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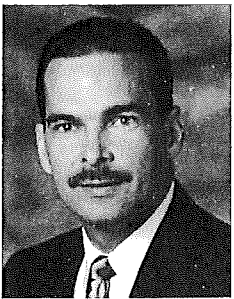
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Goals of an Athletic Program

by Rick Johnson, NCCAA President & Athletics Director/Men's Basketball Coach, Tennessee Temple University



Rick Johnson

The 1997-98 academic year has begun, and I trust that this will be the most rewarding year ever as you dedicate yourself to the vocation which the Lord has given to you. Each new year brings opportunity to impact the lives of student-athletes.

Every athletic director and coach at our member institutions should do all they can to give top priority to making a spiritual impact.

Recently, we had our Board of Directors meeting in Springfield, Missouri. Besides having a great time of fellowship and sharing about our summer experiences, we were also able to have a very productive meeting. The results of this meeting will give the NCCAA a tremendous amount of momentum as we continue to develop our Association.

As president, I have been given the responsibility to chair the Search Committee for the Executive Director's position. We have some very impressive candidates, and the interviews will begin during the month of October. We have purposely avoided setting a specific date to fill the position

because we want to do a thorough job of screening the candidates. We also feel that our national office staff is doing a great job during this period of transition. My hat is off to them.

Mr. Rob Miller has been serving as Interim Director since Dr. Barry May vacated the position on June 30. I had the opportunity to visit the national office in July and was encouraged by the energy and enthusiasm of our staff.

I was recently reminded of the quality people we have in this association. We have a chance to make this association a stronger and more dynamic entity than ever before. The way to make this happen is to be involved. Let's all strive to be people of action!

The National Convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on May 14-16. I would like to see every institution represented at the convention this year. It will help each athletic director and coach as the foundation for the future will be established. Several important proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws will be presented prior to the convention, and your input will be needed. We will also attempt to have several entertainment packages available so that you may enjoy the sights and sounds of Nashville.

My prayers are with you as you begin to invest in the lives of your athletes. I trust the Lord will bless you in all you do for His glory. Have a great year!

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE SITE FOR THE 1998 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The NCCAA is pleased to announce the date and location for the NCCAA National Convention. Nashville, Tennessee, will host the annual meeting of the Association from May 14-16, 1998. The NCCAA Board of Directors will hold meetings in conjunction with the Convention.

The Board and National Office feel that changing the time frame of the Convention will allow for greater participation from member institutions. It will also allow for Sport and Regional Chairs who are involved with Spring sports the opportunity to attend their appropriate meetings.

The city of Nashville was chosen as the host city for a variety of reasons. The ability to travel to this centrally located city of sights and sounds was one of the biggest factors. Included in the decision process was the added attractions that can be included with the Convention in this exciting city.

A committee has been formed to establish a convention agenda. Ideas include professional enhancement seminars, litigation issues, fellowship opportunities, entertainment activities (golf, music, etc.) and the regular business of the Association. There will also be a chance to meet your Board of Directors.

If you have ideas or suggestions that could add to this event, please contact the National Office.

BOBBY CLAMPETT AND 4HIM JOIN TOGETHER TO HOST THIS YEAR'S PRO-AM

The NCCAA is pleased to announce the addition of one of the top Christian music groups to the NCCAA Pro-Am. 4HIM has joined Bobby Clampett to announce the Bobby Clampett-4HIM Pro-Am Golf Classic to benefit the NCCAA.

The 11th annual tournament will be hosted for the second year at Mission Inn in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. The resort is located 40 minutes northwest of Orlando, is home to two championship courses, and has an outstanding facilities that include excellent lodging and dining options.

Last year this event was full at 96 amateurs. This year the Pro-Am Committee has

made room for 112 amateurs to join 28 PGA Professionals and 4HIM for a weekend of golf and fellowship. Included in the package will be two nights lodging, three rounds of golf, five meals, and many prizes. It will also include a Monday tournament round that will allow you to play with a professional. In previous years this group has included Tom Lehman, Paul Stankowski, Steve Jones, Steve Lowrey, David Ogrin, Clarence Rose and many others such as one of your hosts, PGA Touring Professional and CBS Golf Analyst, Bobby Clampett.

