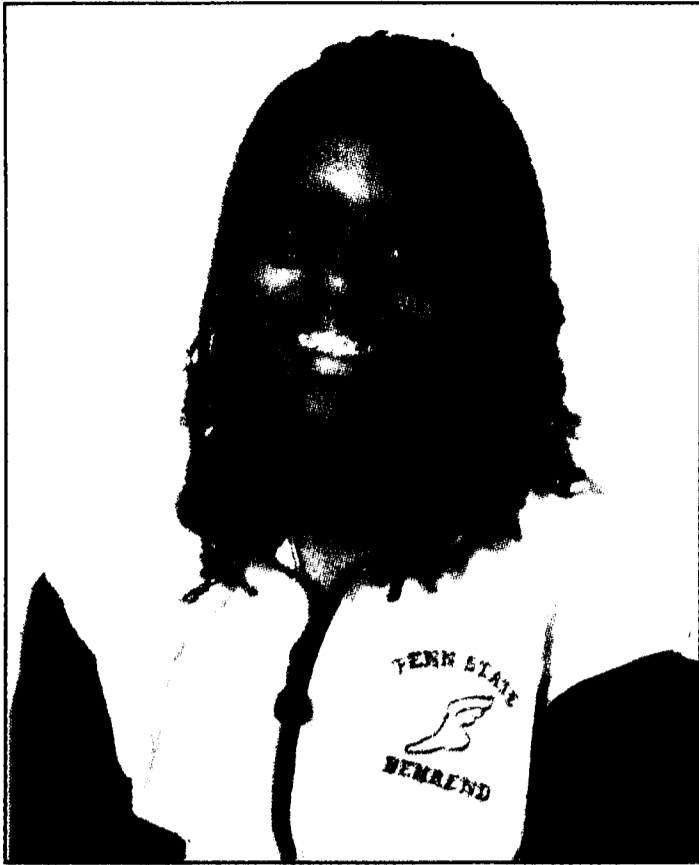


HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Virginia Rodgers-Owens
SPORT: Outdoor Track & Field
CLASS: Freshman
DATE: April 23, 2007

Virginia Rodgers-Owens (Washington, DC/P.L. Dunbar) has been chosen as this week's Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week. Rodgers-Owens had an outstanding week at the Westminster Invitational, winning two events and qualifying for the ECAC championships in both.

Rodgers-Owens took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.67 seconds, qualifying her for the ECACs. She then won the 200-meter dash, crossing in 25.94 seconds and once again qualifying for the championships. She was also part of the 4 x 100-meter relay team that took third.

Rodgers-Owens currently holds the school record in the indoor 55-meter dash and is part of the 4 x 200-meter indoor relay record holding team.

Softball surges into conference tournament

By Tommy Phillips
contributing writer

The Behrend softball team rebounded from back-to-back losses to La Roche with consecutive wins over Penn State Altoona, improving their season record to 19-12. The Lions are now 9-5 in AMCC play.

The Lions lost both games on Saturday to AMCC leaders La Roche at home. They lost the first game by a score of 5-1 after allowing four runs in the top of the fourth inning. The second game went to extra innings, where the Lions lost 5-3 on a two-run home run in the top of the eighth inning.

However, the Lions recovered on Sunday, April 22, beating Penn State Altoona by large margins in both games. In the first game, sophomore pitcher Julie Koman earned the victory with a complete game, striking out eight batters while allowing only three hits, allowing the Lions to win 5-1. The Lions scored four runs in the fifth inning to take a 5-0 lead, which they held for the remainder of the game. In the second game, sophomore second baseman Nikki Kaschauer went 3-for-4 and scored

three runs, while senior first baseman Kristin Macha went 3-for-3 with two runs. The Lions took a 2-0 lead in the first inning and extended it to 7-2 by the third inning. They won by a decisive final score of 10-2 in five innings.

As the team moves closer to the conference championships, they hope to finish the regular season strong. Kaschauer says her team's overall talent is one of their biggest strengths. "We have a young experienced team, with a lot of talent," Kaschauer said. "On the field, we have a strong defense and our batting order is also strong from the first batter to the ninth batter."

She also says her team's chemistry is another reason for their success.

"We maintain a family relationship within our team," Kaschauer said. "Every player on our team portrays a significant part to maintaining the success of our team."

The Lions continue play with a doubleheader against Frostburg State on Saturday beginning at 1 pm. The team will then go to the AMCC tournament on Sunday. The AMCC tournament will continue the following weekend, May 4-6.



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Sophomore Lindsay Baughman rounds first.



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Sophomore Nikki Kaschauer is up to bat.

Last Week's Trivia Question:

Which quarterback threw 70 passes in a single game?

Answer: Drew Bledsoe completed 45 passes out of 70 attempts in an overtime game against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 13, 1994. He rallied his New England Patriots from a 20-0 deficit to a 26-20 victory.

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