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CEOs want tighter academic standards for eligibility

Presidents and chancellors of Division I member institutions—and especially those in Division I-A—favor steps to strengthen academic requirements for both initial and continuing athletics eligibility.

In a mail survey of all chief executive officers at NCAA member institutions, conducted for the NCAA Presidents Commission, impressive majorities of Division I CEOs supported a strengthening of current requirements in both areas

of athletics eligibility.

Meanwhile, Division II CEOs were split almost evenly on whether to strengthen standards for initial eligibility but supported tightening of continuing-eligibility rules. Division III chief executives clearly did not support any change in that division's approach to academic requirements, which largely leaves the matter to institutional standards.

Here is a summary of the results, by division:

Division I

Of those responding, exactly two-thirds (66.7 percent) favor tightening the requirements for initial eligibility. That percentage includes 79.7 percent in Division I-A, 57.4 percent in I-AA and 62.5 percent in I-AAA.

The most popular means of strengthening the initial-eligibility requirements: use of an indexing formula of some kind (e.g., where a higher test score can offset a lower grade-point average in the core curricu-

lum) and increasing the number of required core courses. In each instance, 55.1 percent of those who favor strengthening the requirements (and 36.7 percent of all respondents) supported those options. The most favored core increase was from 11 to either 12 or 13 courses.

Meanwhile, 75.7 percent of the Division I CEOs responding favor strengthening requirements for continuing eligibility, including 84.7 percent in Division I-A, 70.4 percent

in I-AA and 71.9 percent in I-AAA.

The most popular step in that regard would be to add some type of cumulative GPA requirement to the satisfactory-progress rule—60.4 percent of those favoring some strengthening supported that approach (as did 45.8 percent of all respondents). The next highest alternative: requiring completion of at least 20 percent of the individual's degree credits each year.

One of the more interesting results in the survey was the fact that only 26 of the 177 Division I respondents, or 14.9 percent, favored declaring all freshmen ineligible. That percentage was lower by about five percent than in a mid-1980s survey of Division I CEOs that included the freshman-eligibility issue.

Of the 296 Division I CEOs, 177 responded, or 59.8 percent. That included 55.7 percent in Division I-A and 62.1 percent in both I-AA and I-AAA.

Division II

Division II chief executives were not in agreement on whether to tighten that division's initial-eligibility standards. While 53.1 percent of those responding supported some sort of strengthening, that narrow majority probably indicates that the issue is too close to call in that division. On the other hand, the division favors strengthening requirements for continuing eligibility by a 3-to-1 margin (95 to 32 of those responding).

If the division did move to toughen its initial-eligibility requirements, use of some type of indexing formula would be the most popular approach, according to the survey.

In the continuing-eligibility category, the most popular option was to adopt the rule that Division I passed in January: The student-

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Council meets

The NCAA Council conducted its April 15-17 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, to begin work on its 1991 agenda. The Council considered recommendations on academic requirements for athletics eligibility and heard a report from a new

subcommittee assigned to review 1991 reform proposals. A report on the Council's major actions will be published in the April 24 issue of The NCAA News. A report on all Council actions will be published in a later issue.

Division I coaches to discuss rules on recruiting

Division I coaches representing all NCAA sports will meet April 24-25 in Overland Park, Kansas, to discuss the concept of simplifying NCAA recruiting rules. Attendance is expected to be about 100, including executives of various coaches associations.

The meeting is a result of a suggestion made by NCAA Executive Director Richard D. Schultz during his State of the Association address at the 1991 Convention in Nashville (see accompanying story).

Any consensus proposals for simplification or deregulation concerning the Association's recruiting rules that are developed at the meeting will be forwarded to the NCAA Recruiting Committee for review at its spring meeting. The Recruiting Committee then will report to the Association's Council at that group's summer meeting.

Ultimately, legislative proposals may be developed and sponsored by the Council for consideration at the 1992 NCAA Convention.

"One important aspect of this

process is that it will involve every element of the Association's legislative process," said Associate Executive Director Stephen R. Morgan, who is organizing the coaches gathering. "This will not be a situation where any element of the membership will have an opportunity to

circumvent the legislative system.

"Not only will this meeting be an opportunity for coaches to provide direct input regarding possible changes in NCAA recruiting rules, it also will result in any consensus proposals being forwarded through the Association's normal legislative

process."

Morgan added that two members of the Recruiting Committee—chair Jody Conrath of the University of Texas at Austin, and George H. Raveling of the University of Southern California—will attend the April 24-25 meeting.

"That should provide an opportunity for the other members of the Recruiting Committee to hear firsthand reports of the concerns that led to development of any consensus proposals that are forwarded to the committee later this spring," Morgan

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Basketball payout is \$31.2 million

The NCAA April 19 will mail checks totaling \$31,250,000 to Division I conferences and independent institutions that qualified for the participation pool in the Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

The checks represent the first distribution from the \$1 billion contract with CBS Sports for television NCAA championships over a seven-year period.

According to the NCAA revenue distribution plan, additional funds will be shared from a grant-in-aid pool, and pools for sports sponsorship, academic enhancement and needy student-athletes.

The formula for grant-in-aid pool (\$20,833,333) distribution has not been finalized.

The sports-sponsorship pool totals \$10,416,667, the academic-enhancement pool \$7,375,000 and the needy-student-athlete pool \$3 million.

The distribution schedule calls for academic-enhancement payments to be mailed June 28, followed by needy-student-athlete funds August 2, sports-sponsorship payments August 16 and grants-in-aid moneys August 30.

The basketball-participation payments are based on teams' partici-

pation in the tournament over a rolling, six-year period.

The Atlantic Coast Conference will receive the biggest payment from the basketball pool at \$3,965,517. The Big East Conference will get \$3,793,103 and the Big Ten Conference \$3,491,379.

Payments to other conferences are as follows:

Big Eight Conference \$2,500,000; Southeastern Conference \$2,413,793; Pacific-10 Conference \$1,293,103; Southwest Athletic Conference \$1,206,897; Big West Conference \$1,120,690; Independents \$1,034,482;

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Division I

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said. "That should prove helpful to the committee in its review."

