

SAA

Sports LETTER

Hobart to rely on defense for 4th straight conference crown

For the past three seasons, the Hobart football team under the watchful eye of Head Coach **MIKE CRAGG** has ruled the Liberty League with an explosive offense and a stingy, if unheralded, defense. In 2004, the Statesmen, ranked 21st in the final D3football.com poll, captured their third straight conference crown and fifth title in the past seven seasons, ranking first or second in the circuit in 20 different categories.

The Statesmen matched the school record for wins in a season, a mark established by the 1896 Purple and Orange (9-3). After splitting a pair of non-conference games to open the season, Hobart rattled off seven consecutive wins, all within the Liberty League, to earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Playoffs. The streak had its closest call when the Union visited Boswell Field. The Statesmen used a 14-yard run on a fake punt from their own end zone to keep the game-tying drive alive and completed the comeback victory in the first overtime, 33-27.

Hobart made it eight straight with a convincing 35-16 first round triumph over Curry College. While the Statesmen bowed in the second round to eventual East Region champion, Rowan, Hobart matched the 2000 squad's 9-2 overall record for the best in the program's past 30-years.

The Statesmen also matched the program's record for most consecutive winning seasons after producing their eighth straight season above .500 under Cragg.

The offense, under the direction of Offensive Coordinator **KEVIN DEWALL**, obliterated the program's records for points in a season (364-311) and average points per game (33.1-32.4), while erasing a handful of individual records every week. Hobart's offense led the conference in scoring, rushing, pass efficiency, first downs, fourth down conversion, red zone conversion, and time of possession.

This position-by-position look at the Statesmen begins on the more seasoned side of the ball, the defense.

DEFENSIVE END

CHRIS PURTELL '05 was an indomitable force for Hobart last season, but graduation is predictable and the coaching staff made ends a priority in recruiting. The result is a quartet of first-years capable of starting immediately, a surplus that will almost certainly benefit another position by moving a player or two around the depth chart.

Junior **ANDY PURDIE** will return to his spot on the weak side of the formation. A steady contributor, he sports 47 career tackles, including three sacks. Senior

ZACH YOUNG and sophomore **JIM DRURY** will be penciled in to fill Purtell's void, but if they don't produce immediate returns, look for a newcomer to get snaps.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Senior **RICK EICHELINGER** will anchor the center of the defensive line. He is fully recovered from a dislocated knee cap suffered in the Rowan game last season. Eicheldinger's combined quickness and power allow him to flush quarterbacks out of the pocket and fill the rushing lanes.

The other tackle slot is up for grabs. Junior **RYAN RAPAPORT** and sophomore **DEREK PETERSON** are the top candidates to fill that hole. A strong run-stopper, Rapaport is the early favorite based on his experience, while Peterson is a natural athlete, who lettered in four sports in high school (football, basketball, lacrosse, and track).

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

It is the rare player that influences the opposition by simply stepping on the field, but that's exactly what **JIMMY GRADIS** (pictured) does. The senior strong side linebacker has thrived in that role, amassing 173 tackles over the past three seasons, the most of any Statesmen during that span. Gradis is seemingly everywhere against the run and a blanket in pass coverage and Coach Cragg expects him to have, "a monster year."

On the weak side, 2002 Liberty League Rookie of the Year **NOLAN ROBINSON** returns. A proven leader on the field and in the locker room, he'll be one of three captains for the Statesmen this year. Robinson was fourth on the team in tackles (64) and led Hobart in sacks (5) a year ago, while earning All-Liberty League praise for his athletic and academic abilities.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

While starters, senior **TONY CLEMENTE** and sophomore Jeff Sanders, both return, Hobart used a three-man rotation at inside linebacker. Ideally, that rotation will be a four-man cycle that will allow the Statesmen linebackers to wreak havoc on every down.

The 2003 Liberty League Defensive Player of the Year, Clemente is a ball hound, capable of shedding blockers at will and sniffing out the ball carrier (161 career tackles, 7 forced fumbles). Sanders turned in a very impressive first-year, logging 60 tackles and two forced fumbles, making himself the heir apparent for

(See FOOTBALL OUTLOOK, p. 2)

Inside:

- Youthful Statesmen Ready To Run p. 5
- Depth Creates Optimism as Soccer Kicks Into Gear p. 5
- Golfers Set To Tee-Off in 2005 p. 6
- Keeping Up With The Statesmen .. p. 6



FOOTBALL OUTLOOK (from p. 1)

Clemente's strong side job in 2006.

