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Dennis earns top prize at awards dinner

The Heron Society and the William Smith Department of Athletics honored the top student-athletes of 2006-07 at the annual Heron Awards Banquet on May 1. Senior field hockey forward **SOPHIE DENNIS** took home the night's top honor, earning the Winn-Seeley Award as the outstanding senior athlete who has contributed to many areas of the athletics program.

A three-time first-team All-American, Dennis is William Smith's all-time leading scorer with 89 goals and 39 assists. She also holds the record for most points in a season with 70, recorded in 2006, and was named the Liberty League Player of the Year twice. Additionally, Dennis was named the Rochester Area College Athletics Field Hockey Player of the Year three times, and has earned the Division III ECAC Player of the Year twice.

An NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient, Dennis is a three-time NFHCA All-Academic squad honoree. She graduated with a degree in sports in society in May. In addition to her studies, Dennis was instrumental in organizing and planning of this year's HWS Day, which explored the topic "Only a Game? The Role of Sport in Society."

The Marion Harrison Greene '20 Award was presented to senior field hockey midfielder **LIZ**

SAUCIER. The award recognizes an outstanding senior athlete. Saucier led the Liberty League in assists this year with 17, breaking the William Smith season record. A two-time All-Region selection, Saucier ranked third in the league and second on the team in points (33). She was a three-time All-Liberty League pick and a 2006 NFHCA Senior All-Star.

The Cynthia Oyler '93 Award was presented to senior cross country runner **LEANNE RONCOLATO**. 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.

In the athletic arena, Roncolato was the Herons' top harrier in each of the past three seasons. She is a three-time Liberty League All-Academic selection, and earned a spot on the 2005 All-Liberty League second team.

Locally, Roncolato has been a coordinator for the Women's Collective, LAO Community Service, NARAL, The Women's Farm Institute of Geneva, and the debate team. Academically, she was chosen to Phi Beta Kappa, and is a recipient of the Stoel Presidential Discretionary Fund, Young Memorial Trust Award, and a Salisbury International Internship. Internationally, Roncolato has helped with Project Chacocente in Nicaragua, the ILO in Switzerland, and conducted research in South Africa where she had a personal interview with Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The Melissa Mulliken '80 Award for participation, leadership, and off-field endeavors was presented to senior soccer back **ASHLEY KENT**. A two-time All-Liberty League section and a 2006 All-State pick, she was a key figure in the Heron defense that ranked 19th in the nation in goals against average this season. Off the field, Kent has been visible as a three-year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), a first-year advantage leader, and a study abroad mentor, as well as a volunteer at the Geneva Parent/Child Resource Center.

Senior lacrosse defender **JANE ERICKSON** and senior sailor **AMANDA MARKEE** shared the Evalen C. Harrison '19 Scholar-Athlete Award.

A Fulbright Assistantship recipient, Erickson is a four-year member of the lacrosse team. She switched positions, from attack to defense,

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KEVIN O'LEARY

Major award winners at the 2007 William Smith Athletics Banquet included (from top left, clockwise) Liz Saucier '07, Leanne Roncolato '07, Ashley Kent '07, Jane Erickson '07, Ali Art '09, Amanda Markee '07, Paula Foote '07, Sophie Dennis '07, and Nikki Dudley '07.

Heron Hall of Honor to add 6 at 2007 banquet

1st "Team of Distinction" to be honored on Oct. 20 as well

The Heron Society recently announced the six members of the Hall of Honor Class of 2007: **JENNIFER BERTSCH DOLCE '95**, of Chicago, **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 '89**, Colorado Springs, Colo. In addition, the 1988 national championship soccer team will be honored as a William Smith Team of Distinction.

The sixth class to join the Hall will be inducted on Oct. 20. They will raise the Hall's membership to 39.

JENNIFER BERTSCH DOLCE '95

A three-time All-American in lacrosse, Bertsch Dolce ranks among the College's all-time leaders in goals, assists, and points. In 67 career games, she compiled 171 goals (5th all-time) and 76 assists (4th) for 247 points (4th). Bertsch Dolce erupted for 61 goals (4th), 29 assists (8th), and 103 ground balls (2nd) as a junior on her way to first team All-America praise. She also earned the first of two straight spots on the NCAA All-Tournament Team. Bertsch Dolce also played two seasons of field hockey, earning a national championship with the 1992 squad.

