



# NCCAA

## News Update

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### National Convention Elects Vern Howard as 2nd Vice President; Rick Johnson New President

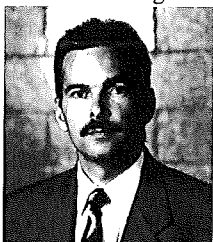
The voting delegates at the Annual Meeting of the NCCAA National Convention elected **Vern Howard** as the new 2nd Vice President for 1997-98. Howard is currently the athletics director at Simpson College in Redding, California. Howard has been very involved in the work of District 6, National Convention and Division II National Championships. The other nominees were **Mike Bona** of Emmanuel College and **Kristi Brodin** of Northwest College.

As of July 1, 1997, **Kirk Hanson** of Central Bible College will move to 1st Vice President and **Rick Johnson** of Tennessee Temple University will become the NCCAA President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The current President, **Del Wubbena**, will assume the role of Past President.

The 1997-98 NCCAA membership dues appear on page 5. There will be a membership dues increase of 10% for 1998-99.

The NCCAA regional realignment for 1997-98 that appeared in the October 1996 News Update and that was distributed at the Annual Meeting was reaffirmed by the Board of Directors at their March 25 meeting. The regional realignment was mailed to all athletics directors on April 8.

The following comments were shared by Rick Johnson in his remarks to those attending the Annual Meeting.



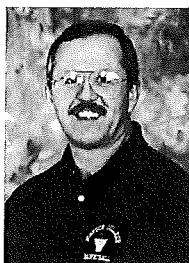
*Rick Johnson*

Most of us, at our respective institutions, face challenges every day that take a great deal of energy and creative thinking to solve. I want to encourage us to use those same resources to meet the challenges of the NCCAA.

Why did I decide to do this? Because of the debt.

- > A DEBT TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST - WHATEVER WE DO.
- > A DEBT TO THOSE WHO DID FOR ME - AS A FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE.
- > A DEBT TO ALL THOSE WHO PREPARED THE WAY.

As incoming President, I pledge to you my best to make the NCCAA the best it can be.



*Vern Howard*

Four years ago when the opportunity to become an elected officer came about, I decided to pursue this opportunity based on a few ideas. Today, I would like to share those with you.

1) First of all, an organization that was Christian in name and practice. It is important to keep the uniqueness and hold it up as a high standard in which all of our competition is conducted. We must teach our athletes to be winners, realizing that the only true winners are those who have Christ.

2) Secondly, I noticed it was an organization that has committed people. If anything is going to succeed and flourish it must have commitment. I want to encourage all of us to be committed to make the NCCAA all that it can be.

3) Thirdly, I recognized an organization that faced many challenges.

### May Resigns as Executive Director

Dr. Barry May, NCCAA Executive Director, announced his resignation at the Annual Meeting of the NCCAA National Convention, effective June 30, 1997. He has held the position of Executive Director for eight years. As of July 1, he will assume the position of Chair of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Asbury, an NCCAA member school, has an enrollment of approximately 1,100 students.

May states, "It has been a very enjoyable eight years the Lord has given me to serve the NCCAA. I have been privileged to serve dedicated athletics directors, coaches, District and National Sports Chairs and the Board of Directors. We have all been called to serve our approximately 10,000 student-athletes as they continue their journey and relationship with Jesus Christ. I am so very grateful for our dedicated staff at the National Office - Julie, Susan and Rob. Many wonderful relationships have been formed with friends and donors. My thanks to all of you who have made the NCCAA ministry possible."

"The NCCAA is presently in a good position to further expand our services in such areas as quality championships, championship reimbursement and missions outreach endeavors," May said. "We need to continually focus on one of our major distinctives - to enrich the spiritual dimension of our student-athletes through athletics in Christian higher education led by coaches and athletic directors who are totally committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

A search committee has been formed by the NCCAA Board of Directors with President Rick Johnson accepting resumés, nominations and recommendations. Send such items to his attention at Tennessee Temple University, 1815 Union Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

### Hoopin' in the Heartland

by Glenn Rankin

Twenty-four teams, excited and with much anticipation, arrived in Oklahoma City on March 5 to participate in the 1997 Division II National Basketball Championships. This was the inaugural event for all three championships being played together.

The four-day event began with the Tip-Off Banquet at Applewoods Restaurant, hosted by Mid-America Bible College. Steve Chiles, former NCCAA athlete, challenged everyone present with the tournament's theme, *THE SPIRIT IS THE DIFFERENCE*. The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the awards for All-American, Coach of the Year, Outstanding Player of the Year (Women) and the Pete Maravich Award for the Outstanding Player of the Year (Men).

The men's and women's teams from Kentucky Christian College repeated this year as Division II Champions over a very competitive field of opponents. Southwestern College, Phoenix, Arizona, won the Division IIA men's tournament.

Following the three championship games and the presentations of awards and banners, all teams present gathered on the floor for a closing ceremony. All present left believing, truly, *THE SPIRIT IS THE DIFFERENCE*.

We would like to commend our host colleges, Mid-America Bible College and Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, for the excellent event they hosted.

Missions Funding available,  
see page 4.

1998 Bobby Clampett -  
NCCAA Pro-Am Golf Classic  
dates:

March 21 - 23

# Tenth Annual Bobby Clampett-NCCAA Pro-Am

## a Record Setting Year

by Sam Woolwine

Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida - Perhaps the most significant things that happened during the recent NCCAA Bobby Clampett Pro-Am here at the Mission Inn Resort had little to do with golf, per se, but everything to do with the underlying principles of the National Christian College Athletic Association.

Two of those things had to do with records, the third with a person who holds records.

For the record, the first was the number of amateur participants in the Pro-Am, 96, the most ever, and what was basically considered a full field, or 24 teams. A record amount of over \$18,000 was raised at the "Missions Hole," a hole designated to raise money for missions, sending the NCCAA athletes to overseas countries and the inner cities.

The 96 players enabled the NCCAA to raise nearly \$100,000 for the organization. Of course, that isn't a net figure. There are several expenses that come out of that, but in the end a record figure and a much-needed figure will go to the NCCAA. And the increase in missions money was ... well, just a case of good, old-fashioned charity. If we don't have that, you might as well remove the extra "C" from the NCCAA.

Then there was the guy who holds records, or Bobby Richardson, the special speaker for the annual banquet. Many of us would remember Bobby Richardson not only because he was a great player for a decade or more with the Yankees, but MVP of the 1960 World Series and setting several records in the process, but more importantly that he stood up for Christ in a generation when it wasn't popular to do so.

