Sports Profile: Kathy Sabo

By Jim Norris '84

There is no doubt that the great variety of intramural sports that Kathy Sabo participates in alone warrants featuring her in this column. If there is an individual or team whose sport to be played at Fordham University, you can be certain that Kathy has either organized the tournament or the team involved, or is one of the best players in the competition. Oftentimes, both are true. This is no small feat, considering that she also divides her time between being SBA President and being part of a very successful musical group with fellow third-years Jon Walker and Brian Marron.

Intramural sports success comes as little surprise to anyone familiar with her athletic background. While an undergrad at Fordham University, Kathy played on a basketball squad that reached the Final 8 of the National Championship Tournament. It is for this credential, too, that Kathy’s athletic accomplishments merit featuring here.

Kathy Sabo’s athletic career began at Trumbull High School in Trumbull, Connecticut. Trumbull High participates in the large school division of Connecticut high school athletics, and Kathy was captain of Trumbull’s basketball and softball teams there. Trumbull, a high school basketball powerhouse in Connecticut, had won the state championship when Kathy was in the ninth grade. In her first varsity season, Kathy took over as point guard and helped the team again to the state finals before Trumbull was finally dethroned. Throughout her junior and senior years, Trumbull maintained a softball. Kathy was one of Trumbull’s starting pitchers, playing outfield when she was not on the mound. As a sophomore, Kathy helped her team reach the state semifinals. In her junior year, Trumbull again qualified for the state tournament. Sabo was forced to sit out her senior season, however, due to a strain that would have a profound effect on her athletic future.

Kathy had sustained an injury to her left knee during her senior basketball season, forcing her to miss a few games as a result. She concentrated on rehabilitation, and began spring softball cautiously. Her caution was of no avail, however. While still weighing the left knee, Sabo tore a cartilage in her right knee. An operation was performed on August 1, 1977—a mere 26 days before her freshman year at Fordham was to start. While the operation was a success, knee pain strenuous activity.[Due to these knee problems, Kathy at first did not participate in any of Fordham’s women’s programs. The women’s basketball coach learned of Kathy’s credentials, though, and urged her to try out. This was a good idea—Kathy made the varsity as a freshman walk-on. Before Kathy’s sophomore year, Fordham awarded her an athletic scholarship for basketball. During Kathy’s freshman year, Fordham was still classified as a “small college” for women’s basketball, since NCAA Division 1 Women’s Basketball, as we know it today, did not exist in 1978. As a result, Fordham powered their way to the Small College National Tournament, Continued on page four.

Tomorrow Night
Suitcase Party Nears

The winner of the drawing at the first annual SBA Suitcase Party will treat himself and a person of his choosing to a free weekend at the Epcot center in Orlando, Florida. Party time is THIS Friday, February 17, from 8 to 10, in the Campus Center Ballroom. Tickets are only $5 each.

Why is it called “a suitcase party?” Because you’re supposed to bring to the party a suitcase stuffed of tropical attire in preparation for a possible trip to Florida. The winner will depart to Florida directly from the party, and will travel by air, of course.

Exhibit A of tickets exist. You will receive one ticket free if you give the S.B.A. $5.00; the S.B.A. will keep the other one. Only a limited number of tickets are available for sale. The S.B.A. will sell as many as it can in advance and will continue sales at the door. Regardless of the number of tickets actually sold, the entire set of tickets will enter the drawing at 9 p.m. At 11:00 the S.B.A. will eliminate the first 25 people posting the withdrawn tickets on a beard near the D.J. names will be drawn throughout the evening until a few tickets are left. The final drawing will be held at 12:45 a.m.

If you win and are not present, you will be notified at home at 1 a.m. You must pick up the tickets and be at Norfolk Airport by 6 a.m. on February 18, 1984.

Keep in mind that if you win you’ll instantly become the most popular person in the “burg, because everyone you know (and a few you don’t) will want you to choose him/her to accompany you on your trip. So go to the party and be prepared to become the most popular person you know!

Even if you don’t win, you’ll have a great time—there will be an open bar at the party.

The annual Marshall-Wythe Invitational Moot Court Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26. Students are invited to attend any of the rounds beginning Friday at 7 p.m. and culminating in the final round Saturday at 3:39 p.m.

A dozen schools from across the country will compete in the tournament, including last year’s champions from Washington and Lee University and Marshall-Wythe’s own team. Other schools represented will be the University of Richmond; George Mason University; American University in Washington, D.C.; and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; Southwestern University, Los Angeles, CA; West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.V.; Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and New York Law School, New York, N.Y.

Members of Marshall-Wythe’s team include Barbara Johnson, John David Epperly and Peter Brodell. The Marshall-Wythe team has been victorious in its own tournament three times, winning in 1978, 1980 and 1981.

