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TO PRESS AND RADIO SPORTS SERVICES....

The information contained in this brochure has been compiled in the hope that it will provide a timely and accurate news source throughout the spring season

Every effort will be made to supplement this with press releases, mats, glossies, and any additional information requested by you.

Please feel free to call on us for any additional information—stories, mats, glossy prints or past records—that you might require. Your desire is our obligation, if possible it will be cheerfully met.

Sincerely,

John Stommen

Kalamazoo College

Athletic Publicity Director

GENERAL INFORMATION

Enrollment: 575
 Denomination: Baptist
 Date College was founded: 1833
 President: Dr. John Scott Everton
 Registrar: Everett R. Shober
 Business Manager: Dr. Harold T. Smith
 Director of Admissions: Robert W. Braithwaite
 Director of Publicity: Edward J. Lauth
 Athletic Publicity Director: John Stommen
 Director of Athletics: Ernest R. Kirkman
 Head Football and Basketball Coach : Lloyd E. Grow
 Cross Country and Track Coach : Ernest R. Kirkman
 Tennis Coach: Dr. Allen B. Stowe
 Golf Coach: Nelson Lofstedt
 Baseball Coach: Henry A. Lasch
 Date College voted in MIAA: 1896
 Colors: Orange and Black
 Nickname: Hornets
 Stadium: Angell Field, Old Michigan Ave.; seating 5,000 lighted
 Gymnasium: Tredway Gymnasium, Academy Street, seating 1,200
 Tennis Stadium: Stowe Stadium, West Main Street, seating 2,000, Nine red clay courts
 Baseball Field: Riverside Park or Ver Sluis
 Golf Course: Milham Park
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1950 SPRING SPORTS SUMMARY

One championship was won and two second places were garnered by Kazoo spring sports teams last year. The Tennis team captured another conference championship, but that was no surprise. It has been quite some time since they haven't. The track team made a surprising showing. Under the guidance of Ernie Kirkman, the thinclads vaulted to second place in conference standings. The golf squad also made a creditable showing, finishing in a second place tie. The baseball squad was the only disappointment. The diamond crew wound up in the MIAA cellar.

Dr. Allen B. Stowe's netters won 18 matches and lost only four during the 1950 season. All four losses came on the seven match southern trip. After returning from the South, the tennis boys copped fifteen straight and also walked off with the championship in the conference tourney. Losses were to such powerhouses as the University of Tennessee, Davidson, Duke, and North Carolina. Kazoo won from Cincinnati, Vanderbilt, and Presbyterian on the swing.

Included among the victims during the regular season were all the other MIAA schools, the University of Iowa, Grinnell (Ia.), Kenyon (O.), Calvin, University of Detroit, Toledo, and Wayne. Calvin and Toledo were defeated twice. In all the Hornets won 135 matches and dropped only 43 during the twenty-two game schedule.

Ernie Kirkman brought the Kazoo track team up to a second place finish in his first year on the job. The tracksters won four of five meets and won the Class B division of the Bowling Green Relays, in addition to their second place conference finish.

After winning three of their first four ball games, Coach Henry Lasch's baseball team ran into serious trouble last year and lost the last thirteen in succession. The golfers finished ~~the~~ in regular season in third place in the conference, but they rose to second in the tourney and wound up tied for 2nd.

1951 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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<u>14</u>	April 11, at Ft. Custer	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	May 5, at Alma (2)*	<u>8</u>
<u>1</u>	^{Nov 2} April 14, Hillsdale (2)*	<u>17</u>	<u>2</u>	Alma second game	<u>9</u>
<u>5</u>	Hillsdale second game	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	May 8, at Percy Jones	<u>6</u>
<u>4</u>	April 20, Wayne	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	May 11, Albion (2)*	<u>2</u>
<u>10</u>	April 21, at Adrian (2)*	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	Albion second game	<u>3</u>
<u>1</u>	Adrian second game	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	May 16, Ft. Custer	<u>2</u>
<u>5</u>	April 27, Univ. of Det.	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	May 19, Percy Jones	<u>6</u>
<u>5</u>	April 28, Sti Hope (2)*	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	May 25, at Wayne	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	Hope second game	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	May 26, at Univ. of Det.	<u>3</u>

