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## Behrend Lions take down Allegheny

77-70 victory avenges last week's one-point loss

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The Penn State Behrend men's basketball team took the floor in their fifth game of the season against the Allegheny Gators in a conference showdown in the Junker Center.

The Lions came into the game with a 3-1 overall record (2-1 in the conference) and improved their record to 4-1 with this 77-70 victory over the Gators. Behrend's only loss came Nov. 30 at Medaille by a one point difference.

Senior guard Adam Kaiser, who was only averaging 5.7 points per game coming into Wednesday night, led the Blue and White with 15 points, in-

cluding six straight free throws down the stretch to put away the Gators in the closing minutes of the game.

"I think that the team played really well last night," said Kaiser after the game. "I think that we still have some things to work on but as a whole the team did a great job. Everyone played hard and everyone had a contribution last night."

The 6 feet 5 inches senior forward Adam Potter hauled in nine rebounds, which led the team, and tacked on nine points and two assists as well. The team leader in points per game was junior forward Chris Saltzman at 24.5 and he tallied twelve points on the night along with two assists.

The first half of the game was a back and forth struggle until sophomore guard Nick Thorson, from Bethel Park, came off the bench and put away three baskets from beyond the arc to help build Behrend's biggest lead of the half of 25-15 with just over five minutes to play.

The Lions kept the lead at ten



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Russ Conley, 41, a six foot nine inch center for the Behrend Lions, competes for the rebound against the Allegheny Gators.

as the first half ended 33-23. Behrend converted seven three-pointers in the first half alone.

The Gators made a run early and cut the lead to four at the 6:10 mark in the second, but with precision from the charity line, the Lions were able to build back up their lead to nine with two minutes to play.

Despite an effective full court press from the Allegheny

Gators which caused the Blue and White to call several timeouts, the Behrend Lions were able to hold on to win by seven in the end.

Coming into the game, the Nittany Lions were shooting 70.8 percent from the free throw line coming into the game. They made an impressive 91.3 percent of their free throws in the game including a

perfect 19-19 in the second half which was key in preventing a Gator comeback. The Lions also shot well from three-point land converting 10 of 23, higher than their 32.8 percent average for the season.

Coach Niland's squad faces an AMCC contender

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## Chancellor applicant pool "narrows"

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The search for a new Chancellor at Behrend "engaged in an extensive review process," according to an update from Dr. Diane Parente, the Search Committee's chairperson.

That review process began with the establishment of criteria from the job description and additional input obtained from the campus community, according to Parente. Each of the criteria was described completely and applicants were evaluated against the criteria - prior to review of any candidate's application material.

The process has continued and the applicant pool has narrowed. Parente said. The Chancellor's Search Committee continues with its work toward the recommendation of candidates for interviews to the office of Dr. Romano, the Vice President of Commonwealth Campuses at Penn State University.

The Chancellor Search Committee would like to thank the Behrend community for its support in the process with particular emphasis on the confidentiality of the process.

"In order to attract and retain a high-quality applicant pool," Parente said, "it is essential to preserve the anonymity of the applicants until the point in the process when the candidates are invited to campus in February."

The search remains open, and there may be a second round of interviews in early January.

### The Committee

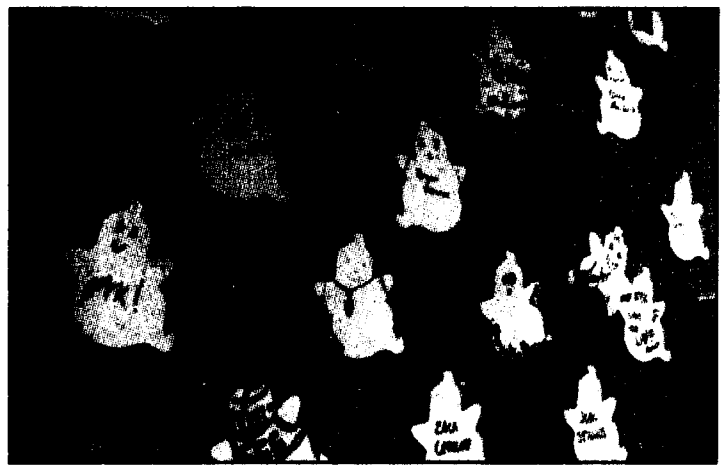
Who's searching for the Chancellor?

