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## **CSB's Women Athletes**

## **Blazing a Trail**

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Bea Johnson and Connie Spain (later S. Brian OSB), Deutsch/Irish teams' captains, 1947

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Beatrice Johnson's daughter Lisa Moschkau donated photos from Bea's scrapbook to the Archives.



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CSB's first basketball team, 1973

Ann Hanzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanzel, 105 - 1st Street Southeast, New Prague, poses with her fellow teammates, all members of the first interscholastic basketball team at the College of Saint Benedict. To date, the Saint Benedict team has matched skills with three other teams.

Ann, shown second from the right in the top row, was graduated from New Prague High School in 1972. She is now a Freshman at the College of St. Benedict, where she is a student in Nursing. Members of the team are (seated) Ann Altman and Cheryl Zub; (kneeling) Barbara Curtis, Jeanne Leifeld, Ginny Rueter and Geneva Omann; and (standing) Kathy Lust, Roberta Williams, Carol Agnes, Nancy Frost, Ethel Wortman, Anne Hanzel and Candace Fier.

CSB Archives; *First basketball team, March 5, 1973.pdf*

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The Cable, November 9, 1976, p. 10

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Presently, the council gives coaches the right to vote and make proposals. The council has the power to reverse this decision at any time. The student representatives essentially have the decision-making power and the coaches sit in consultation.

A student representative from each team is sent to the Minnesota Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW), which meets in

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Students, coaches, athletic directors, and trainers make up separate bodies of the MAIAW. The association determines code of ethics, dates of state tournaments, athlete's eligibility and dates, times and locations of season games. They discuss statewide concerns and report decisions back to their individual schools.

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Currently the council includes only intercollegiate sports, but Agnes sees the possibility of expanding to include intramurals as an additional branch. "Eventually, as it grows, I see it joining with SAB; representatives sitting in with SAB much like other organizations," said Agnes.

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\*\*\*\*Testing Dates for National Tests:  
GRE (Graduate Record Exam)-Dec. 11, 1976, Jan. 8, Feb. 26, Apr. 23, and June 11, 1977.

SJU Test Center will be offering the GRE on the Jan. 8, 1977, test date.

SCSU Test Center will be offering the GRE on the Feb., Apr., and June dates.

LSAT (Law School Admission Test)-Dec. 4, 1976, Feb. 5, Apr. 16, and July 23, 1977.

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Dental Admission Test- Jan. 8, 1977, April 30, 1977, and Oct. 8, 1977.

Pharmacy College Admission Test-Nov. 13, 1976, Feb. 12 and May 14, 1977. All testing dates have a registration deadline. Further info on any of these tests is available from Richard Schroeder in the Counseling Service.

\*\*\*\*Are you a wit with words? Enter the Nickname contest for CSB varsity teams. Submit as many entries as you like. This contest, sponsored by the Athletic Council, ends on November 12. The prize is a dinner for two at Ivan's in the Park.

\*\*\*\*Special Dining Opportunity for an experience in foreign eating styles. Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Sign up Nov. 8-11 in the cafeteria.

\*\*\*\*Bread for the World Hunger Week, Nov. 14-21, including SAB Service Committee Thanksgiving Food Drive in conjunction with BFW.

\*\*\*\*Oxfam fast for world harvest, filmstrip "Bread for the World" and question and answer session on hunger, the food reserve, and personal response. Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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Haffner photo from *1979-1980 Student Directory*

From the spring 1982 *Saint Benedict's Today*, p.8: "80 Mary Haffner Hages is in the Army stationed at Fort Riley."

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by Ann Roehl

What exactly does the Student Administrative Board accomplish? This may be a question you have wondered from time to time. Sure we have our activities, such as movies, the polka dance and the First Monday Series. But our efforts are even more widespread than that.

Take, for example, a typical SAB meeting. One meeting was predominantly dedicated to reviewing the Core Curriculum. We spent time reviewing the requirements of academic areas such as fine arts, the sciences (natural and social) and the humanities. Some suggestions we came up with were:

—In the fine arts, to offer a greater selection of mediums which would fulfill the general education requirements, inclusive of painting, music, theater or art history.

—In the natural sciences, a suggestion was made to offer a greater variety of classes.

—In the social science classes—to decrease the size of the classes and to offer advanced classes which deal with issues such as world affairs.

—In the humanities—as far as foreign languages are concerned—to instigate classes which would deal with languages at different levels, should a foreign language become a requirement. i.e. Offer a class for people with no language background and a class for

people with a slight language is required out of the class should  
—In regard to the suggestion was made with other religions.  
—In the math/computer, a suggestion credit courses in math to be required.