One record he holds that may never be broken was playing in nine World Series in a 10-year period. Of course, that was back when the Yankees were the belle of baseball. Because of the parity in baseball today, it would be highly unlikely that any team will dominate the sport again like the men in pinstripes did then.

But the challenge that each of us should have taken away with Richardson's charge was being concerned about our fellow man and his standing with Christ. We are to be thankful that the Bobby Richardsons of this world allow themselves to be used at the podium that God gives them, but we who have not been blessed with as much talent athletically can be used just as effective in whatsoever niche we find ourselves. We may not be reapers, but we can be sowers of the Word.

As Richardson said, "It isn't what's in the head that counts, it's what's in the heart." A Dick Howser or Mickey Mantle may never call us, but a John Smith or a Jerry Doe may. Will you be ready to give him an answer for the Hope that lies within?

The Bobby Richardsons, the Jim Donovans and the Peter Semeys of the world were there to encourage us, to enlighten us, to challenge us. And that's what makes the Bobby Clampett-NCCAA Pro-Am much different than most tournaments any of us will play in this year. There is a reason for that extra "C." And it makes all the difference in the world.



*Twenty-four Christian professional golfers participated in this year's event, one of the finest fields of pros ever to come to the event.*

And we needed the encouragement, especially after the challenge that El Campeon and Las Colinas presented us, especially the former, El Campeon is ranked as one of the best courses in Florida. None of us who played will question that. It's long, it's rife with hazards and bunkers, it's greens were subtle, and it was subtly beautiful. Even the par-5 17th, well-named we may say, "Devil's Delight."

And it was a good week to be a member of the NCCAA board. Rich Ozinga, a board member, and company - his son Jeff, Jim Kamp and Henry A. Kamp - captured first place in the College Tournament on Sunday, finishing with a stunning 19-under-par 125 in the 2-ball and winning a \$3,000 scholarship named for the irrepressible John Wheeler for Trinity Christian.

The Kamps had to have a truck to haul away their prizes. They not only won a Jones sports carry bag and \$75 gift certificate for being on the winning team, Henry won a Taylor-Made titanium driver for long drive and Jim won one of the closest-to-the-hole prizes, a Cleveland sand wedge. Still another Kamp, Len, who was not on the winning team, won a closest-to-the-hole prize as well.

Dan Wielhouwer, still another board member, was on the second-place team with Scott True, Gary Cobb and David Miller. They finished 16 under and won a \$2,000 grant named for Dave Spilman for Cedarville College.

The highlight of play, as usual, was the Monday Pro-Am when the PGA Tour pros arrived. Among those present were Paul Stankowski, Clarence Rose, Dick Mast, Steve Lowery, Don Pooley, Bob Lohr, Larry Rinker, Brian Fogt, Brian Mogg, Mike Nicolette and our host, Mr. Clampett, to name a few.

It was a different day, same old story in many ways. Past president John Bratcher was a member of the winning team, as was Kamp, Bert. Which brings up an interesting question, how many Kamps does it take to make a camp? Oh yes, Henry also won a putter with another closest-to-the-pin prize.

Brian Fogt was pro of the winning team,

shooting a 6 under-par 66, a score that won low-pro honors and leading his fivesome to a 20-under-124. Other members of the winning team were Ken Wright and Alan Queen.

Kip Byrne paced his fivesome of Pat Stillman, Bill Bracy, Jim Rosema and David Benoit to second place with a 125, while board members Dan Wielhouwer, Bobby Temple and Dan Wood were on the third-place team with Tom Fink and Sam Woolwine.

Speaking of Temple, he was low amateur for the umpteenth time, shooting an even-par 72, but he had his head almost driven as far north as Tennessee Temple. On the closing hole, he and another of his partners had ventured forward of a Fink - Tom by name - who had yet to hit his second shot. When he did, it passed close enough to Bob's head that he heard this o-o-s-s-h-h-in s-s-w-wosh.

In keeping with the board theme, Wielhouwer also won low net for "C" players with a 64 and Fink won low gross for the "D's" with a 93. Winning drivers for long drives were Ken Meyer, Jeff Ozinga and Charlie White, and putters for closest went to Jim Rosema, Jim Ozinga and Steve Westra. Gift certificates for low scores went to, in addition to Temple, Wielhouwer and Fink, Ken Meyer, Hank Ipema and Michael Schisler.

And, Clampett was once again masterful in his impersonation of Gary Player, Fulton Allem and Andy Bean, and a little deceptive with the pro long-drive. Bob, it seems, wrote his own name on the long-drive marker when actually his ball found the hazard. It was all in fun, for Stankowski, the young pro from Texas who has taken the PGA Tour by storm, who actually won.

And actually, with the golf, the fellowship, and the encouraging messages, that kind of epitomizes what it was all about, a lot of fun and three days we won't soon forget.

Written by Sam Woolwine. Sam is sports editor of the Chattanooga Free Press and a long-time friend of the NCCAA.

## Highlights of '97 Pro-Am



*Bo Bandura gets lots of advice and most likely no help on this sand shot.*



*Jim McNeely provided some great music throughout the weekend.*



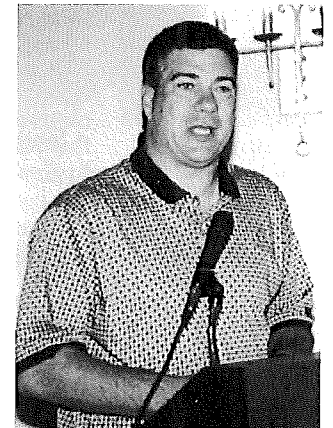
*Our host, Bobby Clampett, gets some feedback from PGA Professional and one of the hottest players on tour, Paul Stankowski.*



*Bobby Richardson was an inspiration to all. His ability to present God's word meant so much to all of us. Thank you Bobby!*



*Winning the Pro-Am was the team of Professional Brian Fogt (low pro shooting 66), Ken Wright, Alan Queen, Bert Kamp and John Bratcher with a score of 124.*



*Monday morning before a great day of golf, Peter Semeyn gave us a challenge to remember the Easter season and why we need the Lord.*



*The team of Rich Ozinga, Jeff Ozinga, Jim Kamp and Henry A. Kamp won Sunday's College Tournament. A gift of \$3,000 was given to the Trinity Christian College Scholarship Fund for a ministry student.*



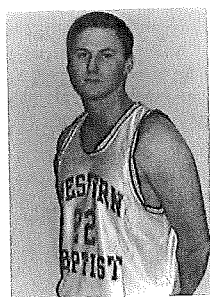
*As in the past, when Jim Donovan speaks, he makes us laugh, think and praise the Lord. Jim provided a great Sunday morning message.*



