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Bucknell Softball

Huddle Up!
The Official
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Bucknell Softball
Program

Fall Ball Round Up...

What a fall for Bucknell Softball! The Bison returned to campus this fall with a challenging schedule filled with strong opponents, a lot of training, and great work in the classroom!

The team was hard at work from day one with a terrific showing at our first fall fitness test. Cassandra Baier (Strength and Conditioning Assistant) has added a tremendous amount to our off the field training, each morning we add more and more weight to our lifts. With her and Jerry Shreck's (Strength and Conditioning Coordinator) help, we have also implemented a speed training program, which the team has attacked head on! We can already see more doubles in our future!

This fall we were able to bring softball back to Becker Field, starting with our first game against Penn State. We followed that up with a wonderful Alumni Event! The team started the day with a very competitive Blue vs Orange Scrimmage. After many scoreless innings, the Blue Team came up victorious, 8-2. After the inter-squad, the alumni took to the field to face the current Bison in a 16-inch slow pitch game. We loved seeing so many of our alums on campus and hope to do another event this spring.

We finished our home stand over Bucknell Family Weekend, going undefeated against St. Francis, Bloomsburg, and Lock Haven. Over four games, our defense held opponents to just three runs! We enjoyed having many family and friends join us - we had beautiful weather and a lot of great softball.

Our fall competition ended last weekend with a double header at Penn State. Although we came up short in the win column, we saw a lot of great things. Our defense held strong, as it did all fall, with no errors. We continued putting runners on base on the offensive side, ending with great motivation to put in the work during our off-season training.

This team has great goals in mind, starting first and foremost with returning to the Patriot League Tournament and winning it. We are heading into our winter training inspired to be better, stronger, and faster than yesterday. Go Bison!



Class of 2017

(From left to right) Jacee Almond, Chaylen Andolino, Caroyln Wan, Lara Bean, Jacklyn Tyburk, and Christina Martinez have provided a young spark to the roster this fall! The young battery between Lara and Christina look to help in the circle and behind the plate this year while Jacee, Chaylen, Carolyn, and Jacklyn look to be a force at the plate! We look forward to their future success!

International News

Our junior class has been jet setting for the past few months! Colie Escobar (pictured left), an infielder from Cherry Hill, NJ, is currently studying this semester in Australia. She is having a terrific time



traveling, enjoying the culture, and of course studying as well! She recently went on a 10 day trip to New Zealand, where she and her friends got to hike glaciers! Earlier this summer, infielder Cydnee Sanders (Magnolia, TX) and catcher/outfielder Kristen Zahn

(Readington, NJ) traveled abroad as well. Cydnee (pictured right) made her way to Thebes, Greece, where she took part in a Bucknell sponsored archaeological dig at the



Temple of Apollo. When she wasn't digging, she was able to travel around the country, enjoying the sights in Athens and the saganaki in Mikonos. Kristen

(pictured left) lived across the pond in London, England. She lived in Trafalgar Square, meeting many people from across the world. She took a rigorous finance class at the London School of Economics. During her time in London, she took part in celebrating the birth of the royal baby!



Meet Courtney Conover



Courtney - #11

Senior 1st base/outfielder from Ocean, NJ Courtney is a political science major with a minor in economics who looks to make an impact in the field as well as at the plate.

About Bison Softball:

"What I like most about Bison softball is the team itself. There is no other group of ladies that I would want to share this experience with. In the four years that I have been here there is not one other team that is closer than us."

On Why She Chose Bucknell:

"I chose Bucknell mainly because the education speaks for itself. To me softball was a bonus. Leaving this school as a four-year student-athlete is an accomplishment that not everyone achieves."

Courtney's 2014 Goals:

"My main goal for the 2014 season is to win the Patriot League Tournament. We came so close last season and I felt as though we could have taken it then, but unfortunately it was not our time. But this year is a whole new year and we have been working so hard. This year is our year."



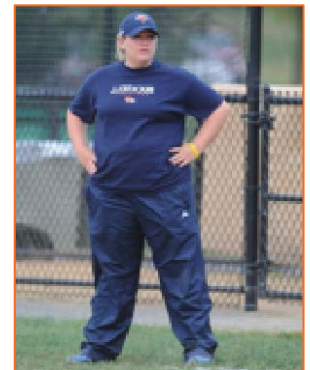
Alumni Update

The Alumni and current team had a wonderful time at the Fall Alumni Event this year! If you were unable to attend in September- we would love to have you back in the future. Alumni who came back (picture below from top down left to right) Bridget Gates '13, Meredith Dickson '12, Ashley Carlson '09, Jessica Snyder '11, Elyse Colmenero '11, Alison Ford '11, Mary Pavlovich '10, Kristin Frick '09, Cassie Greenhawk '13, Lauren Fry '11, Laura Sandford '13, Kara Sullivan '11, Cassie Lloyd '09, Sam Rollandi '11, Sherry (Finkel) Owens '10, Nicole Zergabell '00 (not pictured)



New face joining the coaching staff!

