

SPORT SHORTS

- Men's basketball coach Brian Ammann recorded his 200TH CAREER WIN on December 8 with a 79-77 victory over Macalester College.
- The women's hockey team TRAVELED TO ITALY for an eight-day, three-game exhibition. The trip took two years to plan. Stories and hundreds of photos are online at <www.augsburg.edu/athletics/whockey/0304italytrip.html>
- Brandon Radeke has been named the NEW ICE ARENA MANAGER. Radeke previously worked at the Amateur Sports Commission.
- Augsburg won its 14TH CONSECUTIVE MIAC TEAM DUALS wrestling title on Jan. 24. In going 68-0 in the MIAC Team Duals over the last 14 years, Augsburg has outscored its opponents by a 3,266-to-145 margin.
- Augsburg's 18TH VARSITY SPORT, WOMEN'S SWIMMING, is in its first season under head coach Charlie King.

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GREETINGS!

I hope this finds you enjoying the winter season. It has been a busy couple of months for Augsburg athletics and the A-Club.

Interim Assistant Dean of Athletics and Recreation Jeff Swenson is administrating research and interviews on purchasing new artificial turf for the athletic field. We should have detailed information for you on this topic in the next newsletter.

The "official" launch of the capital campaign is slated for April. This includes fundraising for the new South wing addition of Melby Hall. The \$4-5 million project will service athletes and physical education majors. More importantly, it is another big step in A-Club's long-term commitment to improving facilities at Augsburg. Your help is critical in making this a success. Last year alone, 440 individual donors contributed nearly \$200,000 in cash and stock directly supporting the ongoing efforts of Augsburg athletics and physical education. Thank you!

Mark your calendar and get your foursomes together now for the annual A-Club golf tournament on June 28! With A-Club and AWAC coming together, Ron Main and Jill Pohtilla have joined forces too, promising the biggest and best tournament ever. Besides an enjoyable social event, the day is our primary fundraiser, allowing A-Club to service athletic teams, activities, and the annual Hall of Fame. Details on the tournament are enclosed.

The merger of A-Club and AWAC continues to move

forward with an energetic Executive Committee. Dustin Froyum (treasurer) and Jane Helmke (finance/development chair) are working on combining accounts and developing budget projections. We are also actively pursuing various ideas for fundraising, new ideas for the Hall of Fame, and the previously mentioned golf tournament. Our Special Events Committee is also beginning to take shape. While this year is dedicated to getting the structure and committees of the new A-Club off the ground, we expect 2004-2005 to be full speed ahead in all areas of support and service to the Augsburg sports community.

Finally, join me in saying "Thanks" to our friend and A-Club member Norm Okerstrom who has decided to resign his development position with the College. Norm will focus his time on his new incentives business. Fortunately for the A-Club, Norm has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee and will chair Special Events. We look forward to harnessing his ideas and devotion for Augsburg as we continue to grow.

Go Auggies!



Dick Thompson
A-Club Interim President

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WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Below is a quick list of some of the major sports events coming up involving Auggie teams this spring. For the latest scores, updates, and season preview/recaps on your favorite Augsburg team, check out <www.augsburg.edu/athletics>. You can even sign up for the free Auggie E-Mail Network and get updates on your favorite sports team.

MARCH	
2, 4, 6	Men's Hockey: MIAC Playoffs
2, 4, 6	Women's Hockey: MIAC Playoffs
5-6	Indoor Track & Field: MIAC Championships/St. John's
5-6	Wrestling: NCAA Division III National Championship/Dubuque, Iowa
12-13	Indoor Track & Field: NCAA Division III Championship/Whitewater, Wis.
13-20	Baseball/Softball: Spring Trips to Florida
27-28	Softball: Augsburg Parents' Weekend Tournament
APRIL	
17	Wrestling Banquet
19	Women's Athletic Banquet
30-May 1	Softball MIAC Tournament/Northfield
MAY	
7-8	Outdoor Track & Field: MIAC Championship/St. Olaf
14-16	Baseball: MIAC Tournament/Northfield and Dundas
27-29	Outdoor Track & Field: NCAA Division III Championships/Decatur, Ill.

A-CLUB UPDATES

Dues: If you haven't sent in your annual \$50 dues yet, please do! These funds are critical to A-Club's ability to serve, sustain, and improve the health, physical education, and athletic departments of Augsburg. Send your check, payable to Augsburg A-Club to: Augsburg College A-Club, 2211 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454, Attn: Merry Ross.

Tee Time: Start planning now for the new A-Club's first joint golf event, Monday, June 28, 2004. We'll be playing the 27-hole Pebble Creek course in Becker, Minn. The drive will be worth every minute! A beautiful course, professional staff thrilled to host us, fabulous prizes, and a prime rib dinner to cap off a spectacular day. Fees will again be \$100/person. Consider sponsoring a hole for \$300, since proceeds from this annual event underwrite various A-Club activities—including the Hall of Fame banquet. Watch for your official invitation for the tournament this spring!

OUT OF BOUNDS

Augsburg Athletes Off the Field



Yarzue "Zue" Slowon
Junior basketball, football player
Hometown: Crystal, Minn.

Life Lesson for a Young Fan.

Over the years, some of health and physical education instructor Joyce Pfaff's students have done volunteer teaching at Cedar/Riverside Community School. But last November, Joyce got a special request. A teacher from the school had a 7th-grade Vietnamese boy named Michael who weighed only 70 pounds and wouldn't eat, even though the school offers free breakfast and lunch. Concerned for the boy's health, school officials tried everything to get him to eat. Finally, knowing he loved basketball, they asked if a male player from Augsburg would come and talk to him. Joyce hooked up Michael with Zue (pronounced "zoo"), from her Fitness for Life class at a "chance meeting" in the Augsburg lunch line. In a mirror of opposites, the 6-foot, 190-pound athlete and stick-thin boy sat down together. Michael was riveted to Zue's stories of basketball and listened as Zue told him how

you had to be strong to play, and to be strong, you need to eat. Zue held out his arm and the boy felt Zue's muscles, apparently confirming every word. Right then, and to everyone's amazement, Michael ate. And ate! And ate! Joyce told Michael that if he kept it up for 10 days, he could come and watch Zue play basketball in the home opener at Augsburg. Michael did! Zue says he could hear Michael cheering on the Auggies from the stands the entire game.

Lending a Hand to Our Own.

Augsburg wrestlers and coaches have pitched in to help former Auggie Bart Rall. Rall is facing escalating medical bills from his ongoing struggle with leukemia and necessary bone marrow transplant. A punter/wide receiver on the Augsburg football team in 1999, Rall's younger brother Kirk is now a sophomore on the wrestling team. Together Kirk's Auggie coaches and teammates raised \$1,000 for the Rall family. If you would like to donate to the medical fund, contact Kirk Rall at 612-373-8073 or by e-mail at rall@augsborg.edu.

Do What You Are: Life After Athletics.

On Wednesday, March 24, Lynda Olson, associate director and coordinator of career services, will lead an evening of seminars to help Augsburg student-athletes plan for their professional future. The spring enrichment program is open to all student-athletes and includes several main speakers as well as breakout sessions discussing specific topic areas. Are you interested in mentoring a student-athlete in your profession throughout the year? Contact: Jane Helmke at <jhelmke@kare11.com>.