

# The Catch

The Official Newsletter of Bearcat Rowing

Spring 2004

Dept. of Campus Recreation

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Busfield Invitational Regatta

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2005



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Binghamton Crew, Hiawatha Island Boat Club, and Campus Recreation would like to invite you to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Busfield Invitational Regatta on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Andrew Rees, a member of the Binghamton Crew from 1994-1997, was a dedicated athlete and rowed on successful heavy and lightweight crews with Binghamton. In 1996, Andrew's family donated two eight-oared racing shells to the team to be named after his grandparents, S. Fenton Busfield and Ethel Busfield.

The inaugural Busfield Regatta, held between RIT and Binghamton in April 1997, was the occasion for the dedication of the pair of Vespoli Racer shells. In honor of the Rees/Busfield family, we would like to extend our invitation to you with an Alumni Race and dinner to follow on the day of the regatta.

Binghamton Crew is looking for eager former teammates to race as The Colonials vs. The Bearcats. The race will consist of a boat of rowers who graduated before 1998 against those who graduated after 1998.

Depending on interest, an Alumni dinner will follow at the Holiday Inn at the Arena in downtown Binghamton. Tickets will be \$50 per person and all profits will go towards an equipment fund.

The 2005 Busfield Regatta will be welcoming Clarkson University, Albany University, Scranton University, Canisius College, and Wilkes University. There will be events for both novice and open crews involving eights and fours. Races will begin around 10:00AM. With the recently renovated shoreline there will be plenty of room to watch as the races occur right past the dock!

Please fill out the form at the back of this newsletter if you would like to attend. We will keep an updated list on the website of those attending along with what positions they will row in the race. Hope to see you there! See form on page 6 to reserve your seat.



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**Spring 2005 Schedule**

<b>April 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday</b>	<b>Ice Breaker Regatta</b> Canton, NY
<b>April 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday</b>	<b>Busfield Regatta</b> Owego, NY
<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday</b>	<b>Metropolitan Regatta</b> New Rochelle, NY
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NYS Championships</b> Whitney Point, NY
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>"Dad" Vail Regatta</b> Philadelphia, PA

Varsity Men's Ltwt 4+, Head of the Fish, Bronze



*Matt, Zach, Jackie, Mike, & Kevin*

**Bearcats off to Camp Bob Cooper**

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the rowers will begin their drive down to Summerton, SC. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> time the



Bearcats have trained on Lake Marion at Camp Bob Cooper. The camp is a 4-H training center equipped with dorm-like housing, a dining hall, several areas for docking, indoor basketball courts, soccer/football fields, sand volleyball courts, and much more.

The team will practice up to three times daily in (hopefully) 70-degree sunny weather. With one day of rest midweek they will drive down to Charleston to take in the historic city.



Novice Women's 4+, Bill Braxton Regatta, Gold



*Emma, Nerissa, Coach Gretchen, Jessica, Canadia, & Elif*

Varsity Women's 4+, Bill Braxton Regatta, Gold



*Front: Anna, Kate, Donica, Christine, & Lakshm  
Back: Coach Fosbury*

**Fall 2004 Season Highlights**

### Tentative Fall 2005 Schedule

<b>October 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday</b>	<b>Head of the Hiawatha</b> Owego, NY
<b>October 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday</b>	<b>Stonehurst Regatta</b> Rochester, NY
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday</b>	<b>Head of the Charles</b> Boston, MA
<b>October 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday</b>	<b>Head of the Schuylkill</b> Philadelphia, PA
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday</b>	<b>Frostbite Regatta</b> Philadelphia, PA
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday</b>	<b>Braxton Regatta</b> Philadelphia, PA

\*\*\* For a complete Fall 2005 Regatta Schedule, check out the Fall 2005 addition of *The Catch*\*\*\*



Coach Fosbury and Coach Hogan in Philadelphia



### **Congratulations Coach Emerson!!!**

Coach Bob Emerson received the 2004 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service as Professor of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering of Binghamton University.

Scope of the Chancellor's Award: This award recognizes consistently superior service sustained over a multiple-year period to the local campus, the State University, the community, or the nominee's service contributions to discipline-related professional organizations or to faculty governance. The Excellence in Faculty Service Award also recognizes faculty having outstanding service contributions at the statewide, national or international levels.