*Professional, Mike Nicolette, shows the way to his foursome on a beautiful Florida day.*

## Hills and Mason Receive Maravich Award

The ninth annual **Pete Maravich Memorial Award** was awarded to an outstanding Christian basketball player in both NCCAA Divisions I and II. The Maravich Award, given by the NCCAA in honor of the late basketball legend who became such a devoted Christian, is awarded to the NCCAA senior student-athletes who have displayed excellence in athletics and Christian character. Receiving the Pete Maravich Memorial Award in Division I was **Brian Hills of Western Baptist College (WBC)**. The award recipient in Division II



Brian Hills

was **Joel Mason of Clearwater Christian (CCC)**. This year's recipient of the NCCAA Men's Division I Basketball Maravich Award is no stranger to the NCCAA. He and his teammates have represented WBC in the NCCAA National Tournament twice during his four-year career. The 6' and 200 pound senior off guard is from Salem, Oregon.

Hills has been the Warriors' leader and star for the past four years. He is the first player to be named all four years to the Cascade Collegiate All-Conference Team. He was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference MVP his senior year. He was named to the NCCAA All-District Team all four years and was the MVP three of those years. He was also named MVP of the All-Northwest region. He holds 10 NAIA (II) National records. He is the all-time NAIA (II) scoring leader with 3,258 points. Hills has led his team to three NAIA playoffs, two NCCAA National Tournaments, first-ever top 25 ranking, and best regular season record in school history. The NAIA and NCCAA All-American averaged 24.1 points per game during his collegiate career. On 35 occasions he scored over 30 points in a game and in 8 of those he scored over 40 points.

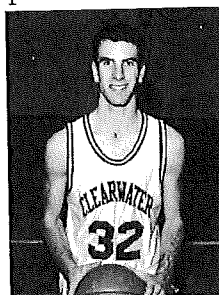
Hills is a credit to basketball, to his college, the NCCAA, his coach, parents, family and the Lord Jesus Christ. He is everything that the Christian student-athlete philosophy is about. He is the captain of his team and he leads them quietly through his hard play and performances. He leads one of the team's prayer groups and encourages others with his card writing. An opposing coach had this to say about Hills, "Brian loves the Lord dearly and is extremely humble. He shares his faith in Christ at camps and in the FCA. If ever there was a model Christian athlete you would want your son to be like, it would be Brian."

Joel Mason, a 6'7" senior guard, has been a four-year starter for the Cougars. He

led the Cougars to a 22-7 record during the past season. After losing four of the top five scorers from a year ago, Mason stepped up his game and according to Coach Del Wubbena, he literally put the team on his shoulders and carried them to an incredible year. He made all of his teammates better by his leadership and court savvy.

The Cougars have been very successful during Mason's four years. They won the Florida Christian College Conference all four years and also won the NCCAA South District championship three of the four years. The Cougars record during Mason's four years was 80-36.

He was awarded many honors while at Clearwater. He was FCCC All-Conference his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was named to the NCCAA National All-Tournament team in 1995 and led the Cougars to a second-place finish. This year he was named to the NCCAA All-American first team.



Joel Mason

Mason averaged 24.9 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists this year. The 24.9 points per game for a season is a CCC record, along with 6 assists per game.

Mason is from Santa Maria, California. He will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies Education. He is a member of Alpha Chi and has a 3.8 grade point average.

He would like to be a teacher in a Christian school and coach basketball. He plans on attending graduate school next fall and working on his master's degree in education administration.

### Meritorious Service Award Recipients

This year's recipients for the **Meritorious Service Award** were: Dr. John Bratcher, Lee; Chris Coy, Taylor; Dave Grube, Grace Bible; Willie Holley, Mid-America Bible; Jim Huckaby, Baptist Bible; Ken Hyland, Malone; Dr. Marti MacCullough, Philadelphia College of Bible; Drew Peterson, Bethel; Don Wood, Southern Wesleyan; Kelly Wood and Sam Woolwine.

## Funding Available for Missions Trips

The NCCAA National Office has a special fund for assisting both student-athletes and coaches as they are involved in missions trips and other ministry endeavors. A total of \$18,800 was raised at the 1997 Pro-Am Classic for this special missions/ministry fund. Any NCCAA student-athlete and/or coach desiring financial assistance should complete the application form. A copy of the missions funding application appears on page 28 of the NCCAA Official Handbook. A subcommittee of the Board of Directors will review all application requests for funding. Please contact the National Office if you desire further information.

### ... bulletin board ...

**Christian Outreach International** has several summer mission trips available. If you are interested contact Jack Isleib at P. O. Box 2823, Vero Beach, FL 32961-2823. Call 800-451-3643, fax 561-778-6781 or email COutrchFL@aol.com

**SportsLife** director, Todd James, is looking for committed Christians who are willing to share their faith with people they come into contact with through playing and coaching basketball in Ireland. The SuperLeague generally looks for players between 6'4" and 6'8" who can do a little of everything. If you are interested in this type of ministry send your statistics and past playing accomplishments along with your resumé and testimony to Todd James, Director, SportsLife, 4 College Grove, Castletknock, Dublin 15, Ireland.

**Torchbearers Sports Outreach** director, Jeff Dusek is recruiting young men wishing to play international basketball who want to attend a Bible school and have a deep desire to serve and grow in the Lord. During the school year, September - May, you will be enrolled in a one-year interdenominational Bible school. If interested contact Jeff Dusek, Sports Outreach Director, Torchbearers, 57015 Holsbybrunn, Sweden, or Chad or Charlie Briscoe, 319 Clubhouse Dr., Roanoke, VA 24019. Call 540-362-4436.



# NCCAA 1997 Winter Championships

Thank you to the Sports Chairs, Tournament Directors and others for their time and dedicated work in helping to make each National Championship a success.

