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Thursday,

April 12th

Noon—2 p.m.

Student-Athlete

Appreciation Day

BBQ

Come out for some good food and fun.

Research confirms value of athletics

Two recent studies on student-athlete experiences indicate student-athletes are at least as engaged academically as their student-body counterparts, they graduate at higher rates and they believe their athletics participation benefited their careers.

The data are from two studies - one focusing on more than 8,000 former student-athletes who entered college in 1994 (the Study of College Outcomes and Recent Experiences, or SCORE), and another spot-

lighting more than 20,000 current student-athletes (the Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in College, or GOALS).

The results show that student-athletes tend to be more successful in the classroom, and beyond, than other students, and that participation in athletics enhances their collegiate and post-educational experiences.



The numbers speak for themselves:

- 88% of student-athletes earn their degrees.
- 83% of student-athletes have positive feelings about their choice of major.
- 91% of former Division I student-athletes have full-time jobs, and on average, their income levels are higher than non-student-athletes.
- 27% of former Division I student-athletes go on to earn a postgraduate degree.

OPERATIONS STAFF NOTES:



Smith Center Closings for April:

Sunday, April 1st:

2nd and 3rd floors closed all day

Saturday, April 14th:

Building tent. closed for rain site event

Saturday, April 21st:

2nd and 3rd floors closed all day

Sunday, April 22nd:

Building closed all day

GWorld Entrance Policies:

Following a recent reported theft in the Smith Center, it is very important that all coaches, staff, and athletes swipe their GWorld cards upon entering the Smith Center. Furthermore, please report any thefts immediately, as well as any suspicious activities or persons. For more information, please contact Katie Norbury at x45480.

Promotional Activities by Student-Athletes

A program's involvement with outside groups (e.g., elementary school, boys and girls clubs) is highly encouraged by the Department of Athletics. Giving back to the community is something all programs should strive to do. However, please be aware that the NCAA restricts the promotional activities of student-athletes.

Any use of a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support a GW or a charitable, educational or non-profit activity requires prior approval by Director of Athletics. In addition, a **Promotional Activity Form**

must be completed, in full, by the organization requesting the appearance and all participating student-athletes must sign the form.

Please also note that a student-athlete's (SA) involvement in the activities below is **prohibited**.

A. Name the Player Contest. A SA may not permit use of his or her name or picture in a "name the player" contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting the business.

B. Athletics Equipment Advertisement. A SA name or picture may

not be used by an athletics equipment company or manufacturer to publicize the fact that the team utilizes its equipment.

C. Promotional Contests. Receipt of a prize for winning a promotional activity (e.g., making a half-court basketball shot, being involved in a money scramble) held in conjunction with a GW intercollegiate competition by a SA (or a member of his or her family) does not affect a SA's eligibility provided the prize is won through a random drawing in which all members of the general public or the student body are eligible to participate.

Student-Athlete Section:

Academic Dates to Remember:

April 4th
7:00-8:00 pm
'07-'08 Mentoring Training, Smith Center Conference Room

April 5th
5:30-6:30 pm
Senior Outgoing Seminar (SOS), AD's Club

April 11th
Privileged Registration for Fall 2007 [all holds (e.g., financial, advising, etc.) must be resolved and lifted]

April 12th
Noon-2:00 pm
National Student-Athlete Appreciation Day BBQ, Smith Center



Wednesday, May 2nd
Mandatory End-of-Year Meeting for all returning SAs in Smith Center at 7 p.m.

What if an agent contacts me?

With the success of many of our student-athletes, sport agents and financial advisors may begin to contact student-athletes. Any involvement with agents, financial advisors, and "runners" is a complicated matter, as there are numerous rules involved in the process. The Compliance Office has set some guidelines for you, the student-athlete, to utilize if you or your parents/legal guardian is contacted by an agent, advisor, or "runner." These guidelines will help you progress through the professional sports process while still maintaining your amateur status.