### Art Fundraiser Reminder

The art prints by Christine Dengel are still on sale. She is working on new prints this year, but you can view the pieces that are ready to be sold on the website.

Our main focus with the proceeds from this fundraiser is to create an equipment fund for future purchases, primarily of an eight-man shell.



<http://sa.binghamton.edu/~bucrew/>

**Thank you for your help!**



**Men's Varsity Roster**

*Coach: Dan Hogan*

Shaun Brown '05	Binghamton, NY
Matt Elmer '08	Poughkeepsie, NY
Zach Frone '07	Bethlehem, NY
Kevin Lau '06	Huntington, NY
Rob Magee '06	Queens, NY
Chad Meyn '05	Phelps, NY
Mike Mohr '07	Staten Island, NY
Darryl Nevins '07	Saratoga Springs, NY
Alex Racketa '08	Liverpool, NY



**Women's Varsity Roster**

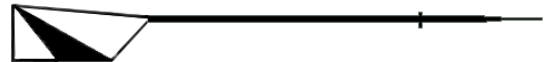
*Coach: Mike Fosbury*

Katherine Aguila '07	Holbrook, NY
Christina Dengel '05	Smithtown, NY
Anna Gandelman '05	Rochester, NY
Erin Hauck '06	Syracuse, NY
Alexandra Levashili '06	Jersey City, NJ
Katie Lowther '07	Thomston, CT
Donica Nalbert '05	Burnt Hills, NY
Jocelyn Siuta '08	Hurley, NY
Jenny Tang '06	Elmhurst, NY
Amanda Tiano '07	Kingston, NY
Cathy Usewicz '05	Monroe, NY
Mimi Zheng '07	Brooklyn, NY



**Men's Novice Roster**

Elahd Bar-Shai '08	Yonkers, NY
Michael Brasky '08	Brooklyn, NY
Dan Buzzetta '08	Staten Island, NY
David Comstock '08	Niskayuna, NY
Anthony DelPlato '08	Queens, NY
Gene Donovan '08	Scarsdale, NY
Allan Ford '08	Staten Island, NY
Jason Goldstein '08	Kenmore, NY
Justin Hawley '07	Elmira, NY
Peter Johnsmeyer '08	Yorktown, NY
Adam Kahan '07	Queens, NY
Cameron Keng '08	Queens, NY
Gregory Reynolds '08	Endwell, NY
David Ricotta '08	Corning, NY
Nicholas Valle '08	Briarcliff Manor, NY
Josh Weinstock '08	Kings Park, NY



**Women's Novice Roster**

*Coach: Gretchen Elwell*

Marissa Argentina '08	Pelham, NY
Elif Bezal '07	Izmir, Turkey
Stefanie Cavanaugh '06	Syracuse, NY
Nerissa Clarke '08	Albany, NY
Lorena Hidalgo '08	New York, NY
Dana Lee '08	Queens, NY
Sandra Lepianka '08	Brooklyn, NY
Sara Lizzul '08	Flushing, NY
Melissa Maikoksoong '08	West Nyack, NY
Jessica McDermott '06	Horseheads, NY
Kathleen Minerly 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Grad	Philadelphia, PA
Kathryn (Canada) Santa Teresa '08	Nanuet, NY
Michelle Usewicz '08	Chester, NY
Emma Wright '08	Coudersport, PA



## Alumni Spotlight

### Megan Toy '98

Club President: 1997-1998

Megan has recently switched gears from rowing and is training for triathlons. She is scheduled to compete in the 2005 Ironman Triathlon and also coaches new triathletes through the D.C. Triathlon Club.

Megan teaches alternative to violence and conflict resolution skills in Washington, D.C. public schools.

Her own words:

“Greatest Accomplishment at BU: winning the Women's open 4 at SUNY Cup in Albany, 1998

Favorite Memory: States my freshman year. Best race of my life. Moved up to the Varsity 8 my Spring semester, 6 seat. Neck and neck with the Army 8 the whole way. Could hear their cox yelling...feel the splash off their oars. They ended up out pulling us at the line but I have never raced such an intense, satisfying row in my life.”

