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Inline Skating Attracts 26 million US Participants

More than 33 percent of all inline skaters are classified as "frequent participants" who skate 25 days or more in a year in this fast-paced top-20 sport. Nearly 70 percent of all inline skaters are under the age of 18 and come from households in the \$25,000 - \$50,000 income bracket. Inline skaters tend to have a greater interest in ice-skating, than in traditional 2x2 roller-skating.

Source: SGMA International's Superstudy® of Sports Participation - Inline Skating 2001



Historic Big Ten/Pac Ten Joint Meeting A Success

By all accounts, the "Big Ten/Pac Ten" Joint Meeting in San Francisco in January was a huge and historic success. Except for a few years during WWII, the Big Ten directors have met annually since 1922. This year's event was historic because it was the first time the Big Ten directors had formal meetings with another conference; the first time the Pac Ten had formally met as a group; and the first time the Big Ten and Pac Ten recreational sports directors had met together.

Because the Big Ten Directors' meeting in 2002 at UCLA was so successful, it was decided to try this new collaboration.

"UCLA Director of Cultural/Recreational Affairs, Mick Deluca, coordinated the Big Ten aspect, and Don Ludwig, director of Recreational Sports at UCLA, took on the responsibility of coordinating the Pac Ten response. Invitations were extended and to everyone's surprise, there was 100 percent attendance by directors from both conferences," says James C. Turman, Ph.D., assistant vice provost for Student Affairs and director of Recreational Sports at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) who coordinated the event.

It proved to be a productive professional experience. The three-day conference covered such topics as a joint university survey including school and conference benchmarking, an update on renovations on all participants' campuses, and the impact of state budget cuts. They talked about health promotions and wellness programming, the Big Ten Research Grant, the issue of residence halls providing students with recreational opportunities, successful new campus products or innovations, sport clubs — "the super club vs. special interest club," fund-raising activities, and the benefits of an ongoing Big Ten/Pac Ten relationship.



FRONT ROW: Michael Deluca, Harry Ostrander, Jim Turman, Mike Dunn, John Pariseau, Juliette Moore, Sherry Posthumus, Kathleen Hatch, Tom Lovins, Kathryn Bayless, Howard Taylor. **BACK ROW:** Mike Weinberger, Dennis Munroe, Carol Stickel, Bill Canning, Don Ludwig, Tom Kirch, Dan Bulfin, Dale Carruthers, Larry Sierra, Jesse Clements.

NIRSA's Executive Director Kent Blumenthal held discussions on NIRSA's future direction; term lengths, NIRSA President's job responsibilities, and

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NIRSA Partners with International Publisher

NIRSA began producing publications for the recreational sports profession in 1953, when it was the National Intramural Association (NIA) and only three years after the organization was founded.¹ Publications at that time consisted of unbound, mimeographed pages, usually for the purpose of documenting conference proceedings. With those early published works, the Association began using publications as a means of mass communication and education. Since first publishing in 1953, the Association has produced countless books, videos, magazines, newsletters, directories, CD-ROMs, and teaching kits.

NIRSA is pleased to announce a new partnership with an international publisher that will bolster the Association's publishing capabilities and influence in the recreational sports profession. The partnership names Human Kinetics (HK) as its official publisher for books, videos, software, and online courses. HK—founded in 1974—is based in Champaign, Illinois. Human Kinetics special-



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izes in resources supporting all areas of physical activity, and has offices in England, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

The partnership will move NIRSA's publications operations and distribution to HK's headquarters in Champaign, and will tap into HK's vast editorial and development capabilities. Editorial content will continue to originate from NIRSA's members.

"The most important element of our publications is our membership through their knowledge, skills, and expertise," said NIRSA President Brian Carswell. "Through this partnership, we're able to stay true to that concept, and also equip our members with the tools of a major, internationally respected publisher."

Human Kinetics' interest in the partnership also comes from the recreational sports expertise that NIRSA members possess. "NIRSA is a respected professional organization of sports and recreation specialists," said Rainer Martens, Ph.D., president and founder of Human Kinetics. "We believe HK is the premiere publisher in the broad field of sports, recreation, and physical activity, so, it seems to us that this is an ideal relationship."

