Saturday, April 7. Behrend swept Altoona earning two victories last season.

## Softball swings past Pitt-Bradford

By Courtney Minweaser  
contributing writer

The Penn State Behrend softball team swept visiting rival Pitt-Bradford on Tuesday, April 3 during their first home conference match-up. Behrend was able to slide past Pitt-Bradford in the double-header with a 3-2 victory in both games. The softball team is currently 11-8 in the season and 4-2 in the AMCC.

"It's always good to beat your biggest rival at home," sophomore catcher Lindsay Baughman said.

The Lady Lions started out slow in the first game but ended up coming from behind. Behrend won the game when they kept Pitt-Bradford from scoring by turning a triple play. They won the game on a sacrifice fly from Baughman that scored Nikki Kaschauer and put Behrend up 3-2. Kaschauer went 3-for-3 with two runs and an RBI. Katie Whitby ended up 2-for-3 with a run, and Sophomore pitcher Julie Koman gave up just six hits to Pitt-Bradford the entire game.

"We played really good team softball. We just communicated well and



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Behrend batter connects with a pitch.

we were hitting like it was our job," junior Annie Kozel said.

Behrend ended with 18 hits for the two games. No one on the team, not even coach Stacy Pondo, could remember the last time Behrend swept Pitt-Bradford.

The Blue and White took the lead in the bottom of the first inning of

game two after Whitby led off with a double that bounced off the fence. Then, Kaschauer took to the plate, scoring Whitby on an RBI single. Behrend found themselves in a jam however, when Bradford tied the game at 1-1 in the second. Pitcher Sandra Jaussi got the team out of the jam with a groundout double play to end the inning. The Lady Lions once again took the lead in the third when Senior Kristin Macha hit an RBI single.

In the fifth, Bradford made another attempt at the plate, but rightfielder Kelly Irish gunned down the runner with a perfect throw. Kaschauer then hit a homerun to left field to seal the deal and clinch another 3-2 victory. Kaschauer received the game ball for the night.

"She had a great day. She went six-for-six with a homerun and had an awesome diving catch," Baughman said.

The Lady Lions played Wednesday at Theil where they again went 2-2. The team will be back on the Behrend diamond Monday, April 9 to duke it out with Fredonia.

## Don't let the skirts fool you

By Kara Struski  
sports editor

They may play in skirts, but the Penn State Behrend women's lacrosse club is not afraid to run hard and get dirty. "Armed with sticks, determination and confidence, we are looking to improve last year's record of 5-3," said co-captain Heidi Brackbill.

The club, which currently consists of 25 women, is in its second season as members of the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League (WCLL). The league is the largest women's college club in the country and it represents 39 schools from New York to Iowa. The teams in the league are divided between two groups: an A-team or a B-team. The difference is that A-teams have paid coaches and staff members while B-teams do not have a non-playing coach. Behrend is considered a B-team.

The Behrend lacrosse club is coached by two co-captains, senior Brackbill and sophomore Lindsay Miller.

"We collaborate on teaching inexperienced players, scheduling games, running practices and leading the club during games," Brackbill said.

Since the club is entirely student-run, the captains also manage the team's money for referee fees, travel fees and league dues. The Student Government Association and Student Activity Fee provide funding, but for the most part this funding is extremely limited.

The club has developed some creative fundraising tactics to raise money for the club. For example, last Valentine's Day, the team set up a kissing booth where a customer could receive a kiss on the cheek and a Hershey's Kiss for a dollar. The ladies also have several t-shirt and sweatshirt sales throughout the year.

The club kicked off their season on Saturday, March 24, with games against West Virginia Wesleyan, Grove City College and Slippery Rock University. They won two out of their three games for the day. Miller has high hopes for the club after



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The Behrend Lacrosse club huddles during a game.

the team's first few games.

"We are going to do well. We have some new players that show a lot of potential, as well as a lot of promising returning players," said Miller.

The team consists of both experienced and less experienced players. While many players have been playing since high school, there are several who are completely new to the sport. The majority of the fall semester consists of teaching rookies stick skills and the rules of the game, so they are prepared to play with the veterans before the season begins in the spring.

Sophomore Courtney Minweaser was new to the sport of lacross last year. Minweaser played basketball in high school, she decided to try something new in college.

"I came into this sport knowing nothing about it but I had great teachers and now I love the sport," said Minweaser. "It's amazing that only last year we were a rookie team with several rookie players and we ended up 5-3 in the league. We beat the undefeated team [Kent State] in the last game of the season."

The lacrosse club will play at home this month. Due to inclement weather and poor field conditions, the only home game at this time is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18. Other home games are currently being rescheduled. All home games take place at the Behrend Fields and are 60 minutes long. T-shirts will be raffled off and free food will be provided to fans.

## Men's tennis defeats Alfred, Penn State Altoona

By Tommy Phillips  
staff writer

Penn State Behrend's men's tennis team performed well over the past week, winning two of three matches to improve their record to 5-12. In a non-conference match, they defeated Alfred 9-0 at home on Friday. In their conference matches, they lost to Frostburg State at home 6-3 on Saturday, but they rebounded to win at Penn State Altoona by a score of 8-1, improving their record in the AMCC to 2-1.

Seniors Garrett Grenek and Jim Palmer had a great week, going 3-0 as a team in their doubles

matches. Freshman Scott Shaw also performed well, with a 6-0, 6-0 win against Alfred as well as a 6-4, 6-3 win over Frostburg. Their performances helped the Lions win their second straight match over defending conference champion Penn State Altoona, as they had defeated Altoona a week earlier at home by a score of 5-4.

As the AMCC Championship draws closer, the team will have to rely on its strengths in order to finish the season strong. Grenek says he thinks the team is strong from top to bottom.

"As for the biggest strength, that would be our depth in the lineup," Grenek said. "We had a strong freshman class come in this year and add to a roster that has a lot of talent all the way through."

He says that the team's depth is especially important due to the length of the season.

"We have a lot of games in our season, leading to fatigue and injury, so it is extremely beneficial being able to have a number of players step up into a starting role and perform well," Grenek said.

Grenek says the team is confident, and that this confidence has helped them.

"The level of enthusiasm out on the court has also been a huge strength for us as of late and is the highest I've seen in my four years. This is a team that knows we are better than our record shows and we want to finish the season strong and win the AMCC's to show it."

The Lions will play three conference matches in the next week, starting with a match at Frostburg on Saturday morning. The team will then play Pitt-Greensburg on back-to-back days, as they will host Pitt-Greensburg on Tuesday afternoon before visiting them on Wednesday. The AMCC Championships are on April 15.



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Miles Boyea returns a pass during a match.

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