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HWS sailors headed for nationals with 1st Prosser Trophy win

GENEVA, N.Y.—The fourth-ranked Hobart and William Smith sailing team won each of its six races April 9-10, to capture the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) Team Race Championship. Winning the Prosser Trophy for the first time in the program's history, HWS earned a spot in the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA)/Layline Team Racing Championship on June 5-7, in Austin, Texas.

Sailing in very light conditions throughout the weekend, the seven-team field completed 22 races during the two-day regatta. Competing for the Colleges were senior **JOHN STORCK** and sophomore **AMANDA MARKEE**, senior **LEE SACKETT** and junior **MOLLY LAWSON**, and sophomore

TREVOR MOORE and junior **AUGUSTA NADLER**.

HWS started the weekend with a win over third-ranked Georgetown—the Hoyas lone loss in the regatta—and never looked back as it outraced each of its opponents in the next five races to go undefeated.

Also qualifying for nationals were runner-up Georgetown and third-place St. Mary's College.

Hobart and William Smith will compete in the ICSA/Layline Team Racing Championships on June 5-7, at the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. HWS earned runner-up honors last season, losing to rival St. Mary's College in a tie-breaker.



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Hérons capture Seneca Cup in successful weekend of racing

ROWING—The 10th-ranked William Smith crew completed another successful weekend of rowing, April 16-17, with victories in six of 10 races, including recapturing the Seneca Cup. The Herons have won 11 of the 17 races they've competed in this spring.

On April 16, in Saratoga Springs, the varsity eight finished second to Vermont (-1.02 sec), but won the Seneca Cup by besting fourth place Skidmore (+29.6 sec). **AMANDA LASSELL**, **JESSICA MAHON**, **LAURA BATCHELOR**, **KATHRYN PRIEST**, **EDWINA WILSON**, **COURTNEY CIOFFREDI**, **NICOLE BALSAMO**, **ELIZABETH STAINO**, and **LAUREN BRADY** covered the 2,000-meter course in 7:20.68.

William Smith posted four victories on the day, winning the second varsity eight, the novice eight, the varsity four and the novice four. The novice four of **JULIE KOZARSKY**, **JENNIFER KIRST**, **CRISTINA MULCAHY**, **CATE ELGERT**, and **WHITNEY HAYRE** notched the most impressive victory of the day, outracing the boats from Skidmore, Vermont, and Middlebury by more than 29 seconds.

On April 17, the Herons moved on to Worcester for a day of racing against RIT, WPI, RPI, TCNJ, Clark, and Tufts. William Smith earned triumphs in the second varsity eight and the novice eight and finished second in the varsity four. The varsity eight was fourth in a five-boat race.

The second varsity eight of **SONJA LORD**, **HANNAH GALLUP**,

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DEREK LUSTIG

Student-Athletes Aid Global Relief Effort



The student-athletes and coaches of Hobart and William Smith teamed up to assist the Save the Children's tsunami relief efforts. Bolstered by a matching gift from Hobart and William Smith trustee Tom Poole '61, the Colleges' more than 400 student-athletes presented a check for \$5,269.54 to Save the Children during halftime of the Hobart and William Smith basketball games on Feb. 18.

Lacrosse battling through injuries, inexperience

LACROSSE—William Smith has suffered the bumps and bruises physically and figuratively that often go along with a young and inexperienced squad. Returning just 38 percent of their scoring from 2004 and only six starters, the Herons have struggled to find the consistency necessary to stay atop the Liberty League.

William Smith started the season on the right foot, downing No. 16 Franklin & Marshall 11-8 in Wellington, Fla. Two days later against No. 9 Bowdoin, the Herons jumped ahead 2-0, but hit a wall offensively as the Polar Bears scored the next five goals to secure the 6-4 victory.

That turned out to be a microcosm of the season to come, as William Smith has played well in spurts but has struggled to close out opponents.

The Herons turned in dominating performances against Clarkson (14-4) and Denison (16-4), but couldn't pull out victories against conference foes St. Lawrence and Skidmore. The Saints scored the game's final three goals to win 12-11 in the fourth overtime, while the

Thoroughbreds shut down the Heron offense for the final 17 minutes to score an 8-6 victory. William Smith also grabbed victories over St. John Fisher and Rochester with a balanced scoring effort.

Despite the ups and downs, there have been many promising signs. Sophomores **SARAH DILLON** and **KATIE MALONEY** have flourished as first-time starters. Dillon has paced the offense, scoring at least a point in every game and leading the team in caused turnovers (18), while Maloney has added 15 points (12-3), tripling her output from 2004 with four games still remaining.

Defensively, senior **LIZ HARRIS** and junior **JESSICA TANNER** have been steady forces around the crease, ranking second and third on the team in caused turnovers, respectively.

In goal, rookies **MORGAN BAIRD** and **ADELE HAYWARD** have split time all season. Baird has put together a 3-2 record with a .549 save percentage and 8.47 goals against average, while Hayward is 2-4 overall with an 8.81 GAA.

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SUSAN TARRANT, SARAH POWELL, JESSICA WOJSLAW, LUCINDA KECK, MEGAN SEITER, SARAH LOOMIS, and MICHELLE DODGE

held an open water lead over Tufts, WPI and RPI on flat-water conditions.

Following a fiery start, William Smith took seats, and then lengthened their lead without looking back. Their finishing time of 7:20.8 was 4.07 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Tufts.

The novice eight of Kozarsky, Kirst, Wojslaw, Cioffredi, Seiter, Keck, Hayre, **JENNIFER LEVER**, and **HANNAH GALLUP** had a tremendous race, going bow-ball to bow-ball with Tufts for the first portion of the race. The Herons were able to break away and finish with an open water margin, crossing the line in 7:20.5, 3.7 seconds ahead of the runner-up Jumbos.