The partnership will boost the quantity of publications and resources the Association will develop. "This relationship will make it easier for NIRSA members to contribute much to the profession through publishing, because our partnership with Human Kinetics will give us the infrastructure to do more than if we had continued to try and operate as our own publisher," said Kent J. Blumenthal, Ph.D., executive director of NIRSA.

The published works are expected to reach a larger audience through HK's expansive marketing power in the profession.

"NIRSA is in the recreational sports business; it isn't effective for us to try and be in the publishing business, too" echoed Carswell. "Through this partnership, we have the best of both worlds."

Consumers of NIRSA publications and resources can expect a boost in customer service and convenience in ordering. "I have only eight guidelines for our company, and one of them is to provide superior customer

service," said Martens. "We have 20 people who are trained fulfillment specialists to take NIRSA member orders; NIRSA members should expect the best."

Development of several new publications will begin immediately, but the operations of the NIRSA publications and resources center will not be transferred to Human Kinetics until January 1, 2004.

HK can help NIRSA expand its educa-

tional offerings by working with the Association to provide other resources including online courses, CEU opportunities, videos, software, etc.

—Aaron Hill

¹ *A History of the Development of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association — 1950-1976.* James S. Clarke. For more information about NIRSA history, visit www.nirsa.org/about/history.htm

Partnership Highlights

- Beginning January 1, 2004, a new web-based 'NIRSA Education Center' (NEC) will present books, manuals, videos, and other reference sources, fully accessible through the NIRSA website and HK's website.
- Also beginning January 1, 2004, HK will assume operations and distribution of NIRSA publications. All orders will originate from the HK headquarters in Champaign, Illinois.
- Orders may be conveniently placed by web, phone, fax, or mail. Orders may be placed by phone (toll-free) from 7:00am to 7:00pm, Central Standard Time, and orders may be placed on the NEC website 24 hours-a-day.
- The website for NIRSA publications (NIRSA Education Center or NEC) will provide state-of-the-art e-commerce applications and be completely interactive, with full product information, "add-to-cart" features, and secure, instant credit card verification.
- NIRSA Institutional Members will receive a 15% discount on publications.
- Distribution from centrally located Illinois will allow for more timely delivery.
- New NIRSA publications will be developed in conjunction with HK. Working with its members, NIRSA will develop editorial content and manuscripts, and Human Kinetics will assign each project to its highly qualified staff of editors, copywriters, designers, and reviewers. HK will work directly with NIRSA's authors and committees to complete the publication in a timely manner.
- The partnership allows for expansion of the quantity of publications and resources. NIRSA is currently equipped to produce no more than one or two new publications per year.
- HK's staff of 200+ will contribute to making NIRSA publications of the highest quality. Several editors will review and work with each new publication.
- Combining the marketing powers of NIRSA and Human Kinetics, NIRSA's publications will reach a wider audience.

In-depth:

- NIRSA Publications: www.nirsa.org/store/index.htm
- About Human Kinetics: www.humankinetics.com/about/index.cfm

Regions III and IV Hold Successful Student Lead-Ons

NIRSA Region III

In January, 210 NIRSA members and aspiring recreational sports professionals spent two days listening to professional-level presentations at the 16th Annual Student Lead-On at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. The 165 students from 26 schools in Regions I, II, III, and IV, networked with 40 NIRSA professionals, various board members, the Executive Director, and conference volunteers, seeking first-hand information about the field of recreation (with the emphasis on campus recreation) as a career choice.

According to Troy Vaughn, associate director of Sports Facilities and Recreation Services at Ball State University, the most successful part of the event was the presentations.

The 12 informative presentations ranged on topics from "Building Your Resume" and "How to Get a Graduate Assistantship" to "Providing Recreational Services for Consumers With Disabilities."

"I am biased on this one, but I do believe that we had great presentations at hand. All of the presentations were very professional and well done," says Vaughn.

