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A Newsletter of M CLUB Activities & Macalester College Athletics

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S Message

I was thumbing through some old notes the other day and came upon some things I had written about what was necessary to create a successful college athletics program. Now we can debate the definition of "success," but generally I think it has something to do with creating a positive student-athlete experience that assists in the development of physical, emotional and intellectual skills that will contribute to life after college.

This, though, wasn't the direction of my old notes. What I had been thinking at that time was that there were three interrelated pieces that influence the success of an athletics program, each area tied to the next so that if one failed, then success could not be achieved.

As I looked at these old notes, I began to think about the Macalester experience and what we have in place here. And it struck me ... we have the pieces in place for a very successful comprehensive program. Let me explain further by illuminating these three pieces.

**People:** You can't have a successful program without great people, and we have them by the bunches in this department. Talented coaches, passionate educators, caring mentors ... these are the people I have encountered in this department. It astonishes me how much these people care about our teams and about the quality of the experience they provide to students at Mac. They know the strong majority of our students will not play the sport professionally after Mac, but they do know that their sport experience at Mac will make them a better employee, a better colleague, a better parent or spouse and a better citizen.

**Facilities:** We are overhauling our entire athletics facility roster. I look at the stadium and see a brand new synthetic playing surface. I see plans for a stupendous new athletics and recreation building that will now include a pool as well as other primary competitive and practice venues. And I am involved in conversations about overhauling our baseball and softball fields, and

community events," Feezell continued. "Mac football and soccer teams will be able to practice on the game field, helping alleviate an already crowded practice field situation on campus."

Unlike the old synthetic surfaces, which were hard and similar to carpet, FieldTurf is among the new artificial surfaces that look and feel more like the traditional grass fields. FieldTurf uses a ground plastic and rubber base to mimic natural soil, and special plastic shafts are used to simulate soft blades of grass and eliminate rug burn. The first contest on the field will be a Sept. 6 men's soccer game with Bethel.

"We are very happy to be working with FieldTurf on installing the new game field," comments Macalester Football Coach Glenn Caruso. "The new surface will allow us to play a large number



Travis Feezell



## NEWS About Athletics

### STADIUM GETS FIELD TURF THIS SUMMER

On May 15, Macalester College began the installation of FieldTurf at the stadium.

"With football, men's soccer and women's soccer sharing the turf at Macalester Stadium, the field's current natural grass surface usually gets chopped up pretty badly and by October is less than adequate for the teams," said Macalester Director of Athletics Travis Feezell. "Now, with the new FieldTurf, conditions will be ideal throughout the fall campaign.

"This will also allow Macalester to make the stadium field available for club sports and intramurals, as well as other high school and

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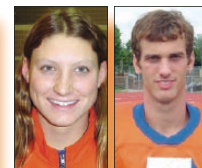
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# PRESIDENT'S

## Message

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### Athletic Director's Message

perhaps our tennis courts. Every single athletic facility will be topnotch and brand new within three years.

**Institutional Processes and Support:** It's become clear to me over the past year that the institution cares deeply about the student-athlete experience, and that we are continually working to refine processes that will assist our teams and our students. One that immediately comes to mind is a recent examination of the relationship between the Athletics and Admissions Departments and the ways in which the two groups could work collaboratively towards mutually agreeable goals. Suffice it to say that the results of those conversations have been outstanding. We expect both the largest AND most talented group of student-athlete recruits in some years. This would not have happened without institutional support.

So what does this all mean? It means that the pieces are in place. It doesn't mean that we stop trying to be better each day. Rather, it means that we have the most crucial resources already in play. We don't have to create something from nothing. Instead, we get the opportunity to create something great each day. And for that, we are extremely grateful.

I look forward to seeing many of you at events this semester.

**Go Scots!**  
**TRAVIS FEEZELL**

*Greetings M Clubbers!*

As I think about athletics at Macalester, I can't help but remember the Louie Jordan classic *Let the Good Times Roll*. Things are going very well both on and off the field. Those of you who follow the Macalester athletics website know what I'm talking about.



