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McGarry named to all American water polo team

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endeavors with his various teams. Growing up in Annapolis, he got the opportunity to play for the Naval team, until he came to Behrend

"Water polo is a pretty popular sport in Annapolis, and I was able to play for the Navy," said McGarry. "It was a lot of fun and helped me improve as a player."

McGarry made big waves at his first year at Behrend. He contributed throughout the season with He played in 22 games and recorded 28 assists, 41 steals and also had 24 drawn kick outs. McGarry made his mark as a goal scorer with 39 total goals while attempting 101 shots.

After a recovering from a broken collarbone this past winter, the Lions look to Colin to continue playing such a large role as the team hopes to make the season successful. McGarry will get the chance to show his skills in his hometown, as the Lions will travel to Annapolis for the Navy open in the first week of September.

"It'll be great playing back home in Annapolis," McGarry said, "and getting to see my friends and family back home is great as well."

When McGarry cannot be found in the Junker pool, he can be seen long boarding around the hills of Behrend. His friendly persona makes him easy to talk to, and his attitude towards his success is extremely humble. McGarry has to play a vital role if this team wants to see success, and after such a strong freshman start, anything less would be seem to be a let down.

The sport of water polo would not be considered main stream by most people in society, but for one Behrend individual its considered a way of life. Maybe because to most the idea of treading water while roughly fighting for a ball is unpleasant, or unachievable. But to Colin McGarry, the sport is a huge aspect of his life, and his passion was rewarded after being named to the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches All-American Team.

Growing up on the east coast in Annapolis, Maryland, Colin McGarry grew up with water playing a major part in his life. Whether it was sailing or joining the swim team at a young age, Colin knew he loved being in or around the water.

"I always loved the things that had to do with water. Our family has a sail boat, and I was always swimming and water polo just came naturally to me," said McGarry. Colin began playing water polo at 10 after spending years on a the Navy swim team. Even though he enjoyed swimming, adding a ball and goals was just a new element of excitement to something he already enjoyed.

"I like the fact that I could wrestle while in water, and at that point I was done with swimming," said McGarry

Colin quickly rose as a player to watch in the water polo team, after many successful

Baseball Dominates section, goes deep in NCAA

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The three-peat 2010 AMCC Champion men's baseball team saw a successful post-season run in their spring season. On May 16th, Behrend won their third consecutive AMCC playoff match against conference rival Frostburg State, crowning themselves as three-peat champions.

From this championship came a berth into the NCAA Tournament, with wins against Penn State Altoona, Mount Aloysius, and above mentioned Frostburg State, Behrend continued to look for bigger things come tournament time.

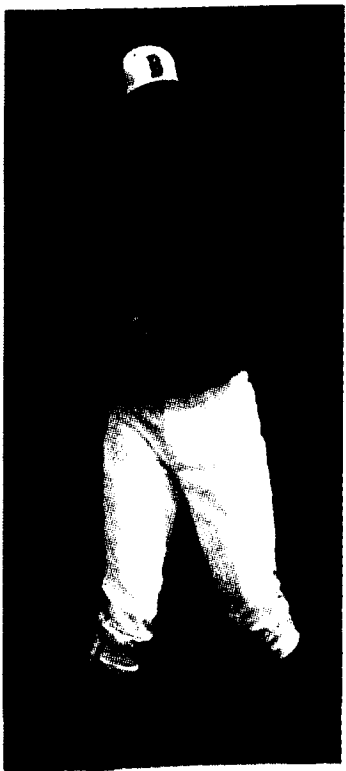
In their first tournament match, Behrend went on to beat Wooster in the NCAA Midwest Regional. It took Behrend extra innings, but they were able to overcome momentum that had catered Wooster's way. Extra innings, and two games during the AMCC Conference Championship would not slow Behrend down. Behrend had support from their upperclassmen, and most importantly from their strong cast of underclassmen players.

Behrend continued their success with a 7-6 victory over Thomas Moore College in their second NCAA Tournament match. This game also came down to late inning dramatics. Behrend would improve their Spring 2010 record to 31-15, and would focus their attention to number one ranked Heidelberg University.

On May 21st, Behrend saw their season come to an end. They were unable to beat number one ranked Heidelberg University. If Behrend had won they

would have seen themselves move on to the Regional Championship Series. On this same night, Behrend saw themselves eliminated by tournament host Marietta College.

Behrend had a successful year. The Lions finished the season with a 31-17 record. This was their third straight year with 30 plus wins. Along with this, 7 players were named to the AMCC All-Conference Team including player of the Year Josh Fyffe. Lastly, this year's senior class would go down with the most wins in Behrend History.



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Freshman James Verona winds up before a pitch last season.

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