

**President’s Post**

This past Fall Quarter was highlighted by successful accomplishments by Maroon athletes and additional positive developments for our tremendous athletic program, as detailed in this newsletter. Your continued support as a member of the Order of the C is an integral part of these achievements.

Our annual Career Night for undergraduate athletes was held on October 30 and again was well organized by Dan Cozzi, with alumni “C” men discussing their experiences and insights, and also communicating directly with the attendees. We are also working on expanded networking to increase such interaction, with the enthusiastic support and efforts of Jesse Meyer of the Career Advancement Department; we strongly encourage your participation when contacted.

The Hall of Fame induction dinner and Homecoming events were again outstanding for all attending, and highlighted the spirit of accomplishments of our current athletes, as well as their predecessors.

Upcoming events include the Basketball Alumni Weekend on January 30-31, and the annual alumni gathering at Old Town Social on March 12 in cooperation with the always terrific efforts of the Graduate Women’s Athletic Association. We will honor the graduating seniors in June, as always, at the University Club. Your attendance at all of these events is enthusiastically encouraged.

Please continue your support of our terrific program by attending athletic competitions and other events. Please contact me on anything at dwaldon@lavinwaldon.com. Thank you.

Dennis Waldon, President
Graduate Order of the “C”

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**Hall of Fame and Homecoming 2014**

On Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 24-25), the 12th class of inductees entered UChicago’s Athletics Hall of Fame. The OOC was represented by Jim Raptis (football/baseball), Andy Strommen (basketball), Jim Haydon (track & field), Tony Hinkle (basketball/football/baseball), Larry Liss (basketball) and Wesley McGhee (track & field/football). The Friday evening dinner and ceremony took place at the University Club downtown.

The Block Party on Saturday attracted plenty of students and alumni alike as the annual event continues to grow in attendance and popularity. UChicago’s football team gave the capacity crowd plenty to cheer about as the Maroons dominated rival Washington-St. Louis by a score of 44-23.
Pictures from HOF weekend

A photo gallery from the 2014 Athletics Hall of Fame dinner can be found at the following link:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/uofcsid/sets/72157649791377869/

Athletic Director Erin McDermott

The University Club

Jim Raptis

Jim Haydon

Andy Strommen

Larry Liss

Wesley McGhee

Corey McPherrin
Fall Sports Highlights

**Football**
The Maroon football team posted an 8-1 record and won its fifth University Athletic Association (UAA) title with a perfect 3-0 mark. UChicago began the season 5-0 – their best start since 1929. The team swept conference honors for Offensive Player of the Year (senior quarterback Patrick Ryan), Defensive Player of the Year (senior defensive tackle Scott Mainquist) and Rookie of the Year (freshman running back Chandler Carroll). Head Coach Chris Wilkerson and his assistants were named UAA Coaching Staff of the Year. UChicago’s stifling defense was ranked in the nation’s top 20 in seven different categories. Junior cornerback Vincent Beltrano and Mainquist were both selected to the D3Football.com All-Region teams at the conclusion of the year. At the end of the year, Mainquist was selected Third Team All-American by D3Football.com.

**Men’s Soccer**
The Maroon men’s soccer team joined the women’s squad in the postseason. UChicago won its third UAA championship with an undefeated mark of 5-0-2. As a defensive unit, the Maroons only allowed one goal in seven UAA contests. The conference title automatically qualified the team for its sixth postseason appearance in program history. UChicago won its first-round match over College of St. Scholastica 3-1 before being eliminated in the second round with an overall record of 12-6-2. Head Coach Mike Babst and his assistants were voted as UAA Coaching Staff of the Year and freshman goalkeeper Hill Bonin was UAA Rookie of the Year. Additionally, sophomore forward Brenton Desai and sophomore defender DJ Weis were named to the NSCAA All-Region teams.

**Men’s Cross Country**
UChicago men’s cross country produced a strong season of its own. The Maroons placed ninth in a loaded NCAA Midwest Regional field and qualified junior Michael Frasco for the NCAA national meet in the process. Frasco and sophomore teammate Gareth Jones were both named All-Region thanks to their placement in the top 35. As an individual racer, Frasco took 61st out of 280 competitors at the NCAA Division III Championship and improved his placing by 95 spots compared to last year’s results at nationals.
**News and Notes**

**Tony Hinkle Recognition**

UChicago and Butler University had the unique opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Paul “Tony” Hinkle this past fall. Hinkle (class of 1920) was inducted into the UChicago Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 24, where he was a two-time basketball All-American and a three-sport star in basketball, football and baseball. Professionally, he went on to be a successful three-sport coach at Butler University and was selected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1965. His name adorns the recently renovated Hinkle Fieldhouse on Butler’s campus.

