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## **KIM CHANDLER NAMED NACWAA Administrator of the Year**

Director of Athletics Kim Chandler has been named Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). She is one of eight so honored and the only honoree from a Division III college. The award will be presented Oct. 13 at the organization's national convention in Denver, Colo. The award, sponsored by Jostens, is bestowed upon NACWAA members who have made significant contributions as administrators of intercollegiate athletics.

Chandler joined Macalester as director on July 14, 2008. She previously headed the Beloit College Athletic Department for four years, overseeing 18 varsity programs, academic course offerings, and intramurals.

## 20TH MacHAC

**Draws 132 players**



*Class of '66 swimmers foursome (L to R): Jim DeWeerd, Jim Anderson, Steve Wheeler, and Darwin Klockers.*

*Winning flight (L to R): Kevin Lucken, John Beecher '67, Blaze Beecher, and Tucker Weisman*



*(L to R): Chris Leiser '82, Scott Ambourn '82, Dan Capistrant, and Bill Poirer '82.*

The 20th annual Mac Hac Golf Tournament was held June 5 at Oak Marsh Golf Course in Oakdale and was the biggest and most successful Mac Hac ever with 132 players forming 33 teams. The post-tournament banquet and silent auction raised important funds for the Athletic Department budget.

The winning team in the first flight of this 18-hole scramble was made up of John Beecher '67, Blaze Beecher, Tucker Weisman

and Kevin Lucken. This foursome finished 13 under par. The winners of flight 2 at 6 under par were Kevin Motl, Gary Volbert, Matt Parrington, and Paul Odegaard '05. Winning flight 3 at 3 under par were Rande Garberg, Lisa Beck, Ned Tervola, and Dan Helder.

### **Winners of the hole prizes:**

**Longest Drive:** Tucker Weisman (men); Barb Fischley (women); Ken Carlson (seniors)

**Closest to the Pin:** Aaron Colhapp

**Longest Putt:** Dan Storey

**Hengstler Memorial Hole (Farthest from the Pin):** Holly Hanson

**Shortest Drive:** Ari Vrohidis

**Closest to the "Gin":** Tom Otteson '66

**Putting Contest Winner:** Mike Westland

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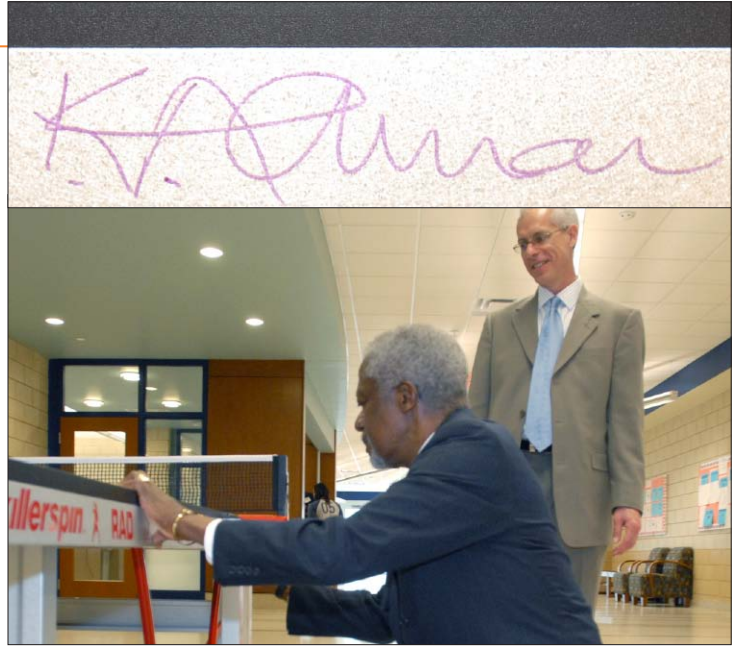


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## KOFI ANNAN Visits Leonard Center

On May 20, Nobel Laureate and former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Class of 1961, visited the Leonard Center, played a little ping-pong with President Brian Rosenberg, and autographed the named Kofi Annan Ping-Pong Table. Earlier he had held a discussion with students and unveiled a new statue of himself, a gift to the college from the United Nations Association of the USA.