## M CLUB

**FRI., AUGUST 25 (FOLLOWING THE 1:30 P.M. FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE)**  
**FALL M CLUB PICNIC**

**FRI., SEPT. 8, 5/7:30 P.M.**  
**"WE'LL BE THERE"**  
**WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. OSHKOSH**  
**MEN'S SOCCER VS. RIPON**

**WED., SEPT. 27, 7 P.M.**  
**"WE'LL BE THERE"**  
**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. CONCORDIA**

**FRI. & SAT., OCTOBER 20, 21**  
**FALL M CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**TIMES TO BE DETERMINED**

**SAT., OCT. 21, 1 P.M.**  
**"WE'LL BE THERE"**  
**FOOTBALL VS. GUSTAVUS**

**SAT., OCTOBER 21, 6 P.M.**  
**HALL OF FAME BANQUET**

**SAT., OCT. 28, 2 P.M.**  
**"WE'LL BE THERE"**  
**MIAC CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT COMO PARK**

From the trustees approving the new athletic and recreation facility to outstanding performances in intercollegiate competitions, good news continues to roll right along with regard to athletics and our college, and the M Club has been right there to keep this momentum rolling in the right direction.

Here are some "good times" M Club updates for you:

- The new athletic and recreation facility continues to be a significant highlight for us. Lee Nystrom and the leadership team did a great job directing the planning aspect of this major college initiative. The project, as approved by the Board of Trustees, has been expanded to include the construction of a new Leonard Natatorium, which will provide a regulation-length pool with the latest in timing equipment. The complex will also include a new field house, gymnasium, fitness center, wellness office, locker rooms, athletic office suite and other related spaces. Over the summer, FieldTurf was installed on the game field to provide a state-of-the-art surface for our football and soccer competitions throughout their seasons.

- Congratulations go to our four new inductees into the M Club Hall of Fame. These athletes include Roger Bridge, Tom Otteson, Paul Bachman and John Howard. Also being inducted posthumously will be Swimming Coach Jack Bachman. The induction ceremony will take place Saturday, October 21.

- The M Club hosted another "Fun Run to the River" over Reunion Weekend and participated in the Mac Hac the following Friday. Big thanks go out to the directors who helped with the



Fun Run and to the M Club golfers who battled the elements that wet and wild Friday to help make the Mac Hac a successful event.

- August is always a very exciting time for the M Club as we kick off our annual calendar with the directors hosting a picnic for the fall athletes and the staff in the Athletic Department. This gives first-year athletes an opportunity to find out about the M Club, and gives us the chance to meet them and to re-connect with returning athletes. This year the event will be on Friday, August 25, following the football team's 1:30 p.m. scrimmage, and all M Club members are welcome to attend. So if you're in the neighborhood or in town that weekend, be sure to stop for good food and excellent company!

Let's all continue to do what it takes to "let the good times roll" for athletics at Macalester. I once again thank you for your ongoing support of Macalester athletics and everything it stands for at this great institution.

**LET'S GO MAC!**  
**STEVE COX '76**  
**M CLUB PRESIDENT**

## WEBCASTING

### Returns Again

Macalester will once again webcast most of its home games in 2006-07. The college is broadcasting audio and video via the Internet, so fans can listen to and watch coverage of home football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball games at

[www.macalester.edu/athletics/broadcasts.html](http://www.macalester.edu/athletics/broadcasts.html)

## VISIT M CLUB'S

Web site

[http://www.macalester.edu/athletics/m\\_club/](http://www.macalester.edu/athletics/m_club/)

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of games on it, both college and high school, and allow our field to remain in tremendous shape. Recruiting has become so competitive that a school needs to take advantage of every asset. Having the new field will definitely aid in our efforts by standing as a tangible reminder of the importance of football and athletics on campus.”

“This is very good for the soccer programs,” concurred Mac Soccer Coach John Leaney. “We are excited that we are to play on a great surface because we pride ourselves on our skills and having technically excellent players.”

FieldTurf is a major synthetic turf manufacturer, contributing to the replacement of what was once the most popular artificial turf, Astro-Turf. In addition to its growing popularity in the college ranks, FieldTurf has already established itself as the turf of choice in the National Football League. Twenty-two of the NFL’s 32 teams, including the Minnesota Vikings, currently use FieldTurf at their stadiums and/or their practice facilities. Also, three Major League Baseball teams use FieldTurf at their stadiums. Over the past few years, there have been over 1800 installations of FieldTurf in more than 40 countries.

## COACH PEARSON WINS NATIONAL AWARD



Macalester College Aquatics Director and Swimming & Diving Coach Bob Pearson has been presented with the Richard E. Steadman

Award by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA). This high honor was presented to the 18-year Macalester men’s and women’s coach at their May 23 awards banquet in Nashville.

This award is conferred annually on the swimming or diving coach in high school, club or university ranks, who, in the opinion of the



Record-setting runner Kofi Annan '61 (far right).

International Swimming Hall of Fame, the CSCAA Forum and the CSCAA, has done the most to spread joy and happiness in the sport.

