

COACH'S CORNER



It's fall already? I can't believe the summer flew by that quickly!!

So we are starting yet another fall ball season with a bang! It seems as though as a whole the team came back in great shape and very motivated to start playing. The captains are geared up, the seniors have great expectations for the team in their last year, the freshman have come on strong, and to the coach's delight the team is picking up right where we left off.

I am so excited to get this year under way. Last year at this time I didn't know the team very well, and in what direction my impact on the team was going to take us. This year, I can definitely say I feel as though I'm ahead of the game and for that, I have the team to thank. Even though they are sometimes swamped with work, they still manage

to find the time to stop in and say hello and let me know how they are doing, which to me is priceless!

On a different note, we have a couple of very tough fall tournaments coming up and would love your support. On **Sunday September 28th** we are heading to Penn State to play full games against PSU, Rutgers and Delaware. Games start at 1pm and go until 4pm. Our attitude is different this year because it's not just for the experience of playing top teams, it's to compete among the top teams. With this said, it's going to a lot of hard work to measure to or to surpass the success we had last year. The best way to prepare for this season is to jump right in and see how we do against opponents that are tougher than our season schedule offers. Success breeds success and so we need to make sure we are prepared to make that a reality.

On **Sunday, October 26th** we will be competing at the Octoberfest Tournament at the University of Delaware. There we will hope to play Quinnipiac, Drexel, LaSalle and George Washington, although final scheduling has not yet been processed. This was such a success last fall and it's a great mix of teams that will each challenge us. (We are hoping to host a game on **Saturday October 11th** on our new turf facility. We will update you further on these possible plans in the near future so stayed tuned!)

ALUMS!...we encourage all of you to come out and support the Bison this fall. Please if you are in attendance at one of these tournaments feel free to come up and say hello! **AND...don't forget about our spring ALUMNI GAME following our game against Colgate on Saturday, April 10th!!!** We have a weekend of fun to offer you so gather up your old teammates, dust of those wooden sticks (haha...just kidding) and we'll see you there!!!

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Take Care,
Randall Flynn

More Spring Honors for the Bison

2003 graduate **Suzanne Raffaele** was honored with a number of awards after an outstanding senior season. Raffaele was selected to the **2003 Brine IWLCA/US Lacrosse All-Region team** in May. She kept the accolades coming with a selection as one of only 40 seniors in the country to participate in the **Division I North/South All Star game**, becoming just the third Bucknell player ever chosen for the prestigious event. Raffaele's final honor was earning the title of the **2003 Patriot League Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete of the Year**. A management major who graduated with a 3.36 cumulative grade point average, Raffaele became just the sixth player in PL history to earn all-league recognition all four years of her career after being named to the first-team all-star squad this season.

In addition, the 25 member team was honored as a **2003 IWLCA Academic Squad**. Bucknell (3.29) was one of the top-22 academic teams in the country behind Stanford (3.373), University of Connecticut (3.37), and Duquesne University (3.31).

Seniors **Amy Hasler, Amy Hafets, and Laura Seiboth** were all named to the **IWLCA Academic Honor roll**. The chemistry, education, and biology majors each had a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Alumni Game Scheduled

The first annual Alumni event scheduled for **Saturday, April 10th** following the Bucknell vs. Colgate game on Graham Turf. We hope all alumni can come watch the 2004 team in action, and then bring back some old memories by playing past and present Bison players.

Immediately following the alumni game, we encourage all alumni and family to gather at the **Towne Tavern** where appetizers and "cold beverages" will be provided.

Please RSVP to plowie@bucknell.edu or 570-577-3551 at your earliest convenience so we can get your alumni t-shirts ordered for the special event!! We hope to see you all there.



2nd Annual Shoot-A-Thon

We have big plans for the Bison squad this year! Some of which include playing in preseason tournaments, spring break training at Disney's Wide World of Sports, and of course, looking our best in new warm-ups and practice gear! None of this would be possible without some FUNdraising activities through out the year. The Shoot-a-thon will occur in early October, 2003. Please check the mail for more information on the event. We always appreciate online giving and donations to the Women's Lacrosse Team as well. We thank you for all the help and donations you provide!

THANK YOU

A Players Perspective:

By: Liz Schuster

We are coming into this new season still feeling the excitement from our first appearance in the Patriot League Tournament. Going from 6th place in 2002 to 2nd in 2003 was a huge step forward. We are all extremely excited about the potential for this team and have a new understanding of how hard work really pays off! Each player is motivated and brings something unique to the Bucknell Women's Lacrosse Team. We welcome the incoming freshmen. They have immediately found a place on the team and will all be making an impact this season!

