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## WQLN hosts English-Dahlkemper debate

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The fourth and final congressional debate was held at the WQLN studio Thursday. Incumbent Congressman Phil English (R-PA) debated relevant topics of this year's election with Democrat newcomer Kathy Dahlkemper, in an event reminiscent of the recent Presidential debates.

Marsha McKinnon of WSEE-TV, Kevin Flowers of the Erie Times-News, and Sean Lafferty of WJET-TV formed the panel for the night, addressing the candidates with issues they thought were relevant to the Erie community.

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Professor Kim Young of the Communication department at Penn State Behrend served as the moderator for the live event broadcast on WQLN, the local PBS affiliate. She required her "Campaigns, Elections, and the Media" class to be in attendance at the studio.

One of her students, junior Katelyn Chiappazzi, found that a lot of what was said at the debate could be related to the views of Senators McCain and Obama. "I thought that a lot of the techniques we discussed in class were obvious, and it seemed that most of the topics were very similar to the topics appearing in the presidential debate," Chiappazzi

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Left: Democrat Kathy Dahlkemper, Right: Republican incumbent Phil English

## Women's tennis team wins AMCC championship

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The Penn State Behrend Women's Tennis team took their fourth AMCC Championship in a row this past weekend, taking down top-ranked Frostburg. This is the team's eighth title in eleven years of AMCC tennis; the conference began play in 1997, according to the sports department.

The championships came at the end of a 6-1 streak, in which they outscored opponents 56-9. Their 3-6 loss to Grove City the weekend of the tournament came as their first loss since September, when they lost to Westminster. Their 14-3 record puts them as one of the best in the past several years of Behrend tennis.

Head Coach Jeff Barger, in his eleventh year as both the women's and men's tennis coach, has been voted the AMCC coach of the year seven times, according to Behrend's athletic website. His teams have posted impressive records; last year, the women's tennis team finished with a 13-2 record. The year before, when the team won the 2006 AMCC Championships, the team went 15-1 and edged out Penn State Altoona for the championship.

This year, the women's tennis team had two players named as the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Athlete of the Week: junior Karen Hobaugh and this week's selection, freshman Arica Christman. Sophomore Hilary Lasher was named the AMCC Women's Tennis player of the week twice, following a 9-0 victory over Frostburg State and a victory over La Roche. Freshman Leslie Durante was also named the AMCC Women's Tennis player of the week following a week with three victories.

The Lions relied on their leaders in the Championships. Christman took #1 singles, and #2 doubles with partner Stephanie Catron, who also took #3 singles play. Lasher took #5 singles and #3 doubles. Hobaugh and Durante won #4 and #6 singles, respectively. Christy Calvert, Hobaugh's doubles partner, took #2 singles.

Behrend's domination on the court translated into their opponents being blown out in the final points count. They finished with 26 points, with Frostburg in a distant second with 15, and Penn State Altoona took third with 12. After winning all singles and doubles competitions but one, Behrend's women's tennis team punctuated their season with an emphatic championship victory and a promise that the tennis program's domination will not end soon.

## CardboardCity



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One example of a student's home for CardboardCity outside of the Reed Union Building.

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Practically overnight, new residences sprang up all over Behrend's campus. Instead of buildings of brick and stone, they were makeshift shacks constructed from cardboard boxes and plastic tarps.

The floors were usually lined with sleeping bags and tens of blankets, along with textbooks and class notes. Students sat in the doorways, huddled up in winter jackets with their hoods pulled up

over their faces. Next to them on the ground were different jugs, mugs, and cups filled halfway with odd change and dollar bills.

Behrend students were stepping into the shoes of a homeless person in the annual CardboardCity fundraiser. This event gives school clubs and organizations the chance to build a dwelling from cardboard boxes in any location on campus of their

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## Specter holds town hall meeting



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U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) answered a question from Nate Boring, President of Penn State Behrend College Republicans.

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## Volleyball team undefeated in AMCC

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The Behrend women's volleyball team left the Frostburg State Bobcats stunned at the Junker Center this past weekend. The Lions defeated rival and 2007 AMCC champion Frostburg State by a score of 3-1.

This important matchup featured two undefeated teams in the conference.

"It was a terrific performance by the players," said Head Coach Phil Pisano. "They really stepped up in the biggest match of the year. Everyone contributed and played well. It was the perfect time for it."

Along with Pisano, the players were also excited to extend their undefeated AMCC record to 5-0 and hand Frostburg State their first loss in the conference.

"I feel that we had a very successful win," said junior Brooke Gallentine. "We were focused and worked hard. We knew what we had to do and we went out on the court and gave it our all."

Junior Carissa Johnston expressed the same emotions about the win over Frostburg State.

"I feel that the team played with a lot of focus and energy," said Johnston. "I felt as though we kept the momentum and never let up."

According to the Penn State Behrend website, sophomore Danielle Woods and freshman Lauren Dalton both had nine kills. Johnston and freshman Danielle Kindle contributed seven kills. Gallentine led the team with 29 assists. Defensively, Woods led in the dig category with 26, freshman Liz Emerick had 18 digs, and freshman Stefanie Kelley added 15 more digs.

"It's tough to say that one person really led in the game because everyone contributed," explained Pisano. "Brooke Gallentine, our setter, played really well. She did a nice job of spreading the ball around and handling tight passes."

Also, it was Johnston's best game since she came back from her injury.

Johnston was out of the lineup for six weeks with an injury.

"It's been tough to sit out for six weeks," said Johnston. "I'm just glad to be back to finish out the season. While injured, I would give information from the sidelines, always try and give support, and be of help whenever I could."

With only three remaining games left in the season, the Lions have their eyes set on staying undefeated in the AMCC.

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### Weekend Weather:

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Friday: Mostly Sunny. High 61 F. Winds SSE 10 to 20 mph.  
Saturday: Rain, Clouds. High 56 F. Chance of precipitation 70%.  
Sunday: Windy, mix of clouds and sun. High 57 H. Chance of precipitation 10 %.

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