William Smith says goodbye to longtime Heron

Mary Hosking

Former Hobart and William Smith Colleges administrator, coach, and teacher, Mary Hosking died on Nov. 15, 2007, following a valiant battle with cancer.

During her 24-year tenure at the Colleges, Hosking oversaw the William Smith athletics program as it developed from a three-person physical education department to a department of physical education, intercollegiate athletics, and dance that at the time of her retirement in 1987 had a staff of 14 and had become prominent in women’s intercollegiate competition on the national level.

Hosking was a key figure at William Smith when athletic programs for women athletes underwent dramatic changes and women were presented with many new opportunities. She sought to bring William Smith’s program in line with the best colleges in the nation. Hosking was a champion for equitable facilities, staff, scheduling, program, and financial support.

From 1963 through 1987, Hosking served as coach of every sport the school offered. She made perhaps her greatest contribution to the tennis team, serving as head coach of that squad until assuming the title of Tennis Program Coordinator in 1986, in order to devote more time to administrative duties as director of athletics. She is the Heron tennis program’s all-time leader in coaching wins with 126.

Hosking was also a founding member of the Heron Society. She worked hand-in-hand with former HWS President Carroll Brewster and Treasurer William Van Arsdale to lay the foundation for the financial success of today’s Heron Society.

In 2000, Hosking established the Hosking Award, in honor of her and her husband, William Hosking’s, service to HWS. The award recognizes distinguished former student-athletes for outstanding lifetime achievement in their chosen field of work. Valerie Flourney ’74 was the first recipient of the award in 2003, and Christie Hayes ’71 was honored with the award in 2007.

Active in many state, regional, and national organizations, Hosking was president of the New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) and served as chair of the group’s ethics and eligibility committee, as well as its tennis committee.

A native of Owego, N.Y., the former Mary Ellen Morgan graduated from Cortland College with a bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1953. As a Red Dragon, she was active with the Women’s Athletic Association, the Junior Aquatics Club, and the Cardinal Key Society. Hosking earned a master’s degree from the University of Colorado in 1961.

In 1987, Hosking was inducted into the Cortland State Hall of Fame. That same year, the Independent College Athletic Association recognized her commitment and service to intercollegiate athletics and, in 1991, the NYSWCAA presented her with its Service Award for contributions to women in athletics. In 1997, Hosking was inducted as a charter member of the Heron Hall of Honor.

A longtime member of the Geneva Rotary Club, Hosking remained active in the Geneva community in her retirement. She worked as the director of the Geneva Chapter of the American Red Cross, and served on the board of directors of the Geneva Historical Society and Planned Parenthood of the Finger Lakes.

Earlier this year, Hosking received the Geneva League of Women Voters’ Agnes Slosson Lewis Award for leadership, the ability to inspire others, and interest in the community and good government.

Hosking is survived by her stepson, William I. Hosking ’74, and was predeceased by her husband, William G. Hosking ’47.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation are encouraged to support the Ontario-Yates Hospice or your local hospice service or the Heron Society.
The William Smith College Athletics Department and the Heron Society recently inducted six new members into the Heron Hall of Honor, The Class of 2007 includes Jennifer Bertsch Dolce ’95, of Chicago, Ill., Jennifer Joinnides ’97, of New York City, Melissa Mulliken ’80, of Madison, Wis., Kim O’Gorman Menges ’89, of Richmond, Va., Sally Scatton, of Trumansburg, N.Y., and Susan Stuart Elliot ’89, of Colorado Springs, Colo. The sixth class to join the Heron Hall of Honor, they raised the Hall’s membership to 39. In addition, Christie Hayes ’71 was honored with the Hosking Award, Lauren Head ’83 received the Joan Hinton Hurd ’65 Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 1988 national championship soccer team was honored as the first William Smith Team of Distinction.

Established by the William Smith Heron Society on April 27, 1996, the Hall of Honor celebrates the role, advancement, and importance of women in athletics at William Smith. The honorees exemplify the College’s standard of excellence by advancing women in sports through their commitment, participation, and support.

Bertsch Dolce was a three-time All-American lacrosse player, and ranks among the College’s all-time leaders in goals (171), assists (76) and points (247). She helped the Herons to a 62-5 record over her four year career.

