



The Hurricane Report

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Golden Hurricane Club Members,

It is hard to believe, but we are nearing the end of another school year. A year that was filled with many great memories and fantastic accomplishments by our student-athletes.

As you prepare for the summer months (and hopefully some rest and relaxation), I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for the important role that you play in our success each and every year as Golden Hurricane Club members. On behalf of all TU student-athletes, coaches and administration, thank you for your tremendous support - it truly does make a difference.

Very best wishes for a wonderful summer and we'll see you this fall.

Go TU!

Brian Scislo

ROWERS TRIUMPH AT SIRA'S

OAK RIDGE, Tennessee - The TU women's rowing team won two gold medals and claimed the team championship at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association (SIRA) Championship on April 17-18. "It was an exceptional weekend," Head Coach **Kevin Harris** said. "This is the best work we've done at SIRA's in all my seven years at TU. I am ecstatic for the team as we head into the rest of the season." Teams competing in the SIRA's included Kansas State, Oklahoma, Michigan State, Purdue, Indiana and Alabama to name a few.



FEATURED CONTESTS IN MAY

Final Softball Homestand of the Season!

Softball vs. UTEP

Saturday, May 1st - 1:00 & 3:00 PM

Sunday, May 2nd - 12:00 NOON

Going Pro

Talented student-athletes prepare for engineering, science careers

by: Amethyst Cavallaro, TU University Relations

A Conference USA athlete has a full-time job, with grueling practices, extensive travel and the pressure of performing in the spotlight.

Athletes in the TU College of Engineering and Natural Sciences also thrive in one of the most challenging math and science curricula in the region. The following engineering and science majors have managed to achieve highly on the court and field as well as in the classroom.

Taylor Riggsby, a 10-time letter-winner in track from Tulsa, competes in the 800-, 1,000- and 1,500-meter events. A senior geosciences major with extensive research experience, she has been chosen for the TU Athletic Director's Honor Roll and C-USA All-Academic selection. How does she do it all?

"Lists. Lots of to-do lists," Riggsby said. "I have to plan my day by the minute."

However, she won't take credit for it all. Her professors have been flexible for exams when she's traveling, and her coaches adjust her practice times if she has a lab that requires more time.

Even though spring is the busiest time for track, Riggsby participated in the 2010 TU Research Colloquium and has received a grant to extend her research project thanks to encouragement from **Bryan Tapp**, chair of the geosciences department.

"Dr. Tapp's mentorship is a major part of believing in myself academically," Riggsby said. "I have fans at the meets

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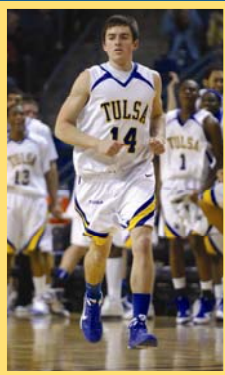
cheering me on, but it's different in school. I need a coach there too, and he's been that influence in my academic life."

It's been an amazing ride for **Hunter Christiansen**, a starting midfielder on the men's soccer team and a junior mechanical engineering major from Denton, Texas.

He has helped the Golden Hurricane win three Conference USA championships three years in a row. This season, the team made it to the Elite 8 and earned its place as one of the best teams in the NCAA.

With the team's post-season success and extended travel schedule, his course load has been a serious challenge. Christiansen said he has felt the strain on his classes, but "not once have I regretted choosing my major."

He chose mechanical engineering because he likes to know how everything works and why, and hopes to use it in aerospace engine design. He knows the struggle he has now in balancing soccer and school will pay off later.



Will Sanger
Men's Basketball

"Future employers will notice that I have the ability to juggle multiple responsibilities and that I have the capability to work well in a team," Christiansen said. "Having the opportunity to represent my school on the playing field is an honor" and he hopes to represent TU just as well in his professional career.

It would have been easier to take a less demanding academic load, but **Will Sanger**, a junior geophysics major on the men's basketball team from Woodville, Washington, knows the value of his degree.

"I wanted something career-specific and something that will help me travel," Sanger said. "I hope to work in the consulting geophysics field and analyze construction projects around the world."

As a Presidential Scholar, Sanger came to TU for its reputation as a small, private university with prestigious academic programs. He walked onto the men's basketball team his freshman year and feels pride in being part of the team's transformation during his time at TU.