After an opening session April 24, coaches will divide into smaller groups to look more closely at specific areas of NCAA recruiting legislation. Following what amounts to a full day of these detailed reviews, the groups will reassemble for review of reports from each session.

Included on the roster of attendees are the Division I members of the boards of directors of the American Football Coaches Association, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. "We also have invited the full-time executive directors of all coaches associations that have such positions in their structures," Morgan said.

Also invited were the presidents of coaches associations in all NCAA sports, or Division I designees in those cases where the current president represents Divisions II or III NCAA members or a nonmember institution.

Recruiting only

"It also is significant to note that this meeting is intended to discuss NCAA recruiting regulations only," Morgan said. "Those attending will not discuss playing and practice seasons or coaching-staff limitations—only recruiting.

"It is hoped that this concentration on one area will lead to significant discussion and consensus on proposals designed to simplify recruiting rules," he added. "That is what Mr. Schultz intended when he called for this meeting."

Coaches' meeting is a first

Last January, NCAA Executive Director Richard D. Schultz planted with the membership the seed that has grown into a first-of-its-kind meeting April 24-25, bringing together Division I coaches representing all NCAA sports. Recruiting rules are the focus of the conclave, which is intended to promote discussion and development of consensus proposals to simplify the Association's recruiting regulations.

Following is that portion of the text from Schultz's 1991 State of the Association address in which he called for this meeting:

"To reduce and simplify the rules, we have to be serious about deregulation. We have talked a lot about this in the past, but we really have not been serious or taken the proper steps to bring this about.

"To help accomplish this, we are in the process of establishing a meeting in Kansas City next spring with representative coaches from all Division I sports. The purpose of this meeting is a very simple one: to see if we can get agreement from coaches to reduce and simplify the recruiting rules.

"To eliminate those that are discriminatory and unneeded and end up with a very concise set of rules that are easy to understand and can easily be followed. At the same time, we want coaches to also agree on automatic penalties if they violate this simple set of rules.

"If we can be successful with this meeting for simplifying recruiting rules, we then can ask the Council to submit these changes to the 1992 Convention."

Committee Notices

Member institutions are invited to submit nominations to fill interim vacancies on NCAA committees. Nominations to fill the following vacancy must be received by Fannie B. Vaughan, executive assistant, in the NCAA office no later than May 8, 1991.

Olympic Sports Liaison Committee: Replacement for Micki King Hogue, University of Kentucky, declined appointment.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

The following changes should be made in the 1991 NCAA Committee Handbook. Some of the listings are included in order to supply full names and initials for those who need this information.

NCAA Council

Division I: J. Dudley Pewitt's title is distinguished service professor instead of vice-president, administration.

Executive Committee

Mary Barrett's zip code is 02125 instead of 01225.

Council-appointed Committees

Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports: Richard D. Schindler.

Legislative Review: G. E. "Sonny" Moran Jr.

Olympic Sports Liaison: Rev. E. William (instead of William E.) Beauchamp. DeLores (instead of Delores) S. Todd. Theodore S. (instead of A.) Paulaskas. Delete Micki King Hogue, University of Kentucky, declined.

Committee on Review and Planning: Delete Micki King Hogue, University of Kentucky, declined appointment.

Two-Year College Relations: Dennis A. Farrell, George H. Raveling.

Walter Byers Scholarship: Jeffrey H. Fogelson.

Committee on Women's Athletics: Paul E. Hartman, Oakland University.

Sports committee

Men's Basketball Rules: William M. Scanlon.

Field Hockey: Deborah Twced, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, appointed to replace Jan Hutchinson, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, effective immediately.

Football Rules: Joseph V. Paterno.

Men's and Women's Golf: Jack G. Mehl.

Men's and Women's Soccer Rules: John S. MacKenzie.

Men's and Women's Skiing: Robert L. Fisher.

Men's Soccer: William R. Barfield, Samuel B. Snow.

Men's and Women's Swimming: Representing men's swimming: Delete Robert Boettner, no longer at Clemson University. **Representing women's swimming:** Keight C. Converse, Anne Goodman James. **Representing men's and women's diving,** Richard J. Kimball.

Men's and Women's Tennis: Elected chair, effective September 1, 1991: Scott Perelman, University of Kansas.

Men's Water Polo: A. Page Rcmillard.

Convention committees

Credentials: Reelected all listed for additional terms, beginning May 1, 1991, and expiring May 1, 1992.

Memorial Resolutions: Reelected James Doyle and Laurie Priest for additional terms, beginning May 1, 1991, and expiring May 1, 1992. Appointed Catherine C. Haker, College of St. Rose, to replace Richard A. Johannmeier, term to begin May 1, 1991, and to expire May 1, 1992. Appointed Laurie Priest, Mount Holyoke College, as chair, effective May 1, 1991.

Voting: Reappointed all except Marnie W. Swift for additional terms expiring May 1, 1992. Kathy Lindahl, Michigan State University, appointed to replace Marnie W. Swift, University of Toledo, effective May 1, 1991. Appointed Katherine E. Noble, University of Montana, chair, effective May 1, 1991.

Special Committees

Special Advisory Committee to Review Implementation of 1990 Convention Proposal No. 24: Gail J. Fullerton.

Special Advisory Committee for Women's Corporate Marketing: Christine Plonsky.

Subcommittees

Council Subcommittee to Develop a Division I-AAA Football Classification: Walter Reed, Florida A&M University (I-AA) instead of I-AAA.

Council Subcommittee to Review 1991 Reform Proposals: Irwin M. Cohen.

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Summer baseball—NCAA Bylaw 30.12

Member institutions should note that student-athletes may participate in summer baseball leagues that receive funding from the NCAA through Major League Baseball only if such leagues are approved by the NCAA Summer Baseball Subcommittee per NCAA Bylaw 21.3.20.2(c). In order to be approved by the NCAA Summer Baseball Subcommittee, the summer baseball league receiving funding from the NCAA through Major League Baseball must meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 30.12. The following leagues have been approved by the Summer Baseball Subcommittee and, thus, must comply with the requirements set forth in Bylaw 30.12:

- (1) Arizona Collegiate Baseball League
- (2) Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League
- (3) Cape Cod Baseball League
- (4) Central Illinois Collegiate League
- (5) Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League
- (6) Jayhawk League
- (7) Los Angeles Basin Collegiate League
- (8) Northeastern Collegiate Baseball League
- (9) San Diego Collegiate Baseball League
- (10) Valley Baseball League

Please note the regulations set forth in Bylaw 30.12 apply only to leagues receiving funding from the NCAA through Major League Baseball. Other amateur summer baseball leagues are not required to meet the operational guidelines in Bylaw 30.12.

