

## 12th Hall of Fame Class Induction Highlights Varsity Weekend

Five outstanding Mountaineer athletes were inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame on October 5, 2002. The 2002 class included basketball standouts Willie Akers, Eddie Beach and Rosemary Kosiorek, track pioneer Barney Gedwillas and gold medal sprinter and football player James Jett. Induction ceremonies were held prior to the WVU-Maryland game.

In addition to the induction ceremony, members of WVU's 1982 football team that upset ninth-ranked Oklahoma in Norman, won nine games and played in the Gator Bowl against Florida State was honored.

On Friday, team members, coaches and guests gathered in the Thomas Room at the Milan Puskar Center for an evening of reconnecting and reminiscing.

On Saturday, the team was treated to a pre-game brunch and toured the Mountaineer football facilities. Team members were then introduced between the first and second quarters of the football game.



*Members of the 12th WVU Sports Hall of Fame class: Willie Akers, Dr. Diane Beach-Rice, accepting for her late father Eddie Beach, Rosemary Kosiorek, Barney Gedwillas and Louis Jett, accepting for his son James*



*Members of the '82 Mountaineer football team were honored at the WVU-Maryland game on October 5.*

The annual Varsity Club golf outing at the Pines Country Club kicked off the weekend on Friday afternoon.

Tom Zakowski, Mike Mosser, Robert Sims and WVU track/cross country coach Jeff Huntoon took top honors in the event. The team of P.K. Lowery, Tom Lowery, Buddy Quertinmont and Lori Quertinmont finished as runners-up. There was a tie for third-place between Don Young, Carl Roberts, Carl Bahneman and Jim McCartney and Ron Laneve, Gary Loring, Bill Douglas and John Skinner.

# NEWS AND NOTES

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The John Beilein era got underway Nov. 22 when the Mountaineers opened the season at home against Delaware State.

Six players return from last year's squad - Chaz Briggs, Jay Hewitt, Tyrone Sally, Drew Schifino and Tobias Seldon - as WVU tries to rebound from an 8-20 season.

The 14-game home schedule is highlighted by visits from Pitt, Notre Dame and Syracuse and non-conference foe Tennessee.. WVU will also play two games on Charleston - Dec. 3 against Florida and Jan. 23 against Marshall. Former Mountaineers: **Ralph "Pug" Heinz** (48-49) recently established the annual Ralph Heinz Lectureship in Neuroradiology and Duke University.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Five starters return from Mike Carey's 14-14 team a year ago and many consider the Mountaineers to be a team on the rise in the BIG EAST.

Junior Kate Bulger, the conference's second-leading scorer with 15.4 points a game, is back, as are the backcourt duo of Sherell Sowho (13.9 points) and



Kate Bulger

Yolanda Paige (11.4 points, 153 assists). Bulger was a second-team all-league pick, and Paige and Sowho earned spots on the all-Rookie team.

Leading rebounder Eartha White and Grace Carson are also back. They will team with talented transfers Latitia Williams and Liz Holbrook and newcomers Michelle Carter, Janell Dunlap, Tehana Geist and Ashley Dunn to give the Mountaineers the depth they were lacking a year ago.

## MEN'S and WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Mountaineer men's harriers, behind strong showings from Zach Sabatino and Matt Pettit and senior Nick Albanito, WVU won the Penn State Invitational for the first time since 1985.

That was just a small part of a good fall campaign that saw WVU finish sixth in the BIG EAST championship meet.

For the women, Megan Metcalfe continued to be a force, finishing third at the BIG EAST and first at the Hillbilly Classic, the Paul Short Invitational and the Penn State Invitational.

The Mountaineers were also the host school for the NCAA Mid-Atlantic regional meet at Canaan Valley Resort. Metcalfe won the event in a time of 20:32 to advance to the NCAA Championships. Overall, the women finished fourth to put themselves in a position for an at-large berth. For the men, Sabatino was 13th and the team finished eighth overall.

**Former Mountaineers: William R. Huntington** (69-73) has been a cross country and track coach for 28 years at Field High School ... he is the only coach in the state of Ohio to win the boys and girls state titles in the same year (1997-Div II) ... **Dan Payne** (68-70) is the facility manager of SoccerZone of Mishawka, Indiana ... he has one son, H.R. Payne, of Austin, Texas.

## FOOTBALL

At 8-3 heading into the Backyard Brawl against Pitt, Rich Rodriguez and

the Mountaineers are bowl eligible with chances of playing in the Toyota Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, the Insight Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz., or the Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte.

