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2008-09 SWIMMING



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2008 Quick Facts

UNION COLLEGE
 Location: Barbourville, Ky.
 Founded: 1879
 Enrollment: 1,350
 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Colors: Orange (PMS 165) and Black
 Affiliations: Appalachian Swimming/NAIA
 President: Edward D. de Rosset
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FACILITY INFORMATION

Natatorium: Robsion Arena Aquatic Center
 Year Opened: 1963
 Capacity: 300

SWIMMING FACTS

Head Coach: Rafael Forti
 Alma Mater: Union '04
 Assistant Coach: William Breehl

SWIMMING HISTORY

First Year of Men's Swimming: 2005*
 First Year of Women's Swimming: 2006*
 Men's Conference Championships: 8
 Women's Conference Championships: 6
*-Union had sponsored swimming from the 1950s through 1999-00. The men's program was reinstated in 2005 and women's in 2006.

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DIRECTIONS TO UNION

FROM THE NORTH: I-75 south to exit 29. Turn left at the end of the ramp and continue for approximately 17 miles into Barbourville. Turn right at the first entrance into town (just past the shopping center with a green roof). Go to the third traffic light and turn right. At the first four-way stop, continue straight and the campus will be one block up on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH: I-75 north to exit 25. Turn right at the end of the ramp and go to the first light. Turn right at the light (Corbin bypass) and continue for about five miles. Turn right when the road ends at US 25E south. Continue for approximately 12 miles into Barbourville. Turn right at the first entrance into town (just past the shopping center with a green roof). Go to the third traffic light and turn right. At the first four-way stop, continue straight and the campus will be one block up on the right.

FROM EAST TENNESSEE AND THE CAROLINAS: Take US 25E north into Barbourville. At the third traffic light in Barbourville, turn left (Daniel Boone Drive). Turn right at the third traffic light, then go through one more stop light and a four-way stop. The campus will be one block up on the right.



In 1879 a group of progressive citizens followed the prompting of Abraham H. Harritt, a salesman of school desks, and James T. Gibson, the owner of a general-merchandise store, to establish a college in the Barbourville community. W.W. Sawyers and James D. Black met in the office of Judge J.H. Tinsley and formed a stock company to launch Union College.

Black, who later served as president of Union from 1910-12 and later served as governor of Kentucky, is given credit for having named the school "Union." The institution would serve as a unifying influence for the community regardless of church affiliation or political differences. The Articles of Incorporation were drawn up on Oct. 18, 1879, and provided for the issuance of \$20,000 worth of capital stock. The London Echo of Dec. 12, 1879, carrying its first announcement of Union, listed the corporation as being "designed to fill a long-felt want in eastern Kentucky, eastern Tennessee and western Virginia."



CENTENNIAL HALL

Union was operated under local leadership for the first few years, but began to experience severe financial struggles. On Oct. 25, 1886, the property was "cried off" to Green Elliott, who purchased it for Dr. Daniel Stevenson for the sum of \$4,425 with Mrs. Mahala Dowis furnishing the funds. The renowned Kentucky educator had been authorized to attend the sale by the Board of Education of the Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Union's athletic mascot, the English Bulldog, was introduced during the fall of 1925. The breed, whose ancestors were developed in Britain before the 13th century from the British mastiff and other breeds, was used for bullbaiting and dogfighting until these sports were outlawed in the 19th century.

In 1967, the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity of Union College purchased the first living mascot named Mack. He was presented at the Homecoming basketball game that same year. A registered English Bulldog, Mack died in 1971. His remains are buried in an area adjacent to Union's current baseball complex.

During the past seven years, Union College began a major campus renovation and building project. Plans included the creation of new student housing, expanded academic and athletic centers, and the upgrade of existing facilities. Projects completed were the construction of the Stewart Apartments, Sharp Academic Center, Black Technology Center and the renovation of Speed Hall. Union's athletic facilities have also received facelifts as well. A new brick backstop erected in 2001 at Sanders Field at Jerry W. Carey Baseball Stadium, while a new outfield fence was built in 2007. Robsion Arena recently had the floor repainted, new scoreboards installed and new lights, roof and gutters installed. Two new tennis courts were constructed, while the existing four were resurfaced, and a new press box was constructed at Burch/Nau Field (football) in 2003. In 2007, synthetic sports turf was inlaid at Burch/Nau Field, allowing the men's and women's soccer teams to host its home games there along with football. New locker rooms were built for the football team, while the locker rooms for volleyball and women's basketball have been expanded and refurbished.

