



Current players and alumni at alumni weekend this spring

Hot Saucers Ultimate: Spring/Summer 2017

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Men's Spring Season

The Men's team came into the spring season with high hopes after a heartbreaking loss in the 2016 Regional Finals to NESCAC foe Conn. College. They prepared for the stiff Metro (L)East competition by making the grueling 15-hour trip to Myrtle Beach to play in the sanctioned Rip Tide tournament before playing at High Tide. Highlights from Rip Tide included a 10-9 win over Rhode Island on universe point and a 14-5 drumming of SUNY-Cortland in pool play. The Saucers played well at High Tide despite unseasonably cold weather and 30 mph crosswinds. Peaks of the week included buying the team's first unofficial live mascots (5 goldfish) and keeping a single Costco store in business with an \$800 food excursion. The team went on to roll through Western NY Sectionals with a perfect 6-0 record. The 5-0 pool play was highlighted by wins over

SUNY-Geneseo (15-12), Ithaca (15-8), and SUNY-Oneonta (15-4). The Saucers faced SUNY-Fredonia in the final for their only game of Sunday and came out with a 15-12 win, capped off by a 50 yard Sam Carletta '17 flick huck to a streaking Jon Shapiro '17 for the winning score. For Metro East Regionals the team finished Saturday with a 4-1 record, including a nail biting 11-10 win over Wesleyan on universe point and a convincing 11-7 win over rival Colgate. On Sunday, the team came away with a 13-10 win over SUNY-Fredonia before eventually falling 12-14 to a disciplined team of well-oiled tanks from Army in the semi-finals. The team ended one of its most successful seasons ever in all smiles with the hope of doing even better next year.

[Click here to see the men's spring highlight video!](#)

Women's Spring Season

The Hot Saucers fielded a team for the first time at Rip Tide, while in South Carolina on Spring Break. With record cold temperatures, rain, and hail they buckled down and grew as a team. High Tide was another incredible learning experience and a number of freshman came into their own during the week. Most notably, Clara Cho '20 scored her first point ever while playing with the alumni team. The Hot Saucers dominated the Western NY Sectionals, crushing Fredonia and SUNY-Cortland in pool play. The team lost to Geneseo (6-11) and made a terrific comeback to beat SUNY-Oneonta (13-9). In bracket play, the team rolled over Colgate (13-3) and Ithaca (13-6), but fell again to the talented Geneseo (3-13). The team was seeded third going into Metro East Regionals. During pool play, they trounced Vassar 13-1 and played a fantastic game against SUNY-Oneonta, emerging victorious

12-7. After the game, Oneonta and Hamilton captains discussed the possibility of the two teams scrimmaging in the off-season which hopefully becomes a reality. In the final pool play game, Hamilton lost to Wesleyan (2-13), the team that would later win Regionals. In bracket play the next day, Hamilton lost to RPI (7-13) in a game plagued by thunderstorms and injuries. Vassar went on to forfeit the consolation game and the Hot Saucers also forfeited the next game against Skidmore, ending Regionals in fifth place. Overall, the Women's team had a strong season, complete with robust practices and excellent tournament play. The Hot Saucers achieved many wins this season, but their losses came with the pride of knowing women's ultimate is growing and higher levels of competition are being reached, making us all better players.



Ultimate Abroad

Amelia Mitchell '18 and Isabel O'Malley '18 both played on BUDS, a mixed team in Buenos Aires. Amelia scored a Callahan in their semi-final game in July. While abroad Isabel volunteered at the cultural center of a psychiatric hospital in Buenos Aires.

Cori Crisfield '18 spent her semester in Washington, D.C. where she worked for the Earth Day Network and the March for Science. She didn't toss too many discs but she spent her free time dreaming about turning the National Mall into an Ultimate Frisbee field.

Hannah Meisels '18 traveled to Melbourne last semester where she traded in her discs for a surfboard. She also drastically improved her vertical when she went skydiving.



Hannah Meisels '18

Julia Dailey '18 played for a women's team in Paris while studying literature, architecture, art history, and studio art. She fueled her layouts with baguettes and croissants; her beret was always perfectly tilted regardless of how horizontal she got.

Jared Mandelbaum '18 spent his semester in Costa Rica studying sustainable development where he tossed a disc on the beach with a Clark Ultimate player. He learned about how the environment is degrading, but he ensured that his frisbee skills did not.

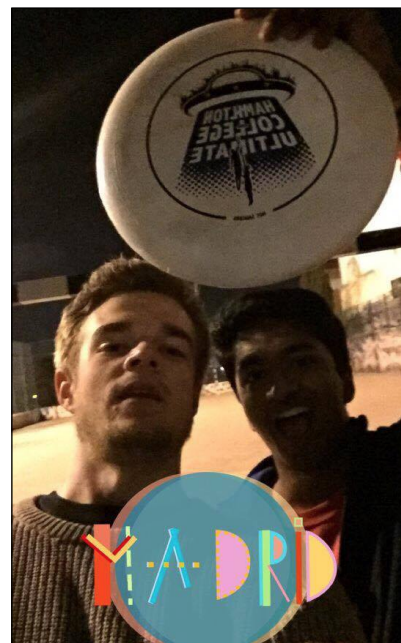
Alison "Buggy" Kingston '18 traveled to Mongolia to learn about Geopolitics and Natural Resource Management. She imparted the wisdom of disc throwing to her host siblings, and while travelling gave frisbees (and maple syrup) as gifts!

