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MACALESTER ATHLETICS

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MEGAPHONE

A Newsletter of M CLUB Activities & Macalester College Athletics



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL *Has Breakthrough Season*

Mac's women's basketball team has improved its record for five years in a row and this winter, with a senior-dominated team, made it to the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) playoffs after posting an all-time best 16-6 regular season conference record. Coach Ellen Thompson's Scots were the league's best rebounding team and featured the MIAC scoring champ Ann Baltzer '10 (Bismarck, N.D.). Six seniors wrapped up outstanding careers.

Baltzer finished her career ranked No. 4 on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,278 points and teammate Trina PaStarr '10 (Minneapolis, Minn.) finished right behind in the fifth spot with 1,265. PaStarr wrapped up her career as Mac's No. 4 all-time rebounder and Danielle Johnson '10 (Deforest, Wis.) finished with just under 1,000 points. Baltzer and PaStarr were named to the All-MIAC squad.



Mac Hac Golf Scramble is Monday, June 7, at Mendakota Country Club

The 21st annual Mac Hac golf tournament is set for Monday, June 7, and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The event will be held at Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights, one of the top private courses in the Twin Cities. Circle the date and watch for further information on the Athletics website: macalester.edu/athletics

PRES. ROSENBERG *as Mac the Scot*

In the hit video "President's Day at Macalester College" President Brian Rosenberg appears as Mac the Scot to fire up the crowd at the Feb. 10 men's basketball game with Concordia. The video—just search on youtube.com—has had over 30,000 hits and been viewed on every continent but Antarctica.



JOHN LEANEY HONORED at State Capitol

Recently retired Macalester women's soccer coach John Leaney was presented with a Special Merit Award at the State Capitol in conjunction with the 24th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Some of Minnesota's most inspiring and influential coaches, student-athletes, and athletic leaders were recognized in the awards ceremony on Feb. 3 in St. Paul.

Leaney coached the Macalester women's soccer team for 21 years and won 299 games. He came to Macalester as head men's soccer coach in 1986 and two years later also took control of the women's program, which won the NCAA Division III national championship in 1998 and finished second the following year.



Special Merit Award presented to John Leaney. Pictured (L to R) Judy Praska, Leaney, Jody Redman.

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Just for fun, go to Facebook.com, search for "Macalester M Club," and become a fan. It's a quick and easy way to hear about new coaches, see old photos, and keep up with "your" sport at Mac. If you're reading this online, go straight **there**.



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KATE RYAN REILING '00 RETURNS as Head Women's Soccer Coach



Kate Ryan Reiling '00, captain of Macalester's 1998 national championship squad, returns to her alma mater as the new head women's soccer coach. Ryan Reiling replaces John Leaney, who retired from coaching following a long and distinguished career at Macalester.

A three-time All-America midfielder, Ryan Reiling led Macalester to the NCAA Division III championship as a junior, and in her senior campaign was selected MIAC Player

of the Year as the Scots finished as runner-up in the NCAA playoffs. She was a two-time team captain and was selected as the Final Four Offensive Player of the Tournament in '98. She is ranked No. 7 on the program's all-time goal-scoring list with 30 and during her four seasons as a Scot helped the team go 76-9-3 overall and win three conference championships with perfect 10-0 records.

ANNIE GLIEBER NAMED Head Volleyball Coach



The new head volleyball coach Annie Glierber comes to Macalester from Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where she served as head coach for the past five years. Glierber takes over the program from Stephanie Schleuder, who has retired from coaching following 12 years in charge of the Macalester program and 34 years as a collegiate head coach.

At Carroll, Glierber rebuilt a last-place Midwest Conference team and guided the

Pioneers to the 2007 MWC conference and conference tourney championship and the program's first-ever berth in the NCAA playoffs. She was selected by her peers as Midwest Conference Coach of the Year following the 2006 and 2007 campaigns. At Carroll, she was also the senior woman administrator and the director of the recreation sports program.

