

BACK SPLASH

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S VARSITY CREW NEWSLETTER

Can't Wait For Spring!

Stephen Kish '92
Head Coach

Greetings from the Women's Varsity Crew. We hope you have had as exciting a fall as we have. What is most exciting to me is the awesome attitude and energy that our current group is showing. I can't wait to see what they can do this spring.

Our future successes are possible only with your support. We need your help with funding for two new varsity eights and our trip to the Women's Henley in England. These are ambitious plans and it will take an inspiring effort from our entire crew family to help them become a reality.

Please read our newsletter and access our web page to learn more about the program. Then, please consider increasing your support and involvement with the program. Our women depend on you.



Varsity openweight eight at the Head of the Charles.

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A significant development this fall has been the depth of our varsity openweight women. Over the past four years we have focused on the pair and four, resulting in six Dad Vail medals. This year, our women are committed to making the jump to the premiere event, the openweight varsity eight.

After dominating last year's Dad Vail regatta, the lightweight varsity eight has also committed to raising the bar for themselves. This year they have added the IRA National Championship Regatta to their schedule. It will be an exciting opportunity to measure up against Princeton, Radcliffe, Wisconsin, Georgetown and Stanford.

Fall Season in Review



Racing

We hosted two exciting head-to-head four mile races this fall, one against George Mason University and the other against Lehigh University. Also, the varsity raced at the Head of the Charles and the novice raced at the Philadelphia Frostbite.

Special Events

We introduced two new fall events this year. First, we held a two day car wash and raised over \$1,200 for the Donald L. Heiter Community Center here in Lewisburg. Second, we took the team for an overnight retreat at Bucknell's conference center in the woods of Cowan, PA. Both were a lot of fun for the team.

Fund Raising Efforts

We continued with our 14th Annual Rent-A-Rower fund raiser in which our women are hired by local community members to do yard work and various other projects. Also, for the second year in a row, our women sold concessions up and down the stadium stairs at each home football game.



Current Roster

VARSITY WOMEN

Meredith Cutting '06	Lansing, NY
Allison DeKnight '06	Chevy Chase, MD
Julie Engle '04	Niskayuna, NY
Lauren Ewald '05	West Chester, PA
Allison Gasbarra '05	Evanson, IL
Jill Harrington '04	Niskayuna, NY
Kyra Harris '05	Bradford, VT
Lisa Kim '06	Ramsey, NJ
Courtney Luzzi '06	New Providence, NJ
Elizabeth K. Marut '05	Langhorne, PA
Rebecca Newman '04	Hope Valley, RI
Vi Ngo '04	Erie, PA
Jessica Noonan '07	Orchard Park, NY
Lauren Olsen '07	Redmond, WA
Candice Olszewski '04	Blandford, MA
Jennifer Prunoske '05	Hornell, NY
Amanda Roof '06	Harrison City, PA
Caitlin Scudder '06	Trumbull, CT
Rachel Trusheim '05	West Milford, NJ
Joan Wendler '04	Burlington, NJ
Ashley White '06	Pottsville, PA
Jessica Young '06	Snowmass, CO
A. Teal Zeisler '06	Coatesville, PA



Coach Katie & Candice Olszewski '04 (aka Bucky-the-Bison)

NOVICE WOMEN

Megan Chapin '07	Hingham, MA
Christine Drasba '06	Lake Grove, NY
Caitlin Feigenbaum '07	Norwalk, CT
Marissa Felix '07	Old Bethpage, NY
Megan Garrett '06	Metuchen, NJ
Jenna Goldstein '07	Greenwich, CT
Rachel Goldstein '07	Pomona, NY
Meredith Henry '07	Milford, PA
Ashley Kalinske '07	Atherton, CA
Mary Kellam '07	Freeland, MD
Julia Keyser '07	Little Falls, NY
Rebecca Michaud '07	Nutley, NJ
Danielle Monteverde '07	Riegelsville, PA
Meghan Mulcrone '07	Manchester, NH
Marianne Prabhu '07	Staten Island, NY
Laura Roberts '07	McMurray, PA
Kim Salamone '07	Westminster, MD
Susan Shadle '07	Bethlehem, PA
Ashley Shamansky '07	Mount Carmel, PA
Tabith Smith '07	Lebanon, PA
Kathryn Wood '07	Berea, OH

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Stephen Kish '92
Assistant Coach Katie Davis '01 (PLU)
Student Asst. Michael Brooks-Williams '04
Student Manager Elena Keates '05

Fund Raising Needs

Racing Equipment - Eights Needed

We need you to help us raise \$40,000 for two new racing eights for this spring. Now that we are making the ambitious move to compete in more eight-oared events (instead of pairs and fours) we need the appropriate equipment. We only have one viable racing eight to share between four "eights" of competitive and spirited women.