High-school all-star games—NCAA Bylaws 13.14 and 30.2

Member institutions should note that in accordance with Bylaw 13.14.1, it is not permissible for any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or player selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic players or those who, during the previous school year, were members of high-school athletics teams. If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high-school all-star game prior to being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's staff before the game is held, the coach shall be obligated to disassociate himself or herself from the all-star game. Also, a member institution's facility shall not be made available for a high-school all-star game unless the provisions of Bylaw 13.12.3.3 have been satisfied. Per Bylaw 13.12.3.3, the use of a member institution's facilities shall not be considered a tryout, provided the institution's athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the high-school all-star game (other than activities incidental to supervising the use of the facilities) and are subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation (see Bylaws 13.1.5.2.2 and 13.1.7). Finally, it is not permissible for an institution to provide any athletics equipment to a prospect to utilize in a high-school all-star game.

Per Bylaw 30.2.1, a prospective student-athlete who enrolls in an NCAA institution shall be denied the first year of collegiate athletics competition

if, following completion of high-school eligibility in the prospect's sport and prior to the prospect's high-school graduation, the prospect competes in more than two all-star football contests or two all-star basketball contests. A high-school all-star contest is any contest in the sports of football or basketball that meets the following criteria:

(a) Teams participating in the contest involve individuals who have completed their high-school eligibility in the sport and have not yet enrolled in or attended classes during a regular term at a collegiate institution;

(b) The contest is scheduled and publicized in advance;

(c) The competition is sponsored and promoted by an individual, organization or agency, and

(d) The individuals are selected for participation in the contest on an invitational basis and have not yet competed together previously as members of a team that played a regular schedule of games in an organized recreation or interscholastic program.

Contests conducted under the above-mentioned criteria shall not be considered all-star competition if one or more of the following conditions is applicable:

(a) The contest occurs within a framework of a regularly scheduled recreational program involving solely participants from the community in which the sponsor is located;

(b) The competition is limited solely to participants from the community in which the sponsor is located and no revenue, including gate receipts, concessions, program sales or contributions, is generated from the contest;

(c) The competition is scheduled within the framework of an established cultural exchange program involving other educational activities, or

(d) The contest is scheduled in conjunction with developmental competition sponsored by the national governing body of amateur basketball (USA Basketball) or an active member thereof.

Per Bylaw 30.2.1.3, multiple competition (e.g., tournaments) involving more than one contest or two teams will be considered high school all-star competition if the above-mentioned criteria defining a high school all-star contest is applicable. Each game conducted under such circumstances would be considered a high-school all-star contest. Please note that there are no limitations on the number of all-star football contests or all-star basketball contests that a prospective student-athlete may participate in subsequent to the prospect's high-school graduation and prior to the time that the prospect becomes a student-athlete.

Satisfactory progress—prior approval of summer courses

As the end of the academic year approaches, member institutions should note that prior approval by appropriate academic officials of the certifying institution is required if courses taken during another institution's summer term are to be utilized in determining whether the student has satisfied minimum academic progress requirements (i.e., good academic standing and satisfactory progress) to represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate competition.

This material was provided by the NCAA legislative services department as an aid to member institutions. If an institution has a question it would like to have answered in this column, the question should be directed to the legislative services department at the NCAA national office.

Nominations open for NCAA Woman of the Year Award

Nominations are open for the first NCAA Woman of the Year Award, which is presented by Hanes Her Way—a division of Sara Lee Corporation, the Association's official corporate partner for women's athletics programs.

Athletics directors and senior

women administrators of athletics programs recently were mailed information packages on the award, including nomination folders.

"Student-athletes at NCAA institutions represent the highest ideals of competition, teamwork, scholarship and leadership," said Executive

Director Richard D. Schultz. "The unprecedented nature of this program—encompassing all NCAA member institutions and awarding significant revenues—provides the opportunity to capture the attention of sports enthusiasts nationwide."

Grass-roots program

One goal of the awards program is to provide an opportunity for grass-roots exposure of outstanding women student-athletes nationwide. Member institutions are encouraged to participate by selecting a woman of the year who will serve as their nominee for state and national recognition.

Winners will be selected from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Ten finalists will be named from among these 52 honorees, and one national winner will be selected as NCAA Woman of the Year.

Hanes Her Way will present \$10,000 to the winner's institution for its women's athletics program. The other nine finalists' institutions will receive \$5,000 awards from the company.

These awards are in addition to the \$5,000 awards that will be made to each state winner's institution.

Institutional winners must be selected by a campus panel that must include at least four of the following individuals: chief executive officer (or designee), athletics academic advisor, sports information department representative, senior woman administrator, faculty athletics representative and student-athlete representative.

Institutional winners will receive a recognition certificate from Hanes Her Way and become eligible for the state award. State winners will be selected by media panels and will be named by August 15.

Finalists by fall

A national media panel will select 10 finalists, who will be notified in early fall. A second national media panel will select the national winner, who will be announced at presentation ceremonies in mid-October.

Three selection criteria—athletics excellence, academic achievement, and service and leadership—will carry equal weight in the selection process. To be eligible for selection, nominees must:

- Be varsity letter-winners.
- Complete intercollegiate eligibility by the end of the spring 1991 sports season.

• Agree to attend the national award ceremony if selected as a finalist.

Nominees representing Divisions I, II and III member institutions will be considered equally.

June 15 deadline

Institutional nomination forms must be submitted to Patricia A. Sabo at Host Communications no later than June 15. Questions, requests for additional information and nominations should be directed to Sabo at Host Communications Sports, 546 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40508 (telephone 606/253-3230).

