

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Ryan Smith
SPORT: Baseball
CLASS: Sophomore
DATE: April 30, 2007

Ryan Smith (Franklin/Franklin) has named the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the week for the week of April 30. Smith earned two saves and one win in five innings of work last week as Behrend baseball had a busy week, going 7-1. Smith did not give up an earned run in his three appearances and allowed just seven hits. He leads the team in saves with six.

Behrend baseball is at home Thursday, May 3 in non-conference action against Bethany. From there the men prepare for the AMCC tournament on May 5.

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

Swimming and diving capture first-ever AMCC championship

By Jessica Carlson
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Members of the Penn State Behrend Swim and Dive team can look back on quite possibly the best swimming season the program has seen since its start in 2001. One of the biggest accomplishments for the team occurred last weekend at Grove City College when the men and women made a mark in Behrend history by winning the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate College (AMCC) Championship for the first time ever.

"It was awesome, the team threw the coaches in the pool at the end of the meet. I think it was our best yet," said junior swimmer Missy Pilewski who was unable to compete due to an injury.

This was the first year the team was recognized as part of the AMCC's and they were sure to let themselves be known. The men racked in 366 points, placing first in the conference, and fourth overall. The women finished the weekend off with 265 points, also clinching first place in the AMCC's, and taking fifth overall. Other schools competing for the AMCC Championship included Frostburg State University, Penn State Altoona, and Pitt-Bradford.

Along with winning the championship, five men from the team qualified to compete in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship. The meet is to take

place this weekend at Harvard University. Behrend men qualifiers include juniors Dustin Fairchild, Anthony Spoto, and Tom Weir, along with freshmen Jason Hall and Joe Reese. They will be representing Behrend as part of the 32

teams competing in the meet. Fairchild, Reese and Spoto qualified in four events; Hall will be competing in three events, and Weir will swim in two.

Another big accomplishment for the team this season was the number of records that were broken. On the women's side, Colby Seibert, Danielle Wilson, Leah Haller, and Sarah Breese broke the Women's 200-yard freestyle relay record. Seibert also broke the 100 yard butterfly, while Breese broke the 50-yard freestyle. Diver Michelle Quail also set new school and personal records for the one and three-meter boards.

For the men, there were three relay records broken. Hall, Fairchild, Reese and Spoto broke both the men's 200 and 400-yard medley relays. Spoto, Fairchild, Hall, and Tim Porter broke the 400-yard freestyle relay. Fairchild also broke the 200 and 500 yard Freestyle. Spoto broke the 100-yard freestyle, and Reese broke the 100-yard butterfly.

The 2006-07 season has set a high standard for following years. However, because this year brought in such a large freshmen class, next year is looking very promising for another successful season. Information and updates on the ECAC meet will be posted live throughout the competition on the ECAC website (www.ecac.org) and the Harvard website (www.gocrimson.com).



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Wilson broke many swimming records.

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