Spanning the Globe
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Katherine Moran Coleman Aquatics Center and Nelson Fitness Center

Transforming Erickson Athletic Complex
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As an international university, Brown seeks to collaborate with leaders in every industry to advance knowledge and understanding in a complex world. Athletics has an important role to play in this collaboration as well, with student-athletes and coaches from all over the world donning Brown uniforms.

by Aaron Todd

Winter 2009-10 in Photos

Amazing action, alumni gatherings and well-deserved honors are on display in our winter photo collage.

Transforming Erickson Athletic Complex

Shawmut Design & Construction has been selected to build the Katherine Moran Coleman Aquatics Center and Nelson Fitness Center, with construction set to begin in June, 2010. The $46.6 million project will include a state-of-the-art pool capable of hosting Ivy League and NCAA Championship competition, as well as 12,000 square feet of space for a Varsity Strength and Conditioning center.
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Fall Sports Accolades

- Buddy Farnham ’10 was named the Ivy League Football Co-Player of the Year. Associated Press Second Team All-American, ECAC FCS All-Star, and won the Bulger Lowe Award as the New England Player of the Year. Mark Callahan ’10 and Paul Jasinoski ’10 also earned ECAC FCS All-Star honors, while Jasinoski was a Second Team CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American. James Develin ’10, Farnham and Jasinoski were All-New England.

- Men’s coach Paul Cooke ’89 was named ECAC Coach of the Year for 2009.

- Christian Escareno ’11 finished 294th at the NCAA Division I Men’s Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Ind.

- The men’s soccer team defeated Stony Brook 1-0 in double overtime in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Bears fell to the No. 5 seed North Carolina, 2-0, in the second round. Nick Elza-Martin ’10 was a First Team NSCAA All-Region selection, while David Walls ’11 earned Third Team honors.

- The men’s water polo team finished sixth at Easterns, falling to Bucknell, 8-6, in the first round before defeating MIT 7-6 to advance to the fifth-place match, where the Bears fell to Fordham, 8-7. Kent Holland ’10 and Svetozar Stefanovic ’13 were named Academic All-Americans by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches. Holland, Gordon Hood ’10 and Stefanovic earned First Team All-East honors, while Corey Schwartz ’11 was a Second Team selection.

- Women’s soccer players Bridget Ballard ’10 (First Team) and Melissa Kim ’10 (Third Team) were named CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District, and Kim was named Second Team All-NEWSA.

- Women’s soccer player Becki Kellar ’97 won her third Olympic gold medal and fourth Olympic medal overall, helping lead Canada’s women’s hockey team to a 2-0 win over Team USA in the gold medal game on Feb. 25. The Games will be Kellar’s last, as she now plans to hang up her skates after the game. “I’ll miss little bits of all of it but probably the girls and the camaraderie the most. It has been unbelievable.”

- Brendan Fitzpatrick ’10 was named Third Team All-Ivy in football.

- Kevin Lavelle ’10, Kyle McVay ’10 and Paul Jasinoski ’10 were named Academic All-Ivy.

- Matt Mullery ’10 was named Second Team All-Ivy in football.

- Men’s soccer player Bobby Sewall ’10 was named First Team All-Ivy.

- Women’s soccer player Bridget Ballard ’10 was named First Team All-Ivy.

- Mark Callahan ’10 was named Second Team All-Ivy.

- Women’s soccer player Melissa Kim ’10 was named Academic All-Ivy in football.

- Men’s water polo player Kent Holland ’10 was named Academic All-Ivy.

- Women’s soccer players Katie Hyland ’11 and Melissa Kim ’10 were named Academic All-Ivy in football.

- Men’s soccer player John Lowen ’10 was named Academic All-Ivy.

- Women’s soccer player Brianna Williamson ’11 was named Academic All-Ivy in volleyball.

- Men’s soccer player Ariel Wright ’10 was named Academic All-Ivy in women’s cross country.

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Striking Out Cancer

Brown’s ace pitcher learns about going the distance by watching his father fight for his life.

by Christopher Hatfield '06

Mark Gormley ’11 had a breakout season in 2009. The lefty emerged as Brown’s ace, going 6-2 in 12 appearances, including nine starts. He earned First Team All-Ivy honors with a 4-1 conference mark, including three complete games. The southpaw was a big reason the Bears posted a program-best 15-5 Ivy League record.

The season was noteworthy on its own merits for Gormley, but when his field of concern are considered, what he accomplished last year is truly remarkable. Mark’s father, Michael—his coach, confidant, and number one fan—had been diagnosed with colon cancer the previous summer, and complications from his treatment nearly took his life. Mark took the mound that summer and the following spring without his father in the stands for the first time in his life.

“My father coached me from the time I was five to when I was 12 and in high school he was at every game, and even some practices,” Gormley said. “To look up and he’s not there … after the games, I didn’t have him there to talk to. It was strange.”

Gormley spent the summer of 2008 pitching for the Lowell All-Americans of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. He first knew something was amiss when his father did not attend the team’s season-opener. A month later, on July 11—a day before his father’s birthday—the Gormley family learned the diagnosis. Amazingly, Mark made his scheduled start the next day.

As the season approached, Michael began recovering. He made his return to the stands on April 4 with Brown hosting Penn and Mark entrenched as the Bears’ number one starter. Unfortunately, it was Mark’s worst game of the season, as he gave up eight earned runs in five and a third, although the Bears won, 9-8.

Despite the setback that afternoon on the field, both Gormleys grew stronger, which Mark acknowledges may not be coincidental. Mark allowed just five earned runs in his final three Ivy starts, and Michael was well enough to drive himself to Mark’s last outing of the year, in which he went all seven innings and earned a win over Bryant.

Pitching in the historic, highly competitive Cape Cod League last summer, Mark was named an All-Star Alternate, while Michael made it about 40 of Mark’s 44 games and returned to work. In the end, the summer of 2009 was as triumphant for the Gormleys as the previous summer had been disastrous.

“In a situation like that, you can go one of two ways,” said Bears’ Head Coach Marek Drabinski. “Mark could have let it affect him in a negative manner. The other way you can handle it is use it as motivation and I think that’s the route Mark took. I’ve coached a lot of good, competitive players, and Mark is in the top half dozen I’ve ever coached in terms of competitiveness and work ethic.”

Gormley enters the 2010 season after an offseason free of distractions with momentum on his side. If 2009 showed what he could do with his world turned on its head, Ivy League hitters better be ready when Gormley takes the mound this spring.

Christopher Hatfield ’06 has written about Brown athletics for eight years as a student, full-time employee, and alumna.

From Brown to Belgium

A former All Ivy guard discovers that adaptability off the court is just as important as his ability on it.

by Damon Huffman ’08

Basketball probably isn’t the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Belgium. Maybe you think of it as the capital of the European Union, or your stomach might lead you to think of the things the Belgians are really famous for: beer and waffles.

