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## Grossman garners top prize at Heron Awards Banquet

**GENEVA, N.Y.**—The Heron Society and the William Smith College Department of Athletics honored the top student-athletes of 2004-05 at the annual Heron Awards Banquet on May 3. Senior swimmer **BECKY GROSSMAN** took home the night's top award, earning the Marion Harrison Greene '20 Award as William Smith's most outstanding senior athlete.

Originally told she would not be able to swim this year due to shoulder injuries, Grossman battled through the pain and reached her ultimate goal of qualifying for the NCAA Championship meet. Not only did Grossman earn a spot in the national championships at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championships, she also set five school records and matched another along the way.

Grossman owns individual records for the 50-yard butterfly (26.97), the 100 fly (57.71), and the 50 free (24.46), and shares the 100 free record (53.46). She also is a member of the record-setting 200 free (1:39.84) and 200 medley (1:53.64) relay teams.

The Winn-Seeley Award was presented to senior **SARAH COFFIN**. The Winn-Seeley Award recognizes an outstanding student-athlete who has contributed to many areas of William Smith athletics.

The first three-sport athlete in recent William Smith history, Coffin was a key player in the successes of the Heron golf, squash, and tennis teams this season. She posted the lowest



### 2004-05 Award Winners—

Seated (l-r): Marisa Vespa '08, Jenn Tibbens '05, Director of Athletics Susan Bassett, Becky Grossman '05, Caroline Wenzel '05. Standing: Ivy Parker '05, Sophie Dennis '07, Sarah Coffin '05, Kate Kana '05, Crystal Cordes '05.

scoring average on the golf team, finished second in career wins for the squash team, and played third singles for the tennis team as they matched the school record for wins in a season.

The Cynthia Oyler '93 Award was presented to senior **JENN TIBBENS**. The award is presented to the senior who will be continuing her education at the postgraduate level and displays outstanding athletic abilities, excellent academic records, and exemplary leadership.

An NSCAA All-Region honoree, Tibbens was a major part of William Smith's suffocating defense that allowed just nine goals and posted 12 shutouts in 2004. She also earned All-Liberty League

second-team and NYSWCAA All-State recognition. Selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-District first-team each of the past two years, Tibbens helped William Smith advance to the national semifinals in 2002 and was a key member of the 2003 squad that captured the ECAC Northeast Championship. Starting all but one game over the past three seasons, she helped the Herons post 36 shutouts, while allowing just 43 goals in 66 matches.

A certified EMT, Tibbens plans to attend medical school.

Senior tennis player **CRYSTAL CORDES** received the Betsy Mitchell '65 Award, (See HERON AWARDS, p. 3)

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North American  
Championships  
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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: Sailing captures team race title

**AUSTIN, Texas**—The Hobart and William Smith sailing team captured the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA)/Layline North American Team Race Championship at the Austin Yacht Club on June 7. The Colleges captured their first sailing championship with a 13-4 showing in three days of racing.

“Everybody’s real excited about it,” Hobart and William Smith Sailing Coach **SCOTT IKLÉ ’84** said. “The win is the culmination of a lot of hard work over the years, and the title belongs to the entire program, including past members of the team.”

HWS entered the final day of racing in first place with a 9-3 record. The Colleges fended off challenges from final four foes Harvard, Southern California, and Yale, posting a 4-1 record to secure the crown. The Bulldogs, Trojans, and Crimson each completed the regatta with identical 10-7 records.

Seniors **JOHN STORCK** and **LEE SACKETT**, and sophomore **TREVOR MOORE**, who skippered with juniors **MOLLY LAWSON** and **AUGUSTA NADLER**, and sophomore **AMANDA MARKEE** guided HWS to the title, its first in four tries in the ICSA Team Race Championship.

Three days earlier, HWS finished 13th out of 18 teams in the ICSA North American Women’s Dinghy Championship.

## 2 sailors named All-Americans

**GENEVA, N.Y.**—Fresh off a pair of North American Championships, two William Smith sailors were named to the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Crew All-America teams sponsored by Ronstan. Along with three Hobart sailors who also garnered All-American honors, the quintet raises the number of sailing All-Americans at the Colleges since 1996 to 34.

Junior **AUGUSTA NADLER** and sophomore **AMANDA MARKEE** represented William Smith on the Crew All-America team.

A two-time Crew All-American, Nadler was Moore’s crew in 16 of the 18 races in the dinghy regatta. She received the Ady Symonds ’96 Most Valuable Sailing Award from William Smith this season. Nadler has participated in seven ICSA Championships over the past three seasons—the most of any of her teammates—sporting five top-four finishes.

Markee sailed for HWS in both the Prosser Trophy and the America Trophy championships this season. She was named the Rochester Area College Athletics Female Athlete of the Week following HWS’s win in the America Trophy regatta. In the ICSA/Gill North American Coed Dinghy Championship, Markee was crew in the A Division.

