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Inaugural Team of Distinction Joins Seven New Hall of Fame Inductees



The 1971-72 Dutchmen Basketball Team: Some members of the squad gathered after the induction ceremonies. (Back row, left to right): Bill Scanlon, Jim Bolz, Tom Combs, Jim Tedisco, Head Coach Gary Walters, Bob Pezzano, Mike Doyle, Chuck Abba. (Front row, left to right): Student Trainer Ed Kanowitz, Herb Reichenbach, Luke Dillon, Rich Goldberg, Tom Bacher, Geoff Walker, Rein Eichinger. (Missing from Photo: Assistant Coach Chuck Leonelli, Players Bill Carmody and Joel Roslyn, and Managers Rich Citar and Paul Rieschick.)

John Keller '91, Marco Lainez '95, Bob Ridings and Kevin Scheuer '79. The inaugural Team of Distinction inducted was the **1971-72 Men's Basketball Team.**

The ceremonies at the Viniar Athletic Center featured remarks from President Stephen Ainlay and introductions from Director of Athletics Jim McLaughlin '93. Prior to each introduction a highlight video on each individual and the team was presented.

The inaugural "Team of Distinction" is the **1971-72 MEN'S BASKETBALL SQUAD.** The Dutchmen were 19-3 that year, setting a school record for victories, and had a 15-game winning streak. Union was coached by Gary Walters (later a Division I head coach and last year's NCAA Selection Committee Chair) and the assistant coach was Bill Scanlon, who later became Union's winningest coach in the program's history and is currently the Associate Director of Athletics. The Dutchmen featured star player (and later Hall inductee) Jim Tedisco. Also on the team was Bill

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On Saturday, November 3, 2007 the Union College Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed seven new members and the first ever "Team of Distinction." The Class of 2007 consisted of **Steve Baker '85, Gretchen (Voegler) Belanger '97, Harold Enstice '48,**



KRAUSS

Andrew Krauss Nominee for Watson Fellowship

Union College senior Andrew Krauss, a member of the cross-country and track & field teams, is one of four nominees for the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. He joins fellow students Robbie Flick, Joey Hunziker and Andy Laccetti.

The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship Program offers a one-year grant to graduating college seniors "of unusual promise" to study independently outside the United States. The stipend for individual award winners is \$25,000.

This year's four Watson Fellowship nominees have proposed travel-study topics that cross disciplines, push boundaries and span the globe.

"The Watson Fellowship is unique because it is not an academic fellowship – it is geared toward sending students with exceptional leadership qualities

on a journey of self discovery and personal challenge," said History Professor Joyce Madancy, chair of the College's Watson Fellowship Committee. "The Foundation likes to say that it is looking for people first, and then projects, and so the projects really need to reflect a unique student's passion."

Krauss, of Boston, entitled his project: "In Pursuit of Speed: Evolution in Outrigger Canoeing." He proposes a project that draws on his lifelong passion for making boats go fast. He plans to travel to Hawaii, the Cook Islands, Tahiti and Tonga to research the development of outrigger canoes and paddles.

The double major in Philosophy and Mechanical Engineering has early memories of learning to kayak at a camp in Maine. From there, he graduated to the

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

When I look back onto this fall's accomplishments I can not help but be impressed by the performance of our teams on the playing fields. Collectively, this past fall season will go down as one of the most successful campaigns that we've seen at the college. Our teams posted an overall winning percentage of nearly 70% and several teams made their way into the national rankings at different points of the season. While there were many team and individual accomplishments, the volleyball team saw their best season in the history of the program with 28 victories overall. They also captured their first Liberty League Championship.

The winter season has seen a promising start as well. In mid-January the hockey programs both came off a strong weekend with the men's team sweeping a home and home series with their league rival RPI to take home the Capital Skates Trophy and the women's program swept Sacred Heart University. The women's swimming and diving team won their third consecutive Liberty League title in the recent championships hosted at Union.