SAB was also asked its opinion on a quarterly basis rather than for the academic year. The proposals will remain on the semester basis.

All of these proposals and to the people working with it. I hope that this gives you an idea of some of the important things SAB is working with. Remember, we do want your input. Use the comment book in Mary Commons to let us know your wants and needs.

Another topic which we discussed was a new club being formed on campus. This club, the "Burn Unit" is a supportive club for CSB sports. SAB is supportive of this club and has allocated \$300 for them to start it. The Burn Unit will be selling T-shirts and hats this year. So rush out and get one—show your support for our hard-working, energetic teams!

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## Blazermania Burns Up CSB

by Chuck Dewey  
Blazer Sports Information

That overstuffed tomato bounding around campus isn't a refuge from the Fruit of the Loom gang. She's a fireball. And she's spreading **BLAZERMANIA** across the St. Ben's and St. John's campuses.

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Its mission is to seek out and discover St. Ben's sporting events — to boldly go where no fan has gone before.

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The CSB/SJU Jazz Band will be on hand to fan the flames and inflame the fans between the JV and varsity contests.

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The growth of the Burn Unit has been phenomenal. More than 170 St. Ben's and St. John's students form the group's core — the membership is split about evenly between the two campuses.

The name came about because St. Ben's teams are called "Blazers" and, as everyone knows, **Blazers burn!**

The Burn Unit milks its medical theme. Members will be selling white painters' caps branded with blocky red crosses and the group's name.

Some students will bring boxes blaring out the themes from popular doctor shows, such as "St. Elsewhere," "General Hospital" and — perhaps more appropriate to the general rowdiness of the evening — "M\*A\*S\*H."

Others may show up in doctors' smocks and stethoscopes, carrying bandage-laden friends on stretchers.



What's 30-40 feet tall, red, and scared the bejabbers out of Dr. Martin Luther College basketball players attempting free throws in Rat Hall?

Come to the Blazer basketball home opener Thursday night and find out.

*The Cable*, November 30, 1983. p. 1

Dewey, Chuck. "[Blazermania burns up CSB](http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/1148)," *The Cable*, November 30, 1983. p. 1.  
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Fireball nuzzles student

Photo by P.I.O.

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And the Unit will be making a big splash at the CSB Invitational swim meet in January.

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Most of the Burn Unit's activities up until now have centered around the December 1 basketball home opener at SJU's Rat Hall. But the Unit is a highly-organized, ongoing endeavor.

It's set up like a lodge, but it's not full of middle-aged men with funny sounding titles and even funnier looking hats — it's full of college-aged men and women with funny sounding names and funny

hats.

The heads of the Burn Unit, Barb Makie and Cathy Klarkowski, are the "Co-Pilot Lights" — they're responsible for keeping the unit's spirit lit.

The secretary, Jill Arbeiter, is the "Tender of the Log." The treasurer, Karen Peterson, is the "Keeper of the Flame."

Committee heads are knighted "Match-heads." Currently they are: Kelly Peters, recruitment; Kirsten Berg,

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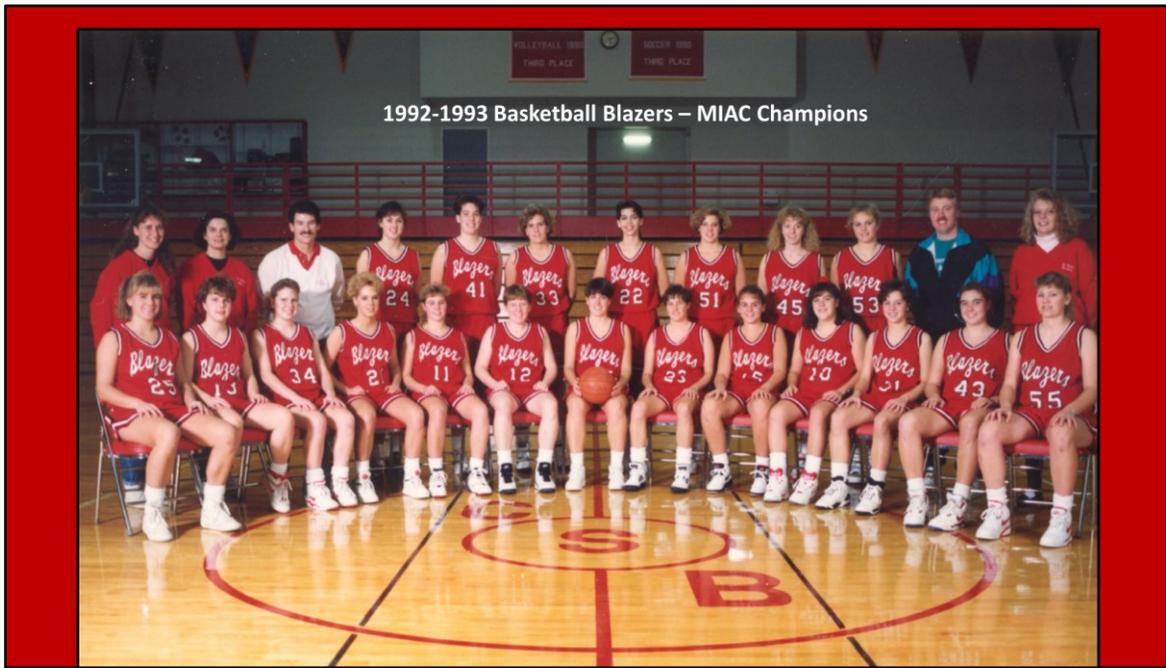
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1992-1993 Basketball Blazers – MIAC Champions