Former CSCAA president Richard E. Steadman was active in the College Forum for over 50 years. He was a leader in the International Swimming Hall of Fame and in 1961 won one of the organization’s highest honors, the Collegiate Swimming Trophy. Throughout his career, Steadman demonstrated a caring and loving relationship toward his fellow coaches and athletes.

In addition, Pearson has been the MIAC Coach of the Year five times since 2001 and he coached the 2006 MIAC female Swimmer of the Year. The Macalester teams have several times been honored as CSCAA Academic National Champions.

## JENNISON NAMED TO FOOTBALL STAFF



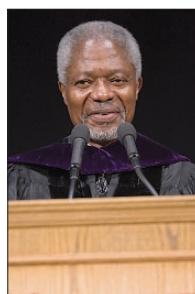
Tony Jennison has been hired by Head Coach Glenn Caruso as the newest addition to the Macalester football staff. Jennison

will serve as the defensive coordinator. Prior to coming to Macalester, Coach Jennison spent three years as the defensive coordinator at Marietta College in Ohio, where he orchestrated a defense that led the Pioneers to their first winning season in ten years, turning the record around from 2-8 to 6-4. Jennison also served as a defensive assistant and secondary coach between 1997 and 2002 at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, where he coached the special teams as well.

“I am ecstatic about adding Tony to our football staff,” said Coach Caruso, whose national search generated more than 100 applications. “He stood head and shoulders above the crowd and proved to be the exact fit that we were looking for. Tony has proven that he can successfully coordinate a high-level collegiate defense, and he has shown that he knows what it takes to help turn a program around.”

Jennison played cornerback for Wisconsin–LaCrosse, where he was part of four conference championship teams. He was also a member of the 1992 and 1995 national championship teams.

## KOFI ANNAN '61 NAMED ONE OF THE "100 MOST INFLUENTIAL STUDENT-ATHLETES"



The NCAA has named Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan '61 one of the “100 Most Influential Student-Athletes” in the organization’s

100-year history. Annan is ranked No. 16 on this list, which also includes five U.S. presidents. As part of the 2006 NCAA Centennial celebration, ESPN Classic and ESPNU aired two one-hour programs last spring highlighting those 100 NCAA student-athletes.

“The list of 100 student-athletes represents the best of what college sports and higher education bring to our society,” said NCAA President Myles Brand. “Their collective positive impact serves as a model for today’s student-athletes.”

Annan was a member of both the track and soccer teams during his two years at Macalester. The 1960 track team won the MIAC championships and Annan won the

60-yard indoor track conference championship, setting a conference record. He also ran 100- and 200-meter races. He was one of the best players on the 1961 soccer team.

The NCAA defines the 100 Most Influential Student-Athletes as those who have made a significant impact or major contributions to society. Annan was one of 14 former Division III athletes selected.

## SWIMMING & DIVING, CROSS COUNTRY AND POLO TEAMS RANKED ACADEMICALLY

For the third semester in a row, the Macalester women’s swimming and diving team has earned the nation’s highest combined grade point average among NCAA Division III programs, according to rankings compiled by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA). The Macalester men ranked second-best. Macalester’s women, in fact, ranked No. 1 among all collegiate divisions, while the Macalester men tied for second among teams in all divisions. Macalester’s women posted their No. 1-ranked fall '05 semester GPA of 3.60 to edge Pomona-Pitzer (3.54) for top team honors. The Macalester men moved up from the No. 8 spot last spring to the No. 2 position in fall '05 by registering a 3.45 team GPA.

Macalester’s women’s cross country team has been honored by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as an All-Academic Team, one of 108 Division III teams so honored and one of six MIAC teams on the list. Macalester runners combined to post a 3.44 grade point average. Three Macalester runners earned All-Academic individual honors and were among 157 women’s Division III athletes so honored.

After posting the nation’s highest GPA a year ago, the Macalester women’s water polo team earned the second-best mark in the nation during the '05-'06 school year. Among the nation’s 50+ collegiate varsity polo programs, the Macalester Scots were second with a 3.44 GPA, ranking behind only Connecticut College (3.50). Macalester edged Mercyhurst (3.41), Iona (3.39) and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (3.38) for runner-up honors. Seven Scots earned individual academic honors, the most in the history of the program.

