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DYNASTY

WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS FIFTH CONSECUTIVE AMCC CHAMPIONSHIP

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The women's tennis team won their ninth AMCC Championship on Aug. 18.

The women's tennis program has won all nine of those titles in the past 13 years. This year marked the ninth championship season led by head coach Jeff Barger and the third for seniors Christy Calvert and Karen Hobaugh.

"Christy and Karen were great student athletes," Barger said. "They did the best they could do on and off the court. In four years they each overcame a lot to help us do well. They will be missed as leaders on the team."

Behrend, Penn State Altoona and Frostburg State were established as the top three contenders for the championship from the get go. Each team received nine points in doubles play.

Frostburg State got off to the fastest start winning two of the three doubles finals against Behrend's pairs. Only Behrend's number two duo of junior Hillary Lasher and sophomore Leslie Durante could scrap out a finals win in doubles competition, 9-8, (4).

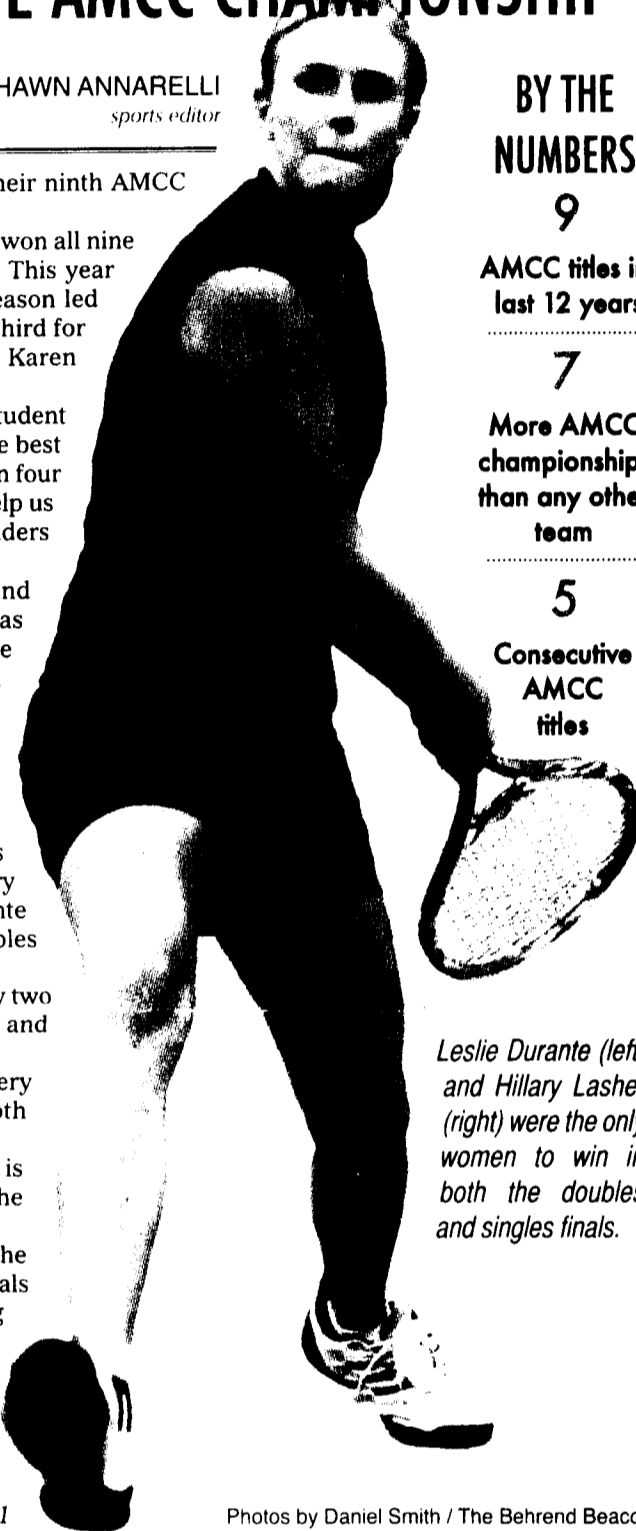
Lasher and Durante were the only two to record finals victories in singles and doubles competition.

Behrend went undefeated in every singles final to pull away from both Frostburg State and Altoona.

"I just told the ladies that doubles is over," Barger said. "Play singles the way we can play. Have fun."

Sophomore Arica Christman led the singles. Christman swept the top finals match and defeated Frostburg State's Elle Dannenfelsler (6-3, 6-2).

Christman and her doubles partner, sophomore Stephanie Catron, rebounded with victories in single finals



Leslie Durante (left) and Hillary Lasher (right) were the only women to win in both the doubles and singles finals.