## Wrestling Results

Maranatha Baptist Bible College  
Watertown, WI  
February 22, 1997

### Cumberland College Wrestling Champions

#### Team Scoring

- |                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Cumberland              | 95 |
| 2. Pensacola Christian     | 89 |
| 3. Maranatha Baptist Bible | 74 |
| 4. Baptist Bible (PA)      | 26 |

#### 1997 Outstanding Wrestler

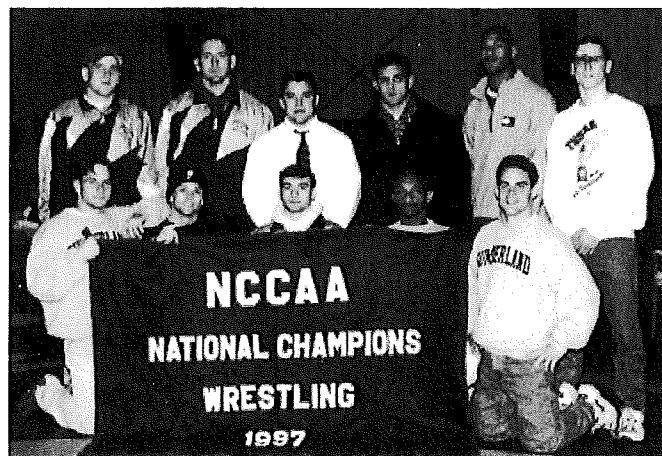
Chris Burns, Cumberland

#### Ben Peterson Christian Sportsmanship Award

Nick Axtell, Baptist Bible

#### 1997 Coach of the Year

Jess Wilder, Cumberland



#### 1997 NCCAA All-American Team

Class	Champion	School
118	Alex Wray	Cumberland
126	Rob Hazewinkel	Pensacola Christian
134	Jason Kellhofer	Pensacola Christian
142	Morgan Chapman	Cumberland
150	Chris Burns	Cumberland
158	Dusty Werner	Pensacola Christian
167	Matt Fitch	Pensacola Christian
177	Nick Axtell	Baptist Bible
190	Derek Reagan	Cumberland
HWT	Chris Leppert	Maranatha Baptist Bible

## 1997-98 NCCAA MEMBERSHIP DUES Men's and/or Women's Divisions

(\*FTE enrollment based upon the 1996 fall semester for the 1997-98 dues.)

Schedule A: Division II schools with 1-3 sports			Schedule B: Division I schools with 1-3 sports and Division II schools with 4 or more sports			Schedule C: Division I schools with 4 or more sports			Schedule D: Associate Mem- bership		
FTE Enrollment*		Dues	FTE Enrollment*		Dues	FTE Enrollment*		Dues	Status		Dues
1 -	250	\$ 560	1 -	250	\$ 630	1 -	250	\$ 660	Division I		\$300
251 -	500	725	251 -	500	795	251 -	500	860	Division II		150
501 -	750	890	501 -	750	960	501 -	750	1,055			
751 -	1,000	1,055	751 -	1,000	1,125	751 -	1,000	1,255			
1,001 -	1,250	1,210	1,001 -	1,250	1,290	1,001 -	1,250	1,455			
1,251 -	1,500	1,385	1,251 -	1,500	1,455	1,251 -	1,500	1,650			
1,501 -	and above	1,550	1,501 -	and above	1,620	1,501 -	and above	1,850			



## Women's Basketball I Results

Lee College  
Cleveland, Tennessee  
March 13-15, 1997

### LeTourneau University Division I Women's Basketball Champions

#### Tournament Results

<u>First Round</u>	
LeTourneau	93
Olivet Nazarene	62
Oakland City	60
Western Baptist	58
Emmanuel	76
Roberts Wesleyan	64
Lee	86
Geneva	50

#### Consolation Semifinals

Western Baptist	67
Olivet Nazarene	57
Roberts Wesleyan	64
Geneva	61

#### Championship Semifinals

LeTourneau	71
Oakland City	56
Emmanuel	71
Lee	68

#### Seventh Place

Olivet Nazarene	61
Geneva	57

#### Fifth Place

Roberts Wesleyan	64
Western Baptist	63

#### Third Place

Oakland City	99
Lee	74

#### Championship

LeTourneau	80
Emmanuel	71

#### 1997 NCCAA All-Tournament Team

Shannon Fuller	Emmanuel
Jeanette Glover	Roberts Wesleyan
Tracey Pepper	LeTourneau
Shelley Phillips	Lee
Teresa Sabatino	LeTourneau
Carissa Stiefel	Olivet Nazarene
Shay Walker	Oakland City

#### 1996-97 NCCAA Scholar-Athletes

Julie Baldwin	Lee
Jenny Bergman	Indiana Wesleyan
Krystal Bird	Lee
Jennie Burkin	MidAmerica Nazarene
Jennifer Case	Roberts Wesleyan
Jeanne Christensen	Bartlesville Wesleyan
Val Crombe	Roberts Wesleyan
Sharla Figg	Spring Arbor
Kelly Flory	MidAmerica Nazarene
Tambi Gustafson	Northwest
Stacy Kerwin	Trinity Christian
Luba Kostrikin	Western Baptist
Lea Moss	Lee
Christy Nordstrom	Western Baptist
Tracey Pepper	LeTourneau
Kelsie Piper	Western Baptist
Deborah Porter	Indiana Wesleyan
Stephanie Richard	Indiana Wesleyan
Erin Stiles	MidAmerica Nazarene
Laura Vanderbeck	Greenville
Kendra VanderWilt	Trinity Christian

#### 1996-97 Coach of the Year

Mary Ann Otwell  
LeTourneau

#### 1996-97 NCCAA All-American Team

##### First Team

Kim Chatman	LeTourneau
Vanessa Edwards	Emmanuel
Jeanette Glover	Roberts Wesleyan
Sarah Habermas	Lee
Christy Nordstrom	Western Baptist
Tracey Pepper	LeTourneau
Kelsie Piper	Western Baptist
Carissa Stiefel	Olivet Nazarene
Alyson Vogrin	Geneva
Shay Walker	Oakland City

##### Second Team

Susan Fischer	Greenville
Julie Jeffries	Campbellsville
Christie Miller	Oakland City
Sharon Patterson	Bethel
Shelley Phillips	Lee
Tara Seiter	Mt. Vernon Nazarene
Nancy Smith	Judson
Courtney Thompson	Spring Arbor
Deborah Vicknair	Northwest
Sunny Watersom	MidAmerica Nazarene
Amy Wilson	Concordia
Megan Young	MidAmerica Nazarene

#### 1997 Tournament MVP

Tracey Pepper  
LeTourneau

#### 1997 Tournament Outstanding Player

Carissa Stiefel  
Olivet Nazarene

## Women's Basketball II Results

Mid-America Bible and Southwestern College of  
Christian Ministries  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 6-8, 1997