# SPRING Sports

## Recap



### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Evan Mitchell (So., Minneapolis, Minn./South) won the MIAC javelin title and Alex Wise '07 (Knoxville, Tenn.) placed second in the pole vault to lead the way for the Scots. Macalester also received a second-place conference finish from the school record-setting 4x800-meter relay team of Nate Crider (So., Downers Grove, Ill./North), Will Kennedy (So., San Anselmo, Calif./The Branson School), David Augustson (Jr., Sheboygan, Wis./North) and Josh Springer (So., Portland, Ore./Cleveland). Springer also earned all-conference status with a third-place 800-meter run performance. Dylan Keith (Jr., Soldiers Grove, Wis./North Crawford) placed fourth in the 10,000-meter run and Tyler Schwecke (So., Buffalo Lake, Minn./Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop) took fifth in the triple jump.

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Susan Brown (Jr., Kingston, Jamaica/Meadowbrook) earned All-America status by leaping to a sixth-place triple jump finish at the NCAA Division III championships. She became Mac's first All-American in a field event since Janis Raatz won the national javelin title in 1988. Teammate Emily Stafford (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.) also represented the Scots at the national meet after breaking a 20-year-old school record in the 800-meter run. Brown led the way for the Scots at the confer-



ence championships by winning the triple jump, placing second in the high jump and taking fourth in the long jump. Kaela Schramm (Jr., St. Paul, Minn./Como Park) also enjoyed a big conference meet, placing a close second in the 100-meter high hurdles, while also finishing fourth in the 100 dash and sixth in the triple jump. Grace Awantang (Sr., Washington, D.C./St. Andrew's School) earned her first all-conference certificate by taking third with a school-record throw in the discus. The Scots repeated as MIAC champs in the 4x800-meter relay behind the efforts of the same four runners who won this event a year ago: Koby Hagen (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Southwest), Anna Shamey (Jr., Leverett, Mass./Amherst Regional), Allie Woerpel (Jr., Mequon, Wis./Homestead) and Stafford.



### BASEBALL

Seven losses in their final eight games cost Macalester a chance for a winning record as the Scots finished at 15-18-1 overall and 6-14 in the MIAC. Offense was the culprit in conference play as eight of the 14 MIAC defeats came when Mac scored one run or less. Pitcher Liam Bowen (Sr., Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair) went 6-2 despite missing a month of the season, while All-MIAC pick John Simkins (So., Galesburg, Ill.) was 3-4 and a team-best 3.72 earned run average. Simkins was also one of the team's most productive offensive players, hitting .333 with nine doubles. Second baseman Adam Wedwick (Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn.) hit .385 and led the team with 23 RBI and 28 runs scored, and Andrew Percival (Sr., Seattle, Wash./Seattle Prep) came on strong to finish with a .342 average and 21 RBI.



### SOFTBALL

The young Scots featured several first-years in the starting lineup, and the team showed improvement from a year ago, reducing total errors committed by 38 and boosting the team batting average by 37 points. Although the team finished at 3-33 overall and 1-21 in the MIAC, the future looks bright. Two players hit over .300 to lead the way—Kate Ziegler (Fy., Oak Park, Ill./Oak Park-River Forest) paced Mac with a .308 average and Erin Duvall '07 (Moses Lake, Wash.) batted .305. Shortstop Katie Grudnowski (So., Minneapolis, Minn./Blake School) hit .284 and played well defensively, while All-MIAC infielder Laura Meinke (Sr., Stillwater, Okla.) led the team in runs batted in and was the team's leading hitter during the conference season.

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Led by Midwest Region Player of the Year Jackie DeLuca (Jr., New Preston, Conn./Hotchkiss School), the Scots finished at 10-22 while reaching the region championship game and coming within just one win of making it to nationals. DeLuca, who has been a region player of the year in each of her three seasons at Mac, ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 66 goals, while also assisting on 50 more. She scored or assisted on 70% of her team's goals. Heather Lendway (Jr., St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) joined the team late after competing at the national swimming championships, but returned to finish with 27 goals, 22 assists and 49 steals while joining DeLuca on the all-region squad. Sofia Shaw (Fy., Tacoma, Wash./Stadium) earned all-region honorable mention honors as one of the top players to enter the program over the past several years. Shaw had 32 goals, 33 assists and 55 steals.



### MEN'S TENNIS

The Scots registered their most wins since 2001 when they went 9-12 overall and earned more victories than the previous two years combined under new coach Jason Muhl. Macalester came just one set away from going a perfect six-for-six on spring break in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and by season's end, featured five players with winning records for the season. The Arizona connection of Aaron Heerboth (So., Tucson, Ariz./Catalina Foothills), Spencer Edelman (Sr., Tucson, Arizona/University) and Charlie Edelman (Fy., Tucson, Ariz./University) played the top three positions in the lineup all season and each finished with winning records, led by Charlie Edelman's 14-7 mark at No. 3. Andy Kessel (Jr., Hinesburg, Vt./Champlain Valley Union) went a team-best 15-5 at No. 6 singles.



### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Macalester matched its win total from the previous three seasons combined when it went 10-14. At the season-ending MIAC tournament, the Scots beat Concordia and lost two very close matches to St. Catherine and St. Mary's. Megan Walsh (Fy., Madison, Wis./East) was one of the league's top newcomers as the team's No. 1 singles player and finished her season with a 9-13 singles record and 15-9 record in doubles play with partner Callie Recknagel (So., Waukesha, Wis.). The team's top singles records were produced by Becky Schneider '09 (Larchmont, N.Y./Mamaroneck) at 9-9 and Anna Peschel (So., St. Paul, Minn./Central) at 11-12.

# ATHLETES of the Year

named by M Club

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF

The primary golf season is in the fall, but the Scots got in an abbreviated spring campaign and had many strong performances. Jordan Matheson (Fy., Williamsville, N.Y./Nichols School) earned all-state honors when she placed sixth among Division II and III golfers at the Minnesota Collegiate Women's Golf Association tournament, where she fired rounds of 82 and 77. She also placed fifth at The Jewel Invitational in Lake City. Many of the top players on the men's team were studying abroad in the spring. Chris Olson (So., Tokyo, Japan/American School) was the team's top player in all three tournaments.

## ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL MATCH HELD APRIL 29

The annual spring alumni volleyball match was held on Spring Sports Day, April 29, and a good time was had by all. The alumni team gave the youngsters a lesson, defeating the current Scots 3-0.

Photo Below: Current and former Scots pose for a photo following the Macalester Alumni Match on April 29. Top row, alumni team, left to right: Bethany Tate '05, May Lin Kessenich '05, Jane O'Brien '85, Smokey Mueller Vitek '83, Sarah Graves '04, Janis Raatz '88, Melinda Goodwin '99, Jessie Hopeman '95, Maggie Buttermore '06, Denitza Batchvarova '06, Carley Bomstad '04. Middle row: Briana Keefe-Oates, Megan Thompson, Suzy Szumowski, Bonnie Driscoll, Kari Tanaka, Kate Fahje, Stephanie Nelson, Sonia Muzikarova. Front row: Andrea Hansen, Kate Heidinger, Diana Petty.

## M CLUB FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Heather Lendway was selected MIAC Swimmer of the Year after winning conference championships in three events: the 400-yard individual medley, the 500-yard freestyle and the 1650-yard freestyle. She never lost a race before the national championship meet and finishes her career as the school record-holder in six individual events (short course—yards). Lendway is the most accomplished athlete in the history of the program and an honorable mention All-American as a junior and a senior. In water polo, she wrapped up her career as one of the best players in the history of the program, making first-team All-Midwest honors for

the third time, finishing her senior season with 27 goals, 22 assists and 49 steals.

## M CLUB MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

After ranking among the national statistical leaders in passes defended as a sophomore and tackles as a junior, Tim Burns had a dominating senior season from his safety position as the leader of the defense. Tim led the team in tackles for the third year in a row, finishing the 2005 campaign with 107 stops in nine games, including 17 tackles for loss of yardage, and

returned a fumble recovery 58 yards for a touchdown. He also played a little offense near the end of the season and caught a 19-yard touchdown reception. In track and field, Tim had a strong season as a long jumper after placing sixth at last year's conference championships.



Heather Lendway



Tim Burns

# ATHLETIC Award Winners

recognized

Macalester continues its tradition of recognizing junior and senior scholar-athletes of the year. The department has also added a Performance of the Year award. This year's honorees are as follows:

**George E. Scotton Award**, senior male scholar-athlete of the year: Tim Burns (Sr., McFarland, Wis.), football and track & field

**David C. Primrose Award**, junior male scholar-athlete of the year: Dylan Keith (Soldiers Grove, Wis./North Crawford)—cross country and track & field

**Dorothy Michel Award**, senior female scholar-athlete of the year: Koby Hagen (Minneapolis, Minn./Southwest)—cross country and track & field

**Dorothy Michel Award**, junior female scholar-athlete of the year: Jackie DeLuca (New Preston, Conn./Hotchkiss School)—swimming & diving and water polo

**Performance of the Year:** Heather Lendway winning three events at the MIAC women's swimming and championships in February