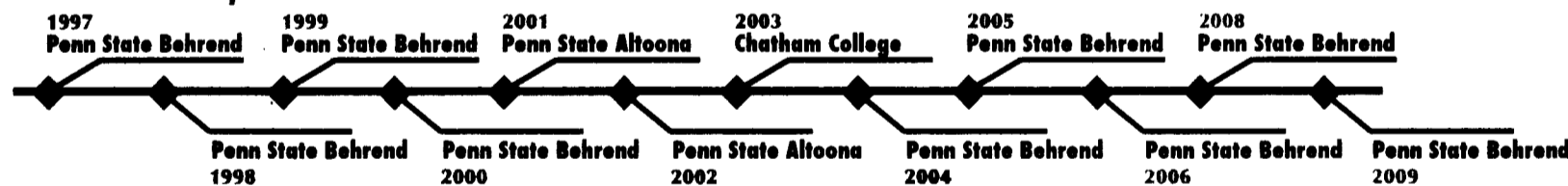
BY THE NUMBERS

- 9 AMCC titles in last 12 years
- 7 More AMCC championships than any other team
- 5 Consecutive AMCC titles

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Past AMCC Champions:



"Pronounced Equal" Pat Black III named 2009 Alumni Fellow

Equality speaker packs Smith Chapel

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On Tuesday, Oct. 20, Robyn Ochs, an activist for gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, visited the Smith Chapel to raise awareness of her cause at Penn State Behrend.

Her presentation, entitled "I Now Pronounce You...Equal," included a discussion of the status of same-sex marriage today on both the state and federal levels, and the emotional, legal, and financial advantages of being able to marry.

She also showed a video of her own wedding to her partner

of seven years.

In response to "right-wing evangelicals who talk about the 'threat' of gay marriage," Ochs asked her audience, "do I look threatening?" She explained that it is a "creepy and strange feeling" to be the subject of a heated debate: whether same-sex couples, with or without children, are "real" families.

She explained that many people experience "magical thinking," that if they wish gay people away that they will go away, but that "gays don't need permission to exist, they are [simply] asking for acknowledgement of what already exists."

On Nov. 18, 2003, the state of Massachusetts was the first in the United States to rule all couples deserving of equal

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CHRISTINE NEWBY
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Samuel P. "Pat" Black III was named Penn State Behrend's 2009 Alumni Fellow, the most prestigious honor given by the Penn State Alumni Association.

Black received the Alumni Fellow Award in McGarvey Commons on Thursday. Among the guests were past Alumni Fellow honorees and Penn State Behrend undergraduates who are recipients of the Samuel P. Black III and Susan L. Black Trustee Scholarship.

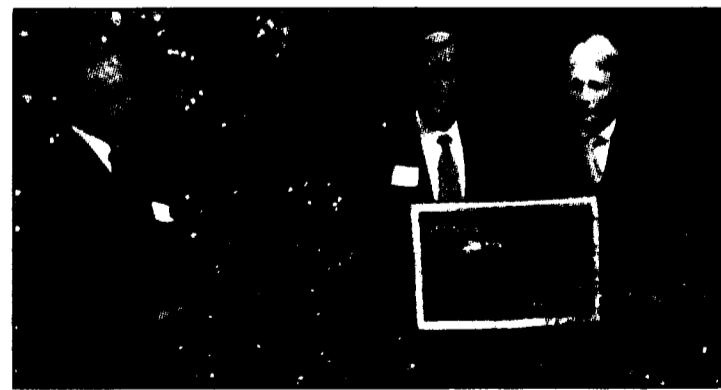
"I am most honored to have been named as a 2009 Alumni Fellow and to be in the company of the others named who are striving to make an impact and make a difference in their respective areas," Black said.

According to Roger Williams, Executive Director of Penn State Alumni Association, the

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Sam "Pat" Black III

- Graduate of Penn State
- Chairman of Erie Management Group
- Founder and president of the Blackstone Ranch Institute
- President of Samuel P. Black & Associates insurance agency
- Director, Penn State Erie Council of Fellows



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Pat Black received the Alumni Fellow Award on Thursday night.

dinner in McGarvey preceded a ceremony at University Park the night before, on Wednesday. Williams said that 24 Alumni Fellows were inducted and about 325 people were in attendance at the ceremony.

Since 1973, only 25 alumni nominated by Penn State Behrend have been named

Alumni Fellows. "The intent (of the Alumni Fellow Award) is to recognize and celebrate high achieving alumni for their career and life achievements," said Williams. "Then we bring them back to campus so they can interact with students, faculty, staff, and so on and so forth."

According to Magenau, Black has had a huge impact on the college. The Black family endowed \$20 million to support the School of Business in March 1998, which was the third largest gift ever received

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saturday
61 46
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-Matt Alto, weather editor