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A NOTE FROM HEAD COACH DAN SCHINNERER



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

The 2015-16 swimming and diving season officially closed with our end of year banquet on Saturday, April 2nd. 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 fourteen graduating seniors: Patrick Alvermann, Leanne Archer, Rachel Brekovsky, Lara Curtis, Steve Grune, Emily Gwynn, Emma Levendoski, Wes Marberry, JT Nangle, Alanna Nawrocki, Brian Phillips, Will Rappaport, Jeff Shanley,

and Tyler Wenzel.

Members of the class of 2016 for the swimming and diving program account for two individual league records, two individual school records and contributed to three school record relay performances. In addition, their names currently appear on the program's All Time Top 10 list in 19 different places individually. The women's class was part of three Patriot League runner-up finishes in their four years as well as a third place showing at the ECAC Championships and our program's first ever appearance at the NCAA Division I National Championships. Far more important than statistics for 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.

Overall, the Bison Swimming and Diving program had a successful season. All told on the season, both men and women combined to set 14 new school records, earned ten NCAA consideration cuts, and recorded 67 new entries into our program's all-time top ten performers lists. More important than any times or scores is the learning, growth, and development achieved both individually and collectively by the team.

While our pair of 4th place finishes at the Patriot League Championships were not what our women and men had set out to do in the start of the year, our Bison squad competed hard throughout the championships. We met the challenge of our ever improving league head on. This year's championship was faster and deeper than ever. In some events times that would have placed in the top three only a year or two ago, now only placed into the consolation final. It is clear that Patriot League Swimming and Diving continues on a steep rate of improvement, and it is essential for our program to keep pace with these significant strides to continue to be amongst the top teams in the league. Clearly we had many outstanding individual performances this season and as a whole our team swam to its potential; however, going forward the quality of a team's depth will determine how well it places at the championships. We know that our improvement trend must be even steeper than the league's in order to get by the teams in front of us this year.

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 while also maintaining its training, our team also took this opportunity 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. We also took a sometime to help with Lewisburg Elementary Schools "Running Club." While the team provided great energy and enthusiasm, let me tell you I far prefer our student-athletes Furthermore, spring is a time for assessment and evaluation of the season past and planning for the season

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2015-2016 TEAM RESULTS

MEN'S RESULTS/SCHEDULE

10/3	UMBC	NTS
10/17	at Boston University	L, 185-115
10/24	PITTSBURGH	L, 185-110
11/7	at Navy*	L, 188-104
	vs. Lafayette*	W, 218-78
	vs. American*	W, 234-53
11/20	Bucknell Invit.	4th of 9
11/21	Bucknell Invit.	4th of 9
11/22	Bucknell Invit.	4th of 9
1/9	at Army-West Pt.*	L, 174-117
1/10	at Colgate*	W, 201-82
1/17	COLUMBIA	L, 183-115
1/30	at Navy Invite	NTS
2/17	PL Championships	3rd of 10
2/18	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/19	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/20	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/26	at ECAC Champ.	7th of 19
2/27	at ECAC Champ.	6th of 21
2/28	at ECAC Champ.	6th of 23

WOMEN'S RESULTS/SCHEDULE

10/3	UMBC	NTS
10/17	at Boston University	L, 194-106
10/24	PITTSBURGH	L, 187.5-107.5
11/7	at Navy*	L, 180-112
	vs. American*	W, 231-68
	vs. Lafayette*	W, 244-53
11/20	Bucknell Invit.	5th of 9
11/21	Bucknell Invit.	5th of 9
11/22	Bucknell Invit.	4th of 9
1/9	at Army-West Pt.*	L, 172-128
1/10	at Colgate*	W, 192-104
1/17	WAGNER	W, 178-117
1/30	at Navy Invite	NTS
2/17	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/18	PL Championships	5th of 10
2/19	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/20	PL Championships	4th of 10
2/26	at ECAC Champ.	7th of 19
2/27	at ECAC Champ.	7th of 23
2/28	at ECAC Champ.	7th of 23

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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. In addition, to planning for the next college season we are also looking at more short term goals such as Olympic Trials in Omaha at the end of June!

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
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Swimming & Diving Alumni showed in force at the New York City area Bison Club Spring Athletics Reception.

