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Patriot League Player of the Year  
Matt Perry '10

# To Our Readers

Dear Friends of Crusader Athletics,

This past winter and spring brought some excitement to Mount St. James. On the hardwood, our Men's Basketball team advanced to the Patriot League championship game for the seventh time in the past nine years and has now appeared in a conference-record 10 Patriot League title games. Freshman R.J. Evans was named Patriot League Rookie of the Year. On the ice, our Women's Hockey team had its best year ever finishing with a record of 24-2-1 and won the ECAC open championship. We congratulate the team on one of the best seasons in the history of Holy Cross Athletics. On the diamond, our Baseball team turned in its second consecutive 20-win season, the first time this has happened since the 1922 and 1923 seasons. We also welcomed new head coaches to lead our Men's (Ted Priestly) and Women's (Darren Gallagher) Soccer programs.



You will be proud to know that our student-athletes continued their outstanding academic work. In April, the NCAA honored 14 of our varsity teams that posted a Division I Academic Progress Report (APR) in the top 10 percent of all teams in their respective sports. We were tied for eighth most in the nation among schools such as Yale, Brown, Dartmouth, Penn, Harvard, Princeton, Bucknell and Notre Dame! We are very proud of the academic excellence demonstrated every year by our teams. One student-athlete received very special recognition as Jerry Dickinson, a senior on the Men's Soccer team, was awarded a Fulbright grant to work and study in Africa next year. Jerry epitomizes what a student-athlete at Holy Cross is all about. He is one of many success stories.

This sixth issue of Crusader Nation contains a cover story about the progress made by our Baseball program as well as a feature on the 2009 ECAC Open Champion Women's Hockey team. There is also a heartfelt (and true) tale of a former Crusader Basketball captain. I hope you enjoy reading these stories from Mount St. James.

The Crusader Athletics Fund is nearing the end of its annual fundraising campaign. In this economic climate—with operating resources increasingly tight—supplemental funding is critical for our varsity teams to stay competitive and strong. I hope we can count on your support before the June 30 fiscal year-end. Your support matters! This spring the finishing touches were put on our new artificial turf field facility (located behind the Hart Center) which will be used as a Football practice field as well as the new home for our Men's and Women's Lacrosse teams. This project is a great example of what your fundraising dollars can do for our varsity programs.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer. I hope to see many of you at Holy Cross in a few months as we kick-off the fall sports season. My sincerest thanks for your continued interest and support of the Purple. Go, Cross, Go!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Regan, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

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# Playing Hardball

## *Crusader Baseball charges back with a new attitude*

by Christopher Edmonds '04

**I**t had been a hectic stretch of games. The first of the weekend's two doubleheaders against Bucknell had been postponed, turning a Saturday-Sunday set into a Sunday-Monday one. Tuesday brought a night game away at Central Connecticut; Wednesday saw the Crusaders host Dartmouth.

Early spring glory on April 15 had more to do with the weather than the play on the field through four and a half innings. The Big Green held a 6-0 lead before Holy Cross came to bat in the bottom in the fifth. At that point, the home team showed the kind of mettle that has defined its recent history.

A walk and a hit-by-pitch set up junior Matt Perry's run-scoring double to left. Another walk loaded the bases for senior Jake Gorman, who clubbed a grand slam to left. A strikeout and two singles later, freshman Chris Sintetos lined a single to center to tie the game at six.

Though Dartmouth came back to win 7-6, that the Crusaders clawed back at all underscored a revitalized attitude among the players and the coaches.

"This program's got everything going for it," said Head Coach Greg DiCenzo, who took over the program in July 2007.

"We just needed to change the culture, to play a bit more aggressively, to play with a hardnosed-style and a bit more swagger."

The swagger on show against Dartmouth yielded better results in the weeks that followed. The team rallied to a 7-2 finish down the stretch in league play. By taking three of four games from Navy on April 25 and 26, the Crusaders secured their place in the Patriot League tournament, equaling the feat of last year's team and marking the first time the program has appeared in consecutive postseason tournaments since joining the league. The Navy wins also gave the program its first back-to-back 20-win seasons since 1922 and 1923.

### *Winning mentality*

The way shortstop John Sills sees it, the turnaround started with Georgetown. The 2008 season was in its infancy, as was DiCenzo's tenure in the dugout. The Crusaders opened with a slate of games in Florida and, on March 7, took on the Hoyas in Winter Park. A 5-4 loss in 11 innings to Georgetown two days before left the team eager for another shot, one they made the most of when then-senior Brendan Akashian '08 smacked a two-run homer in the fifth to cap Holy Cross' comeback.

"From then on," Sills said, "we really be-



lieved in ourselves that we could win no matter who we're playing."

With a coaching staff preaching change, the players' ears were open: The 2008 squad finished the season 10-4 in one-run games.

"My freshman year the talent level here wasn't any better or worse than what we have now but it's the attitude that's changed here with Coach DiCenzo," said Sills, a junior tri-captain. "We win a lot of one-run games because we really believe that when the game's close or tied, we're going to win."

And win the Crusaders have. Despite a murderers' row run of games to start the season—on the road against Loyola Marymount, Arizona, Arizona State and Towson—the team compiled a 21-25 mark overall and an 11-7 record in the Patriot League.

"We really challenged ourselves right out of the gates with Arizona, Arizona State, teams that go to the College World Series year after year," Sills said. "Playing against those teams, you need to play perfect to beat them. We struggled a little bit out there, but when we got back to Worcester, things started to click."

DiCenzo inherited a program in the ascendancy in the Patriot League. In Coach Craig Najarian's final two seasons, the Crusaders improved from 5-15 in league play in 2006 to 8-11 in 2007. In DiCenzo's



first year, the team jumped over the .500 barrier and made the playoffs.

Making the leap into the postseason was a matter of convincing players to adopt the philosophy of DiCenzo and his staff and instilling in the squad an attitude commensurate with ability.

“The biggest challenge we faced was trying to convey to our program that we have the ability and the talent to win now, and that this isn’t a program that we’re rebuilding,” DiCenzo said. “I don’t like that term ‘rebuilding’ at all because it’s a discredit to the players in the program now.”

The current crop of players hasn’t disappointed. In the Navy series, as the team achieved its goal of making the playoffs, individual records fell fast. Gorman set the program’s career home run record; sophomore Eric Oxford hit his 10th home run of the season, good for a new single-season high; and Matt Perry broke the mark for single-season hits and total bases in a season. His father, Ron Perry, Jr. ’80, previously held the hits record and shared the total bases record with current Director of Baseball Operations Jeff Miller ’00.

### *Past meets present*

Self-belief and success aren’t new traits of the program. Holy Cross Baseball teams have since 1876 compiled a significant list of accomplishments: the only school from New England with a College World Series title (1952), 11 NCAA tournament appearances, 11 times the Eastern Intercollegiate Champions, one New England championship, a MAAC championship and now four trips to the Patriot League tournament.

“Going back to the ’30s, ’40s and ’50s, Holy Cross was always measured as one of the top two or three teams in New England,” said Ron Perry, Sr. ’54, a starting pitcher on the 1952 NCAA title-winning team. “We had a very strong reputation.”

So strong that Perry, who later played on the 1954 NIT champion basketball team, didn’t think he had the goods to play at Holy Cross. By the time basketball finished in 1952, the baseball season was already several games old. A visit by Assistant Coach Albert “Hop” Riopel ’24 pulled Perry, a sophomore who had played on the freshman baseball team, back to the diamond.

“He said Coach (Jack) Barry wanted me to

pitch against Brown in about five days. I said I’d give it a try,” Perry recalled. “From then on, I took my regular turn, we were selected to represent the New England region in the NCAA, and the rest is history.”

In the run to the 1952 title game, the Crusaders topped Western Michigan twice, Texas, Penn State and Missouri, to whom the team had lost in its second tournament game. The championship game pitted Holy Cross against Missouri—the team’s third meeting in less than a week. Jim O’Neill ’52, the tournament’s MVP and the first pitcher in NCAA history to win three tournament games, guided the Crusaders to an 8-4 victory on June 17.

“There’s no question that when I look back at my life, I think what happened in Omaha in 1952 is definitely at the top of my highlights,” said Perry, who was 2-0 at the College World Series. “I take great pride in what we did, and I always have.”

The interest level remains strong among the program’s titans. In 2007, the surviving members of the team gathered for the 55th anniversary of their triumph. The reunion, of course, included watching the current team play a game. And as Perry said, “I’ve heard from two or three of them about this particular season.”

And if there’s anyone to bridge the then and now of the program, it’s Perry. From a player in the 1950’s to director of Athletics for 26 years to invested spectator today, he’s witnessed highs and lows, and along the way he has watched his son and now grandson don the Holy Cross purple.

In Perry’s view, players bunt less, they receive more instruction, strength and conditioning, and the ping of the metal bat has replaced the crack of the wooden one, but the game remains recognizable.

“Baseball hasn’t changed all that much,” he said.

Victory in Omaha may belong forever to the past, but the manner in which today’s team plays passes muster for one of the program’s legends.

“I love to watch them play because they all seem to come to play,” Perry said. “They cheer for each other; they’re good teammates. I think Greg has done a real good job in his approach and in the way he has the guys playing.”



### *Re-energizing the base*

Rick DeAngelis ’70 hasn’t forgotten the base hit he had in his first varsity at-bat. Against Amherst, the still-green sophomore came through for his older teammates. Over the next three seasons, he came through again and again, eventually earning himself two All-New England selections, a place on the All-American second team and enshrinement in the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame.

