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VILLANOVA'S PAWS PROGRAM & NIKE TEAM UP FOR ANOTHER WIN

Villanova Athletics, with Nike as its partner, prepares for another successful year on and off the playing grounds. The Athletics Department at Villanova University takes pride in guiding each individual to become a successful student and athlete. In conjunction with Nike Inc., Villanova has developed an extensive program of life skills that provides a variety of services to encourage student-athletes to develop well-balanced lifestyles.

The Providing Athletes With Support program has been supported by Nike to encourage growth in decision making, planning and fulfilling life goals and making the student-athlete experience as positive as possible.

PAWS consists of programs and services developed strictly for student-athletes. PAWS programs are devoted to student-athletes' academic, athletic and personal growth. The importance of academic commitment at Villanova is enforced through programs such as Freshmen Academic Mentoring, scholarship applications, awards, honors, recognition and tutoring.

While PAWS works toward the students' academic development, it also finds ways to instill personal growth. Eating disorder education, drug and alcohol choices, nutrition meetings and awareness programs are designed to do just that. PAWS helps Villanova student-athletes to be aware of their fortunate situation and make a choice to give back to the community. The student-athletes recognize that making a commitment to service includes setting up a volunteer community outreach program for every team. PAWS has also organized a pen pal program between Villanova athletes and grade school students, including a "Walk in My Shoes Day" where underprivileged children spend the day at Villanova living the life of a student-athlete. Other things high on the agenda include visits to children's hospitals, nursing homes and soup kitchens and sponsorships of families through Catholic Social Services at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The PAWS program looks to create opportunities for student-athletes throughout college and in their life after Villanova. Career development programs offered include a resume workshop, career book and the production and distribution of a resume guide. The annual Senior Student-Athlete Resume Guide is sent out to over 500 potential employers. The guide features resumes of graduating student-athletes, providing valuable information to employers looking for bright and energetic hires. This gives our athletes the extra exposure and networking needed in a competitive job market. Follow-up interviews with participating seniors indicated an average return rate of seven to 10, each directly related to the resume guide.

The commitment to athletics at Villanova University is proven through support programs, improved and expanded facilities and the opportunities for participation in sports. PAWS realizes that in order to be successful the main piece to the puzzle is the student-athletes. SAAC, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, provides a forum for the voice of the student-athlete on campus. The committee provides feedback to the administration about ways to enhance the overall experience of the Wildcat student-athlete. Each varsity team elects a minimum of two representatives, selected by teammates or by the coaching staff, and meets once a month to discuss current issues and concerns of the student-athletes. The SAAC program proves valuable for the student-athletes, aiding them in expressing



Junior guard Gary Buchanan takes time out to pause with his new friend during one of last year's PAWS activities.

themselves and allowing the administration to provide meaningful feedback through services and programs.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee is more than just an on-campus occurrence - each year one SAAC representative from participating schools attends the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference. And, Villanova's membership in the Big East Conference allows them to delegate one student-athlete to attend the conference's SAAC meeting each year as well.

This monthly newsletter, PAWPRINTS - written by and for student-athletes, is another way the Athletics Department informs the student-athletes about the events and programs being held for their benefit.

So, the Villanova experience for the student-athlete incorporates many diverse components to allow for development of the academic, athletic and social self to the fullest potential. From the Athletics Director's Address and Barbecue to kick off the year to a pre-game tailgate before the biggest football game, PAWS is committed to the student-athletes and, in turn, encourages the student-athletes to be supportive of each other. The Adopt-a-Team program gives out-of-season teams a chance to match up with in-season teams and be part of the crowd by attending a few of their games and cheering them on to victory.

For more information on any of the PAWS programs supported by Nike or to receive information call Mary Anne Dowling, Associate Athletics Director or Kelly Gust at (610) 519-5705 in the Office of Athletic Student Services.

THINK ABOUT IT!

FOR STUDENTS WHO THINK SCHOOL TAKES UP TOO MUCH TIME, HERE'S HOW IT REALLY BREAKS DOWN:

** the average full-time college student goes to class 15 hours a week*

** two 16-week semesters + 480 hours in class during two regular semesters*

** a college student is in school less than 9% of the year*



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HONORING & REMEMBERING DAVID BAUER WILDCAT FOOTBALL ALUM JOINS VARSITY CLUB HALL OF FAME



Saturday, November 17th was supposed to be a day that former Villanova football standout David Bauer would forever remember. The day he would be honored by his alma mater, Villanova University, as he was inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame. That was before September 11th, 2001 - the day a nation will never forget.

