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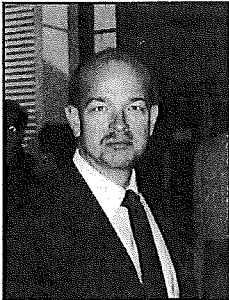
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Giving of our Best

by Dr. John Bratcher
NCCAA President &
Men's Soccer Coach,
Lee College



Last week a "super" store opened in our town with the promise of being "bigger and better". Yesterday I drove by

the old store which had been closed and noticed a crew using a crane to remove the signs and letters from the exterior walls. This store was no longer needed because supposedly it was smaller and therefore not better.

Phrases began popping into my head as I drove away: "Bigger and Better," "Better than Ever," "Quality and Quantity," "Quality Counts, not Quantity," "More for Your Money." They ran together in a non-sensical pattern.

Does the NCCAA have to be bigger to be better? Does quantity relate to quality? Which is more important? Do we need both? We are much bigger now than we were 20 years ago but we're not as big as we were 10 years ago...does that mean anything?

I believe it does. The institutions that are now associated with the NCCAA believe in its purpose and are truly committed. Our schools have given of their material and human resources to make the NCCAA stronger than ever.

Financially, the NCCAA is at its best ever. More sanctioned sports are being offered than ever before. For the first time this year, national tournament reimbursements are being made by the National Office. This past summer, 62 student-athletes and coaches were assisted financially in their missions endeavors through our NCCAA missions fund.

I determined that even though we may be smaller than some other organizations, we are in fact needed and are indeed better at what we do and our mission and purpose for existing...athletics in a Christian perspective.

This is an exciting year for the NCCAA and its members. My prayer is for the NCCAA to strive for quality. Our Lord does not ask us "How much?" but instead asks, "Are you giving your best?"

Pro-Am Golf Dates Set for March 18-20, 1995

The NCCAA Pro-Am Golf Classic was begun in 1988 for the promotion of ministry and outreach through the medium of golf. Funds raised through the Pro-Am assist the NCCAA in reaching student-athletes for Christ and through them reaching the world for Christ. Through the funds raised at the Pro-Am Golf Classic, 62 student-athletes and coaches were assisted financially as they travelled around the world to 13 countries this past summer.

The attendance fee, of which a generous portion is tax deductible, includes one practice round and two tournament rounds of golf. Two night's lodging, four meals, and a good number of prizes are also included. Great fellowship with both new and old friends makes this weekend more than golf alone. The dates are March 18-20, 1995.

For further information contact the NCCAA National Office.

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ADs and Coaches: Don't Miss the 1995 National Convention!

Hey all you ADs and coaches...the 1995 NCCAA National Convention will take place **March 15-18 in Marion, Indiana** in conjunction with the Men's Division I National Basketball Tournament being hosted again by Indiana Wesleyan University. Lodging and meetings will take place at the Holiday Inn Marion (formerly Sheraton Inn). Each institution in the NCCAA membership should be represented. Being sensitive to budget restrictions of our member schools, there will be no registration fees for the 1995 convention!

This year's schedule will be changed to accommodate your busy schedules and time away from your office.

It's a great time of fellowship as we work together to enhance the NCCAA, grow in Christ, and enjoy great basketball! Further details will be announced at a later date.

Your Athletes Could be the Student-Athlete of the Week

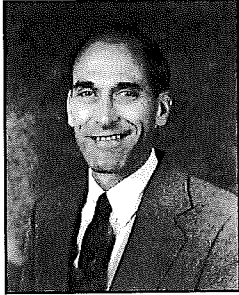
A new award this year is the Student-Athlete of the Week award which is available to each NCCAA sanctioned sport. Contact David Schmidt, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, who is responsible for the administration of this award and the actual selection of each student-athlete (419-586-4363). The procedures and nomination form have been sent to each athletics director. If you are unable to locate your copy, please contact the National Office.

Softball Approved as a Sanctioned Tournament

Women's softball has been approved as a fully sanctioned national championship event. The 1995 tournament will take place April 27-29 at Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee. Drew Peterson, softball coach at Bethel College, is serving a three year term as the National Softball Chair. You may contact Coach Peterson for more information.