"Terri MacNaughton, a graduate assistant at Ball State University's Office of Recreation Services, did an awesome job as Host-Site Coordinator of the Lead-On Conference, as did Kristin Noble from Ohio University, who served as the student coordinator of the workshop," says Vaughn.

"The conference Keynote Speaker, Tom Morrison, vice president of State Fiscal Relations at Ball State University, gave an excellent speech addressing issues such as how your attitude affects success in recreation and the importance of presenting yourself professionally to gain respect from coworkers, and patrons who utilize your facility," reports MacNaughton.

Students also had the chance for additional professional development in the postconference workshops that included a "Fitness Roundtable Seminar," a "Basketball Officiating Workshop," and "Career Opportunities in Recreational Sports."

The two days of activities provided opportunities for students to interact with each other both professionally and socially. Attendees participated in icebreakers, round table discussions, and work sessions during the day, then bowled and sang karaoke on their night out.

"The most successful part of the conference was the amount of interaction that existed between schools. The amount of guidance and support offered by professionals to students was wonderful, and there was a great opportunity for networking at all levels ... the conference was rejuvenating and gave those who attended an affirmation of how wonderful the field of recreation is to be a part of," says MacNaughton.

NIRSA Region IV

A similar event took place two days in February when 108 students, NIRSA professionals, and volunteers attended the Region IV Student Lead-On at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. Billed as the "10th Annual Professional Development Conference: 10x10 TIMES THE FUN," guest speaker, Dr. Ron Rainwater from Hardin Simmons University gave the feature presentation on leadership titled: "Seven P's — The keys to success: Passion, Position, Plan, Philosophy, Power, People, and Personalize."

"The conference was a huge success and everyone involved worked hard to make it so. It was awesome to see so many students there. Unfortunately, the new budget cuts kept over 20 more students from coming," says Mike Honeycutt, NIRSA region IV stu-



Keynote Speaker, Tom Morrison, vice president of State Fiscal Relations at Ball State University, addresses students at Region III Lead-On work

dent representative, and graduate assistant in the Department of Recreational Sports at the Texas A&M University (College Station).

According to Honeycutt, the students gave more than half of the presentations. Drew McMillen and Mike Waldron, both of TAMU (College Station), gave one such presentation titled: "Résumés, Networks, and Interviews." In another presentation, the NIRSA professionals conducted mock interviews to demonstrate how to respond when interviewed. Another topic discussed was on the importance of voting at both the Region IV Conference and at the NIRSA Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Exposition in Cleveland, Ohio.

Among the many NIRSA professionals were Dr. Warren Simpson, director of Campus Recreational Sports; past NIRSA President Bill Sells, assistant to executive director for Academic and External Affairs at Ohio University; and National Student Representative, Dirron Allen.

"It was very a very positive meeting. This is only the second time we have hit 100+ attendance at our Regional Student Lead-On," says Dr. Warren Simpson.

—Sarah Jane Hubert

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The Institute begins Wednesday evening, October 8 with the keynote address and a social. Attendees will tour several aquatic facilities in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, as well as hear numerous presentations by NIRSA members during the Institute's two

working days. It culminates in a closing banquet the night of October 10. Post-institute activities tentatively include a Saturday morning football game with the University of Minnesota versus the University of Michigan, as well as a visit to the Mall of America, the largest enclosed retail complex in the US.

Presentation proposals are due by March 24, 2003; download the form from the NIRSA website: www.nirsa.net/education/aquatics.htm

—Mary Callender

Ohio University to Host National Intramural Basketball Championship

Ohio University will host the NIRSA-endorsed 2003 National Intramural Basketball Championship, April 17-19, 2003 in Athens, Ohio. For the first time, the popular "open" format will be used for a national basketball tournament. Although Ohio University has

put on regional tournaments for the past four years, this will be its first national extramural event. The event will accommodate eligible intramural teams from across the country. The preliminary action takes place in the Charles J. Ping Student Recreation

Center on Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18, and the championship games (Saturday, April 19) will be played in the Convocation Center. Teams may enter in the tournament either through regional and/or state qualifying tournaments, or by registering for a limited number of open slots. Any school or team wishing to participate, should contact Kurt Schooley at (740)-597-1746 or email schooley@ohio.edu. Registration materials are available on the NIRSA website (www.nirsa.net/sponsored/index.htm). Plan to play hard in Athens in April!