The overall success has been unprecedented but I take a great deal of pride in the fact that the success was not limited to the fields of competition. A total of forty-one athletes with representatives from each of the fall sports programs were named to the League All-Academic teams. There were also students who received Academic All-District honors from the sports information body (CoSIDA) and *ESPN The Magazine*.

In the community many student-athletes were involved in activities over winter break. Teams and individuals provided the local community with their services in many different areas including offering clinics, mentoring young students and volunteering at local organizations. Some examples of the initiatives included participation in the College-wide effort to renovate a house that the College donated to Habitat for Humanity, serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Schenectady YMCA and mentoring within the Big Brother Big Sister program. Union's student-athletes have embraced the College's overall commitment to serving the local community.

The entire athletic program has built a strong foundation and each of our teams have embraced the goals of achieving excellence in the classroom, excellence in the community and excellence on the playing fields. It is the commitment to these ideals that continue to make us proud of the student-athletes that represent our College.

Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

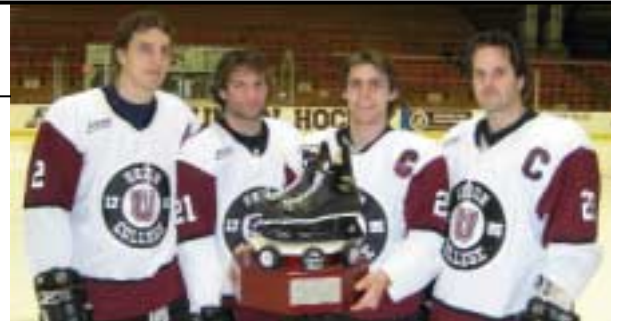
Sincerely,

Jim McLaughlin '93
Director of Athletics



Capital Skates:

Union Sweeps RPI



Michael Beynon, Sam Bowles, Matt Cook and Lane Caffaro with the Capital Skates Trophy

The original Capital Skates Classic was an annual non-league single game event that lasted from 1996 to 2000. RPI held a 3-2 advantage until this year's resurrection of the classic, now based on the winner of the season's two game ECAC Hockey matchup. If the league series were to windup tied, the outcome of the annual Governor's Cup game would determine the winner of the Capital Skates Trophy.

The trophy was added in the second year of the series to add significance to the game. It features two skates, originally ordered for an RPI player, on top of an octagon-shaped base. In front of the skates there are three pucks: one with a Union logo, one with an RPI logo, and the third with the name of the trophy.

Union had been in possession of the trophy since a 4-2 win over the Engineers in Schenectady in November, 2000, and claimed continued ownership with 2-1 and 4-1 victories in January. Union came from behind in both games to win, avenging a 3-2 loss at the Governor's Cup in October.

While the Engineers hold an extensive lead in the all-time series, Union has been dominant over the last four seasons, posting a 6-2-2 record in the last 10 games of the all-time series that began in 1904.

Union Student-Athlete Also an Entrepreneur at Inventor Forum



Gordon Single '07, Shane Hubbell '08 and Jay Shah '08

Union College student-athletes are remarkable in inventing new ways to balance their time. Between the classes, event and practice schedules, and community service both in the Union community and back home, the student-athletes of Union are truly inventive.

Senior swimmer Shane Hubbell, along with two other Union College students, is inventive in his own way. Literally.

Hubbell is a biology and economics major from Plattsburgh, New York.

"Shane joined our team with an innate enthusiasm for life and competition," commented Head Swimming & Diving

Coach Scott Felix. "He transformed his enthusiasm into a leadership style that has helped our team build a foundation for success.

"He leads by example, which has helped him to become one of the best distance freestyle and breaststroke specialists in the history of the program," continued Felix. "If there is anyone who can invent and market a product, it is Shane. Goldman Sachs is getting a great new employee and Union Swimming & Diving will be graduating someone who will leave a lasting impression."

