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Run on

There have been more than 472,000 participants in the New York Marathon's first 29 years. See its growth:

1970: 127
1986: 20,502
1998: 32,398

N.Y. Road Runners Club



NIRSA/USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship a success

The first USA Team Tennis National Championship, sponsored by NIRSA, Intercollegiate Tennis Association and USTA, was such a success, a second one will be held next year. Mark your calendar for March 8-10, 2001; location to be determined.



Invitations were sent to all NIRSA and ITA member schools for the inaugural event held in Austin at the University of Texas last April. The participating schools were required to have either already run a USA Team Tennis program or commit to running a program this year. The event was a mix of sport club teams and intramural champions.

In the finals, the University of North Carolina defeated the University of Texas for the championship.

This first-year tournament (and only the second year of the USA Tennis on College Campuses initiative) was viewed a success by NIRSA, ITA and USTA.



National Team Tennis Championships: University of North Carolina

A huge thanks goes out to Randall Ford and the tournament host committee from the University of Texas (Tom Dison, Barbara Brimi, Jacqueline Hamilton, and Kate Brand) for all their work in making the event a success. The Ferris State University team summed it up best

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Outstanding Sports Facility awards—indoor facilities

NIRSA recognizes superior recreational sports facilities each year with the prestigious Outstanding Sports Facility award. At the 2000 NIRSA Annual Conference & Exposition, the Association awarded thirteen facilities in the Indoor Facility category. These winning facilities will be featured in *Outstanding Sports Facilities Volume IV*, published by NIRSA and scheduled for release in the spring of 2001. To report new construction and renovation projects to be considered for Outstanding Sports Facilities awards, visit the facilities section of nirsa.org.

See the list of winners on page N7

NIRSA's strategic alliance partner to provide Ironman registration

NIRSA's strategic alliance partner, Active.com has joined with World



Triathlon Corporation to provide online registration for the 2001 Ironman Triathlon World Championship, one of the most challenging athletic events in the world. The purse is \$325,000, but the prize does not come easily. Composed of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike race and 26.2-mile run, the nearly 1,500 competitors (ages 18 to 80 from 50 countries) have only 17 hours to finish the race held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. For more information, contact Priscilla Fraiegar at (727) 942-4767, ext. 320 or Priscilla@ironmantri.com.

Watch for the December RSF for complete details regarding the 2001 Annual Conference & Exposition

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by stating in their evaluation, "You could have this tournament in Alaska in mid-winter outside and we would still be there!"

Participating schools:

- Ferris State University
- Hardin-Simmons University
- University of Michigan
- New Mexico State University
- University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
- Southwest Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Texas—Austin
- Western Washington University
- Wake Forest University

Get in the game!

The United States Tennis Association has partnered with NIRSA to offer cash incentives for the Tennis on College Campus Program. If you already have an existing tennis program and want to expand it, or want to start a tennis program, call Valerie McCutchan at the NNC (541) 766-8211 ext. 15, to find out more about USA Tennis 1-2-3 and USA Team Tennis. Play hard!

17th Collegiate Volleyball Sport Club Championships

The 17th Annual NIRSA Collegiate Volleyball Sport Club Championships will be held April 11-14, 2001 in Bartle Hall, located within the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Information packets will be mailed in late November. Please let NIRSA know if your team would like a packet. Last year, 182 teams were accommodated in the first-ever Convention Center set-up, but teams were still turned away in some of the divisions. Plan now to attend!

Molten will once again be the Official Ball, and the balls can be purchased at a great price by calling 1-800-477-1994 and asking for the NIRSA rate.

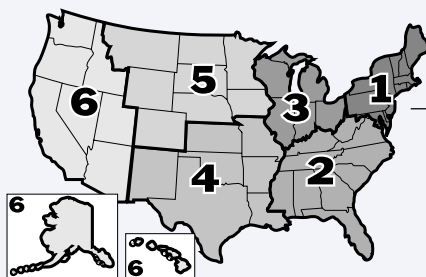
NIRSA Soccer Sport Club Championships return to Austin

The 2000 NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championships go back to the University of Texas at Austin, November 15-18. More than 60 teams are expected to participate in the men's and women's Championship and Open Divisions. Packets are in the mail; if your soccer club does not get one **by September 1, 2000**, please contact the NIRSA National Center.

