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Head Coach's Corner

With last weeks mild temperatures, everyone at UMBC has a case of spring fever. We have been outside for about ten days getting ready for our opener on February 20th. We came back to campus in good shape both physically and mentally and are looking forward to competing for an America East Championship this spring. With twelve experienced players returning and the addition of eight new faces we are ready for the challenge.

We will be tested very early in our non conference schedule with tournaments in South Carolina and Virginia and many games

versus some of our local rivals. This should prepare us for the rugged competition we face in the America East.

Amanda Fefel could be an AEC Player of the Year Candidate this season and, with two more seasons left, could set many UMBC records. Stephanie Weigman also could challenge for AEC Pitcher of the Year. With 20 players our lineup is very competitive and as a coach it provides me with many viable options on the field.

Strengths of this year's team include pitching, defense, line drive power, and athleticism. The time is now for new people to step up and

contribute. We will look to get better everyday and as we prepare for conference play.



Joe French
Head Coach

California Dreamin'

Hi Dudes! My name is Krista Kearns, and I am your local California Retriever. The season is almost here and I hope you are all as excited as I am! We will be starting our season off in the University of South Carolina Upstate Tournament...a nice eight hour trip! The team is very anxious and excited, and I'm happy that we will be playing in a warmer climate than Maryland.

As you may know, I am in my final year of eligibility and this year will be the

last year I am able to put that UMBC jersey on. For me this is a bitter sweet year. On one hand I am excited for the season to start, but on the other I know that once the season begins it will go by in a blink. It reminds me of something Coach Cantor always asks the seniors "When were you a freshman?" the answer is "yesterday".

It seems like just yesterday that I was playing travel ball and pitching in high school and praying that a college coach would pick me

to play for them. I received several offers, but as soon as I met Coach Joe and saw UMBC for the first time, I knew I was home. The first year was hard, adjusting to the workout schedule along with the academic load, and having to buy my first winter coat. I hope to see all of you at our games! Thank you for your loyal support to the school we all love! GO DAWGS!!!

Krista Kearns
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1st Annual Friends of UMBC Softball Bull Roast



The Friends of UMBC Softball would like to thank everyone for making the Bull Roast a huge success!

The recently formed Friends of UMBC Softball booster club hosted the first annual Bull and Oyster Roast and what a night it was. With an outstanding turnout of about two hundred guests a great evening was had by all.

The alumni in attendance represented the entire UMBC softball program, ranging from members of the earliest UMBCSB teams to recent 2008 grads as well as current members of the UMBC softball team.

For some of these Retrievers it was just another Saturday night with their best friends but for others it was a rare opportu-

Retriever Alums

nity to meet up with several of their old teammates. Whether these former players see each other regularly or not often enough, all of the alumni were in hysterics all evening, reminiscing on their glory days during college and discussing their current lives.



Alumni Spotlight: Hall of Famer Amy Wolff



What years did you play at UMBC? I played at UMBC from 9/93 through 6/98.

What is your best UMBC memory? It is hard to pick a best memory. I enjoyed my entire time at UMBC. We had a great softball team, but most importantly we were great friends and had a lot of great times on and off the field. It is also hard to pick a specific memory because I am getting old and can't really remember all of the specifics of each game, but I do know that we were great and always had a great time, whether it was on the ball field giving it our all, clowning around on our long bus trips, doing mudslides on the field during the rain, early morning workouts, late night swim conditioning, or running the loop over and over again.

Which team was your biggest rival and why? We were in the Big South league while I was at UMBC. Our biggest rival was probably UNC Greensboro. I remember those were always close games and we were the top teams in the

league. Our biggest local rival was probably Towson State University — just for bragging rights.

Where do you call home? Born and Raised in Maryland. I currently live in Monrovia, MD in Frederick County.

Family Stuff: (married, kids, job etc.) Nope- so let me tell you about work. I keep myself very busy with numerous lines of work. I am an entrepreneur at heart. I am currently employed as a loan officer with First Home Mortgage where I assist people with their finances to buy and refinance their homes. I also work for a company called United Property Tax Consultants, where I assist people in lowering their property taxes throughout Maryland, due to the declining housing market. I am a distributor for a new energy product called Buzz Bites, which are chocolate and mint energy chews. I place small vending machines in restaurants, work places, gyms, etc. and help raise money for the National Children's Cancer Society while doing so. Lastly, I am an investor. I have purchased a few properties in the Baltimore area and enjoy fixing them up and renting them out to nice families.

Softball? I have retired from fast pitch softball (just getting to old), but I still play A LOT of slow-pitch softball. I am a member of the SheBangs Women's Slow-pitch Softball team. SheBangs is a Division C team for the USSSA league. We play in tournaments throughout Maryland and participate in the Worlds tournament in Disney World (Orlando Florida), which is held annually. I also participate in co-ed and women's recreational leagues during the week.

What other alumni do you remain in contact with? I still keep in contact with the old team through phone calls, emails, facebook or on the rare occasion a dinner or cookout. Carrie Lycett and I were the "ring leaders" of the team, or maybe more like the 2 clowns at the circus, but we have enjoyed trying to keep the old crew together. We recently attended the alumni softball bull roast and it was great to reconnect with players that I do not get to see quite as often. We are excited about future events and have already been in touch with other alumni who are also planning on attending events in the future.

