

## Women's lacrosse look to improve in '08 season

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With two games underway, the Penn State Behrend women's lacrosse team holds a record of 1-1. Their first game resulted in a loss to Kent State on March 5 by a score of 14-6. The women followed up with a victory against Slippery Rock on Wednesday, March 26 by a score of 8-4.

The team is comprised of 26 players ranging from experienced to first-year participants. Senior Emily Rogan decided to play for the team after encouragement from roommate and friend Danielle Demay. Despite the fact that Rogan has never played lacrosse competitively prior to this year, she says she decided to join the team for "fun and to stay in shape."

Much like the Behrend hockey team, the women have to come up with their own funding for equipment, food and means of traveling to the away games. When asked where they get the money to pay for the necessities of the season, sophomore Sasha Martinez said "lots and lots of fundraising." Each player also must pay \$40 at the beginning of the season. The long-term plan for the team is to eventually become a varsity sport, however, the rules for Division III NCAA lacrosse are "complicated," according to senior captain Danielle Demay.

Leading the women are seniors Danielle Demay, Emily Rogan and Katherine Redington. Redington is the Vice-President of the team. Rachel Cleary, Erin Nussbaum, Laura Lukaszik and Lindsay Miller are the juniors on the team. Miller is the other captain along with Demay. Five women make up the sophomore class, including April Glasser, Jessica Laube, Michelle Quail, Lacey Stroud and Abby Zehe. The freshmen make up the largest number of players on the roster. Sara Cammarata, Laura Cammarata, Chelsea Demay, Ashley Delosh, Rachel Merry, Whitney Cline, Lauren Bram, Marla Whitney, Brittany Card, Ava Antognini, Erin Cafferty and Krystal Kovach



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The Penn State Behrend women's lacrosse team enters their third season of competition for the 2007-2008 year.

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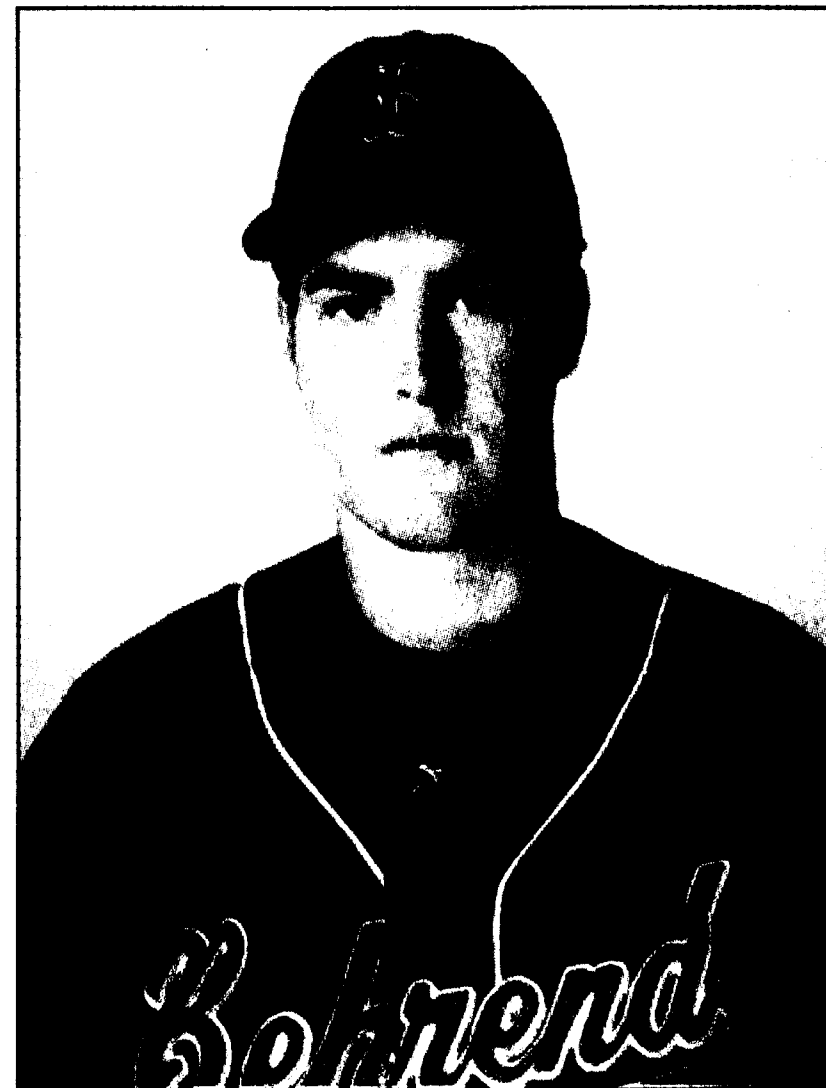
The women's schedule is short with seven games and only one of them will be played at home. Their next game is Friday, March 28 when they travel to Grove City to take on the Wolverines, followed by a match at Carnegie Mellon on Saturday, April 5. Their one and only home game will be played on Monday, April 7 against Slippery Rock University.