CORNERBACK

The Statesmen will sport arguably the best cornerback tandem in the Liberty League, seniors **JAMIE ANDERSON** and **DYSHAWN WASHINGTON**. Anderson led the League and ranked 40th in the nation in interceptions to go with 41 tackles, while Washington led the team and ranked 34th in the nation in passes defended (13 break ups, 3 interceptions) along with 30 stops.

FREE SAFETY

Senior **RYAN SMITH** begins his final season as the returning starter. In 2004, he created four turnovers (3 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery)—second only to Anderson's six takeaways—helping Hobart to a +19 turnover margin for the season, third in the nation.

QUARTERBACK

Junior **SHAWN MIZRO** (pictured) returns for his second season as Hobart's starter, following a sensational sophomore year. The 6-foot-2, 215-pound gunslinger proved rugged enough to stand in the pocket and take a hit to give his receiver an extra step into the open, but mobile enough to avoid the rush—he's the first Hobart quarterback to finish the season with positive rushing yards since **STEVE KENNEY '99** in 1998. Mirzo broke the Hobart season records for passing yards (2,253), pass attempts (287), pass completions (157), passing yards per game (204.8), passing yards per completion (14.4), touchdown passes (30), and pass efficiency rating (149.57), most of which were established by **CRAIG SWANSON '04**.

TAILBACK

Give junior **DOUG BLAKOWSKI** an ounce of daylight and you'll spend the rest of the day trying to run him down. Last season, he averaged 5.1 yards per carry, including a career-high 72 yards and a touchdown at Rensselaer. Hobart's top-returning rusher will have his teammates trying to chase him down in preseason.

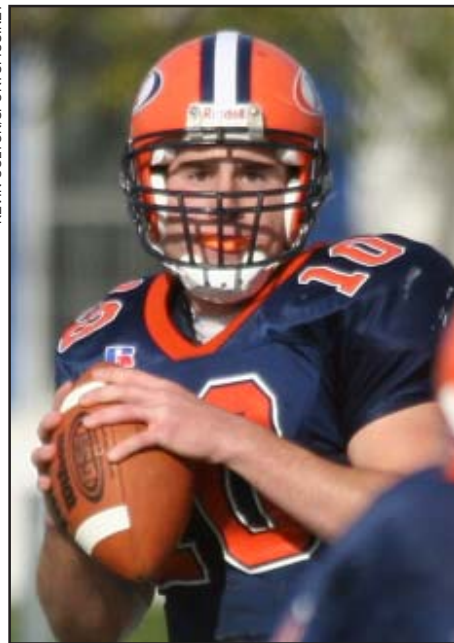
FULLBACK

The Statesmen are blessed with a pair of versatile, athletic fullbacks. Junior **CHRIS WHIPPLE** is expected to once again man the starting job. He gives the Statesmen a strong blocker and a receiving threat (9.6 yds/rec, TD).

WIDE RECEIVER

While Hobart graduated 71 percent of its receptions and 79 percent of its receiving yards from a year ago, the coaching staff

KEVIN COLTON/SPORTSPICS.NET



isn't concerned. They're not delusional either. Losing a pair of top shelf receivers like **RICK PIÑERO** and **DAN SUOZZI** is a tough pill to swallow, but senior tri-captain **COLBY FEANE** and sophomore **JAMES WRIGHT** might be just what the doctor ordered.

Feane, another two-sport athlete, possesses exceptional quickness, intelligence, and superb technique, features that serve him well on the gridiron and the hardwood. Over the past two seasons, he has 56 catches for 616 yards and three touchdowns. The Weedsport, N.Y. native posted season-highs with six receptions, including a touchdown, for 83 yards in last year's thrilling overtime win against the Dutchmen.