But in his pantheon of personal highlights, what comes to mind is a 3-1 win against Connecticut on a Sunday afternoon in 1968.

“They were an exceptionally good team that year,” said DeAngelis. “I batted second in the lineup, a sophomore playing with mostly upperclassmen. I bunted a guy over

in my first at-bat to put him into scoring position, and I drove in the third run for insurance on a double to left-centerfield.”

Although years removed from the batter's box, DeAngelis—like so many other alumni—continues his clutch hitting for the Crusaders.

“I live by a simple creed: Once a Cross athlete, always a Cross athlete,” he said.

For the last 15 years, DeAngelis has coached the Lexington Blue Sox, which plays in Massachusetts' Intercity League and has featured many a Crusader in its lineup.

Recent Blue Sox alumni include Matt Perry, Gorman and pitcher Bobby Holmes from the current team; and Dan Powers '03, Dale Johnson '03 and Mike Marron '05 from previous squads. Freshman pitcher Derek Klinka and sophomore outfielder Jack Laurendeau will suit up for the Blue Sox this summer.

“Do I have a soft spot for Cross guys? Put it this way: I have a spot for Cross guys in my head and in my heart, but they have to be able to play,” DeAngelis said. “That said, I'll go the extra mile for a Cross player.”

When Craig Cerretani '79 played at Fitton Field, he wore shoulder pads and a helmet, but the former minor leaguer stayed close to baseball after his days in the Chicago Cubs organization ended and his time on Mount St. James began.

“I very much support the Football program, but I have a real soft spot in my heart for the Baseball program,” said Cerretani, who captained the Football team as a junior and senior. “I really believe in Coach D and the program he's trying to build. His passion reminds me a lot of Tom Gilmore as it relates to the Football program.”

Ineligible by NCAA rules to play baseball after having played professionally, Cerretani helped create and then coached a junior varsity baseball team during his sophomore year.

“There was varsity Baseball, of course, but there was still a real desire and need to compete among the students,” he said. “I threw my hat in the ring and did it because it was fun.”

Staying in touch with alumni is a priority for DiCenzo and his staff. DiCenzo and his staff have continued the annual HC

baseball leadoff dinner started by Najarian; DiCenzo sends out a quarterly e-mail to inform supporters and alumni of the state of the program; and Sills, the junior captain, writes the Holy Cross Baseball Diary, which is e-mailed to program supporters during the season.

“The guys who played here want to see the program win,” DiCenzo said. “There's nothing better than looking at the scores in the paper and saying ‘I played in that program.’”

Alumni come to games, they occasionally drop in at practice, and basketball hero Togo Palazzi '54 has even spoken to the team as a way of fostering connections between the present and the past and to Holy Cross athletics in general.

“It's great for students to hear about how important the school is,” DiCenzo said. “There are hundreds and hundreds of players who wore this uniform before they did, and nearly every one of them still cares about what's happening on campus. It's important for our players to see the number of alumni who come to games, practices or the leadoff dinner.”

### *Pieces in place*

When the 1952 team gathered for its 55th reunion, the field they played on bore little resemblance to the facility in which the 2007 team took their swings and fielded groundballs. In 2005, the field was renovated, turning it into one of the region's finest baseball stadiums—a permanent, 3,000-seat dream good enough for college players and the professional, independent Worcester Tornadoes alike.



The upgraded field constitutes a major part of the program's recent success and future aspirations, in the opinion of Director of Athletics Dick Regan '76.

“There are three pillars, as I see it,” Regan said. “Coach DiCenzo, the facility, and fundraising through alumni and parent interest.”

“There's energy in the program, and we've taken steps within Holy Cross to elevate Baseball,” Regan continued. “Greg has done a superb job and the team's winning. The dinner, which Coach Najarian started, has helped people connect with the program and has stimulated interest. And the facility makes a huge difference in attracting players to come here.”

And recruits have taken notice. The team next year will include 11 new players from across the country. The Crusader Athletics Fund, DiCenzo said, has played a significant role in expanding recruitment nationwide allowing for more recruiting trips to many destinations across the country.

“Fundraising—particularly the Crusader Athletics Fund—has been instrumental in terms of allowing us to take trips to go out and find players,” he said. “From our staff, it's about getting out there and hitting the pavement and seeing games.”

Today's achievements have been critical in gaining quality players tomorrow. The last two years, the Crusaders were picked in the pre-season to finish third (2009) and last (2008) in the league. Both years, the team made the playoffs.

“To be able to show prospective student-athletes the excitement surrounding the program, the manner in which we compete and the number of games we have won,” said DiCenzo, “it makes selling the program that much easier.”

The standard set a season ago climbed higher in 2009.

“No one's won a Patriot League baseball championship at Holy Cross, so we're really shooting for it,” said Sills. “It's getting exciting with the crowds showing up and the constant energy at Fitton Field. We were close the past two years; we had a taste of the PL Tournament. Next year we're looking for more than just a taste.” 🍌

# Women's Hockey Ice Hot

*Team enjoys best season in history*

*By Ryan Holt '10*

The Women's Hockey team has come a long way since its inaugural season as a varsity team in 1999. However, few in the program expected the current Crusaders to have the type of success they enjoyed this season. The squad was unbeaten through its first 18 games en route to a final record of 24-2-1 (17-2-1 ECAC). They wrapped up the season by winning the ECAC Open Tournament on March 1, 2009 over the Pioneers of Sacred Heart by a score of 4-2. "Our success has been brought on by the depth of skill we have at every position," Head Coach Peter Van Buskirk said. "The players have a tremendous competitive spirit and they come to the rink every day ready to play."

For Van Buskirk, who took over the team after its inaugural season, the development of women's college hockey has helped the Holy Cross program mightily. "This is the

strongest team we have ever had at Holy Cross and it is a direct result of the growth of the sport allowing us to bring in better players," he said. "There has been an increase in the number of quality female players available every season."

Coming off a successful 2007-2008 campaign with a record of 16-8-3, the team returned just two seniors. However, the team recognized the depth of talent which returned this season and set one goal from the beginning of the year. "We expected to do better than we did last season," said junior captain Lisa Wilson. "At the end of last season the team really came together and we knew we had a talented group of freshmen coming in. Our expectations were to improve on last year's record and to keep getting better."

One of those talented freshmen was forward Stacey Hochkins, who led the team in goals

(25) and points (53). Her points set a school record for one season and she was honored by the ECAC as the Women's East Rookie of the Year. She led the conference in goals, assists, and points. However, not everything came easy for the rookie sensation. "It has been tough learning how to balance school and hockey," Hochkins remarked. "With the rigorous academics here at Holy Cross and the demanding schedule of practice and games, it is difficult to be at my best in the classroom and on the ice. However, I've survived thanks in part to the leadership on the team."

The leadership came from co-captains Wilson and senior Stephanie Couzin. The two have combined to make the captainship look easy. "Well, we have many natural leaders on the team which certainly makes our job much easier," said Couzin.

Wilson echoed the senior's remarks. "We



have such a great group of girls. I think being a captain means the team looks to you to provide that little extra push of inspiration.”

One of the strongest parts of the team is its goaltenders. The squad rotated three goalies regularly and all accounted for at least seven starts and six wins a piece. Sophomore Lindsey Atkinson made 11 starts, winning every one and boasting a miniscule 1.00 goals against average (GAA). Freshman Carly Dominick-Sobol made nine starts and was 7-2 with a 1.67 GAA. Rounding out the trio was sophomore Monique Gallant who started seven games, with a 6-0-1 record and a 1.27 GAA. All three were instrumental to the success of the Crusaders.

This is the position in which Van Buskirk has seen the greatest transformation. “The goalies have been even this season. With the injury to Lindsay last season, I wanted to bring in another goalie. Fortunately, they have all been tremendous and will continue to be rotated. When we started 10 years ago, we were lucky to have one goalie,” Van Buskirk joked.

The Crusaders have had great individual game performances as well this season. For the first time ever the team knocked off perennial ECAC East favorite Manhattanville with a 5-3 victory on November 11, 2008 at the Hart Center. They duplicated the feat two months later by defeating the Valiants

on their home ice, in overtime, 3-2. It was a game in which the Crusaders trailed 2-0 at one point. At the time, the Crusaders were the only team to beat Manhattanville, ranked number 10 in Division III, this season. “Beating Manhattanville was a significant milestone for our team,” said Couzin.

“It was so exciting and such a fun game to play in,” exclaimed Hochkins. “When Jocelyn (Kratchmer) netted that overtime goal in front of their home crowd, we celebrated like we had just won the Stanley Cup. There was no better feeling.”

Despite the team’s amazing record, they were not allowed to participate in a national tournament at the year’s end. The Crusaders are technically a Division I team playing in a Division III league, the only such team at Holy Cross. “It is very disappointing that we do not get to play in a national tournament,” Hochkins said. “But, winning the (ECAC Open) Tournament at the end of the year over Sacred Heart was very exciting.”

According to Van Buskirk, changes to the team’s status will be made in the near future. “Eventually we will be in a Division I league. There is no timetable but it will be in the near future. I think we need to continue to bring in quality, skilled players in order to compete when we do make the move.” Cautioned Van Buskirk, “It’s a big



jump. There are not that many women playing the game as opposed to the men so we need to make sure we are ready to move up. We would need added resources.”

When the Crusaders do make the transition to a Division I league, it will undoubtedly be with players that Van Buskirk praises. “We have such great kids,” he said. “It’s simply the nature of the school. We attract kids of strong character.

