

SAA Sports LETTER

Campaign for the Colleges to benefit future Statesmen

Hobart and William Smith athletics may consist of two separate and distinct units, but the sense of pride and 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 Statesmen or Herons, 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.
- 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 alumni, alumnae, parents, and friends. Your investment will have an immediate impact on how students lead their lives today and in years to come.

Contact Mike Hanna, (315) 781-3565 or hanna@hws.edu, to discuss how you can make an impact on the more than 80 percent of students who participate in intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, club sports, outdoor recreation, and wellness activities.

Hall of Fame welcomes Class of 2006, Teams of Distinction



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The Hobart Hall of Fame Class of 2006

Clockwise from upper left: Don Dahowski, Dr. Arno Wittig, Gordon Satterley, Dr. Bob Demuth, Jim Upper, Sue Ellen Hannan (representing Art Johnson), and Tom Gravante.

The Hobart Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed its 16th class of inductees in an on campus ceremony on Nov. 3, 2006. The Class of 2006 included Don Dahowski '59, of York, Pa., Dr. Bob Demuth '51, of Portland, Ore., Tom Gravante '88, of Frederick, Md., Gordon Satterley '50, of Darien, Conn., Jim Upper '61, of Voorhees, N.J., Dr. Arno Wittig '61, of Muncie, Ind., and the late Art Johnson '35 formerly of Skaneateles.

The 20th anniversary of the first Hall of Fame induction added a new twist to the celebration, as Hobart Athletics honored its first "Teams of Distinction." The undefeated 1938 (6-0) and 1940 (5-0) lacrosse teams and the 1954 (8-0) and 1957 (6-0) football teams were the first to be so honored in the team category.

DON DAHOWSKI '59

A native of Poughkeepsie, Dahowski was a three-year letterman in both football and lacrosse. On the gridiron, he helped Hobart to a 17-3-1 record between 1956 and 1958. Dahowski set a then single season record for receiving yards as a sophomore, catching 14 passes for 286 yards and four touchdowns. As a senior, he was named a team captain and earned the Murray Bartlett Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship. On the lacrosse field, Dahowski earned honorable mention All-

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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 HWS.

ESPN praise headlines fall academic honors

Hobart senior linebacker Nolan Robinson was named to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District football team, headlining a long list of academic awards for Statesmen this fall. The chemistry major is one of the leading tacklers in the Liberty League and led Hobart to an 8-2 record, a share of the conference championship, and a third straight NCAA playoff appearance this season.

Robinson is a three-time Liberty League All-Academic honoree and a two-time All-Liberty League selection. He tied for the team lead and ranked sixth in the Liberty League in tackles with 79 (48 solo). The 2003 Liberty League Rookie of the Year, Robinson finished his career with 250 tackles, including 140 solo. The four-year starter and two-time team captain led Hobart to a 32-10 record during his four seasons, including three NCAA playoff ap-

pearances, three Liberty League Championships, and an ECAC Bowl Championship.

A standout in the classroom as well, Robinson has been named to the Dean's List in each of the past two years. He is a 2003-04 Faculty Scholar, a 2005 Hobart Scholar, a 2005-06 Hale Scholar, and a current member of the Druid Society.

To be eligible for 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.

Robinson was one of several Hobart student-athlete honored for his work in the athletic arena and in the classroom. Sixteen Statesmen were named to the Liberty League All-Academic Teams for their respective sports (see sidebar).

Liberty League All-Academic Teams

Cross Country

Joe Bochynski '08, Mathematics
Alex Bryce '09, Undeclared

Football

Lance Boyington '09, Undeclared
Mike Condon '09, Media and Society
Mike DePersis '07, Chemistry
Anthony Hobaica '09, Undeclared
Mike Kaplun '08, Media and Society
Ryan McWalter '07, History
Ryan Rapaport '07, English
Nolan Robinson '07, Chemistry
Chris Whipple '07, History

Soccer

John Catillaz '09, Undeclared
Keenan Simons '09, Undeclared
Jamie Smith '07, Political Science
Pete Van Dellon '09, Undeclared
Brad Weinberg '08, Economics

Statesmen winter seasons underway

Metz '98 returns to direct cagers

Izzi Metz '98 was handed the reins of the basketball team by Athletics Director Mike Hanna earlier this year. Metz returns to his alma mater after five successful seasons as an assistant coach at Cornell.

"I'm excited about the future of Hobart basketball and confident in the leadership, energy, character, and teamwork that Izzi Metz brings to our basketball program, to our campus, and to the community of Geneva," Hanna said.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity," Metz said. "It's been a dream of mine for a very long time to be a head coach. I'm ready to run with it."

With the Big Red, Metz was involved in all aspects of the program. During his first four seasons in Ithaca, the Big Red improved from 5-22 to 13-14.

An assistant coach at Hobart during the 2000-01 season, Metz helped the Statesmen produce a school record 20 wins, capture the Liberty League Championship, and earn the program's first NCAA bid.

Metz inherited a young team that returned nine lettermen and only two starters. Hobart is 2-5, but could easily be 4-3 after dropping the first two games by a total of seven points. The Statesmen gave Metz his first win in his Bristol Gym debut, a 76-69 triumph over Cazenovia.

