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A NOTE FROM HEAD COACH DAN SCHINNERER



Dear Bucknell Swimming and Diving Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

The 2014-15 swimming and diving season officially closed with our end of year banquet on Saturday, April 11th. At the luncheon coaches, staff, team members, parents, and friends gathered to celebrate the many accomplishments of our team this season and also said goodbye to our thirteen graduating seniors: Tara Boyle, Gina Gautieri, Collin Greene, Katie Hetherington, Erik Heinemann, Jon Jones, Steph Koziol, Meg Latimer, Tori Molchany, Tim Perley, Lauren Perry, Ben Seketa, and Jackie Shroyer.

Members of the class of 2015 for the swimming and diving program account for an impressive six individual school records and contributed to four school record relay performances. In addition, their names currently appear on the program's All Time Top 10 list in 32 different places individually. Over the course of their four years, two individuals earned Patriot League Academic Team recognition and seven individuals earned All Patriot League First or Second Team Swimming and Diving recognition. Further, two different individuals (Tara Boyle and Katie Hetherington) earned Patriot League Diver of the Year honors in their four years and Lauren Perry, Tara Boyle, Steph Koziol finished first, second, and third respectively in career points scored at the Patriot League Conference Championships for the Swimming and Diving Class of 2015. The women seniors posted a dual meet record of 25-15 during their careers and earned three runner-up finishes in the Patriot League and a third place showing at the ECAC Championships. The men seniors posted a 27-13 dual meet mark and earned one runner up finish in the Patriot League and one runner-up finish at the ECAC Championships. Far more important than any individual statistics of this class is the great contributions they made in 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.

In reflecting back on the 2014-15 campaign, it is clear that the team has much to be proud of from this past season. In addition to our placements at the championship meets and increased point totals there, the team all together tallied 12 new school records and 80 new entries into the program's All Time Top Ten Lists. When I take a step back, it is remarkable that we have sustained these types of numbers over a three year stretch now. In addition, we had five individuals make NCAA "B" cuts and one individual, junior Emma Levendoski, qualify for NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. This marked Bucknell's first ever female qualifier for the Division I Swimming and Diving Championships and our first overall qualifier since Jim Harvey in 1988. While the numbers and honors are nice, they are merely the reflection of a far more important concept and that is a great group of young men and women who worked hard, supported each other, battled through ups and downs, and had some fun while doing it all.

On a whole it is clear that both the women's and men's team continue to make good progress towards our ultimate goals. As I noted earlier both squads made significant increases in their point totals at the Patriot League Championships from the previous year. The women were closer to first place than a year ago, and placed more ground on the third place team also compared to a year ago. The men fell just short of third place, but were far more in the mix with the teams in front of them when compared to last year's championship. Continuing to improve the quality of our depth on both the sides of the team will be important if we are to continue these positive trends into next season.

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REUNION WEEKEND AT BUCKNELL

Bucknell's Reunion Weekend of May 29th-31st has arrived! While the weekend is targeting classes ending in 0's and 5's, all alumni are welcome!

I wanted to take this opportunity to pass on information regarding a few specific events that are planned for the weekend. On Friday, May 29th is the Bison Roundup Alumni Social in the McGee Room of Sojka Pavilion from 7:30-9:30. Coaches from the Aquatics Staff as well as other Bison Athletic Coaches will be at this event.

Then, on Saturday the 30th, we have teamed up with Water Polo to host an Aquatics Bagel and Coffee Breakfast on the pool deck at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed up with an alumni "swim around" and water polo game at 10:00 a.m. You can choose to do one or the other or be highly ambitious and participate in both! You are more than welcome to bring your children along as well and they can get in the water and splash around. It's a great way to tire them out.

Following the swim around and polo game there will be party at DU fraternity. As in years past this party will have a reggae band and hotly contested corn hole games. There will be beverages at the event, but you are encouraged to bring your own as well.

If you plan on attending the "Aquatics Bagel and Breakfast/Swim Around and Polo Game" please RSVP to Joanie Glick @ jls101@bucknell.edu. We already have alums that have responded for the event but larger numbers means more fun for everyone.