Executive Director's Report: Moving Forward!

by Dr. Barry R. May, Executive Director



As I begin my sixth year as the Executive Director of the NCCAA, I am excited in what can take place in the future ministry of the organization. The Lord can use the gifts and talents of our 500 coaches and athletics directors and approximately 10,000 student-athletes in a mighty way.

The spirit of cooperation from the coaches and administrators within the NCCAA is greatly appreciated. The time and work of the District Chairs, the National Sports Chairs, and the Board of Directors is crucial to the ongoing thrust of the organization. Another group of people who have given of their time so faithfully are the tournament/meet directors of our national championships. My sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who has assisted in the work and ministry of the NCCAA this past school year.

I am very thankful that the NCCAA completed the 1993-94 fiscal year in the black with all bills paid in full.

It was a thrill for the NCCAA to establish a special fund for assisting student-athletes and coaches of our member institutions as the individuals were involved in missions trips and other ministry endeavors. The monies for this special fund were raised at the NCCAA Pro-Am Golf Classic.

This past fiscal year, approximately \$8,000 was distributed to 62 student-athletes and coaches involved in these ministry endeavors. My thanks to Sherrie Holloway and Dan Wood for their commitment of time and dedication of their talents in leading two of the several mission trips that the NCCAA had the privilege of assisting. Their articles in this issue will thrill your heart. These are just two examples of how the Lord can use the thrust of the NCCAA.

The NCCAA National Convention last spring was one of the most significant ever in regard to voting on items influencing the future of the organization. For the first time ever, a schedule has been adopted for NCCAA championship reimbursement from the NCCAA general operating budget. The amount of reimbursement monies to be distributed this fiscal year is \$20,000. Another highlight of the convention was the approval of an associate membership level for institutions.

It is exciting that softball is now a fully sanctioned NCCAA championship event. A women's soccer invitational tournament will begin this fall.

The search for an NCCAA Director of Advancement continues. Please let me know if you are aware of a person who would be a quality candidate for this position. It is essential that we fill this position with the best qualified person for the development of funding in the areas of national championship reimbursement and mission outreach opportunities. Thank you for making this a matter of prayer.

During the 1993-94 school year, we had 96 member schools. Final membership totals for 1994-95 are not complete at this time. We welcome the following new schools for this year: Division I schools at the associate member level include Houghton College (Houghton, New York) and Wheaton College (Wheaton, Illinois); Division II schools include Appalachian Bible College (Bradley, West Virginia), Messenger College (Joplin, Missouri), Nebraska Christian College (Norfolk, Nebraska), and Faith Baptist College & Seminary (Church Point, Louisiana) as an associate member.

Please pray for the NCCAA that we can avail ourselves of the opportunities in making a difference for Christ in the lives of our student-athletes, coaches, and administrators in the areas of ministry, outreach, and athletic competition. Thank you for communicating with us as to how the National Office can better serve you and your institution.

... Bulletin Board ...

ASBURY COLLEGE: John A. Wilson recently accepted the head coaching position of the men's and women's cross country program at Asbury College. The past two years, he has served as the assistant men's and women's cross country coach.

Bill Brunton has been hired as the new baseball coach for Asbury college. Most recently he served as an assistant coach at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Former coach, Chuck Ruot, stepped down to pursue his doctoral studies in Exercise Science.

BETHEL COLLEGE: Bethel College has named Mike Avery as its soccer coach. Avery replaces Guy Fisher, who will remain with the college as financial aid director. Avery has been an assistant coach at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY: Judy Fox begins this school year as the new volleyball coach for the Wildcat team. Coach Fox replaces Joyce Davis who is pursuing her doctorate at Temple University (PA). Fox's most recent experience has been on the Houghton College Athletic Department staff.

Mr. Pat Williams joins the Wildcat coaching staff as the men's basketball coach. Coach Williams is the owner of Pistol Pat Basketball, USA which offers camps throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. His most recent college position was a very successful one at Earlham from 1989-1992. Williams also serves as Co-Director of the Focus on the Family Basketball Camps.

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE: MBI announces a position opening for a men's volleyball coach and faculty member of the Department of Physical Education. Please contact Mr. Lloyd Dodson, Director of Personnel, Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. LaSalle Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610.

MBI also announces a position opening for a women's basketball coach and faculty member of the Department of Physical Education. Please contact Mr. Lloyd Dodson, Director of Personnel, Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. LaSalle Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610.