Senior Mike Manning is the team's captain and is seeking to become the 20th Hobart player to record 1,000 career points. He heads into the break with 857 points.

Hockey to go indoors in '07-08

The end is near.

The Statesmen are playing their final season as the only collegiate hockey team to play in an outdoor rink.

Dubbed The Cooler, the Geneva Recreation Complex is scheduled to be fully enclosed during the summer of 2007. The project will be funded by state and federal grants, as well as an assist from the owner of the Tampa Bay Lightning, Bill Davidson. His company, Guardian Industries, will donate all of the glass for the enclosure project.

Local businessman Bernie Lynch, who is the father of a youth hockey player and a loyal fan of Statesmen hockey, was the central figure in bring the latest renovation to The Cooler to fruition. He enlisted the help of Hobart Coach Mark Taylor, other business leaders, and several local, state and federal representatives to bring an end to the long, cold winter, at least during Hobart hockey games.

"[The rink] isn't quite where we need to be," Lynch told USCHO.com correspondent Scott Biggar. "I see it as a youth hockey parent, and as a downtown businessman who owns a furniture store that has been in the family for 101 years, I feel we can do better. College hockey can be a real entertainment option in a town like this."

The Statesmen are currently ranked 10th in the nation and hold a 6-2-2 record entering the semester break.

Youth movement leading squash

Twelfth-year Head Coach Carol Weymuller has leaned on a pair of first-years in the early part of the 2006-07 squash season.

Nick Pearson and Charlie Barth are off to fast starts, sporting 7-2 and 6-3 records, respectively, while sophomore Cale Forgues, seniors Prateek Patni and Andrew McDonough, and junior Brian Shiver also have produced solid results for Hobart.

As a team, the Statesmen are off to a bumpy start, carrying a 3-6 record into the semester break. No. 23 Hobart has played a demanding early season schedule, dropping all six matches to higher ranked teams.

Things won't get any easier when the Statesmen return from break. Their remaining schedule features nine top 20 teams, including five in the top 10.

Pearson, already a three-time Liberty League Rookie of the Week selection, owns a 2-2 record at No. 2, and is undefeated at No. 3 and No. 4. Barth has played eight of his nine matches at No. 4, where he is 6-2.

Last year's Liberty League Rookie of the Year, Forgues has earned League weekly honors as well this season. The team's No. 1 player was named the Performer of the Week after the first four matches.

A three-time All-Liberty League pick, Patni holds a 6-3 mark playing at No. 2 and No. 3. McDonough has 13 career wins and a 4-3 mark at the No. 9 spot this year, while Shiver is 4-5, his play spread out over the No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7 matches.

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American honors and a spot in the North-South All-Star Game during his senior year. Dahowski led the team in goals that season, recording hat tricks against Syracuse and Rensselaer. One year prior, he received the Lt. John Vandeverg Trophy as the lacrosse team's most improved. Dahowski capped his collegiate athletic career with the 1959 Kraus Award as Hobart's Athlete of the Year.

Outside the athletic arena, Dahowski also was very active. He was a member of Phi Phi Delta fraternity, serving at times as its president, vice president, and treasurer. Dahowski was the first resident tutor and a member of the Newman Club.

DR. BOB DEMUTH '51

Demuth was a three-time letterwinner for the Statesmen basketball and lacrosse teams. As a cager, he scored a career-high 14 points against Buffalo in his final Hobart game, lifting the Statesmen to a 7-6 record, the program's first winning season since the end of World War II. As an attackman in lacrosse, Demuth was a prolific goal scorer. He graduated as Hobart's all-time leader in career goals with 83 and currently ranks 22nd. The two-time All-American served as the team captain in 1951, when the Statesmen posted a 9-2 record, a record for wins in a season at that time. Demuth's leadership was beyond reproach. After separating his shoulder against Dartmouth, he returned to score twice against Kenyon in the very next game. Homer, as he was known around campus, earned a starting nod in the 1951 North-South All-Star Game. During his three seasons, the lacrosse team posted a sterling 23-9 record.

Following graduation, Demuth served four years in the U.S. Navy before earning his medical degree from the University of Rochester.

TOM GRAVANTE '88

A four-year letterman on the lacrosse field, Gravante helped the Statesmen capture the Division III national championship in each of those four seasons. The two-time first-team All-American led Hobart in scoring as a senior registering 66 goals and 22 assists for 88 points. Gravante capped his collegiate career with a then record seven goals in an 18-9 win over Ohio Wesleyan in the NCAA championship game. The outburst—part of a 17-goal effort in the Statesmen's run through the tournament—earned him the Brine Award as the game's most outstanding player. Gravante was named the Judge Thomas Kane Memorial Trophy winner as team MVP and the Jack Turnbull Award winner as the Division III Attackman of the Year. He finished his career with 141 goals (6th all-time) and 69 assists (12th all-time) for 210 points (6th all-time).