Union offers 27 majors in the undergraduate curriculum, which lead to a bachelor's degree. Twenty-one minors are also available in many of these programs. In addition, the college offers pre-professional programs.

Union College also offers a graduate program with graduate work in education leading to a Master's degree, Fifth-Year Certificate and Rank I Certificate. A Master's in Psychology is also available.

How many independent, liberal arts colleges in the Commonwealth of Kentucky can boast of a Nobel Prize-winning graduate? Union College can certainly lay claim to that. Dr. Phillip A. Sharp, the co-winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize for medicine, received his bachelor's degree from Union in 1966.

Campus life starts from the moment the students arrive on campus and continues through the end of the school year. Students can participate in more than 30 campus organizations such as music, theatre productions, sports, student government, religious activities and clubs.

A recent expansion of the school's outdoor program includes rental services for canoes and mountain bikes, as well as various hiking expeditions throughout the year.

Union offers 23 intercollegiate varsity sports which are affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as well as a cheerleading squad. In 2002, Union became a member of the Appalachian Athletic Conference, but it still competes in the Mid-South Conference in football.

Constructed in 1963, the John M. Robsion Jr. Memorial Arena has served as the home for the Bulldog and Lady Bulldog swimming programs since the 1964-65 season. Located in the rear of the building, the pool area seating capacity is 300.



The 25-yard pool has five swimming lanes with five starting blocks and holds 155,000 gallons of water. The pool depths go from four feet at the starting blocks to five feet and then six feet at the middle of the pool before dipping down to 12 feet deep.

In addition, the pool area has locker rooms for both the men's and women's teams and public restrooms.

Besides the pool, Robsion Arena also houses a gymnasium - which is home to the Union College men's and women's basketball teams as well as the volleyball team, an athletic training room, lockerrooms for the the men's basketball, women's basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field teams as well as classrooms and offices for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

Originally, the building was known as the Physical Education Building. The name was changed to the John M. Robsion Jr. Memorial Arena in 1990 to honor one of the school's alums and long-time supporter.

Robsion was a 1919 graduate of the old Union College Academy. Though his professional and political life took him all over the world, Robsion never forgot his roots and ties to Union as he remained a loyal supporter of the school.

Born in 1904, the Barbourville, Ky. native attended and graduated from George Washington University in 1926. He was a congressional secretary from 1919-28, and he was admitted to the bar in 1926 and moved to Louisville in 1928. From 1928-35, Robsion served as chief of the Law Division of the United States Bureau of Prisons. After practicing law in Louisville for nearly seven years, Robsion served in the U.S. Army from 1942-46 and was stationed overseas in Africa, Italy and Austria. Upon his discharge, he held a variety of posts in the political world, including three terms as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Following an unsuccessful run as Kentucky gubernatorial candidate in 1959, Robsion practiced law in Louisville and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., until his death on Feb. 14, 1990.



The 2008-09 Union College men's and women's swim teams have set the bar high for the upcoming season. The Bulldogs finished 14th at the 2008 NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship while the Lady Bulldogs were 21st.

In all, Union head coach **Rafael Forti** has 20 swimmers: 12 men and eight women. Two of the 20 are seniors with an incoming class of nine freshmen. The returners have experience as the group combined for 27 swims at the nationals last season.

The elder statesman of the team is senior **Adam Woodard** (Hopkinsville, Ky.). Woodard is a fifth-year senior and is focusing on swimming for the first time in his career. He was a member of the Union soccer team for the previous four years in addition to the swimming team. Forti commented that he looks forward to what Woodard can do with a full pre-season training regimen. He was a part of all four national relay teams and swam in the 100 freestyle event.

Dena Gonzalez (Brooklyn, N.Y.) is the lone senior on the women's side. She continues to develop as a backstroke swimmer, Forti commented.

The most decorated Lady Bulldog swimmer, **Mollie Messmer** (Scott City, Mo.), returns for her junior year. All she has done while at Union is set 14 individual records and she was a part of all five of the school's relay records. Two of the individual records were broken last season along with four of the relay records. Messmer, the team captain this season, posted a 13th-place finish in the 400-yard individual medley which is the second best individual national finish by a Lady Bulldog in the modern era. The best is a 10th-place swim, by Messmer, in the 1,650 freestyle in 2007.