After graduating from Brown two years ago, I arrived in Belgium to play professional basketball. Off the court, players often talk of how they miss home, the challenges of just buying groceries, and the other day-to-day problems of coping in a country where many people don’t speak English. On the court, players can get frustrated with differences in the game’s rules, tempo, and style of play. What I have noticed is that the most successful American players in Europe seem to be the ones who are able to accept the cultural differences and adapt, integrating themselves into the local community. In turn, these athletes are able to maintain a better attitude and work ethic both on and off the court.

Brown is—and hopefully always will be—an institution where individuals have the opportunity to choose their own path. As a student-athlete concentrating in economics, Brown gave me the chance to combine my pursuit of my education with my love of basketball. Balancing a full Ivy League course load and playing professional basketball in a small country was a challenge that forced me to self-motivate and manage my time in order to be successful.

My season in the Belgian league is incredibly long (10 months, or about two months longer than the NBA season). With at least two training sessions per day, it is physically and mentally grueling. Were I unable to motivate myself, it would be very hard to approach each practice as an opportunity to make myself and my teammates better. Fortunately, Brown provided me with the discipline and the tools that I need to succeed in these challenging situations.

In my first season in Europe, I had the opportunity to play a preseason game against a former college teammate, who were on a European Tour prior to the 2008-09 academic year. The team quickly realized the differences between American basketball and European basketball. While Brown did not get a win, it was a great opportunity for team to build chemistry under new Head Coach Jesse Agele. Personally, it was a great moment for me because I was able to see my old and new worlds collide.

I have been very fortunate to continue playing basketball after college, and I wouldn’t have been prepared to succeed here in Europe without the experiences I had on College Hill—both on and off the court.

Damon Huffman ’08 is averaging 6.4 points per game and has a .431 shooting percentage from 3-point range in more than 21 minutes per game for his team, Generali Okapi Aalstar, in Belgium this season. Huffman was a two-time All-Ivy selection for Brown and ranks seventh on Brown’s all-time scoring list.

Team Notes

Brown entered the final weekend of the regular season with an 11-18 over all record and was tied for fourth in the Ivy League at 5-7…. Matt Mullery ’10 leads the team in points (15.2 per game), rebounds (6.3 per game), assists (2.9 per game) and blocked shots (1.6 per game); Mullery was a Third Team selection on the 2009-10 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Men’s Basketball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America…. Mullery was the Ivy League Player of the Week on Nov. 23, while Andrew McCarthy ’13 (Nov. 23, Jan. 18), Matt Sullivan 13 (Nov. 30) and Tucker Halpern ’13 (Jan. 11, Feb. 22) earned Ivy League Rookie of the Week honors…. The Bears swept Penn and Princeton on the road for the second time in program history on Feb 19-20…. for the team’s complete schedule/results, see page 34.
Holding Court in New Delhi

Brown’s starting point guard spent last summer as an intern in India.

by Lyndsey Maurer

Life in New Delhi is hard to compare to life as an Ivy League student-athlete on College Hill. Despite significant differences in the settings, Courtney Lee ’10 has discovered that many of the qualities that have helped her excel in one arena translate into success halfway around the world, as well.

Lee, the starting guard for Brown’s women’s basketball team, spent two months in New Delhi, India, last summer, working as an intern at HT Media Ltd. During her internship, she used the strengths she developed on the basketball court to succeed in the business world in India.

“College athletics definitely prepared me for my internship,” said Lee. “You hold yourself accountable and you learn to work with other people.”

Lee considers herself lucky to be at a university where there are so many opportunities. Concentrating in commerce, organization and entrepreneurship, Lee was one of seven Brown students to receive an internship through Brown’s COE Department.

“Brown offers a lot of summer programs and internships, and there are so many connections through Brown alumni in New Delhi and Mumbai,” said Lee. “You have to look for them, but they are there.”

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During her time in India, Lee worked in the marketing department for the Hindustan Times, a business newspaper, Mint, from June to August. Mint is a one-of-a-kind newspaper with an exclusive agreement with the Wall Street Journal to publish Journal-branded news and information in India. After a two-week orientation in Gurgoan, where she learned the ins and outs of the company, Lee was given projects to present to her supervisor.

“My first project was to read and compare the four different major business papers in India so that I would become familiar with the industry,” said Lee. “I put together a Power Point presentation with my findings and presented it to my superiors. They really enjoyed my foreign perspectives, so they had me do a more detailed comparison of Mint to other business newspapers.”

As a result of the internship, Lee developed a passion for marketing and also learned the importance of branding. Her interests and her success led her supervisors to give her an opportunity to implement her ideas to increase the brand loyalty and recognition of Mint among the youth in India.

“I put together presentations for each of my ideas,” added Lee. “For example, I thought that the youngest people who would read a business newspaper would be students in business school in India. So I suggested that Mint sponsor a career fair and hand out free newspapers and prizes. I did research and found out everything relevant to support my ideas.”

In her spare time, Lee explored New Delhi and the surrounding area, hiking the Himalayas and even riding elephants. She was able to discover a part of herself that she had never seen before. And just as she has always felt lucky to be able to compete on the basketball court for most of her life, she now feels a deep appreciation for the opportunities given to her in India.

Lyndsey Maurer has covered the women’s basketball team at Brown as an Assistant Sports Information Director for four years.

International Experience at the Top

The Brown fencing team’s roster represents nearly every corner of the globe, and the coach is no different.

Raised in India by Hungarian parents, Head Fencing Coach Attilio Tass brings a unique perspective to Ivy League athletics. But his international resume goes far beyond his upbringing. Tass was a world-class fencer in his prime. He advanced to the quarterfinal round of the men’s saber at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles after missing his first opportunity to compete in the Olympics in 1980, as Argentina was one of 65 nations to boycott the Moscow games.

After competing in Los Angeles, Tass decided to continue his education at the Hungarian Sport University. Upon his graduation, he moved to the U.S. where he coached the Tucson Fencing Club in Arizona for 10 years before coming to Brown to coach the men’s and women’s fencing teams prior to the 2000-2001 season. In addition to coaching, Tass has stayed active in the fencing community, serving as a referee at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and competing in Veterans events, including the 2009 Veterans World Championships in, of all places, Moscow.

“It took me 30 years to get there, after the boycott,” says Tass. “There were representatives from all over the world there, and old friends from my Olympic times. Many of us had qualified to compete in 1980 and were back for the Veterans World Championship. While we have interacted many times in other venues, this time we all got a chance to compete again.”

Tass took advantage of the opportunity, finishing third in the over-30 division of the men’s saber. His international success gives him added cache with his current student-athletes at Brown.