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athlete must have completed at least 50 percent of his or her degree credits by the beginning of the fourth year of competition.

Running a close second was a requirement that a student-athlete have a cumulative 2.000 GPA (on a 4.000 scale) at any time in order to be eligible.

Both of those options were supported by a majority of those who favor strengthening requirements, though neither had a majority of all respondents in the division.

Of the 209 Division II CEOs, 130 participated in the survey, or 62.2 percent.

Division III

Division III presidents and chancellors rejected possible changes in the initial-eligibility category by nearly a 2-to-1 ratio (110 to 58), and 57.4 percent did not support changes in continuing eligibility in that division.

The primary message from the

Division III respondents was that any additional national regulation in that division is neither necessary nor desirable.

Of the 323 Division III CEOs, 169 (52.3 percent) participated in the survey.

The NCAA Presidents Commission reviewed the survey results in its April 3-4 meeting and is proceeding to consider various alternatives to strengthen the NCAA's academic requirements for athletics eligibility, as reported in the April 10 issue of *The NCAA News*.

Wooden award

Larry Johnson of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has won another college player-of-the-year honor, this time the John Wooden award given by the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Johnson, a 6-7, 250-pound senior forward, was the winner in voting by 1,000 sports writers and broadcasters from throughout the country.



At Council meeting

*Division II Vice-President Anthony F. Ceddia, president of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, seeks the attention of the chair during the NCAA Council's meeting April 15 in Kansas City, Missouri. A report on the meeting will be published in the April 24 issue of *The NCAA News*.*

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Comment

Limits on spring football frustrate SWC coaches

By Al Carter
The Houston Post

It was an age of cavaliers and kings. Of bluebonnets, dogwood blossoms and, of course, blocking dummies. Of position changes, new formations and, once a week for a solid month, black-and-blue scrimmages.

You may read about it only in this column.

Spring football—gone with the wind.

"I know a lot of the old-timers will talk about how tough spring training used to be," Texas Tech University coach Spike Dykes said. "But the truth is, they really did love the laid-back pace of spring football."

Alas, the mint julep days are over. Once spring football in the Southwest Athletic Conference was a social event, a combination livestock show and football laboratory big



Spike Dykes

enough to draw multitudes to intrasquad games and scramble reporters in search of hot stories.

"Anybody comes out here now," Dykes said, "and they'll be writing about the weather."

The reason is NCAA reform. New rules put into effect this year limit spring drills to just 10 days in pads and 15 sessions overall.

"It's not good," says University of Houston coach John Jenkins. "There are some coaches who say



John Jenkins

you don't need spring ball. But it's really hard for me to imagine why a coach would say that—unless he's just not interested in working."

With the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, leaving and the fate of the conference hanging by a thread, league coaches are in their usual off-season whirl to try to keep up or stay ahead of the Joneses. The recruiting season just ended was the SWC's best in seven years. Still, coaches are rubbing their eyes over the NCAA's new silent spring.

Back when, schools were allowed 36 days to complete 20 days of spring work. Now, the NCAA says all spring work must be completed in 22 days.

"It forces you to go straight through, to go even on weekends to get your days in," Texas A&M University's R. C. Slocum said. "It really makes you wonder about how much research was put into it."

"This used to be a time to develop your football team without having to deal with the pressure of getting ready for a game," Dykes said. "Now, you just try to cram everything into an allotment of just 10 days in pads. You don't even try to work on position changes or winning positions."

Dykes is a witness to much of the history of SWC football etched in spring drills. He served on Darrell Royal's staff in 1973 when quarterback Alan Lowry guided the Longhorns to the SWC championship and a Cotton Bowl victory over the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

"We had us an all-conference safety in Alan Lowry; and yet, we had the time in the spring to take a chance and get him ready to play quarterback," Dykes said.

"There were a million examples like that. It was just amazing the experiments you could afford to do. But now? You wouldn't have a chance to move an Alan Lowry to

quarterback with just 10 days in pads."

When scholarship limitations went on the books 15 years ago, the carnival atmosphere of spring football began to die out. Spring injuries left many teams crippled for fall competition. Coaches terminated traditional spring games and varsity-alumni contests to save bodies. The new wisdom holds spring football to be an unnecessary evil.

Jenkins disagrees. He cites the same concerns in pleading for a full spring practice schedule.

"We got players getting bigger and faster all the time; and yet, they're not getting the fundamental training they need to keep the game safe," Jenkins said.

"That's what spring football is all about—to teach guys the proper way to tackle and block. The impact of collisions is greater now. It bothers me to think there may be another Chuckie Mullins case down the line."

"Pretty soon, people are going to wonder about whatever happened to college football being a pretty good game," Dykes said. "If the Ivy League is what they want, that may be what they're fixing to get."

Women's Final Four making good progress

By Ailene Voisin
The Atlanta Journal and Constitution
Excerpted from a column

Upon reflection, here are some questions, thoughts and insights about the NCAA women's Final Four in New Orleans?

Is anyone watching?

Even if viewers watched only by mistake as a few coaches suspected the Tennessee-Virginia title game earned a respectable 5.2 rating, up 41 percent from a year ago. Now that's progress.

What are hard-core hoop fans saying?

First of all, that was not Randy Breuer disguised as Heather Burge. Or was that Heidi Burge? OK, so the Cavaliers twins had a long weekend. The games generally were well-played, competitive and, particularly the championship, deserving of prime-time CBS coverage.

Is Dawn Staley—virtually everyone's player of the year—the next role model for preteen and teen female players?

Not really. Not yet. The main "man" remains Michael Jordan, who continues to transcend gender and convince young girls that, if they eat their Wheaties and wear their Air Jordan high-tops, anything is possible. Even slam dunks.

What about the perception that women are too wimpy to excel at a physical sport such as basketball?

Nonsense. Staley was literally

carried into the locker room after experiencing severe leg cramps during the NCAA semifinal game, yet quickly pronounced that nothing would cause her to skip the championship. (Willis Reed would have been impressed.) And to those remaining skeptics, just observe an Average American Male in a delivery room sometime. Case closed.

So if the sport is so competitive and compelling, how does the word get out?