Hubbell joined fellow senior Jay Shah and product developer Gordon Single '07, in forming their company around a remarkable medical device. Their company, Second Breath, Inc. is one of 10 national semifinal ventures attending the 5th Annual Spirit of Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development (S.E.E.D.) National Collegiate Venture Forum on March 14 - 15. The event will be held at the Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara, CA.

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Union Athletics Highlights

ACADEMIC HONORS

A total of 41 Union College fall student-athletes were named to the Liberty League All-Academic teams. This is an increase from last season and every fall sports team was represented. Student-athletes with a full year in residence at their institution who carry a 3.2 cumulative grade point average into a season of competition are eligible.

Three fall student-athletes were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District Teams. Senior linebacker Mike Wess and senior defensive end Chuck Pinckney were named to the College Division Football Team. Wess was named to the first team for the second straight year, while Pinckney was named to the second team. Tripp Pietrak was named to the College Division Men's Soccer Team. The teams are selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

FALL SPORTS

The Union fall sports teams combined to post a 66% winning percentage, with 76 cumulative victories. Many of the squads featured highlights. Head Volleyball Coach Sandy Collins was selected as the American Volleyball Coaches Association New York Region Coach of the Year. Junior middle hitter Rachel Ormsby became Union's first ever AVCA All-American and was also named to the AVCA All-Region Team. The volleyball team set a school record with 28 victories and won the Liberty League Championship for the first time in the program's history. The field hockey team won 12 games, one shy of the school record set in 1988, and four players earned Liberty League all-star honors. The Dutchwomen soccer team (16-5-0) made its eighth NCAA tournament appearance in nine seasons and advanced to the second round. The Dutchwomen ranked as high

as fifth in the NSCAA/adidas poll. Six Union players were named All-Liberty League, while four were NSCAA/adidas Division III All-Northeast Region honorees. The men's soccer team (13-4-4) completed its seventh consecutive winning season, and ranked as high as sixth in the NSCAA/adidas poll. Union participated in its fourth consecutive postseason tournament, hosting the ECAC Division III Upstate Tournament. Dane Mellon and Tripp Pietrak highlighted the team's accolades; they were named to the Liberty League First Team and the NSCAA/adidas NCAA Division III All-Northeast Region Second Team. The football team finished the regular season at 5-4 and they were selected to participate in the ECAC playoffs marking the third consecutive year that the team qualified for postseason play.

WINTER UPDATE



Women's Swimming & Diving won their third Liberty League Championship this past December, hosted by Union. Senior diver Molly Freeman was named the league's Diver of the Year for the second year in a row, and Vanessa Athanas was named the league's Rookie of the Year. Mary Kate Baumann and Maria Prendergast also won individual events in the meet.

Junior swimmer Sara Callahan and senior diver Molly Freeman both set school records in Union's home meet vs. Amherst.

Callahan broke Union's 1000 freestyle record with a time of 10:36.53. She also won the 1650 with a time of 17:34.96, which is the eighth best time to date in NCAA Division III.

Freeman, a four-time Liberty League Diver of the Week honoree, broke her own school record in winning the three meter dive with a score of 290.02.

Women's hockey erased a three-goal deficit to tie cross-town rival RPI, 4-4, for their second point in league play on January 5th, and swept Sacred Heart at home with wins on January 19th and 20th.



Rachel Ormsby



Tripp Pietrak



UNION ATHLETICS

MESSA CHALLENGE: STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Last year, as an added incentive to give to women's programs, Frank '73 & Colleen Messa put forth a generous challenge to build for the future of Dutchwomen Athletics. Frank '73 and Colleen matched every new and increased gift to all women's athletics programs up to a total of \$25,000. The challenge was well received by many of our former student-athletes, parents and friends of the program and allowed us to achieve the established goal. While the new and increased gifts received by the individual friends' groups will provide annual support for our programs, the matching funds from the Messas will be used to establish a \$25,000 endowment in support of women's lacrosse and women's athletics now and in the future. Our women's athletics programs have been extremely successful on the regional and national scene. The support from our alumni, parents and friends of the programs ensures this success now and in the future.