MBI hosted some of the world's greatest basketball stars as the USA Dream Team II practiced at MBI's Solheim Center for 10 days this past summer preparing for the World Basketball Championship in Toronto.

NORTHWEST COLLEGE: Northwest College has added men's and women's cross country beginning this fall. The school has named Bill Taylor as the first head cross country coach. This is Coach Taylor's first year as a college coach after coaching at the high school level.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF BIBLE: Bertie Landes has been appointed as the new women's basketball coach. She will continue as the women's field hockey coach as well as the chairman of the physical education department.

Dr. Martha MacCullough, former PCB women's basketball coach, retired at the end of the 1993-94 season. MacCullough will remain involved with basketball serving as the NCCAA Division II Women's Basketball Chair.

SOUTH JERSEY SAINTS: The South Jersey Saints is a Christian organization that uses basketball and softball to reach prisoners for Christ. They have openings for men who want to extend their athletic careers. The teams volunteer their time and employ themselves in community jobs separate from the Saints organization. If you are interested in joining this ministry effort, contact Mr. Dale Glading, Executive Director, South Jersey Saints, P.O. Box 681, Moorestown, NJ 08057, (609) 866-9428.

Note: We encourage you to use this insert as a desk accessory for your convenience.

1994-95 National Championship Calendar

CROSS-COUNTRY - November 12

National Meet
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester, New York

SOCCER I - November 15-19

National Tournament
Lee College
Cleveland, Tennessee

SOCCER II - November 2-5

National Tournament
Southeastern College
Lakeland, Florida

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL I - Nov. 4-5

National Tournament
Lee College
Cleveland, Tennessee

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL II - Nov. 3-5

National Tournament
Baptist Bible College (MO)
Springfield, Missouri

WRESTLING - February 18

National Tournament
Baptist Bible College (PA)
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL I - March 2-4

National Tournament
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester, New York

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL II - March 2-4

National Tournament
Toccoa Falls College
Toccoa Falls, Georgia

Membership Dues Deadline - September 1

All eligibility forms are to be received by the District Chair before the first athletic contest (includes scrimmages) in each sport.

MEN'S BASKETBALL I - March 16-18

National Tournament
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, Indiana

MEN'S BASKETBALL II - March 2-4

National Tournament
Cincinnati Bible College
Cincinnati, Ohio

MEN'S BASKETBALL IIA - March 2-4

National Invitational
Atlanta Christian College
East Point, Georgia

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL - April 27-29

National Tournament
Lee College
Cleveland, Tennessee

BASEBALL - May 5-7

National Tournament
Bethel College
Mishawaka, Indiana

TRACK AND FIELD - May 6-7

National Meet
Cedarville College
Cedarville, Ohio

NCCAA NATIONAL MEETINGS

March 15-18, 1995
Marion, Indiana

PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 18-20, 1995
Daytona Beach, Florida

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL II

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL I

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL II

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MEN'S BASKETBALL I

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MEN'S BASKETBALL II

Kirk Hanson
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*A member of the National Eligibility Executive Committee. All eligibility cases and appeals will be received and reviewed by the Executive Committee. Ray Bullock will chair the Executive Committee.

Only contact the Eligibility Chair after you have thoroughly read the eligibility section of the NCCAA Handbook and have contacted your respective District Chair in regard to your question or concern. It would be more efficient if the athletics director at the respective institution would be the person inquiring on matters pertaining to eligibility.

Eligibility

All eligibility forms are to be received by the District Chair before the first athletic contest (includes scrimmages) in each sport.

On March 18, 1989 at the NCCAA National Convention it was approved that all Division I schools will be under the NAIA eligibility guidelines beginning with the 1989-1990 school year.

All Division I member institutions should pay particular attention to Section C Eligibility Requirements on pages 54-57 of the revised Official Handbook.

Beginning with the fall term of 1989, a Division I first-time entering freshman student must meet two of the three entry level requirements:

1. A score of 18 on the enhanced ACT or 740 on the SAT;
2. An overall high school grade-point-average of 2.000 on a 4.000 scale;
3. Graduate in the upper half of the student's high school graduating class.

(For further details on the preceding, refer to page 54 of the Division I Handbook.)

