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The Hall is calling...

The Heron Hall of Honor is now accepting nominations for the Class of 2007. Inductees will be honored next fall.

Induction is open to past William Smith student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, teams, administrators, and friends.

A former student-athlete must be at least five years removed from her last collegiate competition, while current staff must complete 10 years of service to the College before becoming eligible.

Send your nomination with supporting materials (letters of recommendation, newspaper clippings, playing/coaching resumes) to **Hall of Honor, Winn-Seeley Gym, William Smith College, Geneva, NY 14456.**

Future Herons to benefit greatly from Campaign for the Colleges

Hobart and William Smith athletics may consist of two separate and distinct units, but the sense of pride and a high level of respect between these programs is a unifying force. From taking turns cheering at each other's games to achieving an individual best effort, student-athletes at the Colleges, whether they are Herons or Statesmen, develop valuable, life-long skills.

To strengthen its standing as one of the nation's leading liberal arts institutions, the Colleges must continue to compete with other colleges in attracting the most promising students to campus. For many students, top-notch athletic and recreational facilities are a significant factor when considering applications to college. To compete for these students, and to best serve current students and the Colleges' community, Hobart and William Smith are investing in expanded and modernized athletic and recreational facilities as one element of the largest fund-raising initiatives in their history, Campaign for the Colleges. Through this campaign, Hobart and William Smith are investing in the potential of their students and graduates.

As a component of Campaign for the Colleges, The Fund for Athletics will enhance current athletic and recreational facilities and provide endowment for programming. The \$17.4 million project includes:

- An addition to the Bristol Field House fitness center and a new ergometer/group exercise room.
- Renovation of Boswell Field, including a lighted, synthetic turf surface and new bleachers.



DON COCHRAN

A major component of Campaign for the Colleges is the renovation of Boswell Field. The project will replace the natural grass with a synthetic surface and add lights to open the venue to the entire athletic community at the Colleges.

- Renovation of Elliott Varsity House including team rooms for Hobart lacrosse, William Smith lacrosse, and Hobart squash and expanded space for sports medicine and equipment storage.
- Endowment for programming, equipment, facility and field maintenance, and other long-term needs.

The success of The Fund for Athletics depends on our alumnae, alumni, parents, and friends. Your investment will have an immediate impact on how students lead their lives today and in years to come.

Contact Deb Steward, (315) 781-3500 or steward@hws.edu, to discuss how you can make an impact on the more than 80 percent of students that participate in intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, club sports, outdoor recreation, and wellness activities.

KEVIN COLTON



A Fond Farewell

William Smith Athletics bid a fond farewell to department secretary Darlene DeVaney (seated, third from left). Following 31 years of service to the Herons, she has decided to retire to spend more time with her grandchildren. Her last official day is Jan. 2, 2007. Join us in wishing Darlene a happy retirement.

Winter Sports Previews

Basketball

Under the leadership of second-year Head Coach Lindsay Drury, the Heron basketball team is poised for another successful season. Coming off a 22-6 season, Drury welcomes back three All-Liberty League selections, but will need to fill a leadership void left by the graduation of three seniors.

Senior guard Paula Foote, junior guard Marisa Vespa, and junior forward Stephanie Czajkowski return to the line up after garnering all-conference honors last season.

The only returning starter from last season's starting frontcourt, Czajkowski is off to a fast start. Through seven games, she leads the team in scoring (16.0 ppg) and rebounding (8.1 rpg).

Vespa is second in scoring (11.1), and leads the squad in assists (4.7), and steals (2.4). She is a magician with the basketball, equal parts scoring and passing threat.

An intense and passionate player, Foote is third on the team in scoring (10.0) and second in assists (2.6). While she boasts impressive numbers, her biggest contribution may come in the form of leadership.

Junior Amanda Nann and first-years Erin Cunningham and Robyn Capoto will join Czajkowski in the low post. Nann made a name for herself blocking shots during her first two seasons on campus, and expanded her game during the offseason making her a bigger scoring and rebounding threat. Capoto and Cunningham stand 5-11 and 6-foot, respectively, and have been called on to play quality minutes from Day 1.

Junior Kristen Suatoni moves into the starting line up. A versatile player, she can play the two, three, and four.

Save the Date

Head Coach Pat Genovese and the current members of the Heron lacrosse team invite all former William Smith lacrosse players back to campus for the 2007 Alumnae Game. The young and young at heart will take to McCooney Field on Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to the floor of the Bristol Field House. There will be a reception for alumnae following the game at a site to be determined.

Interested participants are asked to RSVP to Assistant Coach Lindsey Breese via e-mail: lbreese@hws.edu.



William Smith's depth in the backcourt is strong if a bit untested. Senior Emily Alcott and sophomores Latasha Coney and Paige Myers will spell and at times (when the Herons go with a guard-heavy line up) share the floor with Foote and Vespa. The team also welcomes four guards from the Class of 2010 that will compete for playing time.