“It is just as impressive to see somebody who has accomplished so much in his fencing career,” says Henry Liu ’10, who competes in the men’s epee for Brown. “He really exemplifies the hard work and dedication you have to put into the sport.”

Brown’s fencers, however, don’t find Tass’ international reputation intimidating. They have come to look to him as a mentor, and also as someone they can trust.

“If I’m having an off day, he will ask me what’s wrong; he is someone I can go talk to,” says Randy Alevi ’10, who finished 10th at the 2008 NCAA Championships in men’s saber.

“As a coach, he really pushes you and helps you set goals that you might think are too high, but in reality, they are attainable.”

Tass’ background, and the international popularity of fencing, has helped attract student-athletes from all over the world to his team. Six of Brown’s fencers were born abroad, including Liu, who moved to Irvington, N.Y., from France with his family when he was 11 years old. Brown also has competitors from Bulgaria, China, England and Japan.

“I think it is fantastic that we have attracted such an international group,” says Tass. “The student-athletes who come to Brown love the open curriculum approach to education, and the fact that they can excel in their sport.”

“We can all find common ground in our common passion,” says Liu. “We have dedicated so much of our lives to fencing that we all have the same drive and motivation, no matter where we’re from.”

— A.T.

Team Notes

Adam Pantel ’10 earned First Team All-Ivy honors in the men’s foil after compiling a 10-4 record in Ivy bouts... Brown’s men finished 2-3 in Ivy League matches and 10-1 in Northeast Fencing Conference matches, while the women were 0-6 in the Ivy League and 11-1 in NFC contests...

Caitlyn Taylor ’13 was named the NFC Female Fencer of the Year and earned First Team honors in the saber... Other All-NFC honorees include Cory Abbe ’13 (First Team, women’s epee), Avery Nackman (First Team, women’s foil), Teddy Weller ’13 (First Team, men’s saber), Peter Tyson ’12 (Second Team, men’s saber), and Jonathan Yu ’11 (Second Team, men’s foil)... Brown will host the NCAA Regionals on March 14, where qualifiers for the NCAA National Championship to be held at Harvard March 25-28 will be finalized... The team’s complete schedule/results are available on page 34.
Q&A with Head Coach Sara Carver-Milne

Brown’s gymnastics coach talks about the team’s trip to Alaska, the hardest part of being a gymnast at an Ivy League institution, and the team’s goals for the rest of the year.

Sara Carver-Milne has been at Brown since 2001, serving as an assistant gymnastics coach for one season before taking the reins as head coach in 2002. In each of the last two seasons, she has coached Brown to second place at the Ivy Classic, the team’s best finish since 2002, and the squad posted its best team score (189.675) since 2004, at this year’s Ivy Classic.

BBM: Let’s start by talking about your trip to Alaska. How do you think it went, and what did the team get out of the experience?

SCM: It started off a little rough. It seems like we have one meet each year where everyone is just a little off and this year, it was our first meet in Alaska. Saturday we had a lot of team bonding and we got to do a lot of sightseeing and they really pulled it together. Sunday, walking into the meet, it was just a completely different team; they knew what they needed to do and they weren’t going to let anything get in their way.

BBM: How do you feel this season is going so far in general?

SCM: We are having a great season. We don’t have a huge team and it could have gone either way. Unfortunately we lost Helen Segal ’10 at UNH; she tore her ACL on her first pass in her floor routine. I was a little nervous about how that was going to affect our team going into Alaska. They were pretty upset about losing their team captain and an extremely strong gymnast. To come through with a season high, it showed great potential for this team. I definitely think we can achieve even higher than what we did last year. This team has a lot of heart and a lot of talent.

BBM: Your team finished second at the Ivy Classic, but posted a season-high score. How did the team feel about hosting the meet?

Team Notes

Brown was second at the Ivy Classic with a season-best score of 189.675. Victoria Zendell ’11 earned the individual title on the beam with a score of 9.775 to also earn First Team All-Ivy Classic honors in the event; Julia Meyer ’13 received First Team honors on the bars and on the balance beam, while Carly Wisniewski ’12 was a First Team selection on the vault and in the all-around and also received Second Team honors on the balance beam; Chelsey Binkley ’10 received Second Team honors on the floor, and both Binkley and Emily Lefkowitz ’13 received Second Team recognition in the all-around... Brown will compete at the ECAC Championships on March 27 at Towson, and will look to qualify as a team for the USAG Collegiate Nationals at Texas Women’s University on April 15.... For the most up-to-date information, visit www.BrownBears.com. The team’s complete schedule/results is available on page 34.

SCM: They have to be so disciplined as far as time management goes. After every practice they talk to each other about their schedules and say things like, “I’m going to get dinner, then I’ll meet you in the basement of the SciL.” Everything is done together and I think that helps them stay focused and not get distracted by other things. They tell me that the weeks we don’t have a meet, it’s harder for them to get motivated academically because they have a little bit of free time. They are always more productive when they are busy.

BBM: What are your goals for the rest of the season?

SCM: Our biggest goal for the season is to qualify as a team for the USAG Collegiate Nationals in Texas. The past few years we’ve only been able to take individuals and some have achieved USAG All-American honors, but every year that they go, they watch the team final and shake their heads thinking we should be out there as a team. If we can keep scoring like we did at our last meet in Alaska and at the Ivy Classic, I think we will be there.

SCM: What do you think is the most challenging part of being a gymnast at Brown?

BBM: Holding off the NHL

A college degree isn’t a prerequisite for an NHL career, but for one recent alumnus from Quebec, a Brown degree meant more than the immediate opportunities he had in professional hockey.

by Jeanne Carhart

In the fall of 2000, at age 19, Yann Danis ’04 left his French-speaking home city of Saint-Jerome, Quebec to enroll at Brown to further his education and play goalie for the men’s hockey team. Few could have guessed that this quiet and unassuming young man would evolve into one of the most storied student-athletes in the history of the University.

Over the next four years, Danis excelled in both school and hockey. He adeptly balanced the rigor of an Ivy League curricu-lum and the demands of college athletics all while learning to master English as his second language.

“Being placed in a situation where English is the only option is a great way to learn and it forced me to practice and get better,” says Danis.

And his English wasn’t the only thing that was improving. In fact, several NHL teams attempted to lure Danis away from Brown at the conclusion of his junior season.

Danis considered leaving early, but decided to stay after weighing “the impact of leaving without my degree and whether I would ever have the opportunity to complete the final year of my studies. The team at Brown had improved so much since my freshman year and I could see the potential for success. It was something I wanted to be a part of.”

The decision to stay paid dividends, as Danis was Brown’s first men’s hockey player to earn academic All-American honors in 2004. He was also the first in school history to be a finalist for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, college hockey’s highest individual honor, and he garnered the 2004 Ivy League Player of the Year and the 2004 ECAC Player and Goaltender of the Year awards.