All NCCAA member institutions are reminded of the Eligibility Process (page 51 of the Official Handbook):

1. Eligibility forms should be sent to your District Chair. Institutions may use NCCAA, NAIA or NCAA eligibility forms. Eligibility forms are to be mailed prior to the first contest and/or scrimmage in that particular sport.

2. Please check for errors, review your NCCAA Official Handbook.
 3. When an institution contacts a District Chair with a concern or problem, the District Chair will adhere to the following guidelines:
 - A. Refer to the NCCAA Official Handbook.
 - B. Ensure that each institution works through the District Chair.
 - C. Request the institution to send all information (letters, transcripts, etc.) to the District Chair.
 - D. Forward to the National Eligibility Chair all problems and paper work as necessary.
 4. The National Eligibility Chair will poll the National Eligibility Executive Committee as to a decision and report back to the respective District Chair.
 5. Cases of extreme complexity may be dealt with by the Board of Directors after referral by the National Eligibility Executive Committee.
 6. Report all violations. Please do not assume someone else will communicate eligibility concerns.
 7. The NCCAA National Office will be happy to give you clarifications over the telephone, but no official rulings will be made over the telephone until all written work is turned into the National Office from the National Eligibility Chair.
 8. The eligibility status of each institution will be reported to the National Office and subsequently published in the *News Update*.
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Three's a Charm!

by Sherrie Holloway, Women's Basketball Coach at Baptist Bible College (PA)



Known for their singing, the NCCAA women's team ministers through song in Iquitos, Peru.

"Three's a Charm!" Sure, I've heard that phrase before, but now I can say I've *experienced* it. This past summer was my third missions trip with NCCAA Division II Women's Basketball, and it proved to be our best yet. God had his hand on this trip from the start. How else could a group of ten women, some of whom had never met before, come together as a team and be known for their love for each other? Indeed, it was God's love showing through us.

The city of Iquitos, Peru, and the Dan Smith family (missionaries with ABWE) were our hosts. The three weeks we spent together were filled with activity which, in turn, has left me with many memories of ministry and a people who welcomed us with open arms. The impact of the Iquitos

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people is written permanently on my heart. They are without much of the extra "necessities" we require here in the states for comfort, yet they are content. They are a people concerned with "being" as opposed to "becoming". What a lesson for me! It is people who are and should be most important.

It is always exciting to know that God uses the abilities He has given us as tools in ministering to others. Basketball proved to be a great tool on this trip, especially as it was coupled with love for each other and love for those we met. The team demonstrated God's love and was asked why they seemed like sisters. What an opportunity to share Christ!

There is so much to tell about those three action-packed weeks. Our activities

included playing in an international tournament, local church ministries, radio interviews, a television interview, playing and speaking to schools (some of which had an evangelical witness!), one-on-one times with the individual teams and coaches, a four-day coaches clinic, and a little sight-seeing! We were known for these things, obviously for our basketball, but also for our singing. Who would

have thought a basketball team would be known for their singing?

God had indeed prepared the hearts of the people we met. The potential for this ministry was ripe. God had been using Julie Smith to plant seeds in the girls' lives on her team in Peru. As a result, at least one of them accepted Christ while we were there. Over 50 individuals made decisions for Christ during our two weeks. And to think, the game of basketball provided us the opportunity to share hope with these people.

This group of women made an impression on the city of Iquitos. The people saw their hearts and knew, just as I do, there is something special about them.

The following are some excerpts from an article written in the Iquitos newspaper the day before we left.

"They were ambassadors of joy showing love through the beautiful sport of basketball... They showed us what they knew: respectively, hiding nothing, disciplined, recognizing the court of their rivals when they made good plays, and ready to give a helping hand when needed... The message that they left us in their song (with guitar in hand and injured) has left an impact on us as we will never forget. It was the best message of friendship that we have had in the whole country... We admired the respect the team had for our country, their actions and their desire to teach and leave many instructional memories... We want to interpret the feeling of everyone, the director, officials, and athletes. This is what we want to say: Thank you very much for your presence in Iquitos. We will be waiting for you always! May God bless you in your life!"

Many thanks to Keystone Coca-Cola and Baden. A special thank you to Dan, Judy, and Julie Smith. Their work is much appreciated and made the trip a success.