### Kentucky Christian College Division II Women's Basketball Champions

#### Tournament Results

#### First Round

Kentucky Christian	72
Crown (MN)	58

Moody Bible	68
Practical Bible	52

Ozark Christian	72
Clearwater Christian	58

Mid-America Bible	104
North Central Bible	64

#### Consolation Semifinals

Crown	59
Clearwater Christian	41

Practical Bible	69
North Central	61

#### Championship Semifinals

Kentucky Christian	90
Ozark Christian	70

Mid-America Bible	77
Moody Bible	70

#### Seventh Place

North Central Bible	89
Clearwater Christian	77

#### Fifth Place

Practical Bible College	72
Crown	64

#### Third Place

Moody Bible	80
Ozark Christian	56

#### Championship

Kentucky Christian	68
Mid-America Bible	58



#### 1997 NCCAA All-Tournament Team

Tabitha Hannum	Kentucky Christian
Angela Holley	Mid-America Bible
Jen Lavin	Moody Bible
Jennifer Leeder	Ozark Christian
Nicole McIntosh	Mid-America Bible
Andrea Romero	Mid-America Bible

#### 1996-97 NCCAA All-American Team

Melissa Fields	Crown (MN)
Tabitha Hannum	Kentucky Christian
Angela Holley	Mid-America Bible
Stacey Holley	Mid-America Bible
Bobbi Jo Howard	Practical Bible
Lynelle Larson	Maranatha Baptist Bible
Nicole McIntosh	Mid-America Bible
Jennifer Leeder	Ozark Christian
Amanda Siddens	Lincoln Christian
Kathy Stewart	Kentucky Christian

#### 1996-97 NCCAA Scholar-Athletes

Joyce Baergen	Trinity Bible
Beth Case	Moody Bible
Kim Deedrick	Faith Baptist Bible
Lisa Elam	Cincinnati Bible
Elizabeth Euler	Baptist Bible (PA)
Melissa Fields	Crown (MN)
Aimee Green	Southeastern
Tabitha Hannum	Kentucky Christian
Jen Lavin	Moody Bible
Jeanette Fay Lynch	Simpson
Tiffany May	Johnson Bible
Noemi Pagan	Clearwater Christian
Carrie Panter	Philadelphia College of Bible
Heidi Paulson	North Central Bible
Andrea Jo Romero	Mid-America Bible
Marcy Stumbo	Crown (MN)
Jennifer Wilkerson	Clearwater Christian

#### 1997 Tournament MVP

Tabitha Hannum, Kentucky Christian

#### 1996-97 Player of the Year

Tabitha Hannum, Kentucky Christian

#### 1996-97 Coach of the Year

Charlie Willimas, Ozark Christian College



## Men's Basketball I Results

Indiana Wesleyan University  
Marion, Indiana  
March 20-22, 1997

**Christian Heritage  
Division I  
Men's Basketball Champions**

### 1997 Tournament Results

#### First Round

Lee	89
Roberts Wesleyan	71
Christian Heritage	80
Northwest	78

MidAmerica Nazarene	85
Trinity Christian	74

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Oakland City	57

#### Fifth Place

Roberts Wesleyan	98
Trinity Christian	89

#### Third Place

Lee	88
Oakland City	79

#### Championship

Christian Heritage	83
MidAmerica Nazarene	80

### 1997 All-Tournament Team

Paul Bell	Lee
Chad Bickley	Christian Heritage
Aaron Harris	Mid-America
Stewart Love	Oakland City
Eric Moser	Roberts Wesleyan
Shay Richardson	Lee
Ray Schoonveld	Trinity Christian

#### 1997 Tournament MVP

Beau Sager, Christian Heritage

#### 1997 Tournament Outstanding Player

Darin Meyer, MidAmerica Nazarene

#### 1997 All-Tournament Coach

Art Wilmore, Christian Heritage

#### 1996-97 Pete Maravich Memorial Award

Brian Hills, Western Baptist

#### 1996-97 Coach of the Year

Gene Fitzgerald, Trinity Christian

#### 1996-97 Scholar-Athletes

Wes Arthur	Roberts Wesleyan
Eric Champion	Tennessee Temple
Jason Dominey	Lee
Seth Gilmer	Grace College
Tim Hills	Western Baptist
Matt Hopson	Oakland City
Nate Linman	Western Baptist
Brian McClellan	MidAmerica Nazarene
Darin Meyer	MidAmerica Nazarene
Brent Miller	Cedarville
Scott Pothoven	Trinity Christian
Beau Sager	Christian Heritage
Tyler Satterthwaite	Western Baptist
Andrew Schmidt	Grace
Ryan Schoonveld	Trinity Christian
Josh Stonestreet	Bryan
Brett Willie	Northwest
Steve Wood	Malone

### 1996-97 NCCAA All-American Team

#### First Team

Paul Bell	Lee
Jason Elder	Spring Arbor
David Haverstick	Bethel
Brian Hills	Western Baptist
Ehren Hull	Mt. Vernon Nazarene
Ernest Jones	Bartlesville Wesleyan
Stewart Love	Oakland City
Lucas Marsh	Geneva
Darin Meyer	MidAmerica Nazarene
Eric Moser	Roberts Wesleyan
Beau Sager	Christian Heritage
Rico Swanson	Bethel
Rahmn Thomas	Tennessee Temple
Dan Wingate	Malone

#### Second Team

Chad Bickley	Christian Heritage
Andy De'Agostino	Northwest
Darren Gagnon	Grace
Chuck Henderson	Pacific Christian
Matt Hopson	Oakland City
Larry James	Emmanuel
Nate Linman	Western Baptist
Bert McLaughlin	Grace
Ryan Schoonveld	Trinity Christian
Spalticus Thomas	Christian Heritage
Steve Wood	Malone

#### Honorable Mention

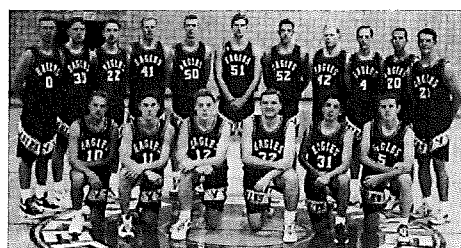
Josh Buffington	Hannibal-LaGrange
Andy Burdett	Judson (IL)
Eric Champion	Tennessee Temple
Joshua Layton	Christian Heritage
Fred Manuywa	Hannibal-LaGrange
Jimmy Stellato	LeTourneau
Brett Wille	Northwest





## Men's Basketball II Results

Mid-America Bible College  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Southwestern College of Christian  
Ministries  
Bethany, OK  
March 6 - 8, 1997



### Kentucky Christian College - Division II Men's Basketball Champions

#### Division II Tournament Results

<u>First Round</u>	
Kentucky Christian	76
Crown (MN)	73
Maranatha Baptist Bible	86
Mid-America Bible	82
Baptist Bible (PA)	86
Central Bible	67
Toccoa Falls	63
Simpson	60