When terrorists took life into their own hands on the morning of September 11th, David Bauer lost his life in the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York. On that day, the Bauer family and the Villanova family lost a friend and a loved one. Today, we honor and remember Bauer as he is inducted into Villanova's Varsity Club Hall of Fame.

Bauer graduated from Villanova in 1978 with a degree in Business Administration. He was head of global sales for eSpeed (a subsidiary of Cantor Fitzgerald) specializing in providing infrastructure for the fixed-income market, when his life was taken from him just over two short months ago.

"Dave had a personality and sense of humor that made the workplace a more enjoyable environment for everyone," said Cantor Fitzgerald CEO Howard Lutnick. "He was one of those people that executives looked at and said, 'I wish he was on our team'."

He and his wife Virginia ("Ginny") resided in Rumson, N.J., and were the proud parents of three children - sons David and Steve and daughter Jackie. Bauer and Ginny continually gave back to the community in which they lived, as they served on the board of Family and Children's Services. They were both honored with the Helen Hoffman Award for Community Service.

Bauer came to the Main Line from Red Bank, N.J., where he was a prep star for Red Bank Catholic High School. During his high school career, he earned Prep All-America honors as well as receiving third team All-State and first team All-County accolades. Bauer not only left his mark on the football field at Villanova, but also in the business world, as he had been president and a founding member of the Villanova Financial Club.

On the Villanova gridiron, Bauer was a starting defensive back for head coach Dick Bedesem and the Wildcats. He was a "jack of all trades" as he also handled the punting duties as well as seeing time as a kickoff and punt returner during his stellar career.

In his first collegiate season in 1974, Bauer returned three kickoffs for 56 yards. One season later, he began making his mark in the secondary. Bauer led the team in interceptions as a sophomore in 1975, picking off four passes and totaling 67 interception return yards.

His role on the team expanded during his junior campaign as he took over the punting duties for the Wildcats. Bauer punted 51 times for 1,823 yards - an average of 35.6 yards per punt. He also intercepted three passes placing him third on the team in that category. Not coincidentally, Bauer's play helped the team go from 4-7-0 in 1975 to 6-4-1 in 1976.

In his final season at Villanova in 1977, Bauer was again the starting defensive back and punter, playing dual roles for the 'Cats. During that season he picked off three passes, and averaged 32.8 yards per punt. He finished his outstanding Main Line career with 10 interceptions, placing him among the all-time Villanova leaders in that category.

Even after his school and football days at Villanova ended, Bauer never forgot about his beloved alma mater. He remained a strong supporter of the University and its athletics program up until the day he died.

So, Bauer joins Villanova's all-time greatest athletes as he is inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame. What he did on the football field, however, does not even begin to tell the story of David Bauer. He was a family member, a friend and a teammate whose friendship, kindness and generosity will forever live on. Bauer is a Hall of Famer in every sense of the word. He was a great player on the field - but an even greater man off it. (In memory of David Bauer, 1956-2001)



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WOMEN'S SOCCER ARRIVES ON NATIONAL SCENE (cont. from back pg)

Schillig is the cornerstone. Through Nov. 4 she ranked 12th nationally and second in the Big East in goals against average (0.61). She also was second in the conference in overall shutouts (six), first in saves (44) and second in shutouts (three) in Big East games.

The trip to the NCAA Women's College Cup is a fitting conclusion to a spectacular career. Schillig ranks first in school history in career save percentage (.861), holds the single-season mark for saves in a season (181 in 1999) and her 0.61 goals against average is on a pace to break the school single-season record of 0.84 set by Lynn McCale in 1986. She also ranks second in school history in career saves (519), career goals against average (1.16), second in career wins (38) and third in shutouts (21.5).

Schillig earned Big East Goalkeeper of the Year honors in 1999 and was named to the All-Big East second team in 2001.

"She's been amazing," Clifton said. "Janel is not a real vocal leader. She presents a presence that makes people want to be around

her. If we have a recruit on campus, she will take that girl aside and talk to her. She'll tell her that this is the place she wants to be. Janel does all the things a coach asks a player to do. The other seniors are the same way that's why we wanted to make the tournament this year. We wanted to get to the tournament for the seniors. They paved the way. They laid the groundwork. They took a chance four years ago and put their trust in us. We wanted to reward them for their loyalty."

The payoff came shortly after 3 o'clock that Monday afternoon when the Wildcats received their first bid to the NCAA Tournament in the nearly three-decade history of the program. It was well worth the wait.