—Valerie McCutchan

conference sites. He discussed alliances with other associations, an update on NIRSA Marketing Survey results and Action Plan, the current overall economic climate and NIRSA's financial position, the NIRSA Services Corporation, a funding model for Sport Club Championships, member outreach initiatives, the new publications' partnership with Human Kinetics, and the results from the CHEMA (Council of Higher Education Management Association) benchmarking survey on governance. Turman and Blumenthal jointly reported on the NIRSA Planning Principles for College and University Recreation Facilities, including the Society for College and University Planners' (SCUP) endorsement, the publication, and use.

The group heard in-depth reports from the Master Planners and Architects and toured the recreation facilities at Stanford University and the University of California (Berkeley). Throughout the event, the Big Ten and Pac Ten directors rotated their separate meetings with those united as a group.

"I am still shaking my head that there was 100% attendance...these 21 schools forged a new relationship...I don't know how it could of gone any better. I have had extremely positive feedback," reports Mick Deluca (UCLA).

"From the responses from many of the Big Ten and Pac Ten directors, the meetings were not only historic, but were an exceptional professional development experience including the opportunity to network among the conference directors and discuss mutual issues and concerns to our respective institutions and the profession," reports Turman.

—Sarah Jane Hubert

Big Ten Directors: Tom Lovins, Pennsylvania State University; Bill Canning, University of Michigan; Larry Sierra, Michigan State University; Kathy Bayless, Indiana University (Bloomington); Carol Stickel, Purdue University (West Lafayette); Tony Clements, University of Illinois (Champaign); Dan Bulfin, Northwestern University; Dale Carruthers, University of Wisconsin (Madison); Harry Ostrander, University of Iowa; J. Michael Dunn, The Ohio State University; and Jim Turman, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities).

Pac Ten Directors: Sherry Posthumus, Stanford University; Michael Weinberger, University of California (Berkeley); Don Ludwig, UCLA; Howard Taylor, Arizona State University; Juliette Moore, University of Arizona; Dennis Munroe, University of Oregon; Thomas Kirch, Oregon State University; Kathleen Hatch, Washington State University; John Pariseau, University of Washington; and Mick Deluca, UCLA.

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NFL College Flag Football Super Bowl Exhibition

Twelve lucky corecreational flag football all-star players and four staff from the University of Arizona and University of Southern Mississippi who participated in the pilot NFL College Flag Football program, met for an exhibition game before the Super Bowl in January.

Of the 32 universities that participated in the NIRSA-sponsored NFL Flag Football college experience, two universities — the University of Arizona and the University of Southern Mississippi — were randomly selected by the NFL to provide the 12 all-star players for the exhibition game.

"The experience of a lifetime is all I can say! The opportunity to play the game, the experience of interacting with NFL players,

and the exhilaration of winning the game, it was priceless," says Jose Cantabrana, a University of Arizona Flag Football team player.

The NFL provided two honorary coaches for the day. Alex Molden, a cornerback for the San Diego Chargers, coached the Southern Mississippi team, while Akili Smith, a quarterback for the Cincinnati Bengals, was "running up and down the field" on the Arizona side. A good time was had by all; the University of Arizona were the victors, but it didn't seem to matter who won since everyone was going to the Super Bowl. Thanks to the NFL, CMI, Sony Play Station, Edge Gel, AT&T and Finish Line Reebok for making this event happen.

