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Swimmers and Divers capture third consecutive AMCC title

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team won the 400, 200, and 800 freestyle relay with times of 3:19.07, 1:29.28, and 7:20.88 respectively. The team also won the 400 yard medley relay.

Dombrosky believes that themen's swimming and diving team kept improving throughout the

"The men's swimming and diving has continued to impress me throughout the season," said Dombrosky. "At every meet there was constant improvement;

faster times here, and higher diving scores there. It is just wonderful to see everyone pushing themselves and putting their best foot forward when race day comes around. It was another outstanding season as the team is now three time, back, to back, to back AMCC Champions."

Kovach, Dombrosky, and junior Steve Graves all were awarded AMCC performers of the week honors because of their strong performances.

"We knew all three performers of the week were going to put up some good swims and diving scores," said Tristan. "They feed off the positive competition brought to the pool by their teammates."

Kovach was awarded first team all-AMCC honors in both the three meter and one meter diving events. She holds all four of Behrend's diving records and has captured two Diver of the Year awards during both years that she has attended Behrend.

Dombrosky qualified for the ECAC championships due to the success of the relay races in the

AMCC championship.

"It feels good to know that the hard work that my teammates and myself did paid off," said Dombrosky. "I am definitely proud to say I am a part of Behrend swimming and glad I could be there to help the team to another AMCC victory."

Graves was named AMCC Diver of the Year for the second time. He was also named diver of the week after his AMCC Championship performance, marking the seventh time he has received the award this season. Graves defended his AMCC title as he placed first in the one meter diving with a score of 332.25 and outscored his opponents by nearly 60 points.

Graves, Dombrosky, Zomcik, and Weaver were named on the first team all-conference for the men's team.

Dombrosky was also named as first team all-conference individually in the 500 freestyle and the 100 fly.

Additionally, Weaver was honored as first team all-conference in the 100 and 200 freestyle along with the four relays.

In the 50 freestyle, Zomcik received individual honors and broke the AMCC championship a member of three first team Allmeet record with a time of 22.14 in the 50 freestyle event.

Just like the men's team, the women's swimmers and divers earned AMCC all-conference awards as well.

Kovach received the AMCC Women's Diver of the Year award. She also was named first team all-AMCC in both the three meter and one meter diving events.

"I was excited," said Kovach when asked about her reaction after she found out she was the AMCC Women's Diver of the Year. "I feel I did my best to improve my skills from last year so I could do better this year and it is really nice to be recognized for my efforts and hard work."

Van Epps was named first team all-AMCC in the 200 fly as well as the 200 free relay, 400 medley relay, and 400 free relay.

Lawrence was named first team All-AMCC in the 100 fly and to once again break the school earned first team honors in the 200 free relay, 400 medley relay, and 200 medley relay.

Freshman Hilary MacManus earned first team All-AMCC honors as part of the all four relay races. Freshman Julie Cook was AMCC relay teams.

Junior Danielle Wilson made the All-AMCC first team as a part of two relay teams, the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay. Freshman Heather Vickery was named to the All-AMCC first team in the 400 medley relay.

According to Tristan, Behrend will have five participants in the ECAC Championships. Kovach, Weaver, Dombrosky, Zomcik, and Strunk will be competing in Boston, Massachusetts on Feb. 28 through March 1.

"Really, my only goals are to do the best I can," said Kovach. "That's been my goal all season and I would like to keep that up. If I try my best and I do well, I know that I will achieve something that I really want."

Dombrosky also has goals in mind for the upcoming championship.

"At the ECACs, the team plans record in the 800 freestyle as well as lower all of our times in our events," individual Dombrosky. "We are ready for the meet and our main goal is to place higher than where we are seated going into the meet."



A Behrend swimmer competes in an event.

Club hockey team makes Behrend history

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second round playoff games. In the first round, Penn State defeated SUNY Fredonia in a close and exciting game 4-3 on Saturday, Feb. 21. Two goals were scored by forward Josh Horvath. Forward Nick Winarski and forward Jordan Shelleby added one goal each.