Wright was one of six Hobart players to average 10 yards or more per catch last season, collecting eight passes for 80 yards. He'll benefit from playing along side Feane, not only by patterning his work ethic, but also by drawing less attention, at least initially, than the team's top returner. At 6-foot-1, Wright will be an attractive target for Mizro versus man coverage.

TIGHT END

Largely an extension of the offensive line, the tight end in Hobart's offense has been used almost exclusively as a blocker with TD machines like Piñero and Suozzi breaking down defenses. This season, Statesmen tight ends will not only be a key blocker, but an important safety valve for the passing game.

Assuming he is fully recovered from offseason shoulder surgery, junior **KYLE MARTIN** is penciled in as the starter. At 6-foot-2, 245 pounds, the Syracuse native is a quality blocker and made steady progress in

the passing game last season, despite his balking shoulder.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Hobart's line may have been hit the hardest by graduation, but one side effect of graduating so many starters is that recruits see a chance to start right away. "This is the best offensive line we've recruited in a long, long time," Cragg said about his talented but green troops in the trenches.

The one known in a sea of unknowns is junior **MIKE DePERSIS**. A versatile and intelligent athlete, the Liberty League All-Academic pick has changed position every season and adapted well, settling into the right tackle spot in 2005.

Hobbled by leg injuries in each of the past two seasons, **NINO GIAMBRONE** is the only other returning Statesmen with starting experience. A tough run blocker, he was the only first-year to start on Hobart's 2003 ECAC Bowl Championship team.

Both junior **BRIAN OHMAN** (6-4, 275) and sophomore **PHIL PERKINS** (6-3, 285) have worked diligently, while waiting patiently for an opportunity to contribute on the field.

The Class of 2009, both out of necessity and sheer talent, will demand playing time and push the returning lettermen.

SPECIAL TEAMS

While Suozzi's graduation leaves a gaping hole at three special teams spots (punter, kick return, punt return), the open job that concerns the coaches the most is long snapper. Hobart likes to gamble on special teams, sending as many men down field as possible to cover punts, making it vital for the long snapper to both snap the ball accurately and block his man. The Statesmen allowed just 0.7 yards per punt return last season and would like to keep that number low. Who will step up is anyone's guess.

The kicking duties will fall on first-years **KEVIN OLSON** and **MATT WINQUIST**. Both players possess strong, accurate legs capable of handling the punting and place kicking assignments.

Punt and kick returns typically go to a young player on the Hobart roster, providing an untested student-athlete the opportunity to prove what he can do. First-year **RYAN LIDRAZZAH**, among others, is expected to put his speed and dizzying moves to work on special teams.

This season outlook has been abridged to fit the space, to read the complete season outlook, visit the football home page: www.hws.edu/statesmen/football

The Statesmen Athletic Association presents...

Game Day at The Boz!!

THE STATESMEN TENT

Fans everywhere love tailgate parties and the Statesmen Tent is among the best. As we kick off the 2005 fall season, we offer the following reminders about the Tent:

- Members & guests must have their hand stamped at the Statesmen or Will Call gates
- Lunch is available starting 1 hour prior to game time
- The Tent is not open during the game
- Food and beverages cannot be taken out of the Tent area

The Tent is for the enjoyment of our members. While guests are welcome, guest prices have been set to encourage visitors to join the SAA and support Hobart athletics. In fairness to all, we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SAA FOOTBALL / LACROSSE "GAME DAY" BENEFITS

SAA Membership Level	Parking	Comp Game Tickets	Guest Game Tickets	Comp Tent Tickets	Guest Tent Tickets
Orange \$50		1	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	1	\$10 adult \$5 children *
Purple \$100		2	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	2	\$10 adult \$5 children
Silver \$250		3	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	3	\$10 adult \$5 children
Gold \$500		4	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	4	\$10 adult \$5 children
Platinum \$1,000	Reserved	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$10 adult \$5 children

STATESMEN SOCIETY LACROSSE "GAME DAY" BENEFITS

Statesmen Society Level	Parking	Comp Game Tickets	Guest Game Tickets	Comp Tent Tickets	Guest Tent Tickets
Chairman (\$10,000 & above)	Preferred	<i>Per Request</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Per Request</i>	<i>N/A</i>
President (\$5,000 – 9,999)	Preferred	8	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	8	\$10 adult \$5 children
Director (\$2,500 – 4,999)	Reserved	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$10 adult \$5 children
Officer (\$1,000 – 2,499)	Reserved	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$10 adult \$5 children

* Children's prices apply to those under 12 years of age.

