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A NOTE FROM HEAD COACH DAN SCHINNERER



Greetings from the deck of Kinney Natatorium here in the heart of Bison Country!

The 2016-17 swimming and diving season officially closed with our end of year banquet on Saturday, April 1st. At the dinner coaches, staff, team members, parents, and friends gathered to celebrate accomplishments of our team this season and also said goodbye to our eleven graduating seniors: Louis Behnen, Paige Daniel, Denver Freeman, Diana Hanson, Sean Lyons, Sam Mackie, Rachel McGoff, Caroline Orem, Rachel Perry, Jack Robinson and Laureana Zrada.

Members of the class of 2017 for the swimming and diving program account for three individual school records and contributed to six school record relay performances. In addition, their names currently appear on the program's All-Time Top-10 list in an impressive 33 different places individually. Over the course of their four years, three individuals earned Patriot League Academic Team recognition and three individuals earned All Patriot League First or Second Team Swimming and Diving recognition. The women's class was part of two Patriot League runner-up finishes in their four years as well as a third place and second place showing at the ECAC Championships. Far more important than statistics for this class is the tremendous growth and development each individual demonstrated and their collective contributions to leading and improving the program.

On behalf of the entire program, we wish our graduating seniors all the best and thank them for all they have done for the team in their four years at Bucknell.

Overall, the Bison Swimming and Diving program had a successful season in 2016-17. All told on the season, both men and women combined to set 11 new school records and had 52 new entries into our program's all-time top ten performers lists. This said, the standards of our program are set high and we know that we have more work to do to achieve our ultimate aims.

A highlight of the season was once again hosting the Patriot League Championships at Bucknell and Kinney Natatorium. This marked the eighth time since the facility opened that we have hosted the event and the second time that Bucknell has hosted the event with our expanded league. It is a testament to the quality of our facility, our staff, and our school that the championships were so well run and well organized. With packed stands and a crowded deck the championships had an exciting atmosphere. While certainly not satisfied by our men's 4th place and our women's 5th place finishes, both squads competed well throughout the four days of the championships and provided many highlights.

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BRANDT NIGRO JOINS COACHING STAFF



I am pleased to announce that we have hired Brandt Nigro as our new assistant coach. Brandt is coming to us after hav-

ing served as an assistant coach at Marshall University this past year. Amongst his duties there was serving as the lead coach for the sprint and backstroke group which was highlighted by one of his swimmers qualifying for the 2017 NCAA Championships in the 50 freestyle.

Prior to his time at Marshall, Brandt also served as an assistant coach for two years with UMBC and in each of those seasons the Retrievers won conference titles on both the women's and men's side.

Brandt also has extensive experience at the club and high school levels. While at UMBC he also served as the head senior coach of Retriever Aquatic Club. Prior to his move to the college ranks, he coached for six years in Connecticut at the club and high school level, while also working as a certified school psychologist.

Brandt swam collegiately at the College of Charleston where he graduated in 2005. He obtained his Masters in School Psychology from the University of Hartford.

Brandt will be joining us officially in June.

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In addition to the numbers cited earlier, all told on the championships, we captured two individual event titles, earned six NCAA consideration cuts.

By our internal measures, such as records and top time performances, it clear we continue to improve and progress as program; however, it is vital that we continue improve by external measures as well. This will be the focus of the program as we head into the spring and summer. Worth noting is that the women's team scored nearly 100 more points this year than last year. In addition, last year we were 135 points out of second place as a team and this season we were 35.5 points away from second. Thus, it is key that we continue to capitalize on this improvement going forward.

As is always the case for our program, "next season" began when the team returned from spring break. The approximate six week stretch from then until the start of final exams is always a busy time for the swimming and diving team. In addition to focusing on closing out the academic semester strong, we also worked to continue our fitness levels and tried out some different styles of training to keep the energy levels up in the spring and take advantage of the slowly improving weather. The team even found out that their head coach was still in decent enough shape to run with them and do a few pull-ups! While also maintaining its typical focus in the classroom and in the pool, our team also took the opportunity of a few less hours of practice per week to be active in the community. Our team ran swim lessons for the community throughout the month of April and was heavily involved in Bucknell's "Relay for Life" event hosted at the end of April.