The gentlemen that make up the group 4HIM are excited to be part of one of the

finest events of its type. They will not only join us on the golf course but will provide us with devotional thoughts and at the Sunday night banquet, they will present us with a concert. It should be an outstanding evening.

Make your plans now to join us for this special occasion. For more information contact us at the NCCAA National Office (765-674-8401), or send us an e-mail at robnccaa@comteck.com. Hope to see you at Mission Inn.

Director's Report: Distinctively Different

by Rob Miller, Interim Executive Director



Rob Miller

In late August the NCCAA Board of Directors met for summer meetings. The normal items were discussed, decisions were made, new ideas and plans were put in place for the coming year, and a plan for the future. These plans are exciting and can truly put the NCCAA on a new level in terms of missions outreach, reimbursements and national exposure for our member institutions. Without a doubt the focus was on who we are and what we stand for in this Association.

Our president, Rick Johnson, reminded us of our purpose statement which states the NCCAA was incorporated to provide national and international outreach opportunities through intercollegiate athletic activities. This is where we stand alone in the world of college athletics.

The NCCAA can and will make a difference to many of the student-athletes we represent, and we can also make a difference to those members of other associations by proclaiming what we stand for in and outside of competition. Having lunch a few weeks ago with four member athletic directors and coaches, it was amazing how the conversation turned to how their region could form partnerships to accomplish some of the objectives of the NCCAA. As they stated, this is why the NCCAA exists.

At the board meeting, we had the opportunity to be addressed by Kyle Rote, Jr. and Pastor Carey Casey. They challenged our Association to be leaders and branch out to meet our objectives. The one thing that truly stood out to me was Mr. Rote's comment that to accomplish our objectives we must continue to be *distinctively different* and proclaim our Christian faith.

Let us all remind one another to keep the focus on the NCCAA mission. Let us create new ways or improve the old ways to keep the Association moving forward. Most of all let us go as the Lord directs.

Student-Athlete of the Week August/September

Athlete	Division	College	Sport	Week Ending
Scott Dapprich	I	Mount Vernon	Soccer	8/31/97
Amber Rice	I	Mount Vernon	Volleyball	8/31/97
Ali Dixon	I	Malone	Football	9/07/97
Emil Brown	I	Lee	Soccer	9/07/97
Lisa Hamil	I	Nyack	Soccer	9/07/97
Tammy Custer	I	Mount Vernon	Volleyball	9/07/97
Eydie Clark	II	North Central	Volleyball	9/07/97
Scott Dapprich	I	Mount Vernon	Soccer	9/14/97
Jeremy Jones	I	MidAmerica	Football	9/14/97
Kari Angelbeck	I	Lee	Soccer	9/14/97
Tara Seiter	I	Mount Vernon	Volleyball	9/14/97
Kasey Gregory	II	Simpson	Volleyball	9/14/97
Chris Littrell	I	Northwest	Cross Country	9/14/97
Brook McLachlan	I	Northwest	Cross Country	9/14/97
Ron Michel	I	Geneva	Football	9/21/97
Jason Rollins	I	Nyack	Soccer	9/21/97
Megan Young	I	Malone	Soccer	9/21/97
Sarah Cisneros	I	Christian Heritage	Volleyball	9/21/97
Karen Lavender	II	Clearwater	Volleyball	9/21/97
Mike Almond	I	Malone	Cross Country	9/21/97
Jason Wallick	I	Malone	Football	9/28/97
Shaun Tatham	I	Lee	Soccer	9/28/97
David DeLaughter	II	Cincinnati Bible	Soccer	9/28/97
Jan Zehr	I	Roberts Wesleyan	Soccer	9/28/97
Rachel Widener	I	Mount Vernon	Volleyball	9/28/97
Charity Gaschler	II	Simpson	Volleyball	9/28/97

You are reminded to submit your student-athletes for the Student-Athlete of the Week award which is available to each NCCAA sanctioned sport. Contact Dave Schmidt, Special Assistant to the Interim Executive Director, who is responsible for the administration of this award and the actual selection of each student-athlete. (P. O. Box 426, Celina, OH 45822, Phone/Fax: 419-586-4363, Email: nccaa@beight.net). The procedures and nomination form appear in the awards section of the handbook.