“We need quality players. We’re going to attract quality kids from the school naturally. Over the past few seasons, I’ve been able to get out across the country and into Canada to recruit players. Obviously, the winning helps spread the name of the school and produces more interest in the program, which is great.”

## Crusader of the Year/Fulbright Scholar



Senior **Jerry Dickinson (Pittsburgh, Pa.)**, a member of the Men’s Soccer team, has been selected as the 2009 Crusader of the Year. He was also awarded a Fulbright Grant to work and study at the University of Witwatersrand School of Law and the Centre for Applied Legal Studies in Johannesburg, South Africa.

On the field, Dickinson was named the 2008 Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year, in addition to earning All-Patriot League honors during his junior and senior seasons. A three-year team captain, he was the leader of a Holy Cross defense which ranked 20th in the nation with an 0.71 goals against average in 2008. Dickinson also finished his senior year ranked second on the team in scoring with three goals and one assist for seven points. In addition, he was selected to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll in 2006 and 2007.

A member of the College Honors Program with a double major in political science and sociology, Dickinson will study and conduct research on race, human rights and housing policy; and will examine how to best serve the interests of low-income black African families in Johannesburg. He will also work as a paralegal intern under the supervision of litigators and researchers representing families who have been evicted from their homes, beginning in January 2010.

# A Big Wish Crossed Off His Bucket List

*Dream fulfilled for former Basketball captain Vin Holland '41*

*by Jeff Forts '81*

One summer evening my wife Tris (Patricia '81) and I sat down to watch the movie, "The Bucket List." This poignant story, brought to life by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, tells the tale of two elderly gentlemen who wanted to accomplish something personally gratifying before they "kicked the bucket."

Tris had just returned home from a visit with her father, Vin Holland '41, in Florida. He had also seen the movie and proclaimed that his own bucket list wish was to be introduced at a Holy Cross basketball game as the oldest living team captain. Dad had clearly seen better days—always active and sharp, his 89-year old body was now racked with a host of respiratory and blood ailments.

When it comes to Holy Cross, there may be no greater fan of the school, its sports teams and the school community at large. Whenever there is an HC sporting event (especially basketball or football), Dad can be found glued to his 15" computer screen watching or listening intently to a game feed. Dad also has the Worcester Telegram & Gazette bookmarked so that he can start his day reading about any and all HC athletic exploits from the previous day.

After watching the movie, we discussed Dad's bucket list. I turned to Tris and said, "We can do this." The next day I called the Holy Cross Athletics department. We weren't promised anything since the school

was planning a big event at the start of the season, retiring the jerseys of the four biggest names in Holy Cross basketball history: George Kaftan '49, Bob Cousy '50, Togo Palazzi '54 and Tommy Heinsohn '56. We joked that Dad would have his own night after all the hoopla died down!

Summer turned into fall and Dad's health was clearly worsening. There was no way he could make the trip from Florida to Worcester to attend a game. Summer turned into fall and Dad's health was clearly worsening. There was no way he could make the trip from Florida to Worcester to attend a game. But as luck would have it, Holy Cross had a game scheduled in Orlando to play Central Florida in January. I quietly contacted Head Coach Ralph Willard '67 and asked if it would be possible for Dad to be introduced during half-time of that game. Coach Willard explained it wasn't feasible on an opponent's home court, but another idea was proposed: he and his players could greet Dad during practice before the game. I immediately booked my travel arrangements for a January visit to Palm City, Fla.

Meanwhile, Coach Willard, captain of the '67 HC team, sent Dad a nice e-mail saying how much he appreciated his loyal support, never once alluding to a possible meeting later on. The day before the game, Assistant Coach Geo Sanchez '02, who graciously set aside two tickets for us, called me to say that the walk-through had to be rescheduled to an earlier time on game day. This presented a challenge. Dad and I would have to leave the house in Palm City at 9:00 a.m. to make it up to Orlando in time to meet the team after practice. That would mean an extremely long day for Dad, maybe too much to ask for. I called Dad from the airport prior to my arrival and told him that we might be able to see the team wrap up their practice but we would need to depart earlier than originally planned. Dad's response was, "What time do we leave?"



I arrived at my in-laws' house around midnight, crawled into bed and set the alarm for an early rise. When I awoke the next morning, I could hear Dad's breathing machine pumping much needed fresh oxygen into his lungs for the long day ahead.

Dad woke up in great spirits, excited for our adventure. He ate a bacon and egg breakfast, providing sustenance required for our long journey. His regular diet regimen had been reduced to no fat, all vegetables and salads. But he said he had saved up good-behavior points allowing him to feast that day. My mother-in-law, Ethel, did a great job preparing us for the trip with portable oxygen, a walker, handicap parking placard, medicine and, as always, her tender loving care.

My biggest concern was getting Dad parked close to the arena—if he had to walk a great distance, my fear was that he might "run out of gas." We arrived at the arena at 11:45 a.m. and fortunately found a parking space right up front. Upon finding the main entrance locked, I left Dad briefly and ran around to enter an unlocked side door. As I raced through the lobby, I could hear the sounds of squeaking sneakers off in the distance.

When I returned with Dad, we walked into an empty arena—to our disappointment, practice had apparently just ended. We then spotted a security guard who checked around for us. To our delight, he returned



to say the team was in the tunnel and would be out shortly for one last walk through.

As the players filed back onto the court with the coaching staff, I recognized Bob Fouracre, the radio voice of Holy Cross athletics for almost 40 years. I introduced Dad to him and they immediately struck up a conversation like long lost friends. Meanwhile, as the team was practicing, Coach Willard suddenly approached Dad with an extended hand and exclaimed, "Hey Cap, we're glad you made it!"

Dad was in his glory sharing a few stories with Coach Willard and Bob about a basketball trip to Dartmouth dressed in their "hand-me-down" track warm-up suits. He told another story of how his family's textile business was struggling due to war-time market pressures and business got so bad, Vin's father called and told him that he would have to transfer to Fordham. Dad explained his predicament to then College President Fr. Maxwell. "We can't have the captain of the basketball team transferring to Fordham," Dad recounted Fr. Maxwell saying. "You will be our first scholarship player." Coach Willard quipped how the Jesuits had "their priorities straight even back then."

After the players finished practicing, Coach Willard called them over and introduced them to Dad. "Meet Vin Holland, captain of the 1941 Holy Cross Basketball team," he said. The players were as thrilled to meet Dad as he was to meet them. Coach Willard asked Dad to share a few of his Dartmouth road trip stories. Dad proceeded to tell a story of the "promiscuous nature" of the women at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival, catching Coach Willard completely off guard and cracking up the players!

Our game seats that night were courtside with the players' families. Many commented how their sons enjoyed meeting the "Old Captain" at practice. The Cross put up a good fight against UCF but wound up losing the game. No matter. We said farewell to our new friends and drove back to Palm City. We arrived around midnight—Dad did not nap at all during the two-hour trip home. What a trooper.

Not only did captain Vin Holland cross off the biggest wish on his bucket list, his love for Alma Mater was solidified by the touching outreach from Coach Willard and his staff and players, for which Dad (as well as Tris and I) will always be grateful. 🌍

# Jack Moriarty Turns In His Equipment



Jack Moriarty will retire on June 30 after 37 years at Holy Cross. He serves as the head equipment manager for all 27 Crusader varsity athletic teams. A graduate of Springfield College, Moriarty originally came to Mount St. James as both an athletic trainer and equipment manager in 1971. He was promoted to head athletic trainer in 1991, before devoting his full time duties to serving as the head equipment manager in 1994. "Some people are almost irreplaceable. Jack is one of those guys. He will be missed by virtually everyone," said Director of Athletics Dick Regan '76.

An institution on The Hill for nearly four decades, "Jackie Mo" is one of the College's busiest and most popular people. In recognition of his dedicated service, Moriarty was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2004. "The thing I'll miss the most is the day-to-day association with the student-athletes and my fellow workers at Holy Cross," said Moriarty.



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## Holy Cross Athletics: Teaching Life-Long Lessons

*"Holy Cross Athletics has helped me to engineer a strong work ethic, both on and off the ice."*

Ryan Driscoll '10 (Ice Hockey)

*"I've learned to be mentally strong, and to always stay determined."*

Clare Bracikowski '09 (Rowing)

As our student-athletes can attest, involvement in varsity athletics is an important part of the Holy Cross experience. Teamwork, dedication, perseverance, and preparation are just a few of the many lessons learned from participation in HC athletics. Your gift to the Crusader Athletics Fund helps to make this experience possible for our student-athletes.

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# Varsity Club Inducts Six Into Hall of Fame

by Charles Bare

**T**he Varsity Club inducted six individuals into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 2 at the 54th annual dinner in the Hogan Campus Center.

The 2009 inductees are, pictured left to right: John Peterman '63 (Baseball), Arthur Andreoli '58 (Basketball), Richard Maiberger '64 (Track & Field), Mark Gallagher '91 (Football), David Leonard '91 (Baseball), and Jesse Burkett (honorary, Baseball coach).

**Peterman** was a three-year starter at third base for the Holy Cross Baseball team from 1961-1963. During his junior year in 1962, he led the team to an overall record of 21-5, the District I championship and a trip to the College World Series. Peterman was named All-New England following his junior season, after posting a .362 batting average. As a senior in 1963, he led the Crusaders back to the College World Series for a second straight season, with the team winning another District I title and posting a 13-10 record. Peterman hit .291 during his senior campaign, while leading the team with 17 runs batted in. Following his graduation, he spent three years in the minor leagues after being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates. After his playing career, he later became the founder of the J. Peterman Company.