Simple. It starts with the coaches. They don't have to throw chairs, chew out the student newspaper editors or wage annual wars with the NCAA; but sports is about people and passion.

Why should men coach women's basketball when women are not being hired to coach either in men's college programs or the NBA?

Good question. As the pool of qualified women coaching candidates exceeds the number of men, they undoubtedly will dominate the women's ranks.

But why should coaching pioneers such as Andy Landers and Leon Barmore be penalized because of societal inequities? Or how, in good conscience, could someone suggest that UConn's Geno Auriemma is unqualified because he is male?

Hopefully, the women will continue to learn from their experienced male colleagues without absorbing their flaws.

Spring football serves no purpose

Bernard F. Sliger, president
Florida State University

Chicago Tribune

"I'm for phasing it out (spring football practice). It's excessive. What purpose does it serve?"

"Anytime you're out there, you're in combat. The longer you're in combat, the more likely you are to get hurt."

"I never bought the argument that players do better academically in season. That's like saying, 'We can't let the kid go away from home, because he won't study.' They have to learn for themselves at some point."

Ricky Byrdson, head men's basketball coach
University of Detroit

Dallas Times Herald

"Black assistants (men's basketball) have to shake the stereotype that their primary role is to recruit and baby-sit minority players."

"A lot of time that might be your primary function, and I can accept that. But when there is an opening (for a head coach), the AD wants to know if you can do more than recruit. You have to ask to do other things."

John Cooper, head football coach
Ohio State University

Chicago Tribune

"You won't see as polished a product (with a shorter spring practice). You're asking us to accomplish the same things in less time. It can't be done."

"Our kids do better in the fall when they're under a strict regimen. They get better grades, because they're more disciplined. They go to study hall and have better work habits. This idea that spring practice hurts them in the classroom is a bunch of baloney."

Katie Fletcher, varsity student-athlete
University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Omaha World-Herald

"Being a member of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, cross country and track and field teams means working very hard in the summer. I wake up early to lace up my running shoes and hit the roads before the draining heat takes effect, running about 60 miles a week."

"Due to academic and athletic demands, I don't hold a job during school. Summer is my chance to earn money and gain experience in a career field by interning."

"During the school year, I manage my school work, practice and travel to meets on weekends. I'm very busy, and I like it that way."

"There is no truth to the myth that college athletes are lazy or dumb jocks. To be successful at the college level, in academics and athletics, one must be intelligent,

goal-oriented and determined to achieve those goals.

"My teammates and I run three to five miles every morning, attend classes during the day, run a speed workout or longer run after afternoon practice and study at night."

"Is being part of a Big Eight championship team and doing well in the national meet worth the hectic schedule, sweat and sacrifice? I wouldn't want it any other way."

James I. Tarmen, director of athletics
Pennsylvania State University

Sports information release

"It (Knight Commission report) will further stimulate the climate for athletics reform that has been evident at the two most recent NCAA Conventions, particularly



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the 1991 meeting in Nashville.

"I was pleased to see the report mentioned that 'at the huge majority of these institutions, virtually all of these young athletes participate without any evidence of scandal or academic abuse.' I believe Penn State is part of that majority."

Jon Wefald, president
Kansas State University

The Kansas City Star

"It's tough for a university president to balance the quest for academic excellence with the need for a winning team."

"That's a very difficult question. The alumni, not only in this state but throughout the country, would love to be in the Final Four or the Orange Bowl. I would like that."

"But if you look at it from the point of why universities actually exist, then there is no hesitation but to stress academic scholarship and have an impressive record of student scholarship. You have to put that first."

Glenn Dickey, columnist

San Francisco Chronicle

"Commenting on the problem Duke's Christian Laettner had in producing a urine specimen for a drug test after the Blue Devils' semifinal victory over Nevada-Las Vegas (in the Final Four), CBS' Billy Packer suggested that drug tests be done before a game."

"I've got a better suggestion: Eliminate them entirely. What are we doing testing college students for drugs just because they're athletes? Would anybody think of testing history majors? If anybody needs to take a drug test, it's the fuzzy thinkers in the NCAA hierarchy."

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Bruin athletes commit to community-outreach program

In an era in which athletes are seen as self-centered and spoiled, University of California, Los Angeles, student-athletes have become involved in community-oriented programs. The goal of UCLA's Community Outreach Program is to use Bruin student-athletes as positive role models for youngsters.

UCLA's Community Outreach Program, coordinated by Frank Stephens, assistant director of athletics and former Bruin football player, focuses on activities. The UCLA Child Development Center treats seriously ill children who are afflicted by cancer and other terminal diseases. UCLA student-athletes visit these youngsters with the object of brightening their lives and also inviting some of the children to a team practice.

In the Los Angeles Unified School District, student-athletes visit schools, specifically in the San Fernando Valley and the Compton areas, to speak to students on the importance of staying in school, saying no to drugs and staying out of gangs.

UCLA's Community Outreach Program also is involved with the Special Olympics. Student-athletes either coach a team from among 19 sports or volunteer to work at one of the 350 events scheduled throughout the year.

UCLA also is involved in the Pacific Lodge Boys Home in Woodland Hills. The home provides treatment programs for substance abuse, helps boys develop social skills and

provides education through an accredited year-round school. UCLA's student-athletes make visits on the weekend to play sports and talk with the boys, ages 13 through 17.

"We feel this is an important facet of the education of the student-athlete," says Stephens. "These young men and women can be positive role models for youngsters, especially those who live in areas where there is pressure to become involved in drugs or gangs. If we can help change the life of even one youngster by showing that he can succeed by saying no to drugs, staying out of gangs and staying in school, then we have accomplished our goal."

"The same is true with youngsters who have terminal illnesses. Many times, these youngsters think that nobody cares about them or that it is their fault that they are ill. A visit from an athlete, especially one they have seen on television or read about in newspapers, can do wonders for a youngster."

"Our student-athletes know that they are fortunate to be at a school like UCLA and want to give something back to the community. They want to make a difference," Stephens said.

Golf classic helps fund clinic

Former University of Florida all-America and all-pro wide receiver Cris Collinsworth hosted the sixth annual Cris Collinsworth Benefit

Golf Classic April 7-8 in Gainesville, Florida, to benefit the Sid Martin Bridge House, a drug- and alcohol-abuse facility in Gainesville.