... Bulletin Board ...

CHECK OUT THE NCCAA ON THE WEB...Come visit our web <http://www.bright.net/~nccaa> It is the best way to keep up with the happenings at the NCCAA. You can also email us at robnccaa@comteck.com

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SPORTS NEW NETWORK...Norm Wilhelmi begins his 16th year heading up this radio broadcast. If you would like to participate contact Norm at 704-669-9210 or fax at 704-669-6119 or email at ole_coach@juno.com What a great way to tell the stories of the student-athletes and teams on your campus. Norm is heard on over 1,000 radio stations nationwide.

MISSION OUTREACH UPDATE FROM 1997-98...The NCCAA is please to announce that 196 student-athletes and coaches were assisted as they traveled in 18 countries on mission endeavors. We pray that more can be supported this coming year.

NCCAA FAX ON DEMAND...a reminder that NCCAA information is on Fax on Demand for many sports. To use this service, call Info Connection System at 770-399-3066. Call from the handset of your fax machine. If you would like more information contact the National Office.

... New Appointees ...

BETHEL COLLEGE has named Larry McClements as men's soccer coach.

CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY named University of Kentucky standout Travis Ford as its new head men's basketball coach. Also, David Fryrear has been appointed as the new Athletics Director.

CINCINNATI BIBLE COLLEGE welcomes Traci Pekovich as the head coach for women's basketball.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE announces that Karen Stipe has been hired as the new head women's volleyball coach. Also new this year is Richelle Reilly as the head women's basketball coach.

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY has named Mark DeMichael as the baseball head coach.

TOCCOA FALLS COLLEGE hired Dave Poffenberger as head women's basketball coach and gymnasium director.

LEE UNIVERSITY announced the hiring of Tony Cavett as men's head tennis coach, and Rodney Knox will be the administrative assistant to the athletic director and men's basketball assistant coach.

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

1997-98 National Championship Calendar

MEN'S GOLF - October 7-8
National Tournament
Spring Arbor College
Spring Arbor, Michigan

CROSS COUNTRY - November 8
National Meet
Cedarville College
Cedarville, Ohio

WOMEN'S SOCCER - November 19-22
National Tournament
Lee University
Cleveland, Tennessee

SOCCER I - November 25-29
National Tournament
LeTourneau University
Longview, Texas

SOCCER II - November 6-8
National Tournament
Austin-Tindell Soccer Complex
Kissimmee, Florida

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL I - November 6-8
National Tournament
Mount Vernon Nazarene College
Mount Vernon, Ohio

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL II - November 6-8
National Tournament
Clearwater Christian College
Clearwater, Florida

FOOTBALL - November 29
Victory Bowl
Fawcett Stadium
Canton, Ohio

WRESTLING - February 21
National Tournament
Cumberland College
Williamsburg, Kentucky

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL I - March 12-14
National Tournament
Lee University
Cleveland, Tennessee

MEN'S BASKETBALL I - March 19-21
National Tournament
Oakland City University
Oakland City, Indiana

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL II - March 5-7
National Tournament
Mid-America Bible College and
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MEN'S BASKETBALL II - March 5-7
National Tournament
Mid-America Bible College and
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MEN'S BASKETBALL IIA - March 5-7
National Invitational Tournament
Mid-America Bible College and
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SOFTBALL - April 23-25
National Tournament
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, Indiana

BASEBALL - May 14-16
National Tournament
Bethel College
Mishawaka, Indiana

BASEBALL II - April 23-25
National Invitational
Atlanta Christian College
East Point, Georgia

TRACK AND FIELD - May 1-2
National Meet
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, Indiana

MEN'S TENNIS - May 6-9
National Invitational
Cedarville College
Cedarville, Ohio

NCCAA Sports Chairs

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Spring Arbor College

CROSS COUNTRY

Paul Kurtz
Roberts Wesleyan College

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dr. Christ Davis
Baptist Bible College (PA)

