

# SPORTS

## Intramurals and recreation largest student activity on campus

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Ever feel like you are overloaded with writing papers, studying for exams, or homework assignments? Getting involved with intramurals is one way to take a break from the daily academic work.

According to the coordinator of intramural and recreational programs, Rob Wittman, intramurals at Behrend are the largest student activity on campus and have the most students involved by far compared with any other activity.

"I just want to get as many people as I can involved, because it gives them a break,"

said Wittman. "Students can have fun for an hour and a half and can get their mind off of studying. I want to have students enjoy themselves. I am trying to make sure everybody can get involved in something."

The main reason why intramurals are so popular on campus is due to the fact that the program is run extremely well.

"Students know when something is scheduled, that it will happen," said Wittman. "When I say something happens, it happens."

According to Wittman, the

statistics show that he is true to his word. Last year out of all the contests scheduled, 86.5 percent of them were played.

Wittman's intern from Edinboro University, Ryan Morgan, was amazed at how many students actually participate in intramurals at Behrend.

"[Wittman] runs the program really well," said Morgan. "The students respect him and the participants get what they want from the intramural program."

The statistics from this year prove that intramurals are important to the majority of

the student body.

According to Wittman, in the fall of this year for the flag football tournament, 546 different students participated, which is about 15 percent of the total student population. In the fall for the two week dodge ball tournament, almost 350 students played. On March 1, there were 100 students in the Junker Center for a 4v4 coed volleyball tournament.

Currently in the 6v6 volleyball intramurals, there are 43 teams which average about 10 players per roster.

Wittman also had a large turnout last year with intramurals. Fifty percent of male freshmen full-time students that lived either on campus, off campus, at home, or had jobs participated in at least one activity that was offered while 42 percent of females participated.

Out of the freshmen full-time students who lived on campus last year, 378 out of 611 males (62 percent) and 199 out of 330 females (61 percent) were involved with at least one intramural.

Additionally, 56 percent of male and 51 percent of female full-time students that lived on campus took part in at least one activity.

"The emails that are sent out

are really helpful," said freshman Kori Federici. "Rob Wittman is my hero. He is so nice. I just like that he knows my name."

Federici enjoys being able to get together with friends to play intramurals.

"I just like playing sports in general," said Federici. "I am a competitive person. I like playing with friends, getting teams together, and putting together the team name."

For students who are not into playing the popular intramural sports so much, there are recreational activities that students can also get involved with. These would include chess nights, euchre nights, Eastway mini bowling league, water games night, Texas hold'em, softball home run derby, NCAA basketball tournament challenge, fantasy football, hockey, and basketball leagues.

"As the big time intramurals are going on, I am also trying to run concurrently recreational activities, which are mostly one night events, for those who

aren't interest so much in for example, basketball," said Wittman.

According to Wittman, the new activities for this year is the I Lift Weights Club, bench press competition, horseshoe tournaments, the water games night, Texas hold'em, and the free throw contest.

The upcoming intramural sports for students include outdoor soccer, kickball, and badminton.

Both outdoor soccer and kickball can be played with a men's, women's, or coed team. Wittman will be accepting entries for outdoor soccer until April 6 at 4 p.m. and kickball until April 10 at 4 p.m. Badminton can be played by men's and women's singles or men's, women's, and coed doubles. The deadline to sign up is April 17 at 4 p.m.

Students can sign up by going to the Junker Center or responding to the emails sent out by Wittman. Also, students can find information on Facebook in the group called Behrend Intramural Sports.



Behrend students participating in the dodgeball intramural.

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## Behrend baseball tallies two wins against Mt. Aloysius

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Mounties pitcher Chad Mattis took to the mound for the bottom of the seventh in hopes of holding off the Lions batters to take the game into extra innings. The Lions would not have any of it.

Behrend's Liddle would again be in the thick of the Lions offensive output as he led off the inning by forcing Mattis to walk him.