Backstopped by Danis, the Bears won the Ivy Champion-ship and had their best finish in the ECAC standings (third) since 1992. Perhaps more important, in May of 2004, Danis received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Economics.

“I was the first in my family to go to university, and to attend one as prestigious as Brown was extremely exciting,” says Danis. “Attending university was always a dream of mine, and being successful in school was always a priority. To have gradu-at-ed from Brown is something I am particularly proud of.”

In the six years since his graduation, Danis has played for three NHL franchises, spending most of 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons at the NHL level. The current backup goalie for the New Jersey Devils, Danis began his NHL career with a bang, record-ing a shutout in his first NHL start with the Montreal Canadians.

In 46 career NHL games, Danis has a 2.70 goals against average, a .912 save percentage, and three shutouts, including a 1.85 GAA and a .930 save percentage in nine games with the Devils.

“Being a student-athlete at Brown taught me the importance of a good work ethic, goal-setting, and prioritizing all aspects of my life. These are important to be successful at a high level in hockey.”

Danis recognizes that he won’t always be able to play hockey. When his playing days are behind him, Danis has broad and varied interests and is drawn to a potential career in real estate.

“I know that my degree from Brown has given me the tools to accomplish (my professional goals) if and when the time comes.”

Jeanne Carhart has covered Brown men’s hockey as the Assistant Sports Information Director for the last 10 years.

Team Notes

Brown finished the regular season in 11th place in the ECAC Hockey standings, just two points away from earning home ice in the first round of the ECAC playoffs. The Bears faced sixth-seeded Rensselaer in the first round. For the most up-to-date results, visit www.BrownBears.com. ... Aaron Voll- piti ’10 was named Second Team All-ECAC.... Mike Clemente ’12 was named Second Team All-ECAC.... Chelsey Binkley ’10 received Second Team honors on the floor, and both Binkley and Emily Lefkowitz ’13 received Second Team recognition in the all-around... Brown will compete at the ECAC Championships on March 27 at Towson, and will look to qualify as a team for the USAG Collegiate Nationals at Texas Women’s University on April 15.... For the most up-to-date information, visit www.BrownBears.com. The team’s complete schedule/results is available on page 34.

Brown Bear Magazine
Spanning the Globe

Brown’s student-athletes come from 21 countries, including 70 international student-athletes competing for 23 teams.

Story by Aaron Todd
Portraits by David Silverman
Atilio Tass is the head coach of one of Brown’s most internationally diverse groups: the men’s and women’s fencing team. The Argentinean coach has student-athletes from six different countries on his roster, but when a group of student-athletes, one from each country that competes for Brown, was assembled for a photo shoot in January, even he was surprised at how big the group was.

“I didn’t realize that within the athletic department that there were so many of us,” says Tass. “And that was not everybody; that was just one from every country.”

The size and scope of Brown's international student-athlete population is impressive. With 70 student-athletes from 21 different countries, Brown’s international student-athlete population (about seven percent) roughly mirrors the percentage of Brown’s overall international student population.

More than one out of six Brown students participates in a varsity or club sport—and 23 of Brown’s 37 varsity and club teams have at least one student-athlete who comes from outside a varsity or club sport—and 23 of Brown’s 37 varsity and club teams have at least one student-athlete who comes from outside a varsity or club sport—and 23 of Brown’s 37 varsity and club teams have at least one student-athlete who comes from outside a varsity or club sport—and 23 of Brown’s 37 varsity and club teams have at least one student-athlete who comes from outside a varsity or club sport—and 23 of Brown’s 37 varsity and club teams have at least one student-athlete who comes from outside a varsity or club sport.

As a senior, Tounkara was the captain of his basketball and football teams, earned a spot on the Fuggari Bowl Staten Island All-Star Team, and was an All-City Academic selection. One year later, Tounkara found himself at Brown University, playing wide receiver for the football team and concentrating in international relations.

“FootbaLl has helped me so much because it is such an American sport,” says Tounkara. “It was just my third year in the United States and I wasn’t accustomed to everything yet, and the football team helped me understand just how the United States works.”

Sport, regardless of how “American,” is quite often an area of student life that gives international students an opportunity to feel more connected at Brown and gain confidence in an unfamiliar environment.

“International students come here and they’re in a foreign culture with foreign food, and in some cases, a foreign language,” said Director of Men’s Rugby Jay Fluck ’65. “On our team, international players walk on the rugby field and some players are instantly looked upon as very good players. It builds confidence and gives them stature and standing where they might have been lost in the weeds for awhile. They can use that confidence in other areas of their life at Brown, off the field, as well.”

While they may find confidence on the field, many student-athletes also find American college sports to be another new system to learn. Sasha Sassoon ’13 has found the intensity of college athletics to be a welcome change from what she experienced playing lacrosse growing up in England, where the sport is much more recreational.

“I’ve spoken to friends who just started university in England who say it’s ridiculous to have two-hour training sessions twice a week,” says Sassoon, who plays attack for Head Women’s Lacrosse Coach Keely McDonald ’00. “Here, lacrosse is part of your life. Back home you just do it for a bit of fun.”

While looking for an opportunity to compete at the highest levels on the field, almost all were looking first and foremost at the quality of education they would obtain.

“My priority was always to get a good education, and not to become a professional athlete,” says Svetozar Stefanovic ’13, a native of Belgrade, Serbia, who was named an Honorable Mention All-American by the Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Association after his rookie season in the fall. “I did some research about schools in the United States and narrowed my search down to the Ivy League Schools. Brown is one of the top universities in the world, so the benefits are obvious.”

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Bruno Goes Abroad

Brown Athletics has had an extensive international reach through team trips abroad. The trips, often funded by donors, offer teams the opportunity to take in a new culture and compete on foreign soil.

The most recent trip was the men’s crew’s successful run at the Henley Royal Regatta in England in July, 2009.

“It was made possible because of the incredible generosity of the Brown rowing community,” said Cole Bonner ’10, who helped lead the Varsity Eight to a Ladies Plate Challenge Cup victory. “Competing against the best college teams in the country is one thing, but it’s really an incredible thrill to fly over to England and represent Brown by racing crews from all over the world.”

For many, it was their first chance to travel abroad, but for then Freshman eight coxman Alex Fleming ’12, a native of Australia, it was a chance to gain an even tighter bond with his new team.

“It was nerve-racking because we were on a world stage,” said Fleming, who helped Brown finish as the runner-up in the Temple Challenge Cup. “That was a little intimidating, but I felt like we responded with the best racing we’d done all year. I was never more proud to be rowing for Brown. It put our name out there, and there were a lot of people at Henley talking about Brown.”