The Open Division is on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 16 men's and 16 women's teams. Last year, there were 17 men's and 10 women's teams to compete in this division. In the Championships

Division, the 16 men's and 16 women's teams are invited to compete; invitations go out the week of October 23, 2000 and must be accepted by October 27. Entries close for all divisions on October 30, 2000. Complete entries include the entry fee, original player certification form and entry form. Entry fees (\$500 for institutional members and \$600 for non-institutional members) are only accepted by check or credit card. Purchase orders are not accepted.

Please make sure your soccer clubs contact their regional coordinator (named on the map below) to report weekly scores for inclusion in the ranking process.



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Congratulations to the efollett.com Super Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball Regional winners

HOST	MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER
Georgia State U.	Georgia State "Running Rebels"	Columbus State "Lady Cougars"
Mississippi State U.	Mississippi State "D/Phi/D"	Mississippi State "Lady Dawgs"
U. of North Carolina	UNC "Dog Faced Gremlins"	UNC "Automatic W"
James Madison U.	Longwood C. "Farmville Mafia"	US Naval Academy "Navy Team"
U. of Northern Colorado	UNC "Wet Noodles"	CO School of Mines "Halee's Comet"
DePaul U.	Marquette U. "Studio 54 Reopens"	Truman State U. "Truman"
Eastern Washington U.	EWU "Reservoir Dogs"	EWU "EWU 2"
San Jose State U.	Sonoma State U. "Ballaholics"	Sonoma State U. "Ballas"
U. of Texas-Arlington	U. of Central OK "UCO Bandits"	Angelo State "Out of Nowhere"
Northeastern U.	Long Island U. "X Birdz"	U. of Hartford "Hot Shots"
Western Kentucky U.	U. of Evansville "SAE"	Ball State U. "WB4"
Cal Sate U.-Northridge	U. of Redlands "U. of Redlands"	U. of San Diego "USD"
Rutgers U.-Cook/Douglas	St. John's U. "St. John's"	St. Peters College "St. Peters"
U. of Miami	Stetson U. "Hatters"	U. of Miami "Rye Bread"
U. of Nebraska	Drake U. "Bulldogs"	Northern Iowa U. "Juco"
Gannon U.	SUNY-Fredonia "Blue Devils"	Gannon U. "The Maddness"

Thanks to the sponsors e-follett, espn.com and Saturn. A huge thanks also goes to the regional hosts and National Media Group.

Bell-ringing news from the NNC

It has become a tradition at the NNC to ring "the bell" every time something great happens. It's a little brass bell attached to a wall in the office. There are only three rules:

1. Ring the bell once when something great happens.
2. Ring the bell twice when something really great happens.
3. Ring the bell three times when something really, really great happens (and no matter how great, don't ring the bell more than three times; it's also really, really loud).

This summer, that bell has started ringing off the wall!

"We have been 'wowed' to see that even the best gets better. In August, LeagueLink and its parent company Active.com (NIRSA's online software for Recreational Sports administration) are rolling-out major upgrades as it introduces LeagueLink 1.8. This version will include online fee payment, scheduling enhancements, and special improvements to make the

product even easier to use. As if that's not enough, LeagueLink 2.0 is scheduled for a November release. That version will include total home page redesign, scheduling improvements, and expanded e-commerce," says Kent Blumenthal, NIRSA's executive director.

In July NIRSA and Active.com/LeagueLink completed its integration into the Association when it announced the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee who will help develop the NIRSA/LeagueLink site. The committee will communicate NIRSA-Members' priorities and needs regarding product development.

LeagueLink is enhancing the future of the Association by working with the Foundation to establish a hoped-for Technology Intern program, which may provide recreational sports departments with a resource for improving technology at their institutions.

NIRSA members get a resounding three-rings of the bell for their readiness to embrace new partnerships and new technology, and for allowing the Association to

be pioneers in the world of web solutions. Other organizations quickly followed NIRSA's lead; the National Recreation & Park Association, USA Bowling, the World Triathlon Corporation, USA Cycling, and the United States Racquetball Association have now become exclusive partners to Active.com/LeagueLink, which is also providing special services for the Tour de France and the Ironman Triathlon.