* Conference games

1951 TRACK SCHEDULE

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<u>—</u>	April 13, Jackson J. C. Benton Harb. J. C. (tentative)	<u>—</u>
<u>70</u>	April 21, Calvin (Adrian)	<u>—</u>
<u>64</u>	April 24, Hillsdale	<u>67</u> ←
<u>42</u>	April 26, at Cent. Mich. (Alma)	<u>—</u>
<u>67</u>	May 1, at Hope	<u>64</u>
<u>12</u>	May 12, at Bowling Green (O.) Relays	<u>—</u>
<u>—</u>	May 18, MIAA Field Day #	<u>—</u>

Night Meet

*Albion
Hillsdale
Kazoo.*

1951 GOLF SCHEDULE

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<u>5 1/2</u>	April 19, Hillsdale	<u>9 1/2</u>
<u>14 1/2</u>	April 24, at Adrian	<u>1 1/2</u>
<u>6 1/2</u>	April 27, at Olivet	<u>5 1/2</u>
<u>6</u>	April 30, at Hope	<u>9</u>
<u>9 1/2</u>	May 3, Alma	<u>5 1/2</u>
<u>3 1/2</u>	May 8, Albion	<u>11 1/2</u>
<u>12</u>	May 11, Olivet	<u>0</u>
<u>—</u>	May 17-18, MIAA Field Day	<u>—</u>

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TENNIS SCHEDULE

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<u>5</u>	March 17, Toledo (indoors)	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	May 4, Cincinnati U.	<u>2</u>
<u>4</u>	March 26, at Vanderbilt U.	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	May 5, at U. of Det.	<u>0</u>
<u>3</u>	March 27, at U. of Tennessee	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	May 8, at Alma	<u>0</u>
	March 28, Open Date		<u>7</u>	May ¹⁴ 10, at Albion	<u>0</u>
<u>6</u>	March 29, at Presbyterian	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	May 12, Lake Forest	<u>1</u>
<u>5</u>	March 30, at Davidson	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	May 14, U. of Detroit	<u>1</u>
<u>4</u>	March 31, at North Carolina	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	May 15, at U. of Chicago	<u>1</u>
	April 26, Hillsdale			May 17-18, MIAA Field Day	
<u>7</u>	April 28, Grinnell	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	May 24, Wayne U.	<u>3</u>
<u>6</u>	May 1, Adrian	<u>1</u>		May 26, at Toledo U.	
<u>6</u>	May 3, Hope	<u>1</u>		Date not set, Kenyon	

Last Season's Results (Season Records)

Baseball: 3 wins; 14 losses—tie for last place in MIAA

Golf 3 wins; 4 losses; 2 ties—tie for second place in MIAA

Tennis 18 wins; 4 losses; won MIAA championship

Track 5 wins; 1 loss; second place in conference

COACHING STAFF

ERNEST R. KIRKMAN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, TRACK COACH

In his first year as track coach at Kalamazoo last spring, Ernie brought the Kazoo thinclads up to a second place finish in the conference race. He moved to K-College from Adrian, where for two years his Bulldog track squads copped the second spot.

Ernie was appointed Director of Athletics for this year and has done an excellent job in that capacity. In addition to these two duties, he helps coach the football squad in the fall. He is also head cross country coach.

He received both his B. S. and Master's degrees in Physical Education from the University of Michigan. Ernie also attended Adrian College for a while.

HENRY A. LASCH, BASEBALL COACH

Henry is starting his third season as baseball coach at Kalamazoo. To date his teams have won 8 games and lost 22, but these were the first two teams at Kalamazoo College in quite a while. He is just getting the sport back on its feet. His main job at Kazoo is director of the teaching curriculum for Physical Education majors and director of the intramural program.

He played varsity baseball at Edinborough Teachers College and at Penn State and took a crack at pro ball with the Erie Sailors of the Mid-Atlantic League. During the war he was a chief specialist in the Navy's V-12 program.

DR. ALLEN B. STOWE, TENNIS COACH

The winningest coach on the Kalamazoo campus, that is the title given to Dr. Stowe, the College's successful tennis coach. Dr. Stowe is also the head of the chemistry department at Kazoo, one of the top science colleges in the United States.

His tennis teams have been the perennial champions of the MIAA and they have met and beaten most of the larger schools in the nation.

TENNIS PROSPECTUS

The perennial champions of the MIAA should repeat once again this spring. Four major lettermen and two minor award winners are back for more action. The Hornets will play a tough twenty match schedule, once again including a trip into the South for battles with the strongest teams in that section.

Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Presbyterian, Davidson, and North Carolina will be met in that order on the trip. The Tennessee Vols and the North Carolina Tar Heels should prove exceptionally tough nuts to crack.

Double matches with Toledo and Detroit are on the schedule as are single encounters with Chicago, Cincinnati, Kenyon, Lake Forest, Grinnell, and Wayne, in addition to the five MIAA tilts.

Pacing the netters this year will be Vic Braden, who missed last season because of rheumatic fever. The Monroe, Michigan athlete will in all probability play the number one singles position. Also on hand are lettermen Dick Cain, Tom Willson, and Hugh Dill; and minor award winners John DeVos and Maurie Pelte.

Other outstanding men are freshmen Manny Glasser and Don Stowe, and sophomore Dick Stevens. Glasser was runner-up for the New York City boys tennis championship last summer. Ray Glasser, brother of Manny, and John Stommen will also be working for positions on the squad along with Bob Hopkins.

Last season the Hornets won 18 matches and lost only four, all on the southern. As usual they won the conference tournament and at the close of the season owned a fifteen match winning streak. Jack Sunderland, four times singles champion of the MIAA, is the main loss from last year's squad. Other good men have departed also. Gone are lettermen Marv Mantin, Brad Allen, Fletch Des Autels, Gordon Dolbee, and Frank "Bucky" Walters.

BASEBALL PROSPECTUS

Coach Henry Lasch hopes for better things from his diamond crew than he has received in his two previous years on the job. With a team composed mostly of veterans last season, only three wins in 17 starts could be mustered. This year Lasch has anything but a veteran crew. In fact only four lettermen are on hand, three of them pitchers.

About twenty-five candidates have been working out thus far among them several outstanding freshman prospects. Lasch will be starting from scratch just about after losing men via the graduation and service routes. Seven of last year's nine starters have departed.

The pitching department stacks up as about the best part of the Hornet nine this Spring. Eight seasoned pitchers are on hand, including lettermen Jim Steffoff, Darol Topp, and Garry Brown; freshmen Rufe Beardsley, Jim Hagadone, and Harry Pearce; and Roger Wendt and Dan Larkin.

The battle for the number one catching spot will be between Roger Gill, Fritz Dow, and Ralph Reiff. At first base letterman Harley Pierce is holding forth, but Reiff, Topp, Brown, and Larkin can all play the initial sack. Other infielders of promise are Billy Green, Todd Graham, Jack Wendt, Al Clark, and Gill, who also operates at third base. Available for duty in the outfield are Roger Winter, Art Smith, Hal Rudolph, and Larry Marks.

GOLF PROSPECTUS

Only two major lettermen will be on hand to greet new coach Nelson Lofstedt when he calls his first practice for the golf squad. Back are Bob Taylor, Spring Lake, Michigan, and John Gospill, Jackson, Michigan. In addition minor letterman Vern Bolling, Spring Lake, and Edgar Staren, a fresh prospect from Congress Park, Illinois, are rated near the top.

TRACK PROSPECTUS

Eleven lettermen will be on hand this Spring to aid Coach Ernie Kirkman's track squad. Second place finishers in the MIAA last season, the Hornets should be somewhat weaker because of the loss of such good men as Walt McConner, Stan Chalmers, Fred Winkler, Dan Gwyn, Bob Chamberlain, and Lee Van Haaften, and Milt Christen. These men piled up plenty of points for the Orange and Black last season and the gaps left by their departure will not be easily filled.

Six meets are on tap for Kazoo, not counting the annual MIAA Field Day. Three triangulars, two dual meets, and another trip to the Bowling Green (O.) Relays make up the schedule.

The hurdle events will probably be the best for K-College. Returning is conference high and low hurdle champion Mel Reed, who tied the high hurdle record last Spring at :15.5. Another good hurdle prospect is freshman Roy Stricker of Greenville, Michigan, who topped the timbers in the same time while in high school. Another returning hurdle veteran is Bob Neeser.

The distance section should be fairly strong with Bob Binhammer, ace one and two miler back; along with Kryn Ihrman in the half mile. A good two mile prospect is Bob Ketchum, who performed for the Hornet cross country team last Fall, and Dex Sanborn is rated a top half miler.