## FLANAGAN & YOUNG

### M Club Athletes of the Year



**Annie Flanagan**

Diver Annie Flanagan '09 (Madison, Wis.) and swimmer Nathan Young '11 (Denver, Colo.) were named M Club Female and Male Athlete of the Year at the annual Athletics Award Banquet in May. Both represented the Scots at the NCAA championships in March.

Flanagan was named MIAC Diver of the Year after winning the conference championship in both 1-meter and 3-meter diving. She broke her own school record nearly every time she competed this winter and earned honorable mention All-America honors on both boards. She placed ninth at the NCAA Championships in 3-meter diving and 11th in 1-meter diving.



**Nathan Young**

Young qualified for the NCAA Division III championships after another dominating season for the men's swimming & diving team. He placed second in both the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke at the MIAC championships and earned honorable mention All-America status in these two events at nationals.

### Alumni Tennis Event Sept. 19

Mark your calendars for the seventh annual alumni tennis event at Macalester's Hayden Tennis Courts on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m. The event is once again expected to be a very popular event. For further information, contact Mike Vidmar '89 at [mikeandsj@msn.com](mailto:mikeandsj@msn.com) or 612-306-7992 for more information.

### Matheson 4th at NCAA Golf Tourney

Macalester senior Jordan Matheson (Vancouver, B.C.) closed out her tremendous collegiate career placing fourth at the NCAA Division III women's golf championships in May at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla. In 20th place midway through the tournament, Matheson stepped up to finish fourth, producing Macalester's best-ever national golf finish—shooting a 79 to close out with a 72-hole total of 313. This is the fourth time the Scots have produced a top-15 national finisher over the last seven years under Head Coach Martha Nause.

### Ekstrom Places 12th at Nationals

Macalester's Wade Ekstrom (La Crescent, Minn.) closed out his junior season by placing 12th in the 1500-meter-run finals May 23 at the NCAA Division III Championships in Marietta, Ohio. He was in the second-place range early on, but then fell back as top contenders made their moves, finishing 12th with a time of 4:01.32.

## M CLUB

### Coming Events

*Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.*  
"M Clubbers Unite!"  
Men's Soccer vs. Central (Iowa)

*Sat., Oct. 3, 11 a.m.*  
Men's and Women's Golf  
MIAC Championships  
Bunker Hills

*Fri., Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.*  
"M Clubbers Unite!"  
Women's Soccer vs.  
UW-River Falls

*Sat., Oct. 17, 1 p.m.*  
(tailgate noon)  
"M Clubbers Unite!"  
Football vs. U. of Chicago

*Fri., Oct. 23, 7 p.m.*  
"M Clubbers Unite!"  
Volleyball vs. St. Mary's

*Fri. & Sat., Oct. 23 & 24,*  
*time tbd*  
Board of Trustees meets

*Sat., Oct. 24, 6 p.m.*  
Hall of Fame banquet  
Hill Ballroom, Kagin  
Commons

*Sat., Oct. 31, 2 p.m.*  
Men's and Women's  
Cross-Country MIAC  
Championships  
Como Park Golf Course



## PRESIDENT'S

Message

### President's Message

M Club supports athletics, hosts social events, promotes health and wellness throughout Macalester, and honors outstanding athletes. We could not do this without the hard work of our Board of Directors. Kudos to those dedicated directors who are stepping down this year: Janis Rider, Mike Skoien, Erick Stubbs, and Clark Wohlferd! I'm happy to introduce the new directors—Steve Chapman '89, Sarah Graves '04, Kim McCoy '91, Bob Leuben '70, Firat Taydas '92, and Mollie Windmiller '03—who, with our existing board members, will work together to promote Macalester athletics and Macalester College.

As our new academic year begins, plan to support our athletes and coaches in their fall competitions by staying in touch through the Mac athletics website, joining us for "M Clubbers Unite!" gatherings as noted in the events calendar, or joining our Facebook page. Remember, it's all about staying connected.