The experience of competing at Henley has led some recent graduates to apply for admission at Oxford. Ben Harrison ’07 and Colin Kiefl ’08 both went to Oxford and competed for them. Vika Mykolenko ’12 and Sarah Hebert-Seropian ’12 went just outside of Montreal, and she only took classes in French in high school.

“I had two years of English in elementary school, so my English was basically just for conversations,” says Hebert-Seropian. “Montreal is half-and-half, so I was in an environment where I always heard English, but I never had to write a paper in English.”

Regardless of where they come from, international student-athletes bring valuable experiences to Brown, and learn lessons in the classroom and the locker room that will last a lifetime. Along the way, they learn about American culture, and their American teammates often start to see the world a little differently, too.

“It is incredibly educational to be able to interact with somebody on a daily basis who might have a very different perspective,” says Director of Athletics and Physical Education Michael Goldberg. “We want to make sure that we can offer those opportunities to our athletes in the same way our physics department, or a theatre or music group would. It’s what Brown should be doing, and we’re glad that it is.”

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As I stood at attention in a new and intimidating world, all I could think was ‘... how stupid can you possibly be, Charlie?’

When Charles Waterman ’11 discovered that her mother had been diagnosed with lupus in the fall of 2008, she had an understandable reaction.

“I just freaked out because I didn’t know what it was,” says Waterman. “She was pretty calm about it, but I guess that was all to keep me calm and not get me too worried.”

Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can affect the function of nearly every part of the body. Instead of producing antibodies that protect the body, people with lupus have an immune system that creates antibodies that attack healthy tissue. The symptoms manifest themselves differently in each person. Waterman’s mother, Robyn Waterman P’11, suffers from flare-ups that result in rashes and arthritic pain in her joints, and is very sensitive to temperature changes and has to avoid direct sunlight.

After doing some research about the disease, Waterman learned that she wasn’t the only person who didn’t know very much about lupus.

“Lupus gets overlooked a lot in regard to research and funding,” says Waterman, who started all 15 games for the women’s lacrosse team last season. “There hasn’t been a new drug introduced for lupus treatment in over 50 years. That was striking to me; my mother is taking the same medicine they were prescribing in 1960.”

The Newark, Del., native decided to do something about it. Last fall, Waterman asked her teammates if they’d be interested in raising money and awareness for lupus.

The support and enthusiasm for this event has just been phenomenal.”

“Paris is a great leader, on and off the field,” says McDonald. “She has really enlightened me and her teammates on the effects of living with lupus.”

While those effects make it difficult for her mother to be out in the sun or in the cold, she can still see Robyn Waterman watching her daughter play at most of Brown’s games.

“I don’t know how she does it,” says Waterman. “Sometimes it’s just not possible for her mother to be there to watch me play. She’s been so supportive and she’s done everything she can to make sure she’s there for me.”

And now, with the team’s fundraising efforts, Waterman is making sure she is doing all that she can to be there for her mother as well.

- A.T.
In most competitions, skiing is an individual sport; the fastest person down the mountain wins. But college skiing adds an element of team competition that changes the dynamic of how those individuals approach racing. For Kia Mosenthal '12, adjusting to a “team-first” mentality has been a journey, but one which she has relished.

“In high school, you go as fast as you can and if you crash or don't finish, you aren’t letting anyone down but yourself,” she says. “This year, I have been conscientious about thinking about the team first. Even if I don't win the race, but can finish in the top-10, the team can still win.”

It is a tough mentality to adopt, especially after so many years of skiing only for individual results, though it's part of what ultimately led Mosenthal to Brown.

As a skier for Plymouth Regional High School, where she was coached by Norman Leblanc, father of Brown Head Coach Mike Leblanc, Mosenthal excelled on the slopes. As a sophomore and again as a senior, she won the overall title at the Eastern High School Championships, winning both the slalom and giant slalom as a senior and taking second in both events as a sophomore. She qualified for the J2 Nationals as a junior, finishing ninth in the super giant slalom, 14th in downhill, and 15th in the slalom.

“I wrestled with skiing at a bigger school, but skiing at a school like Brown is much more team-oriented. I also wanted to pursue academics... and at Brown, I can take any classes I want and still ski, because skiing doesn't dictate everything in regards to my academic choices.” — Kia Mosenthal ’12

With the regular season now complete, Mosenthal, who finished seventh in this year’s MacConnell Division individual standings, and the rest of the Bears have their sights set on improving on last year’s 10th-place finish at the USCSA National Championship. The team had a disappointing fifth-place showing at ECSC Regionals, but the finish was good enough to get the Bears back to the national championship to be held March 3-6 at Sunday River in Maine. Mosenthal earned All-American honors in the slalom with a fourth-place finish last year, but will be looking to place near the top of the leaderboard in both events this year after she did not finish the giant slalom last year.

Mosenthal has made huge strides this year on the mountain, becoming faster and more consistent and focusing on doing everything she can to help the team. If the entire team skis consistently, the Bears’ goal of earning a place on the podium at nationals is well within reach.

Jeanne Carhart has covered Brown skiing as the Assistant Sports Information Director for the last 10 years.
Leaving Paradise for Vacation

A team captain learns just how lucky she is by serving communities in need.

Most people visit St. Thomas—a U.S. Virgin Island known for white sand beaches and clear blue ocean—to take a vacation. For those who live in St. Thomas, it begs the question, where do you go for your vacation? If you’re a member of Danielle Comissiong’s ’11 family, you’re probably going to be on a service trip.

Comissiong, an outfielder for the Brown softball team, spent last summer in Tanzania with her parents, both of whom are doctors, helping to provide the Masai, an indigenous group of semi-nomadic people, with basic medical care.

“My parents brought over antibiotic ointment and other medicines, because the kids there have infections that can go untreated,” says Comissiong. “We visited one of the schools, which was a small hut with about 30 kids, and my sisters and I gave them a bunch of old clothes, toys and books.”

Comissiong’s father, Sidney Comissiong P’11, is African and has wanted to go back to visit Africa for some time. The family spent about a week with the Masai and then took time to drive through the plains and watch the wildlife.

The trip was one of many service experiences for Comissiong, who helped clean up houses in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the spring of 2006, worked in soup kitchens and volunteered in homeless shelters in New York City, and helped build houses in the Dominican Republic. The apple certainly doesn’t fall far from the tree; Sidney Comissiong recently returned from Haiti after performing surgeries on earthquake victims.

“My whole life, my parents have told us how fortunate we are,” says Comissiong. “You can get so lost in the world we live in. Then you go somewhere else and people are just happy to have a tire to roll down a hill with a stick. When you come back, you realize just how fortunate you are, even with simple things like running water.”

Most of the service trips that Comissiong has taken have been organized through the St. Thomas Reformed Church. Comissiong notes that all of the participants on those trips were athletes, and she says it’s no coincidence.