"I was telling my roommates (Noonan and Scialdone) that it's been like a dream," Schillig said. "Our goal when we came here was to make the NCAA Tournament and when we saw our name go up on the board it was such an amazing feeling. It was so great to share that experience with the four other seniors."

By Terry Toohey
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WILDCAT STUDENT-ATHLETES VISIT DUNWOODY VILLAGE



On Tuesday, October 30th, Villanova student-athletes took time out of their school and practice schedules to visit the people of Dunwoody Village nursing home in Newtown Square, Pa. The student-athletes dressed up in Halloween costumes and brought smiles to the faces of many as they walked around the home wishing everyone a happy Halloween. As you can see from the pictures the costumes were great - Tigger & Eeyore, Scooby Doo and a firewoman, too! Thanks to all those that truly made the people of Dunwoody's Halloween a happy one!



Saturday, November 17th brought what is annually seen as the biggest football game of the year at Villanova Stadium - Villanova vs. Delaware. Prior to the game, Wildcat student-athletes gathered for the First Annual Student-Athlete Tailgate. On the agenda were food, fun and teammates coming together to support Villanova Athletics. Shannon O'Neil (W. Lax) and Harry Perretta (WBB) came out to join in the fun, as well. The tailgate provided student-athletes with the opportunity to meet fellow student-athletes. A special thanks to Allison Keeley and her volleyball team for helping with the set-up. Hope to see everyone there again next year!



STUDENT-ATHLETE TAILGATE



VILLANOVA WOMEN'S SOCCER KICKS WAY ONTO NATIONAL STAGE

If the measure of a college athletic program is the number of NCAA Tournament bids it has received, then the Villanova women's soccer program officially arrived on the national scene the afternoon of Monday, November 12th. The Wildcats went to Gullifty's Restaurant in Rosemont to watch the tournament selection show, hoping to be part of the Big Dance.

The roar was deafening when the Wildcats saw Villanova's name pop up on the big board.

"It was an amazing experience," senior goalkeeper Janel Schillig said. "I had never watched the show before so to see our name go up was incredible. I cried."

The emotional outburst was understandable. For the first time in 26 years the Wildcats were invited to the NCAA's postseason party. Never mind that the field for the 2001 NCAA Division I Women's College Cup had been expanded from 48 to 64 teams. The Wildcats achieved their first tournament bid the old-fashioned way. They earned it.

"I truly believe that we had done enough to make the tournament even if (the field) was still 48 teams," said head coach Ann Clifton, who is in her fifth season at Villanova. "With the year we had, I think we would have been

here regardless of the size of the field."

The numbers say so.

Villanova's .675 overall winning percentage (12-5-3) is the fourth best among Big East teams this season.

The Wildcats finished 11th in the nation in goals against average (0.61) and tied for 17th nationally in shutout percentage (50 percent, 10 shutouts in 20 games).

In the Big East, only sixth-ranked Notre Dame (16), ninth-rated Connecticut (16) and West Virginia (15) have more overall wins than the Wildcats.

Two of Villanova's five losses and one of its three ties were to nationally ranked teams. The Wildcats fell to Notre Dame in overtime, 2-1. The Irish were ranked fourth at the time. Villanova also lost to No. 9 Connecticut, 1-0, in the Big East quarterfinals and tied then 22nd ranked West Virginia, 1-1.

"There are eight Big East teams in the tournament," Clifton said. "That's more than any other conference so I think you can say that we play in the best conference in the country. And what we did out of conference (10-3-1) was just as important. We took care of business."

So when Villanova took on the University of Pennsylvania and Penn State in the first round of the NCAA Women's College Cup, it

did so as a team that belongs in the field of 64.

Odds are it won't be Villanova's last trip.

Nine of its top 10 scorers are underclassmen, including the top three: Junior Quinn Sellers, freshman Laura Johnson and sophomore Janesa Jeltema.

Of the four players to receive postseason honors from the Big East, three are underclassmen. Sellers earned second-team honors, while Johnson and redshirt freshman defender Michelle Biehl were named to the All-Big East Rookie team.

However, the backbone of the team are the five seniors, Schillig, defender Dyane Noonan, forward/midfielder Angela Scialdone, midfielder/defender Meghan Fawley and forward/midfielder Jessica Painchaud. They have compiled a 46-28-5 record in four seasons with two postseason appearances. The Wildcats won the 1999 ECAC championship.

"They're outstanding," Clifton said of her first recruiting class. "They're not only phenomenal players, they're tremendous students and great people. They're our pioneers. They put their faith in us. Their goal since the first day they came here was to make the NCAA Tournament and now they have accomplished that. They've created a legacy from which to build upon." (*cont. inside on pg. 2*)

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