"More than forty percent of the NIRSA Institutional Membership has already signed on with Active.com and LeagueLink. With the fall product upgrades, NIRSA is anticipating 80 percent of its membership to be on board by the end of the year," says Blumenthal.

To join the rest of the NIRSA membership, contact LeagueLink by calling 1-888-382-3312 or visit www.leaguelink.com. To learn more about the strategic alliance with Active.com, visit NIRSA's website at nirsa.org.

sponsored sport events

Spring 2000 Training & Fitness

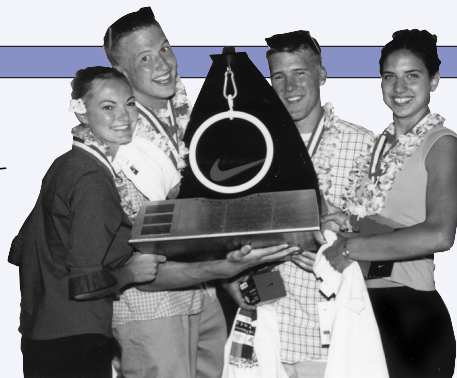
At the 2000 Swoosh Challenge held in April in Los Angeles, 40 participants in four-member teams of two men and two women represented 10 colleges and universities across the nation.

The event began with a Mini-Triathlon at Universal Studios. Participants were then bussed to Venice beach for the Team Tug O' War, Earth Ball Competition, and SAQ (Strength, Agility, and Quickness) Obstacle Course.

After a dramatic finish at the SAQ

Obstacle Course, the Arizona State University/University of Arizona team secured its place as the 2000 Training & Fitness National Champions. Navy was a close second with University of Oregon, Colorado State, and University of Southern California rounding out the top five.

Nike, Kellogg's NutriGrain, and Motrin IB sponsored Spring 2000 Training & Fitness. NIRSA hosted the program with support by Campus Concepts.



Swoosh Challenge winners: University of Arizona/Arizona State. Lindsey Stefaniak, Dewy DeWitt, Matt Welch, Allie Walsh

Spring 2000 5-on-5 Basketball

At the National Championships in Los Angeles in April, the remaining teams battled for the National Champion title in the Great Western Forum. In the women's division, East Carolina University's "Quiet Storm" stormed "Simply Marvelous" from Florida A&M University. ECU successfully defended its title; they won last year's competition. In the men's division, the "Squeeges" from Northern Arizona University swiped the "Clowns" from Kansas State University.

Mike Munson, tournament director, hosted the competition at the University of Southern California. Target, Pepsi One, and Nestle Crunch sponsored Spring 2000 5-on-5 Basketball. NIRSA hosted the program with support by Campus Concepts.

Tentative 2000 Flag Football Regional dates:

Arizona State University	October 20-22
University of Massachusetts	October 27-29
Ohio State University	October 27-29
University of West Florida	November 10-12
University of Maryland	November 17-19
University of Nebraska	November 17-19
U. of N. Carolina-Wilmington	November 17-19
University of Texas -Arlington	November 17-19

National Championships

University of New Orleans	December 27-31
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NIRSA Past President Rooker dies

Albert A. "Sonny" Rooker passed away July 15, 2000. The NIRSA Past President in 1967, Sonny also received the NIRSA Honor Award in 1976.

Sonny was Assistant Director, then the Director of Intramural Sports for Men in the sixties and early seventies at the University of Texas at Austin. When he left the University, he served as the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness for Texas until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jo Pearl Bass Rooker, 2811 W 50th Street, Austin, Texas 78731. Memorial contributions may be made to Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition Blvd., Austin, Texas 78703, or the charity of your choice.

Champlain College replaces athletic program with campuswide sports programs

Trustees at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, voted this month to replace all three of its intercollegiate athletics teams—in men's basketball and men's and women's soccer—with campus-wide participation sports, including kayaking, rock-climbing, and snow-boarding, by the 2002-2003 academic year.

"The goal [is] to involve more students in intramural sports, create a better sense of community among students, and use athletics resources more efficiently," said Roger H. Perry, president of the college. Champlain officials said that the college's decision was not driven by financial problems, noting that it had not run a deficit in the past decade.