**Andreoli** was a member of the Crusader Basketball team from 1955-1958. After playing in 16 games as a backup on the 1955-1956 team which won the New England championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament, he became a starter during his junior season and averaged 18.1 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest. Andreoli led the 1956-1957 team in field goal percentage (41.5 percent), and scored a career-high 31 points in an 89-65 victory over Boston College on Feb. 23, 1957. As a senior, Andreoli let his scoring take a backseat to his playmaking ability, but still averaged 12 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. Over the course of his



Holy Cross career, he totaled 737 points and 277 rebounds, while making 264 of 668 field goal attempts (39.5 percent) and 209 of 312 free throws (67.0 percent).

**Maiberger** was a standout on the Crusader Track & Field team, serving as co-captain during his senior year in 1964. He led Holy Cross to a first place finish at the 1963 New England Championship, scoring a team-best 14 points. During the 1963 New England Championship meet, Maiberger won the 100-yard dash (10 seconds) and the long jump (23', 7.5"), while placing second in the 220-yard dash. He also won the long jump (24', 6") at the 1963 IC4A Championship, in addition to running a leg on the one mile relay team which finished third. Maiberger missed most of his senior year due to injury, but still placed second in the long jump at the 1964 New England Championship. He still holds Holy Cross records in the indoor long jump (23', 7.25"), the outdoor long jump (24', 6") and the 220-yard dash (21 seconds). Following his

senior year, Maiberger received the John C. Lawlor Medal.

**Gallagher** was one of the top receivers for the Holy Cross Football team from 1987-1990, helping lead the Crusaders to a 39-4-1 record over his four years. He led the team in receiving twice during his career, with 47 catches for 727 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore in 1988, and 54 receptions for 672 yards and six scores as a senior in 1990. An outstanding all-around player, Gallagher led the Patriot League with 1,296 all-purpose yards in 1989, when he also served as the team's top punter. He still ranks third all-time at Holy Cross with 158 career receptions, 2,239 career receiving yards and 18 touchdown receptions, while standing seventh with 3,476 career all-purpose yards. Gallagher was named All-Patriot League and All-ECAC during his junior and senior seasons, in addition to being named All-New England as a senior. He also received the Crusader Most Valuable Player trophy and the Rick Carter

Memorial Award following his senior season.

**Leonard** was a starting pitcher on the Holy Cross Baseball team from 1988-1991, serving as team captain during his junior and senior seasons. He led the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with a 1.27 earned run average during his sophomore year in 1989, and again with a 1.86 earned run average as a junior in 1990. During his senior season in 1991, Leonard posted a 7-3 record and ranked second in the Patriot League with a 1.91 earned run average. He finished his career with an overall record of 18-12, a school-record 2.20 earned run average, 20 complete games and 160 strikeouts. Leonard was named All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in 1989 and 1990, while earning All-Patriot League honors in 1991. He was also selected All-New England, All-ECAC, Academic All-MAAC and Academic All-District during his collegiate career, while being a two-time winner of the Hop Riopel Award as the team's most valuable player.



**Burkett** spent five years as the head coach of the Holy Cross Baseball team in 1898 and again from 1917-1920. He led the Crusaders to an overall record of 96-19 for an .835 winning percentage,

including marks of 22-4 in 1917, 25-3 in 1918 and 21-1 in 1919. Burkett's teams won the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship in both 1917 and 1919, while taking home the New England Championship in 1918. He also coached seven Crusaders who went on to play in the major leagues. In addition to his coaching, Burkett played 16 seasons in the major leagues between 1890 and 1905, with the New York Giants, Cleveland Spiders, St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Browns and Boston Americans. He is one of only four players in major league history to hit over .400 in consecutive seasons (batting .409 in 1895 and .410 in 1896), and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946. Burkett passed away on May 27, 1953. 🌟



## DONOR Profile

Rod DeLeaver '74  
(Basketball & Football)

### • *How would you describe your experience as a Holy Cross student-athlete?*

• I have met, and have played with, some of the greats to don our colors. As a grant-in-aid football scholarship recipient with a low four-digit SAT score, I had a blast. • Our crew was a bunch of high schoolers who read about the infamous hepatitis outbreak, and who thought that we could be a part of the resurgence of a proud HC Football program. The 25 of us found ourselves playing with future professional • NFL players, academic scholars, the coach of a future Heisman Trophy winner, a • heck of a linebacker, and lifelong friends. We participated as the pieces were being • amassed that began the future winning streaks for the next 30 years in football. • When asked to join the HC Basketball team, I decided that the camaraderie found • in football was reason enough to struggle with sports, academics, and calculus class. • I gave it a shot. Though we were not an overpowering team my freshman year, • by the end of the season we developed an appreciation for character building. I • continued to play football for almost two more seasons, hurt my shoulder, and was • shipped off to play three full seasons of basketball under Coach George Blaney's • tutelage. Here, I got to see the future of 20-win seasons with his recruits of 1973- • 1976. In the end, I realized it was the Holy Cross students' and fans' support that • provided such a spark in all the student-athletes. This was important to me.

### • *How would you encourage others to give to the Crusader Athletics Fund? To Holy Cross in general?*

• Years ago, I was encouraged by classmate Rod Baker '74 to be a Class Agent as a • way to keep in touch with the College, and he was right. In this volunteer role, I • get to make contact with classmates and former teammates from time to time, and • it makes me feel a part of the Holy Cross community. I find myself making regular • gifts to the Crusader Athletics Fund and the Holy Cross Fund as a "thank you for • the opportunities." Please remember that it is not the size of the donation—but the • act of the donation—that really matters. Every gift helps in so many ways.

### • *What inspires you to give annually through the Crusader Athletics Fund?*

• I wish the types of opportunities I experienced will grow for future Holy Cross • student-athletes. Watching the Men's Basketball team play for an NCAA berth • on ESPN, or having the good fortune of watching the Women's Ice Hockey team • play this past season, or just cheering on any HC varsity team when they play in • my local Boston-area, is reason enough to donate. I know that the cost of provid- • ing an education, as well as the cost of transportation for our varsity teams, is an • overwhelming expense. Though I have a sophomore in college right now with his • own expenses, I try to spread my annual donations over the areas of importance and • joy for me and my family. Please give whatever amount you can afford, and give as • often as you can afford.

# SPORTS RECAP

## MEN'S BASKETBALL



The Men's Basketball team finished the 2008-2009 campaign with an overall record of 18-14, marking the fifth straight year and the eighth time in the last nine seasons in which the Crusaders have posted a winning record. Holy Cross started the year with two straight victories, including a 73-69 overtime win against St. Joseph's at the Hart Center. But a series of injuries then began to take its toll, and the Crusaders stood just 4-9 at the end of December.

Holy Cross began to regain its form and its health in time for the start of Patriot League play, jumping out to an 8-1 mark in conference play by mid-February. The Crusaders would finish up the regular season in second place in the Patriot League with an 11-3 record in conference games, earning the No. 2 seed in the Patriot League Tournament.

Holy Cross easily won its first two games at home in the conference playoffs, eliminating Bucknell 75-56 in the quarterfinals and Colgate 61-44 in the semifinals. The Crusaders then travelled to American, a team which they had split with during the regular season, for the Patriot League championship game. Unfortunately for Holy Cross, its season would come to an end with a 73-57 loss to the Eagles.

Freshman guard **R.J. Evans (Salem, Conn.)** was named the Patriot League Rookie of the Year, in addition to earning Mid-Major Freshman All-America honors. He led the team with an average of 13.4 points per game, in addition to averaging 5.2 rebounds and 1.7 steals per contest. Evans' 429 total points scored were the

second-most ever by a Crusader freshman, behind only Ronnie Perry with 574 points in 1976-1977.

Sophomore forward **Andrew Keister (Galloway, N.J.)** also enjoyed a fine season, and was selected to the All-Patriot League first team. He averaged 8.5 points, 6.3 rebounds and 0.7 blocked shots per game, in addition to leading the Patriot League by hitting 58.8 percent (104 of 177) of his field goal attempts.

Forward **Alex Vander Baan (Uxbridge, Mass.)** and guard **Pat Doherty (Scranton, Pa.)** were the co-recipients of the Richard J. Maloney Award presented annually to the team's most valuable player.

The Holy Cross graduating senior class of forward **Colin Cunningham (Memphis, Tenn.)**, guard **Lawrence Dixon (Columbia, Md.)**, Doherty, center **Greg McCarthy (Mansfield, Mass.)** and Vander Baan finished their careers with an overall record of 75-49 over the last four seasons.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Women's Basketball team finished the 2008-2009 season with an overall record of 13-16 and 8-6 in the Patriot League. The fourth seeded Crusaders fell to No. 5 Army in the Patriot League Quarterfinals at Lehigh by a score of 54-47.

Junior guards **Briana McFadden (Wheaton, Md.)** and **Bethany O'Dell (Lincoln, R.I.)** were recognized by the league at the end of the season as McFadden was named to the All-Patriot League first team for the second consecutive year and O'Dell to the second team for the third consecutive year.

McFadden and O'Dell continued their excellent careers with each reaching the 1,000 point milestone. McFadden is currently ranked 14th all-time at Holy

Cross, totaling 1,195 points in her career while O'Dell has 1,094 points, placing her 19th on the list. McFadden and O'Dell are the first classmates in Women's Basketball school history to reach the 1,000 point mark together as juniors. They also are the eighth and ninth players to reach the milestone during their junior year.

