From the Association

Dear Alumni and Friends of Yale Track & Field and Cross Country,

The Indoor Track & Field season has concluded with meets at the HEPS Championships at Harvard's Gordon Track followed closely by the ECAC and IC4A Championships at Boston University. Austin Laut was the highest HEPS finisher on the men’s side earning Second Team All-Ivy Distinction in the pole vault, and Lillian Enes was the highest finisher on the women's side with a third place finish in the 400 meter dash. For those of you who were unable to see the race, Enes ran a textbook curve maneuvering into the lead at the halfway mark to win the first section. Kudos to her for showing the moxie to make that move!

Alumni from all the Ivies gathered at John Harvard’s Brewery & Ale House at the Indoor HEPS in February. Upcoming Yale specific events include the Annual Dinner at the Yale Club of New York City where we will be recognizing the entire Class of 2019 as well as celebrating forty years of women’s cross country at Yale by honoring the individual women's HEPS Cross Country Champions. There will be a reception for parents and alumni at the Yale Harvard Dual meet in April.

Every four years, we send a combined Harvard Yale Team to England and Ireland for an international tour that concludes with the Oxford Cambridge meet to be held at Cambridge in June. This year marks the 125th anniversary since the first competition among athletes from these institutions, and many of you will have great memories from competing in this event during your time at Yale. Although we have endowments supporting international travel, the expense for this year’s anniversary celebration is particularly high, and we are counting on you for increased support.

To those of you who supported the Association and by extension our athletes so far this year – THANK YOU! The impact is significant. Your efforts directly enable teams to travel out of region for meets, support travel for recruitment, and permit upgrades to existing equipment. Please consider supporting the Association at whatever level works for you. You support has a direct impact on the program and on the experience of our runners, jumpers, and throwers.

We look forward to seeing you at the Yale Club of NYC for the Annual Dinner or around the track this spring.

Kim Fulton ‘91 & Ralph Haberli ‘00
Yale Track & Field and Cross Country Association Co-Presidents
Hello Yale Track and Field / Cross Country Fans!

The period between the end of Indoor season and the beginning of Outdoors, allow for a period of reflection and gives us time to assess and get excited about the season to come. I am always amazed at how quickly the year flies by, and the knowledge that the end of the school year will be upon us sooner than we know, fuels constant motivation to improve on what we have done…and we accomplished a lot this indoor season!

On the men’s side of the ledger, we beat Harvard at the HYP meet in January, and posted 10 all-time top 15 list marks, including a new Yale record in the high jump by senior Keith CJ McCord II (6’10.75”), breaking the old mark held jointly by Kevin Gaugush ’89 and Jihad Beauchman ’06. Sophomore Nick Dahl won the IC4A Mile championship making him the second Yale man to win the title in the last four years (James Randon won in 2016). Dahl’s performance led our men to a 7th place finish at the IC’s, their highest in recent memory.

For the women, we had an astonishing 18 (!) performances that broke into the Yale top 15 lists, including a school record in the shot put by first-year Emma Vasen (48’3.5” – breaking the old record of Karleh Wilson), a school record in the 400m by junior Lily Enes (55.04s breaking the old record of Emily Cable ’15) and finally our 4X4 team of Enes/Boshnak/Osborne/Coy obliterated the existing mark by almost six seconds! Their mark of 3:42.75 is all the more impressive in that it is actually faster than the existing outdoor record! Finally, at the end of the season, first year phenom Joceyln Chau took the lead from the gun and brought home the ECAC Championship in the mile run – both the men and the women come away victorious in the event! We are hoping for more exciting performances in the weeks to come!

Everything we accomplish each season comes as a result of each individual’s hard work, and their ability to train at the highest levels while never losing sight of why they are here at Yale. “Students first” is not just a fancy term on which we hang our hats. Just as all of you were, our team members take their academics incredibly seriously. They also are fully committed to being great at Track and Field. Through your generosity, we are able to provide all of them with a first class experience, whether it’s trip a high quality indoor oval or to a warm weather venue early in the outdoor season your contributions to Yale Track and Field allow us to compete at the very highest level. We simply can’t do it without your help. This year we have some ambitious fundraising targets and I know with your help we are going to meet (and it’s my hope) exceed those goals! If you haven’t given before, please consider doing so. If you are a frequent donor, thank you for your support. Know that we very much appreciate it and it goes to great use.

Outdoors here we come!

“Shoe”

David Shoehalter
The Mark T. Young ’68
Director of Track & Field and Cross Country.
SAVE the DATES

MARCH 29, 2019

YALE TRACK AND FIELD & CROSS COUNTRY ANNUAL DINNER
The Yale Club of New York | 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner

Celebrating the Class of 2019 Seniors & 40 years of Women’s Cross Country at Yale, honoring individual HEPS champions: *Kelly Groteke Vanasse ‘87, Sarah P. Smith ‘89, Ariana Kelly ‘99, Kate O’Neill Tenforde ‘03, and Lindsay Donaldson O’Brien ‘08

To RSVP, please call 203-432-1434 or visit http://www.cvent.com/d/c6qltw

APRIL 13, 2019

ALUMNI AND PARENTS RECEPTION
Harvard-Yale Dual Meet, tent by the Javelin Area

JUNE 23-29, 2019

THE TRANSATLANTIC SERIES

June 23
Harvard/Yale vs. University of Limerick/Ireland Select
Limerick, Ireland

June 26
Harvard/Yale vs. University of Birmingham
Birmingham, UK

June 28
Harvard/Yale Parents and Alumni Event*
(Venue TBD) Cambridge, UK
*If interested in attending, please fill out this survey: https://bit.ly/2HBUdPg

June 29
Harvard/Yale vs. Oxford/Cambridge
Cambridge, UK
Why Support Yale Track & Field?

The YTF Association is responsible for raising approximately 10% of the operating expenses of the program. This includes coaches' salaries, recruiting expenses, training trips, and meet travel. Our goal is to raise $130,000 and to record contributions from 250 individuals. As of March 1, we have raised $47,000 from 87 donors. Please help us do more! Specific examples of some ways your dollars directly impact athletes are below:

**Recruiting**
- $1,000 for an official visit to bring a student-athlete to campus
- $500 mailings to top prospects to get them interested in Yale

**Massage Therapy**
- $240 buys a weekly session for 16 student-athletes

**Out of Region Travel**
- $900 per student-athlete (meals, lodging, travel)

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125th Oxford/Cambridge Meet

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the first Yale Harvard Oxford Cambridge Meet. The Association has endowment funding to support international travel so the athletes can compete against their counterparts across the pond. Unfortunately, the expenses of the trip have increased significantly - mostly in airfare and lodging - and the endowment funds alone are not adequate to support the trip. Although the coaches have made some adjustments to the itinerary, more support is needed. We also would like to send a delegation to the 125th anniversary ball and those tickets are an additional expense.

- Support an athlete’s airfare: $1,125 x 24 = $27,000
- Tickets to ball: $250 x 12 = $3,000
- Total: $30,000

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How to Make a Gift

**Make a Gift Online:**
- Visit [www.yale.edu/giveathletics](http://www.yale.edu/giveathletics)
- Enter gift amount
- Select ‘view teams and other funds’
- Select ‘XC/Track&Field’
- Complete the rest of the form

**MAIL A CHECK**
Mail a check payable to Yale University, with Yale Track Association in the memo to:
PO Box 208216, New Haven, CT 06520

Questions about making a gift? Email: support.athletics@yale.edu or 203-432-1434.

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