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# Center Ice

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## Season's Greetings, Friends!

### From The Chair:

On behalf of the FRIENDS I would like to wish for a quick and complete recovery for David Noble, who recently suffered a heart attack. Dave is a longtime supporter of SLU hockey and is presently a member of our board.

Congratulations to **Justin** and Amanda **Pesony** on the birth of their daughter, Jada Lynn!

Thanksgiving is a time for feasting and giving thanks. The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY wish to thank St. Lawrence University and the hockey coaching staffs, for we believe that SLU has two of the elite programs in the country. These programs bring some of the best young men and women from the United States, Canada, and other nations to our community. They are talented, courteous, and, most of all, serve as ambassadors from the university to the community. Thank you.

Seasons greetings to all, and . . . GO SAINTS!

### POTLUCK SET FOR JAN. 15, SKATE WITH A SAINT JAN. 20

Two popular annual events are on the calendar. The Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, starting at 6 pm at the VFW Hall, Gouverneur Street in Canton, and "Skate with a Saint" is set for Sunday, Jan. 20, from 3 to 4:30 pm at Appleton. Persons attending the Pot Luck are asked to bring a dish to pass. Mark your calendars now; these are great opportunities to meet and chat with players, coaches, and staff on both the men's and women's teams.

### GOT A RASH?

Not you, exactly; the address label on this newsletter: does it have a big red dot? If so, it means that we haven't yet received your 2007 FRIENDS membership renewal! In our previous issue of *Center Ice* we indicated that it would be the last issue received unless renewals were received. But at our November meeting, the Board decided to extend the renewal period. **So, if you found a "rash," please renew now; send your check or money order (Regular \$25, Blue Line \$50, Saint \$150) to FRIENDS at PO Box 207, Canton, NY 13617.** Your dues go directly to benefit our great teams. We need you! FRIENDS cannot afford to lose even one FRIEND!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Time is drawing near for two events that are staples of the FRIENDS activity calendar: "Skate with a Saint" and the Potluck Dinner for men's and women's team members. Dates and other information for these will be posted on our website as soon as they are available.

## 2007-2008 GAME SCHEDULES

**Men** (games 7 pm unless indicated otherwise)    **Women** (games 7 pm unless indicated otherwise)

Dec 7-8	at Ohio State	Dec 7-8	MAINE*
Dec 15	at Vermont	Dec 14-15	MINN-DULUTH
Jan 6	at New Hampshire	Jan 3-4	at Boston College (4pm both)
Jan 11	at Harvard*	Jan 11	HARVARD*
Jan 18	at Cornell*	Jan 12	DARTMOUTH (4pm)
Jan 19	at Colgate*	Jan 18	CORNELL*
Jan 25	UNION*	Jan 19	COLGATE*
Jan 26	RENSSELAER*	Jan 25	at Rensselaer*
Feb 1	at Niagara	Jan 26	at Union* (4pm)
Feb 8	COLGATE*	Feb 1	at Clarkson*
Feb 9	CORNELL*	Feb 2	CLARKSON*
Feb 15	at Yale*	Feb 8	at Colgate*
Feb 16	at Brown*	Feb 9	at Cornell* (4pm)
Feb 22	at Rensselaer*	Feb 15	YALE*
Feb 23	at Union*	Feb 16	BROWN* (4pm)
Feb 29	QUINNIPIAC*	Feb 22	PRINCETON*
Mar 1	PRINCETON*	Feb 23	QUINNIPIAC* (4pm)
Mar 7-9	ECAC 1st rd	Feb 29-Mar 2	ECAC Q/Finals (times TBA)
Mar 15-16	ECAC Q/finals	Mar 7-8	ECAC Championship (TBA)
Mar 21	ECAC Semis	Mar 14-16	NCAA Q/Finals (TBA)
Mar 22	ECAC Championship	Mar 20-22	NCAA Frozen Four
Mar 28-29	NCAA East		
Mar 29-30	NCAA Midwest		
Mar 28-29	NCAA Northeast		
Mar 29-30	NCAA West		
Apr 10&12	NCAA Frozen Four		

\*ECAC games

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

If you haven't checked out our website ([www.friendsofsaintlawrencehockey.org](http://www.friendsofsaintlawrencehockey.org)) now is a good time to do so. It's the place to find info about upcoming events, learn about Saint hockey history, catch recent game reports, find links to detailed current team stats and other information, and much more. You can also view and purchase game photos and find the latest copy of *Center Ice* there. Local radio personality and North Country historian Bob LaRue serves as our webmaster. It's definitely worth a look!

### SAINT TEAM WEB PAGE LINKS

For detailed, up-to-date statistics, schedules, and other information, use the following internet website links:

Saint Men: [www.stlawu.edu/sports/m\\_hockey/index.html](http://www.stlawu.edu/sports/m_hockey/index.html)

Saint Women: [www.stlawu.edu/sports/w\\_hockey/index.html](http://www.stlawu.edu/sports/w_hockey/index.html)

General college hockey scores & info: [www.uscho.com](http://www.uscho.com)

## **SAINTS HOCKEY ALUMNI PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS**

A fine fall afternoon saw a congenial group of hockey alumni, parents of players past and present, and members of the Saint hockey faithful gather at the home of Glen and Doni Peters for a reception and meal prior to the SLU Harvard men's hockey game. Old friends became re-acquainted and new friends made at this most enjoyable event. Game tickets were provided by FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY. Many thanks to Glen and Doni for their hospitality, and to Tom and Sue Trevelyan for taking care of notifications.

