



MILESTONE!

The 2008-2009 year will mark the 60th anniversary of Men's Basketball and Baseball and the 50th anniversary of Men's Soccer and Cross Country.

We are asking for stories or pictures from former athletes to use in publications to help commemorate the milestone.

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HAWKS GOLF CLASSIC

Join the SUNY New Paltz Athletic Department in the first annual Hawks golf classic!
Friday April 25th, 2008
Apple Greens Golf Course in Highland, NY
\$100 per golfer
8:30 a.m. Check-in
10:00 am Shotgun start, four person scramble
You can register as an individual or as a four-some.
Registration can be made online at <http://athletics.newpaltz.edu/golf.cfm>

ALUMNI GAMES

Men's Soccer – Saturday April 26th at 1 p.m.
Contact coach Watson at 845-257-2342 or watsone@newpaltz.edu

Women's Volleyball – Saturday April 26th at 12 p.m.
Contact coach Giufre at 845-257-3919 or at giufrem@newpaltz.edu

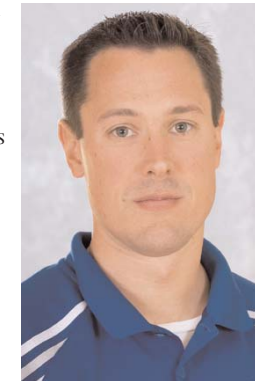
Women's Soccer – Sunday April 27th at 1 p.m.
Contact coach Bruley at 845-257-3918 or at bruleyc@newpaltz.edu



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LONGTIME SWIM COACH HONORED AT FINAL HOME MEET

Wednesday January 16th, 2008 marked head women's swim coach Brian Williams last home swim meet. After fourteen years, he made the decision to step down from coaching and focus strictly on his administrative duties.



The swim meet started as usual with the team banging on the infamous pool doors and marching in to line up along side the pool. It was senior day and there were ten seniors to be recognized and thanked for their dedication to the swim program.

Instead of getting ready for the first relay to start, a second round of banging on the pool doors began and in marched multiple swim alumni who had returned to show their appreciation for Coach Williams. It was their time to be there to support and honor him on his final meet. Mark Otto and Robyn Gullickson each spoke a few words about Williams and the impact he has made on their lives, the swim program, his athletes, and SUNY New Paltz athletics.

Otto, a former swimmer, spoke about the family atmosphere Brian created with his team and how as an athlete you could always rely on him to be there for you. Otto stated that coaching was more than a job for Brian; it was his life and family. "He motivated us when we were down, listened when no one else would, offered a shoulder to cry on during the worst times and gave advice to help us find our way," commented Otto.

Gullickson, former athlete, assistant and head diving coach, spoke about the passion and commitment Brian has for swimming and his athletes. "He has been our motivator, our cheerleader, our enforcer, our listener," stated Gullickson. "Brian is the ultimate teacher...thank you for your tireless work, commitment and faith in this program, in me and in every one of us who is here to honor you."

Attempting to hold back tears, Williams described the day as "one of the most incredible days of [his] life". Even though he may not have the title head coach next to his name next year, Williams will continue to bleed blue and orange and serve as the role model and friend so many admire.

SUNYAC ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC AND COMMISSIONERS LIST FOR FALL 2007

The State University of New York Athletic Conference Commissioner's List and All-Academic Team for the Fall 2007 semester have been announced. SUNY New Paltz had 55 student-athletes named to the All-Academic team for maintaining a semester grade point average of 3.30 or better. The Commissioner's List, recognized 35 SUNY New Paltz student-athletes for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.30 for three consecutive semesters.

SEMELMACHER NAMED WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACH

SUNY New Paltz Director of Athletics, Stuart Robinson, announced the hiring of Heather Semelmacher as the new women's lacrosse coach.

The women's lacrosse program will be the 15th sport offered by the institution and reappears after its retrenchment in the 2003 school year.

"After a lengthy search process, we were extremely pleased to find that our strongest candidate was right in our backyard," stated Robinson. "Her professionalism and enthusiasm for the sport and for women's athletics in general made her the top choice of the Search Committee. We know that it will take time, but we are confident that Heather will build a talented and competitive program here at New Paltz."

