



The Catch

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Dept. of Campus Recreation

Crew Kicks Off Major Fundraiser

This past spring semester, varsity rower and studio art major, Christine Dengel '05 took time out of her schedule to create several silkscreen and monotype prints geared towards a major fundraiser to purchase two eights for the



Binghamton Crew. Her crew series explores a broad range of the aspects of rowing, from the quiet mornings on the Susquehanna to the intensity of a 2k.

Dengel states, "The majority of work I've done in this series so far is primarily monochromatic. I mix my own inks, so there is a little bit of color in my blacks. This past spring semester I've experimented with the monotype technique. I plan



on working with color in this fall semester as I learn the silkscreen process."

Monotypes are pulled impressions that were drawn or painted on a metal plate. The images are created through applications of ink that are rolled, brushed, daubed or otherwise manipulated. The inked plate and paper are run through a press once, which yields a one of a kind print. Monotypes, like

Fall 2004 Schedule

October 10 th , Sunday	Stonehurst Regatta Rochester, NY
October 23 rd , Saturday	Head of the Charles Boston, MA
October 30 th , Saturday	Head of the Fish Saratoga Springs, NY
November 13 th , Saturday	Frostbite Regatta Philadelphia, PA
November 14 th , Sunday	Braxton Regatta Philadelphia, PA

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drawings and paintings, are inherently unique because only one (or possibly two) impressions may be pulled before the ink is used up. Although there may be a second impression, it is quite different from the first.

The process of serigraphy or silkscreen printing entails rendering an image on a screen of silk or other fine mesh, where specific areas are designated to be covered by screen filler or left to expose the mesh. Ink is then forced across the surface of the screen by a squeegee, allowed to penetrate the screen to the paper underneath, only

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where the screen was left open. Every image in the series is intended to be identical, contrary to the monotype technique.

“My goal for this semester is to integrate several colors and so several layers for each of my silk-screens ” says Dengel. “I want them to remain as atmospheric as my monotypes, yet make them more defined. In general, I feel like my first attempt in this series addressed rowing in general, but in my upcoming prints I would like to impose the specifics of *our* boathouse, *our* river, *our* landmarks, and *our* rowers into my pieces. There is a common bond among all rowers- you know it’s there because anytime you recognize a stranger as a rower because of some crew shirt he’s wearing, you feel the need to approach that person. What I would like to represent in the upcoming silk-screens are the fine traditions of Binghamton Crew, which makes us proud of our work and makes us eager to meet other rowers who share the same passion.”

The images available for viewing at this moment are the monotype series. The original monotypes are not for sale until May 2005, prices negotiable. Presently, those monotype images are available as 11”x17” duplicated copies in an edition of 100, professionally matted for \$50 each. The upcoming silk-screens will range from one color, to five colors per print. The edition sizes will vary from ten to fifty. These are not duplicated copies, but prints hand-pulled by the artist and signed by the artist. These prices will range from \$200 to \$600 per matted and framed print. Duplicated copies of the silk-screens will range from \$40 to \$70.

For more information please contact Tom Payne at tpayne@binghamton.edu or (607) 777-4883 and check out the website featuring the prints at <http://sa.binghamton.edu/~bucrew>.

Curse or Bad Luck: The Story of a BU Shell

By Dan Anderson
BU Crew 1996 – 2000

In the July 2004 issue of *Rowing News*, Jeff Moeg authored an article entitled “From Bad to Worse, Three cautionary tales where the worse that could happen actually did.” In this piece Jeff writes of a bazaar accident in which an undefeated Harvard crew racing in the finals of the Ladies’ Challenge Plate at Henley, hit a submerged log and ended a magical season; near-miss series of victories where Peter Michael Kolbe failed to take gold in two Olympic

single finals being rowed down in the last 500 meter in both races; and a harrowing collision where Canadian sculler Silken Laumann almost lost her leg when the bow of a men’s pair slammed into her right leg tearing away muscle and fracturing her bones just 10 weeks before the 1992 Olympics.

Every boat club has similar stories as the one Moeg presents, although maybe not as dramatic or on such a grand stage, and Binghamton is no exception. Over the past few years a small number of events come to mind. The *Kate* hitting a bridge abutment at the Head of the Fish, and a few years later striking a submerged log in front of the Marshland Road boathouse and sinking; a varsity rower being ejected by a crab with just a few hundred meters left before the finish line while racing on the Schuylkill, and the *Hogan* and the *Class of 63* colliding on the Susquehanna River during an early morning outing.



But three events stand out more than any others: After a brilliant start, a certain BU boat was well in the lead with less than a third of the race to go when they slammed into a men’s novice four crossing the racecourse, illegally mind you. The BU boat came to an abrupt and sudden halt and so did the chance for them to win Binghamton’s first medal in that category. Quick thinking and an even quicker recovery by cox and crew; they were off again, chasing down the pack that just seconds before had passed them by. The crew had just enough fight to climb back to second before they ran out of water and time. Injuries, although minor, and slight damage to the shell prevented a re-row.