We encourage SAA members to acquaint their guests with the benefits of an SAA membership – **the more members, the better the HOME TEAM!** Please contact Sue Perry in the SAA office at (315) 781-3075 for membership information. THANK YOU.

Be a Fan!

Statesmen Athletic Association Membership Form

Enclosed is my gift for the 2005-2006 Membership Drive

\$1,000 Platinum \$500 Gold \$250 Silver \$100 Purple \$50 Orange Other _____

*Earmark my gift for the sport(s) of: (optional) _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Method of Payment: To donate by phone call (315) 781-3075. Or, please complete the Mastercard/Visa/American Express information at right. (**SEE OTHER SIDE**)

Statesmen

Athletic Association

To pay by check, make your check payable to SAA and return to **SAA, Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y. 14456**

Charge your payment to: AX MC VISA

Card Holder Signature _____

Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____

PREMIUMS

\$1,000	Orange crew neck long sleeve pullover wind shirt with pockets and embroidered Hobart logo; Cotton blend micro fiber golf shirt with embroidered Hobart logo (Ladies color: coral, men's color: white); Beige embroidered ball cap.
\$500	Select one package: <input type="checkbox"/> Micro fiber golf shirt with embroidered Hobart logo and tan embroidered Hobart ball cap or <input type="checkbox"/> embroidered orange long sleeve pullover wind shirt and tan embroidered Hobart ball cap
\$250	Cotton blend micro fiber golf shirt with embroidered Hobart logo (Ladies color: coral, men's color: white) \$35
\$100	100% Cotton tan embroidered ball cap
\$50	Statesmen lapel pin
SAA donors are granted season tickets for regular season home football, hockey and lacrosse games. Members gain admission by showing their membership card or Statesmen Society tag. Complimentary admission is offered on the following basis: •\$1,000 = 6 tickets/game •\$500 = 4 tickets •\$250 = 3 tickets •\$100 = 2 tickets •\$50 = 1 ticket	



Thank you!
From the Statesmen Athletic Association Hobart College

Premiums I DO I DO NOT wish to receive premiums of value listed above.
 I wish to receive the SAA Sportsletter via e-mail at the following e-mail address _____

If apparel item is selected, please check size:

Men: Small Medium Large XL XXL **Women:** Small (32) Medium (34) Large (36) XL (38) _____

HOBART COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS BOSWELL PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION - FALL 2005

Enclosed, please find my check payable to Hobart College (\$15 for football, \$25 for lacrosse, or \$40 for both). I understand this permit entitles me to parking at Boswell Field or The Barn for regular season home games only.

Please return your check and this form to: Bristol Gym - Parking
Hobart College
Geneva, NY 14456

Send my parking permit to:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Permit No.: _____

Amount Received: _____ Date Mailed: _____

Supporting The Troops



Over the summer, interns Ben Cerow (left) and Kevin Fanning packed up a box of Hobart apparel donated by Bob Toner, Bill Ryan, Lucille Smart and Graph-Tex for Derek LeSure, a native Genevan, and his crewmates aboard the USS Kauffman. LeSure wrote to Hobart to purchase lacrosse shorts following a friendly argument with his fellow sailors about the nation's best teams.

Depth creates optimism as Statesmen soccer kicks into gear

GENEVA, N.Y.—With 12 returning lettermen and the addition of a wealth of talented newcomers, coach **SHAWN GRIFFIN** is optimistic his team's luck will change in 2005. The Hobart soccer team suffered a stretch of tough breaks last season. Although the Statesmen finished with a disappointing overall record of 5-12, they lost eight one-goal games, including five in overtime. Losing four one-goal games inside the conference sealed their Liberty League tournament fate.

The departure of six seniors to gradua-

tion was bittersweet for Griffin because although he was excited to see them matriculate, they were his first recruiting class and the foundation of his program.