“There’s no getting around it; those trips are hard work,” says Comissiong. “Carrying rocks up hills, mixing concrete—if you don’t have a mentality that says ‘I’m going to work through this and I’m going to keep going,’ you’d give up within the first hour.”

That mantra of hard work and perseverance has shaped Comissiong into a confident leader. She was recently named a captain of this year’s softball team.

“Usually that captain’s role is reserved for seniors,” says Head Coach DeeDee Enabenter-Omidiji. “She is very mature for her age, and she has been since I’ve known her.”

Surprisingly, Comissiong plans to follow in her parents footsteps and enroll in medical school at Brown when she finishes her undergraduate course work.

“Kudos to her parents for allowing her to expand her horizons and just be so giving,” said Enabenter-Omidiji. “I think their boundaries are limitless.”

- A.T.

Welcoming Study Abroad

Head Coach Stuart leGassick doesn’t just allow his squash players to go abroad; he encourages them to.

by Katie Wood ’10

Many collegiate student-athletes dream of studying abroad, but avoid doing so because they worry about the impact their absence from practice and competition will have on their team. Those concerns are especially acute for student-athletes on winter sports teams, whose seasons span the fall and spring semesters.

The players on the Brown men’s and women’s squash teams, however, are encouraged by Head Coach Stuart leGassick, a native of Scotland, to see the world and take advantage of every opportunity Brown has to offer. Several of leGassick’s student-athletes studied abroad in the men’s squash program’s inaugural year in 1989, and from that point on, he could not deny any of his student-athletes the opportunity to become more well-rounded people.

“They came back and had such fantastic experiences,” leGassick said. “It would have been difficult for me to tell them not to go.”

According to leGassick, student-athletes typically come back from their study-abroad programs a few steps behind, but are well on their way to playing the best squash of their lives during their senior campaign.

“(Coach leGassick) wants us to be happy and have a complete collegiate experience. He cares about building the program to be the best we can be, but he’s also invested in the student-athletes’ lives off the court.”

— Sarah Roberts ’10

Captain Sarah Roberts ’10 studied abroad in Florence, Italy, in the fall of 2008. Toby Eyre, an All-American player for Williams College and one of Roberts’ best friends from her home town of Philadelphia, Pa., joined her in Florence.

“Toby’s coach wasn’t too thrilled with her decision to study abroad,” Roberts said. “But (Coach leGassick) wants us to be happy and have a complete collegiate experience. He cares about building the program to be the best we can be, but he’s also invested in the student-athletes’ lives off the court.”

Katie Wood ’10 is a Sports Foundation student intern, former writer for the Brown Daily Herald, and competes on the women’s squash team.

Team Notes

Brown returns 10 veterans from the 2009 season, including Honorable Mention All-Ivy utility player Kate Strobel ’12, who posted a .351 batting average with five home runs and seven stolen bases last year... The team will get a boost from the return of Amanda Assay ’10, who missed most of the last two seasons with injuries; Assay had 10 hits, two home runs and six RBI in the Bears’ first six games last year... The Bears opened the season at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County Tournament in early March... The teams complete schedule is available online at www.BrownBears.com.
**Good Swimming, Good Book**

One of Brown’s most well known swimming alumni publishes a book that swimmers of all levels can enjoy.

Win Wilson ’51 has been a “part-time unpaid coach” for quite some time. That’s bound to happen when you’ve spent the better part of 60 years around a swimming pool.

“People always ask me questions about their swimming, or if I can look at their strokes,” says Wilson, who cherishes his role and does all he can to help those who ask for his advice.

Now, Wilson is trying to reach an even broader audience with his first book, Good Swimming. The book is published by Xlibris and is available at the Brown Bookstore, the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and online at Amazon and Swim2000. Wilson will honored at the Brown Swimming and Diving Alumni Appreciation Day on April 17.

*Good Swimming,* which includes a foreword by Olympic gold medalist Donna de Varona P’10, provides instruction on how swimmers at all levels can improve technique and training. Its casual, conversational tone gives the reader the sense that they are sitting down for a conversation with Wilson.

“I had the idea that if I was going to write this book, it would be the same as if I was working with someone in the pool, so I tried to do the same thing on paper,” says Wilson.

“Win has an ease about him,” says Head Swimming and Diving Coach Peter Brown. “He’s very easy to sit down and talk to. If you like swimming and you know Win, it’s a really enjoyable book to read.”

Wilson’s competitive swimming career began at Brown. Three days after he arrived on campus as a freshman, he found his way to the pool, and Joe Wattmough, Brown’s swimming coach at the time, spotted Wilson and recruited him to join the team.

“That was flattering,” said Wilson. “I had a really nice relationship with him—he was like a surrogate big brother or father. After I graduated, I ended up working in Providence, and I would work out with the team and just kept swimming.”

While he still trained a great deal, Wilson took quite a bit of time off from racing. When he started competing at the Masters level in 1973, he made quite a splash. Wilson has won more than 150 events at national and world championships. He holds dozens of national and world records and was a Masters All-American for 30 years.

In addition to remaining competitive on a personal level, Wilson has done all he can over the years to make sure that swimmers and divers have a positive student-athlete experience at Brown, serving as the president of the Friends of Brown Swimming and Diving since its inception. In 1986, Wilson at that time every year Wilson and his wife would start operating an annual letter-writing campaign to raise funds for the program. He continued to be active in fundraising for Brown swimming and diving after the Sports Foundation was founded in 1983.

“If you could name one person that has been the glue that has held things together in terms of Brown swimming, it has been Win Wilson,” says Brown. “Win has been involved with the program through thick and thin; he loves Brown and he loves swimming.”

— A.T.

**Ultimate Opportunity**

Andy Miller ’09 decides to attend graduate school at Brown, allowing him a fifth season with Brownian Motion.

by Katherine Schrock

After Andy Miller ’09 was accepted to Brown’s graduate school to further his studies in computer science, he soon discovered that a secondary benefit of continuing his education at Brown would be that he could return to Brownian Motion and play a fifth year on Brown’s ultimate Frisbee team. The star player, who missed a large part of last season due to an ACL injury, has already shown the team that he is back in full form and hopes to help lead Brownian Motion back to the national championship tournament in May.

Miller’s raw speed and outstanding ability to cut makes him a natural threat to score off deep passes to the end zone. His agility and strong running background make him nearly impossible to cover, and he has established himself as one of the top players in the Northeast Region. As a member of the Boston-based club team Sons of Liberty for the past two seasons, Miller has continued to improve his game while establishing himself as an integral part of the Brown offense.

“He is the essential ingredient,” explained first-year Head Coach Colin Mahoney ’08. “When he is playing, we score more goals and do more positive things. It’s hard to overstate how valuable he is.”

Brownian Motion has achieved tremendous success in the past, winning the Ultimate Players Association College Division National Championship in 2005. Although the team has failed to qualify for the national tournament the last two seasons, Mahoney has a positive outlook for 2010 and confidence in his current squad.