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FROM THE BOARDS & COACH CARTER



Hello from the slightly deeper side of the pool. This spring we've built some strength in the weight room and worked some skills on the boards. Taking a look back at the season, we've had our share of ups, downs and in between. We've been lead by three seniors who have improved upon their scores and dives as they finished up the year. Tyler Wenzel led the way by finishing strong at both the Patriot League and ECAC championship meets. Tyler finished top-five on both boards at Patriots (4th on 1m and 5th on 3m), and also finished the season with three Patriot League Diver of the Week

awards. Classmate Patrick Alvermann increased the degree of difficulty on his 3m list and finished top-12 on both boards at Patriots (12th 3m, 10th 1m) and the ECAC (9th 3m, 12th 1m) meet. On the women's side Lara Curtis did well at both meets scoring in all events, finished in 6th place on 1m at Patriots and 9th on the 1m at ECACs.

Rounding out the team were sophomores Tally Ford and Christine Kehrl and first year Madison Weaver, who has contributed to the team and will continue to do so in the future. Christine came on strong after taking fall semester to deal with an injury. She was able to score some much needed team points for us at both championship meets this year. Tally also had a good year which put her in the top-eight on the 1m at Patriots and the top-seven on the 1m at the ECAC meet. This marks the first time in multiple years where we had divers competing at the ECAC meet. It appeared to be a very relaxed fun meet for the divers.

Throughout the season we competed against some very stiff competition and got to bear witness to some awesome divers and diving performances. It is the hope that we've walked away with a sense of pride in the accomplishments we've achieved, but also a hunger for wanting to do better. We'll have a small nucleus returning and I am looking forward to the impending growth of team -- both in and out of the pool.

I would like to thank our seniors for their hard work and dedication to the program and wish them the best as they move on to the next phase in this thing we call LIFE! Have a great summer and thank you for your past and continued support. Go Bucknell Bison!

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

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Bucknell Reunion Weekend Events

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

Friday, June 3rd (5-7pm Gerhard Fieldhouse Patio)

Bison Round-Up for all former Bucknell Athletes with coaches from all sports.

Saturday, June 4th (9am-11am)

Bison Aquatics Breakfast and Pool Time. Come grab a light breakfast in Sojka 207 and then hop in the pool for some laps or the Alumni Water Polo Game.

If you plan on attending the please RSVP to Joan Glick @ jls101@bucknell.edu.

Celebration of 60 years of Bucknell Swimming and Diving!

In the fall of 1956 the first Bison swimmers and divers splashed into Freas-Rooke Pool to start a long and successful tradition of Bucknell Swimming and Diving. Please join us on the weekend of October 15th, 2016 to celebrate the first Bucknell Swimming and Diving team and 60 years of Bison Swimming and Diving. More details will come regarding the weekend's events but save the date now!

We hope to see many of you at these various events and thank you for your continued and strong support for the program!

2015-2016 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Bucknell Athletic Department Awards

Christy Mathewson Award..... Emma Levendoski
 Robert A. Latour Award Leanne Archer

Team Awards

Karpuk Award Tally Ford
 Richards Award Tyler Wenzel
 Frazier-Grunow Award..... Emma Levendoski
 O’Keefe-Harvey Award Chris Devlin
 Robert A. Latour Award Leanne Archer
 Dearstyne-Dorr Award Will Rappaport

New Team Records

Women’s 100 Freestyle..... Abigail Rosenberg, 50.84
 Women’s 100 Breaststroke..... Diana Hanson, 1:03.02
 Women’s 100 Butterfly Julianna Foss, 55.23
 Women’s 200 Butterfly Julianna Foss, 2:00.26
 Women’s 400 Freestyle Relay..... Rosenberg, Bishop, Boyd, Perry, 3:25.78
 Women’ 400 Medley Relay... Levendoski, Hanson, Foss, Rosenberg, 3:43.96
 Men’s 200 Freestyle..... Louis Behnen, 1:37.85
 Men’s 500 Freestyle..... Louis Behnen, 4:21.91
 Men’s 100 Backstroke..... Chris Devlin, 48.26
 Men’s 200 Backstroke..... Chris Devlin, 1:43.14
 Men’s 400 Individual Medley..... Chris Devlin, 3:49.04
 Men’s 400 Freestyle Relay... Robinson, McFarland, Behnen, Devlin, 3:00.29
 Men’s 800 Freestyle Relay..... Behnen, Robinson, Freeman, Devlin, 6:35.98
 Men’s 400 Medley Relay Devlin, Cummings, Loux, Robinson, 3:18.52

Patriot League Champions

Women’s 100 Backstroke..... Emma Levendoski, 53.95
 Women’s 200 Backstroke..... Emma Levendoski, 1:56.90
 Men’s 200 Backstroke..... Chris Devlin, 1:43.14
 Men’s 400 Individual Medley..... Chris Devlin, 3:49.04

Patriot League Records

Men’s 200 Backstroke..... Chris Devlin, 1:45.80
 Men’s 400 Individual Medley..... Chris Devlin, 3:49.04