This fall we are looking forward to some awesome competition. We will be playing Penn State, Rutgers, and Delaware on September 28th to kick off the Fall Ball season. Come out and watch us play!



Fun Facts about Bucknell University

- Bucknell University led all NCAA divisions with a perfect 100 percent graduation rate of its student-athletes, the NCAA announced in the September 2, 2003 edition of *USA TODAY*. It is the third time that Bucknell has led the nation in graduation rates, and the extraordinary feat makes Bucknell one of only 15 schools to receive the prestigious *USA TODAY*-NCAA Academic Achievement Award.
- For the fifth straight year, the Patriot League leads all Division I athletic conferences in graduation rates, according to the report released recently by the NCAA. In the national survey, the Patriot League full-member institutions graduated 84% of its students-athletes, more than 10 percent higher graduation rate than any other NCAA Division I conference.
- The Patriot League Presidents' Cup will spend a sixth consecutive year in the Bucknell University trophy case. On the strength of five conference titles and three runner-up finishes, Bucknell claimed the league's all-sports crown for a milestone 10th time in the league's 13-year history.
- 93% of the graduates of the class of 2003 were successfully placed in the workplace, to go along with a 95% retention rate.

Meet the Freshmen

We are extremely excited about the new addition of eight freshmen to this year's roster. With the graduation of two seniors, this year's freshman class looks to add incredible depth to the team. With two attackers, four midfielders, one defender, and one goalie joining, each will play in important role on the team.

#30 Erica Andreozzi(Midfield). Erica graduated and played four years of lacrosse at Haverford High School, in Haverford, PA. She earned All-Academic honors, as well as being named to the 2nd team all Delco team.

#27 Kelly Doyle(Attack). Kelly hails to from Summit, NJ where she was led her school to the first Division League Title. While playing for Oak Knoll, Kelly was a tri-captain, and also played on the Metro Club team.

27 Katie Edge(Midfield). Katie was a member of the nationally ranked Saint Stevens Saint Anges High School in Alexandria, VA. She received first team all league honors for her efforts, and also lead the team to a #1 finish in the ISL league. Katie also had a feature article written about her in the Washington Post.

66 Kristin Gaines.(Goalkeeper) Kristin comes from Englewood, Colorado where she graduated from Cherry Creek High school. At Creek, Kristin was a member of the 2000-2003 Centennial League Champions, and the '03 CO State Champions. She was named team MVP and Second Team All-State her senior year.

7 Lauren Kremer(Midfield) Lauren had a stellar lacrosse career at Unionville High school in Kennett Square, PA. Lauren is a two time first team All-League performer, Academic All-American, and second team All-Area honoree. She was a member of Unionville's Co-League Champion team this past season.

#2 Lindsay Penek(Midfield) Lindsay lettered four times at Kent Place High School in Summit, NJ. She named an All-Star player of New England, and Honorable Mention All-State in 2003.

#17 Erin Weinstein(Midfield) Erin joins the team, along with twin sister Shauna from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA. Erin was also a member of the basketball and water polo teams while at Deerfield.

#21 Shauna Weinstein(Defense). Shauna also went to Deerfield Academy and participated in basketball and water polo along with lacrosse. Both Shauna and Erin reside in Stanfordville, NY.

Graham Field Opens

Bucknell University's West Field Complex will have a new synthetic turf for the 2003 Bison field hockey and lacrosse seasons, thanks to a lead gift by William Graham '62.

William Graham has committed \$1,225,000 to the following athletic initiatives: \$125,000 to the club varsity wrestling program, \$500,000 forward the construction of the field hockey/women's lacrosse/general recreation artificial turf field, and \$600,000 to support women's athletics programs.

Graham celebrated his 40th Reunion just last year, and maintained the value of his total experiences at Bucknell, both as a student and as an athlete by giving the large donation. "Bill Graham just cannot realize how wonderful his gift is for a terrific group of young women" added head field hockey Coach Heather Lewis. In addition head women's lacrosse coach Randall Flynn states, "It is obvious to me that Mr. Graham understands how important this gift is to both programs by aiding in the growth of not only each sport here at Bucknell, but the overall experience of our field hockey and women's lacrosse athletes."

Both the field hockey and lacrosse teams will play all home games on the new turf, which is located next to the old field hockey field. There are also lights being added, so look forward to some exciting night games!