“I think this year we really have the opportunity to do very well—to return to nationals and regain a foothold at the top of college ultimate,” said Mahoney.

**Team Notes**

Brown’s women’s swimming and diving team finished seventh at the Ivy League Championship, with Kristin Jackson ’08 breaking a 22-year old school record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.40, good for sixth place.... Katie Olko ’10 earned the Ron Keenholv Cup as the Ivy League’s Career High Point Diver after finishing eighth in the one-meter dive.... The men will compete for the Ivy League title on March 4-6 at Princeton.... The team will hold the Brown Swimming and Diving Alumni Appreciation Day in Honor of Win Wilson ’51 on April 17 at Hotel Providence.... The team’s complete schedule is available on page 36, and for the latest results, visit www.BrownBears.com.

With a national championship appearance in the back of his mind, Miller is anxious to start playing with his teammates and to continue to build on the chemistry the team had in the fall season. Like his coach, he expresses great enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

“Af ter tearing my ACL last year, I’m excited to play in the early tournaments and really start gelling with the team before we get to the big tournaments,” he said. “We want to be one of the teams at nationals in May.”

Two of Miller’s classmates—Noel Fetting-Smith ’10 and Drew Rains ’10—will join him this year for their fifth spring season, creating a core group of very experienced players. Most of the players in the starting lineup have been on the team together for more than three years. The unique insight from this veteran group, combined with the talent of the underclassmen and the leadership of senior captain, Greg Olson ’10, will make Brownian Motion a difficult opponent for teams in the Northeast—and the nation—to face this spring.

Katherine Schrock is the Brown University Sports Foundation’s Athletic Development Assistant.
Overcoming the East Coast Bias

West Coast schools dominate the college water polo scene, but one Brown senior has proven that, with hard work and talent, you can get noticed at the national level on the East Coast as well.

by Katie Wood ’10

Lauren Presant ’10 returned to California, her home state, in late October for the opportunity of a lifetime: a tryout at the Speedo Top-40, where she competed for a spot on the U.S. women’s water polo national team.

“Everyone in the pool had won titles and accolades,” says Presant, a native of Poway, Calif., about 20 miles north of San Diego. “I got some weird responses when people heard that I’m from an Ivy League school.”

After feeling a little intimidated on the first day of competition, Presant made her presence known. When her team desperately needed someone to step up in the first game, she scored two goals against the eventual tournament champion. She followed up her first performance with her biggest highlight of the tournament—scoring a goal on Betsy Armstrong, who helped lead the U.S. to a silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

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— Head Coach Felix Mercado

“I had questioned myself when I first got there,” Presant said. “For me to score those three goals on Sunday, it was personal validation that yes, I’m supposed to be there.”

Felix Mercado, the head coach of the men’s and women’s water polo teams at Brown, always knew Presant had the ability to compete with the best in the country when she attended a preliminary tryout at Harvard in early October.

“When someone comes to college on the East Coast, they lose out on the opportunity to compete with the elite that usually stay in California,” says Mercado. “She definitely was head and shoulders above the rest at Harvard. She’s talented enough and has the ability—it was simply a matter of getting noticed.”

Presant credits her high school, club and college coaches, including Mercado and assistant coach John McBride, who have given her the opportunity to make mistakes and gain valuable experience in the pool. Mercado knows that Presant and the rest of the senior class will be remembered as one of the hardest working groups in the program’s history.

“It’s the seniors’ work ethic that makes them stand out,” says Mercado. “They never give up, they always believe they can do whatever they set their mind to. They’ve been told they’re too slow, too small, and so on. Lauren always proves people wrong.”

She proved those who don’t believe East Coast players can compete at a national level wrong when she sent the ball into the back of the net against an Olympic silver medalist.

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Brown opened the season with an 8-1 record in February including three wins at Princeton to earn the ECAC Championship. Lauren Presant ’10 scored with just three seconds remaining to lift the Bears to a 10-9 win over Princeton in the championship match, with Sarah Glick ’10 leading the offense with five goals. Presant and Glick have both earned CWPA Northern Division Player of the Week Honors already this season, while Stephanie Laing ’10 has twice been named the ECAC Division Defensive Player of the Week. Katherine Boucher ’13 was named the Northern Division Rookie of the Week on March 1. The team’s complete schedule is available on page 39, and for the most up-to-date news, visit www.BrownBears.com.

A Reversal of Fortune

Brown’s senior 125-pound wrestler has come back from injury and bad luck to contend for a spot at the NCAA Championship this winter.

by Christopher Hatfield ’06

In his fourth match at the 2007 Keystone Classic, Greg Einfrank ’10 was seconds away from running his record to 7-3 and placing in his second consecutive tournament. His opponent needed a pin and attempted a lateral drop, but as Einfrank stuck his right arm out to block the fall—a simple defensive reaction—he dislocated his elbow, a freak injury that cost the sophomore the rest of the season.

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“I learned that every match is really important,” he said. “It’s partially from having those bad losses at the beginning of last year and partially not getting the wildcard. I’m just trying to win every match I can, especially against tougher opponents.”

Ranked fourth in the EIWA as of Jan. 25, the Jefferson Valley, N.Y.-native is also free of a burden often facing senior student-athletes at this time of year. The computer science/economics double-concentrator has already landed a job at FactSet Research Systems in Norwalk, Conn. Without interviews to disrupt his focus or early losses to haunt him, he is confident heading to Easterns, even with defending national champion Troy Nickerson of Cornell in his weight class.

Christopher Hatfield ’06 has written about Brown athletics for eight years as a student, full-time employee, and alumnus.
Winter 2009-10 in Photos

Counter Clockwise, from top left: The women’s water polo team celebrates its ECAC Championship title on Feb. 28; Joseph McDonnell ’80, Angelo LoBosco ’81, and Greg Rogers ’88 gathered at an event; women’s season kickoff celebration in New York City on Feb. 18; The women’s lacrosse team has a big turnout for their annual alumni game on Feb. 1; Men’s hockey alumni had a spirited game at Meehan on Feb. 6; Mary Wilczuk ’56 P’89 P’91 P’96 was given the Friends of Brown Wrestling “Golden Bear” Alumni Service Award at the team’s annual alumni day celebration on Feb. 6; Also pictured are Friends of Brown Wrestling Co-Presidents Bob Hill ’88 (left) and Jill Sullivan ’89 (right), and Head Coach David Anstis, Al Cruz ’74, accompanied by his parents Joe and Theresa Cruz P’13, won the Kevin Kehoe ’83 Award at the football awards banquet on Feb. 27; The women’s basketball team welcomed back several alumni for their annual alumni game on Feb. 27; Jackie Court, who coached Brown gymnastics for 32 years, watches the Ivy Classic at Brown on Feb. 28. Court was honored at the Ivy Classic banquet on Feb. 27 for her service to gymnastics in the Ivy League (photo by Stew Milne).
Our “Ever True” Leaders

Sports Foundation volunteers are certainly “Ever True to Brown.” The names listed on these two pages epitomize the Brunonian spirit. The BUF Board of Directors leads the organization with its strategic guidance, devotion and philanthropy, while Friends Associations rally support for each individual sport by communicating their enthusiasm. The Parents Athletic Leadership Council, Drive for Five Committee and Young Athletic Alumni Council foster relationships with former teammates and classmates to increase donor support.