<u>Consolation Semifinals</u>	
Crown	96
Mid-America Bible	82
Simpson	71
Central Bible	52

<u>Championship Semifinals</u>	
Kentucky Christian	106
Maranatha Baptist	79
Toccoa Falls	89
Baptist Bible (PA)	69

<u>Seventh Place</u>	
Mid-America Bible	85
Central Bible	72

<u>Fifth Place</u>	
Crown	85
Simpson	84

<u>Third Place</u>	
Maranatha Baptist	109
Baptist Bible (PA)	85

<u>Championship</u>	
Kentucky Christian	101
Toccoa Falls	75

#### 1996-97 Scholar-Athletes

Luke Akins	Maranatha Baptist Bible
Ben Brunton	Southwestern (AZ)
Matt Chastain	Atlanta Christian
Steve Cone	Clearwater Christian
Dave Dickerson	Northland Baptist Bible
Jim Good	Clearwater Christian
Chester Gunnin	Atlanta Christian
Shon Lundberg	Faith Baptist Bible
Joel Mason	Clearwater Christian
Brandon McAfee	Baptist Bible (PA)
Nate Oats	Maranatha Baptist Bible
Raymond Reid	Messenger
Steve Salvigsen	Baptist Bible (PA)
Paul Stone	Philadelphia College of Bible
David Von	Northland Baptist Bible
Tom Worsell	Central Christian

#### 1996-97 NCCAA All-American Team

<u>First Team</u>	
Paul Davis	Lincoln Christian
Ryan Devine	Southwestern (AZ)
Kent Mangham	Toccoa Falls
Joel Mason	Clearwater Christian
Eric McCurdy	Southwestern CCM
Jason Penley	Baptist Bible (PA)
Josh Piatt	Kentucky Christian
Greg Snow	Pillsbury
Brad Stone	Cincinnati Bible
Jason Williams	Central Bible

<u>Second Team</u>	
Damien Alexander	Mid-America Bible
D.J. Boike	Northland Baptist Bible
David Emmons	Philadelphia College of Bible
Chester Gunnin	Maranatha Baptist Bible
Ryan Murray	Kentucky Christian
Kent Nelson	Free Will Baptist Bible
Todd Niklaus	Crown (MN)
David Orns	Maranatha Baptist Bible
Justin Pope	Multnomah Bible
Clint Walker	Piedmont Bible

<u>Honorable Mention</u>	
Luke Akins	Maranatha Baptist Bible
Austin Bazi	Manhattan Christian
Derrick Fleck	Simpson
Homer Hall	Messenger
Tim Hickman	Ozark Christian
Bryan Hurlbutt	Practical Bible
Brian Johnson	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist
Nathan Karnes	Johnson Bible
Jon Mack	Valley Forge Christian
Brandon McAfee	Baptist Bible (PA)
Jonathan Milligan	Trinity Baptist
Brian Moore	Baptist Bible (MO)
Todd Terpstra	Faith Baptist Bible
Scott Van Etten	North Central Bible

1996-97 Coach of the Year  
Dick Damron, Kentucky Christian  
Lance Martin, Toccoa Falls

1996-97 Pete Maravich Award  
Joel Mason, Clearwater Christian

1997 Division II Tournament MVP  
Allen Kropp, Toccoa Falls

1997 Division IIA Tournament MVP  
Ryan Devine, Southwestern (AZ)

1997 Division IIA All-Tournament Coach  
Steve Morley, Southwestern (AZ)

### Southwestern (AZ) - Division IIA Men's Basketball Champions

#### Division IIA Tournament Results

<u>First Round</u>	
Faith Baptist	76
Southwestern CCM	73
Nebraska Christian	73
Manhattan Christian	71
Grace Bible	75
Central Christian	52
Southwestern (AZ)	93
Pillsbury	72

<u>Consolation Semifinals</u>	
Southwestern CCM	105
Manhattan Christian	90
Pillsbury	95
Central Christian	81

<u>Championship Semifinals</u>	
Nebraska Christian	67
Faith Baptist	61
Southwestern (AZ)	64
Grace Bible	61

<u>Seventh Place</u>	
Manhattan Christian	85
Central Christian	69

<u>Fifth Place</u>	
Southwestern CCM	107
Pillsbury	94

<u>Third Place</u>	
Grace Bible	68
Faith Baptist	63

<u>Championship</u>	
Southwestern (AZ)	77
Nebraska Christian	68

#### 1997 Division IIA All-Tournament Team

Austin Bazil	Manhattan Christian
Scott Beckenhauer	Nebraska Christian
Ryan Devine	Southwestern (AZ)
Rich Jones	Nebraska Christian
Brandon LeTarte	Southwestern (AZ)
Todd Terpstra	Faith Baptist

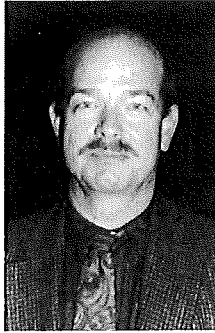
#### 1997 Division II All-Tournament Team

Luke Akins	Maranatha Baptist
Allen Kropp	Toccoa Falls
Kent Mangham	Toccoa Falls
Ryan Murray	Kentucky Christian
Josh Piatt	Kentucky Christian
Mike Tomlin	Kentucky Christian

## Hall of Fame Inducts Three

Dr. John Bratcher, Willie Holley and Larry Maddox were recipients of the NCCAA *Hall of Fame Award* at the National Convention Annual Meeting Luncheon on March 22, 1997. The purpose of the Hall of Fame Award is to recognize individuals who have given outstanding leadership and/or service to the NCCAA.

Dr. John Bratcher is completing his eighth year at Lee College where he is presently the men's and women's head soccer coach, assistant athletics director and an associate professor of physical education. He was President of the NCCAA in 1993-95 and has served on the Board of Directors from 1989 to 1997.



*Dr. John Bratcher*

Prior to his coaching and teaching at Lee College, Bratcher was an associate professor of physical education at Grand Rapids Baptist College (presently Cornerstone College) for 11 years. He also coached wrestling (two years), track and field (four years), and soccer (eight years), in addition to having the responsibility of athletics director for four years.

Bratcher graduated from Grace College in 1973 with a major in physical education and health. His master's degree was completed in physical education, health and recreation at St. Francis College (IN). He obtained his doctorate in physical education from Middle Tennessee State University.