Squash

The William Smith squash team opened its season at the Liberty League Championship on Nov. 18-19. The Herons fell to eventual champion Hamilton, before bouncing back to defeat St. Lawrence and Vassar and claim second place. The squad looks forward to another successful season after posting a 2005-06 record of 12-6.

The Herons return 11 veterans from last year's team. Senior Katie Hendricks (21-11 career record) once again will hold down the top spot in the line up. The 2006 Liberty League Rookie of the Year, Lori Stump will be the Herons No. 2 this season, after playing in each of the top four spots last season.

At No. 3, junior Lucy Ross boasts an amazing 14-1 career record, while classmate No. 4 Maddie Brooks (30-11) sports the most career wins of any current Heron. Senior Shaila Pandole (24-10) will return to the team for the spring semester after spending the fall term at home in India. A three-time All-Liberty League pick, she will most likely merit a spot in the top half of the line up.

Seniors Helen Grassi (24-18) and Serena Turner (7-3) solidify the middle of the order, while sophomore Katie Baker (11-5) is 3-0 this season at No. 7. Junior Emily Gailun (28-13) and first-years Katie Mullen and Emily Hazenberg have competed at No. 8 and No. 9 with first-years Anne Fallon and Sara Hallberg also fighting for a starting nod.

Swimming & Diving

In the pool, the Herons are an improved team in 2006-07 thanks to added depth, but the team may lack the attention grabbing headliners like former standouts Sarah Costanza '06 or Kate Feller '06.

Seniors Emily Block (breaststroke, freestyle) and Charlotte McIntosh (freestyle middle distance) will lead the squad. Both are proven performers in the pool and in the classroom. Junior Meghan Mosher (freestyle sprints) and sophomore Lynn Cutter (freestyle sprints) are also strong competitors.

William Smith also features a talented first-year class that includes breaststroker Laura Patterson, backstroker Jessica Cook, diver Sarah Gummo, and all-around swimmer Charlotte Scott.

Fall Herons earn academic accolades

Two William Smith soccer players were named to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Women's Soccer Team. Junior forward Laura Burnett-Kurie was named to the first team, while senior goalkeeper Nikki Dudley was named to the second team. Both Herons received the same awards last year as well.

The 2006 Liberty League Player of the Year, Burnett-Kurie led the league in goals (11) and points (25). She guided William Smith to an 11-6-3 record, including a 6-1-0 conference mark. Burnett-Kurie boasts 35 career goals and 11 assists for 81 points. She was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America third team in 2005.

A four-time All-Liberty League selection, Dudley has been a strong presence in goal throughout her career. She started all 20 games this season, posting nine shutouts and a league-leading 0.49 goals against average. Dudley finished her career with a 0.49 GAA, an .881 save percentage, and 46 shutouts, including back-to-back shutouts to lead the Herons to the 2006 ECAC Upstate Championship.

To earn a place on the Academic All-District teams, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average, be a starter or significant reserve, and be at least a sophomore in academic standing.

In addition to the prestigious and highly selective ESPN The Magazine honors, 21 Herons earned a place on the Liberty League's All-Academic Teams:

Cross Country

Kathryn Lawton (Soph.), Undeclared
Paige Myers (Soph.), Undeclared
Leanne Roncolato (Sr.), Economics

Field Hockey

Brooke Atwood (Sr.), Mathematics
Katie DeKraker (Soph.), Undeclared
Sophie Dennis (Sr.), Sports In Society
Katie Klutts (Soph.), Undeclared
Katie Mancuso (Soph.), Undeclared
Liz Saucier (Sr.), Psychology
Charlotte Styer (Soph.), Undeclared

Soccer

Gabrielle Allidi (Jr.), Media and Society
Ali Art (Soph.), Undeclared
Christa Barnes (Jr.), Spanish
Laura Burnett-Kurie (Jr.), Psychology
Nikki Dudley (Sr.), Environmental Studies
Allison Foust (Soph.), Undeclared
Ashley Kent (Sr.), Media and Society
Alexandra Rieben (Sr.), English
Rayza Santiago (Soph.), Undeclared
Jamie Stevens (Jr.), Economics and International Relations
Leigh Williamson (Jr.), French

NCAA Field Hockey Championship weekend a success

The William Smith Athletics Department put on a first-rate show for the participants in the 2006 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship. The Herons' efforts drew universal praise from the participants.

"This has been a wonderful venue, absolutely wonderful, top-notch from beginning to end," Messiah Head Coach Jan Trapp said during her postgame press conference.

"There were so many aspects of the championship that were special and unique and every aspect of the weekend was first class," Lebanon Valley Athletic Director Kathleen Tierney said.

Ursinus College took home the championship with a 3-2 victory over Messiah. Bears senior Molly Stevens, who scored the title-clinching goal, said simply, "Thank you for a great tournament!"



On behalf of the City of Geneva, Kelly Mittiga '94 welcomed the student-athletes at the championship banquet.