### Andy Rees '97

Club President: 1996 - 1997

Residing in Seattle, Andy has taken up Professional Photography focusing on male fashion. You can view his work at [www.reesphoto.com](http://www.reesphoto.com).

Andy has been an active member of the Lake Washington Rowing Club since 2001. As both lightweight and open, Andy competes in the pair, four, and eight.

His own words:

“Favorite memory from crew: Having team breakfast at Dickinson Dining Hall after a long grueling land practice.

Biggest accomplishment: Training to become a lightweight my sophomore year with Dave Hamilton, the tallest lightweight male, without dying.

Memories, renting the van's from Reese Car Rental, and convincing them we weren't putting anything on the rooftop the driving to races with our sectional eights on top. Running Murray-Bunn Hill run in the dead of winter. Doing library towers and extended

brains. The Oar Run. Putting walls up on the boathouse, GETTING ELECTRICITY!!!!”

### Scott Muller '97

Club President 1995-1996

Scott is currently a science teacher at Deer Park High School on Long Island and is pursuing a certification in administration.

His own words:

“The thing I am most proud of are the relationships that I developed when I was there and how I have maintained many of those. These people have become some of my closest friends. I know that in life the most important things are family and friends. And I am so lucky to have met such amazing people.

My memories of crew keep me going when I feel like giving up when exercising. I picture Valerie Hyde, our coxswain, yelling “just 500 more meters to go!” and for some reason that inspires me to kick it into high gear and push myself.

Being part of the crew team has affected my life forever. I have realized that we are capable of more than we think, both physically and mentally. I am reminded of the race at the Dad Vails when our boat filled with water and almost flipped. We lost that race even though we knew we could medal. We were devastated, but I learned that we could feel anger for “losing” or we could focus on how we comforted one another and how other teams viewed us as doing a great job.”

### Kai Liu '97

Although graduating in 1997, Kai rowed for one more year with the varsity squad and then coached the novice men the following year.

Kai is the Associate General Counsel of Legal & General America, Inc. He and his wife, Cheney, were recently married this past May. Cheney is a former pre-professional dancer and is currently a doctoral candidate in geoscience at the University of Virginia.

He rows with the Potomac Boat Club's open sculling program that has graduated rowers such as Olympians Aquil Abdullah and Brad Wilkerson.

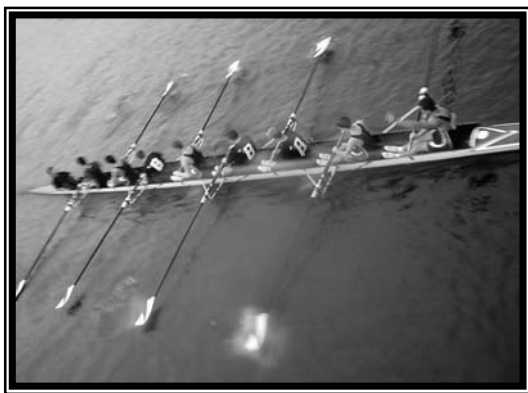
His own words:

“I was privileged to have a motivating, caring, albeit

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sarcastic and off colored novice coach, Tony Westbrook. I was very privileged to have an inspiring and dedicated coach like Dan Hogan as my varsity coach. I was also privileged to row along side motivating and caring rowers who put up with all of my ups and downs and never lost faith in my abilities. They inspired me to work harder, leading by example, and I couldn't feel more proud to row with them as my crew. Combine great coaching, great rowers, and some help along the way from a lot of good people you get an incredible rowing experience."



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**2005 Busfield Regatta**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets are \$50 per person for the Alumni Dinner at the Holiday Inn at the Arena on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 8PM.**

**Alumni Race**

**Yes! I would like to race.**

**Year graduated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumni Dinner**

**# of tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please clip and return to:*

Binghamton Crew  
c/o: Club Sports  
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PO Box 6000 – East Gym Office 102  
Binghamton, NY 13902-6000

**We will contact you as soon as we receive your invitation to verify your information.**

**RSVP: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

*Note: If there are less than 15 people for the Alumni dinner we will not hold it. For those of you signed up in this case we will let you know if the dinner is cancelled ahead of time.*

**Hope to see you April 16<sup>th</sup>!**

