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Bassett



Cardany



DeMichele



Mangino

Seven distinguished individuals have joined the Union College Athletics Hall of Fame. The Class of 2006 consists of **Susan Bassett**, **Joe Cardany '81**, **Bob DeMichele '66**, **Kim Mangino '86**, **Scott Remillard '86**, **Dick Roberts '50** and **Dennis Walker '74**.

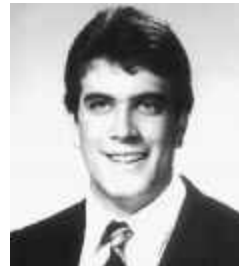
The seven new members were inducted at the fifth annual Induction Ceremony, September 30 at College Park Hall. The new inductees joined 24 other members in the Hall of Fame, which was first instituted in 2002. The new inductees were also introduced at halftime of the September 30 football game vs. the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

SUSAN BASSETT was named Director of Athletics at Carnegie Mellon University in July of 2005 after 10 years as the director at William Smith College. She served as the Head Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Coach at Union for eight seasons, from 1987-88 through 1994-95, and coached 92 All-Americans during her tenure. Three individuals won national championships, and she was named the 1993 College Swimming Coaches Association of America Co-Coach of the Year and the NYSWCAA Swimming Coach of the Year in 1993 and 1994. Bassett served as chair of the NCAA Division III Management Council and was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators in 2003. She is a 1979 Ithaca College graduate and received her master's from Indiana in 1980.

JOE CARDANY '81 ranks third in all-time Union men's basketball scoring with 1,790 career points, 25 years after his illustrious playing career was completed. He held the points record for the Dutchmen until 2001. The 1981 Jaffe Medal recipient (awarded to Union's male athlete of the year) was an NCAA Division III All-American in his senior season (1980-81). He was a three-time captain, and earned ECAC all-star honors in each of his four seasons, including the ECAC Division III Rookie of the Year award in 1977-78. His 316 points in his rookie season set a Union freshman scoring record, and the three-point shot was not in effect during his career.

BOB DEMICHELE '66 was an All-American lacrosse and football performer and was also considered to be one of the best linebackers in Union football history. During his lacrosse career, DeMichele earned third team and honorable mention All-American honors, and was a tremendous defender. He played in the prestigious 1966 North South All-Star Classic. On the gridiron, DeMichele was a two-time All-American and an All-East selection. He received Union's Pike Award and the 2001 Union Alumni Gold Medal. Today, DeMichele serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Strategy Asset Managers, LLC in New York, NY.

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Remillard



Roberts



Walker



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The fall season has recently concluded and the winter teams are in full swing. It was another successful fall campaign as Union's women's soccer team and football team competed in NCAA competition. The success of our student-athletes on the fields, in the classroom and in the community is clearly evident. Thomas Arcidiacono and Erika Eisenhut are two prime examples of this success, both of whom have been recently recognized for their accomplishments in all of these areas.

Eisenhut, currently a graduate student at Union pursuing a master's degree in teaching, was recently named a conference finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award – one of the most prestigious awards bestowed by the NCAA. The award signifies excellence in athletics, academics, service and leadership, but what makes this achievement even more impressive is the fact that it recognizes one student-athlete from all NCAA Divisions. Erika was among a group of finalists from institutions such as Wake Forest, Auburn and North Carolina among others.

Arcidiacono, a senior running back on the football team, was named one of four finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy named for legendary St. John's University head coach John Gagliardi – the winningest coach in college football history. The award is presented to the Division III College football player of the year and is the Division III equivalent of the Heisman trophy with one major difference – candidates for the award must be successful students in the classroom and have made an impact on their local community. Impressive as Tom's statistics on the gridiron were, they did not reveal his leadership, his role as a student-athlete or his commitment to the Union and surrounding community.

While both of these awards signify athletic excellence, they also place a premium on academic performance, leadership and commitment to the community, all of which are the foundation for athletics within our institution. Please be sure to join me in congratulating these two individuals who continue to make us proud, and thanks for your continued support of our student-athletes.