"The novice eight is our only undefeated boat and this is a testament to their athleticism and commitment to a new sport," Chu said. "Everyone in this boat learned to row at William Smith under Assistant Coach **KATIE GILL** and they've flourished under her leadership."

Next, William Smith turns its attention to defending its Liberty League crown. The second annual conference championships will be held on April 23, in Canton, N.Y.

Tennis rolls through spring schedule

TENNIS—The Herons came out of their fall schedule this season with a 7-4 record and hungry for more success. When the team's spring slate of matches kicked off in Hilton Head, S.C., the team went to work.

William Smith won a squeaker over Nebraska Wesleyan, 5-4, to open the southern swing, but pasted Missouri Valley and Wooster by the same 8-1 score to close out the trip.

Back in the Empire State, the Herons won their fifth straight match (including a win over RIT to close out the fall) by toppling the Bombers of Ithaca College on their home courts, 7-2.

The team suffered its lone setback of the spring against conference rival Skidmore. The regionally ranked Thoroughbreds (then No. 19) posted a 6-

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Colleges recognize National Student-Athlete Day, honor Class of 2006

GENEVA, N.Y.—The athletics departments of Hobart and William Smith recently observed National Student Athlete Day by hosting a luncheon to honor the Class of 2006, next season's senior class. President of the Liberty League Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), William Smith senior

CAROLINE WENZEL initiated the idea to applaud student-athletes for their dedication and hard work both in and out of the classroom. Wenzel, a four-year member of the William Smith soccer team, believes it's a way to recognize the student-athletes' ongoing commitment and enthusiasm to maintain a level of excellence in their academics and sport.

The luncheon hosted by the Hobart and William Smith Athletics Departments was held on April 6, in the Faculty Dining Room at Scandling Center. Student-athletes were asked to bring a faculty member of their choice.

National Student-Athlete Day recognizes accomplishments of student-athletes nationwide who excel in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in their community. College and university SAACs have created a variety of programs for National Student-Athlete Day. The programs include community outreach by visiting patients at local hospitals, speaking to elementary and middle school students about the importance of education, and hosting luncheons to recognize the accomplishments of their peers.

Bassett to leave Colleges in June for CMU

GENEVA, N.Y.—William Smith Director of Athletics **SUSAN BASSETT** has accepted the director of athletics and physical education position at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. The appointment is effective July 1, 2005.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunities, I've had at William Smith," Bassett said. "I believe the William Smith athletics staff is the best in Division III. It has been my privilege to work with them.

"Hobart and William Smith is a very special place for athletics."

Hobart and William Smith Colleges President **MARK D. GEARAN** praised Bassett's contributions to the Colleges.

"Susan Bassett has been an extraordinary leader for William Smith Athletics," Gearan said. "She cares deeply for our student-athletes and has built a coaching staff that is nationally regarded. We will miss her leadership and commitment to the Colleges."

At Carnegie Mellon, Bassett will oversee the university's 17 NCAA Division III varsity teams—nine for men and eight for women. The Tartans are members of the University Athletic Association.

"Susan comes to us with exceptional credentials and we have great confidence in her ability to lead our very successful varsity and intramural athletic programs," Carnegie Mellon Vice President for Enrollment William F. Elliott said. "She's a great leader, administrator, teacher and coach who is admired and respected by her peers."

Bassett's leadership at William Smith led to the addition of three varsity programs: sailing, squash, and golf, and a wide array of additions and upgrades to the Colleges' athletic facilities. Also under Bassett's guidance, Heron Society membership has swelled to record numbers.

A national powerhouse before her arrival, William Smith has continued its championship tradition during the Bassett-era. The Herons won two national championships and three ECAC Regional titles, as well as dozens of conference crowns.

Beyond the athletic arena, Bassett has been instrumental in developing the whole Heron with the introduction of the Peak Performance Plan. The program helps student-athletes soar academically, athletically, and professionally.

A member of the NCAA Division III Management Council from 1999 until 2004, including the final year of her term as the chair of the council, she oversaw the development and passage of the wide sweeping reform package that was adopted during the 2004 NCAA Convention. She presently serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators.



Susan Bassett

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3 win at the HWS Tennis Center, but the Herons rebounded to top Rochester four days later by a score of 7-2.

William Smith improved to 13-5 overall with a 7-2 win at Nazareth on April 10, that put the team within one win of matching the program record for wins in a season with one match remaining. Three Heron squads have compiled

14-win seasons, including the 2001-02 and 2002-03 squads under the direction of current Head Coach **CHIP FISHBACK**.

Senior **MOLLY PATTERSON** (13-8) and first-year **TARA WARE** (13-7) lead the team in singles wins, while senior **LAURA MAIER** is close behind with a 12-8 mark. The race to lead the team will come down to the final weekend in the annual William Smith Tournament.



Caroline Wenzel offered sage advice to juniors at the National Student-Athlete Day luncheon.

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The squash team set a program high water mark with a 15-5 record, won the Liberty League championship, and finished 15th in the Howe Cup standings, the best finish in the seven-year history of the program.

HERON WINTER WONDERLAND!



The basketball team compiled a 20-8 record, won the Liberty League regular season and tournament titles, and reached the NCAA Tournament sectional semifinals.



Coaches of the Year



Squash:
 Chip Fishback



Basketball: Olympia
 Scott-Richardson



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Senior swimmer Becky Grossman (left) and junior diver Sarah Costanza (upper left) enjoyed an outstanding winter. Grossman broke or matched six school records during the NYSWCAA Championships in February, while Costanza successfully defended her Liberty League 1-meter title in December and broke her own record on the 3-meter board in January. Both student-athletes represented William Smith in the NCAA Championship meet in Holland, Mich.