Joinnides excelled on the field hockey and lacrosse fields, and earned All-American honors in both. She ranks second on the all-time goals (59) and points (142) list for field hockey, and sits in the top-10 in goals (6th, 160), assists (10th, 47) and points (8th, 207) for lacrosse.

A three-sport athlete, Mulliken played field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. She served as captain of the basketball team, and earned the Hazel Nettleship Handy ’65 Award as a sophomore. Also an academic standout, Mulliken was a member of the honors program, and was elected into Phi Beta Kappa, and Hai Timiai. She served as the HWS sports information director for two years after she graduated.

O’Gorman Menges currently ranks third on the all-time field hockey list in career goals, fourth in career points, and 12th in career assists. She graduated with at least a share of seven Heron field hockey records, leading William Smith to a second-place finish in the 1987 NCAA Tournament.

Scatton has led the Heron field hockey team since 1988, collecting three national championships and an ECAC title in 20 postseason appearances. Under Scatton’s (329-88-3) guidance, William Smith has never suffered a losing season.

One of the top goalies in Heron lacrosse history, Stuart Elliott owned a 26-6 record as a starter for William Smith. An All-American, she led the Herons to the 1988 NCAA championship game, and her shared NCAA Tournament record for saves in a game (27) still stands.

Besides celebrating the honorees, the Oct, 20, 2007, weekend included a Friday night welcome reception, a sports clinic, a William Smith Centennial luncheon, and silent and live auctions that raised over $19,000 for the Heron Society. In addition, Geneva area youth and children of Hall of Honor attendees enjoyed a fun Saturday night of sports and games with members of the Heron hoops team.

The William Smith soccer and field hockey teams enjoyed victorious weekends, each earning two Liberty League wins at home in front of visiting Hall of Honor inductees, alumnas, friends and families. To learn more about the 39 members of the Heron Hall of Honor, visit the William Smith Athletics web site and click on the Hall of Honor link.

Nominations for future Heron Hall of Honor classes may be sent to Director of Athletics Deb Steward, William Smith College, Winn-Seeley Gym, Geneva, N.Y. 14456.

**HERON SOCIETY IMPACT**

A data projector and large screen have been added to the Boswell Classroom in Winn-Seeley Gym. This new technology allows for more effective, interactive learning during Peak Performance presentations, staff meetings, and digital game clip review sessions.

Swimmers in ALL lanes can now see their times and order of finish displayed on the new Colorado Time System scoreboard in Bristol Pool. The system also computes and displays divers’ scores.

Thank you for your continued support of the Heron Society!
2007-08 Winter Sports Outlook

5 STARTERS RETURN FOR HERON HOOPS
The William Smith basketball team was picked to finish third in the Liberty League in a preseason vote by the league’s coaches, and opened the season with three straight wins. The Herons return nine letter winners from last season, including all five starters.

Third-year Head Coach Lindsay Drury is excited about the talent level and leadership the 2007-08 Herons have shown thus far. She is convinced that this squad—the fifth she has seen since joining the William Smith coaching staff as an assistant in 2003—is the most talented from top to bottom. This is a bold statement when you consider the Herons won the Liberty League Championship and played in the NCAA Tournament in 2005 and 2006.

William Smith began the season riding a three-game winning streak that brought the 2007 ECAC Upstate Tournament Championship to the shores of Seneca Lake. The Herons finished 2006-07 with a 17-11 record, including an 8-6 mark in the Liberty League. All five starters from William Smith’s 68-60 win over Brockport in the ECAC Championship return, as do three of the next four leading scorers. The coaches and student-athletes are proud of that title, but have set their sights higher this season. All tolled, the Herons have 93 percent of their scoring and 89 percent of their rebounding back.

Three-time All-Liberty League selection, senior guard Marisa Vespa will quarterback the offense. She led the conference in assists (157) and steals (73) last season and ranked 14th in scoring (9.9 ppg).

Paula Foote returns as the first graduate guard to score 1,000 career points. Czajkowski is well on her way to becoming the 12th Heron to score 1,000 career points.

Senior Maddie Brooks began the season with a 43-16 career record.

HERON SQUASH YOUNG BUT DEEP
The Heron squash team opened the season with a 3-1 record, and a second-place finish in the Liberty League Championships.