A second accident occurred when a Binghamton boat was warming up in the designated area at a race. Someone near the bow, on starboard side, bellowed out an expletive as their oar blade dug into an underwater shelf as he attempted to take a catch that would make Dan Hogan proud.

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Milliseconds later the entire boat shuttered as it ran over the shelf. This underwater rock shelf went on to tear a 1-½ inch gash from two seat down to seven. The crew barely got the boat back to the dock as water rapidly filled the shell up past the top of the foot stretchers.

The last of the three accidents has little details, mainly because there were few witnesses. This one took place as the crew was traveling to a regatta. All that is really known of this event is the shell, while on the trailer, crashed into a pole holding a sign and lost part of the stern.

What is remarkable about these three accidents are that they all happened to the same shell, going to or at the same regatta and all occurred in a cyclical pattern.

- The boat: *S. Fenton Busfield*
- The race: Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championships
- The pattern: Every three years.

The first accident took place in 1997, the *Fenton's* first trip to the regatta. It was the Binghamton varsity men who plowed into a Fordham novice four. Three years later, in 2000, again it was the Binghamton varsity men who ran over the underwater shelf nearly sinking the *Fenton* in the Orchard Park Lagoon. Then again three years later in 2003 the *Fenton* lost its stern in a battle with a pole.

Since being donated, graciously by the Fenton/Rees family in 1996, the *S. Fenton Busfield* has seen plenty of good times and bad times. She has been and still is a good shell for the Binghamton University Crew. I am not a superstitious person and I don't believe in curses but I implore the e-board and

the coaches not to take the *Fenton* to the 2006 Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championships. In fact as the progression has gone; first during the race, next warming up, and lastly to the race, maybe the team should think about keeping the *Fenton* on the rack the week prior to the Met Cup.

Spring 2004 Season Highlights



GOLD MEDALS

Women's Varsity Eight	Busfield Regatta
Women's Varsity Four	Busfield Regatta
Men's Varsity Eight	Busfield Regatta
Women's Novice Eight	Busfield Regatta
Women's Novice Four	Busfield Regatta
Men's Novice Eight	Busfield Regatta
Men's Novice Eight	Metropolitan Cup

SILVER MEDALS

Women's Novice Four	Busfield Regatta
Women's Varsity Eight	Metropolitan Cup
Men's Varsity Pair	Metropolitan Cup
Women's Novice Four	Metropolitan Cup

BRONZE MEDAL

Women's Novice Eight	Metropolitan Cup
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Composite Crew Go to Trials for Empire State Games

An Open Women's Four with Coxswain composite boat made up of BU Seniors Donica Nalbert and Anna Gandelman, recent graduate Meaghan Hait, Emily Kabanek of Endicott and Lindsey Yonko of Vestal competed in the Central Region's trials for the Empire State Games on June 19th. The crew raced against two other open women's (Continued on p. 4)

Still Rowing?



How about Coach?

We would like to introduce a new feature into *The Catch*. We want to chronicle alumni since graduation. Please send your information to:
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fours on Onondaga Lake. Representing Hiawatha Island Boat Club, the four came in a very close third behind a boat from the Syracuse Chargers and the winning crew made up of members from Syracuse University. Although disappointed by the results, BU club President Donica Nalbert remained optimistic about the future of competitive summer rowing at HIBC. "We are hoping that what happened this summer will lay the foundation for next summer, offering Binghamton rowers who are staying in town over the summer and local rowers home from college during the break a place to come together, have fun and build friendships." Lindsey is a sophomore at SUNY Buffalo and Emily is a junior who has just recently transferred from Ithaca College to Cornell.

Coaches Profiles

Mike Fosbury, 2nd Year, Women's Varsity. Begins his second year at Binghamton, taking the helm of the Varsity Women program over from Bob Emerson. In his first year at BU he trained a very successful Women's Novice squad. Mike is an Investment Manager with Columbian Financial Group and is married to Belle. He has a 7-year-old son, Jonathan.



Dan Hogan, 13th Year, Men's Varsity. Dan makes his return to coaching after a two-year hiatus. He has recently retired from British Aerospace and is ready to take the helm of a young Men's Varsity squad.

Dr. Bob Emerson, 6th Year, is currently on Sabbatical at Purdue University. Bob is looking forward to assisting the coaching staff at Purdue. The



Boilermakers are coming off a remarkable season: they won the lightweight Varsity Women's Eight, the men's points, women's points and the overall points trophies at the 2004 "Dad" Vail Regatta.

Bill Butler returns as Binghamton's Boatman extraordinaire. Bill has dutifully maintained the boat club's fleet of aging shells and oars. In addition to keeping the boathouse running on a daily basis, he has been instrumental in keeping the coaching launches and engines in good order.

Joe Mari and **Andy Reid** double up to take on the BU Novice Men. Joe and Andy both rowed for the BU men 99-03 and are currently finishing their degrees and pursuing Graduate School.