Asano Makes Impact with Women's Ice Hockey



New York State Governor Eliot Spitzer with the Union College Women's Hockey Team at the Empire State Plaza 2007 Holiday Tree Lighting Festival

Head Women's Hockey Coach Claudia Asano (Harvard '99) took the helm of the program in early May 2007 after spending the previous five seasons as an assistant coach at her alma mater.

Asano and her newly appointed staff – Ali Boe (Harvard '06), Ashley Shaidle (Clarkson '07) and NHL and WHA veteran George Morrison – have had an immediate

impact on the program and have begun to lay the foundation for future success.

The women's hockey team joined up with ECAC Hockey and the American Cancer Society to help fight cancer with the creation of *Pink At The Rink*. This newly created variation of the traditional Coaches vs. Cancer program will provide critical outreach, while raising funds in support of the American Cancer Society's lifesaving cancer research, education, advocacy, and community service efforts.

The Dutchwomen donned specially designed pink jerseys in their final home weekend series – February 15–16. These game-worn jerseys will then be auctioned online at www.ecachockeycoachesvscancer.com through February 20th. The pink jerseys

will be personalized for each institution and showcase ECAC Hockey Coaches vs. Cancer and ECAC Hockey logo patches.

The women's hockey team will be participating in a variety of additional promotions to raise money for *Pink at the Rink*, including the sale of pink bracelets. In addition to the pink jerseys, both men's and women's coaching staffs wore either pink ties or scarves during the weekend series. Each head coach autographed his/her game-worn item, which was then placed on www.ecachockeycoachesvscancer.com as part of the on-line auction process.

Also Entrepreneur...

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"Second Breath, Inc. is offering a product for a cricthyroidotomy procedure or an emergency airway puncture," said Hubbell. "The device, called a Cric-Kit, is designed to save lives by helping them survive the time it takes to get from the scene of the accident to the hospital for further treatment. The device is also targeted at other applications such as military use, for example, a battlefield medic, fire squads, and in the operating room."

The company formed as part of an experimental independent study bringing together engineering students and liberal arts students.

"We were very fortunate to go through that process because we were quickly exposed to a number of people, experiences, and resources that otherwise may have been inaccessible."

The device features a variety of breathing tube sizes, and can be used with one hand. It also was designed with the thought of avoiding puncturing the tracheal wall, and thus is easier for paramedics to use to perform their duties.

The company is seeking a first round of financing to pay for the first two years of operation, which includes FDA approval, the start of manufacturing, and the hiring of a professional management team. Ambulances,

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Watson Fellowship...

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crew team at St. Mark's School and later competed on the crew team at Union.

Krauss observed that most sports have benefitted from advances in technology. Drag-reducing "fastsuits" have made swimmers faster. Advanced alloys have improved performance of golf clubs. And carbon fiber has made crew shells faster.

Then there's the outrigger.

While on a Union term in Fiji, Krauss learned that despite vast technological improvements in modern sports, this ancient one had been untouched by rigorous scientific investigation.

Without the benefit of science, hull designers have relied largely on "boat feel," a more holistic approach, he notes. A boat

that feels good will be smooth and responsive, accelerating at will, he explains.

There's also the difference of open water. "Outrigger canoeing has many of the features that I love about crew – the timing, rhythm, endurance and determination – but with a totally new aspect of an open ocean, in which courses are harder to maintain and you can ride swells as easily as be flipped by them," he wrote.

Krauss, who rowed during a junior-year internship in Japan, says he began to crystallize his idea for a Watson while working on boats with Pacific Fibreglass as part of the entrepreneurship component of the Anthropology term in Fiji. The experience allowed him to "get my hands dirty and see what goes into these boats."

"During my Watson Fellowship I would like to cultivate this experience and broaden it significantly," he said.

Hall of Fame Inductees...

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The 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees: (Back row, left to right): Gretchen Voegler Belanger, Kevin Scheuer, Harold Enstice, Steve Baker, Marco Lainez, John Keller.