More than 40 former Gator greats and a number of current NFL players attended. Also present was 1966

SAVVY) to help those less fortunate than themselves. AU-SAVVY operates in conjunction with the eastern branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington.

Started this academic year, AU-SAVVY has blossomed. The inten-

and on some weekends.

There has been no lack of ideas for activities: volleyball, soccer, basketball, health fairs, swim meets, wrestling and cheerleading instruction, to name just a few. The boys and girls have had overnights on campus, where charades and movies highlighted the occasions. During holidays, the athletes acted as hosts for the club's Halloween haunted house, and a swimming/Christmas party at the university.

To steer the youngsters in a productive direction is the program's ultimate goal. It's expected that drug and alcohol education will become part of the program.

Getting the children to recognize education as the No. 1 priority is among the program's goals, said Joseph F. O'Donnell, director of athletics.

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Good sports

Heisman Trophy winner and Florida head football coach Steve Spurrier.

More than \$60,000 has already been raised this year for the alcohol- and drug-abuse facility through the efforts of the golf classic. A number of fund-raising activities associated with the classic will continue through June. Since the classic began, more than \$300,000 has been raised.

Athletes volunteer to help community

American University's student-athletes implemented a volunteer program last fall in an attempt to give something back to the community.

They have initiated the American University—Student-Athlete Volunteers Vital for Youth program (AU-

tion at the start of the program was to develop ties and personal relationships with the young boys and girls through entertainment activities.

The establishment of a strong bond of friendship and trust was paramount to the success of the program. The student-athlete coordinators believe a rapport between the children and athletes has been created and that the opportunity for successful tutoring and mentoring has been achieved.

AU-SAVVY has no plans to reduce the number of activities planned for the spring semester, which have usually numbered two a week. The schedule calls for tutoring services to be available Tuesday through Friday in the afternoons for approximately two hours each day, while sports events will be held twice weekly during the evenings

Hawaii's new TV pact for 30 events annually

The University of Hawaii's intercollegiate athletics program has been guaranteed television coverage for the next six years by a contract extension announced March 16 by the school and KHNL-TV.

Hawaii's athletics department and KHNL-TV currently are in the middle of a three-year, \$2.8 million contract, and according to the terms released March 16, the contract will be extended for another five years with the university receiving approximately \$7.5 million for the next six years. The \$7.5 million will be in cash, air time and production services. Hawaii Athletics Director Stanley B. Sheriff and Doug Armstrong, vice-president and general manager of KHNL-TV, called the contract "innovative, involving income sharing."

The contract secures a pact with Prime Ticket, which guarantees a minimum of 30 Hawaii athletics events annually being available to cable subscribers in southern California, Nevada and Arizona. Prime Ticket also is affiliated with Prime Sports Network, which reaches four



Stanley B. Sheriff

million homes across the nation.

The contract also has KHNL-TV underwriting regional- and/or national-championship events being held in Hawaii.

"This agreement will ensure that the people of Hawaii will continue to receive the Rainbows and Rainbow Wahines in their homes for many years to come," said Armstrong.

"I don't think there's any university in the nation that has a comprehensive deal such as this," added Sheriff.

Questions/Answers

Readers are invited to submit questions to this column. Please direct any inquiries to The NCAA News at the NCAA national office.

Q Are there any specific qualifications needed for service on an NCAA committee?

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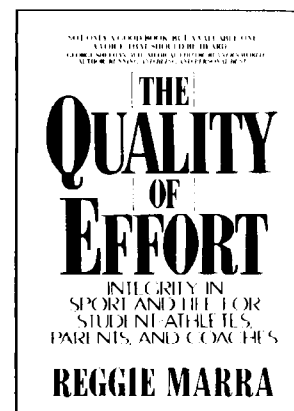
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CCA and UCA will merge into one organization

By Laura E. Bollig
The NCAA News Staff

The Collegiate Commissioners Association and the University Commissioners Association, groups which have seen their goals for intercollegiate athletics become similar in the past few years, will merge this summer to form one organization.

The new group, known as the Collegiate Commissioners Association, will hold its first meeting June 24-28, 1991. James W. Lessig, commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, will serve as the association's first president. Pacific-10 Conference Commissioner Thomas C. Hansen will be vice-president, and David Price, associate commissioner of the Pac-10, will serve as the group's secretary-treasurer.

As commissioner of both the Mid-American Athletic and Sun Belt Conferences, Lessig has been involved with each group. It was the opinion of many commissioners, he said, that efforts, especially in the area of legislative reform, could be more effective if the CCA and UCA were one.

"We've talked about this for some time now," Lessig said. "Both groups, although they vary in size, share the same goals. That's particularly true when it comes to legislation. In working toward reform, we felt that, in many cases, what we were doing was a duplication of efforts. We felt that in getting together we would represent a consensus in Division I."

The original CCA was formed in 1939, with its membership made up of conferences whose members sponsored Division I football and basketball. That membership later expanded to include conferences that were primarily Division I basketball conferences. During its 52-year existence, the CCA worked to develop the National Letter of Intent and to establish officiating enhancement programs. The UCA, formed in 1981, consisted mostly of Divisions I-AA and I-AAA conferences. Its primary focus centered on issues affecting schools that did not sponsor Division I-A football. The CCA's membership grew to 19 conferences, while the UCA had 28 member conferences. Eleven conferences held dual membership.



James
W.
Lessig



Thomas
C.
Hansen



David
Price

Joseph L. Kearney, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference, is currently president of the CCA. Colonial Athletic Association Commissioner Thomas E. Yeager serves as president of the UCA. Both men see the merger as a more effective way to conduct business.

"By and large, we focus on mutual issues," Kearney said. "In the times we met together, the sense was that we could be more productive as one entity."

"One group will really open the lines of communication but will still allow us to do things on a federated basis within the new structure,"

Yeager added.

Lessig said the main topic of business at the group's first meeting will be to decide on an operating mode for the new organization. In addition to the three officers, Lessig said three chairs will be elected to represent Division I-A, Division I-AA and Division I-AAA conferences, respectively.