Natalie Poremba '18 spent the spring traveling in the Turks and Caicos where she learned about ocean critters, fishery management, and how long she could go without a shower. She also tossed a disc with a Clark Ultimate player when the winds weren't too strong.

Justin Sonberg '18 was in Copenhagen taking classes through DIS and København University, where he played on a club team called Ragnarok. While he did not brandish swords like the vikings, he absolutely slayed on the Ultimate field.

Kuhan Mahendraraj '18 studied abroad in Madrid where he insisted that Justin visit him and take this snapchat (right). Ku played as much as he could with a clubmate and threw everyday with his housemate, whose father was an international disc golf player.

He also worked at Médicos del Mundo on a project that helped refugees and immigrants who were unjustly treated by the medical system in Madrid.



Justin Sonberg '18 (left) and Kuhan Mahendraraj '18 (right) in Madrid, Spain



Graduating Saucers, left to right: Molly April, Audrey Love (Capt), Kateri Boucher (Capt), Curt Lyon, Logan Yu (Capt), Jon Shapiro, Jeff Greenwald (Capt), and Jonah Boucher (Capt)

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Article written by Alex Stetter '20



Some Summer Saucers (everyone's doing cool things about playing good fris but we don't have room to talk about them all!)

Sam Carletta '17 began his post-Saucers career in New York City, making the roster for the nationally ranked club team PoNY. In July, the team placed ninth overall in the sixteen-team Pro-Elite Challenge. We look forward to seeing more of Sam as he begins his life as a little fish in the Big Apple!

Current Saucers Elias Griffin '20 and Jack Anderson '18 took part in the Manhattan Ultimate Disc (MUD) Open League. When asked about his summer, Elias humbly stated, "We're a much stronger team [than Jack's]. Like just smashing their faces."

Alex Stetter '20 has been playing pick-up on the State-

Ow My Knee! (July 22-23)

At this year's Ow My Knee tournament in Scotia, New York, the Hot Saucers fielded two teams: the Hot Saucers, a mixed team of current players, and the Hamilton 2 Benjamins, a mixed team comprised of current and alumni players. The enthusiasm and participation of the alumni was absolutely no surprise this weekend; recent graduates from the class of '17 played their hearts out and older alums as far back as the classes of '11 and '12 played their hearts, knees, and hips out as well. Due to the generosity of one alumna and her family in particular, the Hot Saucers were able to stay on the beautiful shore of Lake George, swimming, frolicking, and of course, throwing frisbees. Neither team advanced to the winner's bracket, but instead concentrated on learning to play as mixed teams, having fun, and celebrating the spirit of the game. The Hot Saucers played well and scored on a variety of high-performing and high-inten-

Wildwood (July 29-30)

Current and alumni Hot Saucers converged in Wildwood, New Jersey for the World's Largest Beach Ultimate Tournament, fielding a total of three teams. Current players, including three honorary Saucers, split into two teams, the Hot Saucers, and HC State. Saturday morning brought winds of up to 30 mph and wet playing fields. However, both teams persevered, and had tremendous fun, despite losing each of their games, until the final match up of the day. The last game pitted the teams against each other; with a nail-biting final score of 2-1, HC State took the win. Between matches, both teams found time to observe the alumni team and stroll the boardwalk. The Hamilton 2 Benjamins featured alumni ranging from '17 grads to '11 grads. They made an

house lawn in Montpelier, Vermont. Another rising sophomore, Cam Blair '20, participated in the Summer Ultimate League of Amherst, MA, where he received copious amounts of unsolicited frisbee advice/ginger jokes. Cam was drafted by a group of Amherst College players, who chose him, "Because you go to a NES-CAC. And also because you're six foot seven."

Shortly after being medically cleared to resume playing, Audrey Love '17 tried out for the newly established club team Alternative Stacks, where, to nobody's surprise, she made the roster. Audrey practiced with the team this summer, and will continue to do so when the team competes in the mixed Club Series this fall.

sity club teams. In Sunday's first game, the Hot Saucers ultimately lost to PandaTime on the universe point (11-12), but not after being down 7-3, clinching break after break and scoring eight points in the second half due to high spirit and cool heads. The tournament ended on the Sunday with the Hot Saucers and Hamilton 2 Benjamins scrimmaging each other and then mixing up the teams even further so old friends could play together once again.



Current players and alumni (mostly in pink) at OMK

impressive showing on Saturday, getting throws off that bested the winds and some incredible layouts into the puddles. Sunday dawned with perfect weather, for both swimming and ultimate. After their first games, the two current Saucer teams combined into one powerhouse that easily bested the competition presented by The Mighty Hucks. Current player Vi noted that "together we can beat any team," as all members worked with incredible flow and endzone to endzone connections (that earned us double points). Between games, the Saucers took swim breaks, with a final dip after their victory, before players parted ways. Everyone headed home in their many different directions, leaving with more sand than before, and fond memories of a Wild(wood) weekend.