Jim McLaughlin '93
Director of Athletics



Wehrum Named Men's Lacrosse Coach; New Staffers Join Union Athletics



PAUL WEHRUM

Paul Wehrum was named the Head Men's Lacrosse Coach at Union on July 27. Wehrum comes to Union from Herkimer County Community College where he served for 27 years, including 24 as the Head Men's Lacrosse Coach. Wehrum's student-athletes have achieved unparalleled success on the fields, in the classroom and in the community. In his 24 seasons with the Generals, Wehrum guided the Herkimer men's lacrosse team to 21 consecutive National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association Region III Championships and eight NJCAA National titles, including five in a row from 1992-96. Wehrum was named NJCAA Coach of the Year four times (1985, 1986, 1992, and 1994).

A graduate of SUNY Cortland, Wehrum was a three-time All-American attacker and earned first-team SUNYAC honors in 1970-72. He captained the North team in the 1972 North/South Collegiate All-Star game. Wehrum earned a master's degree in health and physical education from SUNY Cortland while serving as an assistant coach to the Red Dragons' 1973 Division III NCAA Championship team.

Wehrum was an assistant coach for the US National Team which won the 1998 World Lacrosse Championship. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1999 as a truly great coach and is also a member of the Long Island Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the Upstate New York Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the SUNY Cortland Hall of Fame.

"Paul was the logical choice from a talented pool of candidates," A.D. Jim McLaughlin stated. "We were fortunate to be able to attract an individual who possesses a wealth of successful head coaching experience as well as an individual that has had a dramatic impact on the sport of lacrosse. Paul is a proven leader and has had a positive influence on generations of student-athletes throughout his career. I'm looking forward to working with Paul as he embarks upon the next stage of his career."

At Herkimer, Wehrum also served as a full professor of health and physical education. He will enhance the wellness program at Union by assuming additional responsibilities as the assistant recreation and wellness director within the college's multi-million dollar state-of-the-art fitness center that was unveiled to the campus community this past spring.

"I'm extremely honored to be the Head Men's Lacrosse Coach at Union College," stated Wehrum. "I'm looking forward to achieving new levels of success both on and off the field with this program."

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Union's Liberty League Coaches of the Year – John Audino, Scott Felix and Brian Speck



SCOTT FELIX



JOHN AUDINO

Three Union College head coaches were recognized after super seasons. Football Coach John Audino, Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Coach Scott Felix and Women's Soccer Coach Brian Speck all received Liberty League Coach of the Year honors.

Audino and his assistants received the Liberty League Football Coaching Staff of the Year award. They guided Union to the Liberty League title for the second straight season and to the NCAA playoffs for the second straight year. The Dutchmen have won 18 of the last 20 regular season games. Audino has a career record of 115-37 after completing his 15th year with Union. Audino is assisted by Gary Reynolds, Pete Brown, Erv Chambliss, Larry Cottrell, Alan Fiore, Dan Iozzia, John Knapp, Jon Kralovic, Chris Nappi, T.R. Pena and Daryl Stevenson.

The Union women's swimming & diving team dominated the second day of the event and thus won the 2006 Liberty League Championship Meet. Head Coach Scott Felix was named the Liberty League Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet. The Dutchwomen scored 842.5 points, a distant first over runner-up Rochester, which had 669.5 points. Felix also guided Union to the 2005 Liberty League Championship title. He is in his sixth season guiding the men's and women's programs.

Head Women's Soccer Coach Brian Speck, who guided Union to the Liberty League Championship and an NCAA bid, received the Liberty League Women's Soccer Coaching Staff of the Year award with his assistant, Jessica Critchlow. Speck led Union to a 14-3-3 record and the Dutchwomen's seventh NCAA tournament appearance in eight seasons. The Dutchwomen posted a 15-game unbeaten streak spanning more than one month of play. Union is 32-4-6 over two seasons and 70-8-8 over a four-year span. Speck's career record stands at 171-39-18 in his 12th season.



BRIAN SPECK

**ERIKA EISENHUT**

Eisenhut Finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year

Union's Erika Eisenhut (Mohawk, NY/Mohawk), a senior in the 2005-06 athletic season, was named a finalist

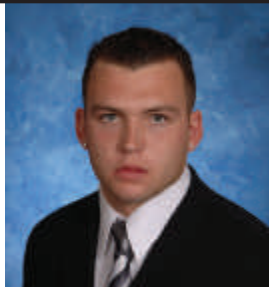
for the NCAA Woman of the Year, presented to Anne Bersagel of Wake Forest University in October.