Coach Bratcher's 16-year soccer record as a men's soccer coach at the collegiate level is 234 wins, 96 losses and 21 ties. He was named NCCAA National Soccer Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1985. His men's soccer teams have participated in 11 NCCAA National Tournaments and he has been named NCCAA District Coach of the Year on 10 occasions. He has coached over 20 NCCAA All-Americans. Seven overseas missions trips in soccer have been coordinated by Bratcher. He has a U.S. National Soccer Diploma and a Brazilian National Soccer License.

Roger Haun, athletics director at Grace College states, "John Bratcher is very deserving of induction into the NCCAA Hall of Fame. As a friend and colleague, I have appreciated John's wisdom and counsel on many occasions. John has contributed many hours to helping the NCCAA grow and improve."

Willie Holley is in his 23rd year at Mid-America Bible College where he presently serves as men's head basketball coach and athletics director. Other positions he has held include Dean of Men, Financial Aid Director, Director of Development and Enrollment Manager.

Holley graduated from Oak Grove High School in 1965 after which he attended Ranger Junior College and played basketball. He

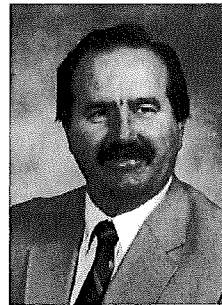
graduated from Northeast Louisiana University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Other institutions he has attended include the University of Houston, Mid-America Bible College and Oklahoma City Community College.

His excellent coaching abilities and expertise on the college level have been reflected in the 10 NCCAA Conference and Regional Coach of the Year awards he has received. In 1984 Holley was voted as the National Coach of the Year in men's basketball. Coach Holley won his 400th basketball game on November 3, 1996.

The NCCAA has benefited from the dedicated leadership of Holley as he has served as a District Chair, Regional Chair and National Sports Chair for a number of years. He presently serves as the President's Designate on the NCCAA Board of Directors.

His love and vision for the NCCAA were clearly demonstrated as he was instrumental in the planning and organizing of the three Division II National Basketball Tournaments recently hosted in Oklahoma City. This was the first time ever that these tournaments were held at one location.

"Willie's greatest success has been teaching his athletes that the giving of self to others is actually the greatest form of receiving. He models servanthood," states friend and former student, Glenn Rankin.



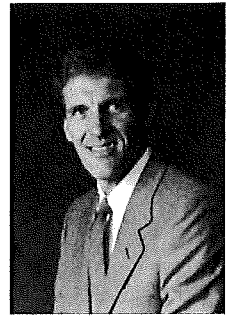
*Willie Holley*

Larry Maddox has served at Anderson University (IN) for 22 years and is currently the assistant athletics director in charge of recruiting all sports and the head men's and women's cross country and track and field coach. Coach Maddox is a past NCCAA National Cross Country Chair.

He graduated from Anderson University with a major in social studies and a minor in physical education. He lettered three years in both cross country and track and field. His master's degree was completed in physical education at the University of Dayton.

Maddox has taught and coached for 11 years at the public high school level. He has been privileged to coach many outstanding student-athletes during his college coaching tenure. Over 100 of his men and women athletes have been honored as NCCAA All-Americans in cross country and track and field. Anderson Raven cross country teams have won the NCCAA National Championship on seven occasions. The men's track and field team has been crowned NCCAA National Champions on five occasions. He was voted NCCAA Coach of the Year during each of these 12 national championships. Also, many of his student-athletes have achieved All-American honors in both the NAIA and NCAA III.

In 1991 he was a member of the Olympic Festival track and field coaching staff and was honored by being selected as the head coach of the 1995 North Squad for the track and field Olympic festival. In the summer of 1996 Maddox was also the Operations Manager of the warm up track at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.



*Larry Maddox*

DeWitt Akers, former student-athlete and coaching colleague of Coach Maddox, expresses, "I respect Coach Maddox as a mentor, a confidant and as a Christian leader who leads by example. From the 5 a.m. jogs, to the late evenings in the office, I can think of no other person more deserving of recognition. Not only for his dedication to his profession but for his high moral standards and commitment to his and others, Christian growth."

### Moody Bible Receives Sports Ministries Award

At the Annual Meeting Luncheon, the 8th Annual NCCAA *Sports Ministries Award* was presented to **Sheldon Bassett**, the Athletics Director at **Moody Bible Institute**.

The NCCAA established the *Sports Ministries Award* for the purpose of recognizing member institutions and/or individuals for significant spiritual outreach through the utilization of athletic ministries. The Center for Sports & Physical Therapy, located in Marion, Indiana, has made this award possible by providing a \$1,000 gift to the NCCAA, thus enabling Moody Bible Institute to receive \$1,000 for the purpose of continued outreach ministry.

Moody Bible Institute has been a pacesetter in having the educational mission and ministry of the Solheim Center assist students in becoming mature Christians who are both whole persons and competent servants. The Moody Bible Institute faculty have utilized the Solheim Center to enhance the complete training experience of Christian missionaries and workers.

The Solheim Center has been a vehicle to reach out to the urban community by providing wholesome recreation, athletic events, physical competition and recreational camps all within an atmosphere where social, moral and spiritual values are demonstrated through student and faculty role modeling. In addition, the Solheim Center provides the Moody Bible Institute students with a laboratory for training in sports outreach ministry that can be duplicated by the students in other cross-cultural urban communities.

# Making A Difference

## Student-Athletes and Their Coaches

They came to play basketball, but in the process the women from four regional Christian colleges helped at area social-service organizations and the Mahaffie Farmstead.

The event began as the National Christian College District Women's Basketball Tournament, which is being hosted by Olathe's MidAmerica Nazarene College. In addition to the MANC's Lady Pioneers, other schools represented are LeTourneau University, Bartlesville Wesleyan, and Hannibal LaGrange.

The tournament began Thursday night. But before the contest ensued, the players met to do some volunteer work.

All the players gathered at 9 a.m. Friday in the MANC gymnasium. They broke into smaller groups, mixing the players from the various schools. From there, various groups went to the Olathe Salvation Army center, the Mahaffie Farmstead and to Kansas City, Mo. to work at the City Union Mission and Harvesters, a food pantry.

Karl Kliwer, head coach of women's basketball at MANC, said this was the first time the tournament included such work.

"What we wanted to do was interact with each other," Kliwer said. "We are similar size schools, Christian colleges. A lot of schools like ours have an emphasis on service. So we decided to do this where the players can do some service work."

"There have been tournaments, but this is the first time in the middle of the season. They're usually post-season, and everyone's ready to finish up in a hurry and go home. But the athletic director at LeTourneau, Dr. Dick Beach, said, 'Let's do something different from everywhere else we play.'"