If An Agent Contacts You, Your Parents or Legal Guardian, You Should:

- Notify Chandra Bierwirth, Assistant Athletics Director/ Compliance, or your head coach immediately.

- Tell the agent or advisor to send copies of any written information s/he provides to you to Chandra Bierwirth at 600 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052.
- **DON'T** take any money, accept meals, gifts, travel or anything of value. It is likely an inducement for you to sign a contract with an agent or advisor. Taking money or anything else makes you **INELIGIBLE** to compete.
- Beware if an agent or advisor uses a "runner"-that is a "middleman"- to talk to you or give you anything. The same NCAA rules apply.
- **Be smart. Think of your future. Again, if you, your parents or legal guardian agree before your eligibility expires to let an agent or advisor represent you right now or at a**

later date, you become immediately ineligible. You will no longer be able to participate at GW in athletics and your actions could mean forfeiture of games, NCAA penalties affecting your teammates and coaches, and penalties against future GW teams.

- Call your coach or Chandra Bierwirth at any time if you are uncertain about anything or have any questions.

The Compliance Office and your coaching staff are here to help you get the most information you can prior to making such an important decision.



Reminders for Out-of-Season Teams

The following programs are currently or will be outside of their declared playing season during April. As a reminder only 8 hours/week of athletically related activities are permitted and you must be given at least 2 days off/week. Participation in up to 2 hours per week of skill-related instruction with no limit on the number of student-athletes and coaches involved may occur through April 15th. Beginning

April 16th there is a limit of up to 4 student-athletes and any number of coaches:

- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Squash
- Swimming & Diving
- Men's Tennis
- Volleyball

In addition, ALL athletically related activities MUST cease after Sunday, April 29th for the following sports:

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Squash
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Water Polo
- Volleyball

April 16th = 4 SAs

Don't Forget! Make-up Classes are Coming Soon!



Due to the days of inclement weather we experienced in February, GW has scheduled a day for make-up classes. Tuesday, May 1st will be used as a day to make up classes that were missed during a Tuesday earlier in the semester. Wednesday, May 2nd will still function as a designated Monday. Reading Days will follow on Thursday and Friday, May 3rd and 4th.

After a prospect signs!



The late signing period is fast approaching. Remember, a prospect remains a prospect until he or she officially registers and enrolls in 12 hours and attends class during a regular term at GW; or participated in a regular squad practice or competition that occurs before the beginning of any term; or officially registers and enrolls and attends class during the summer prior to initial enrollment and receives institutional athletics aid (in this case the prospect is not subject to the contact limitations in Bylaw 13, considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16, and considered a prospect for

purposes of applying the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and other bylaws).

Also, please remember the following:

Contacts: no limit on the number of contacts with the prospect or his/her parents/legal guardians once s/he signs an NLI but other rules (e.g., no contact during dead period) still apply so refer to Bylaws 13.1.6.8 and 13.1.6.8.1 [prospects in squash and in women's basketball who are not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., 4-year transfer) must have signed an offer of admissions and/or financial aid agreement].

Evaluations: no limit on the number of evaluations of the prospect once s/he signs an NLI or for the sport of squash once s/he has signed an offer of admissions and/or financial aid agreement.

Telephone calls: no limit on the number of calls to the prospect or his/her parents/legal guardian once s/he has signed an NLI OR for a prospect who has signed an offer of admissions and/or financial aid agreement who is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., 4-year transfer, sport of squash).



Computer Recruiting Presentations

Coaches may now produce computer recruiting presentations effective immediately. Please note the following restrictions:

- Coaches may show a prospect the computer recruiting presentation (e.g., using presentation software) during an in-home visit, official visits and unofficial visits.
- The presentation may include

still photos (e.g., institutional facilities, coaching staff members).

- The presentation may include permissible highlight film material.
- The presentation MAY NOT include any video/audio component except for permissible highlight film material.
- The presentation MAY NOT include a direct link to a video/audio clip.