Alan Thomas Saylor (Lexington, Ky.) returned in great shape for this season, Forti said. Saylor swam the second leg of the 200-yard medley relay at the national championship. He was close on other individual cuts in the breaststroke last season, but is aiming for those cuts this season.

Karl Smith (Lexington, Ky.) competed in three relay events at the 2008 NAIA National Championship and he was a part of two school record relay teams. He is one of two returners on the team that primarily swim the butterfly events. Forti is going to stretch Smith out from sprint events to longer distances.

Forti also returns a trio of sophomores on the men's side, **Michael Viscardi** (Marietta, Ga.), **Jeremiah Back** (Flatgap, Ky.) and **Colin**

McEachran (Blenheim, Canada). The group combined for 14 national swims, 10 individual school records and part of three relay records.

Viscardi posted the best individual finish by a Bulldog swimmer at the nationals last season, with an 11th-place finish in the 200 breaststroke. Forti looks for him to help lead the team back to the nationals. With the additional depth on the team Viscardi will focus more on the breaststroke events.

Back is the team captain for the season and swam in four national events, three relays and the 100 butterfly in March. During his freshman season, he obtained four "B" cuts and Forti looks for those to be "A" cuts this season.

McEachran is Forti's go-to guy in the distance events. He owns the school record in the 500, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle events. As a freshman, he swam at the nationals in the 500 and 1,650 races.

Kelli Rogers (Elizabethtown, Ky.) gives Forti two juniors on the women's roster. Rogers was on all four Union relay records that were broken last season. She is a long distance freestyle swimmer on the squad.

Kristina Kirk (Versailles, Ky.) broke the 200 backstroke school record and swam in the event at nationals. The sophomore is also a member of the Union soccer team and was unable to participate in all of the pre-season workouts.

Bradley Hobbs (Flat Lick, Ky.) returns for the long-distance freestyle events. Forti looks for improved times as the junior gets the extra yardage in the pool.

The freshman class filled holes on the men's side of the roster. **Roberto Bertholo, Jr.** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) and **Shawn Spoon** (Morristown, Tenn.) swim butterfly events. **Travis Faig** (Sevierville, Tenn.) and **Anthony Savicki** (Hebron, Ky.) are both individual medley swimmers. Faig will also swim in the backstroke and Savicki will add long-distance freestyle events. **David Johnson** (Louisville, Ky.) rounds out the incoming freshmen and is a sprint freestyle swimmer.

The quartet of incoming freshmen for the women's squad also filled holes and might be the strongest freshman class during Forti's tenure. **Maria Esswein** (Perryville, Mo.) and **Tamsin Petersen** (Johannesburg, South Africa) will compete in butterfly events. Petersen will add individual medley races as well. **Molly Fittro** (Seaside, Calif.) is the lone freestyle swimmer in the class and **Cornti Thrasher** (Somerset, Ky.) joins the team as a breaststroke swimmer.



HEAD COACH RAFAEL FORTI

Rafael Forti was named to resurrect Union College's swimming program in February of 2005.

In three seasons leading the Bulldog swimmers, Forti has had six individuals in 11 events as well as six relay teams qualify for the NAIA Men's National Championship Meet and and three individuals in eight events and six relay teams qualify for the NAIA Women's National Championship Meet.

The Bulldogs placed 18th at the 2007 NAIA National Championship Meet while the Lady Bulldogs came in 11th. At the 2008 NAIA National Championship Meet, the Bulldogs posted a 14th-place finish with the Lady Bulldogs recording a 21st-place finish.

Forti is no stranger to the Bulldog swimming program, having been a member of the 1999-00 squad, the last swim team fielded by Union until the sport's reinstatement in 2005. He was also a four-year member of the Bulldogs Soccer team, graduating in 2004. The Campinas, Brazil native not only succeeded on the field but also in the classroom, earning such honors as three-time Academic All-Conference, and a 2002 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.

Forti graduated Suma Cum Laude and was the 2004 Salutatorian. In 2006, he received his master's from Union in Health and Physical Education and was the Class Marshall for his master's graduating class.

Prior to taking over the swimming program, Forti was the assistant coach for the men's soccer team.



ASSISTANT COACH WILLIAM BREEHL

Will Breehl is starting his first season as an assistant coach for the Union College men's and women's swimming teams.

