

BACK SPLASH

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S VARSITY CREW NEWSLETTER

Wow! What a Season!

Stephen Kish '92

Head Coach

Greetings from the Women's Varsity Crew. We hope you have had as great a year as we have. We placed 2nd out of over 100 teams at the Dad Vail Regatta, our highest finish ever. Next year we will be aiming for first, as well as a trip to the Women's Henley in England.

Our success is only possible with your support. Our fund raising efforts have been very successful, but the most challenging projects lay ahead. We need your help to continue providing our women with a quality inter-collegiate athletic experience.

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 are depending on you.



Led by gold medal performances in the Varsity Lightweight Eight (above) and the Varsity Pair (below), our women's crew finished second, as a team, out of 111 crews participating at the Dad Vail Regatta on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, PA on May 9th & 10th.

The novice women's eight qualified for the final for the first time in Bucknell history. The victory in the lightweight eight was Bucknell's first ever Dad Vail medal in a varsity eight. Seven of our eight varsity boats from the past four years have medalled at the Dad Vail.



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Academic & Athletic Honors



Julie Engel '04 was named to the Verizon Academic All-District II at-large first-team at the end of the spring season. She is now eligible for the national Verizon Academic All-America team. Bucknell is third in Division I in total Academic All-Americans (104) behind only Nebraska and Notre Dame. Jessica Smith '01 was the last rower to be named to the District II team.

Julie held a 4.0 grade point average for the entire year and owns a 3.92 cumulative g.p.a. She has made the Dean's List seven semesters at Bucknell, as a mechanical engineering student.

Julie was named to the 2002 US Rowing Collegiate Honor Roll this past fall. She is also a member of the Bucknell Brigade, a volunteer humanitarian relief group, and is the secretary of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering society.

Julie has won two Dad Vail silvers and one gold. In her three spring seasons of racing, consisting of twenty-one spring races to date, she has won fifteen gold medals and finished second only six times. Over 140 crews have lost to Julie's crew.



Athletes of the Month & bow pair of the varsity lwt eight: sophomore Rachel Trusheim and freshman Alexis Will.

Team GPA

	1st Sem	2nd Sem	'02-'03	Career
Varsity (16)	3.40	3.58	3.49	3.41
Novice (23)	3.25	3.14	3.20	3.20
Full Team (39)	3.31	3.32	3.31	3.28

Our women had a very successful year in the classroom. Even when faced with the increased physical and mental commitment of *varsity* rowing, their gpa's actually improved.

Twenty six of our student-athletes were named to the Dean's List for achieving a g.p.a. of 3.5 or better in the first or second semester. Those in italics were named for both semesters.

Dean's List

<i>Amy Boddorff</i>	Kara Schroepfer
Amy Bossler	<i>Caitlin Scudder</i>
Allison DeKnight	<i>Alison Solano</i>
<i>Julie Engel</i>	Rebekah Tessier
<i>Lauren Ewald</i>	Nicole Tomlin
<i>Jill Harrington</i>	Rachel Trusheim
Caroline Karlberg	Katherine Walter
Elena Keates	Joan Wendler
Courtney Luzzi	Ashley White
<i>Amanda McCain</i>	<i>Natalie Wiest</i>
<i>Tracy Menkowski</i>	<i>Alexis Will</i>
<i>Rebecca Newman</i>	Jessica Young
Vi Ngo	Teal Zeisler

End-Of-Year Awards

Award Winners

Most Valuable Rower	Jill Harrington '04
Athlete of the Year	Lauren Ewald '05
Coxswain of the Year	Kyra Harris '05
	Alison Solano '06
Novice of the Year	Alexis Will '06
Most Improved Novice	Amy Bossler '06
Athletes of the Month	Alexis Will '06
	Rachel Trusheim '05
	Jill Harrington '04

Clockwise from top left: Athlete of the Year Lauren Ewald '05, Coxswain of the Year Kyra Harris '05, Most Improved Novice Amy Bossler '06 and Coxswain of the Year Alison Solano '06.