The unmatched passion of these groups continues to provide opportunities for Brown’s student-athletes. We are incredibly grateful to all the individuals who show their commitment to Brown Athletics by sharing their time and energy with the Sports Foundation. These amazing volunteers ensure that we reach our fundraising goals, sustain a strong sense of community and spirit, and maintain a network of active alumni to carry on the traditions of integrity and excellence that are quintessentially Brown.

Volunteer Leadership

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- The new facility will include:
  - NELSON FITNESS CENTER
  - KATHERINE MORAN COLEMAN AQUATICS CENTER
  - VARSITY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING FACILITY
- Project totals 87,000 square feet
- 10,000 square foot multi-use fitness area
- 56-meter pool with moveable bulkheads
- 3 meter diving
- Seating for up to 800
- Three exercise studios
- Café /lobby
- Central stair overlooking the pool
- 9,000 square feet of locker rooms, offices and support space
- 12,000 square foot Varsity Strength and Conditioning Center
- Athletics Quadrangle at the heart of the complex, replacing the existing parking lot.
- New parking lot where temporary bubble removed after new pool built, 102 spaces.

“You can’t measure how important it is to be able to train in a state-of-the-art facility. It will also improve recruiting and help us attract the very best student-athletes to Brown.”

Felix Mercado
Head Men’s and Women’s Water Polo Coach

Architect: Robert A.M. Stern Architects
Builder: Shawmut Design & Construction
Total Project Cost: $46.6 million
Construction Start: June 2010
Scheduled Completion of Aquatics and Fitness Facility: Fall, 2011
Scheduled Completion of Varsity Strength and Conditioning Center: January, 2012

Roger Marandino
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

“...will allow us to train Brown student-athletes at times that are conducive to their academic schedules. With the large number of student-athletes we have, this facility will give us the space we need to provide our student-athletes with a safe, user-friendly environment.”
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Steve Graber '10

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Men's Squash

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Winter 2009-10 Results

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Upcoming Sports Foundation Events

Women's Lacrosse Post Game Tailgate

Columbia University

Saturday, April 10

1:00 p.m. Game Time

Swimming & Diving Banquet and Alumni Appreciation Day

In Honor of Win Wilson ‘81

Hotel Providence

Saturday, April 17

Baseball Alumni Family/Friends Day

Brown vs. Dartmouth Doubleheader

Saturday, April 29

Event Begins at 11 a.m.
First Pitch at 12 p.m.

For more information on Sports Foundation Events, visit our Web site at www.sportsfoundation.brown.edu, or sign up to be a fan of our page on Facebook.

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#### NCAA Compliance Corner

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Coaches

Q. What if a booster attends an athletic event and finds himself/herself sitting next to the parents of the prospect?

A. Do not initiate conversation with the relatives. If conversation is initiated by the booster, respond in a civil manner but do not reveal details about the Brown Athletics Program with them. If they ask questions about the program, remind them that the NCAA prohibits a booster from discussing the program with them. Encourage the family to contact the Brown Athletic Department directly.

Q. May a booster attend a public event (e.g., high school awards banquet) at which prospects are in attendance?

A. Yes, but any contact with a prospect may not be prearranged by an Athletic Department staff member, and no attempt may be made to contact the prospect.

Q. May a booster play a "pick-up" game (i.e., basketball, softball, etc.) with prospects?

A. Yes, provided there is no attempt to recruit the prospect and the game is not prearranged by a member of the Athletic Department staff.
Brown’s oldest continuing intercollegiate sport, ice hockey (1898), produced its first Winter Games Olympian, Don Whiston ’51. The All-American goaltender helped backstop the United States to a silver medal at the 1952 Oslo Games. Before nine straight days of Olympic competition, however, the Americans played an arduous exhibition schedule, which included a stop at the old Rhode Island Auditorium where Whiston and his new mates drubbed Brown, 7-1. Called “hooligans” by fans and press because of their physical style of play, the Yanks played key games in Jordal Amfi, one of Norway’s most legendary sporting venues, where 18,000 frozen fans stood in the seatless, open-air arena.

Charles “Tom” Butler ’55 continued the Brown Olympic medal parade as a member of the four-man U.S. bobsled team which won a bronze medal at Cortina, Italy, in 1956, the first televised Winter Olympics. Butler made the trip a memorable one, fitting in a honeymoon as well! A football player at Brown, he formed the first college bobsled club in the country. This group would take off from campus on Friday nights in Butler’s 1930 Model A Ford on a 10-hour odyssey to Lake Placid, often “bankrolled” with gas money from Brown Dean Edward Durgin.

Of late, with the infusion of NHL players into Olympic hockey rosters, it has been the women of Brown coach Digit Murphy’s powerhouse teams who have carried on the Olympic medal tradition for Bruno. Women’s hockey debuted in Nagano in 1998, where the Bears’ dynamic duo of Katie King ’97 and Tara Mounsey ’00 led the United States team to immediate gold. All-told, seven Brown women have skated on Olympic ice sheets, with classmates King and Becky Kellar ’97 being among the “grande dames” of Olympic hockey. King helped the United States win three medals, while Kellar just won gold in Vancouver, her fourth medal for Team Canada.

Competing in the Olympic Games is a life-altering experience for any athlete. As Mounsey puts it, “There is nothing better than winning gold, but it is the close friendships forged over months together that really last”. She and King meet frequently with Olympic teammates to share stories and memories, keeping their internal Olympic flame alive. The 82-year-old Whiston states that representing his country “is the most vivid memory I have in my lifetime, except for the birth of my children.”

All Brown Olympians have experienced similar sentiments and feelings, and have brought great honor to their countries and to their Alma Mater.

Peter Mackie ’59 is the sports archivist for the Edward North Robinson 1896 Collection of Brown Athletics, University Archives.
“I’ve included Brown in my will. You can, too. It will make a tremendous difference to the institution we love.”
-Ruth J. Simmons
Brown’s 18th President

Make a difference for those who will follow you to College Hill. Include Brown in your testamentary plans and join the College Hill Society.

The College Hill Society recognizes alumni, alumnae, parents, and friends who invest in Brown’s future through a bequest intention or life income plan.

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