He was a member of the University of Louisville's swim team for three seasons. Breehl swam to a pair of Top-15 finishes in the Conference USA Championships in 2003. He had a 12th-place finish in the 100 breaststroke and added a 14th-place 200 backstroke finish. Along with the accomplishments in the pool, he was an NCAA Academic All-American in 2002.

Before coming to Union, Breehl was the coach for the Plainview Swim Club, located in Louisville, Ky., from 2004-08 with the previous two years as the head coach. He also coached the Triton Club Team, also in Louisville, for one year.

He graduated from Louisville in 2008 with a degree in exercise science. A native of Louisville, Breehl now resides in Barbourville.



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The 2008-09 Bulldog Roster

Name	Yr.	Stroke	Hometown/Previous School
Adam Woodard	SR	Freestyle	Hopkinsville, Ky./Hopkinsville
Bradley Hobbs	JR	Backstroke	Flat Lick, Ky./Knox Central
Alan Thomas Saylor	JR	Breaststroke	Lexington, Ky./Bryan Station
Karl Smith	JR	Butterfly	Lexington, Ky./Bryan Station
Jeremiah Back	SO	Butterfly	Flatgap, Ky./Johnson Central
Colin McEachran	SO	Freestyle	Blenheim, Canada/Blenheim District
Michael Viscardi	SO	Breaststroke	Marietta, Ga./McEachran
Roberto Bertholo, Jr.	FR	Butterfly	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Santa Monica
Travis Faig	FR	Backstroke	Sevierville, Tenn./Sevier County
David Johnson	FR	Freestyle	Louisville, Ky./St. Xavier
Anthony Savicki	FR	Freestyle	Hebron, Ky./Conner
Shawn Spoon	FR	Butterfly	Morristown, Tenn./Morristown West

The 2008-09 Lady Bulldog Roster

Name	Yr.	Stroke	Hometown/Previous School
Dena Gonzalez	SR	Breaststroke	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn College
Mollie Messmer	JR	Freestyle	Scott City, Mo./Notre Dame Regional
Kelli Rogers	JR	Freestyle	Elizabethtown, Ky./Elizabethtown
Kristina Kirk	SO	Backstroke	Versailles, Ky./Woodford County
Maria Esswein	FR	Butterfly	Perryville, Mo./St. Vincent
Molly Fittro	FR	Freestyle	Seaside, Calif./Seaside
Tamsin Petersen	FR	Butterfly	Johannesburg, South Africa/Crawford
Cortni Thrasher	FR	Breaststroke	Somerset, Ky./Pulaski County



Adam Woodard
Senior
Freestyle
6-foot-4
Hopkinsville, Ky. /
Hopkinsville

Third Year with the Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Part of 12th-place 400 medley relay team at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Part of 13th-place 400 freestyle relay team at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Qualified for the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship as a part of the 200 freestyle relay team ... Swam to school record in the 200 backstroke (2:29.94) ... Part of two school relay team records, 400 medley (3:52.86) and 400 freestyle (3:25.77) ... **2006-07 Highlights:** Was a part of two NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship relay teams, 200-yard medley relay (11th place) and 200 freestyle relay (tenth place) ... Helped set five Union College relay record teams



Bradley Hobbs
Junior
Backstroke
6-foot

Flat Lick, Ky./Knox Central

Third Year with the Bulldogs



Alan Thomas Saylor
Junior
Breaststroke
5-foot-7

Lexington, Ky. / Bryan Station

Third Year with the Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Part of NAIA Swimming and Diving National qualifying team in the 200-yard medley relay ... **2006-07 Highlights:** Set Union record in 200-yard breaststroke (2:33.31) ... He was a part of school-record 400 medley relay team



Karl Smith
Junior
Butterfly
5-foot-10
Lexington, Ky./Bryan Station
North Lexington YMCA

Third Year with the Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Qualified for NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship as a part of 200 freestyle and medley relay team ... Part of school-record 400 freestyle (3:25.77) and 800 freestyle (8:03.42) relay teams ... **2006-07 Highlights:** Was a part of two NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship relay teams, 200 medley relay (11th place) and 200 freestyle relay (10th place) ... Was on four Union College record-setting relay teams, 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 800 freestyle and 200 medley relay