Last summer, he participated in a Tulsa Undergraduate Research Challenge (TURC) project with **Kumar Ramachandran**, assistant professor of geosciences. He studied how to analyze geologic formations 25 km deep using 800,000 data points.

"Working in the geosciences lab, I can ask professors questions about structural geography and get a knowledgeable response from an expert who will take the time to explain it to me," he said.

A rising tennis star from Quebec, Canada, and a sophomore biochemistry major, **Caroline Beaulieu** has a winning record on and off the court.

She won the Blue 3 Singles flight title at the Memphis Invitational in 2009 and was a perfect 5-0 in doubles during the duel season. She has a 3.63 GPA in biochemistry and plans to attend pharmacy school when she graduates.

"It requires a lot of time, organization and discipline to fit school and tennis in my schedule and perform well, but it is an awesome opportunity," she said.

She chose TU because she loved the campus, wanted a private school with an outstanding tennis program and felt welcomed by her teammates and classmates.

"Being a student-athlete in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences requires a lot of time and important sacrifices, but I think it's a really good opportunity," she said. "I can get all the education I need to continue further on in my life in a great environment while having the chance to play my favorite sport and live great life experiences."



Caroline Beaulieu
Women's Tennis



Hunter Christiansen
Men's Soccer



Tayler Riggsby
Women's Track



Thank you very much for your support of TU Athletics and the Golden Hurricane Club during this past year.

We hope that you will continue your commitment this upcoming year by renewing your membership in the Golden Hurricane Club by **May 31, 2010**.

To renew, call (918) 631-2342 or online at www.GoldenHurricaneClub.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Tulsa Metro Chamber
Golden Hurricane Kick-off Luncheon
Thursday, August 19, 2010 - 12 Noon
Crowne Plaza Hotel

C-USA ACADEMIC MEDAL WINNERS ANNOUNCED

TU WAS WELL REPRESENTED WITH 47 STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

IRVING, Texas - The University of Tulsa had 47 student-athletes receive the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal during this past academic year. Student-athletes named to this list maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or better. In total, 420 student-athletes, representing all twelve Conference USA member institutions were recognized. Conference-wide, the number of medalists honored increased by more than six percent from a year ago and nearly 30 percent more than in 2007-08.

In addition, 202 TU student-athletes were named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll. Student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.



2009-10 C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal Winners

Tiffani Coulsnard, Women's Basketball; **Michael Britton**, Football; **Justin Skillens**, Football; **John Supica**, Football; **Phillip Reiser**, Men's Golf; **Kamryn Ruffin**, Women's Golf; **Michelle Kadin**, Women's Rowing; **Erin Leddy**, Women's Rowing; **Meredith Papps**, Women's Rowing; **Kellyn Smith**, Women's Rowing; **Rebecca Stangl**, Women's Rowing; **Susan Stangl**, Women's Rowing; **Shantel Wagner**, Women's Rowing; **Matt Boullt**, Men's Soccer; **Kyle Corrie**, Men's Soccer; **Jake Dobkins**, Men's Soccer; **Mason Gist**, Men's Soccer; **Cody Mumma**, Men's Soccer; **Zach Nullsch**, Men's Soccer; **Mackenzie Ayer**, Women's Soccer; **Courtney Chadney**, Women's Soccer; **Brooke Hubbard**, Women's Soccer; **Maddie Jones**, Women's Soccer; **Lexis Learmonth**, Women's Soccer; **Georgina Walker**, Women's Soccer; **Keri Leach**, Softball; **Bryan Baynton**, Men's Tennis; **Patrick**

Collins, Men's Tennis; **Rebecca Row**, Women's Tennis; **Austin Cookson**, Men's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Will LePage**, Men's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Kevin Mayer**, Men's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Bill Martin**, Men's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Sam Masters**, Men's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Craig Shultz**, Men's Track & Field; **Tricity Andrew**, Women's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Morgan Bolom**, Women's Track & Field; **Caitlin Clancy**, Women's Track & Field; **Lenora Guion-Firmin**, Women's Track & Field; **Zoraya Hightower**, Women's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Erin Huddleston**, Women's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Kelsey Klein**, Women's Track & Field; **Jennifer Mace**, Women's Track & Field; **Jaclyn Rollins**, Women's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Ashley Scott**, Women's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Paula Whiting**, Women's Track & Field/Cross Country; **Julia Kenealy**, Volleyball.