Patriot League Awards

Male Swimmer of the Meet Chris Devlin

All-Patriot League

Women’s First Team Julianna Foss, Emma Levendoski
 Men’s First Team Louis Behnen, Chris Devlin
 Men’s Second Team..... Jack Robinson, Tyler Wenzel

Academic All-Patriot League

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



Emma Levendoski



Julianna Foss



Abigail Rosenberg



Louis Behnen



Chris Devlin

THREE MEN SELECTED TO PATRIOT LEAGUE'S ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Bucknell men's swimming and diving had three student-athletes named to the Academic All-Patriot League Team, as announced by the conference office. Jack Robinson and Louis Behnen earned a spot on the academic team for the second time during their careers, while Chris Devlin received the nod for the first time.

Robinson, a junior, carries a 3.78 GPA while majoring in political science. He is a two-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, as well as a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Robinson earned his second Second Team All-Patriot League honor after placing in the top eight in three individual events and in the top five in four relays at the conference meet.

In the Bucknell record book, Robinson was a part of the 400 medley relay and 400 free relay that own the school's top times. He owns additional top-10 times in six individual events and one relay.

Behnen, a junior, has a 3.41 GPA with a double major in economics and political science. He is a two-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and is a CSCAA Honorable Mention Scholar All-American. Behnen is a three-time All-Patriot League honoree, including First Team honors this season after recording top-four finishes in three individual events and two relays at the conference championships.

Behnen is the school record holder in the 200 free and 500 free and was a part of the record-holding 400 free relay and 800 free relay. He owns additional top-10 times in four individual events.

Devlin, an economics major with a 3.36 GPA, adds the academic honor to the Swimmer of the Meet award he earned at this year's Patriot League Championships, where he set school and league records in the 200 back and 400 IM. He was also fourth in the 200 IM and finished in the top five in four relays.

Devlin holds school records in three individual events and three relays. He has additional top-10 times in one individual event and one relay.

Bucknell's three selections to the Academic All-Patriot League Team were tied with Navy for most in the conference. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and be a starter or key player in his/her sport. Freshmen or students in their first academic year at their school are not eligible for the honor.



Jack Robinson



Louis Behnen



Chris Devlin

LEVENDOSKI & ARCHER RECEIVE SENIOR AWARDS

The women's swimming and diving team had two student-athletes recognized at Bucknell's annual Senior Athletics Awards Banquet on May 1. Emma Levendoski was the recipient of the Christy Mathewson Award, while Leanne Archer was the winner of the Robert A. Latour Service Award.



Emma Levendoski and her parents.

The Christy Mathewson Award is presented to the most outstanding athlete in the senior class. Levendoski will be considered one of the most dominant swimmers in

Patriot League history and will be remembered as Bucknell's first ever NCAA qualifier. She swept the backstroke events at all four Patriot League Championships, something no other swimmer had accomplished more than twice.

An NCAA qualifier in both the 100- and 200-backstroke at the 2015 NCAA Championships, Levendoski is a four-time First Team All-Patriot League selection and an 11-time Patriot League Swimmer of the Week. She holds the league record in both backstroke events, owns four Bucknell records, and contributed to 16 relays that own current top-10 times on Bucknell's all-time list. She is a member of the CSCAA Scholar All-America Team and the league's academic honor roll.



Leanne Archer and her parents.

The Robert A. Latour Service Award is presented to senior athletes for extraordinary service to Bucknell and local communities. Archer is proof that hard work pays off. After not qualifying for the Patriot League Championships in her first three seasons at Bucknell, the team captain not only qualified as a senior, but scored team points with a

15th-place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle. One week later, Leanne went to the ECAC Championships, where she again chose to swim the grueling distance race. In her final collegiate race, she finished 10th with a personal-best time, and her 1,000-meter split was good enough for eighth in Bucknell history.

Leanne's hard work extends beyond athletics. She serves numerous roles at Bucknell, including Reunion Ambassador, Relay for Life Team Captain and Publicity Committee Member, Catholic Campus Ministry Member, Bison Leadership Academy Member and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Member. Additionally, Leanne has been a Capital District Summer Games Volunteer for the Special Olympics since 2010.

WOMEN'S CAPTAINS CORNER

By Caroline Orem & Rachel Perry



Caroline Orem



Rachel Perry

At the beginning of March, the women's swimming and diving team ended another strong year in and out of the pool. Throughout the 2015-2016 season, individuals on our team accomplished several personal goals, both athletic and academic. We took on a much higher level of training that required increased motivation and dedication to the sport and the team. Having dealt with some challenges throughout the season, our team was still able to produce great results at both of our championship meets. We worked together to stay focused and were able to end on a positive note that carried into our mindset during the off season.