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In addition, it is also important that we continue to push forward the “top end” achievements of our team. Having an NCAA Championship Qualifier was a great step forward for the whole program, but also a step that must be built upon. The next steps are to have male qualifier and multiple qualifiers on the women’s side. In addition as we look ahead to the summer of 2016, having a large contingent of Bucknell Swimmers at the US Olympic Trials in Omaha, NE is an important goal for the program. In 2012, we had four Bison swimmers compete and we will be working hard in the coming year to exceed that number in this Quadrennium.

In an effort to continue to encourage long course swimming and a “big picture” focus, we have an exciting opportunity this summer for a handful of our swimmers to compete abroad. First years Chris Devlin and Julianna Foss, along with sophomore Louis Behnen and junior Emma Levendoski all have qualified to compete in the Mare Norstrum Swim Series in Barcelona. The four swimmers will travel, train, and compete in Spain in the second week of June. We hope this experience will not only serve as great learning opportunity, but also as a step towards bigger goals both at the end of this summer at US Nationals and into next summer. Interestingly, the four will not be the first Bison swimmers to compete in the Mare Norstrum Circuit as Luke Trafton ’10 competing there back in the summer of 2007.

As is always the case for our program, “next year” began when the team returned from spring break. (Although this year was different as we had a group that was still wrapping up “this year” at that point!) We continued to push forward with our swim training, our lifting, and our team building throughout March and April. As a team, we continue to grow in our understanding of the critical role the spring and summer play in our individual and team improvements. Final exams are wrapping up this week here and people have already begun to depart for the summer; however, we will once again have a solid group of swimmers training on campus this summer, as well as many others training and competing with home clubs.

I am excited for the summer season and for the new college season in the fall. Our challenges will remain the similar but we have a strong group of returners and also what on paper looks to be a deep and talented recruiting class for both the men and women’s teams. I am confident that if we build on the lessons learned this season, we can continue to raise and meet our expectations for next year.

I would like to close by once again thanking all parents, alumni, and friends of Bucknell’s Swimming and Diving program for another year of tremendous support. You all support the team in so many ways and you all play a vital role to our continued development and success!

Regards and GO BISON!



Dan Schinnerer
Head Men’s & Women’s Swimming & Diving Coach

FROM THE BOARDS & COACH CARTER



Hello From the Deep End of the Pool,

We capped off a season of many successes and learned lessons. On the women’s side we’ve had a talented group of divers headlined by seniors Tara Boyle, Katie Hetherington and Tori Molchany. They continued to help us be very successful for the women’s team. Tori ended the season with another 2nd place finish on the 1-m at Patriots and Tara finished 2nd on the 3-m, while Katie finished both boards. It was great to have placed four women in the top-8 on the 1-m at Patriots. The addition of two first year divers Christine Kehrl and Tally Ford has me excited for the future of the team.

I know we’ve learned a lot about our perceptions of our abilities and the realities of our abilities. Junior diver Lara Curtis began to come into her own and is finally believing she IS a very good diver who can be great. Over time she gained more and more confidence in her abilities, capping off her year finishing 8th on 1-m at Patriots. As far as the rest of the team we’ve done some great things. The seniors went out on top, leaving behind a great legacy for newcomers to strive to reach or surpass.

Having returned the core male divers with no additional freshmen, I believe our men put together a very good body of work over the course of the year. Led by senior Jon Jones, the guys were able to push one another to newer heights becoming more competitive. This year Jon Jones and junior Tyler Wenzel each garnered Patriot League Diver of the Week honors multiple times.

We’ve had many good performances, and some had ones we’d like to forget about. Hopefully we’ve learned from those experiences. With a core number of members returning for the 2015-16 campaign we’re excited about the opportunities for success and growth both in and out of the pool. We’re excited to have Tyler Wenzel, Patrick Alverman, Lara Curtis, -- our rising seniors -- leading the rest of the team onward and upward to newer heights. We hope you will tune in and take the journey with us beginning this coming fall. Have a great summer and thanks for your past and continued support.

Go Bison!