Jeremiah Back
Sophomore
Butterfly
6-foot-3
Flatgap, Ky. / Johnson Central
JCHS Eagles

Second Year with the Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Part of three Top-15 relay teams at NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Member of the 12th-place 400 medley relay team ... Part of 13th-place 400 freestyle relay team ... Swam on 14th-place 200 freestyle relay team ... Qualified for NAIA Nationals in the 100 butterfly ... Posted school record in the 100 butterfly at 56.55 ... Part of three school record relay teams, 400 freestyle (3:25.77), 800 freestyle (8:03.42) and 400 medley relay (3:52.86)



Bulldog Profiles



Colin McEachran
 Sophomore
 Freestyle
 6-foot-2
 Blenheim, Canada / Blenheim District
 Chatham Pool Sharks

Second Year with the Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Part of 12th-place 400 medley relay team at NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Qualified for NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle events ... Part of two Union relay records, 800 freestyle (8:03.42) and 400 medley (3:52.86) ... Swam to five individual school records, 500 freestyle (5:05.80), 1,000 freestyle (10:53.76), 1,650 freestyle (18:14.73), 100 backstroke (1:02.67) and 400 individual medley (5:01.46)



Michael Viscardi
 Sophomore
 Breaststroke
 5-foot-7
 Marietta, Ga. / McEachean Sting Rays

Second Year with the Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Posted 11th-place finish in the 200 breaststroke at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Part of 12th-place 400 medley relay team at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Part of 13th-place 400 freestyle relay team at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Part of 200 freestyle relay team at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Broke four individual school records, 50 breaststroke (29.79), 100 breaststroke (1:03.52), 200 breaststroke (2:14.00) and 200 individual medley (2:09.71) ... Part of three Union relay records, 400 freestyle (3:25.77), 800 freestyle (8:03.42) and 400 medley (3:52.86)



Roberto Bertholo, Jr.
 Freshman
 Butterfly
 5-foot-11
 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 Santa Monica / Clube de Regatas do Flamengo

First Year with the Bulldogs



Travis Faig
 Freshman
 Backstroke / Individual Medley
 6-foot-4
 Sevierville, Tenn. / Sevier County
 Sevier Aquatic Club

First Year with the Bulldogs



David Johnson
 Freshman
 Freestyle
 6-foot-5
 Louisville, Ky. / St. Xavier
 Louisville's Revolution to Swimming

First Year with the Bulldogs



Anthony Savicki
 Freshman
 Freestyle / Individual Medley
 6-foot
 Hebron, Ky. / Conner Cincinnati Marlins

First Year with the Bulldogs



Shawn Spoon
 Freshman
 Butterfly
 5-foot-9
 Morristown, Tenn. / Morristown West Sevier Aquatic Club

First Year with the Bulldogs



Lady Bulldog Profiles



Dena Gonzalez
 Senior
 Breaststroke
 5-foot-4
 Brooklyn, N.Y. / Brooklyn College

Third Year with the Lady Bulldogs

2006-07 Highlights: Was a part of 200-yard medley relay NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship team that finished 17th ... Was on 800 freestyle relay team that set a Union College record, 9:40.92



Mollie Messmer
 Junior
 Freestyle / Individual Medley
 5-foot-7
 Scott City, Mo. / Notre Dame Regional Dolphins

Third Year with the Lady Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Qualified for NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle events ... Part of NAIA National Championship qualifying relay team in the 200 medley, 200 freestyle, 400 medley and 400 freestyle ... Set Union records in the 100 butterfly (1:09.30) and 400 individual medley (4:56.77) ... Part of four Union relay records, 400 freestyle (4:15.29), 800 freestyle (9:27.93), 200 medley (2:06.35) and 400 medley (4:42.19) ... **2006-07 Highlights:** Set a total of 16 Union College school records, 12 individual and four relays ... Participated in three individual and two relays at NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship ... Finished tenth in 1,650-yard freestyle relay at National Championship



Kelli Rogers
 Junior
 Freestyle
 5-foot-7
 Elizabethtown, Ky. / Elizabethtown Dolphins

Third Year with the Lady Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Qualified for NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship in the 1,650 freestyle ... Part of NAIA National Championship qualifying relay team in the 200 medley, 200 freestyle, 400 medley and 400 freestyle ... Part of four Union relay records, 400 freestyle (4:15.29), 800 freestyle (9:27.93), 200 medley (2:06.35) and 400 medley (4:42.19) ... **2006-07 Highlights:** Part of two NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship relay teams ... 200-yard medley relay, 17th place, and 200 freestyle, 17th place ... Set two individual school records and a part of three record relays ... Owned the 200-yard butterfly and 400 individual medley relay records