But fan support and student interest in the college's three varsity teams has been poor, Perry said. Only about 50 athletes played varsity sports in 1999-2000, out of a student body of about 1,300 full-time and 1,110 part-time students.

A survey of students conducted by an independent company in 1999 indicated that most students wanted more club and intramural sports, according to Perry. The college was spending about \$500,000 a year on the athletics program, "and in terms of reaching our goals of achieving a greater sense of community, we didn't think that it was really a good payoff," Perry said.

The college, which expanded from a two-year to four-year institution in 1991, has never had on-campus athletics or intramural facilities. Plans are in the works, according to Perry, for a new \$5-million building that will include a fitness center, a climbing wall, and space for student organizations. Perry promised that athletics scholarships would be honored for the duration of the grants.

Erik Lords. Excerpt from the Chronicle of Higher Ed, 6/23/2000, page A53.

membership update

Members on the Move

Doug Ahlum has moved from Graduate Assistant at Oklahoma State University to Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Rob Basile has been promoted from an interim position to Assistant to the Director of Recreational Sports/Wellness at St. John's University in Jamaica, NY.

Mike Buck from Interim to Assistant Director-Membership and Scheduling, Southeast Missouri State University.

Rick Craig from Sports and Facilities Coordinator at San Diego State University to Campus Recreation Coordinator at California State University, San Bernardino.

Jennifer Doughney from the University of Illinois (Urbana/Champaign) is now the Assistant Director of Student Personnel at DePaul University.

William Gavin has been promoted from Interim Director to Director of Recreational Sports St. John's University in Jamaica, NY.

Julian Gomez has been promoted from Administrative Secretary to Intramural Sports Coordinator at the University of Utah.

Greg Hansen, CRSS, has relocated from Southeast Missouri State University and is now the Director of the North Kansas City Community Center.

Bryan Haunert has left Ball State University and is the new Assistant Director of

Recreational Sports and Fitness Services at George Washington University.

Kurt Klier has relocated from the University of Vermont to be the new Director of Intramural Sports at Cornell University.

Michael Lebeda retired from the State University of New York (Potsdam) in November 1999. He was a NIRSA member for 17 years.

Scott Levin, CRSS, has left Bowling Green State University to become the new Director of Recreation Services at Georgia State University.

Bob Leonard has relocated from Assistant Aquatics Director at Boston University to Campus Center/Aquatics Director at the University of New England.

William G. Manning will be retiring from the University of California (Berkeley) in August 2000. Bill, a NIRSA member for 32 years, is a Past President and NIRSA Honor Award Winner.

Chad Morgan, formerly an undergraduate at Elon College, NC, is now a Graduate Assistant for Outdoor Programs at the University of Maryland (College Park).

Christopher J. Morris, CRSS was promoted from Assistant Director of Intramural and Club Sports to Associate Director of Campus Recreation (Director of Intramural and Club Sports) at Ohio University, effective July 1, 2000.

Dennis Munroe has left Oregon State University to become the new Director of Physical Activity and Recreation Services at the University of Oregon.

John "Jack" Reznik, CRSS, retired from Louisiana State University during the summer of 1999. Jack was a NIRSA member for 25 years.

Kyle Rhodus, CRSS, is relocating from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) to be the Assistant Athletic Director for the Navy in Sasebo, Japan.

Karla Rice retired from the University of Oregon in June; she has been a NIRSA member for 29 years.

Teresa Sellitto has been promoted from an interim position to Assistant to the Director of Recreational Sports/Operations St. John's University in Jamaica, NY.

Doug Shipley has relocated from Emory University to be the new Director of the Sports and Convocation Center at Christopher Newport University.

Ronald B. Smith has been promoted from Recreation Coordinator to Supervisor of Athletics for the City of Plano (Texas).

Matt Specht has left Florida State University to be Assistant Director-Programs, Southeast Missouri State University.

Julie Spretz has gone from Graduate Assistant at Texas Tech University, to Club Sport Coordinator, Southeast Missouri State University.

Jacob Tingle, CRSS, has left the University of Maryland (College Park) to be Assistant Athletic Director for Recreational Sports at Trinity University.