As our university budget does not provide for these large pieces of equipment, we need your help. This is a great opportunity to see your name, or one of a close family member, along the bow of a sleek navy blue boat as it crosses the finish line in first. Please contact us if you think you can help.



Women's Henley - June 2004

Provided we raise the necessary funds, the varsity openweight eight and varsity lightweight eight will compete at the Women's Henley in England. Our women's varsity four had an experience of a lifetime when they traveled to England and finished second at the 2000 Women's Henley.

This year we want both of our women's varsity eights to experience this amazing event. We need your help in order to make this dream a reality. Please contact us if you are interested in assisting us with this effort.



General Needs

In addition the larger projects that we have undertaken, we also need to supplement the budget provided us by the university. We are responsible for raising the funds for our assistant coach's salary on a yearly basis.

We also welcome donations to help support our winter training trip to Miami Beach, Florida. While the rowers are responsible for flying themselves to Miami as well as feeding themselves while they are there, we need fund raised dollars to pay for our lodging and dock fees in Miami.



Save The Date!

Join us for a... CELEBRATION OF BUCKNELL CREW

When: *May 14-16, 2004*

Who: *Bucknell Crew Alumni & Friends*

How: *Save the date on your schedule and we will
send you more information by March 1st.*



Highlights of the weekend include:

- A Friday night social gathering at a local watering hole
- A barbecue along the Susquehanna
- Reliving the thrill of rowing
- Campus tours of new facilities
- Socializing with friends, coaches and current team members
- A banquet celebrating the past, present and future of rowing at Bucknell
- Time to relax and enjoy old memories



Looking Ahead



Varsity Openweight Women

After four medal winning years in the varsity pair and varsity four, our openweight women are setting their sights on the most competitive event of all, the varsity eight.

With five Dad Vail medals between the two of them, seniors Julie Engel (below left) and Becca Newman will be leading the charge. Junior Jennifer Prunoske (below right) could also be a key boat mover as she holds the current Bucknell ergometer record of 7:11 for 2,000 meters and will be aiming to bring that under seven minutes in February.



Varsity Lightweight Women

With four returning members of last year's Dad Vail gold medal eight, the lightweight women have been working diligently and with more confidence.

Seniors Joan Wendler and Jill Harrington (far left) bring a lot of experience to the group with two Dad Vail medals each. Newcomers Teal Zeisler '06, Amanda Roof '06, Jessica Noonan '07 and Lauren Olsen '07 are pushing to have a chance to help this crew to even greater heights at the IRA National Championship Regatta.

Coxswains

Without any experienced coxswains to begin the year, we definitely had a challenge on our hands. To their and Coach Katie's credit, our group of six novice coxswains has exceeded expectations.

Junior Kyra Harris will be leading the varsity lightweights in their campaign to reach greater speeds. Novices Julia Keyser '07, Megan Garrett '06 and Mary Kellam '07 will also be working with the varsity boats during the winter training trip in Miami Beach.



Coxswain Megan Garrett '06

Novice Women

This year's novice women look to continue the tradition of success that has preceeded them for the past three years. They have such an abundance of talent and energy that some of them will find themselves in varsity boats before too long.

Experienced freshmen Mimi Prabhu and Jenna Goldstein will be helping to lead the charge this spring. Although this year's group is physically smaller than previous years, they definitely have the right attitude and an impressive work ethic.

Race Schedule

February 29	8th Annual Erg Armageddon	Davis Gym - Home
March 19	vs. Georgia Tech & Skidmore College	Lake Russell - Elberton, GA
March 27	vs. US Military Academy & George Mason	Susquehanna River - Home
April 3	vs. University of Delaware	Susquehanna River - Home
April 10	vs. University of Buffalo	Tonawanda Creek - Buffalo, NY
April 17-18	at Knecht Cup (varsity eights)	Cooper River - Cherry Hill, NJ
April 25	Patriot League Challenge	Lake Quinsigamond - Worcester, MA
May 2	Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships	Occoquan Reservoir - Fairfax, VA
May 7-8	Dad Vail Championship Regatta	Schuylkill River - Philadelphia, PA
June 4-5	IRA Championship Regatta (varsity lightweight eight)	Cooper River - Cherry Hill, NJ
June 18-20	Women's Henley Regatta (varsity eights)	Thames River - Henley, ENGLAND



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