

Confidence, team strengths propel tennis team to victory

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This year's Penn State Hazleton tennis team is well on its way to the championship after the duo of Bryan Mahoney and Dave Lombardi captured the number three doubles championship at the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference Tennis Championships which took place Sunday and Monday at University Park.

Penn State Hazleton ended the season with a 5-1 record, leaving them tied with Ogontz and Delaware campuses. Hazleton is scheduled to meet Ogontz this Thursday at 2:30 p.m.; the winner will go on to oppose Delaware for the championship.

This year, the Penn State Hazleton tennis team was strong and enjoyed a very successful season. Hazleton has

a lot of depth that other teams are lacking, and this meant the difference in matches during the season. "We had players that were sitting on the bench or were waiting to substitute in, who would probably play on other teams," said head coach Deidre Jago.

"Our strength lies in the number of players we had. It is definitely to our advantage. If we had an illness or an

injury, we always had someone ready to step in," added Jago.

As far as Jago is concerned, the only weakness found in the team was a lack of patience. "We had some real bad temper problems which stemmed from a lack of patience," said Jago.

The team as a whole continued to improve throughout the season. This built up the players' confidence, and as time went on, confidence came into play when the team met their toughest competitors, including Delaware.

"We had a lot of talent. Everyone on the team was good. I didn't really see any weaknesses except for tempers on the court. If you get angry, you'll lose your concentration. If you make a bad shot, you have to get over it and keep going," said sophomore David Lomparidi.

For Jago, coaching the team is enjoyable and something she loves to do. "I love tennis and I enjoy seeing the students play."

European lecture informs students and the public

The audience's interest and eagerness was as sweeping as the discussion at a lecture concerning the radical change in Eastern Europe. The lecture, hosted by Dr. Eugene Miller, assistant professor of history, was held in the Evelyn Graham Building on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Counselor of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland Wojciech Adamiecki, representative from the Czechoslovak Embassy Vladimir Galuska, and Steven Rubin of the State Department Eastern European desk shared a table at the front of the auditorium and addressed questions from Dr. Miller, and later from the audience. The panel entertained a variety of questions from the active audience, and due to time restraints the forum reluctantly concluded.

Seminars often provide excellent learning experiences. Freshman Scott Bahlavooni attends Dr. Miller's International Understanding class, and was surprised by the diplomat's observations. "Our classroom discussions led me to believe that Czechoslovakia's political and economic change progressed at a slower pace than the other Eastern European countries, however the diplomats said that Czechoslovakia's change was equal in pace to Poland's."

Dance, contest held recently

by Corey D. Gesford

On Thursday, September 5, freshman Dawn Huff and sophomore Steve Salak garnered the title of "Best Buns" during the annual "Club Fandango Best Buns Contest" hosted by the Student Union Board in the Commons building. Runners up are sophomore Daffodil Palada and sophomore Vince McCollum.

John Collins served as mc. Judges for the male contestants were Student Union Board members Jen Althouse, Vicki Chontofalsky, Lori Conway and Marlene Timozek. Scoring the women were Ron Matysik, John Soltysik, and "Big Dave".