Eisenhut was the first Union female athlete to receive an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, and first student at Union to receive this honor since 1988 (fourth in the school's history). She was the ECAC Robbins Female Scholar Athlete for all ECAC Div. III schools in 2005 and 2006, and received an NYSWCAA Scholar-Athlete Award in 2006. A First Team Kodak/WBCA All-American (Union's first in basketball), Eisenhut was the D3hoops.com

All-East Player of the Year and *ESPN The Magazine* CoSIDA Academic All-American in three sports.

She was a Jostens Trophy Finalist (Top 10 nationally for best Div. III women's basketball player) in 2005-06, as well as the Liberty League Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Eisenhut, who earned Liberty League all-star honors in all three sports, was a member of 12 teams in four years that won 85% of their games. She is serving in a graduate internship role in the Union Department of Athletics.

The other finalists joining Bersagel and Eisenhut were Janelle Englee (Old Dominion), Angela Homan (Auburn), Jennifer Irwin (Ferris State), Adrienne Musu Jackson-Buckner (SUNY Oneonta), Angela Pfeiffer (Concordia, MN), Bethany Rehm (Texas Woman's University), Christyn Schumann (Trinity, TX) and Greta Trotman (Barry).

**TOM ARCIDIACONO**

Arcidiacono Finalist for Gagliardi Trophy; Selected to Aztec Bowl

For the first time in the trophy's existence, the initial 10 finalists for the

14th annual Gagliardi Trophy were narrowed down to four regional finalists, which were announced on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Union College senior running back Tom Arcidiacono (Castleton, NY/Columbia) was the East Regional Finalist.

The other finalists were Ryan Klepe, a defensive lineman at Wisconsin-Whitewater, Jordan Neal, a quarterback at Hardin-Simmons, and Josh Brehm, a quarterback at Alma.

The award, presented to the outstanding football player in NCAA Division III, honors excellence in athletics, academics and community service. The award program is sponsored by Jostens, Inc. and conducted by the J-Club of Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. This year's winner, Neal, received the award on December 14 in Salem, VA.

The Gagliardi Trophy is named for Saint John's University head football coach John Gagliardi, the first active head coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2006) and the winningest coach in college football history with 443 career victories in 58 seasons following the 2006 season. Gagliardi set the all-time win record on Nov. 8, 2003.

Arcidiacono averaged 6.4 yards per carry and 149.7 per game during the regular season. He rushed for 1,357 yards and 10 rushing TDs, and ended his

career ranked 15th all-time in NCAA Division III career rushing yards with 4,919. He recently ranked second nationally in scoring, third in rushing and fifth in all-purpose yards. Arcidiacono is an inner-city school tutor and counsels on drug and alcohol awareness. He was named the Liberty League Offensive Performer of the Year for the second straight season.

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Tom Arcidiacono was selected to play for the American Football Coaches Association's Division III all-star team that represented the United States against the Mexican National Team in the 2006 Aztec Bowl on December 16 in Aguascalientes, Mexico. He also was named to the AFCA All-American team.

Arcidiacono is one of 48 NCAA Division III seniors from around the country who made up this year's team. Former Widener, Delaware Valley and LaSalle Head Coach Bill Manlove will coach this year's team.

The last Union player to be selected to the Aztec Bowl was Brev Creech, who was selected to play in the game after the 1999 season.



FOOTBALL'S MIKE WESS RECEIVES ACADEMIC HONORS

Union College junior defensive lineman Mike Wess has been named to the 2006 CoSIDA Academic All-District Football First Team.

Wess, a native of Allendale, NJ who attended Northern Highlands High School, is a starting left end for the Dutchmen. He holds a 3.57 GPA in Political Science at the College. He was one of three defensive linemen named to the First Team.

In 10 games for the Dutchmen, Wess was fourth on the team with 61 tackles, and was third in solo tackles with 46. He was second in tackles for losses with eight for losses of 61 yards and posted two and a half sacks.

A Quick Fall Sports Recap

WOMEN'S TENNIS



The Dutchwomen won three dual matches during the season, and had strong individual showings in tournaments during the fall. Sophomore Brittany Miller (Scituate, MA/Scituate) led the team with eight singles wins, while sophomore Marla Feldman (Woodcliff Lake, NJ/Pascack High) and senior Jennie Werts (New York, NY/

Fieldston School) each won four matches overall. Werts joined junior Jessica Meola (Hartsdale, NY/Ardsey) with a team best six overall victories.

