

October 16, 2008

Greetings to Everyone!

We are well into our school year and many things are happening. First, we want to welcome Wendy McFarlane who was named the Women's Track & Field Coach following the resignation of Sue McGrath-Powell. Wendy has been the sprint coach for us and will continue in that capacity, coaching the female and male sprinters. She has a lot of energy, so I have a ready tank of oxygen for me, just so I can try to keep up. Please feel free to call or email her or to meet and greet her the next time you are around the Field House.

The cross country teams have been working extremely hard this fall and are both having great seasons. We have an invitational meet on Saturday, October 18 at the home course at White Clay Creek State Park. The University of Pittsburgh is among the teams who will be running. The schedule includes the Alumni/Faculty/Friends 5K at 9:30am, the Men's 8K at 10:30am, the Women's 5K at 11:15am, and the annual picnic to follow. Please come and join us. Run, watch, and eat. It will be a great day.

The rest of the season includes the CAA Meet on November 1 at Bull Run Park outside of DC, the NCAA Mid-East Regional Meet at Princeton on November 15, and the ECAC/IC4A Meet at Van Cortlandt on November 22. We are looking forward to the opportunities to display our hard work.

The indoor track & field season is just around the corner. We have been conditioning since the beginning of school and will officially start the season on October 27. The athletes have been working hard and we look to have an outstanding year. We have one meet before the holiday season, the Jack Pyrah Invitational on December 5 at Haverford/Villanova. Our first competition in the New Year will be a Friday night meet here in the Field House on January 9. Please come and join us for what should be an exciting year.

Because people are continually changing email addresses, we will post this on the University of Delaware's web site in the cross country and track & field sections. Look for our next issue in December. Please send news about alums and friends of the Women's and Men's University of Delaware Cross Country and Track & Field Teams so we can pass it on to all. We want to pass along news from all of our women and men alumni.

Thank you for all of your support.

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ALUMNI & FRIENDS

** Tiffany Goldy Brake ('98) received her PhD. From Wisconsin in cancer biology, did a postdoc at Fox Chase, and is now a medical writer.

** Joe Burkhardt's ('97) family welcomed Shane Joseph to their family on October 8, 2008.

** Don Hollingsworth ('86) had a daughter, Caroline, on May 26. Donny started his own business, GO Network Solutions, providing IT and telecommunications consulting services to businesses.

** William Mayberry ('69) died in June in Idaho.

** David Finneran ('03) has his PhD, twins, and a new job at Penn State in Media.

** Eugene McAuliffe ('06) is in Baltimore as a senior associate with Pricewaterhouse Coopers. His relay team recently finished fifth in the Baltimore Marathon out of 750 relay teams.

** Jeff McIlvaine ('01) is teaching and coaching track & field at Sterling High School in NJ.

** Diethra Seymour ('02) thoroughly enjoyed her time in England and is relocating in Raleigh

** Joe Jerkovich ('91) is in NJ, working as a product director in marketing for Johnson & Johnson. He is married and has two boys. He hasn't thrown a javelin in ten years, but has thought about it. Does that count?

** Nate Irvin ('03) won both the 100m and 200m at the Keystone Games this summer, running PR's and beating his college times.

** Jim Supple ('90) has left VeriSign and is a consultant.

** Larry Pratt ('64) won his 5,000,000th national age group discus title and threw farther than Jay Sylvester in the process.

** Jeff Pearlman ('94) just released another book, this one on the Dallas Cowboys.

** Peter Kane ('06) is doing marketing for the Association of Corporate Travel Executives.

** Rob McCleary ('87) attended the UD High School Invitational to watch his daughter run.

** Jeff Simpson's ('85) sophomore son, Connor, is following in his father's footsteps, doing jumping and running events in track & field.

** Rich Marsanico ('98) sent a great picture of his little boy, Colin.

** John Marino ('00) was married in September and followed that with a trip to Hawaii.

** Carl Kinney ('03) has been running well and placed ninth in a deep field at the Bolder Boulder. He has been doing tech support for online ordering for Global Healthcare Exchange.

** Amy Opperman Blithe ('92) gave an outstanding nutrition presentation this fall to a number of UD teams including the cross country and track & field teams.

** The 1972 4 x 400m Relay team of John Flickinger ('73), Lloyd Mears ('74), Ed Mongon ('76), and Pete Sukalo ('72) will receive a Special Recognition Award at the Delaware Track & Field Hall of Fame Banquet on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

** Jeremy Muratore ('99) is still competing strongly in running events and triathlons.

** Jerome Holder ('04) is a track & field/hurdle coach at the Clarence Fraim Boys' & Girls' Club in Wilmington.

** Matt Hupe ('94) is a spinal consultant with Medtronic on Long Island.

** It has been fun to get notes and calls from Nick Condodina ('94), John Yasik ('81), Robb Munro ('00), Andre Hoeschel ('85), Candy Cashell Yorio ('86), Dave Geesaman ('00), Patrick Castagno ('88), Chris Castagno ('83), Carl-Olaf Homen ('60), Marnie Giunta ('93), Anthony Johnson ('86), Lou Pellegrini ('93), David Scheck ('89), Walt Skrinski ('86), Jared Samuel ('93), and Joe Koch ('80).