One of the best shooters to play for Holy Cross, O'Dell broke the school record for career three-point field goals with 215 and three-point field goals attempted with 545. McFadden also added her name to these lists, ranking fifth on both lists with 143 three-pointers and 448 three-pointers attempted.

O'Dell also received the Samantha Vellaccio Award which is presented annually to the Women's Basketball player who best exemplifies the mission of Holy Cross both on and off the court.

Sophomore forward **Elizabeth Campbell (Louisville, Ky.)** added her name to the career blocks list, recording 76 in two seasons, placing her ninth on the all-time list.

On Nov. 29, 2008, Holy Cross played in the first triple overtime game in both Men's and Women's team history. The Crusaders defeated Missouri, 94-93, marking the first time the team has scored more than 90 points in a game in three seasons.

Head Coach Bill Gibbons earned his 200th Patriot League win this season as the Crusaders defeated Colgate on Feb. 25. Gibbons now holds a career overall record at Holy Cross of 476-244 including a 200-58 mark in league play.

## MEN'S ICE HOCKEY



The 2008-2009 Men's Hockey team went 13-20-5 overall and had a 10-15-3 conference record with a seventh-place regular season finish. Holy Cross ranked sixth nationally with only 12.5 penalty minutes per game.

The Crusaders played one of their toughest schedules ever playing six times against ranked opponents. Despite its 0-4-2 record in those games, Holy Cross challenged some of the best teams in the nation including a 1-0 overtime loss to No. 13 Air Force, a 3-2 loss at No. 8 and eventual national champion Boston University, a 2-2 tie at No. 5 Denver, and a 2-2 tie with No. 18 Dartmouth. Also the Crusaders were tied with No. 15 New Hampshire, 4-4, going into the third period before falling.

Holy Cross went 5-0-4 in the month of January as its nine-game unbeaten streak tied the second longest in school history as the Crusaders went 9-0-0 between Jan. 16, 1999-Feb. 13, 1999. The longest in school history is 10 games (10-0-0) between Dec. 8, 1979-Jan. 16, 1980. During the 5-0-4 streak, the Crusaders outscored their opponents by a 34-20 margin in those nine contests. Holy Cross averaged 3.8 goals scored per game and only allowed 2.2 goals per contest during the streak. The streak started with a 2-2 tie at No. 5 Denver at the Denver Cup. The Crusaders then won three in a row with a 4-3 win over Rensselaer at the Denver Cup and two 5-1 victories over league opponent American International. Holy Cross then tied three games in a row with two at Army, 3-3 and 4-4, and a 2-2 tie with No. 18 Dartmouth. The Crusaders then went on a two-game winning streak with 5-3 and 4-1 wins over UConn.

The Crusaders were led by sophomore **Jordan Cyr (Winnipeg, Manitoba)**, whose 19 goals and 32 points ranked first on the team. His 19 goals are the third most for a single-season on the all-time Holy Cross Division I list. Junior **Brodie Sheahan (Lethbridge, Alberta)** led the team with 19 assists. Four Crusaders passed the 100 career games played mark as Sheahan has now played in 102, junior co-captain **Ryan Driscoll (Dorchester, Mass.)** and senior **Dewey Thomson (Northbridge, Mass.)** have each played in 107 and senior co-captain **Marty Dams (Manotick, Ontario)** played in 124.

Head Coach Paul Pearl now has 214 career wins in 14 seasons at Holy Cross.

## WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY



The Women's Hockey team concluded the 2008-2009 season by defeating Sacred Heart, 4-2, to claim the ECAC Open Championship. With the win, the Crusaders closed out the season with an overall record of 24-2-1 (17-2-1 ECAC). Peter Van Buskirk was named the ECAC Women's East Coach of the Year. Van Buskirk, who completed his ninth season on the Holy Cross bench, led the Crusaders to an ECAC East regular season title, ECAC Open Championship and a school record 24 wins. Holy Cross' 117 single-season goals scored ranks number one all-time at Holy Cross, while its 37 single-season goals allowed is fewest all-time and its seven shutouts are second all-time.

Freshman forward **Stacey Hochkins (New Boston, Mich.)** had a break-out season for the Crusaders. She led the team with a single-season school record 53 points, while her 25 goals rank second all-time and her 28 assists are first in Holy Cross history. Hochkins was named the ECAC Women's East Rookie of the Year, as well as a member of the first team All-ECAC East and the All-Rookie Team. Hochkins led the ECAC East in point scoring, goal scoring, assists, short-handed points, short-handed goals and freshman scoring.

Sophomore forward **Jocelyn Kratchmer (Watrous, Saskatchewan)** was also named to the first team All-ECAC East. Kratchmer finished the season with 23 goals and 23 assists for 46 points. She was second in the ECAC East in point scoring, second in goal scoring, fourth in assists, third in power play points, first in power play goals, second in short-handed points and goals, and first in game-winning goals.

Junior defenseman **Lisa Wilson (Corunna, Ontario)** was named to the second team All-ECAC East. Wilson ended the season with four goals and 11 assists for 15 points. Wilson was fifth in the ECAC East in defenseman scoring and she led a defensive front that led the ECAC in scoring defense, only allowing 37 goals in 27 games. This is the second All-ECAC East honor for Wilson, as she was named to the first team in 2007-2008.

Senior **Stephanie Couzin (Chicago, Ill.)** ends her career at Holy Cross with 93 points, good for fifth all-time, her 46 goals ranks third, her 47 assists are sixth and her 19 power play goals are third. Couzin was named ECAC Open Most Outstanding Player and to the ECAC Open All-Tournament team.

## MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



The Men's Swimming & Diving team concluded the 2008-2009 season at the Patriot League Championships on Feb. 19-21. Junior **Brian Livingston (Auburn, Wash.)** finished in 15th place in the 200 breast with a season-best time of 2:14.78, while freshman **Michael Burns (East Amherst, N.Y.)** touched the wall in 16th place with a season-best time of 2:17.30. The 200 free relay team swam by senior **Rob Acker (Ames, Iowa)**, senior **David Drummond (Swampscott, Mass.)**, senior **Dan Kennedy (Bolton, Conn.)** and freshman **Patrick McMahon (Middletown, N.Y.)** finished seventh with a season-best time of 1:29.44.

Freshman diver **Adam DeVito (Walpole, Mass.)** qualified for the ECAC Open Championships, finishing in eighth place in the three meter diving competition with 185.15 points. DeVito broke the Holy Cross one meter and three meter school record multiple times. He now holds the school record on the one meter board with a score of 175.87 and on the three meter board with a score of 311.50.

Before the start of the dual meet against Bryant, Holy Cross honored its nine seniors for their commitment and hard work as members of the Swimming and Diving team. At the meet, senior **Rob Acker (Ames, Iowa)** finished first in the 100 free with a time of 51.24, while senior **David Drummond (Swampscott, Mass.)** took fourth with a time of 52.16. Senior **Dan Kennedy (Bolton, Conn.)** finished fourth in the 50 free with a time of 23.59, while senior **Brian Hendrickson (West Hartford, Conn.)** took second in the 50 breast with a time of 28.74. Senior **Ian MacLaren (Cortez, Colo.)** finished third in the 50 fly with a time of 25.7. Seniors **Brian Lasonde (East Longmeadow, Mass.)** and **Mike Marquet (Reston, Va.)** swam on the fifth place 200 free relay team, finishing in 1:49.24.

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



The Women's Swimming & Diving team concluded the 2008-2009 season at the Patriot League Championships on Feb 19-21. Junior **Maggie Gousman (Fanwood, N.J.)** finished 10th in the 100 breast and broke her own school record with a time of 1:05.47. Gousman also took 13th place in the 200 breast with a time of 2:27.42. The 400 medley relay team of sophomore **Gael Carter (Tampa, Fla.)**, Gousman, freshman **Annie O'Shea (Washington, D.C.)** and junior **Alisha Carrazza (Boonton Township, N.J.)** finished in seventh place with a season-best time of 4:02.11.

Gousman and Carrazza qualified for the ECAC Open Championships, where Gousman finished in 13th place in the 100 breast with a time of 1:07.66 and competed in the 200 breast, finishing with a time of 2:30.05. Carrazza took 22nd in the 200 free with a time of 1:57.21, competed in the 50 free finishing with a time of 25.16 and swam the 100 free with a time of 55.02. Gousman was named Patriot League Swimmer of the Week twice during the 2008-2009 season.

Before the start of the final dual meet of the year, the Crusaders honored their four seniors for their hard work and dedication to the Swimming & Diving team. Swimming in their final meet at the Hart Center, senior **Dana Jorgensen (New City, N.Y.)** finished second in the 100 back with a time of 1:05.84, senior **Caitlin Duggan (Norwood, Mass.)** took fourth in the 100 free with a time of 59.78, senior **Emily Cupelo (Manlius, N.Y.)** touched the wall third in the 50 fly with a time of 30.21, and senior **Mary-Elizabeth Maher (Milford, Mass.)** finished sixth in the 50 breast with a time of 37.41.

## MEN'S GOLF



The Men's Golf team finished in seventh place at the 2009 Patriot League Championship at the West Point Golf Course. Sophomores **Tim McGovern (Oradell, N.J.)** and **James Widman (Middlebury, Conn.)** tied for 32nd place with a three-round total of 238 strokes. For the season, Widman led the Crusaders with an 80.7 average, McGovern was second with an 80.9 average and senior **Joe DePanfilis (Keene, N.H.)** was third with an average of 81.1.