At the NYSWCAA Championships at Cornell, Hallie Mabrey (Needham, MA/Dana Hall) advanced into the third round of #4 singles to highlight Union's women's tennis showing. Mabrey won 6-4, 2-6, and 6-3 over Vassar's Krista Romita, but lost in the third round. Other first round winners for Union at the state championships were Werts, Miller, and Feldman.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team earned home field advantage in the Liberty League playoffs after going undefeated in conference play. The Dutchwomen defeated William Smith in double-overtime to win the League title and went on to make their seventh NCAA Tournament appearance in eight seasons, hosting the first rounds of the championships.

Union was led by junior midfielder Caitlin Cuzzo (Norfolk, MA/King Phillip Regional), who, with 10 goals and three assists on the season, was named to the Liberty League First Team and the D3Kicks.com Division III All-New York Region Team. Caitlin also became the fifth All-American in Coach Brian Speck's tenure when she was named to the NSCAA/adidas Division III All-American First Team. Joining Cuzzo on the Liberty League First Team were teammates Chelsea Hargis (East Lyme, CT/East Lyme) and Sara Wilson (Wilbraham, MA/Minnechaug Regional). Jenna Ondash (New Canaan, CT/New Canaan) had key goals late in the season, and was named to the Liberty League Second Team, while freshman Allison Cuzzo (Norfolk, MA/King Phillip Regional) earned honorable mention recognition. The Dutchwomen out-scored opponents 32-17 in the season, and posted nine shutout victories. Eight of the shutouts were credited to freshman goalkeeper Mia Simone (Rexford, NY/Academy of the Holy Names).

FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team finished the season 11-6-0, and posted a five-game win streak midway through the season. Despite ranking third in the league averaging 2.47 goals per game, the Dutchwomen suffered two late-season conference losses to finish in fifth place with a 3-4-0 conference record.

Liberty League First Team selection Jessica Trotter (St. Louis, MO/John Burroughs), who with 18 goals and three assists, was also named to the

New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association First Team. Trotter was a two-time Liberty League Player of the Week. She had four game-winning goals and ranked second in the Liberty League in points, goals, and shots. Emily French (North Andover, MA/Brooks School) joined Trotter on the Liberty League First Team and also earned NYSWCAA Third Team honors. French played a key role in penalty corners, as the Dutchwomen led the league in penalty corners per game with 11.65. In addition, Hillary Benoit (Sudbury, MA/Lincoln-Sudbury) and Anne Hanson (White River Junction, VT/Hartford) were named to the Liberty League Second Team.

CROSS COUNTRY

Patricio Guaiquil (Astoria, NY/Brooklyn Tech) and newcomer Peter Schulte (Burnt Hills, NY/Bishop Gibbons-Notre Dame Academy) had solid seasons to lead the Union men's cross country teams. At the season opener at Saratoga Springs, Guaiquil finished 16th with a time of 30:36. He was clocked at 29:57 in the Liberty League Championships, and had a solid time of 28:56 in the Saratoga Invitational. Schulte was the top Union runner at 29:59 at the NYSCTC Championships, and finished 168th out of 230 competitors with a time of 30:15.4 at the NCAA Atlantic Regional Meet in Geneseo.

Liz Nyberg (Old Lyme, CT/Old Lyme) had a phenomenal year to lead the Dutchwomen. She started the season with a fourth place finish at 20:34 in Saratoga Springs. In the seven-team Liberty League Championships, Nyberg placed 15th overall (24:43) and just missed out on all conference (awarded to the top 14). She was 19th in a 17 team meet at Westfield State, clocking at 20:30, and had a personal best time of 19:31 to finish 37th out of 202 to lead Union at the Saratoga Invitational. Her time of 20:51 placed her 63rd out of 153 runners at the 2006 NYSCTC Championships. At the NCAA Regionals, Nyberg led Union with a 92nd place finish out of 208 competitors. She had a time of 25:27.6.



VOLLEYBALL

The Dutchwomen finished the season with a 12-23 record, playing most matches on the road. Union posted a pair of wins at the Skidmore tournament and added another pair in the Liberty League-SUNYAC Challenge, hosted by the Dutchwomen.