Furthermore, spring is a time for assessment and evaluation of the season past and planning for the season ahead. In addition to our practices, the team does a number of individual and collective meetings to review what went well and what we need to do better in order to continue to improve going forward. We know there is work to be done to be back in the position the standards of our program demand.

We will certainly keep everyone posted of all the happening with Bison Swimming and Diving during the summer months. I would like to close by once again thanking all parents, alumni, and friends for another year of steadfast support. You all contribute to our program in so many ways and play such a vital role in our continued growth and success. Thank you!

Regards and GO BISON!



Dan Schinnerer --- Head Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Coach

FROM THE BOARDS & COACH CARTER



Greetings Alumni, Families & Friends,

Hello from the deeper side of the pool. This spring we gained a little bit more experience for our crew of first year divers. We were able to build upon skills and dives during winter session to gain more comfort competing at this level. The first years Peter Sigward, Paige Schoelkopf, and Isabel Gardner have shown glimpses of what's to come. I'm looking forward to seeing their development over the next few years.

On another note, we welcomed back junior diver Tally Ford from being abroad in Spain. She was able to bring to the divers an upperclassmen's experience to the team. We were lacking in that area due to illness and travel of our other junior Christine Kehrl. Tally was able to share her experiences with the first year students, and hopefully calm some of their anxieties if any still persisted.

Although we had no one compete at Patriots this year, we did get to send a couple of divers to ECACs. Tally dove officially and was able to score some crucial points for the team. She finished in 7th place on both boards.

This spring we also put a major emphasis on strength training as getting stronger was the main focus. I believe we got after it pretty good and made some positive gains, and even some gains that folks didn't believe were possible. Hopefully everyone will continue to lift and stay very active over the summer, especially if they have no access to diving boards.

As we look forward to next season, we will be looking to grow from where we are, and make large improvements going forward. I feel we have a good opportunity to become more competitive within the league with the divers we have returning and the addition of the newcomers to the squad. Thanks for your continued support and dedication to the team, and I hope to see you at some meets next season. Take care and GO BISON!

Errol Carter --- Men's & Women's Diving Coach

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Bucknell Athletic Spring Reception Tour

It was great seeing so many alumni at the Washington, DC event. I will be attending the NYC reception as well and look forward to see you many of you there.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 -- REGISTER HERE

The Yale Club • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017

Alumni Sponsorship: Mike Benevento '93

Bucknell Reunion Weekend Events

There will be much to do on campus during the Reunion Weekend, so I want to highlight two opportunities to connect with fellow swimmers, divers, and water polo players.

Friday, June 2nd

Bison Round-Up for all former Bucknell Athletes with coaches from all sports.
6-8pm Sojka Pavilion Lawn

Saturday, June 3rd

Bison Aquatics Breakfast and Pool Time - Come grab a light breakfast and then hop in the pool for some laps or the Alumni Water Polo Game. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Joan Glick @ jls101@bucknell.edu.



Caroline Edelman

WOMEN'S CAPTAINS CORNER

By Caroline Edelman & Julianna Foss



Julianna Foss

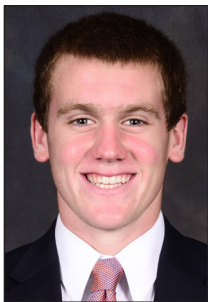
As the main season came to a close following the Patriot League and ECAC Championships, the Bucknell Swimming and Diving Team said farewell to an enthusiastic and distinguished group of seniors at the end-of-season banquet. Their impact as swimmers and leaders will have a lasting impact into next season. We also say goodbye to our interim coach, Kit Raulerson as well as fan-favorite Sandy Elion (for good, unfortunately). Kit introduced new and stimulating ideas to our team and Sandy brought back her charm and resilience. Both will be sorely missed next year.