—Valerie McCutchan



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New Publishing Schedule for NIRSA Know and RSF

The *Recreational Sports and Fitness* magazine and the *NIRSA Know* newsletter will be published six times in 2003. Here is an overview of the editorial content for each issue:

April: NIRSA Conference; Climbing Walls; Flooring/Surfacing; Skate Parks; Strength & Conditioning; Technology; Software; Recreational Facility Design & Construction; *NIRSA Know Newsletter*; and a bonus distribution at the 2003 NIRSA Annual Conference and Sports Exposition in Cleveland, OH.

May: Buyer's Guide; YM/YWCAs; JCCs; Community Centers; NIRSA Conference Wrap-up Report; and *NIRSA Know Newsletter*.

July: NIRSA Sports Facilities of the Year; Aquatics Facilities; Outdoor Recreation: Skate Parks; Accreditation/Certification; Flooring/Surfacing; Strength Training; Climbing Walls; Fitness: Pilates, Yoga and More; Scoreboards; and *NIRSA Know Newsletter*.

September: Aquatics Programs; Strength and Conditioning; Sports Injury Prevention & Rehabilitation; Bleachers/Seating; Locker Rooms; The Laundry; Sound and Lighting; *NIRSA Know Newsletter* and a bonus trade show distribution at: Club Industry in Chicago, IL; NRPA in St Louis, MO, and the National Aquatics Institute, presented by NIRSA, in Minneapolis, MI.

November: Technology in Recreation & Sport Facilities; Skate Parks; Climbing Walls; Strength Training; Fitness: Pilates, Yoga and More; Flooring/Surfacing; Accreditation/Certification; Scoreboards; *NIRSA Know Newsletter*; and a bonus distribution at the 11th Annual Sports & Fitness Facility Expo in Orlando, FL.

NIRSA Foundation Career Opportunities Center

When Nikki Olson from University of Minnesota in Duluth registered for the NIRSA Foundation Career Opportunities Center (COC) at the 2002 NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition in San Antonio, she had what she describes as “zero expectations.” Armed with copies of her resumé, she scrutinized the posted positions and selected five Graduate Assistantships that appealed to her in South Carolina, Michigan, New Hampshire, Illinois and Oregon. She submitted her résumés to the COC volunteer who directed them to the employer mailboxes; she soon had appointments for interviews the next day.

“I was floored to see how fast the system works,” Nikki recalls. “I attended those five interviews — each lasted 10-20 minutes — in the COC during the conference.”

At the end of the week, when Nikki went home, she was looking forward to packing her things and moving to Oregon State University in Corvallis in the coming summer.

For 31 years, the NIRSA Foundation Career Opportunities Center has offered this exciting and unique stepping-stone for stu-

dents and recreational sports professionals. Like Nikki, thousands of NIRSA members have found Graduate Assistantships, internships and full-time employment, not to mention new mentors and friends, in this “one-stop-shopping” atmosphere.

In 1992 Jeff Kearney, now CRSS and Region I Vice President, found a Graduate Assistant position at University of Nebraska through the COC. Two years later, he secured his first full-time position through the COC as Coordinator of Officials at University of Maryland in College Park. Now the Assistant Director for Recreational Sports Programs at Northeastern University in Boston, Jeff recalls that the COC was a low-stress, focused, and unique experience for networking.



The upcoming NIRSA Foundation Career Opportunities Center at the 2003 NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition in Cleveland, OH, will once again offer similar opportunities. For information, visit www.nirsa.net/education/conference_coc.htm, or contact the NNC to find out more.

—Mary Martin

New Name – Same Great Service

In recognition of the NIRSA Foundation's continued financial support for the Career Opportunities Center, the name has been changed to the NIRSA Foundation Career Opportunities Center. The NIRSA Foundation has made it possible to reduce member fees for both job recruiters and candidates. Take advantage of the overwhelming opportunities offered at the 2003 NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition in Cleveland.

NIRSA's First Four-Color Publication — OSF Vol. 4

What began in 1988 as a 3-ring binder of black and white lists and a box of slides, has evolved into the new *Outstanding Sports Facilities*

Volume 4, NIRSA's first four-color publication that is accompanied by a CD of additional photos. This “coffee table book” presents the 2000 Indoor Facilities and 2001 Outdoor Facilities' Winners of the Association's prestigious Outstanding Sports Facilities Award.

