

THE HERON SOCIETY of William Smith College

Champion of Champions, celebrating 20 years of support

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Iklé named US SAILING Coach of the Year

SAILING—In conjunction with the U.S. Olympic Committee, US SAILING named Hobart and William Smith Sailing Head Coach **SCOTT IKLÉ '84** National Coach of the Year. It is the second time he has been honored by US SAILING and the U.S. Olympic Committee, earning the 1998 Developmental Coach of the Year.

Now in his 11th season with the Colleges, Iklé has led HWS sailors to 17 ICSA North American Championship events, including eight top-5 finishes. This fall, Hobart finished second in the ICSA North American Sloop championships. During the 2002-03 academic year, the Colleges qualified for four of the ICSA's six North American events, including a second place finish in the Sloop Championship and a fourth place showing in the Team Race Championship. Since 1996, 25 sailors have earned All-American honors under his tutelage.



US SAILING National Coach of the Year Scott Iklé

The HWS coed sailing team is second in the latest Sailing World rankings.

"Scott has enjoyed a tremendous year as a coach at both the collegiate and international levels," William Smtih Director of Athletics SUSAN BASSETT said. "He has built up incredible momentum in our program, leading our sailors to four national championship events, including back-to-back second place finishes in the Sloop Championships, and playing an important role in the construction of the Bozzuto Boathouse.

"Add to that success the triumphs of the U.S. Sailing team in the Pan Am Games and it's hard See Coach of the Year, p. 2

Costanza captures UCAA I-meter championship, Named co-Diver of the Meet



UCAA 1-meter champion Sarah Costanza '06

SWIMMING & DIVING—Sophomore diver **SARAH COSTANZA** continues to make big splashes in the standings with small splashes in the water. The native of Ambler, Pa., captured her first UCAA title, winning the 1meter diving competition with a score of 347.15 at the UCAA Championships. She followed that winning performance with a third place finish in the 3-meter competition to earn Co-Diver of the Meet accolades. Her 36 points for the weekend helped the William Smith swimming and diving team to a fifth place finish in the conference.

The Herons opened the meet with a fourth place finish in the 200yard freestyle relay. Juniors JENNY FOWLER and BECKY GROSSMAN joined up with sophomores ADRIENNE BROCKWAY and KATE FELLER, turning in a time of 1:45.94, just three-tenths of a second out of third place. Feller and Fowler closed out the first day of swimming competition, combining for 21 points with sixth and ninth place finishes in the

50 free.

Heading into the second day of competition in sixth place and looking to make up ground on St. Lawrence and Rensselaer in the fourth and fifth spots, respectively, the Herons earned valuable points right from the start, taking third in the 200 medley relay to open day two of racing. Feller, Grossman, senior **LISBETH ENGST** and first-year **CHARLOTTE McINTOSH** edged Union by nearly half of See UCAA Championship Meet, p. 2

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Cathcing up with...

Christie Hayes '71

A 1997 inductee into the Heron Hall of Honor, Christie Hayes '71 was an exceptional swimmer and tennis player during her undergraduate days in Geneva.

As a Heron, she was the first to represent the College at the New York State Championships during the 1967-68 season. The following year she won the state championship in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Thirty-three years after graduation, Hayes is still a force in the pool.

In 1986, Hayes competed in her first Master's World Swimming Championships, winning two gold and two silver medals. Some things (and people) just get better with age.

Hayes won five gold medals and a silver medal at the 2003 Championships hosted by Rutgers University.



Hayes swan under the Heron logo at the Master's World Championships, winning six medals.

More Heron Heroes

Thank You For Your Loyal Support

In addition to those recognized in the previous issue of the HERONews, the Heron Society would like to express its appreciation to the following people and businesses for their sustained annual support of William Smith Athletics:

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Herons ink deal with SportsPics.net

Hobart and William Smith Sports Information Director KEN DeBOLT announces an agreement between the Colleges and SportsPics.net that makes the local company the official sports photography provider for the Herons and Statesmen athletic teams.

Based in Seneca Falls, SportsPics.net is owned and operated by Kevin Colton. The Web-based business specializes in photography featuring Finger Lakes-area youth, as well as scholastic, collegiate, and adult sporting events.

"Kevin is an outstanding photographer whose work will help us enhance the Colleges' athletics Web site and recruiting publications," DeBolt said. "In addition, SportsPics.net gives our parents and fans an easy-to-use Web site to purchase pictures of their favorite Heron or Statesman at an affordable rate."

Coach of the Year (from p. I)

to imagine anyone with better credentials. Clearly, this is a well deserved honor."

On the international level, Iklé was head coach for the 13-member U.S. Sailing Team in the 2003 Pan Am Games. In addition to coaching the ultimate gold medalists in two events (Mistral Women and J/24) in Santo Domingo, Iklé's coaching was considered instrumental in the performance of the windsurfers who subsequently won their respective Olympic Team Trials in November and will represent the United States in Athens next summer.

"For me, Scott really stood out as head coach," said three-time Pan Am medalist Lanee Butler Beashal. "He definitely helped me win the gold medal at the 2003 Pan Am Games. And, I got an e-mail from our Hobie sailors a month later saying that the experience they got in Santo Domingo has helped them win a bunch of Hobie regattas since. They said it was because of the feedback—the Hobies sailed on our course—from Scott."