Bottom: Sitting in stroke seat (second from right) of the varsity lightweight eight, Athlete of the Month and Most Valuable Rower Jill Harrington '04. Sitting two seat (second from left), Athlete of the Month and Novice of the Year Alexis Will '06.



Upgrades & Updates

Fall Sculling

This past fall we introduced sculling to the varsity rowers. We alternated between three days of sweep rowing and three days of sculling each week. The new challenge was good for the rowers and definitely improved their overall rowing skills.

Boathouse Wall

We closed-in the east wall of the boathouse in order to protect the equipment from the elements. Although a minor change, it will definitely help our equipment stay in good condition.



Boathouse After A Winter Storm

Winter Break Training Trip

Leaving the chill of winter far behind them, 18 varsity women headed south to the warmer waters of Miami Beach, Florida for a 10-day training trip this past January. The varsity crew rowed out of the Miami Beach Rowing Club amongst other crews from Brown, Boston, Buffalo and Fordham Universities, as well as Boston and Iona Colleges.

In previous year's, we visited Austin, TX, and Augusta, GA. After this trip to Miami, I think we have found a permanent destination. The weather was amazing, the rowing conditions were great and we spotted manatee and dolphin up close.



Candice Olszewski '04



SECOND NOVICE EIGHT

Top: Shinika St. Cyr '06, Middle: Elena Keates '05, Amy Boddorff '06, Katherine Walter '06, Angela Welsh '06, Courtney Luzzi '06, Jessica Young '06, Bottom: Coach Katie Davis, Amanda McCain '06, Rebekah Tessier '06

Spring Break Training Trip

After twelve years of Augusta, GA, we changed our spring break destination to Elberton, GA. The new site offers a safer environment, although much more secluded, with housing in cottages along Lake Russell in Richard B. Russell State Park. Although not as exotic as the waters of Miami Beach, we did spot wildlife such as wild turkey, a fox and beaver.

Our women loved the change and are very excited to return next year. The women cooked for themselves every night and each cabin performed a skit at the pot-luck dinner held at the end of the week. We also took a short trip to Athens, GA.



Tracy Menkowski '04 (left) and Rebecca Newman '04

Future Plans & Needs

Competition - Openweight Eight

Winning the lightweight eight was a confidence-builder for our program. Now we need to move into the openweight eight as well. Our success in the fours and pairs has been very fulfilling, but now is the time to make the move. With four returning senior openweights, and talented sophomores and juniors, it is now or never.

Equipment - Eights Needed

We need you to help us raise \$40,000 for two new eights this fall. We only have one viable racing eight. In order to race the three varsity eights (first varsity, second varsity, varsity lightweight) and two novice eights (novice openweight and novice lightweight) we need to add two racing boats to our boathouse.

This fund raising is in addition to the donations



Joan Wendler '04 on the leg press.

Women's Henley - Summer 2004

We are looking into the possibility of returning to the Women's Henley in England. The first and only time we went was in the summer of 2000. The women's varsity four travelled to England for 18 days in June and had the experience of a lifetime. They competed in three regattas, culminating in a second-place finish at the prestigious Women's Henley on the Thames River.

Training Facilities

We are formulating a plan for a permanent boathouse as well as a more suitable ergometer room. We have outgrown both of those facilities and it is time to prepare ourselves for the next fifty years of Bucknell Crew. Also, we still dream of an on-campus indoor rowing tank.



Nicole Tomlin '04



NOVICE FOUR

(L to R): Christine Bufton '06, Erica Augustenborg '06, Jean Wells '06, Caitlin Scudder '06. Not in view: cox Caroline Karlberg '06.

2002 & 2003 Raffle Recognition

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in our Raffle Fund Raisers. They have been a great success. Our crew family has grown in size and the funds we have raised have been a key component of our competitive success. All participants over the past two years are listed below. Everyone will be receiving three more issues of Backsplash over the 2003-2004 season.

Grand prize winners for 2002 were Barbara & Walter Dautel and Jenny & Erron Nielsen. The 2003 winner was Dorothy Young. Boat namings will occur this fall.

We had some difficulty in mailing out the gear that was ordered along with your raffle tickets. We think we have fixed all of the problems we encountered to date. If you have not received the gear that you ordered, please let us know by calling (570) 577-1770.