Errol Carter
Men’s & Women’s Diving Coach



LEANNE ARCHER

WOMEN'S CAPTAINS CORNER

A little less than two months ago, the women's team successfully ended the 2014-2015 season. Throughout the year, we accomplished many academic and athletic goals, having a great time along the way. Championship performances and results vividly showed the team's progress in the pool, both in swimming and diving. With a runner-up finish at Patriot League Championships, and a strong 4th at the competitive ECACs, the team concluded on an unmistakably positive note. The team's continued success very much stems from our tireless and seasoned returners in conjunction with an extremely talented and spry first-year class.

After a well-deserved break, the team was back in the pool, ready to get back to training. Incorporated into the spring schedule were our annual swim lessons. These lessons, instructed by members of both the men's and women's teams, are offered to members of the greater Lewisburg community. We always look forward to this opportunity to give back to the community that has given us so much. It's always refreshing and encouraging to see the kids leave lessons, learning new swim techniques and leaving with smiles on their faces.

Also during the spring, our team participated in the Relay for Life event on campus. The team raised \$5,750 for the American Cancer Society, thanks to the support of family and friends. Many team members participated in the 12-hour event at the Gerhard Fieldhouse, walking the track in support of all those who have fought or are currently battling cancer.

Concluding the year, we will be losing an impactful senior class. At this year's Patriots, Lauren Perry, Stephanie Koziol and Tara Boyle were announced as the top point scorers of the Patriot League's senior class. The team is incredibly proud that Bucknell claimed all three top point scorers spots. All eight seniors of the Class of 2015 will be missed for their contributions in and out of the pool. With the seniors departure, we look forward to welcoming the incoming freshman class in the fall.

This summer, we are proud to announce that many team members will be participating in reputable internships around the country. We had great success throughout the 2014-15 season and are already preparing for continued success next year. We are looking forward to what next season will bring. Go Bison!



ALANNA NAWROCKI

MEN'S CAPTAINS CORNER



STEVE GRUNE

The culmination of all the hard work we put in throughout the season is shown in the two weeks leading up to spring break, during the Patriot League Championships and the ECAC Championships. We are very fortunate as a program that we have multiple championship opportunities, and many chances to swim fast at the end of our season. Everyone undoubtedly took advantage of those opportunities and made sure that we left everything in the pool after each race. While we did not accomplish all of our team goals in terms of standings, we improved upon our point total from last year, and more importantly had fun doing so. The team camaraderie during championships was incredible this year, and the closeness of our team shown brightly throughout these two weekends. Championships were electric, there were many incredible individual swims, but what was even more exciting was how the team fed off of each other's energy and motivated everyone to push through two grueling multiple day meets.

Swimming more than any other sport is a product of a long process that athletes must individualize in order to be successful. Going into the summer months the team looks to improve their strength along with swimming abilities. The summer also offers unique opportunities to compete at a high level. A group of men will be traveling to compete against high-level international competition in Barcelona, Spain as well as at the MA Championship meet hosted at Kinney Natatorium. We, as a team, are extremely lucky and grateful to have these types of opportunities. Looking forward to the upcoming season the prospects of continued improvement are very high. With the introduction of one of the most accomplished groups of first years in recent memory, we are looking to make the next step that would catapult Bucknell Men's Swimming and Diving to the heights we know we are capable of reaching.



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15 RECRUITS TO JOIN ROSTER

15 newcomers will be joining the Bucknell men's and women's swimming and diving team in 2015-16. The men's incoming class of eight will help offset the loss of five seniors to graduation and will help bolster a roster that has four returning All-Patriot League performers, while the seven women coming in will join a program that returns six All-Patriot League performers and is coming off three consecutive runner-up finishes at the conference championship meet.

"The Class of 2019 is a large and talented group," noted Schinnerer, who is a three-time Patriot League Coach of the Year. "Many individuals in this class have made some very significant improvement in the last year and we are looking forward to helping them make the next big step in their progressions as student-athletes."

The men's class is a geographically diverse one as the eight student-athletes come from seven different states, including Michigan and Texas. There are two Pennsylvania natives in the group. On the women's side, the recruiting class represents five states, with two student-athletes from both Illinois and New Jersey.