## WOMEN'S GOLF



The Women's Golf team finished eighth at the Big South Championship. The team was led by sophomore **Meghan Doherty (Westerly, R.I.)** who finished in 29th place with a three-round total of 252 strokes. She was the top finisher in every match for the Crusaders during the 2008-2009 season. The second year standout had a team best 83.3 stroke average and was named to the Big South Conference All-Academic Team. Another key performer this season was sophomore **Johanna Gavin (Hackettstown, N.J.)** who had an 88.5 stroke average.

## BASEBALL

The Baseball team finished the regular season with a record of 21-25 and 11-7 in the Patriot League. Following a spring trip where it faced the likes of Arizona and Arizona State, the Crusaders finished strong with a 21-15 record in its last 36 games and tied for first place in league play in the loss column with Bucknell and Army. The squad qualified for the Patriot League tournament for the second consecutive

year, won 20 games in back-to-back years for the first time since the 1922 and 1923 seasons, and posted its highest regular season win total since the 1978 season. The out of conference schedule was highlighted by wins over Boston College for the first time since 1994 and a thrilling come from behind win vs. Massachusetts on a walk off home run at Fitton Field. The team also set new single season records for runs, hits, doubles, home runs, runs batted in and total bases.

Junior **Matt Perry (Sudbury, Mass.)** was named the Patriot League Baseball Player of the Year and received the Hop Riopel Award as the team's most valuable player. For the regular season, Perry hit .439 overall including a .486 mark in league play with seven home runs and 36 runs batted in, starting all 46 games. His .439 batting average was the eighth highest in the country this year. The third baseman set the single season school record for hits in a season (75) and total bases (111). Matt also led the Patriot League in batting average, hits, on-base percentage at .505 and tied for the league lead in total bases. A first team All-Patriot League selection, Perry and sophomore **Nick Ciardiello (Edison, N.J.)** were named to the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I* first team.

Senior second baseman **Jake Gorman (Norfolk, Mass.)** broke the career record for home runs with 21 while sophomore first baseman **Eric Oxford (Danvers, Mass.)** broke the single season record for home runs with 10. Oxford also led the team with 44 runs batted in, the second best all-time single season total. Both Gorman and Oxford started all 46 regular season games on the right side of the infield for the Crusaders. Other Crusaders turning in solid seasons were sophomore center fielder **Brendan McCrea (Hicksville, N.Y.)** who hit .305 with two home runs and 21 runs batted in, senior outfielder **Billy Cupelo (Franklin, Mass.)** who hit .305 overall, including a .411 average in league play, and junior shortstop **John Sills (Milton, Mass.)** who hit .292 with six home runs, 31 runs batted in and a team best nine stolen bases.

Senior pitcher **Dan Seip (North Carver, Mass.)** received the Ray Dobens Award as the team's most improved player. Seip was one of the top starting pitchers for the team this year, posting a 3-3 record with a 5.10 earned run average and a team-best 37 strikeouts. He pitched a team-high 54-2/3 innings this year which included a pair of complete games.

Freshman catcher **Steve Tkowski (Bourne, Mass.)** was named the recipient of the Ron Soucie Award as the team's Rookie of the Year. Tkowski played in 24 games, hitting .411 with three home runs and 13 runs batted in. He had a .460 on base percentage and a .661 slugging percentage.

Cupelo and Seip were named to the All-Patriot League second team.



## SOFTBALL



The Softball team concluded the 2009 season by defeating Central Connecticut, 10-2, at Freshman Field. The Crusaders completed the season with an overall record of 13-34, the best since the 2003 season, and a 6-14 mark in the Patriot League. Holy Cross completed its spring break trip to Kissimmee, Fla. with an overall record of 5-7, winning the last four games of the tournament. The five victories at the Rebel Spring Games is the best season-opening record for the Crusaders in the past five years. Holy Cross finished the season with a school record 101 stolen bases.

Sophomore outfielder **Keeley Seniuk (Phoenix, Ariz.)** led the Crusaders with a .489 slugging percentage, 19 runs, 43 hits, and three home runs. Seniuk's team leading 25 runs batted in tied for second on the Holy Cross single-season record list, her 12 doubles tied for second on the single-season record list and her eight career home runs tied for fourth on the Holy Cross career record list. Seniuk was named Patriot League Player of the Week on March 4 for her performance at the Rebel Spring Games. In the first two games of the season, Seniuk went four for seven at the plate with three RBI and one run scored.

Junior third baseman **Mandy Correale (Peabody, Mass.)** finished the season with a .265 batting average and a .932 fielding percentage. Correale was second on the team with 35 hits, her six doubles were third and her five sacrifice bunts led the Crusaders.

Sophomore **Sam Lenhardt (Duxbury, Mass.)** finished the season with a team leading .368 batting average, went a perfect 12-12 on stolen base attempts and led the team with a .400 on base percentage. Freshman **Gwen Reimer (Pottsville, Pa.)** stole 15 bases, ranking her second on the single-season record list.

Sophomore pitcher **Caitlin Belanger (Fall River, Mass.)** finished the season with a 2.86 earned run average and an overall 4-4 record. Junior pitcher **Amanda Audette (New Bedford, Mass.)** recorded a career low 3.59 earned run average. Audette pitched in a team leading 113 innings and struck out a career high 32 batters.

Seniuk and Correale were both named to the All-Patriot League second team. The squad returns its entire roster next season.

## MEN'S LACROSSE



The Men's Lacrosse team went 3-12 overall. Freshman **Colin McGeehin (Newtown Square, Pa.)** led the team with 21 goals and 28 points. He was named the Patriot League Rookie of the Week twice and the New England Co-Player of the Week once during the season. He was also named the Joseph M. Murphy III Rookie of the Year. Junior **Chris Smirti (Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.)** had a solid season as he was second on the team with 18 goals and tied for second with 21 points. Junior **Kenny Minor (South Hadley, Mass.)** also had 21 points on a career-best 15 goals and a career-best six assists. He was named the team's offensive most valuable player. Sophomore **Conor McKenna (Summit, N.J.)** led the team with a career-best 11 assists, while junior **Brendan Candon (Long Beach, N.Y.)** ranked first on the team with a career-best 43 ground balls. Senior goalie **Jimmy Harrison (East Williston, N.Y.)** finished with 561 career saves which are third on the program's career saves list. He was named the team's defensive most valuable player.

The most improved player award went to freshman defender **Greg Peterson (West Hartford, Conn.)**. The Major Robert E. Mand Coach's Award went to senior defender **Tyson Colaianni (McLean, Va.)**. The Martha Lemley Unsung Hero Award went to senior midfielder **Paddy Dowling (Darien, Conn.)** and sophomore defender **Doug Broussard (Floral Park, N.Y.)**. The John Price Award went to senior midfielder **Brian Becker (Syracuse, N.Y.)**.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE



The Women's Lacrosse team went 5-11 and just missed qualifying for the Patriot League Tournament by one game with a 3-3 conference record. Junior **Katie Gardner (Garden City, N.Y.)** led the team with 25 assists and 50 points, while tying for first with 25 goals. Her 25 assists ranked third on the school's all-time single-season list. Her 37 career assists are fifth all-time. The Crusaders had two players earn second team All-Patriot League honors as senior defender **Lisa Gagne (Groton, Mass.)** and sophomore midfielder **Meg O'Leary (Longmeadow, Mass.)** were named to the team. Gagne led the team this season with a career-best 37 ground balls. Gagne and junior **MaryKate Finnegan (Rockville Centre, N.Y.)** tied for the team-lead with 17 caused turnovers which are tied for 10th on the program's all-time single-season list. Gagne's 38 career caused turnovers are sixth all-time at the program. O'Leary tied for the team-lead with a career-best 25 goals, while she was second with career-bests in both assists with 14 and points with 39. This season, O'Leary earned Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week honors as she scored three goals versus Yale on April 1, while she had two goals and six assists for eight points as the Crusaders earned an 11-10 double-overtime win over Lehigh, on April 4. O'Leary's six assists tied the school's single-game record.

Freshman **Kat Sutton (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.)** had an outstanding rookie season as she was named the Patriot League Rookie of the Week twice. She scored at least one goal over the last 12 games as she finished the season ranked second on the team with 25 draw controls, while her 20 goals were fourth and 24 points were fifth. Sophomore goalie **Amy Martin (Bloomfield, Mich.)** led the Patriot League with 10.20 saves per game during the regular season. Junior **Megan Fenton (Bridgewater, N.J.)** tied for the team-lead with 25 goals

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD



The Men's Track & Field team completed the 2009 regular season with a sixth place finish at the Patriot League Outdoor Championship held in West Point, N.Y. It was Holy Cross' best team finish at the Outdoor Championship since 2002. Senior **Brad Mish (Hadley, Mass.)** led the Crusaders with a second place finish in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 30:43.61 and in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:51.77. Also competing in the 10,000 was freshman **Cory Loftis**

(**Branford, Conn.**) with a fourth place and an ECAC qualifying time of 30:56.88. Mish was named to the All-Patriot League second team.

At the Outdoor Championship, senior **Stephen Mandravelis (Nashua, N.H.)** placed fourth in the hammer throw with an IC4A Championship qualifying distance of 55.60 meters, senior **Kevin Lucid (New Providence, N.J.)** finished eighth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:06.79 and senior **Andrew Maggio (Chelmsford, Mass.)** placed seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.41, while senior **Kyle Mushaweh (Woodbury, Conn.)** finished eighth with a time of 22.59. Junior **Chase Kennedy (Marblehead, Mass.)** finished 13th in the 400 with a time of 52.17, while freshman **Dan Altenau (Eastchester, N.Y.)** finished 11th in the 3,000 steeple chase with a time of 9:52.32.