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AWARDS

The Macalester College Athletic Department began a new tradition of selecting female and male athletes of the year for each of the four academic classes. This new award is called "The Athletic Director Award." M Club athletes of the year are not eligible for these honors. **Athletic Director Award** winners for 2005-06 are the following:

**Senior Female:** Emily Stafford (Burnsville, Minn.), cross country and track & field

**Senior Male:** Andrew Wissler (Annandale, Va./W.T. Woodson), soccer

**Junior Female:** Annie Borton (Berkeley, Calif.), soccer

**Junior Male:** Adam Wedwick (Coon Rapids, Minn.), baseball

**Sophomore Female:** Kristin Mathson (Verona, Wis.), swimming & diving and water polo

**Sophomore Male:** Tom Conboy (Chanhassen, Minn./Minnetonka), basketball

**Freshman Female:** Sonia Muzikarova (Bratislava, Slovakia/Gymnazium Bilikova), volleyball

**Freshman Male:** Nate Assel (Eagan, Minn./Rosemount), basketball

## NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RECOGNITIONS 2005-06 Macalester All-Americans and Honorable Mention All-Americans

Annie Borton '07, women's soccer

Susan Brown '07, women's track & field

Heather Lendway '06, swimming & diving

Jackie DeLuca '07, water polo

## ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 5 Selections

Katie Pastorius '06, women's soccer



# OUTLOOK: Fall

## VOLLEYBALL

Mac returns most of its key players and is looking to move up among the MIAC's top teams in '06. Led by All-MIAC outside hitter Lauren Eberhart (Sr., Madelia, Minn.), the Scots have a chance to be one of the top teams in the conference. Eberhart ranked fifth in the MIAC in both kills and points per game. She will be joined up front by MIAC and Central Region Freshman of the Year Sonia Muzikarova (So., Bratislava, Slovakia/Gymnazium Bilikova), who ranked second in the league with a .327 hitting percentage. Muzikarova finished the season on a high note, spiking 32 kills in a win over Bethel (the most posted by anyone in an MIAC match last year).

Andrea Hansen (Sr., Andover, Minn./Anoka) missed over half the season with a broken foot, but before that was one of the top blockers in the league. She'll join Eberhart and Muzikarova to give Mac a force at the net. Setter Kari Tanaka (Jr., Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson) averaged 7.9 assists per game last year.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

After three straight fourth-place MIAC finishes, the Scots are looking to break into the top three this season. All-MIAC veteran Dylan Keith (Sr., Soldiers Grove, Wis./North Crawford) placed eighth at last year's conference championships and returns to lead the way for the Scots as a senior. He took fourth last spring at the conference track meet in the 10,000-meter run. David Augustson (Sr., Sheboygan, Wis./North) missed All-MIAC cross country honors by just one spot a year ago and is coming off an excellent track season as a miler. He came within one second of making it to nationals when he broke a 25-year-old school record with a 3:54.36 clocking in the 1500-meter run. Nate Crider (Jr., Downers Grove, Ill./North) was also one of the MIAC's top 1500-meter runners. Said Guled (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn), Will Kennedy (Jr., San Anselmo, Calif./Branson School) and Matt Wegmann (Jr., North Oaks, Minn./Mounds View) are also key returners for this veteran Macalester team.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Coming off one of the program's best seasons ever, the Scots are eager to prove themselves to be a top-notch team once again. A season ago, Macalester qualified for the national championships and placed 21<sup>st</sup> after finishing fourth at the central regionals. The team won the Loyola Invitational in Chicago, took second in meets at Luther and St. Olaf, and spent most of the season ranked in the national polls. Repeating that success will be a challenge because of the graduation of a great senior class including All-MIAC stand-outs Koby Hagen, Francie Streich and Emily Stafford.

With over 40 runners, there is plenty of talent to keep the Scots among the MIAC's top squads. Anna Shamey (Sr., Leverett, Mass./Amherst Regional) and Allie Woerpel (Sr., Mequon, Wis./Homestead) have been regulars in the top five and top seven for the past three years and helped the 4x800-meter relay team in track win conference titles each of the past two years. Callie PaStarr (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Southwest) is coming off her best yet cross country season and should be near the top of the Mac lineup in '06. She was the team's fourth runner at nationals and regionals and made all-region honors.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Macalester tied Gustavus for the MIAC crown last fall and is anticipating another winning season under co-head coaches Ian Barker and John Leaney as the Scots go for their eighth league championship in 10 years. Last year the team went 14-5-2 overall and 7-1-2 in the MIAC and reached the second round of the NCAA playoffs before bowing out. Mac graduated a very good senior class, which helped the team go 30-4-6 in conference play over the past four years.