Kristina Kirk
 Sophomore
 Backstroke
 5-foot-5
 Versailles, Ky. / Woodford Co. Thoroughbred Nautical Team

Second Year with the Lady Bulldogs

2007-08 Highlights: Qualified for NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championship in the 200 backstroke ... Part of NAIA National Championship qualifying relay team in the 200 medley, 200 freestyle, 400 medley and 400 freestyle ... Set Union record in 200 backstroke (2:26.17) ... Part of four Union relay records, 400 freestyle (4:15.29), 800 freestyle (9:27.93), 200 medley (2:06.35) and 400 medley (4:42.19)



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Maria Esswein
Freshman
Butterfly
5-foot-4
Perryville, Mo. / St. Vincent
Gator Swim Team

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Tamsin Petersen
Freshman
Butterfly / Individual Medley
5-foot-6
Johannesburg, South Africa /
Crawford
Sandton Seals Swimming

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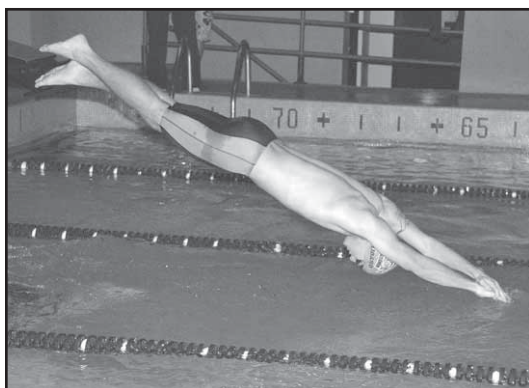
Molly Fittro
Freshman
Freestyle
5-foot-7
Seaside, Calif. / Seaside
Seaside Aquatic Club

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Cortni Thrasher
Freshman
Breaststroke
5-foot-3
Somerset, Ky. / Pulaski
County
Spy Sharks

First Year with the Lady Bulldogs



MEN'S SWIMMING RECORDS*

Event	Time	Swimmer(s)	Season
50 Freestyle	21.37	Kyle Pinsonneault	2006-07
100 Freestyle	47.81	Kyle Pinsonneault	2006-07
200 Freestyle	1:50.59	Kyle Pinsonneault	2006-07
500 Freestyle	5:05.80	Colin McEachran	2007-08
1000 Freestyle	10:53.76	Colin McEachran	2007-08
1650 Freestyle	18:14.73	Colin McEachran	2007-08
50 Backstroke	27.27	Kyle Pinsonneault	2006-07
100 Backstroke	1:02.67	Colin McEachran	2007-08
200 Backstroke	2:29.94	Adam Woodard	2007-08
50 Breaststroke	29.79	Michael Viscardi	2007-08
100 Breaststroke	1:03.52	Michael Viscardi	2007-08
200 Breaststroke	2:14.00	Michael Viscardi	2007-08
50 Butterfly	25.78	Benjamin Nemeč	2005-06
100 Butterfly	56.55	Jeremiah Back	2007-08
200 Butterfly	2:05.98	Benjamin Nemeč	2005-06
200 Individual Medley	2:09.71	Michael Viscardi	2007-08
400 Individual Medley	5:01.46	Colin McEachran	2007-08
200 Freestyle Relay	1:32.77	Kyle Pinsonneault, Karl Smith, Adam Woodard, Rodrigo Forti	2006-07
400 Freestyle Relay	3:25.77	Jeremiah Back, Michael Viscardi Karl Smith, Adam Woodard	2007-08
800 Freestyle Relay	8:03.42	Colin McEachran, Karl Smith Jeremiah Back, Michael Viscardi	2007-08
200 Medley Relay	1:45.79	Kyle Pinsonneault, Rodrigo Forti Karl Smith, Adam Woodard	2006-07
400 Medley Relay	3:52.86	Colin McEachran, Michael Viscardi Jeremiah Back, Adam Woodard	2007-08