A distinguished group of judges will assemble for the competition, including members of the Virginia Supreme Court, Federal District and Circuit Court judges, and members of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. Student volunteers are needed to act as aides for the judges and as bailiffs. Those volunteers may attend lunch Saturday and the post-com­petition party Saturday night at no charge. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Chris Pfirrman via hanging file or by calling 225-8749.
We Need a Liaison

At the SBA meeting of February 9, considerable discussion revolved around the issue of electing or appointing a law student to act as a student-faculty liaison. The liaison would be responsible for airing student complaints about the administration and faculty as well as to student leaders.

The students need someone to hold this position, whether it be elected or appointed. First, students would know exactly to whom their complaint or problem should be directed. Currently, if a student has a complaint, whom does he see? An SBA member, right? But which one? The SBA President? She may be too busy taking care of the other SBA problems and the lack of the proper time to properly devote to student problems and complaints. So may his class representatives. With a student-faculty liaison, this problem would be solved.

By adding the position of a student liaison, feedback on administrative or student-imposed policies could be enhanced. The SBA would directly benefit. The liaison would be in a position to know about events or a particular subject and could inform the SBA of the student opinions. Also, how many times have you questioned an administrative decision or faculty policies, but didn’t know exactly whom to approach? Again, a liaison is the answer.

If the SBA decides to incorporate a student-faculty liaison, they are faced with a decision as to whether the liaison should be elected or appointed. Both courses draw support. An elected representative would carry a more direct influence to students, and by running for office, he has shown his desire to do the job.

A major decision faces the SBA. A student liaison is needed; it is certainly an experiment worth trying.

Ragtime by James Shapiro

Law school can be a nasty experience generally, but it can sometimes be more than that. New depths of gloom in February of a leap year. Most of us are looking forward to exams grades, no job prospects, scarce motivation, or “all of the above” when a cold front comes in to kick us when we’re down. Yes, along comes February after a first semester that felt like a year, after Christmas break that was too short and too cold, after a January that was too long, too wet and too cold. I don’t understand why some people are running around telling their classmates to “Take a Chill Pill!”

As if this isn’t enough for us law students, this particular February comes along in a leap year, lacking some months of misery. Andy Rooney might ask, “why do they call it a leap year, anyway? Why don’t they call it a long year or an extended year?” Leap sounds so happy and gay, like ‘leaping’ and ‘one giant leap for mankind! There’s nothing happening, but we have another month of February. Even now.... O.K., can it be Andy, this is my column. I believe sometimes I think I would rather be in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive than in Williamsburg, in law school, in February, in a leap year.

Maybe we should look at that extra “leap” day of trauma. Continued on page four.

Pointview by Jimmy Rauen

Now that the dust has settled from the Appellate Advocacy intramural moot court tournament, and the members of the inter-collegiate teams have been chosen, a look back at the process and its problems seems in order. As shown by the letter from “An Unhappy Winner” in the last Advocate, not everyone is pleased with the way the tournament works. Indeed, complaints about certain aspects of the system are very common. Having been one of the complainers myself, I went looking for some answers.

Professor Pagan, who teaches Ad and runs the intramural tournament, and the Moot Court Board, which is in charge of the inter-collegiate teams, were most cooperative in offering explanations for some of the more controversial aspects of the system. I found some of these explanations more satisfactory than others. I pass them along here for anyone who is interested, with some suggestions on how the system might be improved.

First, probably the most common complaint about the tournament: it forces students to go on until they lose, whether they want to or not. Professor Pagan has little sympathy for this objection, labeling it “infantile” to complain about having to argue more than once. “What is the big deal?” he asks. Although there would be no objection to a man who spends several hours each day lecturing to classrooms full of people to share the doctrine that some students have for public speaking, one might expect him to better understand it. Pagan’s advice to those students who found oral arguments particularly difficult was blunt: find another profession “where you don’t have to talk.”

Ideally, Professor Pagan said, all students would argue at least twice. Since this is not logically possible, he said, we settle for the next best thing. It’s better that some students get the chance to argue again than that none do. But this is not the issue. The suggestion is not that no one be allowed to argue more than once, it is that no one be compelled to do so.

Pagan saw no difficulty with such compulsion, stating that students are required to keep arguing for the same reason they are required to take certain courses: it is part of their professional training. (But there is a similarity.) Course requirements are the same for all students; oral argument requirements are not. Half must argue only once, while the other half must argue two or more times. The parallel to course requirements vanishes after the first round of the tournament, and so should the compulsion to participate.

Professor Pagan’s response to the suggestion that students continue in the tournament only if they choose to was simple: “Choice has never been an issue here. In a tournament, it’s either you play or you don’t play. If you don’t play, you will have failed.” Why? Because according to Pagan, the people who would choose not to go on are some of the people who need the practice most. This may well be true, but it’s likely there is just as strong a correlation between those who need the practice most and those who lose in the first round. So either way, the result is the same: the students who need the practice are likely to be sorted out once. Furthermore, the attitude that we don’t know what’s good for us is completely inappropriate to graduate education. As the former editor of the Advocate, I am a

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Letters to the Editor

Response Requested by Sabo

The lack of response to David Greer’s proposal concerning exam schedules is quite distressing. Yet this silence is perhaps understandable when one realizes that faculty proposals of flexible exam schedules have been turned down year after year.