All-MIAC midfielder Magnus Oppenheimer (Sr., Stockholm, Sweden/Viktor Rydberg) has been one of the league's best players over the past three years and will be asked to play an even bigger role in '06 after scoring seven goals last year. Mac will also look for offensive production up front from the likes of Michael



Blythe (Sr., Stillwater, Minn.), Alex Whitworth (Jr., Forest City, N.C./North Carolina School of Math & Science) and Carson Gorecki (So., Mahtomedi, Minn.). Nate Van Wylen (So., Northfield, Minn.) and Grant Stegner (Jr., Edina, Minn.) can also put the ball in the back of the net. In 20 starts Ryan Palmer (So., Helena, Mont./Capital) posted 0.73 goals against average in net and surrendered just six goals in 10 MIAC matches. The squad loses some good players in front of Palmer, but returns top defender Jeff Rogers (Sr., Carson City, Nev.).

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Scots are gearing up for another exciting season after reaching the NCAA quarter-final round and finishing at 20-0-2. Like the Mac men's team, the Scots are going for their eighth MIAC championship in 10 years. They outscored their opponents last season by a dominating 53-6 margin and didn't yield a goal over the season's final nine-plus games.

Macalester graduated one of its best senior classes in the program's history including four all-region players who helped the team go 61-10-11 (35-2-7 in the conference). This year's team will be one of Mac's youngest in years, featuring just two seniors and four juniors. Despite the losses, Macalester should be a very dangerous goal-scoring team, led by two-time All-America forward Annie Borton (Sr., Berkeley, Calif.), who enters her senior year with 42 goals and 27 assists. Borton is joined up front by Grace King (So., Northampton, Mass.) to give the Scots reliable scoring production. Each netted 12 goals last season. Meghan Garrity (Jr., Walled Lake, Mich./Marian) contributed five goals and four assists, while the Scots also return veterans Amy Hutchinson (Jr., Minneapolis, Minn./South), Anne Kintop (Jr., Minneapolis, Minn./Southwest), Rachel Oman (Sr., Cedar Crest, N.M./Albuquerque Academy) and Melissa Gustafson (So., Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata).

## MEN'S GOLF

Macalester moved up one position at last year's MIAC championships and looks to climb the ladder further this season as most of the team's top players are returning. Four different players on the well balanced Scots posted the team's low score in at least one tournament last fall and all four are

returning: Eric Kelsey (Jr., Hilton Head, S.C./Shady Side Academy), Chris Olson (Jr., Tokyo, Japan/American School), Tony Pratt (Sr., Hayward, Wis./Northern Lights Academy) and Jeff Swick (So., Fond du Lac, Wis./Goodrich). Kelsey was the team's No. 1 player in most tournaments last year, and Swick paced the squad with a 19<sup>th</sup>-place MIAC individual finish. Ben Finkenbinder (Sr., Bethesda, Md./Winston Churchill) was Mac's No. 2 player at the season-ending Twin Cities Classic. Pratt and Kelsey each finished in the top 20 at the Carleton Invitational. The best two-round scores of the fall season were 153 tallies turned in by Kelsey and Olson at the St. John's Invitational.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

Jordan Matheson (So., Williamsville, N.Y./Nichols School) earned all-state honors in the spring at the Minnesota Collegiate Women's Golf Association tournament, where she fired rounds of 82 and 77. She also placed fifth at the Jewel Invitational in Lake City as one of the MIAC's best newcomers last year. Matheson posted Mac's best score in all five fall tournaments and this year as a sophomore has the potential to be one of the conference's top golfers. The Scots will have one of their best and deepest squads in years. They moved up two spots to seventh place at the '05 conference championships and another step forward is expected this fall. In addition to Matheson, the Scots return Anna Gizzi (Sr., West Chicago, Ill./St. Francis) and Grace Arnold (Sr., Iowa City, Ia./West) to the lineup, while Elizabeth Gliske (Sr., St. Paul, Minn./Arlington) also returns for her senior campaign.

#### FOOTBALL

New head coach Glenn Caruso takes on the task of turning the Macalester football program around after his successful stint as offensive coordinator at the University of South Dakota, where his team last season led the NCAA Division II ranks in total offense and points scored.

Running back Nate Vernon (Jr., Fall Creek, Wis./Eau Claire Memorial) was among the national leaders as a sophomore in all-purpose rushing yards (171 per game) and was off to a great start last year before going down early in the season with an injury. Quarterback Nick Hanks (Jr., St. Cloud, Minn./Tech) completed

55% of his passes for 1,288 yards and six touchdowns in his first season as a starter.