At the Patriot League Indoor Championship, Holy Cross was led by the distance medley relay team with a seventh place finish and IC4A Indoor Championship qualifying time. Mish took fifth place and had a season-best time of 8:30.83 in the 3,000-meter run and placed fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:40.04. Senior **Jonathan Medeiros (New Bedford, Mass.)** finished in sixth place in the shot put with a distance of 14.98 meters and senior **Sebastian Fidelus (Jersey City, N.J.)** took eighth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.86.

At the New England Championship, **Kyle Mushaweh (Woodbury, Conn.)** set a new school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.19.

Mish led the Holy Cross Men's Indoor Track and Field team to a 17th place finish at the 2009 New England Indoor Championship in Boston, Mass. At the Championship, Mish finished in first place in the 5,000-meter run, with a season-best time of 14:35.70. He is the first Crusader to win an event at the New England Indoor Championship since 1995, and is the first Holy Cross runner to ever claim the 5,000-meter title. Mish also ran a personal best time of 30:25:99 at the 2009 IC4A Outdoor Championship.

Maggio received the John P. Cooney Memorial Award given by the Varsity Club which is presented to the senior letter winner who has performed beyond all expectations with courage, loyalty and dedication. He also received the Thomas Fitzsimmons Award as given by the team. Fidelus received the Varsity Club Norton Prize given to an outstanding student-athlete.

Other team honors included the Bart Sullivan Award given to Mish. The Thomas Duffy Outstanding Performer Award was given to Fidelus while Mandravelis was the recipient of the Richard Donahue Outstanding Performer Award. Loftis was named the Most Valuable Freshman while **Kenneth McKenna (Ossining, N.Y.)** was named the Most Valuable Sophomore. **Mark Drago (Oak Park, Ill.)** received the Most Improved Performer Award.

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Women's Track & Field team completed the 2009 regular season with a fifth place finish at the Patriot League Outdoor Championship held in West Point, N.Y. Junior **Tiffany Reid (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)** led the Crusaders with a first place finish in the 200-meter dash with an ECAC Championship qualifying time of 24.32 seconds and a second place finish in the 100-meter dash with a career best and new school record time of 11.84 seconds. With her win in the 200, Reid qualified for the NCAA regional meet and



her time in the 100 was the first sub-12 effort in the history of Holy Cross Women's Track & Field. She received the coach's award for Excellence in Track and Field in 2008-2009 given by the team and was named to the All-Patriot League first team.

At the Outdoor Championship, senior **Elizabeth Alizzi (Syosset, N.Y.)** finished fifth in the 3,000-meter steeple chase with a New England qualifying time of 11:28.04. Senior **Lauren Courtney (Ashland, Mass.)** finished third in the 400-meter dash with a New England qualifying time of 57.92 seconds. Freshman **Katelyn Hartnett (Danvers, Mass.)** crossed the line fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:12.78, narrowly missing the school record of 2:12.77. Hartnett's time qualified her for the New England Championship. Junior **Maureen Meagher (Allentown, Pa.)** finished fifth in the 1500-meter run with a New England qualifying time of 4:42.92. Meagher received the Excellence in Track Award for 2008-2009 given by the team. Freshman **Paige Sutherland (Groveland, Mass.)** took fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a New England qualifying time of 17:45.00.

At the Patriot League Indoor Championship, the team finished fourth and crowned a champion in the pentathlon. Junior **Olivia Pruszko (Monroe, Conn.)** won her second title in the pentathlon, winning the first Championship title of the weekend and earning First-Team All-Patriot League honors. Pruszko won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:22.10, took third in the long jump with a distance of 5.21 meters, placed fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.57, fourth in the shot put with a distance of 9.58 meters and took second in the high jump with a height of 1.59 meters.

It was a record breaking season, as five individual records and three relay records were broken. Reid led the team, resetting her own school records in the 55 and 100-meter dashes. Pruszko broke a 27-year old 300-meter dash record, junior **Claire Luke (Delmar, N.Y.)** reset her own record in the 3,000-meter steeple chase and senior **Lesley Bautista (St. John's, Newfoundland)** cleared a height of 3.75 meters to set a new school record in the pole vault. The 4 x 100 meter relay team of Bautista, sophomore **Caitlin White (Miller Place, N.Y.)**, sophomore **M. Siobhan Straub (Mattituck, N.Y.)** and Reid were named second team All-Patriot League with a school record and ECAC qualifying time of 47.58. The team previously set the school record twice earlier in the season.

Bautista was also the recipient of the prestigious John A. Meegan Athletic Achievement Award given by the Varsity Club and received the Excellence in Field Award as given by the team.

Hartnett was given the most valuable rookie award on the track while freshman **Alexandria Culkeen (Beverly, Mass.)** was awarded top newcomer in the field events.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ROWING



The Men's and Women's Rowing teams had an exciting spring season, traveling or hosting races almost every weekend. The season opened for the women on March 28 at home when the Crusaders hosted Coast Guard, Wesleyan University, and Mt. Holyoke. All three varsity eights took first place while the novice eight finished second to Mt. Holyoke. The men's season began with a trip to Boston on April 4 to square off against Columbia University and MIT. The conditions could not have been worse and the Freshman Eight and Varsity Eight races were cut short to 1300m. Conditions were better at home the following day as the Crusaders hosted Dartmouth. Though the men came up short in the end, they remained focused and positive as the season had only just begun.



The women competed in the Patriot League Regatta in Camden, N.J. on April 26. After a day of racing at home against Buffalo University and Boston College, the Crusaders loaded the trailer and headed to the Cooper River to compete against fierce rivals Bucknell, Colgate, Lehigh and Navy. The Varsity Four in their first and only week together had a solid race but finished at the back of the pack. The Second Varsity Eight crossed the finish line third beating out Lehigh. The final event of the day was the Varsity Eight. The Crusaders had one of their strongest performances this season finishing third, beating Colgate by five and a half seconds and Lehigh by more than 20 seconds.

The men also had a strong performance at their last race at home against Delaware University on April 25. Preceding a previous weekend of travel, and a very busy last week of classes, the men's team remained focused on the task in front of them. Their hard work paid off as the Varsity Eight finished in first place with a time of 6:29, four and a half seconds ahead of Delaware. The Second Varsity Eight and Freshman Eight were both competitive but finished second.

The women competed in the New England Championships on May 2 at home. Events included the Varsity, Second Varsity, and Third Varsity Eights, as well as the Novice and Second Novice Eights events. The men also competed in the Eastern

Sprints Regatta on May 10 at home in the Varsity Heavyweight, Second Varsity Heavyweight and Freshman Heavyweight Eights.

Women's Rowing seniors **Clare Bracikowski (Brentwood, Tenn.)** and **Johanna Cubelli (Boonton Township, N.J.)** were named to the All-Patriot League team for the first time in their careers.

## MEN'S TENNIS



The Holy Cross Men's Tennis team went 4-14 with a 0-3 Patriot League record. The Crusaders were led by sophomore **Matt Wierzel (Garden City, N.Y.)** at No. 1 singles as he went 7-10 versus the opponent's No. 1 ranked player. He also had a 2-3 tournament record for a 9-13 overall mark. Wierzel was named second team All-Patriot League, the first Crusader men's tennis player ever to be recognized with this honor. Freshman **Chris Das (Melrose, Mass.)** had a good rookie season as he had a 7-11 dual match record and a 0-1 tournament mark.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS



The Women's Tennis team earned an overall winning mark of 10-8 and had a 1-2 Patriot League record. Holy Cross had five players with at least a .500 record at singles competition as junior **Kristen Meahl (Falmouth, Maine)** went 14-12 at No. 1 singles, freshman **Emily Marr (Jefferson, Mass.)** went 14-8, freshman **Carolyn Chandley (Worcester, Mass.)** went 14-10, junior **Ivette Konopka (Shelton, Conn.)** went 12-7 and junior **Kathryn Wilkie (Oak Brook, Ill.)** went 9-2. Meahl was named second team All-Patriot League. The Crusaders had great success on the new Holy Cross Tennis Courts as they went 8-2 and Mike Lucas recorded his 100th career win as head women's coach in 10 seasons. 🎾

# Crusaders in the Crowd



## Stacey Hochkins

Freshman, Women's Hockey (New Boston, Mich.)

Hochkins led the team in goals (25), assists (28) and total points (53) helping the Crusaders to a 24-2-1 record. The first year forward also posted team bests in shot percentage at .275 and short handed goals with seven.



## Katie Gardner

Junior, Women's Lacrosse (Garden City, N.Y.)

The third-year attacker led the team with 25 assists and 50 total points. She also tied for the team lead with 25 goals scored. Her .543 shot percentage and .913 shot on goal percentage were also team bests.



## Jordan Cyr

Sophomore, Men's Hockey (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

Cyr led the team in goals with 19 and total points with 32. The forward also recorded 13 assists and had a team best four game winning goals.



## Conor McKenna

Sophomore, Men's Lacrosse (Summit, N.J.)

The second year midfielder led the team with 11 assists, while chipping in three goals good for 14 total points and has played in every game in his HC career. McKenna carries a 3.85 grade point average, double majoring in economics and math.



## Keeley Seniuk

Sophomore, Softball (Phoenix, Ariz.)

The outfielder led the team with a .319 batting average, 19 runs scored, 43 hits, 12 doubles, three home runs, 25 runs batted in and 66 total bases. Her .489 slugging percentage and .370 on base percentage were also tops on the team.