Laura Triyonis has moved from The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to be the Coordinator of Recreational Services at East Carolina University.

Carrie Tupper, formerly a Graduate Assistant at the University of Alabama, is now Aquatics Coordinator at the University of Maryland (College Park).

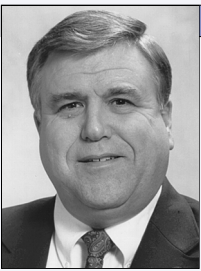
Laverne Wade, a member for 21 years, retired from the University of Missouri (Columbia) this summer.

Pam Wetherbee-Metcalf has gone from Director of Recreation, Franklin Pierce College to be Assistant Athletic Director/Recreation Center, Manager at Fitchburg State College.

Tiana White has moved from the Adventure Program and Adirondack Adventure Program, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, to be Coordinator of Experiential Education at Southwest Missouri State University.

Tena Wurdeman, formerly an intern at Central Michigan University, is now Facility Coordinator, Southeast Missouri State University.

Anne Zielinski has moved from a Graduate Assistant position to Assistant Director for Aquatics at Indiana University.



Beginning with the End in Mind

William T. Sells, NIRSA President, Ohio University

AS MY WIFE BETTY AND I RECENTLY SAT ON A BLANKET ENJOYING THE WEEKLY Summer Concert Under the Elms on the Ohio University campus, I reflected on these past two months and on our professional association. When I thought of NIRSA, the following vividly came to mind:

Proactivity: Being proactive means responsibility—accepting the responsibility of the challenges of our association.

Empowerment: Identifying and addressing issues, goals, and objectives.

Opportunities: Providing opportunities for feedback and input, listening, and acting.

Mission Statements: NIRSA's, the Board of Directors, the numerous NIRSA Committees.

Strategic Planning: Beginning with the end in mind!

I began to think about how highly effective organizations internalize proactivity, accept responsibility, empower their stakeholders, and develop a living, working mission statement (a constitution that impacts a group's very being, every action and every decision).

When I thought about NIRSA, I wondered: Is NIRSA embracing these concepts of effectiveness? Are NIRSA and its members practicing these principles?

Be proactive: The NIRSA Board of Directors and the NIRSA membership demonstrate proactivity daily. Proactivity means taking initiative and being responsible for our actions: what we do, what we say, what we are. It means accepting responsibility: the ability to choose a response rather than to react, to act and not be acted upon. I reflected on the various concerns and issues of our association and of the "response-ability" that the NIRSA Board of Directors has demonstrated, as well as that of the membership. The ability to respond; the realization that we all have the opportunity and ability to make choices rather than to just react.

I recalled the NIRSA Board of Directors 2000 Summer Meetings; the commitment and dedication, the trust, the openness, and the sincerity of each Board Member. I remembered the honesty and the desire to serve NIRSA and its members—to be proactive and to do the right things for the right reasons. And I concluded, "Yes, NIRSA is embracing this highly effective habit."

Empowerment: I thought of the more than 60 NIRSA committees and task forces composed of more than 350 NIRSA members who are empowered to identify and address current issues, needs and services of our association and our profession. I thought of the myriad other member volunteers at the state, regional and national level and of our NIRSA State Directors, committee chairs, regional vice presidents. I thought of the more than 500 committee and task force charges identified and developed by the committee members and myself; I thought of the responsibility and impact of the NIRSA State Directors, Regional Vice-Presidents, committee members, volunteers and I concluded, "Yes, NIRSA has embraced and celebrated the concept of empowerment."

As the meditative music played in the background, my thoughts turned to "Begin with the End in Mind." This principle that Stephen Covey (author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*) identified is the concept that "all things are created twice." There is the mental creation (leadership/the idea), and then the physical creation (management/implementation).

A mission statement is an effective way

to identify the End in Mind. It identifies what we want to be, what we want to do, and the principles and values of why we are. As I reflected on NIRSA's Mission Statement, I remembered the recently written NIRSA Board of Directors' Mission Statement and Guiding Principles and the mission statements written by the various NIRSA committees and task forces, which are all in harmony with the NIRSA Mission Statement. Then I thought of our NIRSA strategic thinking and strategic planning (the goals and priorities identified by our NIRSA membership) and I realized, "Yes, NIRSA has grasped the concept and importance of Beginning with the End in Mind."