NCCAA Hall of Fame Recognizes Outstanding Individuals

The purpose of the NCCAA Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals who have given outstanding leadership and/or service to the NCCAA.

The criteria for selection is:

1. An individual with at least five years of involvement with the NCCAA.
2. An individual of high moral character and Christian integrity.
3. An individual presently making a positive contribution by serving the Lord and society.
4. An individual maintaining a continued interest in Christian higher education and intercollegiate athletics.

A nomination letter, five letters of support, and a biographic sketch should be mailed to the National Office postmarked no later than November 15, 1994.

You are highly encouraged to submit a nomination. Look around at your colleagues and let us know who is worthy of this honor.

1993-94 NCCAA Sports Participation Data

Data has been collected from our 1993-94 membership information regarding the participation in each sport for the 96 member schools.

Men's basketball had the highest percentage at 97% with women's volleyball following at 84%. Women's basketball and men's soccer completed the top four sports with 76% and 65%, respectively.

Sport	Members	Member %
Baseball	58	60
Basketball (M)	93	97
Basketball (W)	73	76
Cross Country (M)	32	33
Cross Country (W)	31	32
Field Hockey	2	2
Football	11	11
Golf (M)	25	26
Golf (W)	4	4
Hockey	1	1
Soccer (M)	62	65
Soccer (W)	13	14
Softball	38	40
Swimming	1	1
Tennis (M)	26	27
Tennis (W)	22	23
Track & Field (M)	18	19
Track & Field (W)	16	17
Volleyball (M)	3	3
Volleyball (W)	81	84
Wrestling	9	9



Coach Wood (left) shares his testimony at a children's clinic in Amsterdam. (Eric Mills, tournament director, is pictured in the center.)

"When God closes the door, look for a window" is a phrase that has guided my life ever since I first heard Dallas Holm perform in 1987. God doesn't play games with His will, but He does expect us to seek Him.

For three years I waited for God to open a door or a window that would allow me to travel with Missionary Athletes International (MAI) on a summer soccer ministry team. After seeing how God used an MAI trip in 1990 to impact Eric Mills, a former player of mine from when I coached at Bartlesville Wesleyan College, I wanted to experience it firsthand. For the next three years I prayed and sought God's will. Despite my good intentions, there was always a closed door or window.

In the fall of 1993, I received a telephone call from an MAI staff member about the summer of 1994 under-19 soccer tour to

Denmark and Holland. I was certainly interested. My summer schedule looked open, so we both committed to pray about the trip. God's timing proved not only perfect, but also personally rewarding—that MAI staff member would be the tour director!

Our week of training in Charlotte went too fast, but during that time an incredible unity developed among our team. That proved to be crucial as God allowed us to spend ten hours in the Amsterdam airport after our flight from Atlanta on Sunday. Trying to make the best of our time, we decided to visit a church that we were to minister at the following Sunday. What an incredible worship we had with 75-80 believers who did not need atmosphere, props, or comfort to experience God's outpouring. The best way to describe the time there is Acts 2:42-47, especially noting verse 44: "All the believers were together and had everything in common." There was a glow about them that I had never witnessed before. God spoke to all of us about true worship.

Thank God for Windows

by Dan Wood, Men's Soccer Coach
Indiana Wesleyan University

The lasting impression of our two weeks for me was not playing in the Holland Cup or the Tivoli Cup, but it is still the acceptance by the children during our clinics as opposed to the cynicism of the adults as it related to Christ. Christianity is viewed as a philosophy that is nice but not practical for living out. In Holland, 80% of the population state they are Christians while only 2% attend church regularly. In Amsterdam, there are only eight churches to serve over four million people, and the largest of those churches is frequented by only 120 people. God is needed everywhere, but especially in Amsterdam where pornography and promiscuity are rampant.

Several of our team members play for NCCAA member schools: Joel Barber, Houghton; Dave Gustafson, Eastern; Josh Oakley, Indiana Wesleyan; Jake Pilarski, Indiana Wesleyan; Chad Ridner, Lee; and Ryan Taylor, Wheaton.

God truly blessed our time. And to travel with Eric was an added blessing. Having just received a letter from Peter, a 12 year old Swedish friend I made, I truly realize why God delayed my opportunity. Peter writes, "I want to be like you and your players. Nobody ever treated me so nicely and I love my Bible." Thank God for His windows!

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