STEPH SCHLEUDER RETIRES as Volleyball Coach



Schleuder began her head coaching career at Bemidji State University in 1972. She was head coach at the University of Alabama 1974-81, head coach at the University of Minnesota 1982-94, and became the Macalester coach in 1998. She will continue at Macalester working with intramurals and special projects.

"After 34 years of coaching, this just seemed to be the right time," said Schleuder. "Everything must end, but I am excited about the opportunity to continue at Macalester on a part-time basis, doing some projects for the Athletic Department. Macalester is a unique place and I continue to value my time here with the people who make it so special. I also have some other interests I have always wanted to pursue, so it will be nice to have some time to do those things."

Following a distinguished 34-year collegiate head coaching career, Macalester volleyball coach Stephanie Schleuder has retired from coaching. After 12 years coaching at Macalester, Schleuder retires with 702 career victories to rank among the all-time leaders in the college ranks.

M CLUB & SAAC Sponsor Career Night

Once again, the M Club and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee sponsored Career Night in the Leonard Center's Nystrom M Club/Hall of Fame Room. The night was an informal chance for current student-athletes to network with M Club members working in various fields. M Clubbers participating included Jerry Steiner '70, Mike Vidmar '89, Jason Lardy '90, Steve Cox '76, Dave Deno '79, Lee Nystrom '73, Brendan Bosman '06, Chris Palm '02, Melanie Ferris '00, Mollie Windmiller '03, Ned Windmiller '73, Sarah Graves '04, and the Honorable Steve Wheeler '66.



PRESIDENT'S

Message



Greetings M Clubbers,

Our shared belief in the value of athletics, recreation, and wellness at Macalester continues to grow. You can see it in the words of President Rosenberg, the participation of the students and staff in the Leonard Center's programs and facilities, and in events hosted the M Club.

Our directors demonstrated their commitment by connecting with M Clubbers around the world via the Annual Fund phone calls. In January, with the support of Athletic Director Kim Chandler, coaches, athletes, and M Club directors called to share program updates and remind alumni that "a gift to the Annual Fund is a gift to athletics." Special thanks to everyone who planned, called, or responded with an Annual Fund gift!

In January the M Club hosted its Winter Sports Day with back-to-back basketball games, an alumni track meet, and receptions after the games for athletes, parents, and fans. In addition, we held an "M Club Free Stuff Gift Giveaway" raffle, sponsored a fundraiser for Haitian relief via the International Rescue Committee, and had "Proud Parent of a Future M Clubber" t-shirts for athletes' parents. It was great to share our pride in M Club and the Macalester community.

Please join us at the "M Clubbers Unite!" gatherings this spring and at Reunion. Also, if you haven't already done so, please give to the Annual Fund. It ensures a strong athletics program and a high-quality educational experience for our students. Give online at macalester.edu/giving or call toll-free 1-866-814-0640.

Again I thank you for supporting this great institution of ours.

LET'S GO MAC!

STEVE COX '76, M CLUB PRESIDENT

ALUMNI RETURN

for Special Events

Alumni Track & Field Meet

About 50 alums competed with the men's and women's track and field team on Jan. 23. About another 50 or so were spectators or officiated, doubling last year's participation. Alumni winners included Koby Jeschkeit-Hagen '06 in the 1500- and 3000-meter races, Andrew Yokom '09 in the 55-meter dash, Kevin Williams '09 in the 300 dash, Kajerero Ssebbaale '02 and Susan Brown '07 in the triple jump, Matt Wegmann '08 in the 3000, Alex Wise '07 in the pole vault, and Evan Mitchell '08 in the weight throw.

Men's Basketball Weekend

The men's hoopsters came back in full force for the Alumni Weekend, January 23, with a large number of classes represented. The most seasoned veteran was Rollie DeLap, Class of 1943 and M Club Hall of Famer, who came back to see the Leonard Center for the first time.