Novice eight practicing on the Susquehanna River.

John & Cheryl Adamec
 Gregory & Jeannine Adams
 Robert & Sharon Adzema
 Mrs. Barbara Ahouse
 Fred & Helen Albrecht
 Tom & Beth Albrecht
 Mr. & Mrs. Allocca
 Joseph A. Amshey
 Robert & Helen Arakelian
 Marianna Archambault
 George & Marcia Argyris
 Brian C. & Laura K. Arthur
 Lon & Denise Augustenborg
 Mrs. M.K. Augustenborg
 Professor Greta G. Austin
 Henry & Mariko Averette
 Whitney & Robert Ayerle
 Dr. Robert Ayerle
 Lawrence & Marianne Badaczewski
 Cindy J. Ball
 Beth & Jeff Barkdoll
 Jerry & Cheryl Bastas
 Charlotte & Bruce Bates
 Betty & Tony Bates
 Mark & Nicole Bates
 Linn H. Bealke
 Nora Bell
 Ms. Linda L. Bennett
 Paula & Peter Bentinck-Smith
 James & Penny Black
 Rose & Yvon Blais
 Andre & Nancy Blais
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 Donald & Leanne Bly
 Mr. James Bolton
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 Wayne & Kathleen Bromfield
 Mike Brooks-Williams
 Ms. Sylvia J. Buduson
 Mrs. Joanne Bufton
 Douglas & Pamela Bufton
 Beverly Bullock
 Ms. Patricia Buoncristiani
 Barbara & Bill Capalbo
 Terri Caprio
 Ray & Deborah Caracciolo
 Mr. Evan F. Carlson
 John & Linda Carter
 June Carvalho
 Daina & Greg Carvel
 Robert & Sherry Chatburn
 Richard & Elizabeth Cheek
 Paul & Laurie Cherry
 Lannie & Margaret Clayton
 Marsha & Bill Coder
 Joseph Arakelian & Veronica Coffey
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 The Lancaster Family
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 Jane & John Fiore
 A. James Firth
 Judy & George Fitchett
 Tom Flood
 Joseph & Barbara Frampus
 Donald & Florence Francis
 Mark French
 Richard & Donna Frost

Lester & Elsa Fuwa
 Eileen & William Game
 Mark & Frances Gasbarra
 Marilyn Gasbarra
 Bill & Terry Gasbarre
 Tom & Lori Gasbarre
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 Joan McDonald
 Michael & Berniece McMullan
 June McRoberts
 Meredith McRoberts
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 Bentley & Susan Merrick
 Donald & Marian Meyers
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 Robert & Kathleen Muehleck
 Mr. Geoffrey Mynott
 Dick & Pat Myren
 Gary Newman
 Jonathan & Sherry Newman
 Rachel M. Newman
 Deborah Newman
 Eugenia Smith & Terry Nichols
 Jenny & Erron Nielsen
 Kevin & Laura Nitka
 Marilou Claire Noriel
 Ms. Kathleen B. O'Dell
 Dr. Hugh O'Donnell
 Vilma P. Ogawa
 Donald & Ellen Ogawa
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 Francis & Gloria Zielinskie
 James & Sally Zubarik
 George & Kathleen Zwiebel

Women's Varsity Crew: Fall 2003

September 28

Sunday

Lake Augusta 4-Miler

vs. George Mason & Drexel

Shamokin Dam, PA

Susquehanna River

October 5

Sunday

Fall Classic 4-Miler

vs. Lehigh & Fordham

Shamokin Dam, PA

Susquehanna River

October 18-19

Sat. & Sun.

Head of the Charles

3.1 Miles

Cambridge, MA

Charles River

November 1

Saturday

Parent's Wknd Brunch

10:00 AM

Shamokin Dam, PA

Tedd's On-The-Hill

November 2

Sunday

Fall Invitational

2,000 Meters

Shamokin Dam, PA

Susquehanna River

November 8

Saturday

Philadelphia Frostbite

2,000 Meters

Philadelphia, PA

Schuylkill River

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