Peter Christenson (Sr., South St. Paul, Minn./De La Salle) is back to lead the defense after registering 61 tackles, including three sacks and nine for loss of yardage. Linebacker Jakub Koziol (Jr., Chicago, Ill./St. Patrick) and safety Jeremy Lois (Jr., Lake Geneva, Wis./Badger) made over 50 tackles a year ago, while corner back Jeremy Velasquez (Jr., Fort Stockton, Tex.), linebacker Matt Malmberg (Jr., Annandale, Minn.) and tackle Frank Szewczyk (Jr., Lisle, Ill.) also return to the defense.



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### Welcomes Class of '06

*Congratulations to Macalester College's most recent graduates and a big welcome into the M Club to the Class of '06!*

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Among the many foursomes at this year's Mac Hac were (left to right) Chuck Horton '72, Gilbert Baldwin '71, Richard Gauger '72 and Tracy Eichhorn-Hicks '72.

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Mac Hac golf scramble brought an enthusiastic contingent to the St. Croix National Golf Course on June 9, 2006. Undeterred by damp weather, participants and sponsors made this a memorable event, and our thanks go out to everyone.

With a score of 60, First Flight winners were John Beecher '67, Tucker Weisman, Bob Hunter and Blaze Beecher. Second Flight winners were the team of Karl Egge, Carlton Macy, Peter Miller '89, and Tim Murray '81 with 66. Third Flight winners were Gary Eidson, Paul Odegaard '04, Matt Parrington and John Peterson.

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### STUDENT, FACULTY AND STAFF ENTHUSIASM

Across campus, I see an appreciation of both athletic competition and healthy, physically active lifestyles. We have a college president who not only eloquently expresses the importance of athletics in a liberal arts education, but also finds time to attend home games with his family. We have an Alumni Relations office that incorporates wellness into Reunion activities, recently sponsoring a 5k race, Frisbee on Shaw Field, and even a women's retreat. Perhaps most importantly, community members are utilizing campus resources to lead active lifestyles.

Over 70% of students regularly use our Rec Center and many faculty and staff members do the same. If we were not blessed with abundant bike and running trails nearby, these numbers would be even higher. However we measure it, enthusiasm is rising.

### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

One initiative involves the building of a new Recreation Center on campus. Campus needs have been considered, building design has been well conceived, the Board of Trustees has approved groundbreaking, and a significant portion of the required funding has already been secured through generous alumni contributions and pledges. Once completed, this building will be a valuable asset to the entire Macalester community. Learn more about it by visiting [www.macalester.edu/development/athleticscenter](http://www.macalester.edu/development/athleticscenter).

The second initiative is work Travis Feezell has spearheaded. While fulfilling his many duties as athletic director, he has formed partnerships between the Athletics Department and the offices of Alumni Relations and Admissions. These emerging partnerships have

brought forth a plethora of new ideas. In the years ahead, it will lead to a Macalester community that increasingly unites, physically or emotionally, around athletic events and athletic traditions. And it will lead to a Macalester staff increasingly committed to recruiting students who will be successful within the classroom and on the playing field.

### VOLUNTEERISM

There is not enough space in this column to recount the many contributions volunteers made to this year's pledge drive and the wellbeing of Macalester athletics. The Alumni Board's taskforce on athletics and the M Club Board have worked tirelessly on behalf of Macalester. Here in our call center, dozens of M Club members phoned their peers to discuss the importance of philanthropic support, making a fundamental difference to the success of our pledge drive and to the resources Mac coaches will have in the upcoming year.

### MACALESTER'S ENERGY

Within the Annual Fund office, we've seen alums strengthening their relationship with Macalester through philanthropic support for much of the last decade, and

the M Club's success reflects the growing generosity and sense of stewardship of our alumnae. What has been surprising, though, is how other people are beginning to take notice. As Bill Merriman '56 recently told me, "Wherever I go, people are talking about Macalester College." Surely recent rankings in *Newsweek* and *US News and World Report* have helped, but they do not entirely explain it. The only explanation that rings true to me is that we, the Macalester community, are talking about it as well. We recognize the uniqueness of our Mac family, we are grateful for the formative experience Macalester offered us, and we look to create—through our time, our generosity and our highest aspirations—a stronger Macalester that offers more to its students, its community and the greater world.

I believe these are the things that made for such a successful year, and I suspect you have some ideas of your own. I hope you'll join me in looking forward to an exciting fiscal year 2007, a new Rec Center, and much, much more.

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