Prior to New Paltz, Semelmacher started the lacrosse program at Saugerties high school and has served as the head coach for seven years.

"I am extremely ecstatic about starting a program at SUNY New Paltz, the challenge of growing a program on the collegiate level will be very exciting," stated Semelmacher. "This program is going to be a great place for a young women athlete to make a name for her self in the lacrosse world."

Before Saugerties, she worked as the assistant women's lacrosse coach at Marist College. For the past seven years, she has also worked at Anaconda Sports Inc. as the National Marketing Director for Women's Sports and Men's Lacrosse.

Semelmacher was a member of the Lynchburgh lacrosse and field hockey teams. She played three years of field hockey and two and half years of lacrosse before suffering a season ending injury. Semelmacher earned a degree in Sports Medicine and Sports Marketing from Lynchburgh in 1999.

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THINK PINK EVENT BIG SUCCESS

On February 8th, 2008 the SUNY New Paltz Athletic Department took part in a Think Pink event, where the basketball team hosted Cortland. The team, athletic staff and fans participated in raising breast cancer awareness. Local businesses were asked to become sponsors for this event by making donations to the Kay Yow Breast Cancer Fund and half of the ticket sales for that night were donated by the Athletic Department to the charity. The fans were asked to wear pink to show their support and also given a chance to make donations throughout the night. Fans were given pink colored basketball programs, pink ribbon pins, and pink ribbon key chains. In order to show support for the victims and survivors of this disease, the Women's Basketball Team laced their shoes with Think Pink shoelaces, and wore Think Pink tee-shirts during their warm-up. The excitement continued throughout the night as Think Pink T-shirts and mugs were raffled off during time outs. The New Paltz dance team wore pink during their routine and the cheerleaders tied pink ribbon in their hair. With a tremendous turnout, this event was perceived to be a success by all in attendance, and we



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we were able to raise \$750 for the Kay Yow Breast Cancer fund. Thank you to everyone for their support during the event and for helping to raise awareness about breast cancer.



SARCONE AND WILLIAMS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS; WILLIAMS TABBED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

The SUNYAC announced the All-Conference team for women's basketball and New Paltz had two players recognized. First year forward Artie Williams was named to the second team and was named rookie of the year. In the conference, Williams averaged 12 points and 7.3 rebounds in 20 minutes of play per contest. On the season, she shot 51.2% from the floor averaging 12.8 points and 8.2 boards.

Sophomore point guard Nicole Sarcone was selected to the honorable mention team. Sarcone handed out 145 assists on the season, starting all 27 games and playing 29 minutes per outing. In conference she netted 5.3 points and 4.4 assists per game.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2008

The SUNY New Paltz Department of Athletics is seeking nominations for the Hall of Fame class of 2008. The ceremony will take place Friday October 17th as a part of Alumni weekend and will honor outstanding teams of the past. If you have a team you would like to nominate please send your recommendations to SUNY New Paltz Director of Athletics Stuart Robinson.

Nominations can be made online at http://athletics.newpaltz.edu/halloffame_form.cfm

FOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES NOMINATED FOR NCAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Four SUNY New Paltz student-athletes have been nominated for the 2008 NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference. The Athletic Department has nominated Marissa Costello (Field Hockey), Stephen Cozzolongo (Men's Swimming), Mike Fink (Men's Volleyball) and Dana Lim (Women's Tennis). Nominees must be returning to campus for the 2008-09 academic year, participated in a NCAA-sponsored sport during the 2007-08 year, and be in good academic standing. Only one student-athlete will be chosen to attend and the selection committee will be making their decision at the end of March.

The conference provides NCAA student-athletes with a forum to openly discuss issues that may affect them on their campuses and in their communities, while also providing them with the opportunity to enhance their leadership, communication, decision-making and problem-solving skills. The 2008 event will take place May 25-29 in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Resort.

USTFCCCA ALL-ACADEMIC AWARDS

The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) announced the Fall 2007 academic awards for cross country. The criteria for team awards are scoring at the NCAA regional meet and having a 3.10 combined grad point average. The SUNY New Paltz women's cross country team was recognized fifth out of 145 teams (390 Division III institutions participate) with a team GPA of 3.63. The men's team was one of 99 schools recognized (379 Division III institutions participate) with a team GPA of 3.24 to rank #63.