Liberty League Co-Rookie of the Year Lauren Lesce (Rochester, NY/Pittsford-Sutherland) was named Rookie of the Week four times during the season. Lesce ranked second in the league with 1,281 assists, and also had 65 aces and 76 blocks. She was also earned honorable mention from the NYSWCAA and was one of only three freshmen of the 23 players honored. Mary Volcko (Skaneateles, NY/Skaneateles) led the team offensively with 353 kills, and chipped in defensively with 93 blocks; she was named to the Liberty League First Team for her efforts. Second Team selection Danna DiBlasio (Schenectady, NY/Schalmon) led the team with 538 digs, and Erin Shumacker (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga Springs) led the team and the league with 155 blocks.



FOOTBALL

It was another outstanding season for the Dutchmen, as they won their second straight Liberty League Championship and competed in the NCAA playoffs for the second straight year. Union (7-3, 5-0 in the league) was also the only Division III school in the country to lose the all-time career leaders in the three key offensive positions, passing, rushing and receiving. Senior quarterback Anthony Marotti (River Edge, NJ/River Dell) ended his career with 8,525 passing yards, breaking the career record held by Ben Gilbert (8,208, 1998-2001). Senior wide receiver Steve Angilletta (Plantsville, CT/ Southington) posted a career total of 3,249 receiving yards, and senior running back Tom Arcidiacono (Castleton, NY/Columbia) had 4,919 career rushing yards, and finished 15th all-time in NCAA Division III career rushing history.

Arcidiacono received national honors (see page 3), while his teammates also received recognition for their performances. Arcidiacono was the Liberty League Offensive Player of the Year, a repeat pick, and joining him on the Liberty League First Team for offense was junior offensive lineman Dustin Connolly (Ballston Lake, NY/ Shenendehowa). On the First Team for defense were defensive lineman Brendan Crumlish (East Amherst, NY/Clarence) defensive lineman Dylan Walton-Yedlin (Seattle, WA/Lakeside), linebacker Vito Pellerito (Pompano Beach, FL/St. Thomas) and defensive back Doug Davis (Yonkers, NY/Fieldston).

The second team featured three players on offense, wide receiver Ryan Twichell (Fayetteville, NY/Fayetteville-Manlius), and linemen Craig Avelone (Webster, NY/Webster Schroeder), and Anthony Morello (Riverside, NY/Greenwich). On the second team defense for Union are linebacker Kevin Flike (Stillwater, NY/La Salle) and defensive

back Alex Markel (Miami, FL/Ransom Everglades). Honorable mention honors went to wide receiver Eugene Parloff (Monsey, NY/Spring Valley) and running back Zach Tillo (Lancaster, MA/Exeter). Arcidiacono was a first team selection to the D3Football.com All-East Region Team, while Avelone was a second team pick and the third team featured Twichell and Walton-Yedlin.



NOTE: Fall Sports Recap is as of December 8. Other all-star teams were still to be announced. For the latest updates, go to www.unionathletics.com.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team started the season on a five-game win streak including four shutouts, but ran into trouble in conference play. The Dutchmen finished the season with a 9-6-3 record, dropping five games by just one goal. Union participated in the ECAC tournament at Oneonta where the Dutchmen fell to eventual tournament champion Fredonia in overtime.

The Dutchmen were led by Tripp Pietrak (Amherst, NY/Canisius), who with nine goals and five assists, was named to the Liberty League Second Team. Defender Craig Williams (Clifton Park, NY/ Schenendehowa) also earned Second Team honors. Freshman midfielder Ryan Banagan (Albany, NY/Bethlehem Central) was named the Liberty League Rookie of the Year and earned honorable mention recognition from the conference. He had six goals and four assists on the season and was twice named the Liberty League Rookie of the Week. Senior Dane Mellon (Clifton Park, NY/Schenendehowa) was named to the Liberty League First Team and to the D3Kicks.com All-Northeast Region Team and NSCAA/adidas All-Region First Team. Forward Chris Poey (Amherst, MA/ Amherst Regional) and sophomore goalkeeper Rob Kramer (Westport, CT/ Staples) joined Banagan with honorable mention recognition from the conference. Poey had eight goals and an assist on the season while Kramer led the league with a 0.69 goals against average.