It was a fierce battle on the floor with the "young guns" getting outshot and falling in a 20-point loss to the veterans. It was a great opportunity for the current team to socialize with former basketball players from different eras and

discuss job searches, the current season, and their experiences at Macalester. Players and alumni look forward to enjoying this annual tradition for seasons to come. Attendees included Chris Palm '02, Ben Van Thorre '04, Wes McFarland '05, TJ Mahony '99, Brendan Bosman '06, Trevor Jepma '07, Greg Klancher '03, Brad Lidell '07, Erik Johnson '94, Erik Jackson '05, Andy Stein '07, Jesse Hollander '07, Dean Verdoes '64, Lars Johnson '07, Tyson Morgan '09, Alex Zweber '04, Terrence Robinson-Wilson '06, and Gary Davison '65.

Volleyball Alumni Event

New volleyball coach Annie Gieber and her Macalester team played their annual alumni match on March 6 with several graduates returning to campus to make this a successful event once again.



Alumni join the team for the annual volleyball match.

SCOTS TEAMWORK

Mac athletes, coaches, and M Club directors were out in force Jan. 18–20 contacting alumni on behalf of the Annual Fund. An enthusiastic team of 16 coaches, 12 student-athletes, 7 M Club directors, and Athletic Director Kim Chandler called alumni athletes they had played with, coached, or cheered, asking them to make a gift to Macalester.

Together, M Club President Steve Cox, Kim Chandler, and Maggie Patrick, director of the Annual Fund Call Center, organized the highly successful three-night effort. Working with the week's regular student callers, the Athletics team calls resulted in 107 gifts and pledges for \$10,510!



Coach Martin Peper contacts alumni track and field athletes in support of the Annual Fund.

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SAAC ACTIVE

in Community Service

Macalester's Student-Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) plays a leadership role in a number of community service projects.

Hoops for Hunger

Macalester's SAAC sponsored Hoops for Hunger Day on Jan. 31 raising money and food for the Second Harvest Food Shelf. Fans at the basketball doubleheader between Macalester and St. Thomas donated over 100 pounds of food and \$160 in cash.



Students support Pink Zone Day (L to R) Matt Butler '12, Wilson Craine '13, Amanda Cagan '10, and Olivia Abbott '10.

Pink Zone Day

On Feb. 29, SAAC hosted "Pink Zone Day" during the women's basketball game with St. Catherine at the Leonard Center. Macalester was one of over 1,600 teams and organizations participating in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone. Donations for breast cancer research were collected in the Leonard Center throughout the week and during the games. All donations went to the Minnesota chapter of Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure. Pink Zone (formerly "Think Pink") is an initiative by the WBCA to raise awareness about breast cancer and to raise money for breast cancer research.

All-Sports Extravaganza

On Nov. 14, SAAC invited young students from the St. Paul West 7th Community Center and ACES (Athletes Committed to Educating Students) after-school program to participate in a carnival-like sports day. The varsity athletes, along with the club ultimate Frisbee and men's hockey teams, spent four hours in the Leonard Center field house having fun with the kids and teaching them the skills of their sport.

Toys for Teens Drive

By hosting several Toys for Teens nights at the men's and women's basketball games and the Great Scot Invitational swimming meet, SAAC raised \$361.25 and collected 25 toys. The money went to the Toys for Tots organization to buy toys for teenagers.



M Club Events

Wed., Apr. 21, 5 p.m.

M Clubbers Unite
Bolstorff Twilight Meet
Men's Track and Field

Sat., Apr. 24, noon

M Clubbers Unite
Macalester Invitational
Women's Track and Field

Fri., Apr. 30, 6 p.m.

Spring Sports Banquet

Sat., May 1

Spring Sports Day
Noon Baseball
6 p.m. Softball
Grilling throughout the day

Are You A Macbassador?

Do you enjoy cheering on the Scots, sport tartan, or frequently tell friends and neighbors why you're proud to be a Mac alum? If so, you're already a Macbassador! Your active involvement in your college matters and helps improve every aspect of the college. To learn more about ways to be involved in rewarding Macalester activities, sign up to be a Macbassador today! macalester.edu/macbassador