For complete list of TU student-athletes named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, visit www.TulsaHurricane.com.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: JACQUELINE MALLEO



AT A GLANCE...
Sport: Rowing
Class: Senior
Hometown: Manasquan, NJ
Height: 5'9"
Major: Communications

Student-Athlete Spotlight is a monthly feature that focuses on current Golden Hurricane student-athletes.

Three-year women's rowing letterwinner and co-captain **Jacqueline (Jack) Malleo** is in her senior season for the Golden Hurricane. Jack has been an integral part of the 2nd Varsity 8

this season and helped TU win the team championship at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association (SIRA) Championship in April. Jack was also a part of the Second Varsity 4 team that

claimed the gold medal at the annual Lawless Cup against Creighton.

As a junior, Jack rowed in all eight regular-season regattas for the Golden Hurricane, highlighted by gold medals in the Varsity 4 at both the Lawless and Knecht Cups. As a sophomore, she participated in eight regattas including as a member of the Pair team with **Meghan Dooley**, which claimed the gold medal at the Head of Des Moines.

Jack currently serves as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President, and has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Fellowship of

Christian Athletics (FCA) and Gilcrease Middle School.

A native of Manasquan, New Jersey, Jack was a two-year letterwinner in rowing at The Hun School of Princeton, where she was also a three-year letterwinner in soccer and a two-year letterwinner in track and field. She served as captain of her crew and soccer teams during her senior year.

Jack is a communications major and her career aspiration is to be the lead sports anchor for ESPN. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Michelangelo Malleo. Jack has two brothers who played football at Northwestern and Cornell respectively.

COMPLIANCE

ORNER

Compliance Corner is a monthly column that features current topics of interest in athletic compliance with the goal of educating our loyal donors about NCAA rules and regulations.



With summer quickly approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some of the activities Tulsa student-athletes may be involved in during the summer months.

Many of our student-athletes will choose to remain in Tulsa and enroll in summer school in order to get a head start on graduation. Others will return home and work summer jobs or participate in summer leagues. Some may also stay in town to work camps and clinics. For those student-athletes who remain in town, they also have the option to participate in voluntary workouts. As many of you know, in today's world of college athletics, student-athletes workout on a year-round basis. However, what some of you may not know is

that their decision to participate in summer workouts is their decision. The NCAA has developed a set of guidelines to govern summer workout activities in an effort to ensure that they are voluntary.

- Coaches may not observe the activity, but strength and conditioning coaches, athletic trainers, and managers may be present;
- The student-athlete is not required to report back to the coach or any staff member on their workout activity;
- The student-athlete must initiate and request the activity;
- The student-athlete's attendance cannot be recorded; and

- The student-athlete may not be penalized for not participating and may not receive recognition for participating in the activity.

This information is meant to serve as a summary and is not all encompassing.

As always if you have any further questions pertaining to these rules, be sure to **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

Finally, thank you for your support of Tulsa Compliance this past year as well as your continued support of Golden Hurricane Athletics. We look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall.

NEWS & NOTES

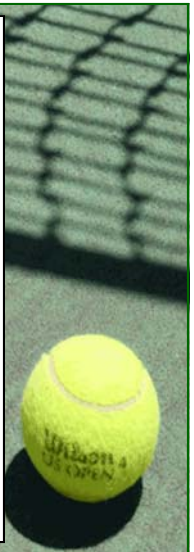
Recent happenings with Golden Hurricane Athletics

- Following a third place finish in the Conference USA Championships last month, the TU women's golf team was selected to participate in the 2010 NCAA Central Regional Championships held in Columbus, Indiana on May 6-8. Defending national champion Arizona State, coached by former Golden Hurricane national champion **Melissa (McNamara) Luellen**, headlines the 24-team field.
- Women's golfer **Kristina Merkle** was recently named the Conference USA Freshman of the Year in addition to earning first-team all-conference honors. At last month's C-USA Championships, she placed fifth, thus earning a spot on the C-USA all-tournament team.
- The Tulsa men's golf team turned in a fifth place finish in the 2010 C-USA Championship held in Orlando, Florida. Senior **Rob Laird** was TU's top finisher, placing sixth overall, while sophomores **Arie Fauzi** and **Stephen Carney** finished in 12th and 19th place respectively.
- The men's tennis team finished second to host team Rice in last month's C-USA Championship. It was the fifth straight season that the Hurricane and the Owls have faced off in the championship match, with the first four titles going to Tulsa.