What advice do you have for current Retrievers? Work hard, but play harder. Make sure that you enjoy the time that you have together and have lots of FUN doing it.

Career Highlights:

- Member of the UMBC Hall of Fame
- .363 career batting average
- Scored 142 runs
- Stole 79 bases
- 3 time First Team All Big South
- Part of UMBC's first 40 win team in 1995
- UMBC's Most Outstanding Athlete in 1997



2009 UMBCSB Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
20-Feb	at South Carolina Upstate (South Carolina Upstate Tournament)	Spartanburg, S.C.	4:00 p.m.
21-Feb	vs. College of Charleston (South Carolina Upstate Tournament)	Spartanburg, S.C.	11:00 a.m.
21-Feb	vs. College of Charleston (South Carolina Upstate Tournament)	Spartanburg, S.C.	5:00 p.m.
22-Feb	vs. Presbyterian (South Carolina Upstate Tournament)	Spartanburg, S.C.	11:00 a.m.
22-Feb	at South Carolina Upstate Tournament	Spartanburg, S.C.	TBD
24-Feb	at George Washington (DH)	Washington, D.C.	1:00 p.m.
28-Feb	vs. Iona (Longwood Classic)	Farmville, Va.	10:00 a.m.
28-Feb	vs. Central Connecticut (Longwood Classic)	Farmville, Va.	12:00 p.m.
1-Mar	at Longwood (Longwood Classic)	Farmville, Va.	12:00 p.m.
1-Mar	at Longwood Classic	Farmville, Va.	TBD
5-Mar	DREXEL	UMBC	3:00 p.m.
6-Mar	FAIRLEIGH DICKENSON (UMBC DAWG POUND TOURNAMENT)	UMBC	1:00 p.m.
6-Mar	MARIST (UMBC DAWG POUND TOURNAMENT)	UMBC	3:00 p.m.
7-Mar	DREXEL (UMBC DAWG POUND TOURNAMENT)	UMBC	1:00 p.m.
8-Mar	SETON HALL (UMBC DAWG POUND TOURNAMENT)	UMBC	11:00 a.m.
8-Mar	UMBC DAWG POUND TOURNAMENT	UMBC	TBD
11-Mar	HOWARD (DH)	UMBC	2:00 p.m.
14-Mar	HAMPTON (UMBC RETRIEVER CLASSIC)	UMBC	12:30 p.m.
14-Mar	MARIST (UMBC RETRIEVER CLASSIC)	UMBC	2:30 p.m.
15-Mar	MARIST (UMBC RETRIEVER CLASSIC)	UMBC	12:30 p.m.
15-Mar	HAMPTON (UMBC RETRIEVER CLASSIC)	UMBC	2:30 p.m.
17-Mar	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	UMBC	1:00 p.m.
20-Mar	SIENA (UMBC SPRING CLASSIC)	UMBC	11:50 a.m.
20-Mar	ST. FRANCIS (UMBC SPRING CLASSIC)	UMBC	1:45 p.m.
21-Mar	ROBERT MORRIS (UMBC SPRING CLASSIC)	UMBC	11:50 a.m.
21-Mar	NIAGARA (UMBC SPRING CLASSIC)	UMBC	1:45 p.m.
22-Mar	BINGHAMTON (UMBC SPRING CLASSIC)	UMBC	11:50 a.m.
25-Mar	TOWSON	UMBC	2:30 p.m.
28-Mar	MAINE* (DH)	UMBC	1:00 p.m.
29-Mar	MAINE*	UMBC	11:00 a.m.
4-Apr	at Boston* (DH)	Boston, Ma.	1:00 p.m.
5-Apr	at Boston*	Boston, Ma.	12:00 p.m.
8-Apr	BINGHAMTON* (DH)	UMBC	2:00 p.m.
10-Apr	at Albany* (DH)	Albany, N.Y.	2:00 p.m.
11-Apr	at Albany*	Albany, N.Y.	12:00 p.m.
14-Apr	at Bucknell (DH)	Lewisburg, Pa.	2:00 p.m.
16-Apr	at Georgetown	Washington, D.C.	2:00 p.m.
18-Apr	VERMONT* (DH)	UMBC	1:00 p.m.
19-Apr	VERMONT*	UMBC	12:00 p.m.
22-Apr	at Binghamton*	Binghamton, N.Y.	2:00 p.m.
25-Apr	at Stony Brook* (DH)	Stony Brook, N.Y.	1:00 p.m.
26-Apr	at Stony Brook*	Stony Brook, N.Y.	12:00 p.m.
29-Apr	DELAWARE (DH)	UMBC	2:00 p.m.
2-May	HARTFORD* (DH)	UMBC	1:00 p.m.
3-May	HARTFORD*	UMBC	12:00 p.m.
May 7-May 9	at America East Championship		TBD

* America East Conference game

Please join us on March 28th after the Dawgs host conference rival Maine in the first conference faceoff of the season for a tailgate in recognition of the 1994-95 UMBC softball team, the first 40 win team in the program's history. The players from this team will be honored in between games and there will be a tailgate to follow.