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On the Cover: (From Top) Seniors Casey Massimini, Nikki Shiko, Mandy Koch and Shen DeBaro

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President .................................. Dr. David L. Soltz
Founded ........................................................ 1839
Enrollment .............................................. 9,400

Athletics
Affiliation .................................. NCAA Division II
Conference .................................. Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC)
School Colors .......................... Maroon & Gold
Team Nickname ............................. Huskies
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ABOUT BLOOMSBURG

Bloomsburg University, a member of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, is a four-year coeducational public university founded in 1839. Through the stages of its development from a normal school to a teachers college to a multipurpose state college and finally to a university in 1983, the institution has retained its emphasis on liberal arts and career education.

Bloomsburg is recognized as one of the best 100 public universities in the United States, and excellence, ranging from its 18 national championships to its international reputation in a number of its academic programs, is an attitude found throughout the faculty and staff.

About 90 percent of Bloomsburg’s students come from throughout Pennsylvania, creating a diverse mix of cultures and ideas. It’s a place where friendships that last a lifetime begin. And it’s a busy place — with more than 160 student organizations and activities, NCAA Division II athletic programs and a popular recreation center.

The university’s Division of Continuing and Distance Education serves students through nondegree credit courses, noncredit minicourses, off-campus classes, credit for life experience and distance learning courses on public television.

The Town of Bloomsburg, located in the Susquehanna River Valley, has a population of about 12,000 people. The central business district is just three blocks southwest of campus, and includes more than 80 retail stores, restaurants, and the Bloomsburg Fair in September. More stores, restaurants and theaters can be found along nearby Route 11 and at the Columbia Mall, northwest of town.

The university is within a one-hour drive from such cities as Hazleton, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton; 1.5 hours from Harrisburg; 2.5 hours from Philadelphia; 3 hours from New York City and Baltimore; and four hours from Pittsburgh and Washington, DC.
2009 Record: 35-11
2009 PSAC Central Record/Finish: 13-3/2nd in Central
2009 Postseason: 6-4
2009 Final Ranking: East Regional Third

NFCA Second Team All-American: Tara Reed
Daktronics Second Team All-American: Tara Reed
NFCA All-Region First Team: Tara Reed
NFCA All-Region Second Team: Shavaun Fisher
Daktronics All-Region First Team: Shavaun Fisher, Tara Reed
All-PSAC Central First Team: Shavaun Fisher, Tara Reed
All-PSAC Central Second Team: Nikki Shiko, Mandy Koch
PSAC Pitchers of the Week: Shavaun Fisher, Tara Reed
Position Starters Returning/Lost: Shen DeBaro, Jenna Hampton, Mandy Koch, Danielle Lazorka
Casey Massimini, Lacy Mauro, Lori Neyhard, Nikki Shiko/Tara Reed

Pitchers Returning/Lost: Shavaun Fisher/ Jaime Minix, Tara Reed

Position Players Returning (11)

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<td>5-4</td>
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Returning Pitchers (1)
19 | Shavaun Fisher  | Jr. | 6-0 | Coplay, PA/Allentown Central Catholic |

Newcomers (4)
14 | Sinea Gallagher | Fr. | R/R | 5-6 | IF/OF | Clarks Summit, PA/Abington Heights   |
12 | Raychelle Kuhns | Fr. | L/L | 5-4 | OF    | Williamsport, PA/Loyalsock           |
9  | Cait Paine      | Fr. | R/L | 5-10| P/1B  | Lebanon, PA/Lebanon                  |
23 | Samantha Pientack| So. | R/R | 5-9 | C     | Archbald, PA/Valley View/Lackawanna C.C. |

Coaching Staff
Jan Hutchinson: Head Coach 33rd Season 1,165-280-2 career record
Susan Kocher: Assistant Coach 23rd Season
Dee Wolfe: Assistant Coach 1st Season
Tara Reed: Assistant Coach 1st Season
“We have 10 returning players on our roster with lots of big-game experience. We are excited about the season as a coaching staff.”

Head Coach Jan Hutchinson

Not many coaches would be distressed about a 35-11 season and trips to both the PSAC and NCAA playoffs. But Bloomsburg University head coach Jan Hutchinson’s passion for being the best year in and year out led to some unhappiness with that mark a year ago.

“We didn’t finish as well as we would have liked last year,” said Hutchinson, now in her 33rd and final season as head coach of the Huskies. “That didn’t sit well with the players or our coaching staff and we are going out this year to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

“Our goals are the same year in and year out,” said Hutchinson. “We take one game at a time and then hope to earn a spot in both the PSAC playoffs and win the PSAC title. Then earn a spot in the NCAA playoffs and from there earn a trip to the national championship finals tournament. Nothing changes in that regard.”

Bloomsburg will have plenty of returning veterans along with a very solid group of newcomers to help Hutchinson surpass last year’s mark.

“We have 10 returning players on our roster with lots of big-game experience,” said Hutchinson. “We are solid defensively and our hitting is good. Plus we have one veteran pitcher and a newcomer, who is also our first-ever lefthander. We are excited about the season as a coaching staff.”

**PITCHERS**

The Huskies will go with a three-person staff this season. Shavuan Fisher has good control and is composed in the circle. Her movement on pitches is good and she has improved as a hitter. She will also see
time at first base. Freshman Cait Paine is the school’s first-ever lefthanded pitcher and has good mound composure with good velocity. Look for her to also see time at first when not pitching.

In addition to Fisher and Paine, Danielle Lazorka will give the team some innings this season, despite not having pitched since high school.

**INFIELD**

A veteran infield will take the field for the Huskies in 2010. At first Mandy Leach will share time with pitchers Fisher and Paine. Leach is a great fielder who has a strong arm and quick feet. She has been working hard with the bat and is expected to show more offense this season.

At second, Lazorka and Shen DeBaro will see time. Lazorka, a first team All-PSAC Central selection, has good range and speed. DeBaro has solid hands and has improved as a hitter.

At short, Mandy Koch will get the start. Koch has a quick release and is a very smart player. She is also one of the Huskies’ potential power hitters. Behind Koch will be freshman Sinea Gallagher who was an all-state performer in high school.

Handling third base will be Nikki Shiko. The senior has settled into the position and has good hands and quickness. With the bat she was the Huskies’ leading hitter a year ago and was second in runs scored. Behind Shiko is Jenna Hampton who has improved her defense and has good power with the bat.

**OUTFIELD**

Bloomsburg has a veteran group of players in the outfield this season. Casey Massimini can play any of the outfield positions and has great speed and is a aggressive player both on offense and defense. Lori Neyhard, a junior, saw a lot of action in center a year ago and has good speed and is one of the team's top deep ball threats after hitting four home runs a year ago. Emily Young, who had a great post-season, is a lefty with the bat and a potential power threat. Joining that group will be Raychelle Kuhns, a freshman who has a strong arm and runs well.

**CATCHER**

The Huskies are fortunate to have two solid catchers on the roster in Lacy Mauro and junior college transfer Sam Pientack. Mauro hit .306 a year ago and was second in RBI with 29. She has developed into a very good catcher with a more accurate arm. Pientack is a transfer from Lackawanna College and was a junior college All-American in 2009. At Lackawanna she batted .519 with 21 home runs and 65 RBIs with 31 of her 55 hits goings for extra bases. Pientack ended the season with a 1.217 slugging percentage.

“We are excited about the season and feel the potential is there for us to do well,” said Hutchinson. “There is no clear cut favorite in the PSAC this year making for a wide-open field of teams. We look forward to getting things started:”