On October 24 in the Hill Ballroom, we will honor five new inductees into the M Club Hall of Fame—Gary Davison, Joanna (Diebel) Hesse, LeRoy Martin, Jerry Steiner, and women's soccer coach John Leaney. This year M Club invites you to sponsor a current athlete to attend this event. It is important for current student athletes to be inspired, to gain an appreciation for our impressive past, and to join in celebrating these outstanding individuals for their achievements in Macalester athletics and coaching. More information will be forthcoming via the M Club website, in Facebook, and in the invitations being mailed. Please feel to contact me for more immediate information.

Join me from near or far as we cheer on our fall athletes and their coaches!

**LET'S GO MAC!**

**STEVE COX '76**

**M CLUB PRESIDENT**



### M Club President Teacher of the Year

M Club President Steve Cox '76 has been named 2009 St. Paul Rotary Teacher of the Year. Cox teaches history at Washington Technology Magnet Junior High and coordinates the school's gifted and talented program, coaches soccer at Como Park Senior High School, and is special events and recreation director for the Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth.

## NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Named

New head men's basketball coach Tim Whittle comes to Macalester from a successful assistant coaching stint at national powerhouse Washington University in St. Louis. He also served as recruiting coordinator for the two-time NCAA Division III National Champion program and in five seasons there helped guide the Bears to a 112–30 overall record and three consecutive Final Four appearances, winning national titles in 2008 and 2009. Whittle replaces former Macalester head coach Curt Kietzer, who resigned after heading the program for 12 seasons.

"I would like to thank President Brian Rosenberg, Vice President Laurie Hamre, and Athletic Director Kim Chandler for the faith they showed in me and for the opportunity to join the Macalester College family," said Whittle.



**Tim Whittle**

As a player, Whittle was a four-year letter-winner at Washington University, helping the Bears to a 79–27 record and two NCAA playoff appearances including a 1996 Elite Eight. Whittle received a master's degree in education in 2008 from William Woods University in Fulton, Mo.

## 1959 TRACK TEAM

Holds 50th Reunion

In April Mac's 1959 championship track & field team held a 50-year reunion celebration. The team was recognized at the Macalester/Bolstorff Twilight Meet and held a reunion dinner the following evening. Attending were back row (L to R): Bob Kamish '61, Orv Fenstad '60, Steve Skjold '60, Brian Nichols '60, Bill Rovick, Coach Doug Bolstorff, Ron Bole '62. Front row (L to R): Al Anderson '61, LeRoy Martin '62, Duane Samuelson '63.





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**CATCH THOSE WEBCASTS**

Once again, Macalester home athletic events in the sports of football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, and baseball will be webcast, while Live Stats will be available for most of these events. Both audio and video webcast coverage will be available through the Macalester website.

**HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS  
COMPLIMENTARY**

In appreciation of the support of alumni and neighbors, and their patience during the construction of the Leonard Center, the Athletics Department is pleased to offer complimentary admission to Macalester regular-season home athletic events for the 2009-10 school year.

**FORMER SCOT**

**Named to Board of Trustees**

At its May 15 meeting, the Macalester Board of Trustees elected former Macalester women's soccer standout Jennifer (Jo) Opdyke Wilhelm '96 of Seattle, Wash., to a three-year term. Opdyke Wilhelm is an ecologist for the King County (Seattle) Department of Natural Resources and Parks. In 2006, she and her husband Kevin Wilhelm '95 established the Jennifer and Kevin Opdyke Wilhelm Scholarship to support a first-year student from Washington.



**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Volunteers**

A hearty *thank you* goes out to the hundreds of volunteers who helped make the 2009 NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships a huge success! The event drew nearly 10,000 people over the four days of competition, the largest crowd to ever witness the Division III Championships. We simply could not have done it without you. Thank you, all volunteers! A special thanks to Tina Neill, who devoted untold hours to organizing the event.

**CAHOON WINS**

**Staff Service Award**

The winner of the 2009 Macalester College Staff Outstanding Service Award is Deanna Cahoon, Athletic Department office manager. The award honors a staff member who has demonstrated outstanding work performance; outstanding service and contributions to their job, colleagues, and/or department; and outstanding service to the college.