After helping the Herons capture their third consecutive Liberty League Championship and reach the NCAA quarterfinal round, seniors Liz Saucier (left) and Sophie Dennis (right) capped their collegiate careers in the NFHCA All-Star Game on McCooey Field. A three-time All-Liberty League pick, Saucier broke the Heron season record for assists with 17 this year. A three-time All-American, Dennis will graduate with the William Smith career records for goals, assists, and points. With classmates Brooke Atwood, Ashley Barker, and Katelin Nickerson, they led William Smith to a 67-17 record and four postseason appearances, including a trip to the 2004 NCAA Semifinals.



McCooey Field sports freshly painted NCAA logos in preparation for the 2006 Field Hockey Championship. The venue also will host the 2007 Lacrosse Championship (see story below).

We Need Your Help

William Smith Athletics has five awards to be named by January 2007. Please help us reach this goal by considering naming one or more of the following awards:

Basketball Most Valuable

Crew Coach's Award

Cross Country Coach's Award

Sailing Coach's Award

Soccer Coach's Award

Coach's awards may be given to the rookie of the year, most improved, most inspirational, etc. The coach has the flexibility to make the award reflect the student-athlete's contribution.

Awards may be named by an individual or a group in honor of a team member, family member, coach, or team.

To learn more about naming an award or to lend your financial support, contact Deb Steward (steward@hws.edu) or Pat Genovese (genovese@hws.edu) at (315) 781-3500.

Hérons to host 2007 NCAA lax final

Even before William Smith hosted a successful NCAA Field Hockey Championship this past November, the NCAA selected the Herons to host the 2007 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship, May 19-20 on McCooey Field.

"We look forward to hosting the 2007 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship," Hobart and William Smith Colleges President Mark Gearan said. "William Smith has a proud history of hosting important NCAA Championships and our campus is excited to play this important role. This is an exciting time for William Smith athletics as our student-athletes continue to bring great distinction with their excellence on the playing fields."

It is the first time a Division III college or university has hosted more than one predetermined site NCAA team championship in the same year. The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will share this distinction when the Titans host the track and field and baseball championships this spring.

"William Smith College is proud to have been selected to host the 23rd annual NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship," William Smith College Director of



Athletics Deb Steward said. "The NCAA continues to recognize our commitment to women's athletics, the quality of our event staff and the support of our community. We are committed to providing a first-class

event for all participants and look forward to showcasing McCooey Field, the Colleges, Geneva, and the Finger Lakes region in the spring of 2007.

"I encourage everyone to come out to watch these outstanding student-athletes. It's an opportunity to see the top teams in Division III."

William Smith is no stranger to the NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship. The Herons have reached the championship round 11 times since 1985, advancing to the title game five times.

Head Coach Pat Genovese is entering her 34th season at the helm of the Heron lacrosse program. The only head coach the program has ever known is the Division III leader in career wins, sporting a record of 328-119-1. Genovese returns 19 players, including nine starters, from the 2006 squad that posted a 10-6 overall record and won the Liberty League regular season title.



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From the Athletic Director



Holiday greetings!

While I tend to be someone who does not look back (that's why our eyes are in front of our head!), this time of year encourages me to reflect on the past to help determine the future. And, I reflect

with great pride in the Heron family.

The fall was filled with new endeavors and celebrations of the past as we:

- Welcomed a robust first-year class,
- Kicked off Campaign for the Colleges in New York City, Boston and on-campus,
- Began the William Smith Centennial Celebration, www.hws.edu/centennial,
- Unveiled our new Heron Society logo,
- Designed a colorful, picture-filled Heron Society membership brochure,
- Engaged in a "Pure Performance" presentation as part of our Peak Performance Plan,
- Hosted the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship, and
- Bid farewell to Darlene DeVaney, William Smith Athletic Department secretary,

after 31 years of service.

Our fall teams had great success on the field, water and trails. They also continue to make an impact in the community as they led efforts in breast cancer awareness, contributed to the community lunch program and established a relationship with Hugs Across America.

As we move forward, The Fund for Athletics will be a focus for William Smith and Hobart Athletics. The fund-raising efforts will be led by volunteer co-chairs Cynthia Fults Burke '87 and Tom Poole '61 along with myself and Hobart Director of Athletics, Mike Hanna '68.

The projects, as noted on Page 1, represent the Colleges' belief that athletics, recreation, and fitness are an important part of the campus culture. I encourage you to join us in investing in the future of HWS students.

Wishing you health and happiness in the New Year.

Go Herons!

Deb Steward
Director of Athletics

Heron Society Impact

Team bench shelters were installed on McCooey Field just in time for postseason field hockey. These shelters were purchased by the Heron Society and provide much needed protection for the Herons, Statesmen, and their opponents from the Northeast's weather. Thank you Heron Society!



Board of Directors News

The Heron Society Board of Directors welcomes six new directors: Torie Allen '09, Maddie Brooks '08, Anne Mosher P'08, Mary Stowell Nelson '82, Clare Mayer Velepec '90, and Caroline Wenzel '05. The Heron Society extends its most sincere gratitude to outgoing directors Courtney Hutchinson Hundley '92, Meghan O'Brien Donaldson '89, and Kathleen Thelian P'01.