“This is a ‘must have’ for any recreational sport director dreaming of a new facility, and it is an excellent learning tool for all recreational facility and landscape architects,” says Dr. Kent J. Blumenthal, NIRSA's Executive Director.

Learning from the first-hand experience of peers and colleagues is invaluable. *OSFv4* details interviews with the 19 campus recreational sports directors. Each explains what

he/she feels was the most successful architectural feature of their new facility, what turned out to be the biggest surprise, what they wished they had done differently, and how their wish list has changed.

The 19 architects of record then report on how they overcame the difficulties they encountered with poor soil types, a campus separated by major freeway, building on a small urban lot, overcoming steep slopes, and cost-prohibitive features they wished could have been included.

“The booming facilities construction trend has not faltered even in a slow economy,” says Blumenthal. “The price tags and sizes for the facilities in this book range from \$325,000 to \$45 million for a total of 1,689,453 square feet for the indoor facilities and a total of 133.3 acres for the outdoor facilities. Some of the facilities were paid for with student fees, some with state monies, and some with bonds, but it is the value of the end-product — our recreational sports and fitness services — that is recognized by regents and chancellors who approved these

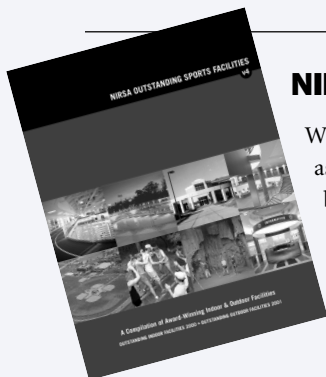
new or renovated facilities and made sure they were built. State-of-the-art recreational sports facilities attract and retain students and faculty... it is as simple as that,” he says.

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Order today from the NIRSA Store at www.nirsa.org or call the NNC. The cost for the *OSFv4* (includes CD) for an institutional member is \$195 and it retails for \$250.

—Sarah Jane Hubert



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Dale Lewis	Ohio University	NIRSA Foundation
Leslie Crowe	Elon University	NIRSA Foundation

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Stacy Mitchell	Arizona State University
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For more information on how to apply for the 2004 NIRSA Foundation Scholarships, contact Sarah Williams at sarahw@nirsa.org or call the NNC.

NIRSA Foundation Matching Campaign

For the fourth consecutive year, the NIRSA Foundation has the opportunity to double contributions made during the 2003 NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition. If members donate a minimum of \$10,000 before the Honor Award Banquet on Saturday night, an anonymous donor will contribute another \$10,000 to the NIRSA Foundation, for a grand total of at least \$20,000! Contributing is easy with donation boxes placed in the NIRSA Booth and in the Registration area. The goal has been met every year; let's Rock in Cleveland!

NIRSA Foundation Tees Off in Cleveland

Join us April 1st for golf at one of the finest courses in Cleveland: Fowlers Mill Golf Course. Play with your friends while supporting the efforts of the NIRSA Foundation. The tournament is a great way to interact with NIRSA professionals, students, and exhibitors in a recreational setting. The entry fees are \$95 per Professional player and \$70 per Student player. The registration fee is not a cumulative donation to the NIRSA Foundation and is not recorded on the donation honor roll. To register go to www.nirsafoundation.org/golf.htm or contact Dave Koch at UCSD, (858) 822-0529 or dkoch@ucsd.edu.

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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 that promote ethical and healthy lifestyle choices.

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Future Annual Conference Dates

Mark your calendar. The 2004 NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition is April 17-21, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM. The new schedule presents a unique Saturday-Wednesday venue, and was chosen to avoid scheduling conflicts with other industry-related trade shows and to ensure warm weather in Albuquerque during the week of the conference.