- It is permissible for the presentation to include a link to the athletics department website, GW's main website and/or a particular sport's website.
- The presentation MAY NOT be personalized to include a prospect's name, picture or likeness.
- The presentation MAY NOT be created by an entity outside the institution.



**April 9th—
12th DEAD
PERIOD
ALL sports
except soccer
and men's
water polo**

Amateurism and Initial Eligibility

Key points to remember with regard to amateurism:

- ALL prospects intending to enroll in a NCAA Division I institution for the first time **on or after August 1, 2007 MUST complete the NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire.**
- Prospects enrolled full time in a Division I institution prior to the fall of 2007, do not need to complete the amateurism questions **BUT** prospects who are transferring from a 2-year institution and have never attended a Division I institution full time **MUST** complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Prospects can **ONLY complete** the amateurism certification questions through the clearinghouse **via the Internet.**

- Prospects can receive final certification of their amateur status beginning April 7th.
- Certification of a prospect will take longer than in years past due to the new amateurism portion.

Key points to remember with regard to academics:

- ACT or SAT test scores **MUST** be sent to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agencies. **Test scores on an official high school transcript will no longer be usable for NCAA purposes.**

Key points to remember with regard to amateurism and academics:

- All prospects must be certified with the Clearinghouse for BOTH academic and

amateur certification in order to be eligible to compete and arrive for pre-season.

- All prospects for be certified must be certified with the Clearinghouse for academic certification in order to receive athletics aid.

Upcoming Test Dates

SAT	May 5th	ACT	April 14th
	June 2nd		June 9th

- SAT Code for GW—5246
- ACT Code for GW—5246
- Clearinghouse Code—9999



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"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

-- Wayne Gretzky, all-time great Canadian hockey player (b. 1961)

DC Cherry Tree Trivia!

- * In 1912, a gift of 3,020 cherry trees arrived in Washington DC from the people of Japan.
- * The most prevalent varieties of cherry tree on the Tidal Basin is the Somei-Yoshino.
- * First Lady Helen Taft planted one of the first cherry trees on the northern bank of the Tidal Basin on March 27, 1912
- * The task of planting the original gift of 3,020 cherry trees around the Tidal Basin and in East Potomac Park took seven years, (from 1913-1920).
- * In 1935, the first Cherry Blossom Festival was sponsored.

<http://www.nps.gov/nama/planyourvisit/cherry-blossom-history.htm>

Recruiting Calendars:



Baseball

April 1st—April 30th*
(Contact /Evaluation Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

Men's Basketball

March 29th—April 5th (noon)
(Dead Period)**

** May attend one men's basketball event certified by the NCAA at Championship site.
(Evaluation)

April 5th (12:01 pm)- April 30th*
(Contact Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

Women's Basketball

September 16th—April 17th*
(Evaluation Period)

*September 16th—April 17th
(Quiet Period for those days not used)

March 30 - April 12, 2007*
(Dead Period)**

** May attend one women's basketball event certified by the NCAA at Championship site.
(Evaluation)

*April 6th—April 8th
(Quiet Period)

April 18th—April 30th
(Quiet Period)

Gymnastics

April 1st—April 30th* and **
(Contact /Evaluation Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

**April 25th—April 29
(Dead Period)

Women's Lacrosse

April 1st—April 30th*
(Contact /Evaluation Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

Soccer & Men's Water Polo

April 1st—April 30th
(Contact/Evaluation Period)

Softball

April 1st—April 30th*
(Contact /Evaluation Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

Volleyball

April 1st—April 30th*
(Contact /Evaluation Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

All Other Sports

April 1st—April 30th*
(Contact /Evaluation Period)

*April 9th—April 12th
(Dead Period)

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Professional Tryouts and the Draft

Important reminders on the Do's and Don'ts.



Outside Competition

Do's and Don'ts during the summer vacation period.



Going Home

Do's and Don'ts with regard to student-athletes and interactions with prospects.



Eligibility

What do you need in order to be eligible for pre-season and fall 2007