

# SPORTS

## Athlete Spotlight: Ahmad Salim

For Behrend senior Ahmad Salim, soccer is his only sport. "Ever since I learned to walk, I've been playing," says Salim. "It's just always been a passion of mine."

The Pittsburgh native played soccer throughout grade school and middle school. When high school approached, he decided to step up his game and continue to play, eventually moving on to Seneca Valley's varsity soccer team.

"I kept playing because I loved to compete," he recalls. "Playing in high school was a ton of fun because it gave me an opportunity to do that on a higher level."

After graduating from high school, he chose his college based on his major. "I've always wanted to be a computer engineer, and Behrend's combination of athletics and academics were great."

He started playing for Behrend's men's soccer team his freshmen year and was on the team that won the AMCC

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Championships in 2007. Now in his seventh semester and looking at leaving the college to enter the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Ahmad Salim gains possession and drives hard to the goal.

job market, he knows that his experiences in Behrend's athletic program were truly special.

"I love the program up here, it's awesome," he says. "[Head Coach] Dan Perritano is awesome. He's a great guy and a great coach. He expects a lot from us, but he's a great role model - someone who watches out for his players."

Salim scored the game-winning goal in the team's game against Franciscan and another goal to put the game away 3-0. He scored his 29th goal in a contest versus Pitt-Greensburg, making him the program's all-time goal scorer. The goal came on a breakaway only two minutes into the first half of the game.

After college, Salim plans to continue playing soccer in local leagues and pickup games, but is disappointed that his time on the Behrend team will end this season.

"It's sad that it's all over," he said.

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

## Ahmad Salim Men's soccer Senior



## Intramurals season in full force

September's conclusion brought the end of slow pitch softball and sand volleyball in the intramural sports arena. However, there are bowling leagues on Thursday nights, indoor soccer on Friday nights and flag-football, which seems to

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be the biggest intramural sport right now. These are just a few of the many intramural activities that are going on all of the time.

There is a very large amount of students involved in the flag-football league. There are 38 men's teams, seven coed teams and four women's teams. With that many teams, there are between 500 and 600 students involved in flag-football alone. After that, consider all the other activities that are currently taking place. With all said, it might be hard to manage so many different activities at the same time.

Intramural Director Robert Wittman has had the position for a long time and he handles the job well. "I've been doing this for 18 years...it's not too bad," said Wittman when asked how he was managing all of the activities. Wittman always wants to make sure that no student is left out.

"I want to make sure that everyone has a chance to play," said Wittman. "I want to make sure that nobody misses out."

He also added that there is

"always something going on" so it is easy for students to get involved. Wittman said that he doesn't have a lot of trouble making sure that happens.

You might think that with so many students involved, it would be hard to make sure everyone gets a chance to play, but that isn't the hardest part. Wittman said that making schedules are the hardest part of managing intramurals. "I have to make sure that everything goes well." With so many teams and athletes, making sure that they all get scheduled is the most difficult piece of the puzzle for the veteran Intramural Director.

When October comes to an end, it also means the end for flag-football. No worries though, because with the end of football comes the beginning of dodge ball. Games will begin on Mon. Oct. 20. There will also be a number of other intramural activities coming up for the indoor season.

There will be bowling and 3v3 basketball tournaments, but there will also be less competitive activities. There will be Yueker and Chess tournaments for those who don't want to play a sport. The deadline for bowling and 3v3 basketball registration is Fri. Oct 24.

If you're a student looking for an intramural activity to participate in, there is always something going on. If you're looking for something in the pool, there is even going to be innertube water polo and basketball. If you have any questions about intramural activities you can contact Rob Wittman at rww3@psu.edu. His office is located at 0107 Junker Center.



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Two volleyball players battle for the ball at the net.



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Left: Teams line up for a play during a flag-football game.

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