WOMEN'S SWIMMING RECORDS*

Event	Time	Swimmer(s)	Season
50 Freestyle	26.48	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
100 Freestyle	58.18	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
200 Freestyle	2:03.09	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
500 Freestyle	5:32.00	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
1000 Freestyle	11:23.41	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
1650 Freestyle	18:51.91	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
50 Backstroke	31.40	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
100 Backstroke	1:07.72	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
200 Backstroke	2:26.17	Kristina Kirk	2007-07
50 Breaststroke	36.71	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
100 Breaststroke	1:16.99	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
200 Breaststroke	3:11.38	Jessica Kirschner	2006-07
50 Butterfly	30.47	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
100 Butterfly	1:09.30	Mollie Messmer	2007-08
200 Butterfly	2:49.03	Eden Ellison	2007-08
200 Individual Medley	2:21.75	Mollie Messmer	2006-07
400 Individual Medley	4:56.77	Mollie Messmer	2007-08
200 Freestyle Relay	1:51.57	Amanda Harden, Eden Ellison, Jessica Kirschner, Mollie Messmer	2006-07
400 Freestyle Relay	4:15.29	Kristina Kirk, Eden Ellison Kelli Rogers, Mollie Messmer	2007-08
800 Freestyle Relay	9:27.93	Mollie Messmer, Kelli Rogers Eden Ellison, Kristina Kirk	2007-08
200 Medley Relay	2:06.35	Kristina Kirk, Mollie Messmer Eden Ellison, Kelli Rogers	2007-08
400 Medley Relay	4:42.19	Kristina Kirk, Mollie Messmer Eden Ellison, Kelli Rogers	2007-08

All Events in Yards; Times taken in 25-yard pool
*-All records are since the 2005-06 season (men) and 2006-07 (women)



MEN'S SWIMMING HONORS

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS
Bob Long - 1965

NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS APPEARANCES (Since the 2005-06 season)

- Year - Individual, Event (Time, Place)**
- 2006 - Benjamin Nemece, 200 Butterfly (2:06.28, 14th)
 - 2007 - Pinsonneault/Forti/Smith/Woodard, 200 Medley Relay (1:45.79, 11th)
 - 2007 - Kyle Pinsonneault, 50 Freestyle (21.40, 12th)
 - 2007 - Pinsonneault/Smith/Woodard/Forti, 200 Freestyle Relay (1:32.77, 10th)
 - 2007 - Kyle Pinsonneault, 200 Freestyle (1:52.97, 25th)
 - 2007 - Kyle Pinsonneault, 100 Freestyle (47.95, 14th)
 - 2008 - McEachran/Saylor/Smith/Woodard, 200 Medley Relay (DQ)
 - 2008 - Colin McEachran, 500 Freestyle (5:05.80, 29th)
 - 2008 - Michael Viscardi, 200 Individual Medley (2:09.71, 30th)
 - 2008 - Back/Viscardi/Smith/Woodard, 200 Freestyle Relay (1:33.29, 14th)
 - 2008 - Jeremiah Back, 100 Butterfly (56.55, 25th)
 - 2008 - Michael Viscardi, 100 Breaststroke (DNF)
 - 2008 - McEachran/Viscardi/Back/Woodard, 400 Medley Relay (3:52.86, 12th)
 - 2008 - Adam Woodard, 100 Freestyle (50.18, 32nd)
 - 2008 - Michael Viscardi, 200 Breaststroke (2:15.14, 11th)
 - 2008 - Back/Viscardi/Smith/Woodard, 400 Freestyle Relay (3:25.78, 13th)
 - 2008 - Colin McEachran, 1650 Freestyle (18:14.73, 25th)

NAIA Scholar-Athletes - Men
Rodrigo Forti - 2007

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1976 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- 1990 - NAIA District 32
- 1991 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming Conference
- 1991 - Appalachian Swim Conference
- 1991 - NAIA District 32
- 1992 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- 1992 - Appalachian Swim Conference
- 1993 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- 1995 - Appalachian Swim Conference
- 1996 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

WOMEN'S SWIMMING HONORS

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS
Cherie Maue - 1993

NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS APPEARANCES (Since the 2006-07 season)