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—Head Coach Scott Iklé ’84



Augusta Nadler



Amanda Markee

## ON A ROLL! Sailors capture 2nd crown in 4 days

**AUSTIN, Texas**—The Hobart and William Smith sailing team captured its second ICSA Championship in less than a week on Lake Travis on June 10. The Colleges laid claim to the 2005 ICSA/Gill North American Coed Dinghy Championship, three days after winning the program’s first title, the ICSA/Layline North American Team Race Championship.

Sailing for HWS in the A Division were skipper and graduated senior **JOHN STORCK** with sophomore crew **AMANDA MARKEE** and junior **ZACK GOLDMAN**. Sophomore skipper **TREVOR MOORE** with junior crew **AUGUSTA NADLER** sailed in B Division. Junior **MOLLY LAWSON** served as a crew for two races in both the A and B divisions.

The Colleges entered the final day of racing with an 11-point lead over second place and defending champion

Hawai’i. While the Warriors erased that margin plus-one in the A Division, Moore and Nadler left the field in their wake in the B Division. The duo sailed to a first, two seconds, and a sixth to win B-Division with 83 points.

HWS finished the regatta with a combined 197 points for the win, 38 better than Hawai’i. The contingent from Dartmouth College, which included Storck’s younger brother Erick ’07, placed third, while Georgetown and Southern California rounded out the top five.

Entering the week, HWS had never won an ICSA title in 22 attempts, placing in the top-three eight times.

## Priest named CRCA All-American

**GENEVA, N.Y.**—Junior **CASSIE PRIEST** was named to the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Pocock All-America second-team. She is the 10th Heron rower to earn All-American honors since 2000.

“Competition for a berth on the All-America team was very stiff this year, and Cassie stood out among the very best rowers in the country,” Head Coach **SANDRA CHU** said.

A team captain, Priest rowed in the sixth seat in the varsity eight this season. She is one of the strongest and fastest rowers on the team. Priest sports a 7:31 2,000-meter erg score. Last season, she also rowed in the varsity eight, helping the Herons capture the inaugural Liberty League Championship, while earning Liberty League Crew of the Year honors.

William Smith crew finished the season ranked 13th in the nation and second in New York State. The defending Liberty League Champion Herons saw the 2005 conference and ECAC championships wiped out by Mother Nature. However, three of William Smith’s four entries in the New York State Championships finished in the top-four, including the gold medal winning novice four.



Cassie Priest

## HERON AWARDS (from p. 1)

for meeting and overcoming significant personal challenges. A back injury required surgery on two vertebrae following her first-year. While the procedure did not completely alleviate the pain, Cordes returned to the team this season as a doubles specialist, helping the tennis team match the school record for wins in a season.

Senior sailor **KATE KANA** was named the Evaleen C. Harrison '19 Scholar-Athlete Award winner. She has helped the Colleges' sailing team qualify for three national championship events this season. A Dean's List student, Kana is a member of Eta Sigma Phi, a Classics national honor society. She is also a member of William Smith Athletics Core 20, a group of student-athletes who act as peer facilitators within their teams, and currently is fulfilling an internship with the Finger Lakes Institute.

The Melissa Mulliken '80 Award for participation and leadership, combined with off-field endeavors, that advance William Smith athletics was presented to senior **CAROLINE WENZEL**. A four-year member of the Heron soccer team, she appeared in 15 games this season, scoring two goals, including the game-winner against Cortland on Sept. 1. Off the field, Wenzel is a member of the William Smith Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and served as president of the Liberty League SAAC. She also initiated a luncheon on campus in honor of the NCAA's National Student-Athlete Day. The event applauded the Class of 2006 for its dedication in the athletic arena and in the classroom and challenged the seniors-to-be to rise to the leadership challenges that await them.

Junior soccer defender **SERAPHINE HAMILTON** received the Susan Bassett Award for excellence in academics, athletics, and leadership. A two-time All-Liberty League first-team honoree, Hamilton anchored the Herons' backline that allowed just nine goals and posted 12 shutouts. She was selected to the NSCAA All-America third-team this year. During her three seasons at William Smith, Hamilton helped lead the Herons to their sixth NCAA semifinal appearance in 2002, the ECAC Northeast Championship in 2003, a record of 45-13-8 (.742), and 36 shutouts. She also has tallied a goal and five assists. Hamilton is

also a member of the basketball team, although she played in just eight games this season before spending the second semester in the study abroad program in South Africa.

Sophomore forward **SOPHIE DENNIS** garnered the Hazel Nettleship Hardy '65 Award, presented to the sophomore who has contributed to the growth of Heron athletics and is an excellent representative of William Smith athletes. Dennis produced the second most prolific scoring season in Heron history in 2004. She led the Liberty League with 53 points on 22 goals and nine assists. Only **KIMBERLY O'GORMAN '88** has scored more goals (30) or points (67) in a season (1987) for William Smith. A 2004 NFHCA All-America first-team selection, Dennis is a two-time first-team All-Liberty League pick and is 10 points shy of becoming just the 10th Heron to record 100 career points.