## **WHERE ARE THEY NOW? SAINT HOCKEY ALUMNI UPDATES**

- **Gerard Verbeek ('93)** married his college sweetheart, Jennifer (Randall '93). They and their two daughters, Keelie, 8, and Kerrie, 6, live in Halliston, MA. Since his graduation Gerard has been a financial planner with offices in Boston and New York City.
- **Cade Blackburn ('95)** and his wife Katie (Blake '95) live in Cape Elizabeth, ME. They have a daughter, Katherine, 3, and a son, Colin, 1. Cade works for R. M. Davis Inc., a wealth-management company in Portland, buying and selling stocks and mutual funds for clients. He is also enrolled in a graduate program at Boston College, and will receive his master's in three years of part-time study. His goal is to teach in high school, "empower teens," and also coach hockey.
- **Brian Kapeller ('95)** and Kelly, his wife of ten years, live in Minnetonka, MN with their two daughters, Abby, 4, and Ellie, 3. Brian works in sales for Anderson Lithograph, a Los Angeles-based printing company.
- **Dan Skene ('95)** married Michelle Wesfall on April 9, 2005. They live in Little Elm, TX, a suburb of Dallas, where he is the Branch Manager for Tailored Investment Services. In his spare time Dan continues to play recreational hockey.
- **Adam Hogg ('06)** is playing for the CHL Corpus Christie Rayz. According to his parents, Wally and Sandy, the season has just started, but he is "really loving playing."
- **TJ Trevelyan ('06)** started the 2005-06 season with Long Beach (ECHL), where he scored 17 points in 15 games before being recalled by Boston and assigned to Providence (AHL). In 60 games with Providence he had 28 goals and 25 assists for 53 points. Reassigned to Providence this year he had five points on three goals and two assists in the team's first seven games, a stretch in which the team went 6-1.
- Thanks to Terry and Bev McKenna for furnishing clippings (see center page) of the latest news of their son **Mike ('05)**, presently a member of the Portland Pirates (AHL).

## **POST-GAME GET-TOGETHERS**

The FRIENDS have scheduled post-game get-togethers for the following Saturday evenings at the VFW Hall on Gouverneur Street in Canton:

Jan 26, Feb. 9, Mar. 1 (following men's games)

Dec 7, Dec 14, Jan 11, Jan 18, Feb 15, Feb 22 (following women's games)

Join the gang at the VFW after the game; meet the players and coaches, parents, and fans.

## **50-50 RAFFLES: HELP WANTED; NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY will sponsor 50-50 raffles at the men's games on Feb 8 & 9, and at the Women's games on Dec 14 & 15, and Feb 2. Proceeds from these are very helpful to our organization in carrying out its mission, so obviously the more ticket sellers we have, the more money we stand to collect. If you would like to join us and help, please contact FRIENDS Chair Harold Phippen (315)328-4545/hbhip@slic.com, or just show up where pre-game ticket sales are going on (usually at the head of the south stairways) and say you want to help.

**OUR BAD!** In an article in the October issue of *Center Ice* announcing new FRIENDS Board Members we omitted the names of Dave Noble, Glen Peters, and Janet Stitt as continuing to serve on the board. Our apologies to Dave, Glen, and Janet.

## **WHERE THE MONEY GOES . . .**

We frequently affirm that revenues from membership dues, fundraising events, and other sources are spent to directly benefit the Saint men's and women's teams. Here are some examples of recent allocations:

- Providing post-game meals for the men's team on Friday evenings, as recommended by a nutrition specialist.
- Purchase of an exercise bike for the training room used by both teams.
- Purchase of a stereo system for the training room.
- Providing soft drinks, pizza, and other refreshments for team members at the Friday post-game receptions (women) and Saturday receptions (men).
- Funding the annual end-of-season banquets for men's and women's team players, coaches, and other personnel.

## **TIME CAPSULE:**

**Fifty Years Ago: 1957-58** -- The Saints, coached by George Menard, found the early going tough in exhibition games against Canadian Senior "A" opponents, but picked up a 3-3 tie against a strong University of Montreal squad on Bob Steer's 52-save effort, and trounced Loyola 13-3 before being upset by Middlebury, 5-4. The roller coaster continued in December with big wins over Yale, BU, and Harvard, and a frustrating 1-0 loss to BC, with Eagles goalie Al Pitts turning in a virtuoso performance.

**Twenty Years Ago: 1987-88** What would be a historic season for Joe Marsh's men began with a win over St. Cloud, a road split against Western Michigan, and victories over Vermont, RPI and Cornell before a squeaker loss to Colgate. By the end of December the star-studded squad that included Pete Lappin, Peter McGeough, Hank Lammens, and Brian McColgan had a 9-4 record. And the best was yet to come.

In the Division III ECAC's first year, Coach Bernie McKinnon's Saint women found mixed fortunes against other league opposition such as Bowdoin, Colby, Middlebury, and RIT, as well as Ivy league and some Canadian foes. The team would finish at 7-11, but playoff success in the new circuit lay just over the horizon.

## **OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extend sincere condolences and fond good wishes to Scott and Martha Chisholm and their family on the death of Scott's mother, Ruth. Saint hockey fans will remember Ruth as a familiar figure at games; her involvement in this and in many community activities brought her a legion of friends. She will be missed.