Going into the game, Behrend was 0-3 against Fredonia this year. Fredoniasis the only team in the CHE who qualified for Nationals this season.

"Coming off the solid win over Fredonia the day before really had us fired up [for the second playoff] time injuries that put two playgame]," said Jones.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the Lions controlled the second round game weeks and two players out for the and dominated Pitt-Johnstown by a score of 7-0.

Simanic was the led scorer for Behrend with four goals and contributed two assists. Horvath had two goals and three assists while forward Chad Wagner scored one had a great season. goal and tallied three assists.

14-8-1 and a league record of 6-6-

pretty well," said Jones. "We did have some major highlights including our favorite, defeating the Penn State [State College] DII team 6-5 in the Ice Pavillion. We also defeated some strong teams in an ACHA Showcase Tournament in Roanoke, VA early in the season like Cincinnati, South Florida, and North Virginia CC."

According to Duchini, the season started off with four significant injuries to players who produced goals.

"I don't think our season has been the easiest," said Duchini. "Starting off we had four long ers. Josh Horvath and Brad Alayon, out for six to eight season, Jim Carrol and Justin Duchini. The injured players all had shoulder injuries."

Despite injuries continuing for Behrend throughout the season, Duchini believes that the team

should have won and more injuries awaiting us," said "Overall, our season has gone Duchini. "It would be safe to say

that at least half of our team has some type of injury that they are playing through for the love of the team and of the game. Overall I think we had a great season with everyone pushing each other to get better every day."

From the beginning of the season, Duchini knew the team would make the playoffs.

"We lost some very key players from last year and had some very big shoes to fill, but the players from last year and the new players coming in this year started off playoff bound," explained Duchini. "With all the teams ever changing in this league, I thought we would at least make playoffs and maybe give an upset to some teams along the way. A big downfall was our first loss in our first game to Fredonia 8-0, but the year got better and we ended up beating them in the first round of the playoffs.

The club hockey team is a Division III club and are members of two leagues, College Hockey "After that we had our ups and East (CHE) and the American Behrend has an overall record of downs with games we lost and Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

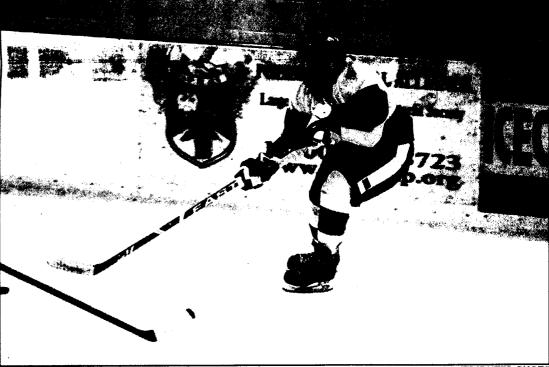
> "CHE is a regional league consisting of teams as far north as

SUNY Fredonia, south as West Virginia University, and east as Penn State Altoona," said Jones. "ACHA is a nation-wide league. Cal U won both the CHE and ACHA last year, making them the National Champions.'

Duchini has a total of 11 years of experience at the head coaching position. This season marks his third year coaching Behrend's club hockey team and the team has gotten better each year.

"My first year we went to the first round of playoffs and lost to St. Vincent," said Duchini. "My second year we beat St. Vincent in the first round, a first in Penn State Behrend team history, and lost to Penn State Altoona in the

second round. We also made it to Regionals that year. This year we beat Fredonia in the first round 4-. 3 and Pitt Johnstown in the second round 7-0. We also went to Regionals this year, and will hopefully win the CHE Championship."



Chris Simanic, the assistant captain and treasurer of the club, looks to receive a pass.

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Student Government Association Elections for terms starting in Fall 2009 are underway. The deadline to run for a position on SGA for fall is Tuesday March 17th by 5:00 p.m. to the RUB Desk.

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For more information, contact Co-Election Director Lauren Brake at leb5044@psu.edu.





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