The team is part of the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League (WCLL). The WCLL is a club sports league of 39 teams covering areas of the eastern United States from New York to Iowa and is the largest lacrosse club league in the nation. The league is entering its fourteenth season this year.

The Behrend women's lacrosse team began in the 2005-2006 school year by Behrend graduate Heidi Brackbill.

The women will take on the Wolverines at 7:30 p.m. on March 28, at Grove City College.

## ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Andrew Chorbak  
SPORT: Baseball  
CLASS: Junior  
DATE: March 28, 2008

Penn State Behrend's junior pitcher Andrew Chorbak (New Castle/Laurel) was named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of March 24, 2008.

Andrew helped the Behrend Lions to a 6-2 record over spring break competition in Port St. Lucie, Florida, winning in two starts against Ursinus college and Mt. St. Vincent.

Chorbak beat Ursinus by pitching six innings with five strike outs and three walks, while scattering five hits. In his second outing of the week, he pitched eight innings allowing one unearned run, no walks and struck out 11 in the victory over Mt. St. Vincent.

"Andy made two quality starts for us in Florida," said head coach Paul Benim. "He is an integral part of our program's success and will be relied upon to continuing doing his thing all spring."

The Blue and White will be back in action on Wednesday, March 26 when they travel to Medaille College for their first AMCC conference game of the season. The double header is set to begin at 1 p.m.

## Track and field moves season to the outdoors

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The Penn State Behrend track and field team moved their indoor season to the outdoors over spring break. They traveled to Florida and Myrtle Beach during the week of March 9 to open up their outdoor spring season. They began their training in Florida for a few days, then traveled north to Coastal Carolina to compete in the school's annual invitational. "It was an awesome time," said sophomore runner Kevin Gorny. "The weather was really nice and the training went really well."

Both the men and women got off to a strong start with a handful of runners already qualifying for ECAC Championship in May, as well as setting a few new school records.

Standout runners for the men were Kevin Gorny, who broke his own school record and qualified for the ECAC Championship in the steeplechase event, which is an event where runners must clear hurdles and water jumps. Mike Ferraro and Doug Stevenson tied in the 100m with a record-setting time of 11.10 seconds. Ferraro also had a notable performance in the 200m. A new record was set in the high jump event. The new height was set by freshman Bryson Hartzler at 6-4 3/4 inches putting him in No. 6 for the competition.

For the women, Amanda Wehrle made a mark in her first outdoor meet when she set a new 400m record with a time of 60.95 seconds. Kylie Swanson broke the pole-vaulting record when she vaulted 9 1/4 inches. Virginia Rodgers-Owens had a strong performance in both the 100m and 200m, while Dana Turley did well in the 400m hurdles.

Head coach Greg Cooper leads the track and field team. Cooper is entering his second season as head coach of the outdoor season. He was appointed the head coach position on Jan. 21, 2007. Prior to being head coach, he served as assistant coach to the team for five years. He worked under his father, Dave Cooper. As well as being the assistant coach for track and field, Cooper also assisted the cross country team for two years. Father and son switched roles in the 2007 season when Greg Cooper became the head coach and Dave Cooper became the assistant.

Other assistant coaches include Mike Palmer, who focuses on the jumpers, Joe Sanford, who helps coach the pole-vaulters, Gary Senyo, who has been the javelin coach for the last six

years, and shot put and discuss for the last two seasons; and Doug Stratton, who focuses on the high jumpers for the Blue and White.

Next up on the schedule for the Behrend track and field is the Bill Van Horne Invitational at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va on Friday, March 29. Following will be the Mount Union Invitational on April 5.

On May 2-3 the Blue and White will travel to Christopher Newport University for the Mason Dixon Championship meet. "This years freshmen are really good and I think that the team in general is as good if not better than we were last year," says Gorny, who expects a number of the runners to qualify for ECAC Championship.



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Sophomore runner Kevin Gorny broke his own record over spring break at the Coastal Carolina Invitational

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