The Stephanie Christie Award, William Smith's Rookie of the Year Award, was presented to two-sport athlete **MARISA VESPA**. The 2004 Liberty League Basketball Rookie of the Year, she led the Herons in scoring (11.5 ppg) and assists (5.07 apg) and was second in steals (2.50 spg). Vespa's 142 assists this season rank third on the Herons' single season list and are the most by a William Smith first-year. A five-time Liberty League Rookie of the Week honoree, Vespa notched double figures in points in 18 contests and recorded at least one assist in all 28 games. Also a member of the soccer team, she played in 16 games, starting three, and recorded two assists.

The Abraham Award was presented to senior basketball forward **IVY PARKER** for persevering through injury. Beleaguered by nagging injuries from head-to-toe throughout the 2004-05 season, she displayed great heart and determination to play in 23 of 28 games, including 18 starts, and post her finest season as a Heron. Parker scored more points (5.8/g) and pulled down more boards (4.1 rpg) than in her first two seasons combined, while helping William Smith to a 20-8 record, the 2005 Liberty League Championship, and an NCAA Tournament berth that saw the Herons reach the sectional semifinals.

Each team also presented awards that are listed in the next column.

## 2004-05 Team Awards

### Basketball

*Barbara Easton Regan Coach's Award*  
..... Tara Brisson '05  
*Most Valuable Player Award*  
..... Marisa Vespa '08

### Crew

*Coach's Award* ..... Novice 8+  
Courtney Cioffredi '08,  
Caitlin Elgert '08,  
Whitney Hayre '08,  
Lucinda Keck '08,  
Jenn Kirst '08,  
Julie Kozarsky '08,  
Jenn Lever '08,  
Cristina Mulcahy '08,  
Megan Seiter '08,  
Jess Wojslaw '08  
*Weiskittel Most Valuable Oarswoman Award*  
..... Jessica Mahon '08

### Cross Country

*Coach's Award* ..... Kate Chabot '06  
*Sharon Peckham Best '62 Most Valuable*  
..... Leanne Roncolato '07

### Field Hockey

*Beverly Singer '74 Coach's Award*  
..... Angela Dann '05  
*Charles P. Boswell II '50 Award*  
. Sarah Silverio '05 & Sophie Dennis '07

### Golf

*Coach's Award* ..... Val Dolan '06  
*Most Valuable Golfer* ..... Sarah Coffin '05

### Lacrosse

*Shirley Zornow '48 Coach's Award*  
..... Jen Davidson '06  
*Patricia Price Genovese Award*  
..... Liz Harris '05

### Sailing

*Christine Jurczak '00 Coach's Award*  
..... Kate Wilson '08  
*Ady Symonds '96 Most Valuable Sailor*  
..... Augusta Nadler '06

### Soccer

*Coach's Award* ..... Jessica Ciletti '05  
*Aliceann Wilber Award*  
..... Debbie Minarick '05

### Squash

*Coach's Award* ..... Shelley Ryan '06  
*Irene Graves Harer '28 Award*  
..... Sarah Coffin '05

### Swimming & Diving

*Kelly Kisner Coach's Award*  
..... Meghan Mosher '08  
*Anne Richardson Rowley '82 Most Valuable*  
..... Becky Grossman '05

### Tennis

*Elizabeth Laird Redway Heia '84*  
*Coach's Award* ..... Laura Maier '05  
*Mary Hosking Award*  
..... Molly Patterson '05



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## HERON FAREWELL

Several members of the Heron coaching staff and support team are moving on to new opportunities in their professional careers following the 2004-05 academic year. William Smith College and the Heron Society are grateful for their dedication and commitment to Heron student-athletes and wish them the best of luck.



**Stephanie Sibeto**  
**Associate Athletics Trainer**

*After 13 years at the Colleges, Steph has accepted a position as head trainer with Susquehanna Health Services in Williamsport, Pa.*



**Susan Bassett**  
**Director of Athletics**

*After 11 years at the Colleges, Susan, as reported in a previous issue of the HERONews, has accepted a position as athletics director at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.*



**Heather Frazer Boyum '93**  
**Diving Coach**

*After five seasons as the William Smith Diving Coach, Heather leaves the Herons to focus on her full-time job as a science teacher and her newborn son, Frazer.*



**Meredith Rieder**  
**Assistant Director of Athletic Communications**

*After three years at the Colleges, Meredith has accepted a position as Athletic Communications Assistant at Colgate University.*



**Katie Gill**  
**Assistant Crew Coach**

*Following two years on Coach Sandra Chu's staff, Katie has accepted a position as assistant rowing coach at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.*



**Joe Bart**  
**Assistant Athletics Trainer**

*After one year at the Colleges, Joe departs the sports medicine staff to pursue an advanced degree in the medical field.*