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Mission Bouts

Here is a list of the winning boxers at the Aquinas Mission Bouts, which took place on March 11: super bantamweight, **Mike Glenn**; lightweight, **Stephen Yanta**; light-weight, **Keith O'Connell**; lightweight, **David Isabella**; junior welterweight, **Joe Bianchi**; super welterweight, **Tim Tarantello**; middleweight, **Joe Smizzi**; heavyweight, **Jim Wells**; junior middleweight, **B.J. Zapf**; super middleweight, **James Forbes**; middleweight, **Phil Damiano**; and taking the main-event light heavyweight bout was **Mike Bell**.

Special awards for the evening went to **Don Schwab** and **Forbes** for fight of the night; to **Bell** for fighter of the night; to **Bianchi** for freshman fighter of the night; to **Zapf** went the Al & Jo Schmitz Award for most improved boxer; and to **John Delvecchio** for the Al Broccuto Award.

Sensational season

Although dreams of a national championship fell eight points shy of becoming a reality for the St. John Fisher women's basketball team on Saturday, March 19, the Lady Cardinals still had ample cause for celebration after they completed their most successful season ever.

Fisher, one of only four teams out of a field of 301 to make it to the NCAA Division III Final Four, ended its season with a 31-1 record and as runner-up in the national tournament, which was held at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. The Lady Cardinals defeated the University of Southern Maine, 70-53, in the semifinals before falling to Concordia, 65-57, in the championship final in the Concordia Auditorium.

"They accomplished a heck of a lot," head coach **Phil Kahler** said of his players. "I think they realize what they've done this year."

What the Lady Cardinals did this season was indeed impressive. After finishing the season as the nation's top-ranked and only undefeated Division III women's basketball team, the Lady Cardinals proceeded to win state and regional titles for the second consecutive year. Along the way, they placed among the NCAA's top Division III teams in six out of eight statistical categories, and

set numerous team records for consecutive victories.

"All the kids should be commended. They all gave it everything they had," Kahler said after suffering only his seventh defeat in three years after the loss to Concordia.

"They achieved more than I ever hoped for. I never thought we'd get to the Final Four. It was just a dream come true that we made it."

Fisher actually made it to the Final Two, made possible in part by the hot-handed play of **Shelly Bayhurst**, who contributed a game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds to the Lady Cardinals' victory over Southern Maine. **Therese Tobin** brought down another 10 rebounds, and **Louise MacDonald** snared seven. MacDonald also had 16 points and six assists in the game against Southern Maine.

The following night, Fisher took on 29-2 Concordia in front of a partisan crowd of nearly 4,000 screaming fans. Concordia's swarming defense and fast-breaking offense gave the Lady Cobbers an 18-point halftime advantage, but Fisher quickly pulled to within 10 early in the second half.

"We had a chance to get back in it," Kahler said. "The problem was, we missed three layups in a row."

"We just didn't seem to be in sync as a team, although we had some good individual performances at times."

Bayhurst, who was named to the championship all-tournament team, combined with Tobin for 30 points and 21 rebounds for the Lady Cardinals. MacDonald, who played for a total of 39 minutes, added 11 points and eight assists.

"Our kids were just a class act," Kahler said. "They did a heck of a job. We may never in the history of Fisher have another team like this. Where are you going to get another MacDonald, Tobin, Bayhurst, (Louise) Brown or (Trisha) Grover?"

As far as Kahler is concerned, his players are champions in every sense of the word.

"They're always pulling together and sacrificing for each other on the court," he said. "They go out there and they just do it. It's a self-discipline they have and a camaraderie they have, and not every team has that."

And not every team gets to make it to the national championship finals, either.

"I'm still excited about being a part of this weekend. It was just super," Kahler said. "It was a great reward for the effort the kids had."

— Richard A. Kiley

Fisher named ECAC Team of the Year

The St. John Fisher Lady Cardinals have been named Team of the Year in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Women's Basketball, the ECAC announced Friday, March 25.

The Lady Cardinals, who finished the season with a 31-1 record and second place in the NCAA Division III national tournament, were the unanimous choice of the ECAC's nine-member selection committee.