The Bison men are coming off a fourth-place team finish at the Patriot League Championships, which was highlighted by a Rookie of the Meet honor by Chris Devlin. He was one of five Bucknell team members to earn All-Patriot League recognition. The Bison recorded a 7-4, 5-2 PL mark during the dual-meet portion of the schedule.

Bucknell's women's team is coming off a season in which it went 7-4 overall and 4-3 against Patriot League opponents in dual competition. The Bison then finished comfortably in second place at the Patriot League Championships, behind only four-time champion Navy.

Bucknell Men's Swimming and Diving Recruiting Class

Mitch Buccalo – Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook Kingswood

Chadd Cummings – Butler, Pa./Knoch

James Elmendorf – Medford, N.J./Shawnee

Vincent Filippini – Reading, Pa./Muhlenberg

Tom Gannon – Fairfield, Conn./Fairfield Warde School

Brett Huckstep – Williamsburg, Va./Lafayette

Charlie McFarland – Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale

Jack Rogers – Houston, Texas/Strake Jesuit Prep

Bucknell Women's Swimming and Diving Recruiting Class

Brittany Bishop – Winnetka, Ill./New Trier

Steph Boyd – Hudson, Ohio/Hudson

Julie Byrne – Cranford, N.J./Cranford

Abigail Rosenberg – Northbrook, Ill./Glenbrook North

Lindsay Smalec – Cheshire, Conn./Cheshire

Jasmine Spinelli – Verona, N.J./Mount St. Dominic Academy

Mary Weinstein – Matthews, N.C./Providence High School

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'14-'15 RESULTS

MEN'S RESULTS

10/5	UMBC	NTS
10/18	George Washington	W, 249-37
	Boston Univ.*	W, 159.5-139.5
10/25	at Pittsburgh	L, 185.5-109.5
11/8	Navy*	L, 168-127
	American*	W, 246-52
	Lafayette*	W, 229-71
11/21	Bucknell Invitational	3rd of 9
11/22	Bucknell Invitational	2nd of 9
11/23	Bucknell Invitational	2nd of 9
12/6	Colgate*	W, 202-86
1/10	Army*	L, 167-133
1/11	at Binghamton	W, 168-127
1/24	Lehigh*	W, 174-119
1/25	at Columbia	L, 159-83
1/31	Bison Invite	NTS
2/18	PL Championships	2nd of 10
2/19	PL Championships	2nd of 10
2/20	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/21	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/27	at ECAC Champ.	9th of 15
2/28	at ECAC Champ.	8th of 15
3/1	at ECAC Champ.	8th of 15

WOMEN'S RESULTS

10/5	UMBC	NTS
10/18	George Washington	W, 184-115
	Boston Univ.*	L, 198-02
10/25	at Pittsburgh	L, 195-100
11/8	Navy*	L, 164-136
	American*	W, 246-54
	Lafayette*	W, 248-50
11/21	Bucknell Invitational	1st of 9
11/22	Bucknell Invitational	1st of 9
11/23	Bucknell Invitational	1st of 9
12/6	Colgate*	L, 150-148
1/10	Army*	W, 180-120
1/11	at Binghamton	W, 170-125
1/24	Lehigh*	W, 163-131
1/25	vs. Wagner (at Col.)	W, 134-109
1/31	Bison Invite	NTS
2/18	PL Championships	3rd of 10
2/19	PL Championships	2nd of 10
2/20	PL Championships	2nd of 10
2/21	PL Championships	2nd of 10
2/27	at ECAC Champ.	6th of 18
2/28	at ECAC Champ.	4th of 22
3/1	at ECAC Champ.	4th of 22
3/20	NCAA Champ.	T40th of 48
3/21	NCAA Champ.	44th of 54



2014-2015 SWIMMING & DIVING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Bucknell Athletic Department Awards

Lee S. "Bud" Ranck Memorial Award..... Tara Boyle
 John F. Zeller Award..... Lauren Perry