A native of Manhasset, N.Y., Iklé holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Hobart, and a master's degree in environmental studies from Long Island University. He lives in Geneva with his wife, Michelle, and their daughter, Kristen.

UCAA Championship Meet (from p. 1)

a second with a time of 1:58.34. Grossman added 11 more points to the board, touching the wall in eighth place in the 100 fly, while Engst turned in her strongest performance of the season in the 100 breaststroke. Eclipsing her time from the 2002 UCAA Championships by over two seconds, Engst captured third place with a time of 1:12.33.

McIntosh continued her sound rookie performance later in the day with top-10 finishes in the 100 and 200 backstroke races.

Meanwhile, Engst, Grossman, Hoffman, and first-year ASHLEY STAFFORD made sure to keep the Herons' ahead of the Saints in the final standings by leading the Herons to 45 points in the final two individual events of the weekend.

Engst completed the 200 breaststroke in 2:38.77 for third place, just missing her career best, while Hoffman turned in a ninth place performance in the same race.

Grossman closed out the meet for William Smith with the 200 fly, touching in at 2:23.90 for eighth place.

The Herons return to the pool fresh off their training trip in Florida on Jan. 17, traveling to the Rensselaer Invitational. The competition is scheduled to begin at noon.

Bassett completes term as Management Council chair with Significant reforms at NCAA convention

GENEVA. N.Y.—Led by William Smith College Director of Athletics SUSAN **BASSETT**, the NCAA Division III membership adopted eight proposals as part of a reform package at its annual legislative session on Jan. 12, at the NCAA's annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

A member of the Susan Bassett Management Council since 1999, Bassett completed her four-year term on the council at the convention. After serving as the vice chair in 2002, she spent the past year as the council's chair, spearheading the reform movement.

"I'm pleased that the Division III membership voted in such strong support for the reform agenda," Bassett said. "It shows a strong consensus of the division to stay together. I think the legislative slate provides a framework for our diverse membership to stay together.

"I'm proud of the work of the council and engaging the membership in the reform discussion. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in the capacity of chair. It has been a distinct honor and



privilege.

"I look forward to the work of Division III under the guidance of NCAA President Myles Brand, who has done an exceptional job of connecting the athletics mission with the academic priority of higher education."

Among the proposals adopted were an end to the practice of "red-shirting," an annual financial-aid

reporting process, a reduction in the length of playing and practice seasons, and the creation of limitations on practice and competition in the nontraditional season. The membership also adopted a proposal that permits eight Division III institutions currently offering a Division I sport and athletics scholarships to continue.

The membership approved a financial-aid review process that will require institutions to report to the NCAA, a comparison of financial-aid packaging for freshmen and first-year transfer studentathletes with the aid packages awarded to other freshmen and transfer students.

The membership approved legislation to shorten the playing season from 21

weeks to 18 weeks in fall sports and 19 weeks in winter and spring sports, and significantly limit practice and competition during the nontraditional segment for fall and spring sports.

"I would call [Monday's] votes on academic reform in Division III a significant success," Brand said. "All in all, Division III made an important statement about intercollegiate athletics today."

In other legislation, the Division III membership voted to:

- Require institutions to certify annually that participating studentathletes present proof of insurance coverage up to the amount of the deductible of the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program.
- Prohibit an institution from using income from endowment funds specifically for financial aid for student-athletes.
- Revise the division's philosophy statement to specify that athletics recruitment complies with established institutional policies and procedures applicable to the admissions process.
- Allow student-athletes to issue a "selfrelease" to contact other institutions about a potential transfer.

First-years make big impact for cagers

BASKETBALL—In the team's final tune-up before diving into its UCAA slate, the William Smith basketball team looked like a championship contender. The Herons dispatched Buffalo State 65-33, while collecting 57 rebounds and harrassing the Bengals into a dismal .206 FG%.

William Smith's impressive board work is the most since the Herons grabbed 58 against Clarkson in 1996, while the Buffalo State field goal percentage is the lowest by a William Smith opponent in over a decade.

At 5-4, it may be a bit premature to start predicting titles, but for one night in Bristol Gym, the young Heron lineup (just one senior) looked very impressive. Firstyear forward ASHLEY RODGER led the charge with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The Waterloo native leads the team in rebounding (8.3 rpg) and is second in scoring (8.7 ppg).

The current scoring leader is also a member of the Class of 2007, guard **ANNE HELLEBUSH** (pictured). The UCAA Guard of the Week and the UCAA Rookie of the Week in consecutive weeks, ranks among the top-10 in the UCAA in free throw percentage (5th, .800), scoring (6th, 12.0), three-point field goals made (7th, 35), and three-point field goal percentage (9th, .340).

While the roster is short on experience, there's no shortage of leadership. Senior guard STEPHANIE LEVEILLE is averaging 5.1 ppg, 3.9 apg, and 2.0 spg, all well above her career averages entering this season.



The Herons may not be the preseason favorite in the UCAA, but opponents would be wise not to look past the fourtime UCAA Champs. This William Smith squad has all of the ingredients to make a championship run.

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