Carmody, who later became the Princeton and Northwestern coach. All but two of the players returned to the event on November 3.

“Although this team performed with incredible distinction on the basketball court, as an educator coach, I’ve always been more concerned about the performance of players in the game of life itself,” commented Walters. “By that measure, I am most proud that the players on the 1971-72 team have proven themselves to be Hall of Famers on and off the court. They are the perfect example that intercollegiate athletics – when properly played, coached and administered – is the sweatiest of the liberal arts. I was incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to coach such decent men and to share this wonderful and deserving team recognition with them.”

STEVE BAKER was the first Union ice hockey player ever to play in the NHL. In his Union career as a goalie, Steve was 27-5-1, with a 3.28 goals against average. He played for the Canadian National Team during the 1981 Canada Cup (team finished fourth), and in the Stanley Cup Semi-Finals with the New York Rangers. He also played on the AHL Champion New Haven Nighthawks. Baker is currently Vice President of Sales for Fox Sports in Boston.

GRETCHEN BELANGER led the Dutchwomen volleyball team to a 75-47 record (.615) in her career, 1993-96. She led Union to back-to-back New York State Tournament bids for the first time ever. She is Union’s all-time

career leader in blocks, blocks/game, hitting percentage, and is the first Dutchwoman to record 1,000 digs & 1,000 kills. She holds the record for blocks in a match and is second in aces per game and digs in a match.

HAROLD ENSTICE played baseball, basketball and football. He was a key star of the 1942 football team. He earned a Bronze Star, five battle stars, and a Purple Heart in World War II, and returned to Union after the war. Enstice signed a contract with the Detroit Lions in 1948 and was named to the UPI All-Upstate Football All-Star Team. In baseball, he batted .400 in 1946, receiving contract offers from the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs.

JOHN KELLER played lacrosse from 1988 through 1991 and was a three-time All-American. He was the Most Valuable Player in the 1990 and 1991 seasons. Keller is Union’s all-time career points leader, ranks first in career assists and second in goals. He was selected to play in the 1991 North-South All-Star Game, played professionally with the Boston Blazers and also played on the USA select team for the National Championships.

MARCO LAINEZ is Union football’s career tackles leader and has the third most tackles in a season. Lainez, who was named All-American in 1993 as well as All-East Region, was the first Union football player to be a Gagliardi Award Finalist for the “Division III Heisman.” During his career, the Dutchmen went to the playoffs in three of his four seasons and the team was 9-1 in his senior year when he served as captain.

From 1956-98, Athletic Equipment Manager **BOB RIDINGS** dressed as the Dutchman to assist in cheerleading at home football and basketball games and to salute Union touchdowns by firing a small cannon. He is memorialized with a plaque at “The Cage” in Alumni Gym. Bob received Union’s Alumni Award for Meritorious Service and each year, the Robert M. Ridings Award is presented to the Union senior female athlete for her attitude, participation and achievement in sports.

A National Champion in the 1500 meters in outdoor track in 1979, **KEVIN SCHEUER** set a Union record in that event with a time of 3:46.8. He is still tied for the Union record in the 800 meters with a time of 1:50.7, set in 1979, and set the Union record in the mile at 4:13.3 that year. He placed third in the IC4A Championships, featuring top programs from all divisions in the East, including Villanova, Seton Hall, Manhattan, Maryland and all Ivy League schools.

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. You can nominate a distinguished individual or team by obtaining information online at: www.unionathletics.com. If you wish to have forms mailed to you, please call 518-388-6170. Nominations submitted by March 1 will be included in the candidate pool for 2008.



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More Student-Athlete Also Entrepreneur...

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emergency response teams and hospitals would use the Cric-Kit product.

“Our first prototypes are under production for preparation for testing in a preclinical setting,” said Hubbell. “We then hope to receive United States Food and Drug Administration approval this spring.”

“We’re going to the competition in the hopes of funding the next stages of growth and

to ultimately bring this product to market. It’s been an amazing ride.”