In the attacking third, the Statesmen will sorely miss the scoring abilities of **RICKY KLOTZ '05**, who led the Liberty League in goals (12) and points (26). During his tenure at the Colleges, the three-time All-Region and All-Liberty League pick ranked second in career goals (40) and points (89). Klotz, who will enter the role of assistant coach, will be able to mentor his running mate, senior **MICKE SUBOTOWICZ**, and the rest of the Hobart strikers.

Subotowicz, the offensive catalyst, has been a mainstay in the Statesmen's lineup for the past three seasons where he led the 2004 squad in assists and finished second in goals and points. The 2003 Liberty League Player of the Year needs four assists to break the Hobart career record (26), which was established by **JEFF SAUNDERS '92**. A versatile player, Subotowicz will be counted on to supply Hobart with a scoring punch.

In addition to Subotowicz, Hobart returns a pair of seniors with significant experience and talent to its front line. Fellow countryman and classmate, **JOHN ROSENBAUM** provides the Statesmen with great speed along with three years of varsity experience. A physically imposing striker, **CHRIS RODGERS** will utilize his size and crafty foot work to create scoring opportunities.

Junior **TUCKER CROCKETT**, a defender last fall, will move to the attacking third of the field because his solid frame and blue-collar mentality creates a difficult match up for opponents. Sophomore **GREG DAVIDSON**, deemed the most improved and one of the hardest workers on the team by the coaching staff, will compete for steady minutes on the front line.

Hobart will feature a pair of highly talented first-years who are expected to challenge for quality minutes. A proven scorer, **RICKY CARVALHO**, netted 101 goals during his career at Hollis-Brookline, which earned him All-New England recognition as a senior. A versatile athlete, **MATT SCHWARTZ** has displayed quick feet and a great work ethic throughout the preseason.

Despite losing two members of the 2004 All-Liberty first-team to graduation, the Statesmen return a trio of players to the midfield that saw action in at least 13 games last year. **BEN CROSKY** is a strong defensive minded player who will compete for a spot



Micke Subotowicz

in the defensive midfield. **BRADLEY WEINBERG** will play a key role for the Statesmen at the attacking midfield position. Running the flanks will be **BRETT KLEBANOFF** and **TYLER WEBSTER**. Klebanoff is a hard working individual who will provide depth on the outside. Webster, a hard shooting lefty, missed the entire 2004 season due to injury

has shown no ill effects during preseason.

The Statesmen will feature a quartet of highly talented and experienced first-years that will challenge for immediate playing time. **DAN RISO** who is interchangeable as either a forward or midfielder, creates scoring opportunities with his great touch and explosive speed. **KERLENZ BENJAMIN**, **PHIL SCHOENIGER**, and **JESSE PEREIRA** will provide Hobart with a presence in the defensive midfield. Benjamin led his prep school to the Class A New England Prep School Championship, Schoeniger is a physically imposing defender, and Pereira uses his technical skills to eliminate opponent's offensive chances.

Captain **JAMIE SMITH** returns to anchor the backline after participating in a study aboard program last fall. Smith, who started 19 games in 2003, will be expected to use his experience and innate leadership skills to command Hobart's defense. Sophomore **HARRIS GOLDMAN** will return to his spot on the left wing. He possesses a great knowledge of the game along with speed and skills. Senior **MATT DOW-ALLEN** will provide depth in the back line, fully capable of playing either of the four positions.

First-year's **KEENAN SIMMONS** and **DEVIN WILDER** are expected to compete for quality minutes. Simmons matured in a soccer oriented environment during his tenure at the world-renown I.M.G. Soccer Academy. The fastest member on the Statesmen squad, Wilder, is an athletic and talented defender, who played year-round for the Oakwood Soccer Club.

The starting goalkeeper's position was the most hotly contested roster spot during the preseason. First-year's **PHIL DaCOSTA** and **PETE VAN DELLON** distinguished themselves as the frontrunners for the starting nod. DaCosta, who earned All-New Hampshire first-team recognition as a senior, has a physically imposing and vocal presence in the net. Van Dellon, a member of the Rochester Junior Rhinos, excels in the air and his distribution jumpstarts the transition to offense. First-year **ALEX GRAF** will provide Hobart with depth in the net.