After losing four seniors to graduation, William Smith’s lineup is young but deep. All 11 returning Herons have experience playing in the top nine, and will face the challenge of playing in a higher spot in the lineup this season.

Senior Lucy Ross leads this year’s Heron team. She steps into the leadoff role, after spending the majority of her junior year in the No. 2 spot. She has already been tabbed the Liberty League Performer of the Week once this season.

In the No. 2 spot is junior Lori Stump. She played mostly in the second and fourth spots last season, accumulating a 6-6 mark.

One of the most experienced members of the squad, senior Maddie Brooks will follow Stump in the No. 3 spot. After posting a 15-6 mark last winter, Brooks began the season with an impressive 43-16 career record.

Next, playing in the fourth and fifth matches, are sophomore Katie Mullen and senior Emily Gailun, respectively. Mullen posted a 14-4 record as a rookie, playing the majority of her matches at No. 7, and opened the season riding an eight-match winning streak. Gailun, who saw limited time last season, owns a 29-13 career mark after recording a 14-4 mark in 2005-06.

Sophomore Ellen Ellison will guide the Herons in the middle-distance freestyle events. She has already made a splash this winter, with eight wins for her team in three dual meets. Cutter has earned victories in the 50, 100, 200, and 500-yard free, and also swam a leg on the victorious 200 medley relay against the Tigers.

Sophomore Charlotte Scott will lead the Herons in the individual medley and freestyle events, while classmates Jessica Cook and Laura Patterson will headline the backstroke and breaststroke races, respectively. Cook won the 200 back against Buffalo State, while Scott won the 200 IM, and swam a leg on the winning 400 free relay team against Alfred. Patterson swam a leg of the 200 medley relay team vs. the Tigers, and the 400 medley relay against the Express.

Swimming in distance, and some middle-distance events, will be junior Allie Donovan and first-year Ellen Ellison. Donovan won the 1,000 free in the Heron’s win over Buffalo State, while Ellison was a part of the winning 400 free relay team against the Saxons.

William Smith will participate in the Liberty League Championships at the end of November. The Herons will host RIT and Cape, and travel to Ithaca for dual meets at the end of January, before competing in the NYSWCAA Championships in February.

Check out William Smith Basketball action live online at www.ecac.tv!

ECACtv has partnered with HWS to broadcast home basketball contests live online for just $5.95 per game.
The Herons recently completed another highly successful fall season that saw both the soccer and field hockey teams win Liberty League Championships and earn berths into the NCAA Tournament.

The soccer team posted an outstanding 17-0-1 regular season record, tying the school record for wins in a regular season, and ranked as high as fifth in Division III. Senior Tracy Stankavage was tabbed the Liberty League Player of the Year, while first-year standout Brelynn Nasypany was named the league's Rookie of the Year.

The field hockey team earned a 16-5 overall mark and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the fourth season in a row. Senior Brittney Paye was honored as the Liberty League Player of the Year, while Head Coach Sally Scatton and her assistant, Missy Krempa, were voted the league's Co-Coaching Staff of the Year.

The Heron harriers wrapped up another season of competition, highlighted by a first-place finish in the Hobart Invitational, and a second-place finish at the SUNYIT Invitational. Sophomore Katie Pietrak was the first Heron to cross the line in all 10 races she entered.

Led by first-year Head Coach George Dornberger, the golf team competed in four tournaments. Junior Nickie Calandra paced the Herons with three top-10 finishes, including a tie for fourth in William Smith's own invitational.

The sailing team won five regattas on its fall schedule, including the HWS Fall Intersectional. The Herons took third out of 12 teams in the MAISA Women's Championships, hosted by HWS.

The tennis team posted a 1-1 dual match record, and competed in their own William Smith Invitational and the NYSWCAA Championships. First-year Amanda Slack highlighted the state tournament, bringing home the fifth singles title. The Herons will pick up where they left off in March when they head to Orlando, Fla., for competition over spring break.

The crew team celebrated its 25th anniversary, rowing in three fall regattas. The Herons posted strong showings at the Head of the Charles and the Genesee Invitational, and won its own HWS Challenge on the Canal. The team will begin spring competition in March, traveling to Oak Ridge, Tenn., for a spring break training trip.

For more information on these and other William Smith athletic teams, visit the Herons’ online home at: www.hws.edu/athletics