As fate would have it, the Maroon men’s basketball team traveled to Butler for an exhibition game on Saturday, Nov. 1. During a break in the action, the two schools paid tribute to Hinkle on the court. UChicago Associate Athletic Director Brian Baldea gave a copy of the Hall of Fame plaque to Hinkle’s daughter, Patty Watson. UChicago also presented a game ball from Hinkle’s senior year to Butler for display in Hinkle Fieldhouse.

**Support Our Maroons**

It is easier than ever to make a donation to athletics. On the home page for the Alumni Association (link is below), select “Make a Gift” on the left side of the page. This will take you to an online donor page. A drop down box titled “Area of Giving” will provide you with a number of options including; general program support, Graduate Order of the “C”, and a listing for every varsity sport.

[www.uchicago.edu/alumni](http://www.uchicago.edu/alumni)

Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to provide an enriching and competitive student-athlete experience.

**Hall of Fame Nominees Needed**

The UChicago Athletics Hall of Fame committee is looking for new nominees. If you have a deserving candidate in mind, please fill out a nomination form online at:

[athletics.uchicago.edu/about/history/hof/hof_nom](http://athletics.uchicago.edu/about/history/hof/hof_nom)

**Save the Dates**

**January 30-31:** Basketball Alumni Weekend

**March 12:** OOC and WAA alumni gathering

Old Town Social (455 W. North Avenue, Chicago, IL)

**June:** OOC graduation celebration at the University Club
News and Notes

John Fitzgerald hired as Head Baseball Coach

John Fitzgerald was hired as the Head Baseball Coach for the Maroons on September 15. He succeeds Brian Baldea, who served as head coach for 24 years before taking on an enhanced role as Associate Athletic Director at UChicago.

As a collegiate athlete, Fitzgerald was a four-year letterwinner for the UChicago baseball team. He compiled a career pitching record of 12-8, including a 6-2 mark in 1996. He helped the Maroons reach 20 wins in three-consecutive seasons for the first time in school history. Fitzgerald was also President of the Order of the C. He graduated in 1998 with a degree in sociology and was an assistant baseball coach at UChicago in 1999. Fitzgerald went on to receive a master's degree in business administration from Loyola University Chicago.

Fitzgerald has totaled 214 victories in 10 years as a collegiate head coach, including seven seasons with at least 20 wins. He comes to Hyde Park after spending the previous seven years at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. The Cardinals won 143 games during his tenure, which made him the third-winningest coach in the 153-year history of the program.

Robert Turpin hired as Assistant A.D. for Alumni Relations & Development

Robert Turpin was hired as Assistant Athletic Director for Alumni Relations & Development on November 18. Turpin’s main responsibilities will include cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of donors for annual gifts and endowment, as well as developing and maintaining relationships with alumni/ae and volunteer groups.

He previously worked in UChicago’s Alumni Relations & Development office as an Assistant Director of Donor Relations from 2011-14.

Outside the University, Turpin has served as Development Officer for the Chicago City Soccer Club since 2013. Prior experience includes Events & Program Manager for Chicago Run, as well as Development Program Coordinator for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. Turpin was also a Graduate Assistant Men's Soccer Coach at DePaul University in 2008-09.
OOC Upcoming & Current Activities

**OOC 9th Annual Clothing Drive**
On Friday, Jan. 30 during the men’s basketball game at 8:00 PM, the Order of the “C” will be collecting articles of clothing to donate to the St. Columbanus Food Pantry. This shelter feeds and clothes over 500 families weekly on the South Side. They will be raffling off gift cards to local restaurants to people and groups that donate and will have donation boxes set up around campus throughout the week. Last year, the OOC collected over 1,000 articles of clothing and are hoping to greatly surpass that number this year.

**METROSquash Tutoring**
The OOC began this program last January to make a more locally-based community service impact. METRO-Squash is an organization that offers after-school tutoring, career counseling and a competitive squash training regimen for kids in elementary through high school. The OOC helps with tutoring 2-3 times a week for two 1.5-hour slots and work to be mentors for the students.

**Ray Elementary School Sport Lessons Program**
The OOC and Ray Elementary School are partnering together to provide after-school programs that give lessons and instruction to students for sports and team activities. It will be a weekly offering managed by five or more representatives from the Order of the “C” and the Women’s Athletic Association and will begin the first week in February.

**Annual Faculty Reception**
At this annual event, the OOC and WAA invite their professors to join them for a presentation about UChicago Athletics and thank them for their continued dedication to the success of their students. The student-athletes and faculty will have the opportunity to mingle over light refreshments and listen to two student representatives discuss their UChicago athletic experience. The reception is set for February 28 at 5:00 PM.