First baseman sophomore Adam Hartwig continued the Lions pursuit of victory by singling and advancing Liddle to third base. Geibel took one for the team and loaded the bases after being beamed by Mattis' last pitch of the game.

Mt. Aloysius relief pitcher Mike Godissart entered the game for a tired Mattis in an attempt to escape defeat.

With the bases juiced, Lions junior center fielder Jon Gray lined a single into right field as Liddle scored the game winning run. The Lions defeated the Mounties by a score of 2-1.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Lions senior starting pitcher Andrew Chrobak, coupled with a Lions fielding error, gave the Mounties a one run advantage.

Heading into the bottom of the second inning, Mt. Aloysius was up 0-2.

The Blue and White would be unfazed by the small hole they had dug themselves. In fact, the Mounties seemed to have awoken a sleeping beast.

The Lions scored seven runs in the bottom of the second inning off of Mt. Aloysius start-

ing pitcher Brian Brossom and relief pitcher Pat McKee.

In the second inning, Brossom would be toyed with by a relentless Lions onslaught. Brossom would go on to record only one out as the Lions batters reached base by error, walks, singles, and doubles.

McKee came to the mound hoping to end the inning as quickly as possible, but the Lions were able to get in one more run before the inning ended.

At the end of the second game, the Lions squashed the Mounties early 0-2 lead to take it back by a score of 7-2.

Chrobak pitched a complete game for the Lions while not giving up another Mounties' run. He became the second Lions pitcher to pitch a complete game while continuing his individual undefeated streak to 3-0.

Every Behrend batter that stepped up to the plate got on base at least once, particularly due to the second inning batting frenzy. The Lions won 8-2.

In other baseball news, Penn State Behrend has now found themselves ranked among the top 25 in D3 baseball. They took the 25th spot on Tuesday morning after a panel of coaches, sports directors, and media members voted.

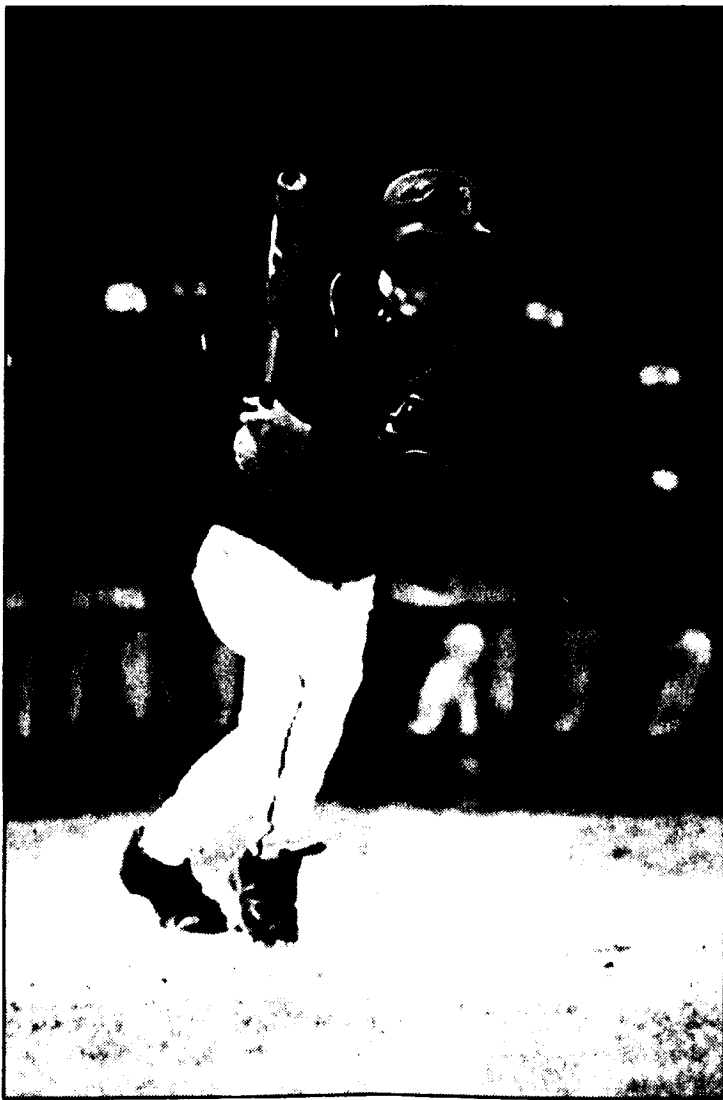
Penn State Behrend has, also, accounted for the Enterprise Rent-a-Car Player of the Week two weeks in a row. Junior outfielder Geoff Lang was the first to take it and senior closer Ryan Smith was honored last week. Lang leads