"It's a great honor for St. John Fisher," said John Garner, assistant commissioner of the ECAC, the nation's largest athletic conference. "It's very significant, because out of the 132 colleges in ECAC Division III which sponsor women's basketball programs, St. John Fisher has been voted number one."

Garner said the committee, which consisted of two members from each of the ECAC's four regions plus a chairman, made its deci-

sion based on three criteria: won/lost record, national ranking and post-season success. The Lady Cardinals — ranked number one in the NCAA's national poll nearly the entire season — became the ECAC team to advance the farthest in the tourney when they defeated the University of Southern Maine in the semifinals.

"There was great support (on the committee) for St. John Fisher," Garner said. "It was unanimous and there was not much question at all!"

Only three other Division III women's basketball teams have ever received the honor: the University of Scranton in 1985 and 1987; Salem State College in 1986; and Elizabethtown College in 1984, the first year the ECAC named a Division III women's basketball team of the year.

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 High School Boys
 Our Lady of Lourdes School, Elmira
 First Place: St. Thomas More
 Second Place: St. Alphonsus, Auburn
 Third Place: Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira
 Fourth Place: Holy Trinity

BISHOP HOGAN TOURNAMENT
 Junior High Boys' First Place
 Cardinal Mooney High School
 First Place: St. Monica
 Second Place: St. Mary's, Waterloo
 Third Place: St. John (Humboldt)
 Fourth Place: CYP

BISHOP KEARNEY TOURNAMENT
 Junior High Boys' Second Place
 Holy Family, Auburn
 First Place: St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls
 Second Place: Good Counsel
 Third Place: Blessed Sacrament
 Fourth Place: Good Shepherd

BISHOP HICKEY TOURNAMENT
 Junior High Boys' Third Place
 DeSales High School, Geneva
 First Place: St. Patrick's, Elmira
 Second Place: St. Francis/St. Stephen
 Third Place: Mother of Sorrows
 Fourth Place: Holy Ghost

BISHOP McCAFFERTY TOURNAMENT
 Junior High Boys' Fourth Place
 St. Anthony's, Elmira
 First Place: St. Thomas the Apostle
 St. John's, Fairport
 Charles House
 St. Mary's, Elmira

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day, March 26, Tolentine ripped its Bronx neighbor, 95-69, as sophomores Adrian Autry and Brian Reece combined for 40 points. A crowd of 3,603 watched the day's triple-header.

Tolentine finished its season at 30-1, while Our Saviour Lutheran ended the campaign at 27-2.

Tolentine center Malik Sealy, who was named New York's "Mr. Basketball" before the

game by the state's Division I college coaches, closed out his remarkable high school career with 21 points and 15 rebounds. He was named Class A most valuable player.

The CHSAA champion advanced to the Class A final game by roaring past Adlai Stevenson, 85-54. Sealy scored a tournament-record 38 points.

The future St. John's University player scored on a record 17 field goals out of 22 attempts. His point and field goal totals broke the old records of 37 points and 15 field goals set by Chris Mullin — who also went to St. John's — for Brooklyn-Xaverian in 1981.

SBI to sponsor arts festival

St. Bernard's Institute and Colgate Rochester Divinity School will sponsor "Call to Praise: a Festival of Religious Arts," April 6-16.

Through workshops, concerts, lectures, liturgies and exhibitions, the festival will showcase the rich diversity of the arts and how they may enhance worship.

Scheduled events include a juried religious art show at Sibley's Ward Gallery, a liturgical dance presentation by Carla de Sola, a medieval miracle play performed by the Mime Workshop and the Genesee Early Music Guild, lectures on art and spirituality by Marchita Mauck, and a day-long workshop on liturgical music led by Marty Haugen.

The public is invited. For information, call (716)271-1320.