Originally from Pelham, N.Y., Bertsch Dolce earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies.

JENNIFER JOINNIDES '97

A record-setting offensive wizard, Joinnides excelled on the field hockey and lacrosse fields. A two-time All-American in field hockey, she left Geneva with the career records for goals (59) and points (142) and still ranks second on both all-time lists. When Joinnides recorded 49 points in 1995 (19g, 11a), she trailed only O'Gorman Menges on the single season list. With 40 points during her senior campaign, she became just the second Heron to finish two seasons with 40 points or more.

In lacrosse, Joinnides ranks in the top 10 in career goals (6th, 160), assists (10th, 47), and points (8th, 207). As a senior, she produced a 67-point season and earned first team All-America honors.

Originally from Summit, N.J., Joinnides earned a bachelor's degree in sociology.

MELISSA MULLIKEN '80

A three-sport athlete, Mulliken played field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse and was extremely active in a wide-range of campus activities. She was a four-year member of the Athletic Association Board and served as the senior speaker at Moving Up Day in 1980.

As a sophomore, Mulliken spent her first



of three seasons as a captain for the basketball team and earned the Hazel Nettleship Hardy '65 Award. The following year, she helped lead the cagers to the New York State tournament, a first for the program, and was honored with the creation of the Melissa Mulliken Award. As a senior, Mulliken helped the field hockey team to the state championship.

Originally from Pikeville, Ky., Mulliken graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English. After working in the HWS Sports Information Office as an undergraduate, she served as the sports information director following graduation. During her time as SID, she was a key figure in the contest that made the Heron the school's official mascot.

KIM O'GORMAN MENGES '89

O'Gorman Menges graduated with at least a share of seven William Smith field hockey game, season, and career records. She compiled a then career record 58 goals and 19 assists for a then record 135 points.

As a senior, O'Gorman Menges obliterated her own records for goals and points in a season, scoring 30 times while doling out seven assists. Her goals and points from that year alone would have broken the Heron career marks prior to her arrival on campus. The offensive fireworks earned her first team All-Region honors and a spot on the NCAA All-Tournament team.

Originally from Greenwich, Conn., O'Gorman Menges earned a bachelor's degree in art history.

SALLY SCATTON

Since 1988, Scatton has directed one of the premier field hockey programs in the nation. Her Herons have captured three NCAA Division III National Championships and one ECAC Regional Championship in 19 postseason appearances. William Smith has never suffered a losing season under her tutelage, compiling a 313-83-3 record.

In conference play, the Herons have won eight of 12 championships since the Liberty League was founded. An outstanding mentor, Scatton has coached nine Liberty League Players of the Year. The six-time conference coach of the year earned the NFCA Regional and National Coach of the Year awards in 1992, '97, and 2000, and garnered a fourth regional award in 2004.

A graduate of Ithaca College, Scatton was inducted into the Bombers' Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

SUSAN STUART '89

One of the top goalies in William Smith lacrosse history, Stuart compiled a 26-6 record as a starter. The two-time All-American finished her career with 421 saves, a .629 save percentage, and a 7.29 goals against average. In her first season as a starter, Stuart backstopped William Smith all the way to the 1988 NCAA championship game. She still shares the NCAA Tournament record for saves in a game, with 27 in a 13-11 win over Ursinus in the semifinal round. Stuart finished the year with a then school record 206 saves. Stuart led William Smith to the NCAA semifinals during her senior season, earning a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Stuart was the first William Smith player to earn a spot on the national team, playing for Team USA from 1989-95. She continued to be an active participant in the game as the starting goalie for Team Canada in the 1997 and 2001 World Cups.

Originally from Great Falls, Mont., Stuart earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies and English.

1988 WILLIAM SMITH SOCCER

The 1988 William Smith soccer team was the first Heron team to win a national championship and, likewise, will be the first Heron Team of Distinction. William Smith capped a 16-1-3 season with a 1-0 triple overtime win over UC-San Diego in the championship match.