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KIM MANGINO '86 was one of the early pioneers of the Union women's athletic program. She played basketball, softball and volleyball, and served as captain of the 1985-86 basketball team in her senior season. She led the softball team in RBIs in her junior and senior seasons, and hit .346 in her senior year enroute to the team's MVP award. Mangino later coached the softball team to a top four finish after stepping in as the interim head coach. She served as an umpire in the community for 17 years, including at the collegiate level. Mangino is also honored for her diligent and outstanding work as an original member of the Union Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

SCOTT REMILLARD '86 won a national championship and four NCAA Division III All-American honors during a stunning track & field career at Union. He won the 1986 national title in the 35-pound weight throw, and was a two-time All-American in both the 35-pound and hammer throw events. He held the Union records for the discus, hammer and 35-pound weight, and earned Union Field Events MVP honors in all four of his seasons. Remillard won the Upstate New York Colleges State Championship in the discus, hammer and 35-pound weight, and was the Upstate Most Valuable Track Athlete in 1986. He was one of just 12 individuals selected from all three divisions for a 1986 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship (only four Union athletes have received this honor as of 2006).

DICK ROBERTS '50 contributions to Union College Athletics were remarkable long after his playing days for the Dutchmen came to an end. He was known for his excellent defensive skills and assists on the basketball court of Alumni Gym, and was a co-captain and the recipient of the Bailey Cup, symbolic of leadership, after his 1949-50 senior season. Yet, he continued to define the word "assist," as a legal advisor to the college, a member of the Board of Trustees, an Athletic Advisory Committee representative, a fund raiser, athletic booster, and an ambassador of Union College. His devotion to his alma mater, and the college's athletic department, is unparalleled.

DENNIS WALKER '74 was a two-time lacrosse All-American for the Dutchmen, a remarkable achievement for a student who never played the sport in high school. His amazing senior season of 1974 featured 67 goals, which led all three NCAA divisions and earned him "Faces in the Crowd" recognition in *Sports Illustrated*. Walker was named the Jaffe Award recipient for the outstanding male athlete in 1974. During his career, Dennis helped lead Union to victories over many lacrosse powers, including Division I Syracuse. He ended his career as the all-time leading scorer in Union

men's lacrosse history, and ranked second all-time 32 years later.

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The purpose of the Union Athletics Hall of Fame is to honor former student-athletes, coaches, administrators and alumna/alumnus for outstanding contributions to Union College Athletics while contributing to the welfare

of the college community, the Department and their profession, reflecting the philosophy of the college and the ideals of sportsmanship. For more information and a nomination form, go to www.unionathletics.com, and click the left link, "Hall of Fame," or call (518) 388-6284.

UNION ATHLETICS

2006-07 MESSA CHALLENGE: STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The success of the 2005-2006 MESSA matching gift challenge for men's and women's Ice Hockey has prompted Frank '73 & Colleen MESSA to embark on another challenge – this time for the benefit of the entire women's athletics program.

Union Athletics is fortunate to have supporters such as Frank and Colleen MESSA, who not only donate their time and resources to support the programs, but they are also two of the most loyal fans of our teams! Their \$25,000 challenge last year to men's and women's ice hockey was met with tremendous success. The challenge increased annual fundraising for the programs and established an endowment to benefit the programs now and in the future.

This year the 2006-07 MESSA Challenge is challenging supporters of Union Women's Athletics. Frank and Colleen have put forth a new challenge to build for the future of women's athletics. The MESSAs will match new and increased gifts to all women's athletics programs up to a total of \$25,000! The matching funds will be used to establish endowments to support women's lacrosse and the entire women's athletics program.

For more information call 388-6284.

FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Union Athletics Takes on Fight For Sight

The men's ice hockey and football teams along with many friends and alums have been active supporters of **Fight For Sight**, an organization which supports vision research to find the causes and cures for blindness and to help save the sight of children through support of pediatric eye centers. Union College has rallied around Cole Nowak, who was diagnosed in 2004 with RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA (RP), a degenerative eye disease. RP is the name given to a group of disorders of the retina, all of which result in progressive degeneration of the retina and loss of vision. Cole's night vision has diminished dramatically, and eventually he will go blind unless a cure can be found. Cole is the son of Bill Nowak '85, a former Union football player and volunteer coach.

Members of the football program participated in a dodge ball tourney last spring that was held on campus and raised over \$1,500. Another \$800 was also raised through T-shirt sales.

In August, the Second Annual **ColeRPalooza** was held in Schenectady. It was a blues concert benefiting Cole. This fall a **3 vs 3 Fight For Sight Challenge Ice Hockey Tournament** was held at Union College with Schenectady Youth Hockey Association. The tournament was staffed by Union College men's hockey head coach Nate Leaman and his staff, along with members of the Dutchmen team, and individuals from the local hockey community. The Dutchmen helped raise over \$1,800.