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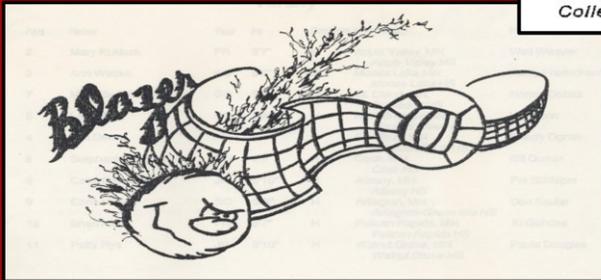


1984-1985 Basketball Pamphlet

1984 Volleyball roster



1986 Volleyball program



The Blazer logo's creator was Chuck Dewey, who at the time was employed in the Public Information Office at CSB. (He later published a children's book, *Mr. Gonopolis and His 12 Holsteins*, about a big-hearted farmer who pinch-hits when Santa is too ill to make his deliveries.)

Trosvig, Ray. "Holsteins pinch-hit for reindeer in new Christmas take," *Saint Benedict's Today* holiday issue, December 1985, p. 5

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1987-1988 Basketball program



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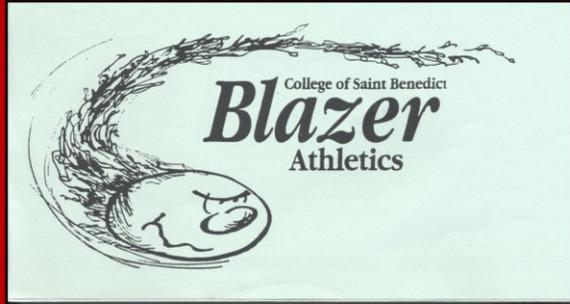


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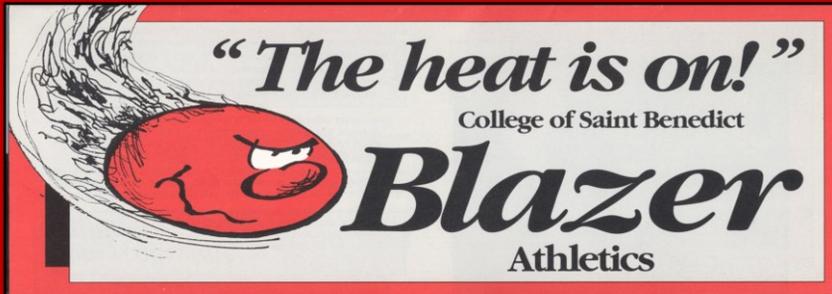
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*The heat  
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1989-1990 Blazer Basketball



1985-1987 Athletics Brochure



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The screenshot shows a web page with a dark sidebar on the left containing a list of navigation links. The 'Timeline' link is circled in red. The main content area displays two timeline entries. The first entry, dated 1983, is titled 'CSB fan club "the burn unit" is formed' and includes a description, a 'Campus: CSB' label, and two bibliographic references. The second entry, dated 1976, is titled 'Newly formed athletic program named "Blazers"' and includes a description, a 'Campus: CSB' label, a 'Bibliography:' section, and two references. The page also features a header with 'About Academics Adm' and a footer with 'Contact Us'.

**CSB fan club "the burn unit" is formed**

1983

**Campus:** CSB

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**Newly formed athletic program named "Blazers"**

1976

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