As the concert began its final selection, I thought to myself, "The months of June and July have been very effective months for NIRSA!" As an association, NIRSA is accepting and implementing effective practices, providing services to its membership and fulfilling its mission statement. NIRSA is moving forward vigorously into the 21st Century, taking a leadership role in the recreation profession. NIRSA—*our Association*—is effectively and efficiently addressing challenges and issues.

I lastly thought of other questions: Where am I; where are you in relation to being proactive, to understanding the concept of having the ability to respond, to make choices rather than to react, embracing and proclaiming empowerment, and of beginning with the end in mind and of writing a personal mission statement?

The evening ended with a resounding crescendo, and these questions remained for another Concert Under the Elms!

Contact William T. Sells, NIRSA President, by writing to him at Division of Campus Recreation, Ohio University, Ping Student Recreation Center, Athens, OH 45701-2979; or calling (740) 593-9907; faxing (740) 593-9903; emailing bsells1@ohiou.edu



Students' voices need not be heard by the head alone

Nathan Martin, National Student Representative, The University of Southern Mississippi

TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS, WE MUST NOT ONLY ACT,
BUT ALSO DREAM; NOT ONLY PLAN, BUT ALSO BELIEVE.

—Anatole France (1844 - 1924)

Welcome back to the grind! A quick introduction and bit of preaching follow, and then you can get back to doing whatever it was you were doing before you checked your mailbox. As the new school year sucks you into the depths of late night study groups and bad coffee, I ask you to read what I have to write if only to help you sleep. I am your newly elected National Student Representative. Originally from Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo, I am the Graduate Assistant for Aquatics at The University of Southern Mississippi. As it stands, I am the only student voice on the NIRSA's Board of Directors. So if you have a concern, you may have to compete with the voices in my head, but that shouldn't stop you from expressing your concern. As for the bit of preaching, I have some things to say that are important to you, the students of the NIRSA.

We have the opportunity to do great things. I did not come to this conclusion without uncertainty, as it implies that we have some work ahead. But the conditions exist to affect change for the benefit of

NIRSA and its members, especially the students. With an incredible Board of Directors and the power of NIRSA's student membership, we can make the most of the opportunities that lay before us.

With our 2000-2001 Board, we have the opportunity to do great things. It is extremely conducive to change. For example, one of the major concerns of the student membership has been the restrictively high conference fee. Attempts have been made to reduce the fee in the past, but to no avail. Yet the current Board passed a motion to limit the student fee for the 2001 national conference to no more than that of the 2000 conference fee, effectively reducing the cost for the student member!

I read somewhere that if you get to thinking that you're a person of some influence, try ordering someone else's dog around. I believe this to be true, as I personally have very little influence in this world. But in NIRSA as the National Student Representative, I am as influential as you want me to be. My ability to influence

is a function of your support and direction. You give me my power. Without you I do not exist.

With that in mind I ask you, what do you want from your association? What can I create, change, or expand to better meet your needs? I expect a bold, ambitious, and demanding response from the student membership because we have an opportunity to do great things. William DeMille wrote, "I have always admired the ability to bite off more than one can chew, and then to chew it." So set something on my plate; I will finish it—with all your effort, support, and encouragement, of course! As for the voices in my head, I hope that ruse got you to read the rest of the column. If not, then one of them asks, "When you row an airplane down a river and the wheel falls off, how many pancakes does it take to shingle a doghouse?"

The other voice answers: "It doesn't matter because ice cream doesn't have bones and peanut butter doesn't come in aerosol cans."

You may talk to one of Nathan's voices by contacting Nathan Martin, National Student Representative by writing to him at The University of Southern Mississippi, Recreational Sports, Box 5155, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5155; calling (601) 266-5405; faxing (601) 266-5677; emailing nathan.martin@usm.edu

Cleveland rocks—April 1-5, 2003

Home to the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, the Cavaliers, The Tribe, and of course the Browns, Cleveland, Ohio has been chosen as the site for the 2003 NIRSA Annual Conference & Exposition; it is our 54th consecutive annual conference. Cleveland offers a fantastic package to NIRSA including the use of a housing bureau to streamline reserving hotel accommodations, excellent socializing and dining opportunities in their "Flats" entertainment district, a downtown gallery shopping mall, and especially, a myriad of outstanding host institutions and NIRSA professionals. The conference is scheduled for April 1-5, 2003; meetings will be held in the Cleveland Convention Center. Plans have already begun to make this event a *rockin' success*.