## Maureen Meagher

Junior, Women's Track & Field (Allentown, Pa.)

The third year middle distance runner ran a 5:00 mile and placed third in the Patriot League indoor season and third at the New England Championship. She received the Excellence in Track Award for the 2008-2009 season by the team.



## Matt Wierzel

Sophomore, Men's Tennis (Garden City, N.Y.)

Wierzel was named second team All-Patriot League. He is the first Holy Cross Men's Tennis player to be so honored. He had an overall record of 9-13 this year and has played all of his matches at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles in his first two seasons.



## Stephen Mandravelis

Senior, Men's Track & Field (Nashua, N.H.)

Mandravelis qualified for the IC4A meet with personal best hammer throw of 54.80m. The senior finished seventh in the hammer throw at the New England Championship in 2008 with a throw of 52.07m.

# Alumni Athletes Reunite



## Men's Soccer Alumni Game

The Men's Soccer team held its annual alumni game and festivities on Saturday, April 18 at the Linda Johnson Smith Soccer Stadium. Thirty alumni came back for a day which included a game between alumni and the current team and a post game gathering with Coach Priestly at Funky Murphy's in Worcester. Alumni back for the day included:

Wes Gardner '68  
 Roger Young '73  
 Michael Siclari '73  
 Jack Evans '74  
 Frank Barresi '82  
 Tom Flynn '85  
 Tim Gallivan '90  
 Bob Hurstak '91  
 Matt Haluch '97  
 Marc Mercandante '98  
 Kyle Bartlett '00  
 Chuck Chiesa '00  
 Matt Harvey '02

Paul Kitson '04  
 Chris Ruggi '04  
 William Stewart '04  
 Geoff O'Connell '05  
 Alex Cruz '07  
 Andrew Lunney '07  
 John Nunez '07  
 Josh Trott '07  
 Andreas Andrews '09  
 Keith Bauer '09  
 Felipe Castrillon '09  
 Jerry Dickinson '09  
 Kreg Hefner '09  
 Alejandro Melean '09



## Men's Basketball Golf Outing

The Men's Basketball program held its 2nd Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, May 17 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston. The day included 18 holes of golf, a buffet dinner and event prizes. The winning foursome, pictured left to right, all from the Class of 1967: Jim Hyman, Jay McLaughlin, Coach Ralph Willard, George Finley, and Charlie Cangemi.

## Football Alumni Game

The Football team held its annual spring weekend on April 17-18 with a Golf Outing at Worcester Country Club on Friday and Alumni Game and Cookout on Saturday at Fitton Field. The Alumni Game had a great turnout this year as they took on the current team immediately following the Holy Cross Football Spring Game. Alumni back for the game included:



Dave Murphy '82  
 Jeffrey Bennett '90  
 Tom Gilardi '90  
 Robert Labiberte '90  
 Dave Murphy '90  
 Tim Downing '91  
 Jack Lavalette '91  
 Pete Dankert '92  
 Jerome Fuller '92  
 Pat Gibson '92  
 Mark Roman '92  
 Craig Derrell '93  
 Ron Hooey '93

Anthony Folger '94  
 Rob Milanette '94  
 Frank Visconti '94  
 Brian Mullaney '95  
 Christopher Nichol '95  
 Brian Hopkins '98  
 Nick Soivilien '02  
 Dave Dugan '03  
 John Carr '04  
 David Fitzpatrick '05  
 Bryan Anderson '06  
 David Cannon '06  
 Matthew Dugan '06

Sean Gruber '06  
 Matt Lane '06  
 Dan Adams '07  
 Will Collins '07  
 Mike Finucane '07  
 Eric Gendron '07  
 Frank Herlihy '07  
 Matt Lemire '07  
 John Marcus Pinard '07  
 Sean Bayode '08  
 Dana Buglione '08  
 Steven Buller '08  
 Casey Gough '08

Mark Kelliher '08  
 Dan Nolan '08  
 Justin Maher '08  
 Adam Sadowski '08  
 Terrance Gass '09  
 Michael Holloway '09  
 Nate Langelier '09  
 Brett McDermott '09  
 Kyle Mushaweh '09  
 Mason Olson '09



### Men's Ice Hockey Alumni Game

The Men's Ice Hockey team held its annual alumni game on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Hart Center rink. A reception followed the game in the Bud Ryan '41 room. Alumni back for the day included:

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| Steve Burke '84     | Jim Whelan '00     | Blair Bartlett '06 |
| Hugh Curran '84     | Brian Akashian '01 | Tanner Fogarty '07 |
| Paul Muniz '84      | Tim Cantwell '01   | Rob Godfrey '07    |
| Matt Muniz '87      | Tim Bernstein '03  | Sean Nappo '07     |
| Paul Pijanowski '87 | Chris Shaker '03   | Brian Gabriel '08  |
| John Gillis '88     | Matt Conway '04    | Frank O'Grady '08  |
| Mike Brennan '89    | Tim Coskren '04    | Cal St. Denis '08  |
| Denis Cronin '89    | R.J. Irving '04    | Chris Trovato '08  |
| Paul Pearl '89      | Steve Sullivan '04 | Jim Tselikis '08   |
| John Foristall '98  | Tony Coskren '05   | Matt Werry '08     |

### Women's Basketball Alumnae Game

The Women's Basketball team held its annual alumnae game and reception on Saturday, Jan. 31 as the current HC women's team played Lehigh. There was a great turnout for the event as 27 alumnae were back for the day. A reception followed the alumnae game in the Bud Ryan '41 room. Those back for the day included:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cate Arkins '80 (Cheerleader) | Amy O'Brien Davagian '99   |
| Kathy Flacke Muncil '80       | Anna Kinne Patel '00       |
| Lori Geishecker '81           | Elisa Zawadzkas '02        |
| Janest Hourihan Brooks '86    | Katie O'Keefe Wilson '03   |
| Sue Love Mulligan '86         | Patty Fitzgerald '04       |
| Cheryl Aaron '87              | Maggie Fontana Weber '05   |
| Kim Kelley Benzan '87         | Jessica Conte '06          |
| Lisa Boenitz-Gastaldi '88     | Sarah Placek '06           |
| Maureen Hassett-Lindsey '88   | Ashley Brennan-McBride '07 |
| Lisa Hourihan Jackson '89     | Kaitlyn Foley '07          |
| Kristina Shields Lutz '91     | Brittany Keil '07          |
| Mary Ellen Walker '91         | Laura Aloisi '08           |
| Karen Juda Weber '96          | Ashley McLaughlin '08      |
| Lara Marcisin Gibson '99      |                            |



### 5th Annual HC Baseball Leadoff Dinner

The 5th annual HC Baseball Leadoff Dinner was held on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Hogan Campus Center ballroom. A buffet dinner was preceded by a social hour and silent auction. The alumni honoree for the evening was Paul Brissette '54, the starting second baseman of the 1952 NCAA Championship team. The keynote speaker for the evening was Red Sox Senior Advisor Jeremy Kapstein (pictured, right). All proceeds from the event, which set an attendance record this year with 160 attendees, benefited the Crusader Baseball program. Alumni present included:

- Ron Perry '54
- Ron Cote '56
- Dick Berardino '59
- Thomas Kelly '67
- Rick DeAngelis '70
- Ty Brennan '72
- Bill Doran '77
- Pat Padden '78
- Jack Laurendeau '79
- Ron Perry '80
- Mike Cunningham '95
- Phil Gibson '95
- Dan Morrill '98
- Ron McGann '99
- Cory Czajka '01
- Ryan Kenny '01
- Steve Spagnolo '01
- Jim Sweeney '01
- Mike Montano '02
- Steve Buckley '05
- Mike Marron '05
- Tucker Frawley '06
- Brian Abraham '07
- Kevin Beglane '07
- Matt Blake '07
- Scott Hampe '07
- Rob Oteri '07
- Matt Perron '07
- Brendan Akashian '08
- Kyle Lister '08
- Matt O'Brien '08
- Mike Thater '08
- Tim Thran '08

# Crusader Replay



## WOMEN'S TENNIS – 25 YEARS AGO

Women's Tennis had an outstanding record of 11-1, capturing second place in the MAAC tournament and fourth place in the Division I State Tournament. After suffering a loss to UConn, the Crusaders won their final nine matches including shutouts over Lowell, Mt. Holyoke, Assumption and Fairfield. The team also had narrow victories over Salem State, Smith College and Providence, all by scores of 5-4. The highlight of the season was defeating eventual Division I champion UMass, 6-3. The purple were led by senior co-captains Deirdre Didden and Julie Luttinger. Fellow seniors Mary Rose Hasson and Margaret McCloskey also played key roles to the team's success.

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD – 50 YEARS AGO

The Track & Field team fielded one of its most talented squads ever. In his 47th season, Coach Bart Sullivan's team featured a triumvirate of senior co-captains Dick Donohue and Tony Malone, and junior Dick Wotruba, one of the top decathletes in the nation. Donohue won many New England intercollegiate titles, winning both the mile and cross country titles. Malone starred in the field events and hurdles. Sophomore Eric Tait was the star sprinter and still shares the school record in the 220-yard IH with a time of 24.0 seconds. The 3,200-meter relay team of junior Don Michalski, Donohue, sophomore Jay Bowers and junior Pete Smith was one of the fastest in the nation, clocking a 7:38.5. The Crusaders also had a fine trio of junior shot putters in John Carullo, Tom Henehan and football star Vince Promuto. Promuto still holds the school record in the shot put with a throw of 50'8.5".



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