Five members of the team have been inducted into the Heron Hall of Honor: **LISA BRAY-HAVERSTROM '89** (inducted in 1997), **VIDA DONOHUE SHAVER '91** (2003), **ANN HAGGERTY '92** (2000), **JULIE PERRY '89** (1997), and Head Coach **ALICEANN WILBER** (2002).

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this season and immediately earned a spot in the starting lineup. Erickson has been instrumental on the lacrosse field, in the classroom, and in the political arena. As founder and president of HWS Votes and co-founder and Deputy Director of Summit Educational Outreach Program, her volunteer services have touched fellow classmates and have had a global impact.

A team captain, Markee also is a member of the SAAC. The two-time All-American was a starting crew for both the 2005 ICSA Team Race and Dinghy National Championships. In 2006 and 2007, she was a starter on the HWS sailing team that finished third in the team race national championships. Markee graduated with a degree in physics and environmental studies.

Junior soccer forward **LAURA BURNETT-KURIE** received the Susan Bassett Award for excellence in academics, athletics, and leadership. A third-team All-American, she led the Liberty League in goals (11) and points (25) this season, earning the conference Player of the Year award. Burnett-Kurie is a two-time NSCAA All-Northeast Region selection. She is tied for seventh on the William Smith list for career goals (35) and holds the eighth spot for career points (81). In addition to her many athletic accolades, Burnett-Kurie was named an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American.

The Betsy Mitchell '65 Award for meeting and overcoming personal challenges was presented to soccer senior **NIKKI DUDLEY**. One of the top goaltenders in the nation, she wrapped up her career as the William Smith leader in career shutouts (46), and holds the second spot in career wins (53), and career saves (297). The four-time All-Liberty League selection started all 20 games this season, tallied nine shutouts, and posted a 0.49 goals against average. Dudley played the past three seasons with multiple herniated discs in her back and also suffered a broken hand during her junior season. Despite these potentially debilitating injuries, she didn't miss a single game during her four-year career as a starter.

Sophomore soccer forward **ALI ART** garnered the Hazel Nettleship Hardy '65 Award, presented to the student in her middle years who has contributed to the growth of Heron athletics and is an excellent representative of William Smith athletes. Art started all 20 games this season as William Smith captured the ECAC Upstate Championship. Off the pitch, she works at the Center for Teaching and Learning and is a psychology tutor. Art volunteers for Books for Geneva, The



KERIN COLTON

Winn-Seeley Award winner *Sophie Dennis '07* ranks in the Division III top 10 for career points.

Global Immersion Project, Habitat for Humanity, and is a member of the SAAC.

The Stephanie Christie Award, William Smith's Rookie of the Year Award, was shared by first-year standouts **ERIN CUNNINGHAM** and **KAITLYN HAMILTON**.

The Liberty League Basketball Rookie of the Year, Cunningham was named the conference rookie of the week six times this season and the forward of the week once. She ranked second in the league in field goal percentage (.532) and free throw percentage (.794), seventh in scoring (13.0 ppg), eighth in rebounding (7.2 rpg), and ninth in blocked shots (19, 0.7/g). Cunningham scored a season-high 24 points in a 68-66 win at Hamilton.

Hamilton, the Liberty League Field Hockey Rookie of the Year, earned NFHCA All-Region second team accolades after tallying 13 goals and six assists. She broke the William Smith record for points in a game (9) after netting four goals and adding an assist in an 8-1 rout of Nazareth. In the effort, Hamilton also tied the single game record for most goals in a game. The All-Liberty League pick finished fourth in the conference in points (32).

Through a special presentation, **FORD WEISKITTEL** received the Heron Award for dedication and commitment to William Smith Athletics. The founder of the modern rowing program at the Colleges 25 years ago, Weiskittel continues to serve the HWS rowing teams as a volunteer assistant coach and a race official. He has endowed both the William Smith and Hobart most valuable oarswoman/man awards and regularly assists with the upgrading of the teams' fleet. In

2006-07 Team Awards

Basketball

Barbara Easton Regan Coach's Award
.....Paige Myers '09
Basketball Award.....Marisa Vespa '08

Crew

Coach's Award Kirsten Cooper '10
..... Abbie DiPalma '10
S. Ford Weiskittel Most Valuable
Oarswoman Award Entire varsity roster