Youthful Statesmen ready to run

GENEVA, N.Y.—The Hobart cross country team returns two lettermen and welcomes five first-years to campus. Longtime Head Coach **RON FLEURY**, who has directed the cross country program for three decades, will look for his pair of experienced runners, paced by senior captain **ERIC BARNES**, to mentor his young squad.

Under the guidance of Fleury, the 2004 team made great strides as the returning lettermen all showed consistent improvement throughout the fall. The steady progress throughout the season became evident as Hobart recorded an 18th place finish out of 34 teams at the ECAC Championships, which were held in Grafton, Mass.

Barnes, who was hampered by early season injuries last fall, is expecting to pick up where he left the off, turning in a season's best time at the ECAC Championships. In order for the Statesmen to have success, Barnes will have to impart his experience on a talented group of first-years.

Sophomore **JOSEPH BOCHYNSKI**, who turned in a quality first season, will enter the fall as the top Statesmen runner. Holding true to Hobart's pattern of continual improvement, Bochynski turned in his fastest time (30:58) at the ECAC Championships, which clipped 1:02 off his previous week's time.

First-year **MICHAEL TALARICO**, who showed up to preseason workouts in phenomenal shape, has earned early praise from Fleury. He is expected to impact the Statesmen lineup. First-year **ALEX BRYCE** is expected to contribute immediately. As a senior at Bellows Free Academy, Bryce was a state finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

SAA

HOBART COLLEGE
 Department of Athletics
 Bristol Gymnasium
 Geneva, NY 14456

Hobart golf ready to tee-off in 2005

GENEVA, N.Y.—The Hobart golf team, led by Head Coach **BILL QUINN**, will feature three returning lettermen along with four first-years, poised to improve on last season's five top-five team finishes. The Statesmen will be led by senior shotmaker **DREW SLOCUM**, who has topped the leader board three times during his collegiate career.



Drew Slocum

Slocum, who shot a team-high 15 rounds last season, won the Elmira College Spring Invitational by shooting 1-under on the 72-par Elmira Country Club. A member of the 2004 All-Liberty League second-team, he recorded a ninth place finish at the Liberty League Championships on Sept. 27. At the Hobart Invitational, Slocum carded a 79 to earn a third place finish. Two weeks later, he posted a fifth place performance at the New York University Violet Classic.

Junior **MIKE GONZALEZ**, who finished second on the team in rounds (14), showed steady progress throughout last season. He used the knowledge of his home course to

shoot a 78 at the Hobart Invitational, which notched his first collegiate victory. On Sept. 19, he posted a career-best 77 at the Pitt-Bradford Invitational. Gonzalez turned in a top-five performance at the Oswego State Fall Invitational, carding a 78 on the par-71 course.

Senior **MARK HOBIN**, who shot 11 rounds in 2004, enjoyed

his season-best performance at the Pitt-Bradford Invitational, which earned him a score of 79 along with a third place finish on the team. His marksmanship guided Hobart to a second place finish. Hobin will be counted on to mentor the four incoming first-years.

First-years **GEORGE GORTON** (Johnston City/Endwell, N.Y.), **BRIAN KILDUFF** (Morristown-Beard School/Summit, N.J.), **LUCAS MINDLIN** (Shady Side Academy/Pittsburgh, Pa.) and **PETER MOHLIN** (Thornton Academy/Saco, Maine) should provide depth in the Statesmen lineup.

Keeping Up With The Statesmen

In today's fast-paced world it can be tough to find the time to seek out information on your favorite Hobart teams. The Athletic Communications Office wants to make it easy for you to follow the Statesmen with these free services:

E-Mail Service

For the past two years, hundreds of Hobart alumni, parents, and fans have received press releases on their favorite team right in the in-box of their e-mail. Sign up for only the teams you want. Visit the following Web page and sign up today!

www.hws.edu/athletics/emailsignup.asp

RSS Service

For the more tech savvy among us, the Colleges offer RSS (really simple syndication). Used in conjunction with an RSS reader, like My Yahoo!, fans can get headlines right on their homepage.

www.hws.edu/news/rss/