In addition, Union College hockey has signed on both *Enterprise Rent-a-Car* and *I Love NY Pizza* as its partners in the **Power Play Fight For Sight** program for the 2006-07 season. For every power-play goal the Dutchmen score, whether at home or on the road, *Enterprise Rent-a-Car* and *I Love NY Pizza* will each donate \$50 to Fight For Sight. Last season the Dutchmen scored 30 power-play goals. As of December 7, the Union Dutchmen have 15 power-play goals, raising \$1,500 so far.

Fight For Sight was founded in 1946 by a Brooklyn native, Mildred Weisenfeld. Faced with RP, she was shocked to learn that research into the causes and cures of vision diseases and disorders was virtually nonexistent. Not content to sit back and wait for others to decide that research was the vital link to finding treatments, Mrs. Weisenfeld founded **Fight For Sight**. Today, **Fight For Sight** is recognized as an international leader in the battle for the preservation and restoration of sight through research.



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Thank you to all the generous supporters of Union College Athletics. Donations to all friends groups exceeded \$400,000 in 2005-2006. These funds assist student-athlete initiatives, sport program enhancements, and facility upgrades. Union "Friends" consist of parents, alums, fans and companies. They are different groups all working together to continue to provide positive opportunities for our student-athletes!

For more information about Friends of Union Athletics call 518-388-6284 or visit: www.unionathletics.com click on Friends of Union Athletics.

New Staff...

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Union also welcomed other new athletics staff members during the year.

DAVE BAGLIO joined the Union College staff as the equipment manager for both the men's and women's ice hockey teams. He brings 16 years of professional hockey equipment management experience. Baglio spent seven years with the New Jersey Devils organization, first with the Utica Devils of the AHL in 1998-99 and then with New Jersey (1989-94). Baglio later worked with the Winston-Salem Icehawks of the UHL before returning to New York in 1999 as equipment manager of the Adirondack Icehawks of the UHL, which became the Adirondack Frostbite in 2004.

EMILY CLINKHAMMER was named the Diving Coach for the Union programs, and came to Union after a stellar career as a four year diver at Hamilton College. In her senior year, Clinkhammer was named the winner of the Paul S. Langa Award for Athletic Excellence and received Hamilton Scholar-Athlete honors. She was a two-time NESCAC All-Star in the three-meter dive (in 2005 and 2006), and was the 2005 Liberty League Diver of the Meet. She earned Honorable Mention All American honors in both the one-meter and three-meter in 2005, and finished 12th (one-meter) and 11th (three-meter) at the NCAA Championships that season.

JEFF GORSKI was named as a full-time assistant for the Union men's basketball coaching staff. Gorski came to Union from Utica College, where he was an assistant for the men's basketball program since 2003. He helped lead the Pioneers to their first NCAA tourney in 2005-06, and a Sweet 16 appearance. His experience includes the Utica Basketball Camp, and the Eastern Invitational Basketball Camp in 2006. Gorski served as the Interim Sports Information Director at his alma mater. He played three sports for the Pioneers, including four years for the men's basketball team, three with the men's soccer program and two seasons with the Utica golf program.

HILLARY HAYNES joined the Union staff as Assistant Sports Information Director in July. Haynes assists in all aspects of the media relations effort for the College's 25 varsity teams and serves as the primary contact for the Division I men's and women's ice hockey programs. She came to Union after serving as the Assistant

Sports Information Director at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, where she assisted with all duties of the sports information department. In the fall, Haynes covered all 21 varsity teams while a search for a sports information director took place. Haynes also spent two years at the University of Vermont. A native of Saint Albans, Haynes is a 2003 graduate of the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

CHRIS NAPPI joined the Union football coaching staff for the 2006 season. He was a running back and return specialist for the Dutchmen, and earned D3Football All-American honors in 2005. He was also named to the Liberty League and ECAC Northwest all-star teams. In his final season, Nappi had 33 punt returns for 272 yards and 13 kick returns for 277 yards, an average of 21.3 yards per return. Defensively, he led the team with five interceptions and nine pass deflections, and had 70 tackles, including 51 primary tackles.