Cross Country

Coach's AwardMorgan MacQuaig '08
Sharon Peckham Best '62 Most Valuable
..... Leanne Roncolato '07

Field Hockey

Beverly Singer '74 Coach's Award
..... Brittney Paye '08
Charles P. Boswell II '50 Award
..... Leila Higgins '09

Golf

Coach's AwardKatie Wood '08
Most Valuable GolferNicki Calanda '09

Lacrosse

Shirley Zornow '48 Coach's Award
..... Molly Fitzgerald '10
Patricia Price Genovese Award
..... Sarah Dillon '07

Sailing

Christine Jurczak '00 Coach's Award
.....Maria Trainor '10
Ady Symonds '96 Most Valuable Sailor
..... Amanda Markee '07

Soccer

Coach's Award Allison Foust '09
Aliceann Wilber Award Alex Rieben '07

Squash

Coach's AwardHelen Grassi '07
Irene Graves Harer '28 Award
.....Katie Hendricks '07

Swimming & Diving

Kelly Kisner Coach's Award
..... Rachel Johnson '10
Anne Richardson Rowley '82 Most Valuable
.....Charlotte McIntosh '07

Tennis

Elizabeth Laird Redway Heia '84
Coach's Award Meghan Kelley '07
Mary Hosking Award..... Chelsea Rauck '09

Sports Medicine

Joseph N. Abraham Award ... Paula Foote '07

additional to his involvement with the rowing programs, Weiskittel is a member of the Geneva City School Board and annually runs the Boston Marathon as a fundraiser for cancer research.

More than 50 student-athletes were honored, including team and individual awards. The evening's festivities were sponsored by the Heron Society.



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Dodge named Academic All-American

Recent William Smith graduate **MICHELLE DODGE** was named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine At-Large Academic All-America third team. The rower graduated summa cum laude in May with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and English.

Overall, Dodge is the 12th William Smith student-athlete to be named an Academic All-American since basketball player **GWEN SCOTT '82** became the first in 1980. Dodge is the second Heron rower in as many years to earn the honor, joining 2006 second-team honoree **REBECCA GUTWIN '06**.

Dodge is a three-time Liberty League All-Academic selection and was named a 2007 Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Scholar-Athlete. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

On the water, Dodge was a part of six Liberty League Boats of the Week this season, including the gold medal winning varsity eights at the Liberty League and New York State championships. Dodge and the rest of the Heron varsity eight completed a very successful season with a fifth place finish in the NCAA Championship grand

final.

William Smith's varsity eight won seven of the 14 events it entered this season and was named the Liberty League Crew of the Year. The Herons ended the regular season ranked first in the New York Region by the NCAA Rowing Committee and second in the nation by CRCA.

To be eligible for the Academic All-America teams, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average, be a starter or significant reserve, be at least a sophomore in academic standing, and be voted to one of the eight Academic All-District first teams.

Heron Academic All-Americans

Year	Name, sport	Team
1980	Gwen Scott '82, basketball	---
1985	Leila Garret '86, diving	2nd
1986	Leila Garret '86, diving	2nd
1988	Julie Perry '89, soccer	3rd
1989	Julie Perry '89, soccer	2nd
1998	Kim Rausch '98, soccer	1st
2000	Ami Ford '00, field hockey	2nd
2004	Rebecca Splain '04, lacrosse	3rd
2005	Laura Burnett-Kurie '08, soccer	3rd
2006	Rebecca Gutwin '06, crew	2nd
2007	Michelle Dodge '07, crew	2nd

Another Broken Record: HS Membership Continues To Climb

Thanks to your generosity and the commitment of many others, the Heron Society had a record membership year in both dollars raised (\$71,799) and total members (573).

Thank you for all that you've done to support Heron student-athletes and coaches!

Donate your auction items now!

The Heron Society is accepting auction items for the Hall of Honor weekend. Great auction gifts include sports collectibles, travel packages, gift certificates, and novelty items.

To donate an item, contact Director of Athletics Deb Steward at steward@hws.edu or (315) 781-3500.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 19-21. It will be a weekend of Heron celebration, come join us in Geneva!