BECOFSKY ACES ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

Katie Becofsky was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team for the College Division. Becofsky is the second SUNY New Paltz athlete to be honored. John Hauser received Third Team honors in the spring of 2007 for men's basketball.

Becofsky has maintained a 3.94 with a dual major in Psychology and Communication throughout her four years of excellence on the volleyball court. The senior received the honor after being named to the College Division Women's Volleyball District I All-Academic first team by the College Sports Information Directors of America which put her on the ballot for this national recognition.

During the 2007 season, Becofsky was selected to the SUNYAC All-Tournament team for her efforts. She was also named the SUNYAC East Player of the Year for the second consecutive season and centered the attack with 1,269 assists and 425 digs.

JOYCE NAMED HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

SUNY New Paltz Director of Athletics, Stuart Robinson, has announced the hiring of Mr. Kevin Joyce as its new head athletic trainer.

"We are excited to have Kevin onboard. His knowledge and experience working with several athletic programs will be an asset as he transitions into his position here at SUNY New Paltz," said Robinson. "His familiarity with SUNY and the impressive work that he and his colleagues have produced at Plattsburgh will serve our student-athletes well."

In addition to the daily coverage of practices and games, he will be responsible for the development and the maintenance of the health care program for student-athletes. In particular, he will supervise the treatment of injuries and administer rehabilitative exercise.

Joyce joins the New Paltz staff after spending four years as the assistant Athletic Trainer and strength coach as Plattsburgh State, where he was the primary athletic trainer for women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, women's ice hockey and men's lacrosse.

Prior to Plattsburgh, Joyce spent two years as the assistant Athletic Trainer at Elmira College and worked as an athletic training intern at the United States Merchant Marine Academy for one year. He has served as an athletic trainer at the Empire State Games, has covered the Powell Brothers Lacrosse camp,



has coordinated the medical coverage for the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey National Championships and has worked multiple conditioning camps.

He holds professional memberships in the Athletic Trainers' Society, the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He also holds certifications as a registered New York Athletic Trainer, the NATABOC as a licensed athletic trainer, and is a certified instructor for American Red Cross CPR, First Aid, and CPR/FPR.

Joyce received a bachelor's degree in human movement and sports science from Sacred Heart University in 2000 and completed a master's degree from Elmira in 2003.

EIGHT SWIMMERS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE; COOMBS NAMED OUTSTANDING SWIMMER OF SUNYACS

The men's and women's swim teams had eight individuals earn SUNYAC All-Conference honors.

The New Paltz men sent three winners to the podium who all earned first team honors. Sophomore Stephen Cozzolongo was first in the 100 back (:53.47), sophomore Zachary Lowenstein won the 200 IM (1:58.62) and senior Johnny Fleckenstein claimed the 400 IM (4:13.77).

On the women's side, Michelle Coombs was the lone female to earn first team All-Conference honors, while junior Erica Ellis and first years Becky Baker, Jessica Lester and Marissa Morris were each named to the second team.

Ellis broke her own varsity record in the 100 fly with a second place finish in 1:00.35 and Lester took second in the 1650 free in 18:16.33. Baker set a school record in a Bcut time of 1:07.42 to place third in the 100 breast and Morris was third in the 200 free in 1:57.75.

Coombs was named Outstanding Female Swimmer of the meet at the SUNYAC Championships for the second consecutive year and most recently earned national collegiate swimmer of the week for Division III. Coombs won the 50, 100, 200 freestyle and was part of the winning 200 and 400 medley relays. She successfully defended her titles in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events. She earned a national automatic qualifying time in the 200 free, winning the race in 1:53.14. In the 50 free, she touched in 23.72 and the defending National Champ in the 100 free finished in an NCAA provisional time of 51.83. In addition, Coombs was a member of two winning relays—the 200 and 400 medley quartets. The 200 medley set a new meet and conference record in an automatic qualifying time of 1:46.94. The 400 medley relay swam a provisional time of 3:58.89.