"We haven't decided this yet, but probably what we will do is federate much like what the NCAA does at the Convention," Lessig said. "We will meet together on some issues

and then break off into separate divisions on other issues."

The issues that concerned each group separately will remain the major agenda items for the new association.

"We will take a close look at the legislative calendar for the 1992 Convention and look at the reform proposals that could affect Division I in the area of academics," Lessig said. "We will also take a look at the National Letter of Intent to see if changes need to be made. And officiating is always a big part of our meetings."

Volleyball attendance reaches one million second year in row

Women's volleyball attendance during the 1990 collegiate season surpassed the one-million mark for the second straight year, according to the annual American Volleyball Coaches Association national attendance survey released April 8.

Attendance highlights include an NCAA Division I record crowd of

10,935 when the University of Wisconsin, Madison, hosted the University of Illinois, Champaign, in an NCAA tournament first-round match, breaking the old mark of 10,645 set when Purdue University hosted Western Michigan University in 1985.

Other records included an NCAA

Division III record crowd of 3,417 when Washington University (Missouri) hosted the University of California, San Diego, in the Division III championship final. The University of New Mexico (6,512 vs. Utah) and the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, (6,046 vs. Purdue) regular-season crowds cracked the top-

10 listings, and the University Nebraska, Lincoln, set a record for single-season average at 3,031.

"Volleyball continues to grow in record fashion," said Sandra Vivas, executive director of the AVCA. "This is just a ripple in the ever-growing popularity of volleyball. As more people come out to watch the sport, the print and electronic media will continue to increase their coverage."

Nebraska, which finished fourth in the Division I attendance rankings last year, had in excess of 54,000 fans go through the Coliseum turnstiles during the 1990 season to

finish atop the season-average charts. The Cornhuskers join defending champion the University of the Pacific and Colorado State University as the only schools to lay claim to the attendance title.

Kearney State College made the most of its debut in NCAA Division II by setting a Division II season-average record of 1,612 per match. In fact, the Antelopes' figure ranks seventh among all schools.

Washington (Missouri) captured its second straight Division III attendance title with a 765 average, down slightly from last year's average of 820.

Three win coaches' scholarships

Postgraduate scholarships worth \$6,000 have been awarded to three players representing NCAA Divisions I, II and III who are the National Basketball Coaches Association's scholar-athletes of the year.

The awards, sponsored by the uniform manufacturer Champion Products, recognize academic and athletics excellence in men's basketball.

This year's recipients are Michael Iuzzolino, a guard at St. Francis College (Pennsylvania), representing Division I; Stuart Thomas, a center at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Division II, and Andrew Enfield, a guard at Johns Hopkins University, Division III.

Senior members of an NABC all-America team who have a 3.000

grade-point average (4.000 scale) or better are eligible for the awards. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement and player performance.

Iuzzolino and Thomas received honorable mention on NABC all-America teams for their divisions, and Enfield received third-team Division III honors.

The scholar-athlete awards were presented March 31 at a banquet during the NABC convention in Indianapolis.

Iuzzolino, who transferred from Pennsylvania State University to St. Francis (Pennsylvania) as a junior, was Northeast Conference player of the year this season after leading the Red Flash to a 21-7 record. He was nationally ranked in scoring, three-point field percentage and free-throw percentage statistics.

The political science and secondary education major has been a first-team COSIDA/GTE academic all-America for the past two years.

Thomas, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's leading scorer and rebounder, is a two-time member of the all-California Collegiate Athletic Association team and the all-West region first team, and was honored in January 1990 by Sports Illustrated as the small-college player of the week.

He is a social sciences major with a 3.000 GPA.

Enfield, a first-team COSIDA/GTE academic all-America selection this year, established an all-divisions record for career free-throw percentage at 92.5 percent and also established a Division III single-season free-throw percentage mark of 95.3 percent. He also is Johns Hopkins' all-time leading scorer.

The economics major carries a 3.480 GPA.

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Western Athletic Conference \$948,276; Metropolitan Collegiate Athletic Conference \$948,276; Atlantic 10 Conference \$905,172; Sun Belt Conference \$862,069; Midwestern Collegiate Conference \$646,552.

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Calendar

April 18	Council Subcommittee to Develop a Division I-AAA Football Classification, Kansas City, Missouri
April 18-19	NCAA Drug-Testing Workshop, Raleigh, North Carolina
April 19	NCAA Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) Assessment Workshop, Raleigh, North Carolina
April 19-21	Committee on Infractions, Kansas City, Missouri
April 23-26	Men's and Women's Skiing Committee, Marco Island, Florida
April 24-25	Division I Coaches Spring Meeting, Overland Park, Kansas
April 26-30	Men's and Women's Swimming Committee, Kansas City, Missouri
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Pitcher works 41 innings, goes 4-2—in one day!

Courtney Hanks is redefining the term workhorse this season as she toils as the only pitcher on the University of North Carolina, Charlotte softball team. Her April 6 effort during Furman University's Spring Fling tournament is a perfect example.

All Hanks did was pitch 41 innings in six games—the first starting at 10 a.m., the last ending at 12:30 the next morning. Amazingly, Hanks went 4-2, losing only game Nos. 1 and 5.

"I've never been that tired," Hanks told **Stan Olson** of *The Charlotte Observer*. "The mental fatigue, trying to stay sharp, was the worst part. The last two games, it was just, 'Let's get this over with.'"

At age 38, Rockford College women's softball player **Joanne Pernot** hasn't had much trouble keeping up with her teammates, or "the kids" as she calls them.

Pernot has two kids of her own—Elizabeth, 11, and Nicole, 9. She also has an interesting perspective on the growth of women's athletics since she graduated from Rockford (Illinois) West High School 20 years ago.

"I've thought a lot about what kind of athlete I would have been in high school," she said, of a time when high schools like Rockford West had no varsity girls' teams and women's athletics grants-in-aid were just about nonexistent.

"Maybe I could have gone to college on an athletics scholarship," she said. "I know a lot of girls I went to school with who might have done that. Then, I'll think about all the girls who never got the chance to play.