"We had a coach's meeting and decided to do it, and for no particular reason we were able to host it the first time. It'll go to LeTourneau next year."

*This article was taken in part from the Olathe Daily News Reporter.*

Tennessee Temple University basketball coach Rick Johnson and his assistants work very hard at recruiting, but it was a pen left by a guest in a Charlotte, N.C., hotel that brought them their current All-American.

And Johnson is even happier that their unusual introduction led to a Beyond-This-World blessing for Rahmn Thomas, who's averaging 20 points a game for the Crusaders this season after being the No. 2 scorer on the surprising team that soared to the Christian college national final last winter.

"The Lord was definitely at work," Johnson said. Thomas scored 16 a game as a senior at Charlotte's Garinger High School, the same school that produced former UTC standout Maurio Hanson, and then was signed by Clinton Junior College in South Carolina as a 3-point shooter.

He had averaged 12 points, five rebounds and three assists in his freshman season at Clinton but wanted to leave. He was leaning toward West Virginia Wesleyan - with perhaps a year at Kansas juko power Seward County first - when he suddenly noticed the printing on a pen on his kitchen table.

"School was about to start and I hadn't made up my mind," Thomas recalled. "I knew Seward County was a good team, but I really didn't want to go that far."

"We had this pen on the table and I noticed 'Tennessee Temple University' written on one side and a 1-800 number on the other side," he added. "I had no idea what kind of school this was or what division of basketball they played, but I was curious, so I called the number."

Only later did he learn that his mother, a hotel maid, had brought the pen home after it was left in a room she cleaned.

Anyway, Thomas called and was connected to Johnson, who got some basic information, checked some sources and called him back about a week later, setting up a visit and tryout.

It went well, obviously.

"Coach just pulled me into his office and said, 'Here's what we can do for you,' so I went home and told my mom and she came back with me and I signed," Thomas said.

Before the actual signing, though, Johnson discussed something else with his future star.

"He asked me why I left a blank (on the questionnaire) about whether I was saved," Thomas recalled. "I told him, 'Coach, I really didn't understand the question.'"

"He led me to the Lord right there in his office."

"Coach Johnson cares about his players. That didn't stop there," he added. "He wants us to grow as people."

Thomas has indeed matured, he and his coach agreed. And Johnson has both gone to bat for him with administrators and continued to guide him in his adjustment from a non-Christian background to TTU's conservative rules.

The 6-foot-4 wing player sat out the first game this year as part of his learning process, but Johnson emphasized, "He's worked hard to conform and to be submissive. He's been a joy to coach."

"He works hard as a player and in our strength program, and he's a team player. Bottom line, he just loves to win."

And, yes, Johnson said, "We're making sure more of those pens get passed out."

*This article was taken in part from the Chattanooga Free Press.*

The Philadelphia College of Bible women's basketball team returned from the Dominican Republic on January 13th.

The team worked with Ray and Bev Sparling and Richie and Holly Vallette in the D.R.

They raised over \$12,000 in support in less than 1-1/2 months. The team did construction work on a church in LaYagueta, played two basketball games on concrete courts, conducted one basketball clinic for Dominican girls/women and participated in the morning worship service at LaYagueta.

They have learned that one woman accepted Christ following the morning worship service.

Upon their return to PCB the night of January 13, they walked right in to the opening session of their Missions Conference. This was especially exciting to the team having returned from a missions trip.

In addition, the week was filled with a spiritual awakening among the PCB student body.

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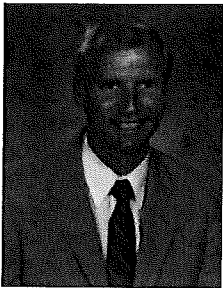
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# Keys Unlock Doors of Opportunity!

by Del Wubbena, NCCAA President  
Presented at NCCAA Annual Meeting



Del Wubbena

I have in front of me a key. Now this key is not very big, but it has the possibilities to do great things. This key could start a car, unlock a door or even open a safety deposit box where many valuables may be located.

I liken this small key to our national organization and to our institutions that we represent. With this key we can do great things for God that will last for an eternity.

This key needs to fit in order to work and do what it is supposed to do. The NCCAA must fit with the philosophies and goals of our member institutions. There is a larger organization which may be more affluent and visible, yet it could never totally meet the needs of the schools belonging to the NCCAA.

Although the NCCAA is a smaller organization, God had used this smaller organization in a great way. In God's Word, we find that God used little things to accomplish great things. David had only a sling and 5 stones, yet defeated the giant Goliath; Gideon and his 300 defeated thousands of Midianites; a small boy with only 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed over 5,000 people; Elijah, with God, defeated the priests and prophets of Baal.

This key that we have is unique. Let us never take the NCCAA and the services that it provides for granted. I am grateful for Dr. Barry May, our Executive

Director, Rob Miller, our Director of Advancement; for Susan and Julie, and our District and Sports Chairs, I say a big "Thank You."

Keys are easily lost if neglected. Let's make sure that we use the key God has given us. It will unlock many opportunities.

We can all recall the frustration of losing our keys and the frantic effort that we had to expend to find them again. Some of us can even recall being stranded and unable to move because the key was misplaced. We cannot allow the NCCAA to be lost due to non-interest and neglect. It takes effort and diligence to keep this key (our organization) in the right direction with the proper priorities. Let's all use the key that God has given us to unlock all doors of opportunity so that we may share the love of Christ with the world.

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## NCCAA National Office News and Notes by Rob Miller

As the NCCAA continues to grow, the Association is always looking for other companies that support the mission and purpose of the NCCAA. These two companies are great examples of how the NCCAA can partner with corporate America to make a difference internally and externally.

Ransom Soul Wear of San Diego is a young Christian company that has developed a line of sportswear that includes volleyball, soccer, tennis, golf and basketball gear. The company has dedicated itself to I Timothy 2:5-6 and this is where it derives its name. This year NCCAA National Championship teams from Christian Heritage College wore Ransom Sportswear. Soon a Ransom catalog will be sent to NCCAA coaches and others interested. Ransom would like to help the NCCAA by sponsoring a Christian Leadership Scholarship.

LifeLine Telecommunications is a company that has become familiar to many of us in the last few years. Their long distance phone service has provided support to hundreds of Christian organizations. LifeLine's partnership with the NCCAA is unique in the fact that instead of direct support to the NCCAA, the two will work together for the benefit of NCCAA member institutions. More information will be forwarded to NCCAA institution's athletic and development offices.

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