

**Drexel's Athletic Director
Dr. Eric Zillmer**

Now in his ninth year as Director of Athletics, Dr. Eric A. Zillmer oversees all components of the Athletics Department, including 16 Division I NCAA varsity teams, NCAA compliance, external relations, personnel, over 20 Club Sports, recreation and intramural sports, marketing, promotions, and fundraising ventures. "Drexel is a premier academic institution that deserves an equally prominent athletic program," says Dr. Zillmer, who was the University's former NCAA faculty-athletics representative and who assumed the role of Director of Athletics in April 1998. "Providing a strong commitment to achieving excellence in athletics, to ensuring the academic and personal needs of all student-athletes, to introducing sports, sportsmanship, and recreation into the fabric of the collegiate experience, to building relationships with the University and the community are the primary goals of Drexel Athletics," said Dr. Zillmer.



Dr. Eric Zillmer at the NCAA Museum in Indianapolis, Ind.

In 2001 Dr. Zillmer facilitated the transition from America East to the CAA, bringing all of Drexel's 16 Division I teams under the CAA umbrella, and overseeing the hiring of James "Bruiser" Flint and his staff. During his tenure as Director of Athletics, Dr. Zillmer has also been instrumental in the implementation of the Walter Spiro Varsity Weight Room, the state-of-the art Blue Cross Wellness Center, the remodeling of the department's Sport Medicine facility, and extensive renovations that are being constructed at the Vidas Athletic Complex. Drexel Athletics received the athletic department's largest gift from former Drexel Lacrosse player John A. Daskalakis, which will aid scholarships and renovate the Daskalakis Athletic Center. Former football All-American Vince Vidas' generous support contributed to an outdoor Sprinturf facility, Vidas Field, which soccer and lacrosse will call their home field, as well as new bleachers, scoreboards, and game lighting. In March of 2002 Drexel Athletics was named #1 in the nation in Gender Equity by U.S. News and World Report and last year the Pennsylvania Law Project listed Drexel as one of the top athletic programs in terms of Title IX. Dr. Zillmer is currently a member of the CAA Board of Directors, a member of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, the Army/Navy Host Committee, a founding member of the Philadelphia Sports Concussion Project, the chair of the CAA student-athlete issues committee, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the CAA.

Dr. Zillmer, a licensed clinical psychologist, received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Florida Tech in 1984 where he was subsequently awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1995. Dr. Zillmer completed internship training at Eastern Virginia Medical School and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Virginia Medical School. A member of Drexel University's faculty since 1988, Dr. Zillmer has been awarded a named professorship that is, the Carl R. Pacifico Professorship in Neuropsychology. Dr. Zillmer is a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the American Psychological Association, the Society for Personality Assessment, and the National Academy of Neuropsychology for which he also served as President. He has written extensively in the area of sports psychology, neuropsychology, and psychological assessment, having published more than 100 journal articles, book chapters, and books, and is a frequent contributor to the local and national TV/Radio on topics ranging from sports psychology to the psychology of terrorism including the Wall Street Journal, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News, the History Channel, Outdoor Life Network, WHYY and the BBC, among others. His popular textbook Principles of Neuropsychology is used internationally. Dr. Zillmer currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Personality Assessment, the Journal of Forensic Neuropsychology, and the Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology. His most recent book Military Psychology was published in August 2006 and examines the psychological contexts involved in the most recent military initiatives and geopolitical events.

Dr. Zillmer has also pioneered work in sports-related concussions and is an expert on the topics of psychological and neuropsychological assessment, sports psychology, and performance enhancement in sports. He is the co-author of the d2 Test of Attention, a popular assessment tool of athletic achievement and the Tower of London test. An award-winning teacher, Dr. Zillmer has created the course Sports Psychology at Drexel University and helped facilitate the Principles of Coaching Certificate as well as a new major in sport management. A former student-athlete himself, Dr. Zillmer spent his formative years in Germany, where he skied competitively and played tennis and basketball. Dr. Zillmer comes from a sports-oriented family; his father played baseball for Army '44, and his mother coached his sister on the Olympic team in figure skating (Grenoble, France 1968).