Call for presentations!

Submit your presentation proposals for the 52nd NIRSA Annual Conference & Expo by September 1, 2000.

Download proposal forms at nirsa.org today!



Outstanding Sports Facility Awards 2000—Indoor Facilities

Baylor University

McLane Student Life Center
Director: Kim Scott
Architect: F & S Partners

University of California-Irvine

Anteater Recreation Center
Director: Jill Schindele
Architect: Langdon-Wilson

DePaul University

Ray Meyer Fitness and Recreation Center
Director: Maureen McGonagle
Architect: Antunovich & Associates

Ferris State University

Student Recreation Center
Director: Bob Sinclair
Architect: TMP Associates, Inc.

James Madison University

University Recreation Center
Director: Eric Nickel
Architect: SASAKI Associates, Inc.

U. of Maryland-College Park

Campus Recreation Center
Director: Jay Gilchrist
Architect: Ayers, Saint, Gross and SASAKI Associates, Inc.



Back: Tom Dison; Dave DeAngelo; David Leach; Eric Nickel; Jim Langel; Bob Sinclair
Front: Sally Derengoski; Laura Walling; Andrea Thompson; Maureen McGonagle; Jim Schindele; Anita Moran

Mississippi State University

Joe Frank Sanderson Center
Director: Laura Walling
Architect: Singleton Architects

University of New Hampshire

Whittemore Complex and Hamel Student Recreation Center
Director: Denny Byrne
Architect: SASAKI Associates, Inc.

University of Northern Iowa

Wellness/Recreation Center
Architect: RDG Bussard Dikis

University of Notre Dame

Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
Director: Sally Derengoski
Architect: Architect Design Group

Oakland University

Recreation and Athletic Center
Director: Greg Jordan
Architect: TMP Associates, Inc.

The University of Texas-Austin

Gregory Gymnasium
Director: Tom Dison
Architect: F & S Partners

Summer learning in the Rocky Mountains

Participants in the 2000 School and Institute last June enjoyed the scenic landscape of Breckenridge, Colorado while experiencing one of the best professional development events available in recreational sports. Next year's events will be held in June in Orlando, Florida. See nirsa.org for details.

NIRSA offers excellent management and specialty professional development programs for students and professionals in recreational sports. Visit nirsa.org for more information on:

- Executive Institute
- Facilities Symposium
- Legal Liability and Risk Management Workshop
- Marketing Symposium
- Outdoor Recreation Symposium
- School of Recreational Sports Management
- Sport Club Symposium



Top: Graduates and faculty of the 2000 School of Recreational Sports Management in June. **Bottom:** Graduates of the 2000 NIRSA Executive Institute.

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NIRSA's Mission Statement

The mission of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association is to provide for the education and development of professional and student members and to foster quality recreational programs, facilities and services for diverse populations. NIRSA demonstrates its commitment to excellence by utilizing resources which promote ethical and healthy lifestyle choices.



Are you in the eFast lane?

If you're not getting eFAST NEWS, our #1 communication tool, it's because we don't have your email address. Email is now the primary source of communication from the NNC. The use of your email addresses is strictly guarded and will only be used for official NIRSA business. Send your email address to nirsa@nirsa.org.

Your Email@2001.RSD

Professional members can voluntarily provide their email address for the 2001 *Recreational Sports Directory*. Commercial solicitation of published addresses is prohibited. The RSD update forms went out to institutions in late July. If you haven't sent yours in, please do so.

New user-friendly price for RSD

The 2001 RSD will be for sale this fall at a greatly reduced price. **New price: \$25 for Professional and Student Members; \$150 for Associate Members.** This is the most comprehensive, indispensable and up-to-date resource pertinent to sports professionals.

Interested in a salary comparison?

Watch your mail this fall for the NIRSA biennial Salary Census (formerly Salary Survey). Institutions that submit a Salary Census will receive one free copy of the report.