SOCCER I

Sherman Eberly
Malone College

SOCCER II

Roger Jacobs
Baptist Bible College (PA)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL I

Candace Moats

Grace College

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL II

Lynn Hanson
Central Bible College

WRESTLING

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Baptist Bible College (PA)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL I

Michael Faro
Roberts Wesleyan College

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL II

Tony O'Brien
Mid-America Bible College

MEN'S BASKETBALL I

Mike Lightfoot
Bethel College

MEN'S BASKETBALL II

Byron Deel
Free Will Baptist Bible College

SOFTBALL

Deb Thompson
Spring Arbor College

BASEBALL

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Mid-America Nazarene College

TRACK & FIELD

Ray Kuhles
Olivet Nazarene University

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Bullock can usually be contacted at his home telephone number.

All eligibility cases and appeals will be received and reviewed by the National Eligibility Committee. Ray Bullock will chair the National Eligibility Committee. ***Only contact the National Eligibility Chair after you have thoroughly read the eligibility section of the NCCAA Handbook and have contacted your respective Regional 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 and certificates of clearance are to be received by the Regional 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 in the revised Official Handbook.

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 860 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 the Division I Handbook.)

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

1. Eligibility forms should be sent to your Regional Chair. Institutions may use NCCAA, NAIA or NCAA eligibility forms. Eligibility forms and certificates of clearance 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 Regional Chair with a concern or problem, the Regional Chair will adhere to the following guidelines:
 - A. Refer to the NCCAA Official Handbook.
 - B. Ensure that each institution works through the Regional Chair.
 - C. Request the institution to send all information (letters, transcripts, etc.) to the Regional 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 Committee regarding a decision and report back to the respective Regional Chair.
5. Cases of extreme complexity may be dealt with by the Board of Director after referral by the National Eligibility 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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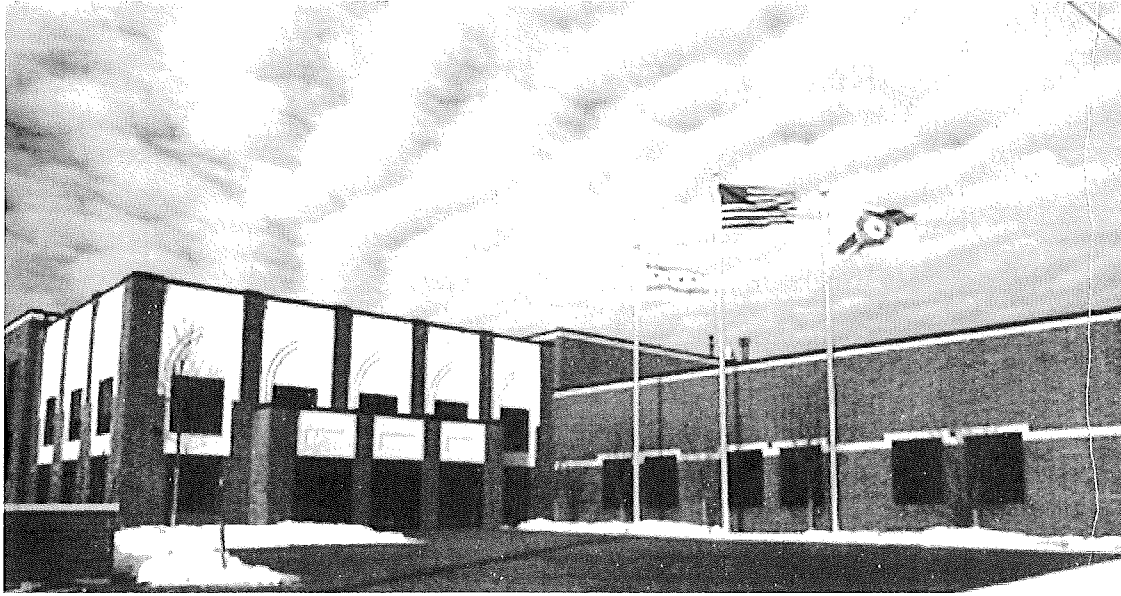
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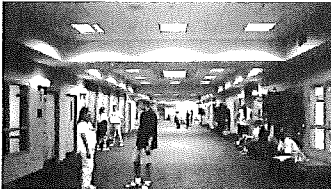
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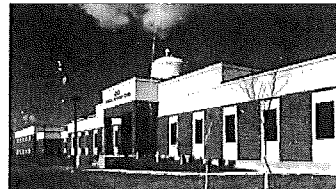
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Student-Athletes and Coaches are Blessed by Missions Trips



