President’s Post

As you will see from this newsletter, it has been a busy and successful fall season for Maroon athletes and Order of the “C” alums, including the Hall of Fame dinner and Homecoming.

At our annual Career Night held on November 9, eight “C” men met with over sixty undergraduate athletes to discuss their varied careers, work experiences and helpful tips on recruiting and interviewing, all of which information was greatly appreciated.

In addition, a mentoring program has been put in place for the football team, with a graduate “C” man assigned to every freshman to provide information and guidance, and it is planned to expand this program to include all sports.

Any internships or other employment opportunities that we have should be directed to our undergraduates as a significant part of our support of our athletic program, and we are working on those matters with the officers of the undergraduate Order of the “C”.

As for upcoming events, please note and save the following dates. On February 9, we will be jointly sponsoring with the Graduate Women’s Athletic Association the second annual festive social gathering at a location in the city, which will again provide a great opportunity to celebrate U of C athletics, as well as a break from our winter weather.

February 10-12 will be the Basketball Alumni Weekend, with varsity games Friday and Sunday and other special events. The annual reception honoring graduating “C” men will be on June 7.

And, as announced elsewhere in this newsletter, August 6 will be our first golf outing. Stay tuned for further details on all of these events.

Please continue your support of our great programs by attending games and meets, both in Chicago and elsewhere, to cheer on our teams and contribute to the ongoing success of what is recognized to be one of the outstanding programs in the country.

Also, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments and suggestions at: dwaldon@lwblaw.com.

Dennis Waldon, President
Graduate Order of the “C”

Football to Become Affiliate Member of Southern Athletic Association

The University of Chicago has been accepted as an affiliate football member of the recently-formed Southern Athletic Association and will begin play in the SAA in the fall of 2015.

Officials announced in June 2011, the SAA includes Birmingham-Southern (Ala.) College, Centre (Ky.) College, Hendrix (Ark.) College, Millsaps (Miss.) College, Oglethorpe (Ga.) University, Berry (Ga.) College, Rhodes (Tenn.) College, and Sewanee: The University of the South (Tenn.).

Washington University in St. Louis will also join the SAA as an affiliate football member in 2015.

Chicago will continue as a full member of the University Athletic Association, vying for league championships in basketball, cross country, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling. Chicago is a charter member of the UAA, which was formed in 1987.

Two other UAA institutions, Carnegie Mellon University and Case Western Reserve University, have been accepted as affiliate football members of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC), set to begin play in 2014.

As a result of the cooperative efforts of the UAA, SAA, and PAC, the four UAA schools -- Chicago, Case, Carnegie Mellon, and Washington-St. Louis -- will continue to play each other in football once they begin their affiliate memberships.

Since 2008, the four UAA schools have played a coordinated football schedule with members of the North Coast Athletic Conference in which members of both conferences fill most of the nonconference dates in each other’s respective schedules. That unique agreement will end after the 2012 season when the NCAC -- recently expanded to ten members -- will move to a full, round robin schedule.

“As the expiration of our scheduling agreement with the NCAC was fast approaching, we had to find a similar agreement in order to continue playing a viable football schedule,” said Director of Athletics Tom Weingartner. “Becoming an affiliate football member of the Southern Athletic Association has provided us with that opportunity. We are delighted that our football program will be able to continue playing a full schedule against quality Division III opponents within reasonable distances.”

The SAA becomes the fourth conference in which Chicago will compete in football. The Maroons previously played in the Big Ten Conference (1896-1939) and the Midwest Conference (1976-86) and have participated in the UAA since the league began sponsoring football in 1990.
UChicago celebrated the ninth induction class of its Athletics Hall of Fame at Hutchinson Commons on October 21. Seven individuals joined the Hall, including “C” men Pat Barry (soccer), Robert Fisher (cross country/track & field), Gene Ericksen (basketball), Ned Merriam (track & field), and Keith Parsons (basketball, football).

Pat Barry
Gene Ericksen
Robert Fisher

Selection Committee Chairman John Davey & Master of Ceremonies Lester Munson

More images are available online at: www.flickr.com/photos/uofcsid/sets/72157628334186459/
**Polaneczky, Brizzolara Named D3football.com All-Region**

Senior linebacker Danny Polaneczky and junior wide receiver/kick returner Dee Brizzolara were selected to the D3football.com All-North Region Team.

A Second Team pick, Polaneczky led the Maroons with 82 tackles and ranked second on the club in sacks (4.0) and third in tackles-for-loss (9.0) this past season. The tri-captain made his second appearance on the All-North Region Team in as many years.

Brizzolara (pictured) earned Third Team accolades as a return specialist. He finished the regular season as the nation’s 10th-leading punt returner with a 16.1 yard average on 14 runbacks, two of which went for touchdowns. The UAA Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season, Brizzolara also made his second straight All-North Region Team appearance.

**Whitmore an All-American**

Junior Billy Whitmore turned in an All-America performance at the 2011 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships.

Whitmore covered the eight-kilometer course in 24:19, good for seventh-best among the 279 runners.