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2003

April 1-5, 2003

*Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition: Cleveland, OH

April 4-5, 2003

National Executive Development Institute: Cleveland, OH

April 6, 2003

NIRSA BOD New Meeting: Cleveland, OH

April 10-12, 2003

Volleyball Sport Club Championships: Columbus, OH

April 17-19, 2003

National Intramural Basketball Championship (NIRSA sponsored): Athens, OH

May 14-16, 2003

*Big 10 Sports Conference & Golf: Minneapolis, MN

June 2-5, 2003

*National School of Recreational Sports Management—Level I: Tempe, AZ

June 16-20, 2003

NIRSA BOD Summer Meeting: Corvallis, OR

June 19-21, 2003

*Collegiate Sport Club Symposium: Denver, CO

September 10-13, 2003

NIRSA BOD Midyear Meeting: Albuquerque, NM

October 8-10, 2003

*National Aquatics Institute: Minneapolis, MN

October 15-18, 2003

*National Recreation Facilities Institute, Newport Beach, CA

November 4-6, 2003

Region I Conference: Atlantic City, NJ

November 9, 2003

Region VI Student Lead-On and Golf Tournament: Emeryville, CA

November 10-11, 2003

*Region VI Conference: Emeryville, CA

November 20-22, 2003

Soccer Sport Club Championships: Tuscaloosa, AL

2004

April 8-10, 2004

Volleyball Sport Club Championship: Charlotte, NC

April 17-21, 2004

*Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition: Albuquerque, NM

June 2004

*National School of Recreational Sports Management—Level I: Location TBD

2005

April 5-9, 2005

*Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition: Orlando, FL

***POTENTIAL CRSS TESTING SITES:** Certified Recreational Sports Specialist (CRSS) exam applications are available through the NNC Education Department. Individuals must submit a complete exam application with the appropriate documentation, fee, and any written requests for special auxiliary aids needed during testing, to the NIRSA National Center a minimum of 30 days before the preferred testing date. Once applications are reviewed, applicants will be notified of their eligibility to take the examination.



Seth Asbury, formerly a Graduate Assistant at Miami University, has joined the University of Texas (San Antonio) as Facility Coordinator.

Robin Bell, former Coordinator of Fitness and Instructional Programs at Washington State University, has joined the University of North Carolina (Wilmington) as Fitness Coordinator.

Teri Bladen, former Assistant Director of Fitness at University of Northern Colorado, has joined Indiana University as Assistant Director of Fitness Training.

Jason Boykin, former Coordinator for Sport Clubs and Special Events at the University of Alabama, has joined the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as Coordinator for Sport

Clubs and Special Programs.

Mark Brandenburg of Viterbo University (formerly Viterbo College) in La Crosse, WI, has been promoted from Director of Intramurals to Director of Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Angela Charsha, formerly a Graduate Assistant at Michigan State University, has joined the LifeStart Wellness Network as Assistant Manager & Fitness Coordinator.

Raymond D. DeStephanis, III, of Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, has been promoted from Community Service Coordinator to Intramurals Coordinator.

Robert Ford, a former student at Western Washington University, has joined Central Washington University (Ellensburg) as the Intramural Coordinator.

William Gavin, former General Manager at New York Sports Club, Forest Hills, is the new Director of Recreational Sports at Saint John's University (Jamaica).

Jacqueline Ingram of Middle Tennessee

State University has been promoted from Coordinator of Facilities to Coordinator of Student Organizations & Community Service.

Cheryl Kent of the University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) has been promoted from Associate Director of Campus Recreation to Director of Campus Recreation.

Chad McKenzie, former Director of Intramural and Sport Clubs at Florida State University, is now the Assistant Sport Club/Intramural Coordinator at the University of Texas at Austin.

Grady Sheffield, former Fitness Coordinator at University of Maryland, is now the Assistant Director of Fitness at Florida State University.

Jennifer Vaillette, formerly at Suffolk University in Boston, is the new Coordinator for Aquatics and Facility Management at Fitchburg State College.

Sean Von Roenn, formerly a Graduate Assistant at University of Florida, has joined Fitchburg State College as the new Assistant Director for Facilities and Operations.