- Year - Individual, Event (Time, Place)**
- 2007 - Gonzalez/Messmer/Ellison/Rogers, 200 Medley Relay (2:10.72, 17th)
 - 2007 - Mollie Messmer, 500 Freestyle (5:32.00, 22nd)
 - 2007 - Messmer/Kamkar/Ellison/Rogers, 200 Freestyle Relay (1:52.12, 17th)
 - 2007 - Mollie Messmer, 200 Freestyle (2:03.09, 19th)
 - 2007 - Mollie Messmer, 1650 Freestyle (18:51.91, 10th)
 - 2008 - Kirk/Messmer/Ellison/Rogers, 200 Medley Relay (2:06.95, 23rd)
 - 2008 - Mollie Messmer, 500 Freestyle (5:33.17, 26th)
 - 2008 - Kirk/Ellison/Rogers/Messmer, 200 Freestyle Relay (1:53.72, 23rd)
 - 2008 - Mollie Messmer, 400 Individual Medley (4:57.26, 13th)
 - 2008 - Kirk/Messmer/Ellison/Rogers, 400 Medley Relay (DQ)
 - 2008 - Kristina Kirk, 200 Backstroke (2:26.17, 30th)
 - 2008 - Kirk/Ellison/Rogers/Messmer, 400 Freestyle Relay (4:15.29, 21st)
 - 2008 - Mollie Messmer, 1650 Freestyle (19:04.65, 19th)
 - 2008 - Kelli Rogers, 1650 Freestyle (22:03.87, 33rd)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1990 - NAIA District 32
- 1991 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming Conference
- 1991 - Appalachian Swim Conference
- 1992 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
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- 1993 - Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
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NAIA Scholar Team Award
2006-07 and 2007-08



Sports Information Assistant Gene Renfro

Gene Renfro is beginning his second year as the Assistant Sports Information Director. He will serve as the primary contact for the men's and

women's swim teams.

Renfro, a native of Johnson City, Tenn., comes to Union after serving six years in the Milligan (Tenn.) College sports information office.

Among his responsibilities, Renfro will assist in media relations for all 23 of Union's athletic programs as well as writing releases, compiling statistics, website maintenance and producing and publishing media guides.

Renfro earned his bachelor's from Milligan in 2005 and his master's in sports management from East Tennessee State University.

Renfro is a member of both the NAIA-SIDA and CoSIDA.



Sports Information Director Jay Stancil

Jay Stancil has served as Union College's Sports Information Director since August of 1999.

During his career, Stancil has received numerous awards, earning 38 NAIA-SIDA Publication Awards including three first-place honors and one Best Cover.

As Union's SID, Stancil has had 11 student-athletes earn CoSIDA Academic All-America District IV honors with four receiving CoSIDA Academic All-America Team honors.

Stancil is a member of the NAIA-SIDA - the NAIA's Sports Information Directors Association and College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Also, Stancil is an At-Large Representative on the NAIA-SIDA Board of Directors.

Stancil is married and he and his wife, Genople, have two children - a son, Jayson, and a daughter, Haylee.

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- Lexington Herald-Leader**
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- Associated Press**
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MEDIA POLICIES

Please contact the Union College Office of Sports Information for any requests for player or coach interviews.

On game days, players and coaches are not available for pre-game interviews. Once a contest is completed, they will be available for comment after a brief cooling-off period (10-15 minutes).

Statistics and information about players and coaches can be obtained by contacting the Union Sports Information Office.

Union College welcomes members of the media to attend practice sessions. However, if you do so, please notify the sports information director of your intent.

Basic team information (roster, schedule, results, and head coaches' bio) can also be found on the Union College website at <http://www.ucbulldogs.com>.

All game stories and box scores will be updated within 24 hours following each contest on the website.



2008-09 BULLDOG SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Site	Time
Sat., Oct. 11	Cumberlands	Williamsburg, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 25	CAMPBELLSVILLE/BELLARMINE	Barbourville, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 1	ASBURY/BEREA	Barbourville, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 8	Transylvania	Lexington, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 22	Milligan	Milligan, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 5-6	Asbury College Invitational	Wilmore, Ky.	TBA
Sat., Jan. 31	Univ. of the South Tri-Meet	Sewanee, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 7	KING/CAMPBELLSVILLE	Barbourville, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14	BELLARMINE/LAMBUTH	Barbourville, Ky.	1 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 20-21	ASC Championship	Huntington, W.Va.	TBA
Wed.-Sat., Mar. 4-7	NAIA National Championship	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA

Home meets in **ALL CAPS** & will be held at the Robison Arena Aquatics Center in Barbourville, Ky.: All times Eastern; Dates and times subject to change.