Following spring break we began spring training and thanks to a creative coaching staff, the spring season welcomed some out-of-the-box training including trivia, long course, running, relays, and surprise sprint sets. These practices challenged us to get out of our comfort zone, while at the same time training hard and keeping next season's goals in perspective.

The spring season also includes engaging with the Lewisburg community in our annual fundraiser, offering swim lessons for area children. These lessons allow the team to teach and interact with the surrounding community while providing a big fundraising boost. We want to thank and congratulate the newly married Kristine Gaswint for her organizing this important aspect of our season during such an exciting time in her life. As finals season approached and the semester came to a close, you could find most swim team members huddled at some point at the tables near the library lobby to the right, studying together. Even with finals as grueling as they are, you could also always find swimmers over in the pool doing laps at optional practices.

With a solid two months of spring training and finals under our belts, we look forward to carrying the work we put in at Bucknell to use over the summer months. As a team this spring, we emphasized the importance of keeping next season's goals in perspective during our "off-season," and we are ready, more than ever, to train through the summer and kick off the season in August with enthusiasm. The 2017-2018 season brings a new set of competitors, we look forward to strong swimming against Bryant University and James Madison University, allowing for added preparation for the championship season.

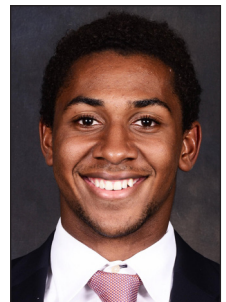
The most exciting aspect of any new season is the addition of the most recent first-year class. With a heightened attention placed on recruiting over the past year, the women's team welcomes a strong group of ten women, each providing their own unique perspective and set of skills. Along with a strong first-year class, we are also quite excited to welcome Brandt Nigro, the most recent addition to our coaching staff. Brandt brings a fresh perspective to the sprint freestyle and backstroke groups. We look forward to hearing his ideas and integrating Brandt into the Bison family! 'Ray Bucknell!



Chris Devlin

MEN'S CAPTAINS CORNER

By Chris Devlin & Tarik Lott



Tarik Lott

As we look back at our 2016-2017 season, it was a year with the inevitable ups and downs caused by injury, sickness, and fatigue. Shoulder problems and a return of mono had its impact on our team throughout the year. However, no one can deny the great results we saw at Patriots and ECAC Championships, as it reflects a culmination of all of our hard work and tireless dedication to our sport. Records were broken, races were won, but at the end of the day, it was the fun, cheering, and camaraderie our team had that we will remember most. For our seniors, Louis Behnen, Denver

Freeman, Sean Lyons, Sam Mackie, and Jack Robinson, we thank you for suiting up these past four years, and wish you good luck moving forward. We'll miss your energy and presence on deck next season. After some time off and some well-deserved spring break getaways, we dove back in the pool and got back to what we do best; working hard and having fun. Practices were switched up a bit this spring, with a little less focus on our long course pool training as in years past. Rather, the team worked on some different dryland exercises in addition to our pool training. The schedule was diverse, but like any challenge, we met it head on and excited to work hard and improve. In addition, our team had a very busy spring besides just practices. As a team we continued our tradition of teaching swim lessons to kids in the Lewisburg community. This outreach is always fun for the kids and team alike, and we really enjoy seeing the kids improve and find a love for the water. Once again, the team worked together and participated in Bucknell's Relay For Life in April, which is one of the highlights of the spring semester. It's a great event, for a great cause, and the team had a strong presence yet again. Thank you to family, friends, and alumni who helped us out; your donations are really making a difference. Right now, we're all prepping for final exams, and hope to end the school year swimmingly in the classroom. Moving forward our team will continue to work hard in and out of the pool over the summer. A number of us have internships, research positions, and a variety of jobs around the country, but we're not getting distracted from our swimming goals and continued success, and we're eager to see what the 2017-2018 season will bring! The returners are all excited and hungry to improve on the success we saw last season, and know what we need to do in order to achieve our goals. We also cannot wait to welcome our new freshman newcomers. Each has a great deal of talent and potential, and we hope they're ready to dive into a great first year! 'Ray Bucknell!