Gretchen Elwell makes her BU coaching debut this year. She rowed for Geneseo College and is now in her second year at Binghamton as a graduate student. She will be heading the Novice Women's squad this fall.

BU Crew would like to give a special thanks to



Dave Farkus '03. After rowing for the BU men 99-03, Dave took over the reins of the men's squad this past year and helped lay a strong foundation for the future of the men's squad. Dave will be attending New York University Law School in the fall. GOOD LUCK,

Dave!!!

Returning to the Southern Tier and would like to row?

Check out the HIAWTHA ISLAND BOAT CLUB at www.hiawthaislandboatclub.com



BU Alum to EuroGames

Charlie Kirchoffer '04, former rower and Executive Board member of the Binghamton Crew, headed to Europe this summer for the EuroGames. The



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games were held in Munich, Germany and the rowing competition was at the 1972 Olympic Regatta course.

The EuroGames are the “gay and lesbian multi-sport championships.” Over 5300 people from 38 countries competed in over 200 events in 26 different sports.

Charlie rowed the single representing the USA to receive a fifth place finish behind Denmark, France, Norway, and Germany. He also competed in the eight with the Orion Rowing Club along with rowers from the UK, Australia, and France. The eight placed second to a German boat. Check out more info on the EuroGames at 2004.eurogames.info.

Fall 2004 Returning Women's Varsity

Katherine Aguila '07	Holbrook, NY
Christine Dengel '05	Smithtown, NY
Anna Gandelman '05	Rochester, NY
Meaghan Hait '05	Sayville, NY
Erin Hauck '06	Syracuse, NY
Kate Jackstadt '06	Plattsburgh, NY
KT Lowther '07	Thomston, CT
Jessica Luk '07	New Rochelle, NY
Donica Nalbert '05	Burnt Hills, NY
Jenny Tang '06	Elmhurst, NY
Amanda Tiano '07	Kingston, NY
Cathy Usewicz '05	Monroe, NY
Mimi Zheng '07	Brooklyn, NY

**Fall 2004 Returning Men's Varsity**

Shaun Brown '05	Binghamton, NY
Zach Frone '07	Bethlehem, NY
Adam Kahan '07	Queens, NY
Matt King '05	Delmar, NY
Kevin Lau '06	Huntington, NY
Rob Magee '06	Queens, NY
Chad Meyn '05	Phelps, NY
Mike Mohr '07	Staten Island, NY
Sam Nia '07	New Rochelle, NY
Darryl Nevins '06	Saratoga Springs, NY
Frank Reig '07	Staten Island, NY

Name: Erin Martin Class of 2002
BU Experience: Rower 1998 – 2002
 Club VP 2001 - 2002

Greatest Accomplishment while at BU: Bronze Medal at the 2001 NYS Championships in the Women's Varsity Eight and earning a spot to ECAC National Championships

Current Club: New York Athletic Club

Position: Rower, Women's Lightweight Squad

Erin has been rowing for NYAC for the past three years. She has competed and won in USRowing's Club and Elite National Championships and the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. She is engaged to Dr. David Patterson of London, England. Dave is a former rower and coach at Binghamton.



Attention Alumni!! Dig out your spandex, dust off the erg and start training. We are planning to hold an Alumni race at next years Busfield Regatta. So mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16th 2005. We hope to have two eights of Alumni, the *Colonials*, those rowers who graduated prior to 1999 verses the *Bearcats*, those who graduated after 2000. There will be more information and an *RSVP* notice in the Spring 2005 newsletter

Parents and Alumni!

For future regattas Mr. And Mrs. Reig would like to help in organizing food for the rowers. If you would like to contribute please contact them at the following address and number:

John and Fran Reig
 340 Woodvale Avenue
 Staten Island, NY 10309
 (718) 967-6178

The Les Wagner Rowing Center Revisited

The 2003 – 2004 season marks the first full year that the crew occupied the new boathouse. Dedicated in the spring of 2003, the boathouse is located on the Owego side of the Susquehanna River



on RT-17C. The rowing center, cohabited with Hiawatha Island Boat Club is a major step up from the previous boathouse located on Marshland Road lying on the Apalachin side of the river. The Owego boathouse is a two bay poll barn, which includes electricity and separate men's and women's bathrooms with showers.

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Tentative Spring 2005 Schedule

April 16th, Saturday **Busfield Regatta**
Owego, NY

April 23rd, Saturday **Metropolitan Regatta**
New Rochelle, NY

April 30th & May 1st **NYS Championships**
Whitney Point, NY

May 13th & 14th **“Dad” Vail Regatta**
Philadelphia, PA

*** For a complete Spring 2005 Regatta Schedule, check out the Winter/Spring 2005 addition of *The Catch****

Want to know what your former teammates are up to?

Well, they want to know about you too!

Please send your name, address, what you've been up to, and whether you still involved with rowing to:

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Or E-mail skidoncb@yahoo.com with your information.

Please Note if you would like to be featured in the Alumni Spotlight!