In the dashes the Hornets strength is questionable. Stricker and Bob Van Horn, another frosh, both look good as does Bill Evans, a letterman two seasons ago. The best 440 man, however, is probably Reed if he can stand the strain of running both hurdle races besides.

Lettermen back in the weight department are Morrie Kaser, discus; and Ed Yaple, Dave Allen, and Roger Burns in the shot. Best shot prospect is Joe Williamson, state Class C champ a year ago. Jim Steffoff will pole vault once more, and Arleigh Dodson, a freshman, will do the high jumping. Monte Nye and Dodson are the broad jumpers, and Reg Orsolini will throw the javelin.

MEET THE OUTSTANDING SPRING SPORTS
PERFORMERS FOR THE KAZOO HORNETS

BEARDSLEY, Rufe 18 6' 0" 170 Freshman Baseball—Pitcher

Rufe is a brilliant pitching prospect of whom Coach Henry Lasch thinks very highly. Has perhaps the best assortment of stuff of any hurler on the squad. Captain of baseball squad at Cranbrook last year.

BINHAMMER, Bob 21 6' 0" 175 Senior Track—Distances

A former intramural runner at Kazoo, Bob has come along splendidly in the past two years and should be one of the top distance men in the conference this year. Finished sixth in conference cross country run last Fall.

BOLLING, Vern 23 5' 8½" 175 Senior Golf

Vern was a minor letter winner last season, but should easily make the squad this season. Was a transfer from Michigan State last season. A sailing enthusiast, who likes to do tumbling also.

BRADEN, Vic 21 5' 7" 160 Senior Tennis

Braden is easily the number one man on the Kazoo tennis squad. Three times winner of the state high school Class A championship while at Monroe, Michigan, high, he is also city champion in singles and doubles there. Did not play last season because of rheumatic fever condition. Teamed with Jack Sunderland to win Central Collegiate doubles crown in 1949.

BROWN, Garry 24 6' 1" 160 Senior Baseball—Pitcher

"The Hawk" is one of three mound lettermen returning this season. Is President of Kazoo Student Senate. Played defensive end on the Hornet football team last Fall. In addition to pitching chores can also play first base.

BURNS, Roger 19 6' 0" 180 Sophomore Track—Weights

Former Kalamazoo State High football and track ace. Plays tackle on Kazoo football squad. Throws shot put for Hornet track. Was all-city and all-league selection in football while in high school.

CAIN, Dick 20 5' 11" 180 Junior Tennis

Number two man on Hornet net squad. Won championships in state tourney every year that he was in high school at Kazoo State High. Lettered in basketball this past season and also in football the season before. Played in National Junior tennis tourney a few years ago.

THUMBNAILS (CONT.)

PIERCE, Harley 23 6' 3" 200 Senior Baseball-1st Base

Harley has been the first baseman at K-College since the sport was brought back three years ago. He is one of four lettermen back this year. Was also regular tackle on the Hornet football squad for four years. Co-chosen as most valuable lineman last Fall.

REED, Mel 21 6' 1" 160 Senior Track—Hurdles

Conference champion in both high and low hurdles. Tied conference high hurdle mark of :15.5 last year and has his eye on new record this season. A good 440 man also. Ran on mile relay team last Spring which set a new league mark. Near all-A student.

SANBORN, Dex 18 6' 0" 150 Freshman Track—Middle Dist.

Considered a fine half-miler. Ran at Hinsdale, Illinois, last year and also as a member of Kazoo cross country team last Fall. Has time of 2:05 in 880. Captain and most valuable member of high school cross country team.

STEOFEEF, Jim 22 6' 0" 170 Junior Baseball—Track

Another two sport man Jimmy is one of top baseball pitchers and the best pole vaulter on the track team. Led MIAA in pass receiving last Fall as member of football team. Also played basketball. Played service football and baseball.

STRICKER, Roy 18 6' 0" 170 Freshman Track—Hurdles-440

Can run either the hurdles or the 440 and has a best time of :15.5 in hurdles. Starred as safety man on Kazoo gridiron squad where he won all-conference honors as a frosh. Coach Kirkman expects big things from him this Spring.

STAREN, Edgar 18 5' 10" 170 Freshman Golf

Was runner up to state champion in Illinois high school tourney last year and in 1949 reached the semi-final round of the junior open at Washington, D. C., Played on frosh basketball quintet this Winter.