Spring training has helped the team regain focus on our collective goals and has been a positive start to the 2016-2017 season. Although this training was not easy, we have collectively worked towards directing our efforts to next year's season. Along with training, the spring season has

also included our annual community swim lessons. It is always an extremely gratifying experience to witness young members of the Lewisburg community learning how to swim and enjoying the sport as much as we do. On top of these lessons, members of both the women's and men's team volunteered at the local Lewisburg Running Club for the first time this past month. This event gave us the opportunity to bond more with the children in the community and we were able to help stress the importance of being a kid and having fun.

Another community service event our team has been extremely involved in on campus throughout the years is Relay for Life. We had over half of our women sign up and participate in this event which was another great experience for us to bond as a team and benefit the community as well. Relay for Life is one of the largest community service events hosted by Bucknell and we are very proud of our strong attendance and support every year.

The end of the spring season brings the departure of a large senior class whose impacts on the team and positive presence will be truly missed. The leadership qualities and impressive athletic results that this graduating class contributed to the women's team were critical to our success. However, we are looking forward to a strong incoming freshmen class that we hope will have an impact just as great as this year's seniors. The entire team is anxious to welcome our new teammates to Bucknell and are excited to see what they will bring to the table!

This summer, we will continue to train in preparation for the upcoming season as energy and eagerness builds. We are very excited to start up our training again and seeing some new competition in the pool. Next year's schedule includes several new teams we have never competed against in a dual meet setting such as Loyola, Seton Hall, West Virginia, and NYU. We accomplished many of our goals this past season and are excited to take the next steps towards bringing the women's swimming and diving team even greater success next season! Go Bison!

MEN'S CAPTAINS CORNER

By Sean Lyons & Jack Robinson



Sean Lyons



Jack Robinson

As we look back at our 2015-2016 season, it was a learning process for sure and we worked through many ups and downs. 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 men's team had that we will remember most. Our freshman class proved their worth on this team and we can't wait to see what else is in store. As for our seniors, Pat Alvermann, Steve Grune, Wes Marberry, JT Nangle, Brian Phillips, Will Rappaport, Jeff Shanley, and Tyler Wenzel, we thank you for suiting up these past four years, and wish you good luck suiting up in the real world! We'll miss you 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. However, our Men's team had a very busy spring besides just practices. As a team we taught 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.

In other news, our intramural softball team won the championships for the first time since 2013! We are all thrilled and excited for our prize t-shirts, and I'm sure the coaches are just as excited that no one got injured in the process. As an entire team, we participated in this year's Relay for Life on campus. We pooled our resources and raised almost \$3000 and raised the 3rd most of any relay team on campus! 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.

2016 is an Olympic year, and as always swimming will make its way back to the headlines of our newspapers and televisions. Thus far we have one swimmer, Chris Devlin, who will represent Bucknell at this year's Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska where he will be racing in the 100 and 200 backstroke. We'll all be cheering him on and can't wait to see him compete!

As for the rest of the men's team, we'll continue to work hard in and out of the pool this 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 2016-2017 season will bring. We also cannot wait to welcome our eight 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!

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SWIMMING & DIVING FUNDRAISING UPDATE

I also wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone on our “Decades Challenge” Fundraising Contest. As we had into the final two months of Bucknell University’s fiscal year, we have raised \$93,284 from 286 gifts from alumni and friends. In addition to the money raised from generous donations, our current team has raised over \$10,000 through its own fundraising efforts. Furthermore the very strong participation during the Trustee Challenge netted the team an additional \$3,730 in matching funds that day.

Thus all told, we are approximately 85% of the way towards our athletic department set fundraising goal of \$125,000. As you all know, it is an important sign of our commitment to the program that we meet this goal each and every year.

As you can see from the chart to the right, the 1960s decade group maintains the lead in the category for most dollars given and is in position to upset the 1970’s decade group who has won this category three years already.

For the category of most gifts donated, the defending champions, the 2010s, have extended their lead in the quest to repeat again this year.

There is still time to make an impact on both the Decade Standings and the Bison Swimming and Diving program.

Thank you to all of who you have already given this year. We truly appreciate everyone’s continued interest and support for our program.

Regards and GO BISON!

Dan

Fiscal Year Grouping	2016 Gifts	2016 Amt
1940s	-	-
1950s	6	\$1,450
1960s	28	\$15,035
1970s	28	\$11,845
1980s	26	\$6,287
1990s	33	\$5,335
2000s	16	\$5,175
2010s	51	\$2,484
Other	20	\$3,515
Parents	77	\$31,658
Total	285	\$82,784