Fisher receives Kodak grant

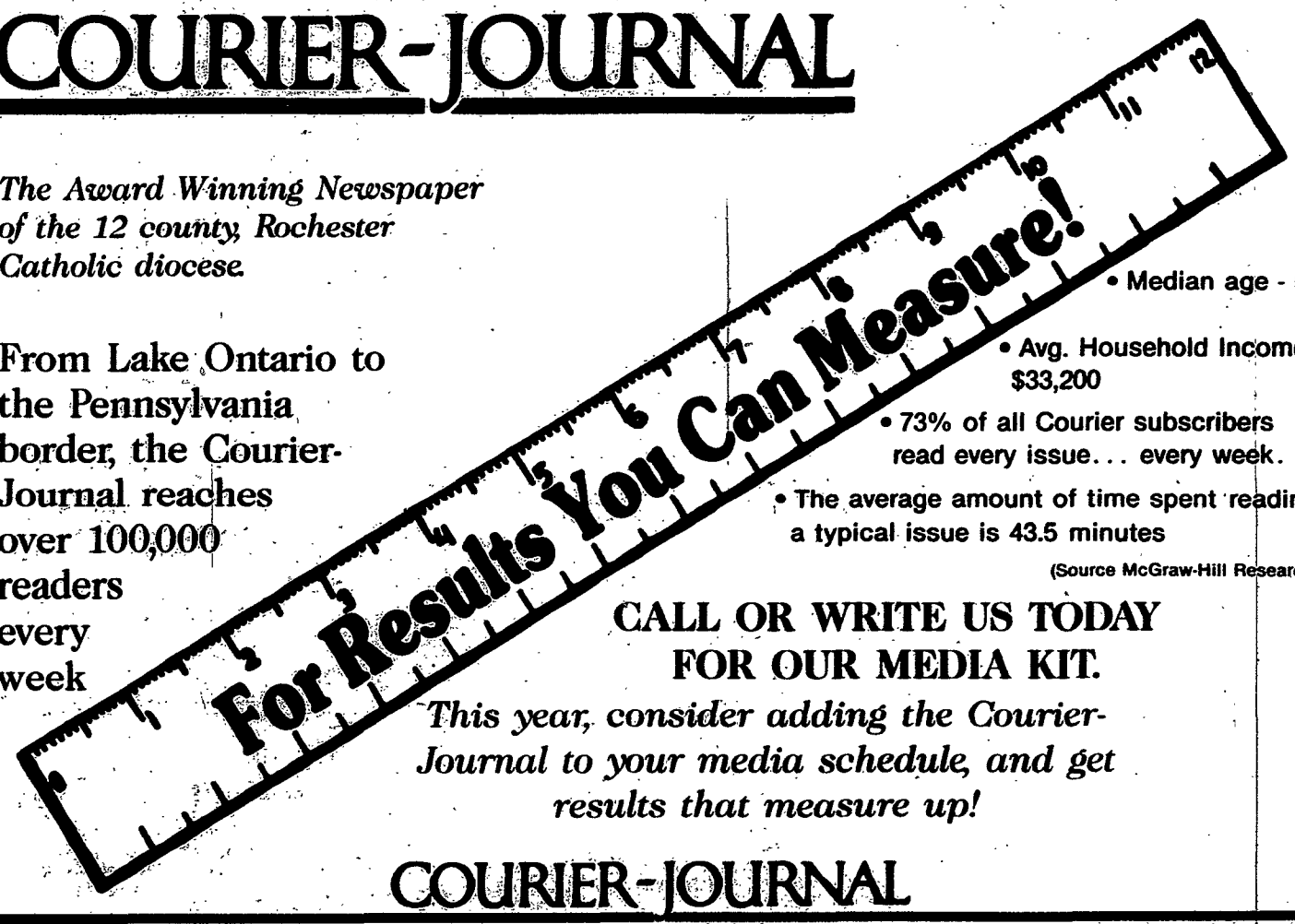
Eastman Kodak Company has awarded a \$750,000 grant to St. John Fisher College. The grant, the largest in the school's history, will be used for scholarships, academic program enhancements, dormitory improvements and general support.

The grant allots \$500,000 for funding two new scholarships annually, with priority being given to minority graduates of the Rochester City School District. The scholarships, which will be available to chemistry, physics, biology, business computer science and accounting students, will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence. The winners will be designated as Kodak Scholars.

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