"Here I am getting the chance 20 years later. I'm getting my turn. They never will. Maybe I'll inspire some other 'old lady' to try it," she added. "I'm glad I did. I wouldn't have missed this for the world."

Former West Virginia University men's basketball star **Dale Blaney** is showing signs of a promising professional career—racing a winged outlaw sprint car. According to the *National Speed Sport News*, a weekly tabloid devoted to racing news from around the country, Blaney recently was named 1990 Western Pennsylvania rookie of the year by the area's racing media and track officials.

Blaney also earned rookie honors from the National Sprint Racing Poll and the Twin State Auto Racing Club. His older brother, **Dave**, has been successful on the World of Outlaws national sprint-car circuit, and his father, **Lou**, won some 500 career races at dirt tracks in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

The National Athletics Trainers Association (NATA) has awarded a \$5,000 grant to University of Florida staff members **Lisa Kelleher** (coordinator of athletics training), **Dr. Ed McFarland** (team orthopedic physician) and **Dr. Jeanne Pare** (rheumatology fellow) for a project titled "Factors Contributing to the Development of the Tibial Stress Syndrome." The group's work will be presented at the 1992 NATA convention.

After his first season at the school (1980), University of Evansville baseball coach **Jim Brownlee** was already 30 games below .500—his first team finished 7-37-1. Earlier this month, however, Brownlee's

winning percentage at the school passed .500 for the first time. Thanks to the Aces' 10-5-1 start, Brownlee's mark through March 26 was 314-312-3.

Thanks to NCAA Division III championships in football (Alle-

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gheny College) and men's swimming and women's swimming (Kenyon College twice, who else?), North Coast Athletic Conference teams now have claimed 16 NCAA titles in seven years. Does any other Division III conference have a better mark?

Pennsylvania State University—Behrend College hosted a celebration recently to recognize the 10th anniversary of NCAA women's championships. Among the invited guests was **Judy Saurer**, who coached women's basketball at four different Pennsylvania schools.

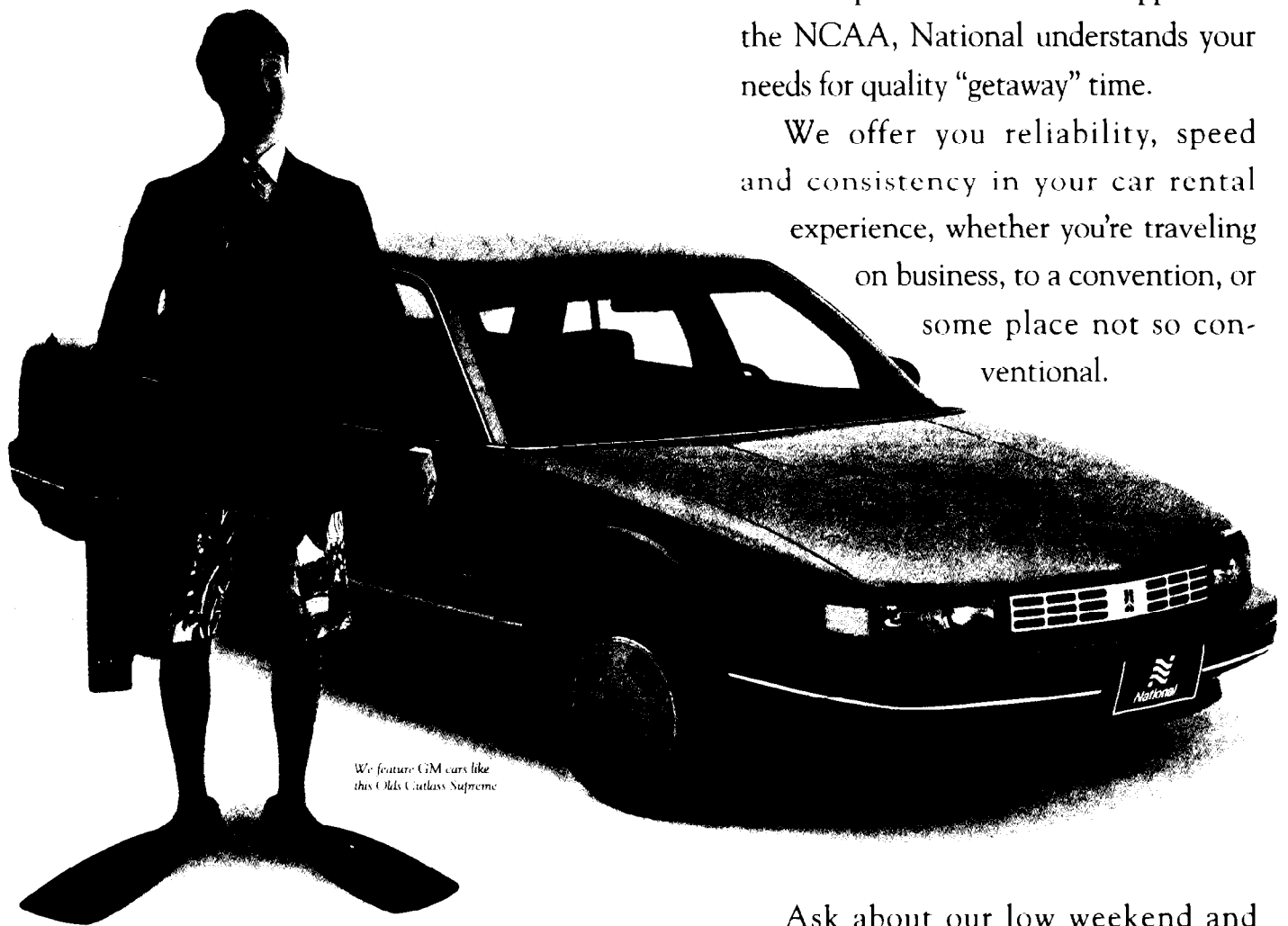
"The evening was very impressive," she said, "and I was honored to be acknowledged by Penn State-Behrend. I hope that (today's) players appreciate the efforts, the fights that went on for acceptance, for equality."

Regis College (Colorado) baseball coach **Tom Dedin** earned career victory No. 400 recently when his team swept two games from the University of Northern Colorado.



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