We have, under a double-standard honor system. We are denied the trust which would serve our own system’s legitimacy. I can’t and don’t want to believe that those who sit in the offices and make decisions in the administrative wing choose not to read the student-run Advocate. Surely it is far more exciting reading than the William and Mary News! Yet we must face the fact that David Greer’s proposal has been ignored, perhaps in the hope that it will just go away. I don’t want the proposal to go away. A response is called for. We are adults who need to and want to understand why things are the way they are. Must we sit back and accept things blindly? (Don’t ye?

Ap-Ad Thanks All

We, along with Professor John R. Pagan, want to thank the students and faculty members who participated in this year’s appellate advocacy competition. The competition’s success depends on a large number of volunteers. We appreciate the time devoted by many faculty members and third-year students who judged oral arguments and by first-year students who served as bailiffs. A special thanks is given to the Moot Court Board. Jim Della Howard for their help and patience throughout the tournament.

Marsha Dula ’84
Todd Thompson ’84

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I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and the members of Delta Theta Phi who have supported me throughout the past two years. Your enthusiastic participation in fraternity events has been this job’s only reward. Special thanks must go to Laura Meehan, Exchequer; Scott Calhoun, Clerk of the Rolls; Kathy Younkins, Tribune, and Cheryl Foster, Master of the Ritual, for their tremendous work as past officers of Delta Theta Phi. Jim Milano deserves praise for his efforts as “rusher extraordinary”. My deepest gratitude goes to J.K. Behrell, Vice Dean, and Lisa Tobin, Social Chair. As faithful members of the Terrible Trio they made even the worst of times a pleasure.

I hope all the members of this fraternity will give as much loyalty and respect to the new officers as they have given me.

Ellen M. Callinan

Food Fight by Laura Miller

Have you ever noticed how many places offer the “Best deal in Town?” Advertisers seem to be taking great liberties with the use of the word “deal” lately. (I won’t even attempt to explain the distinction between a “deal” and the old-fashioned meaning of the word “bargain.”) No longer does “deal” mean great food at reasonable prices, or even good food at fair prices. More often than not it means RIP OFF. The consumer who goes looking for a good deal,” says the seller who finds some sucker to buy these “great deals,” is a sucker.

I was a sucker.

I happened upon the other night when my defenses were down. Another typical Williamsburg weekend event, I was studying all day in the library and my stomach was growling so loudly that it was beginning to wake up the person in the next room. I rushed over to the Leafe to beat the closing hour. For more specific details or to submit comments or suggestions, contact Susan Austin.

Commencement Plans

Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 13. The ceremony at William and Mary Hall will begin at 2 p.m.; all graduating law students are encouraged to attend. A ceremony for law school graduates will be held at 4:45 p.m. at Phi Beta Kappa Hall, to be followed by a reception. Only a limited number of tickets are available for the Phi Beta Kappa ceremony.

If you haven’t already made hotel or dinner reservations for your family on the May 13 weekend, do so now. Many hotels are already full for the weekend, and dinner reservations will be at a premium as well. For more specific details or to submit comments or suggestions, contact Susan Austin.

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It's Time For Spring IM Softball

By MICHAEL MORONEY '86

Spring is rapidly approaching and the air will soon be filled with the sound of gonging bases and singing children — and leather gloves catching hard-hit line drives. Yes, spring is here, when Americans reaffirm their greatness by participating in the most time-honored and traditionally cherished of all athletic rituals, baseball.

Baseball is one of the sacred pillars upon which our great society has been founded. Everyone should do their part to help keep America on top and play softball (the post-adolescence version of baseball). Unfortunately, the W&M intramural program has deprived us of a formalized structure in which we may compete in organized softball. Therefore, it is up to us to take the initiative and organize our own.

I have talked to numerous people concerning the potential of having a viable league, and there appears to be more than enough interest to get a team together this spring. A lot of the groundwork has already been done toward this end, and Mad Mike Marks have been especially helpful. Vins Sutlive, the I.M. Czar, has given his okay to use the fields Monday through Thursday at 1 and 2 p.m., and all day Friday through Sunday. There is also the possibility of creating an extra field if we find a need.

Of course, we will not have the fields for all those time slots but we'll have to wait to be more specific. We need to know what the most convenient times are for 2nd and 3rd years, since 1st years will need more schedules and are unable to use the fields at 1 p.m. This is the kind of feedback we need; more schedules can be made.

Hopefully play will begin after spring break. Weather permitting, scrimmages can be played before the break. We will be able to use the I.M. equipment; however, we would greatly appreciate a small contribution to cover the costs of new balls. A contribution of 50 cents per person, which has already been red tape. Any money left over could easily be spent on keeping the fields in good shape. Let's get opening up the season with a combination opening day (keep up)” spring kickball fundraiser. The proceeds would go to the trophy and our great campus to champion a crater and show everyone a good time.

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