TAYLOR, Bob 20 6' 0" 190 Junior Golf

One of two major lettermen reporting for duty this year. Was all state football selection at an end post in 1947 while performing at Grand Haven high school.

TOPP, Darol 19 6' 0" 170 Sophomore Baseball—Pitcher

Darol was a mainstay of the staff last year and should come through with an even better performance with a year of hurling under his belt. Can also play first base and shortstop when the need arises.

THUMBNAILS (CONT.)

VAN HORN, Bob 19 5' 10" Freshman Track--Dashes

Bob is a very swift dash man. Has best time of :10.2 in 100; :22.5 in 220; and :51.5 in 440. Ran on state champion half mile relay team at La Grange, Ill. high last year. Highest scorer on Kazoo football team last fall. Received trophy as best all around athlete at La Grange last season

WENDT, Jack 25 5' 10" 170 Junior Baseball--Infield

Held down a reserve infield berth last year for Coach Lasch, but is expected to work into starting lineup this season. Played with varsity basketball team during the past Winter. His high school basketball team at La Porte, Indiana, reached state finals in his senior year.

WILLIAMSON, Joe 17 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 185 Freshman Track--Weights

Terrific shot put prospect. Won Class C state champion last year and has a best toss of 50' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Also plays football and was captain of high school grid team at Leelanau high.

WILLSON, Tom 20 6' 2" 185 Junior Tennis

The number three man on Kazoo net squad. Counted on for a good share of wins this Spring. Basketball letterman during past Winter. Hills from Grosse Point, Michigan.

WINTER, Roger 19 5' 7" 155 Sophomore Baseball--Outfield

Three sport star at Kazoo. Has already won letters in football and basketball this season, now trying for third award. Made two runs of over 75 yards during grid season. Was most valuable in football and basketball at South Bend Riley high school.

OFFICIAL MIAA TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

Shot Put:	Davis	Hillsdale	1935	47' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Javelin:	Bartlett	Albion	1928	203' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
High Jump:	Hopkins	Albion	1947	6' 1 3/4"
Pole Vault:	Knight	Hillsdale	1931	12' 3 7/8"
Discus:	Haas	Albion	1950	138' 3"
Broad Jump:	Howard	Kalamazoo	1938	23'
Mile Run:	Thomas	Olivet	1922	4:28.3
440 Yard Dash:	McConner	Kalamazoo	1950	:48.7
100 Yard Dash:	Martin	Hope	1937	:09.9
120 Yard H. H.:	Martin	Hope	1937	:15.5
	Reed	Kalamazoo	1950	:15.5
880 Yard Run:	Forman	Kalamazoo	1920	2:00.3
	Sabrosky	Kalamazoo	1931	2:00.3
220 Yard Dash:	Martin	Hope	1937	:21.7
Two Mile Run:	Wilcox	Kalamazoo	1922	9:57.6
220 Yard L. H.:	Lambooy	Kalamazoo	1937	:24.1
Mile Relay:		Kalamazoo	1950	3:26.8

MIAA SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONS SINCE 1920

	<u>Tennis</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Golf</u>
1920	Albion	Kalamazoo		
1921	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		
1922	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		
1923	Mich. Normal	Mich. Normal		
1924	Mich. Normal	Mich. Normal		
1925	Mich. Normal	Mich. Normal		
1926	Albion	Mich. Normal		
1927	Hillsdale	Hillsdale		
1928	Hillsdale	Albion		
1929	Olivet	Albion		
1930	Olivet	Albion		
1931	Kalamazoo	Albion		
1932	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		
1933	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		
1934	Albion ³	Kalamazoo		Hope
1935	Albion ⁴	Kalamazoo		Kalamazoo
1936	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		Olivet
1937	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		Olivet
1938	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo		Kalamazoo
1939	Kalamazoo	Albion		Kalamazoo
1940	Kalamazoo	Albion		Kalamazoo
1941	Kalamazoo	Albion		Alma
1942	Kalamazoo	Alma		Kalamazoo
1943	Kalamazoo	Albion		
1944-45	War years, no championships.			
1946	Kalamazoo	Albion		Alma
1947	Kalamazoo	Albion		Hope
1948	Kalamazoo	Albion	Hillsdale	Alma
1949	Kalamazoo	Albion	Hillsdale	Alma
1950	Kalamazoo	Albion	Albion	Albion