Share intramural issues and scheduling

A new Listserv section—IMsports@nirsa.org—is available for members' discussions. To subscribe, email a message to the NIRSA Recsports Listserv Administrator, majordomo@nirsa.org with the following words in the message area: "Subscribe IMsports." Leave the subject line blank.

You will find a list of Listserv subjects in the Members Only section of nirsa.org.

Meeting minutes of board on Website

BOD meeting minutes (summer, mid-year, annual, and new board) will be emailed and/or posted via eFAST NEWS or the NIRSA Website.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Career Opportunities Services (COS)

Employers: Sign up for access to job applicants year-round. Check out our rates! Members can check our Website free or receive email lists, or by First-class mail.

Job recruiters: Post your openings with NIRSA. Take advantage of the COS at the 52nd NIRSA Annual Conference & Expo in Reno, Nevada, on March 27-31, 2001.

Go one-on-one in a professional atmosphere to conduct personal individual interviews with hundreds of full-time, recreational sports and fitness personnel, graduate assistants, and interns.

Candidates: Preregister in early 2001 by emailing your classified ads to the NNC (nirsa@nirsa.org) and your listing will be on the first handout distributed to recruiters. See nirsa.org or call for details.

NIRSA Honor Award nominations deadline December 15, 2000

The Honor Award Committee seeks nominations for the 2001 NIRSA Honor Award. It will be presented at the Annual Conference & Exposition in Reno, Nevada, March 27-31, 2001. Guidelines are available on the NIRSA Website, or contact Awards Chairman, Mike Dunn, email: dunn.99@osu.edu.

Extend your professional growth

The time to act is now. Professional member deadline: **September 1, 2000.**

The offices of President-Elect, Vice Presidents of Regions I, III, and V are open in April 2001.

Submit nominations in writing by **September 1, 2000** to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, Patti Bostic, University of Connecticut, U-3078, 2111 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT 06269. Email: patricia.bostic@uconn.edu

Student Member nominations for office

Nominations are due for candidates for National Student Representative (NSR) and Regional Student Representatives for all six NIRSA regions. Contact the NNC or NIRSA Website for the nominating guidelines and then submit by **November 11, 2000** to Committee Chair, Patti Bostic (see address above).

Proposed NIRSA Bylaw Changes

NIRSA members may submit proposed changes for NIRSA Bylaws to the Chair of the Bylaws/Operating Code Committee, Lloyd Kisaka, CRSS, University of Hawaii, 1337 Lower Campus Road, Honolulu, HI 96822. Work 808-956-7694; Fax 808-956-7976.

important dates to remember

September 1, 2000

NIRSA Annual Conference Presentation Proposals due. Contact the NNC

September 1, 2000

Nominations for Professional candidates for office are due

September 18, 2000

Committee Mid-year Reports due to NNC

September 30, 2000

Deadline for National Service Award Nominations

October 4-7, 2000

NIRSA Facilities Symposium in Austin, Texas

October 12-14, 2000

NIRSA Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting in Reno, Nevada

November 1-5, 2000

Region II NIRSA Conference* in Memphis, Tennessee

November 2-4, 2000

Region I NIRSA Conference* in Madison, New Jersey

November 11, 2000

Nominations for student candidates for office are due to the NNC

November 15-18, 2000

7th Annual NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championships in Austin, Texas

November 17-19, 2000

Region VI NIRSA Conference* in Anchorage, Alaska

November 30-Dec. 2, 2000

NIRSA Marketing Symposium 2000 in Las Vegas, Nevada

December 10-11, 2000

Executive Committee Meeting in Athens, Ohio

December 15, 2000

Deadline for Honor Award Nominations

December 31, 2000

Deadline for Regional Award of Merit Nominees

January 2001

Regional III Conference & Lead On (Location TBA)

February 22, 2001

National Recreational Sports and Fitness Day

March 5, 2001

Committee Year-end Reports due to NNC

March 8-10, 2001

USA Team Tennis National Championships

March 27-31, 2001

52nd NIRSA Annual Conference & Expo in Reno, Nevada

Deadlines for submitting classified ad text for position listings on the NIRSA Website are the 10th and 25th of each month.
*Certification Exam Site.