- Diane Parente
- Lori Bechtel-Wherry
- Kurt Buseck
- Joanne Carrick
- Greg Filbeck
- Adam Gilmore
- Traci Holmi
- Brad Kovalick
- Makund Kulkarni
- Mary Ellen Madigan
- Ken Miller
- Greg Morris
- Margie Taylor
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## THON removes SKN fundraiser donations

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Members of the non-recognized fraternity Sigma Kappa



Ashley Bernis / The Behrend Beacon

SKN brothers allege that their THON cutouts were removed because they wanted to showcase their Greek Letters.

Nu are alleging that Behrend's Inter-fraternity Council (IFC) had paper cutouts removed from a THON fundraiser because they displayed their Greek Letters.

Aditya Thota, a sophomore finance major, and Brian McElveney, a sophomore psychology major, are both members of SKN and say that former THON chair Molly Thomas took down their decorations at the request of IFC President Cody Brown.

The decorations, which students could purchase for a donation of at least \$1, were hung outside of Reed 117.

"Adi [Thota] was the main contributor," McElveney said. "He donated about \$25 and what he did was wrote our letters and wrote the name of a brother, he posted a bunch of different names up. They posted them up, and then, all of sudden, they were torn down."

"The first time this happened, someone just took them down and put them behind the computer," continued McElveney, "and there's tape there, so we

put them back up, thinking that some kid tore them down that had a problem with us. Then they got taken down again. Still, no one knew who took them down. Finally, they were taken down permanently by Molly [Thomas]."

Thomas, who is no longer involved directly with THON, said in an interview that she was approached by Brown to remove the decorations because IFC "didn't want Sigma Kappa Nu to be recognized as an organization, or recognized with THON."

Because of that, we took them down, and we said that we would put them back up

with just their names on them and not their letters, she said"

As of Dec. 3, there were still gaps in the wall where the SKN cutouts had been. "We had maybe 12 of them up there,"

said McElveney, "and it's been three weeks. Three weeks to put 12 of them up there. It's not a lot of work, and they're still not up. And yet they have the number 666 still up [on one of the cut-outs]."

Thomas said that THON had run out of the cutouts for that particular fundraiser and planned to

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## Soccer coach to return to Scotland

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As the Behrend Lady Lion's soccer team was loading the bus after an emotional 1-0 loss in the ECAC Final Championship game, head coach Patrick O'Driscoll broke the news of his return to Scotland.

O'Driscoll told the girls to take a seat. As everyone quieted down, he told the team that he was returning to Scotland in December. "He had known for a little while, but he did not want to tell us and have it affect our season, which we all really respected," said sophomore defender Caitlyn Bleggi. "It was very emotional when he first told us, and

a lot of the girls took it very hard.

He lived in Aberdeen, Scotland and then moved to South Dakota. The reason for his departure: an expiration of citizenship. Under law, O'Driscoll is only allowed to remain in the United States for an allotted amount of time.

The law says he must return to the Scotland for a total of 365 days and renew/reapply for his visa card.

O'Driscoll has been coaching the Lady Lions soccer team for the past six seasons. He has led the program to five of the past six AMCC Championship games, having two titles under his belt in the 2006 and 2007 season.

When asked how he felt, O'Driscoll said, "I'm trying to keep a positive outlook on the situation. It's not what I want, I enjoy my job and coaching, but sometimes you have to do what you have to do."

He plans to travel, and is looking forward to being with his family.

"I have a lot of friends in the U.S., and one is already planning a trip to Scotland," said O'Driscoll. "I can visit Canada, so I'm thinking I'm going to go there so then I'll have a chance to visit with them as well."

As far as the team is concerned, everything is functioning as normal. Daniel Mudd, who was an Assistant Men's Soccer Coach last season, has been named the new head women's soccer coach and O'Driscoll is easing him into the program.

"I'm still doing recruiting work," said O'Driscoll. "Dan is going to continue to do the recruiting once I leave, but until then he's helping me out and I'm trying to do as much as I can before I leave."

Behrend has told O'Driscoll his position will be held for him until his return back to the U.S. and that couldn't make him any happier.

"Coaching is something I love to do and knowing

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## A new species of counselor



Daniel Smith / The Behrend Beacon

The newest member of the Personal Counseling staff is one year old Ernie, a certified service dog. Ernie joined the team on Dec. 1.

Sue Daley, Director of Personal Counseling, proposed the idea to Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs, who followed up with Penn State University officials and facilitated Ernie's approval. Service and therapy dogs are becoming more popular on college campuses across the nation.

Many research studies have shown dogs can be good catalysts for positive lifestyle behavioral changes and help to strengthen protective factors such as stress relief and decreased depression and isolation.

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38/27 AM snow showers,  
cloudy in the pm



**saturday**  
37/26 mostly cloudy



**sunday**  
39/25 partly sunny