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path I wanted to follow."

Following in his father's footsteps, Cragg attended his dad's alma mater. Cragg played football for the Rocks, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education.

Cragg broke into coaching at the high school level, but missed collegiate athletics. "College players are a little more mature, and a little more dedicated. I left high school to come to Hobart College, and I'm happy I have the chance to do what I love doing."

Upon his arrival at HWS, Cragg reflected on the program's history. Under former coach Jack Daniels, the Statesmen were a .500-team. Following Daniels, Dick Taylor became the new coach, and the program fell "under hard times," Cragg said.

In an attempt to restore Hobart's legacy, Bill Maxwell – the former quarterback's coach at Syracuse University – was hired to turn the team around. Sadly, Maxwell passed away from cancer in 1995. Cragg was named the head coach.

Since his appointment in January of said year, the program "has gotten better and better. We've made the NCAA playoffs six out of the past seven years," Cragg stated in an Oct. 16 interview. "Everyone outside the East Coast is learning more about Hobart and our football program. They are beginning to respect our accomplishments."

Cragg's accolades range from coaching several All-Americans, Liberty League Players of the Year and, most recently, his

100<sup>th</sup> career win.

"Going into the game against St. Lawrence [Oct. 3], we were 1-2 at the time and desperate for a win. I wanted to go out and destroy them and put up a win. I wasn't nervous in the least."

When time expired, and the Statesmen secured the 33-10 victory, the players doused their coach. "After the game, they dumped a bucket of water on me," Cragg started. "I was going to run them in practice for that, but I figured they meant well."

"Honestly, I never thought the 100<sup>th</sup> win, never even talked about, but it's a great accomplishment. It means we've had great players, even better coaches and people in administration who support our program and would like to see it succeed. And when you have that kind of support, it's easy to win."

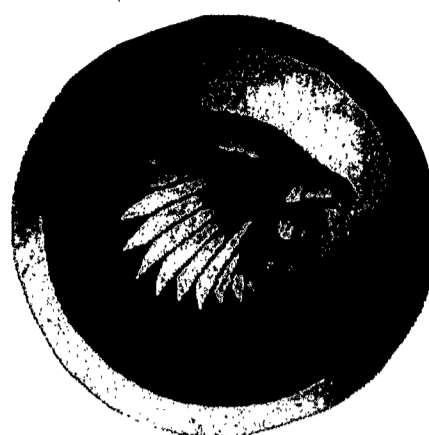
Cragg takes a break from coaching Hobart football players by coaching his son, Michael. "I've coached him from the time he was four or five in little league baseball, summer leagues and basketball. I'm a coach and I know how to coach, so I know how to deal with what he and his teammates need.

In terms of me coaching, there has never been a problem between us. He knows I shoot pretty straight with him. I tell him what he did well, I tell him what he didn't do very well and needs to work on. I encourage him to work on those things, but if he chooses not to, I don't go overboard."

Although following a path similar to his father's, Cragg has made a name for the Hobart Football Program and for himself.



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lacrosse coach, said, "we want to go out and play well, which is our goal every time we step on the field."

The Colleges are fortunate because the national teams, which work in a manner similar to the Olympics, are conducting tryouts for the Men's World Lacrosse Championship, which will occur in summer 2010; these championships occur every four years.

The Iroquois National Team is one of the teams that will participate in this event next year and is in the process of confirming the team's 23-man roster. Two of Hobart's very own, Tyler Hill '10 and Mike White '11, will be playing on the Iroquois National Team during the Friday match because they are trying out for places on the team.

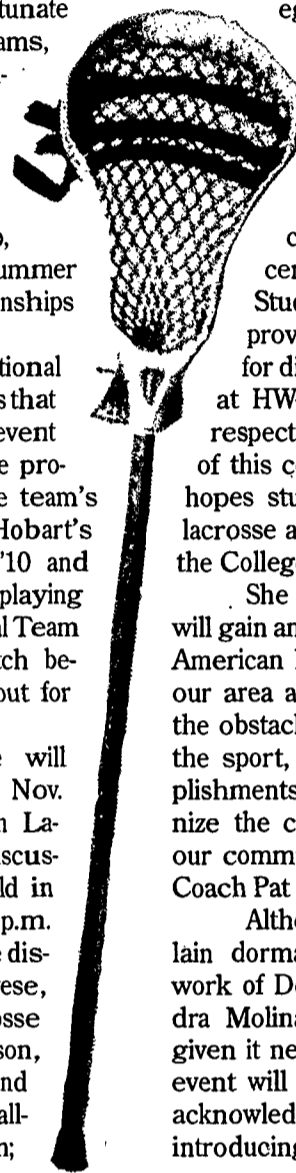
The conference will wrap up on Thursday, Nov. 12, with a "Women in Lacrosse" roundtable discussion, which will be held in the Seneca Room at 7 p.m. Those who will lead the discussion are Pat Genovese, the William Smith lacrosse coach; Sandy Jemison, girls lacrosse coach and former member of the all-Iroquois women's team;

and Tia Smith, Haudenosaunee International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Association Delegate.