the Lions with four home-runs and twenty RBIs while Smith has shut down five close games this season.

"Pitt-Bradford is going to be the toughest competition," said Lang. "We have to play better defense, pitch consistently, and out-hit the other teams, and we

will be where we want to be."

The Lions will look to continue their impressive conference play as they travel to Penn State Altoona for yet another doubleheader on Saturday. The Lions are on the road again on Monday at Grove City and Wednesday at Franciscan.



Junior outfielder Jonathan Gray runs to first base after hitting the ball.

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## THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

home games in bold

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

The Men's Tennis team (8-6) plays at Pitt-Greensburg (N/A) for a 12:30 p.m. match.

The Women's Water Polo team (0-8) competes in the Midwest Invitational at TBA.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

The Men's and Women's Track & Field teams compete at Washington and Jefferson at TBA.

The Baseball team (14-3) plays a doubleheader at Penn State Altoona (13-11) at 1 p.m.

The Softball team (13-4) has a doubleheader against rival Penn State Altoona (3-11) at 1 p.m.

The Men's Tennis team plays at Frostburg State (3-5) at 10 a.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

The Men's Tennis team has a match against Penn State Altoona (5-1) at 10 a.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

The Golf team plays at the Westminster Invitational at noon.

The Baseball team travels to play Grove City (6-8) at noon.

The Softball team plays a doubleheader against Fredonia (10-3-1) at 3 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

The Baseball team plays at Franciscan (3-10) at 1 p.m.

The Softball team plays in a doubleheader against Franciscan (0-12) at 3 p.m.

## LAST WEEK'S SPORTS

All wins in italic text

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Softball: Behrend 7 Mt. Aloysius 2

Men's Tennis: Behrend 8 Alfred 1

Women's Water Polo: Behrend 9 Utica 12

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Women's Water Polo: Behrend 7 Chatham 8

Men's Tennis: Behrend 8 Frostburg State 1

Baseball (DH): Behrend 2 Mt. Aloysius 1

Behrend 8 Mt. Aloysius 2

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Men's Tennis: Behrend 7 Penn State Altoona 2

Women's Water Polo: Behrend 0 Mercyhurst 7

Behrend 3 Gannon 17

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Softball (DH): Behrend 7 Pitt-Bradford 1

Behrend 9 Pitt-Bradford 0

Baseball (DH): Behrend 11 Pitt-Bradford 8

Behrend 9 Pitt-Bradford 10

DH stands for doubleheader

All scores based from Sports Calendar and individual team page results. If your sport is not listed and you feel that it should be, contact cen5060@psu.edu

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	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Christine	Nick
<b>NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL</b>					
#2 Michigan St. vs. #1 UCONN	UCONN	UCONN	UCONN	UCONN	Mi. St.
#3 Villanova vs. #1 UNC	Villa.	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
<b>NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b>					
#2 Stanford @ #1 UCONN	UCONN	Stanford	UCONN	UCONN	Stanford
#3 Louisville @ #1 Oklahoma	OKL.	Louis.	OKL.	OKL.	Ok.
<b>Season Totals:</b>	<b>99-60</b>	<b>85-74</b>	<b>106-53</b>	<b>96-63</b>	<b>92-67</b>