Team Records

Women's 100 Backstroke.....	Emma Levendoski, 53.53
Women's 200 Backstroke.....	Emma Levendoski, 1:54.88
Women's 100 Breaststroke.....	Diana Hanson, 1:03.33
Women's 100 Butterfly.....	Julianna Foss, 55.25
Women's 200 Butterfly.....	Julianna Foss, 2:01.88
Women's 200 Medley Relay.....	Levendoski, Henderson, Foss, M. Marcheskie, 1:42.61
Women's 400 Medley Relay.....	Levendoski, Hanson, Foss, McGoff, 3:44.88
Men's 200 Freestyle.....	Louis Behnen, 1:37.99
Men's 100 Backstroke.....	Chris Devlin, 48.67
Men's 200 Backstroke.....	Chris Devlin, 1:45.04
Men's 400 Individual Medley.....	Chris Devlin, 3:51.13
Men's 800 Freestyle Relay.....	Behnen, Heinemann, Freeman, Devlin, 6:35.98



Patriot League Records

Women's 100 Backstroke..... Emma Levendoski, 53.53
 Women's 200 Backstroke..... Emma Levendoski, 1:54.88

Patriot League Champions

Women's 100 Backstroke.....	Emma Levendoski, 53.88
Women's 200 Backstroke.....	Emma Levendoski, 1:56.22
Women's 100 Breaststroke.....	Diana Hanson, 1:03.33
Men's 400 Individual Medley.....	Chris Devlin, 3:51.13



ECAC Champions

Women's 200 Backstroke..... Emma Levendoski, 1:55.60
 Men's 200 Backstroke..... Chris Devlin, 1:45.80

Patriot League Awards

Male Rookie of the Meet..... Chris Devlin
 Top Female Career-Point Earners..... 1st – Lauren Perry
 2nd – Tara Boyle
 3rd – Stephanie Koziol

All-Patriot League

Women's First Team..... Julianna Foss, Diana Hanson, Ashley Henderson, Emma Levendoski
 Women's Second Team..... Tara Boyle, Katie Hetherington, Amber McDonnell, Tori Molchany, Dani Potis
 Men's First Team..... Louis Behnen, Chris Devlin
 Men's Second Team..... Jon Jones, Colin Lynch, Jack Robinson

Academic All-Patriot League

Women..... Tara Boyle, Lauren Perry, Rachel Perry
 Men..... Louis Behnen, Jack Robinson

SWIMMING & DIVING ANNUAL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

I wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone on our annual “Decades Challenge” Fundraising Contest. As you can see from the chart below the 2010s group holds a relatively small lead for the total number of gifts, but the race is extremely close and strong push by any Decades Group can tip the balance. As a reminder the 1990s group claimed this title last year. In the race for the most total dollars given the 1970s group is maintaining its commanding lead as they hope to three-peat in this category; however, there is still a lot of time left for the other Decade Groups to deny them!

Fiscal Year Grouping	2015 Gifts	2015 Amt
1940s	1	\$25
1950s	7	\$850
1960s	26	\$8,018
1970s	27	\$23,350
1980s	39	\$6,680
1990s	23	\$4,780
2000s	29	\$5,210
2010s	51	\$2,806
Other	32	\$3,540
Parents	78	\$50,127
Total	313	\$105,386

Also, Bison Swimming and Diving did very well in the Trustee Challenge event on April 23rd. The women’s program received 50 donations that day for a total of \$4,185. These figures earned us an additional \$3,495 in incentive money! The men’s program received 61 donations totaling \$7,895. These figures earned at least \$4,319 in incentive money and there is the strong likelihood all these numbers will increase once pledges are completed.

Overall, including donations, current incentive bonuses, and team fundraising efforts, we have tallied \$124, 839 and are just shy of reaching our fundraising goal of \$125,000 as set by the Bucknell Athletic Administration. At this time last year, we had 351 total gifts and \$110,396 raised. This was on our way to record totals of 396

total gifts and \$142,249 raised between gifts and team fundraising efforts. Every gift counts and 400 total gifts it still within our reach!

It is also worth highlighting that at this point in our fundraising drive, the alumni have managed to move past the parents in now accounting for just more than 50% of our overall total. Hopefully we will see this gap grow! The parents have done a wonderful job supporting the team and it looks as though the alums are beginning to respond to our new challenge.