In a season full of highlights, Avon Cobourne passed Amos Zereoue as WVU and the BIG EAST's career rushing leader as the Mountaineers have had the nation's top-rated rushing attack all season long.

The much-improved Mountaineer defense is led by Grant Wiley (122 tackles), James Davis (107 tackles) and Angel Estrada (103).

**Former Mountaineers: Bob Guenther** (54-57) and Track (55-56), captain of the 1957 football team, is now retired after 32 years with Prince George's County Public School System in Maryland ... **Robert Mackereth** (67-71) has been in New York City/Westchester County for 30 years after graduation ... he was first a banker at Manufacturers Hanover and then vice president and treasurer of Time Warner Inc. ... recently, he started a Telecom, Media, & Technology Group for HSBC in New York ... **H. Thomas Brindle** (59-65), who also swam for the Mountaineers, works in advertising and promotional sales and has three grandsons ... **Brian Jozwiak** (82-85) was named head football coach at Winterhaven School in Winterhaven, Fla. ... **Paul Woodside** (81-84) serves as the marketing director for his wife's business, [teresascottwoodsidecreations.com](http://teresascottwoodsidecreations.com) ... **Chuck Jolliff** (81-85) is a 10-year veteran of the Charleston Police Department in Charleston, S.C. ... he is a narcotics investigator and SWAT team member ... **Bob Podbesek** (68) is a pharmacist at St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, W.Va. ... his son, Brian, is 17 ... **Steven Bierer** (93-98) is the assistant director of athletic equipment at East Carolina University ... **Shawn Lutz** (91-96) is the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Slippery Rock University ... he and his wife, Julie, have an 18-month old son named Logan Jacob ... **Joe Nicely** (54-57) is retired and living in Phoenix, Ariz., with his wife, Edna, a R.N.

graduate ... they just celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary ... Joe received a kidney transplant from his sister, Ruth Wheeler, of Charleston, W.Va., and both are doing well.

## GYMNASTICS

Linda Burdette's gymnasts will open their season on Jan. 5 with the annual Gold-Blue meet.

Seniors TeShawne Jackson, Dinorh Boyd and Academic All-American Amanda Halovanic will lead the way as the Mountaineers look to win another EAGL title.

In addition, Joanna Parret has joined the Mountaineer coaching staff as an assistant coach. She comes to WVU from Iowa, where she was an assistant for three seasons.

## RIFLE

Marsha Beasley's Mountaineer shooters have begun their quest for the school's 14th national championship.

All-American Wade Tyner returns to the lineup, which is bolstered by the addition of Nicole Allaire, a transfer from Nebraska, where she was a two-time All-American.

In addition to those two, Eric Hensil, Gary Longwell and Josh Byers will be counted on to lead a young group of shooters.

## ROWING

Nancy LaRocque's rowers enjoyed a solid fall in their second season of competition.

The varsity eight boat of coxswain Erin Goodman and Donna Stullken, Geatane De La Bourdonnaye, Kate Abernathey, Erin Nisbet, Kirsten Leslie, Tina Griffith, Risha Kelley and Meg Ayers had strong finishes at the Head of the Ohio (first), Head of the Charles Regatta (third) and the Head of the Schuylkill (second). The four shell of Goodman, Stullken, Nisbet, Leslie and Ayers also finished second in the college race at the Navy Day Regatta in Philadelphia.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Keith Fulk's first year as head coach of the Mountaineer was a learning experience as the Mountaineers finished 4-11-2.

Aaron Pitchkolen led the Mountaineers with five goals (10 points), and Matt Mahar, Paul-Anthony Perez and Linton Gaston had three points each, while goalkeeper Chris McKinney had a 1.53 goals against average.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mountaineers solidified their status as a national power as they went 18-3-1, had a 17-match unbeaten streak and spent nearly the entire year ranked in the top 10.

Despite a 1-0 loss to Connecticut in the BIG EAST championship match, WVU played host to an NCAA Regional and won the program's first-ever NCAA game, 3-0, over Loyola (Md.). However, the storybook season came to an end in round two as Virginia, a team WVU beat earlier in the year, knocked off the Mountaineers 1-0.

Chrissie Abbot scored 20 goals and had 47 points, and Laura Kane and Lisa Stoia combined for 18 goals and 54 points.

Abbott was the league's offensive player of the year, Stoia was league midfielder of the year and both earned first-team all-conference honors. Head coach Nikki Izzo-Brown was the league's coach of the year, Rachel Kruze and Kane were second-team picks and Kambria Riggins and Marisa Kanela earned spots on the all-rookie team.