Students from Columbia Bible College, Geneva College, Indiana Wesleyan Univ, Mid-American Bible College, Simpson College, and Taylor Univ. traveled to the Philippines.

I must admit I was nervous about the trip because I didn't know how the Lord could use Ted Forrest, a young inexperienced basketball player, to do His work. The first time I went out into the crowd of spectators to share what I've learned about Jesus's unconditional love for us, I was terribly scared! I'm glad to say that it wasn't as hard as I thought, and the more I witnessed the more joy I found in my own life.

The most important discovery I made was that the Lord can use anyone of us if we are willing to let Him use the gifts and talents that he has already given to us.

Ted Forrest - Cedarville College

Thank you for your generous support of our basketball camp scholarship fund. Your gift helped to make it possible for young people to attend camp who couldn't otherwise afford to go. You obviously understand the difference that a week of camp can make in the life of a young person.

H. "Skip Lord - Houghton College

Our basketball team was invited to China to "promote friendship" through basketball games and sports clinics--but what we left behind was a spiritual legacy!

"We did not accomplish anything," says senior Victor Kore, the team's captain. "Everything that took place only happened because of the people praying for us."

Joseph M. Stowell - Moody Bible Institute

It was so exciting to see the powerful impact of using sports as a tool for missions outreach. Little did I know how effective a tool sports can be to make an eternal impact in the lives of so many.

The people heard the hope and saw the love through our testimonies on and off the court. I wanted to cry when three Dominican volleyball players were bold enough to stand up and testify that they had received Jesus and thanked us for showing His love to them.

Elisa Barftnecht - Western Baptist College

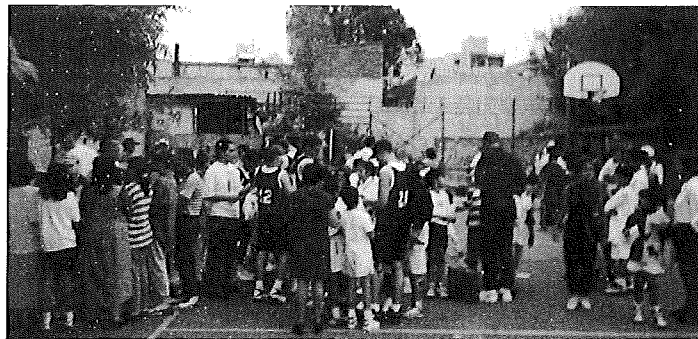
I am so appreciative to the NCCAA and their donors for the financial gift you gave our team that helped make this trip possible. I pray you will continue your support of mission trips so that many will continue to hear of Jesus Christ through the medium of athletics and so that we who go may continue to grow and experience the joy that comes from serving God.

The people of Mexico were not the only changed people from this trip. God was at work in my life and the lives of my players. It is a great joy to see the spiritual growth and excitement of the young women on my team, many who were on their first missions trip or were sharing their faith in a public setting for the first time.

Sherri Holm - Northwestern College Women's Basketball

Some of the greatest times of ministry occurred when we were traveling as a team and just being obedient to God's divine appointments. On the train to Copenhagen, Denmark, we met a man named Morton who missed his train and was seated in a train car full of Christian soccer players. He had prayed that God would show him what to do with his life. He made a decision on that train ride to follow Jesus. Thank you for your prayers as well as your help financially.

Chris Grams - Northwestern



Students being ambassadors and witnessing in Mexico.

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