Whitmore became the fifth All-American in Chicago men’s cross country history and the first since 2002.

Whitmore’s seventh-place national finish is the third-best in the program’s history, behind Mike Axinn’s runner-up performance in 1981 and Tom Haxton’s 6th place showing in 2002.

**Coville, Choquette Tabbed All-Region**

Senior midfielder Stanton Coville and freshman midfielder Michael Choquette were chosen to the All-Central Region Men's Soccer Team.

Coville (pictured) earned Second Team accolades after a season in which he led the Maroons with nine goals, four assists, and 22 points.

Choquette was named to the Third Team. The 2011 UAA Rookie of the Year and an All-UAA First Team pick, Choquette scored four goals and collected three assists this past season.

Chicago finished the 2011 campaign with a 9-7-2 overall record.
2012 Winter Schedules

Basketball

Sat Jan. 7  at Washington-St. Louis  *  3 p.m.
Fri Jan. 13 at Carnegie Mellon  *  8 p.m. (ET)
Sun Jan. 15 at Case  *  Noon (ET)
Fri Jan. 20 NYU  *  8 p.m.
Sun Jan. 22 Brandeis  *  Noon
Fri Jan. 27 Emory  *  8 p.m.
Sun Jan. 29 Rochester  *  Noon
Fri Feb. 3 at Emory  *  8 p.m. (ET)
Sun Feb. 5 at Rochester  *  Noon (ET)
Fri Feb. 10 Carnegie Mellon  *  8 p.m.
Sun Feb. 12 Case  *  Noon
Fri Feb. 17 at NYU  *  8 p.m. (ET)
Sun Feb. 19 at Brandeis  *  Noon (ET)
Sat Feb. 25 Washington-St. Louis  *  3 p.m.

Swimming & Diving

Sat Jan. 7 Kalamazoo  1 p.m.
Fri Jan. 13 Chicago Invitational  6 p.m.
Sat Jan. 14 Chicago Invitational  10 a.m.
Sat Jan. 21 Wis.-Milwaukee  1 p.m.
Sat Jan. 28 DePauw  1 p.m.
Wed Feb. 15 at UAA Championship  *  All Day
Thu Feb. 16 at UAA Championship  *  All Day
Fri Feb. 17 at UAA Championship  *  All Day
Sat Feb. 18 at UAA Championship  *  All Day
Fri Feb. 24 Midwest Invitational  6 p.m.
Sat Feb. 25 Midwest Invitational  10 a.m.
Wed Mar. 21 at NCAA Championship  All Day
Thu Mar. 22 at NCAA Championship  All Day
Fri Mar. 23 at NCAA Championship  All Day
Sat Mar. 25 at NCAA Championship  All Day

Track & Field

Sat Jan. 14 at Wis.-Oshkosh Dual  Noon
Sat Jan. 21 at Illinois Wesleyan Triangular  TBD
Sat Jan. 28 Chicago Duals  11:30 a.m.
Fri Feb. 3 at Wis.-Whitewater Invitational  4 p.m.
Sat Feb. 11 at Chicagoland  11 a.m.
Sat Feb. 18 Margaret Bradley Invite  11:30 a.m.
Sat Feb. 25 at NCAA Championship  *  2 p.m. (ET)
Sun Feb. 26 at NCAA Championship  *  10 a.m. (ET)
Fri Mar. 2 at North Central Last Chance  TBD
Fri Mar. 9 at NCAA Championship  All Day
Sat Mar. 10 at NCAA Championship  All Day

Wrestling

Sat Jan. 7 at Knox Duals  9 a.m.
Sat Jan. 14 at Elmhurst Invitational  9 a.m.
Thu Jan. 19 at Augustana (Ill.)  7 p.m.
Sat Jan. 21 St. Olaf  10:30 a.m.
Fri Jan. 27 at Wheaton (Ill.) Invitational  1 p.m.
Sat Jan. 28 at Wheaton (Ill.) Invitational  10 a.m.
Fri Feb. 3 at North Central  7 p.m.
Sat Feb. 11 at NCAA Championship  *  11 a.m. (ET)
Sat Feb. 25 at Great Lakes Regional  9 a.m.
Fri Mar. 8 NCAA Championship  9 a.m.
Sat Mar. 9 NCAA Championship  9 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Order of the “C”
Golf Outing
August 6, 2012
River Forest Country Club

GRADUATE ORDER OF THE C
TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Basketball
Baseball
Swimming
Wrestling
Gymnastics
Fencing
Basketball
Football
Soccer
Tennis
Baseball
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athletics.uchicago.edu is the athletic department’s official website.

In addition to providing news and information about varsity athletics, the site also provides details about the department’s other offerings such as facilities, summer camps, aquatics, personal training & wellness, and promotions.

It is also the place to go for live streaming video of dozens of home athletic events.

Social media enthusiasts can join nearly 1,800 other Maroon fans at: Facebook.com/chicagomaroons

and approximately 700 followers at: Twitter.com/chicagomaroons.

In addition to offering information, photos, and videos not available on the athletics website, both sites provide users an opportunity to connect with fellow Chicago Maroon supporters.