Although the conference ends next month, the issues raised and awareness of this traditional aspect of the Colleges' culture won't end. Recently, a Native American Student Association was approved and will act as a forum for discussions of these topics at HWS. Alejandra Molina, in respect to the educational value of this conference, says that she hopes students "will learn about lacrosse and the role it's played in the Colleges' history."

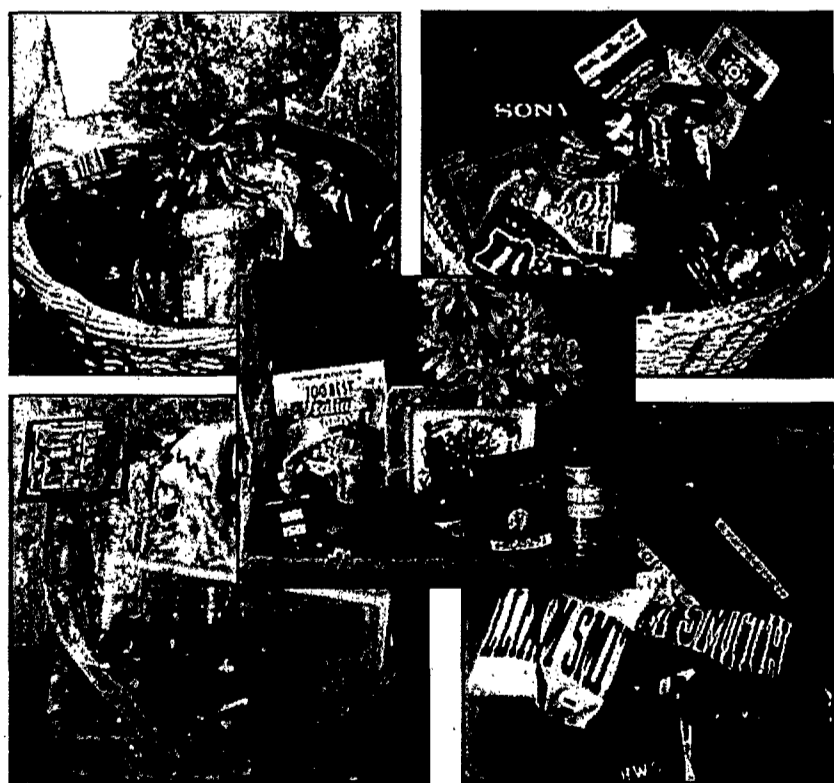
She further elaborated, "They will gain an understanding of Native American histories and cultures in our area and will also learn about the obstacles women have faced in the sport, as well as their accomplishments! They will also recognize the contributions of some of our community members, such as Coach Pat Genovese."

Although the tradition has lain dormant for some time, the work of Delvina Smith and Alejandra Molina has unearthed it and given it new fervor. Hopefully, this event will become a tradition that acknowledges the Colleges' past by introducing it into the present.



## Baskets or Bust Preview

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Pictured above are some of the great prizes that you could win should you choose to participate in the William Smith's Athletic Teams' Baskets or Bust 2009 Fundraiser.

After raising nearly twenty grand last year, William Smith's Basketball, Lacrosse, Rowing and Soccer Teams are joining forces once again for the annual Baskets or Bust Fundraiser.

Baskets or Bust is a Chinese auction, in which there are several "bags" or opportunities to win prizes. After purchasing a \$10 or \$20 ticket, the buyer chooses what basket and places the ticket in the corresponding bag. The Heron

sports teams put together a total of 26 baskets for this year's raffle. Big-ticket baskets include a Finger Lakes Golf Tour, Adirondacks Getaway, Puerto Plata trip, and a weekend in New York City.

Tickets will be on sale in the Library Atrium on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held on Saturday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

## Upcoming Games

Friday, Oct. 23  
Hobart Lacrosse  
vs. Iroquois National Team  
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24  
William Smith Soccer  
vs. Skidmore  
3:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23  
Hobart Ice Hockey  
at Buffalo State  
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24  
William Smith Field Hockey  
vs. Skidmore  
3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24  
Hobart Football  
at Rensselaer  
Noon

Saturday, Oct. 24  
Hobart Ice Hockey  
vs. Buffalo State  
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24  
Hobart Soccer  
at Skidmore  
3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25  
William Smith Soccer  
vs. Union  
1:00 p.m.

## Last Week in Sports

<u>Hobart Soccer</u>		
10/14/09	Ithaca	W 3-0
10/17/09	Oneonta	L 1-2
<u>Hobart Junior Varsity Football</u>		
10/18/2009	St. John Fisher	L 14-42
<u>Hobart Cross Country</u>		
10/17/2009	CCOC Championships	3rd of 14
<u>William Smith Field Hockey</u>		
10/13/2009	Cortland	L 1-2
10/17/2009	Lebanon Valley	L 1-3
<u>William Smith Soccer</u>		
10/17/2009	Oneonta	L 0-1
<u>William Smith Cross Country</u>		
10/17/2009	CCOC Championships	3rd of 10
<u>HWS Sailing</u>		
10/17/2009	Navy Fall Regatta	7th of 20
10/17/2009	Capt. Hurst Bowl	11th of 20
10/17/2009	Yale Women's Regatta	12th of 20