**Former Mountaineers: Katie Barnes** (98-02) is playing professional women's soccer for the Carolina Courage in the WUSA league.

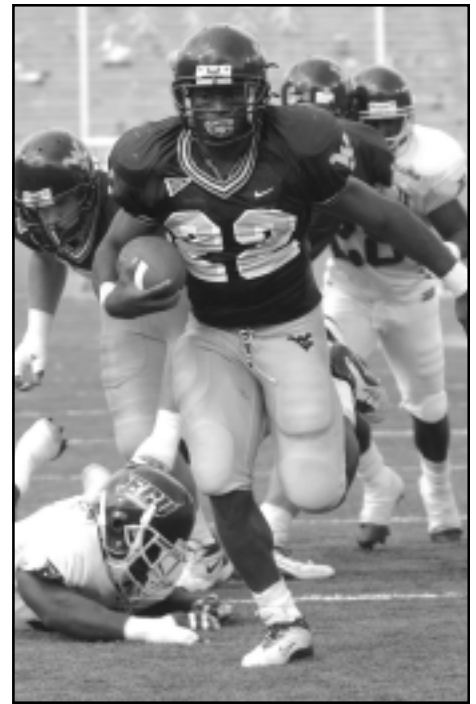
## MEN'S and WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The swimming and diving team, under fourth-year coach Eric McIlquham, has a nice mix of veteran leadership and talented youth in its lineups.

Twenty-eight school records were tied or broken last year and even more is expected this year.

Junior Kleyton Franca is back after qualifying for the NCAA championships, the first WVU male swimmer in 14 years to do so, as are sprinter Matt Drozd and butterflyer Pedro Pinto.

For the women, who were 7-3 last



*Avon Cobourne*

year, junior Devlyn Quinn is expected to lead the way. She narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA championships last year. Seniors Sarah Crouch and LeeAnn Johnston and junior Mary Dabkowski will also contribute.

**Former Mountaineers: Mary "Missy" Bettis** (93-97) graduated in May 2002 from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., with an MBA in finance ... she is working in accounting at Schenck Company in Orlando ... Schenck Co. is the second-largest distributor of Miller Brewing and Coors products ... **Amy Campanelli-Bugge** (92-96) married Vincent Bugge in July of 2001 ... she teaches 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Milford, Conn., coaches diving at her former high school, Lauralton Hall, and is working towards her master's degree in education.

## MEN'S TENNIS

Ed Dickson's Mountaineer men's tennis team had a strong spring in preparation for its dual meet schedule.

Highlights included an 29-10 mark in and two doubles championships at the Louisville Fall Invitational, 8-3 mark in singles play and a 5-2 doubles record at the Penn State Fall Classic and four wins at the ITA regional tournament.

The top three singles players were Tony Epkey, Ian Bliss and Kochanski,

while the doubles tandems of Chris Green and Bliss and J.R. Randall and Chris Markham were solid all fall.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Second-year coach Dan Silverstein is continuing the resurgence of the Mountaineer tennis program as his netters also enjoyed a strong fall campaign as well.

Raynie Theis captured the D Flight championship at the season-ending Southern Intercollegiate Women's Tennis tournament as part of WVU's top-10 finish in the draw.

Fellow freshman Melissa Day teamed up with Theis to win a title at the Eastern Collegiate Women's Tennis Championships earlier in the fall, a tournament in which WVU had six players advance at least to the semifinals.

Silverstein is expecting the success to continue into the spring dual season.

**Former Mountaineers: Barbara Cusick Bowling** (74-79) lives with her husband, Bruce, and two daughters, Anne and Kate, in White Sulpher Springs, W.Va. ... she is a teacher in

the Greenbrier County school system.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Mountaineer volleyball team ended the season with a 9-19 mark.

For the Mountaineers, Stephanie Zolna averaged 4.11 kills and 2.77 digs per game.

Alison Zemanski was the top blocker with 1.15 per contest, while Brandice Studnicka and Lindsay Spieler were the top setters with 6.19 and 4.90.

Head coach Veronica Hammersmith now stands just three wins shy of 500.

## WRESTLING

Expectations are high for Craig Turnbull's Mountaineer wrestlers.

As a team, the Mountaineers are ranked in the top 15 by four different sources, with TheWrestlingMall.com ranking WVU as high as fifth.

Individually, defending national champion Greg Jones is the unani-



*Lisa Stoia*

mous No. 1 ranked wrestler at 174 pounds, while Shane Cunanan (141) and Tom McMath (165) were also ranked in the top 10.

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