**Maroon Pride**
A joint committee between OOC and WAA is working to better connect athletes from different sports to one another. This year during the First-Year Student-Athlete Orientation (a day and a half before the normal Orientation Week), the Athletic Department organized all new student-athletes and some returners into “families” where they did team-building games and took time to get to know one another. This committee is working on building off that precedent and having a similar, shorter follow-up event towards the end of this quarter or at the beginning of next quarter.
Winter Sports Schedules

Basketball

Sat Nov. 15 at Lake Forest W 75-68
Tue Nov. 18 at Dominican W 70-48
Sat Nov. 22 vs. WPI (at Hoopsville Classic) L 81-79 (OT)
Sun Nov. 23 at Stevenson (Hoopsville Classic) W 73-71
Sat Nov. 29 at Beloit W 82-63
Sun Nov. 30 Bethany (W.V.) W 78-52
Wed Dec. 3 Wheaton (Ill.) L 62-51
Sat Dec. 6 at Illinois Wesleyan L 61-56
Sat Dec. 13 at Kalamazoo W 72-53
Wed Dec. 17 North Park W 90-86 (OT)
Sat Jan. 3 Illinois Tech W 84-31
Sat Jan. 10 Washington-St. Louis * W 63-43
Fri Jan. 16 Rochester * W 88-81
Sun Jan. 18 at Emory * W 90-74
Fri Jan. 23 at Brandeis * 8 PM (ET)
Sun Jan. 25 at NYU * 12 PM (ET)
Fri Jan. 30 at Case Western Reserve * 8 PM
Sun Feb. 1 Carnegie Mellon * 12 PM
Fri Feb. 6 at Case Western Reserve * 8 PM (ET)
Sun Feb. 8 at Carnegie Mellon * 12 PM (ET)
Fri Feb. 13 at Rochester * 8 PM (ET)
Sun Feb. 15 at Emory * 12 PM (ET)
Fri Feb. 20 at Brandeis * 8 PM
Sun Feb. 22 at NYU * 12 PM (ET)
Sat Feb. 28 at Washington-St. Louis * 3 PM

Wrestling

Thu Nov. 13 North Central L 25-12
Sat Nov. 15 at Trine Open No team scores
Sat Nov. 22 at Concordia (Wis.) Open No team scores
Wed Dec. 3 at Wheaton (Ill.) L 30-13
Mon Dec. 29 at Midlands No team scores
Sat Jan. 3 Chicago Duals vs. Wabash L 34-14
Sat Jan. 10 at Lake Forest vs. Manchester W 23-21
Sat Jan. 10 at Lake Forest vs. Harper W 30-21
Sat Jan. 10 at Lakeland Duals vs. MSOE W 31-12
Sat Jan. 10 at Lakeland vs. Wisconsin-Eau Claire W 43-6
Sat Jan. 10 at Elmhurst Tournament 9 AM
Sat Jan. 24 Elmhurst 12 PM
Fri Jan. 30 at Wheaton-Pete Wilson Invite 11 AM
Sat Jan. 31 at Wheaton-Pete Wilson Invite 9 AM
Sat Feb. 7 at Augustana 7 PM
Sat Feb. 7 at UAA Championships *(Cleveland, Ohio) 11 AM (ET)
Sat Feb. 28 at NCAA Regional 9 AM

Swimming

Sat Oct. 25 at Denison L 188-107
Sat Nov. 1 at Wheaton W 162-64
Sat Nov. 8 at Washington-St. Louis L 154-145
F-S Nov. 21-23 Phoenix Fall Classic 1st of 6 teams
F-S Jan. 9-10 Chicago Invitational 1st of 8 teams
Sat Jan. 17 at Wisconsin-Milwaukee L 183-113
Fri Jan. 23 at Lewis 6 PM
Sat Jan. 24 DePaul/Trinity (Texas) 1 PM
W-S Feb. 11-14 at UAA Championship (Atlanta, Ga.)
F-S Feb. 20-21 Midwest Invitational All Day
F-S Feb. 27-28 NCAA Diving Regional All Day
W-S Mar. 18-21 at NCAA D3 Championships (Shenandoah, Texas)

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Stay Connected with UChicago Athletics

Stay updated on all news at the newly redesigned athletics.uchicago.edu.

In addition to providing news and information about varsity athletics, the site also provides details about the other offerings from Physical Education & Athletics such as facilities, summer camps, aquatics, personal training and wellness.

Social media enthusiasts can join about 2,900 other Maroon fans at: Facebook.com/chicagomaroons and approximately 1,800 followers at: Twitter.com/chicagomaroons

Both sites provide users an opportunity to connect with fellow UChicago Maroon supporters.