MIKE POLSINELLI will be assisting with intramurals at Union beginning in January. He attended American International College in Springfield, MA and received a B.S. degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing, in 2002. He also obtained a Master's in Human Resource Development from American International in 2004. While in college, Mike was on the Dean's List, a peer mentor and was manager of the men's basketball team. Mike has been Facility Supervisor at Union College since 2004. He also

works with the Union women's soccer and softball teams.

MIKE SMITH was named as an assistant coach for the Union women's basketball program. Smith serves in a full-time role this season after working as a part-time coach during the 2005-06 campaign. He brings over 30 years of basketball coaching experience. A graduate of St. Francis College (ME), Mike was the head coach of the Cohoes Girls Varsity Basketball program from 1973-74 through 1993-94. He won four league titles and two sectional championships during his tenure. Smith later served as the Shaker Girls Varsity Basketball head coach, where the program was ranked in the top 10 in New York State during his final three seasons. The head coach of the 2002 Adirondack Gold Medal Team, Smith has earned over 300 victories at the varsity level in Section II basketball.

Also joining the Union Athletics staff for 2006-07 are **STEVE EICHFELD**, **BETH CARCONE** and **ERIKA EISENHUT**. Eichfeld is an assistant coach with the men's and women's crew program, and volunteered with the teams in 2005-06. Carcone and Eisenhut, former Union student-athletes, are serving as Graduate Assistants in the Athletic Department. Eisenhut works with alumni relations, while Carcone works with sponsorships. Also returning as a Graduate Assistant and continuing as an assistant on the men's basketball team is **IAN McSHANE**. McShane's graduate assistant duties include promotions and event management.

RICHARD E. ROBERTS (1926-2006)

IN MEMORIAM

Richard E. Roberts '50, a dedicated alumnus, former student-athlete and former trustee at Union College, died at his Schenectady home on Thursday, November 16.

"Union has lost one of its most loyal alumni," said President Stephen C. Ainlay. "I have lost a dear friend. Dick was among the first to reach out to me when my appointment was announced. He taught me so much about what Union, at its very best, means."

Roberts served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees from 1978 through 1993. He also served as president of the Alumni Council, class agent, a leader of the College's Annual Business Campaign, and a member of a presidential search committee.

A former basketball and lacrosse player at Union, he was an avid fan who cheered his alma mater at many games and was a strong supporter of Friends of Union Athletics. He was inducted this fall in the Union Athletics Hall of Fame. In 1964, he received the Alumni Gold Medal for service to the College.

"Dick was our most ardent supporter and loyal fan," said Jim McLaughlin '93, Director of Athletics. "His passion for Union was beyond compare and the College is in a better place as a result of his tireless efforts. His presence will be sorely missed."

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Union Athletics, c/o College Relations, 807 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308.



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Architectural Firm Wins Award for Fitness Center Design



American School & University magazine announced publication of the 2006 Architectural Portfolio. An annual publication honoring education design excellence, the November 2006 issue features a page on the Fitness Center Renovation at Union College, submitted by Sacco + McKinney Architects, PC. Construction was completed by MLB Construction Services, LLC. The project was recognized as an Outstanding Building in the issue.

A jury of AIA members and school administrators evaluate submissions from architectural firms across the country. Outstanding designs are chosen for publication in *AS&U*, a monthly education facilities, purchasing and business administration magazine that will reach 65,000 facility planners, school and university administrators and architects with this special issue.

"It was a fun project, seeing how you can take the existing building and turn it into the new use," stated Jim McKinney AIA, NCARB, the President of Sacco + McKinney Architects in Latham, NY. "It was enjoyable to put new life into an old, historic building. We are very happy with the reception of the facility. The windows overlook the athletic fields and really add to the ambiance of the facility."

The facility has been a major success since it opened in the spring of 2006. The two-story renovations include a cardio area, a full circuit of selectorized equipment, a free weight area and a second aerobics room. Also included is a new heating/cooling system throughout the fitness area. The Fitness Center is a tremendous modern facility for the entire Union Community; a place where faculty, staff, administrators, student, and alums work out and socialize together.

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> **May**

Monday, May 14th
FOAU Golf Classic
Edison Club, Rexford

Monday, May 21st
Senior Dinner
Glen Sanders Mansion,
Scotia

> **June**

Friday, June 1st
Garnet Blades
Hockey Golf Outing
Eagle Crest Golf Club,
Clifton Park
9:00 am