Marissa Myers (pictured right) is the newest addition to the Bucknell softball coaching staff. Marissa is coming from Tufts University where she served as an assistant coach for the past two seasons. She helped the Jumbos to two NESCAC conference championships, two regional championships, a top five finish in the NCAA Division III national tournament, and most recently the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship. While her time at Tufts was short she was part of a staff that was named two-time Regional Coaching Staff of the year and National Coaching Staff of the Year in 2013. Marissa, hailing from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attended Clarion University where she was a four-year starting catcher and ranks fourth all time on the walks list. She graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Sports Management. She loves being back in Pennsylvania close to her family and with her dog Cooper!



How to Give

If you have not yet had a chance to donate this year, the good news is that it has never been easier! Simply log on to www.bucknellbison.com and click on the Bison Club tab, then on Make a Gift. When you choose softball as your designation, the money goes directly into our budget. The other option is to write a check payable to "Bucknell Softball" and mail it to: Bucknell Softball, KLARC Davis Gym 210, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Thank you in advance, we can not do it with out your support!

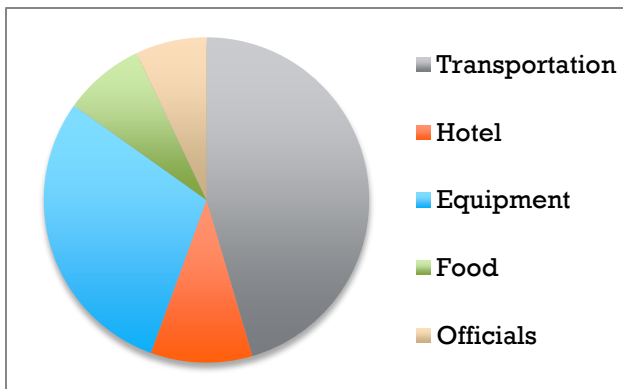


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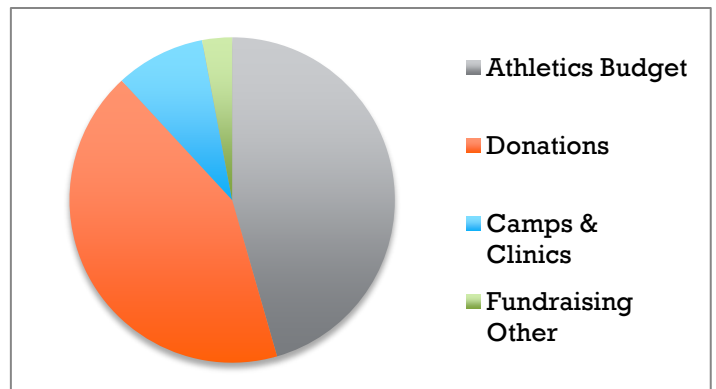
Each year, our program needs to fundraise a large portion of our operating budget. The fundraising goal has been set for this year, and it is even more important this year to hit our \$50,000 target. Last year, we came up short and we need your help! We fundraise more than half of our yearly operating budget. The charts below will give you an idea of where the donations go. We spread it out to impact each part of our student-athletes' experience. As one of our greatest supporters, we feel that is important for you to see where your money is being spent.

A big motto of our department is to "do more with less" and we strive for cost containment while making every dollar provide maximum impact for our student-athletes. The more we are able to raise, the more we are able to do. From things like travel and accommodations, to providing equipment and coaching tools, we feel that every dollar can improve our student-athlete's experience as a softball player at Bucknell. The fundraising goal has been set and it is even more important this year to hit our \$50,000 target. Last year we came up short and spent more than we budgeted for, so if it is okay I need to be loud and clear that we need your help! We need to fundraise more than half of what we spend each year in terms of our operating budget and that includes all our costs, including team travel, food, equipment, uniforms, field maintenance, umpires. This year the team is headed back to Florida as many of you have fun memories of the Rebel Spring Games. We have also added a trip to UNC Wilmington and yes, we need your help to cover those costs. We can't do it without you!!!

Where the Money Goes



Where the Money Comes From



Compliance Education

Compliance Booster Q & A- Game Awards

Q: Can a player receive a game ball from the coach for an accomplishment in a single game?

A: Yes, a student-athlete can receive a memento of nominal value (i.e. game ball, t-shirt, hat) in recognition of an accomplishment in a particular contest or event.

Q: Could they receive a gift card for the same accomplishment?

A: No, they could not receive cash or the equivalent of cash.

If you have any questions about this column, please contact the compliance office at 570-577-3070 or talk with your head coach.