2016-17 RESULTS

10/1	UMBC.....	NTS
10/15	Boston Univ.*	(M) L, 175-121
	Boston Univ.* ...	(W) L, 176-122
	Richmond	(W) L, 179-119
10/30	@ Seton Hall	(M) L, 171-112
	@ Seton Hall	(W) W, 168-107
11/5	@ Navy*	(M) L, 188-102
	@ Navy*	(W) L, 170-120
	vs. American*	(M) W, 211-75
	vs. American*	(W) W, 218-78
	vs. Lafayette*	(M) W, 212-83
	vs. Lafayette*	(W) W, 239-44
11/20	@ Columbia	(M) L, 193-105
	@ NYU	(W) L, 151-149
12/2	Bucknell Invit.....	(M) 5th of 7
	Bucknell Invit.....	(W) 2nd of 7
12/3	Bucknell Invit.....	(M) 6th of 7
	Bucknell Invit.....	(W) 1st of 7
12/4	Bucknell Invit.....	(M) 6th of 7
	Bucknell Invit.....	(W) 2nd of 7
1/13	Loyola*	(M) W, 165-117
	Loyola*	(W) W, 175-114
1/14	Army-West Pt.*	(M) L, 166-117
	Army-West Pt.*	(W) L, 163-137
1/21	Lehigh*	(M) W, 156-123
	Lehigh*	(W) L, 166.5-133.5
1/27	West Virginia	(M) L, 156-83
	West Virginia	(W) L, 158-81
1/28	Bison Invite	NTS
2/15	PL Championships	(M) 2nd
	PL Championships	(W) 6th
2/16	PL Championships	(M) 4th
	PL Championships	(W) 5th
2/17	PL Championships	(M) 4th
	PL Championships	(W) 4th
2/18	PL Championships	(M) 4th
	PL Championships	(W) 5th
3/3	@ ECAC's	(M) 11th
	@ ECAC's	(W) 3rd
3/4	@ ECAC's	(M) 11th
	@ ECAC's	(W) 2nd
3/5	@ ECAC's	(M) 10th of 21
	@ ECAC's	(W) 2nd of 19

* - Patriot League opponent
Home meets in BOLD

2016-2017 SWIMMING & DIVING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

New Women's Team Records

100 Freestyle	Abigail Rosenberg, 50.42
200 Freestyle	Abigail Rosenberg, 1:48.88
100 Butterfly	Julianna Foss, 54.69
400 Freestyle Relay	Rosenberg, Bishop, Edelman, Perry 3:24.61
200 Medley Relay	Byrne, O'Hare, Foss, Perry 1:42.56
400 Medley Relay	Hadley, Bloodgood, Foss, Rosenberg 3:43.66

New Men's Team Records

100 Backstroke	Chris Devlin, 47.74
100 Breaststroke	Chadd Cummings, 54.65
200 Individual Medley	Chris Devlin, 1:48.02
200 Medley Relay	Devlin, Cummings, Elmendorf, McFarland 1:29.52
400 Medley Relay	Devlin, Cummings, Freeman, Robinson 3:18.27

Patriot League Champions

Men's 100 Backstroke	Chris Devlin, 47.74
Men's 200 Backstroke	Chris Devlin, 1:43.86

Patriot League Awards

Male Swimmer of the Meet	Chris Devlin
Male Career High Point in Patriot League	Louis Behnen