Since 1993, Gravante has been a member of the Mount St. Mary's University men's lacrosse coaching staff, including the past 11 seasons as head coach. He's been named the MAAC Coach of the Year three times and led the Mountaineers to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 2003. Gravante was named the 2002 Howdy Myers Man of the Year by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and the 2006 Jim Muhlfelder Award winner for service to lacrosse by U.S. Lacrosse.

GORDON SATTERLEY '50

Satterley was a four-year letterwinner in lacrosse. He received honorable mention All-American honors as a sophomore, junior, and senior. The attackman led Hobart in scoring in both 1947 and 1948. Satterley captained the 1949 team to an 8-3 record, the squad's best record during his days on campus. The North-South All-Star scored a career-high nine goals against Kenyon and added six tallies in his final collegiate game, a 24-12 blowout of Union. The very definition of student-athlete, Satterley was a member of

Hobart's Orange Key, Chimera, and Druid societies, the sophomore, junior, and senior honor societies, respectively.

JiM UPPER '61

A three-sport star, Upper was a three-year letterman in basketball and baseball and a two-year letterman in football. A scoring wizard on the hardwood, he averaged 19.3 points per game during his basketball career, finishing with 925 points. He was twice chosen the basketball team captain and garnered the Love Trophy as a senior after leading the team with 22.0 ppg. On the gridiron, he was a two-year starter at end, earning the team's MVP award as a senior. On the diamond, Upper was described as a "workhorse." The left-handed pitcher was Hobart's opening day starter as a sophomore. He finished that year with a 3-4 record while batting .375. As a senior, Upper enjoyed one of his strongest games against St. Lawrence. He threw seven solid innings against the Saints, striking out five, while going 2-for-2 at the dish with two RBIs and three runs scored. After winning two team MVP awards, Upper was tabbed the 1961 Kraus Award winner.

Following graduation, Upper served his alma mater as head coach of the basketball team from 1965 through 1972. He also led the Statesmen baseball team from 1969 through 1973.

DR. ARNO WITTIG '61

A two-year letterwinner in soccer, Wittig and fellow Hall of Famer John Adams '62 became Hobart's first soccer All-Americans when they were selected to the 1960 squad. From his fullback position, Wittig anchored a stingy defense that helped the Statesmen to a 6-1-1 record (.813) in 1960, a winning percentage that stood as the program's gold standard for more than three decades. The two-time All-State selection scored his first and only goal in his collegiate finale, a 4-2 win over Hamilton. Wittig also lettered in baseball.

Wittig, who is retired from the faculty at Ball State, spent several seasons on the Cardinals' soccer coaching staff.

ART JOHNSON '35

Johnson was an exceptional lacrosse goalie and a dominating lineman in football. Nicknamed Mountain Man, he filled the cage with 290 pounds the Geneva Daily Times called, "...an impenetrable bulwark in the nets." Johnson was the first Statesman to earn first-team All-American honors twice. During his junior season, he sandwiched a 22-save showing against Cornell and a 17-save performance at Syracuse around his first collegiate win, a 7-6 overtime triumph against Union. As a senior, Johnson led Hobart to a 5-2 record.

Following graduation, Johnson played for the 1935 All-American lacrosse team that won the Lally Trophy in the International Box Lacrosse Series. Two years later, he was an invited addition to the All-American lacrosse team that toured England and captured the Flannery Cup.

In 1983, Johnson was recognized for his outstanding contributions to Hobart Athletics and the Statesmen Athletic Association with the Statesmen Award. He has been honored in Skaneateles for his instrumental role in the formation of the youth lacrosse program there. The lacrosse boosters award an annual trophy in his name to the outstanding high school athlete.

Johnson, who died in 1986, is survived by his daughter, Sue Ellen Hannan of Dayton, Ohio.

To learn more about the 89 members of the Hobart Hall of Fame, visit:

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Holiday Greetings!



A look back on the year reveals Hobart fans had a lot to cheer about in 2006.

In addition to a wide range of team and individual accomplishments in the athletic arena, Statesmen earned 42 academic awards at the conference, regional, and national levels. Not only did they excel in their sports and in the classroom, but Hobart student-athletes made a difference in the community as well, assisting a variety of organizations like

Rotary Camp Onseyawa, the Salvation Army, Adult Day Health Services, and many more.

Our student-athletes give me constant reminders of just how great it is to be a Statesman!

Looking forward, The Fund for Athletics will be a focus for Hobart and William Smith Athletics. The fund-raising efforts will be led by volunteer co-chairs Tom Poole '61 and Cynthia Fults Burke '87 along with myself and Heron Athletics Director Deb Steward.

The projects outlined on the first page of this Sportsletter represent the Colleges' commitment to recreation and fitness as vital components of campus life. I encourage you to join me in investing in the future of HWS students.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hanna".

Mike Hanna '68
Director of Athletics

Teams of Distinction

Hobart Athletics honored its first Teams of Distinction in 2006, recognizing the undefeated lacrosse teams of 1938 (6-0) and 1940 (5-0) and the undefeated football teams of 1954 (8-0) and 1957 (6-0). Understandably few were in attendance from those lacrosse teams, but the gridiron gangs were well represented. Members of the 1954 team appear in the top photo, with the 1957 squad below. (Photos by Kevin Colton)