An amazing ride for inventive Union College students.

For more information on this project, contact Shane at:

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Union Student-Athletes Active in the Community

When Union College was founded in 1795, a pillar of its core values was the integration of the College with the surrounding community. With classes on break, many Union student athletes have had more time to carry on the tradition of giving back to the community. Teams provided the campus and local communities with sport clinics and events, educational lectures, holiday gifts and meals, and even physical labor.



The athletic department joined the College-wide effort to renovate a house on Barrett Street that the College donated to Habitat for Humanity. On December 5, members of the men's hockey team, along with various coaches and administrative personnel, braved the cold to help at the house.

"It was fun to get involved with things around town and help out the community," said men's hockey team captain Matt Cook. "Helping to work on this house together was great for our team, too. It was good for us to get out and work on a project like this together."

The women's basketball team also lent a hand at the house on December 15. Other athletic teams are scheduled to work throughout the year as the house nears completion in the spring.

The men's hockey team served Thanksgiving dinner at the Schenectady YMCA for the third consecutive year on November 20. The team helped serve food and beverages, as well as clean tables for the YMCA residents.

"Our team values the opportunity to give back," said Head Men's Hockey Coach Nate Leaman. "We look forward to serving Thanksgiving dinner at the YMCA every year. Not only do we get to help out those who support us all season long, but we get to work together as a team off the ice."

The men's and women's basketball teams invited Bob Saltzman '69 for an evening lecture about the assassination of John F. Kennedy. A noted speaker on the topic, Saltzman included the original Magruder film in his lecture, attended by approximately 75 people.

The men's and women's hockey teams hosted the annual Dinner and Skate with the Dutchmen and Dutchwomen on Sunday, December 9. After skating with the teams, many

members of the Schenectady Youth Hockey Association and the Garnet Blades joined the teams for a pasta dinner.

The men's and women's swimming and diving

teams welcomed the little brothers and sisters involved in the Union College chapter of the mentor program, Big Brother Big Sister, prior to hosting the Liberty League Championships. The teams volunteered their time to provide swim lessons for the kids. The afternoon was enjoyed by everyone who participated and the Union swimming and diving teams are eagerly looking forward to inviting them back again.

The women's basketball and volleyball teams joined Union College's Records Department and the Department of Social Services of Schenectady County to sponsor families for the "Adopt-a-Family" program.

"As the need has grown so greatly over the years in Schenectady County, I reached out to the whole Union community three years ago to ask if others would like to participate," said Kathy McCann, Director of College Relations Data Systems and the head of the Adopt-a-Family program at Union. "This year about 50 some people will be served through the generosity of the Union family including the wonderful members of the two teams."

The women's hockey team participated in the 2007 Holiday Tree Lighting Festival at the Empire State Plaza. The team demonstrated some drills and then skated with the public, including New York State Governor Eliot Spitzer and his family.

The women's hockey team ran a skills clinic with the Clifton Park Youth Hockey girls' program in early November. Approximately 20 girls ages five to ten attended the clinic, geared for those who are just learning to play hockey.

Union's student athletes have continued to demonstrate the College's commitment to serving the campus, local and global communities. Teams have given back in numerous ways that carry on the tradition that is at the very heart of Union's ideals.

SAVE THE DATE

> February

Friday, Feb. 22nd
Time Warner Cable Ch. 3
Men's Ice Hockey vs Clarkson
7:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 23rd
Time Warner Cable Ch. 3
Men's Ice Hockey
vs St. Lawrence
7:00 pm

> May

Monday, May 12th
Friends of Union Athletics
Golf Tournament
Edison Club, Rexford

Wednesday, May 21st
Run, Ribs & Reggae
Union College Campus
5:30 pm

Thursday, May 22nd
Senior Banquet
College Park

> June

Friday, June 6th
Garnet Blades Hockey
Golf Outing
Eagle Crest Golf Club,
Clifton Park
9:00 am