WOMEN'S TENNIS CLAIMS THIRD CONFERENCE USA CROWN

TULSA, Oklahoma - The TU women's tennis team won its third Conference USA Championship with a 4-1 victory over Marshall on April 25th at the Case Tennis Center. This title marks the third time in the last four years that TU has won the league title. With the win, the Golden Hurricane earns the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA's - TU's fourth straight trip to the tournament.

"It felt great to win the championship at home in front of a good crowd," said Head Coach **Dean Orford**. "We had some of our key players come through and do a fantastic job."



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER...

TU student-athletes shine at 15th Annual Golden Cane Awards Dinner

TULSA, Oklahoma - Guests arrived on the red carpet for the 15th Annual Golden Cane Awards Dinner held Tuesday, April 27th to a sold out Reynolds Center crowd of over 700 student-athletes, coaches, parents, former letterwinners and donors. The Golden Cane Awards is held every spring to recognize the outstanding achievements of TU student-athletes on the field, in the classroom and in the community during the 2009-10 school year. This year's event was born out of the creative concept of the TU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) members - comprised of representatives from every sport.

The evening opened up with a video starring Golden Hurricane mascot, Captain 'Cane, followed by brief remarks from TU President, Dr. Steadman Upham. During Dr. Upham's speech, he announced that TU Athletics' own, Associate Athletic Director for Communications, **Don Tomkalski**, or "DT" as he is more affectionately known, has been named Mr. Homecoming 2010. A truly deserving honor for someone who has given so much to The University of Tulsa, Golden Hurricane Athletics and Tulsa student-athletes in his 25-plus years as TU's sports information director.



Sam Masters
Sophomore
Track & Field

Following dinner, another video featuring men's basketball seniors, **Ben Uzoh** and **Jerome Jordan**, and an all-star cast of TU student-athletes was shown. However, the night was just beginning...

From there, track and field student-athlete **Sam Masters** (photo above) took the stage and amazed the capacity crowd with his rendition of The Fray's *Over My Head*.

Following a word for TU Lettermen's Association President **Kate Jones**, all Golden Hurricane seniors were recognized and presented with their signet ring provided by the Lettermen's Association.

The night was far from over though. Football player, **Brett Davis**, accompanied by TU student **Alex Paulison**, turned in an impressive acoustic performance of *Use Somebody* by Kings of Leon.

The announcements of the special awards came next. This

year the special awards were presented by the student-athletes themselves. For a complete list of award winners, please see "2010 Golden Cane Award Winners" below.

The evening concluded with the 2009-10 All Sports Highlight Video, which showcased the athletic accomplishments of all TU teams during the past year.

All in all, it was a night to remember for everyone in attendance. Without question, it was indeed a phenomenal display of the athletic, academic, and creative talents of all TU student-athletes.



Left: *Arriving on the Red Carpet*



Right: *TU Lettermen's Association President Kate Jones speaks to the student-athletes*

2010 Golden Cane Award Winners

The Ultimate Team

Mackenzie Ayer, *Women's Soccer*
Caitlin Clancy, *Women's Track & Field*
Jennifer Eichler, *Volleyball*
Rob Laird, *Men's Golf*
Jackie Lawrence, *Softball*
Jacqueline Malleo, *Women's Rowing*
Rebecca Row, *Women's Tennis*
Kenny D. Sims, *Football*
Susan Stangl, *Women's Rowing*

Outstanding Team Community Service Award

Women's Rowing

Faculty Member of the Year

Dr. Tom Cairns, *Professor of Mathematical Science*

Dr. Barry A. Kinsey Faculty Athletics Representative Award

Men's Soccer

Ultimate Service Award

Brittany Annan, *Women's Basketball Manager*

Dan Bitson Courage Award

Megan Melott, *Women's Rowing*

Warren Garrison Academic Excellence Award

Caitlin Clancy, *Women's Track & Field*
Rebecca Row, *Women's Tennis*
Susan Stangl, *Women's Rowing*