All-Patriot League

Women's First Team	Julianna Foss, Emma Hadley, Abigail Rosenberg
Women's Second Team	Julie Byrne
Men's First Team	Louis Behnen, Chris Devlin
Men's Second Team	Jack Robinson

Academic All-Patriot League

Women	Juliann Foss, Rachel Perry
Men	Louis Behnen, Chris Devlin, Jack Robinson



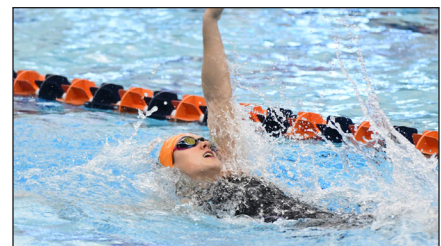
Abigail Rosenberg



Chad Cummings



Chris Devlin and Patriot League Senior Associate Commissioner Rich Wanninger



Rachel Perry

2016-2017 SWIMMING & DIVING AWARD WINNERS

2016-2017 Team Award Winners

- ***O’Keefe-Harvey Award***

Presented to the Most Outstanding Male Swimmer – Chris Devlin

- ***Frazier-Grunow Award***

Presented to the Most Outstanding Female Swimmer – Julianna Foss

- ***Dearstyne-Dorr Award***

Presented to the person who, by performance, leadership and example, contributes the most to the Bucknell men’s swimming and diving team; voted on by the Men’s Team – Sean Lyons

- ***Robert A. Latour Award***

Presented in recognition of leadership, sportsmanship, outstanding achievement, and dedication to Bucknell women’s swimming and diving; voted on by the Women’s Team – Rachel Perry



Chris Devlin



Julianna Foss

2016-2017 Senior Athletics Award Winners

- ***Bryan-Humphreys Award***

Presented to an individual for outstanding versatility in his/her sport – Jack Robinson

- ***Lee S. “Bud” Ranck Memorial Award***

Presented for outstanding spirit and contributions to the Bucknell athletic program – Diana Hanson

- ***Bison Club Award***

Presented to the senior athletes who best exemplify the winning spirit of the University’s athletic program – Louis Behnen

- ***Alvin F. Jackson, Jr. Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award***

Presented to the outstanding Scholar-Athlete in the Class of 2017 – Rachel Perry



Jack Robinson



Diana Hanson

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UPDATE ON OUR DECADES FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

I wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone on the Decades Challenge Fundraising Contest as we head into the final month of the fiscal year here at Bucknell.

As of the end of April, through the generosity of the alumni, parents, and friends and the fundraising efforts of the team, we have collectively raised \$132,802 which surpasses the Athletic Department set goal of \$125,000. This marks the seventh year running we have passed our goal. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped make this possible. Your generosity is not only a vital piece of our continued success, it has a profoundly positive impact on our program.

While we have achieved the Athletic Department set goal, we also have the opportunity with a month left in the fiscal year to set program records in terms of total number of gifts and total dollars raised. Both marks were set in 2014 with 396 gifts for \$142,249 raised.

Again, we are at \$132,802 and 292 gifts for the year thus far.

If setting records doesn't get your competitive juices flowing than perhaps an update of the Decades Challenge Contest will help. As you can see from the chart on the right, the 1970s Decade Group continues to lead in both the category for most dollars given and most gifts given; however, both categories are still very much in play. The 1990s Decade Group is still in striking distance for most dollars given and the race is wide open for the most gifts given. Any Decade Group can step up and take the title!

With a month left in the fiscal year there is still plenty of time to change the standings! Thank you again to all of you who have already answered the calls to support the team.

Fiscal Year Grouping	2017 Gifts	2017 Amt
1940s	-	-
1950s	7	\$1,700
1960s	32	\$11,559
1970s	36	\$27,050
1980s	34	\$8,328
1990s	26	\$20,084
2000s	19	\$5,660
2010s	34	\$2,084
Other	25	\$2,964
Parents	79	\$30,857
Total	292	\$110,285