

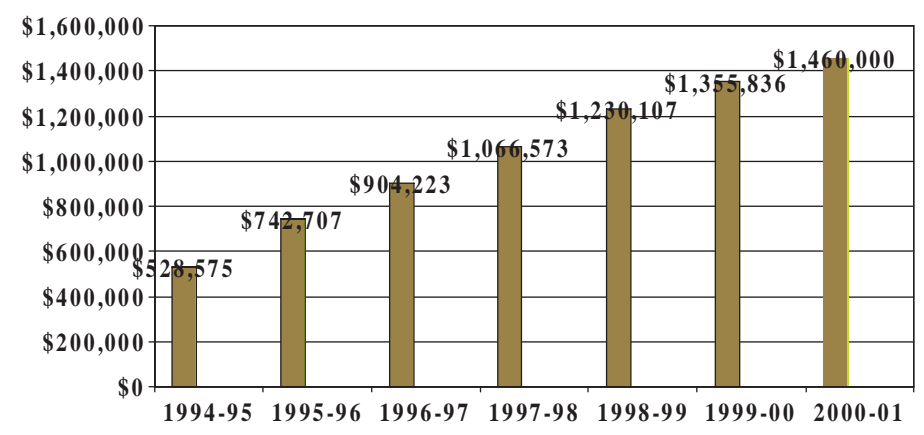
Another Record-Breaking Year!

Thanks to our loyal Cowboy Joe Club donors, volunteers and staff, the Cowboy Joe Club set yet another fundraising record this year by generating over \$1.4 million in total cash contributions. On behalf of all the student-athletes at the University of Wyoming, we thank you for your support.

Due to the increase in our total revenue over the past years, the Cowboy Joe Club has been able to provide more support than ever for student-athlete scholarships. The Cowboy Joe Club is also the second largest donor to the Rochelle Athletic Center, which is scheduled for completion later this summer. In addition, the increased revenue has enabled us to increase our athletic endowment to over \$1 million for the first time in the school's history.

Thanks again! We look forward to seeing you this fall.

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Proposed Hospitality Changes

After reviewing the new budget and visiting with other conference schools, it has been recommended by the Cowboy Joe Club's Executive Board to consider changing the format of this season's football and basketball hospitalities. As always, all members and their guests are invited to visit the hospitalities and will be admitted free of charge. Card-holding members will receive free beverage tickets at the door.

Several local restaurants and businesses have been approached about catering the hospitalities, providing low-cost meals and beverages to all who attend. The Club is also working with trade-out members about doing several fundraising hospitalities throughout the season to help support the UW cheerleaders, Wildfire dance team, and other student groups not included in the intercollegiate athletics scholarship program.

Any input or questions from members about the proposed changes are welcomed.

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John Stark

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer. As you might imagine, it has been a busy summer so far at the Cowboy Joe Club. Our Cowboy Joe Club golf series is well under way and so far the turnout for these tournaments has been outstanding. The golf series is a great way for our coaches, student-athletes and staff to visit communities around Wyoming (not to mention Denver, Phoenix, and Spearfish, S. D.) and get acquainted. To all of our golf sponsors and participants, we thank you for your support and for making the golf tournaments such a success. If you have not had a chance to play in one of our tournaments, there is still time--the Laramie tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 4th at 1:00 p.m., and the Casper tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Casper Country Club. Please give us a call if you are interested in playing in these events.

I also want to take this opportunity to visit with you about the Wyoming legislature's recent appropriation of \$30 million dollars from its budget surplus to be used as a matching fund for gifts to the University of Wyoming. With this program, the state will match, dollar for dollar, private gifts of at least \$50,000 provided that both the gift and the matching funds are placed into an endowment fund. Each endowment created under this program will remain in perpetuity with the University being able to spend only the earnings from the gift and matching funds. Gifts do not have to be paid in one lump sum in order to qualify for the match and can be paid by the donor over a period of up to five years. In the case of athletics, this is a wonderful way to endow a scholarship for a student-athlete.

So far, we have had two very generous gifts to athletics using the state matching program. John Ellbogen of Dayton, Wyoming has created the **John P. Ellbogen Family Scholarship** which will be awarded annually to a student-athlete here at UW. Arlowe and Mary Hulett of Laramie have created the **Arlowe and Mary Hulett Family Scholarship**, which will also be awarded annually to a UW student-athlete. Both of these generous gifts will ensure that scholarship funds are forever available for student-athletes at the University of Wyoming.

The state matching gift program truly is an opportunity of a lifetime for friends and supporters of the University of Wyoming. If you have the opportunity to visit with Governor Geringer or any of the Wyoming state legislators, please be sure to thank them for their support of the University of Wyoming through this appropriation. If you have any questions concerning this program or are interested in making a gift to intercollegiate athletics at UW, please contact me, Associate Athletic Director Randy Welniak or Development Officer Jared Newland.

We hope to see you soon. Please feel free to stop by our offices anytime that you are in Laramie. Thank you for your continued support of student-athletes at the University of Wyoming.

Academic News



Dr. Frances Price

Dr. Frances Price, psychologist for student services in the UW Athletic Academic Counseling Unit, was recently invited as a presenter at the International Society of Sport Psychology Conference for the 10th World Congress of Sport Psychology in Skiathos, Greece. Speakers were invited based on their submitted proposals, which came from all over the world.

Originally from Chicago, Price has an extensive background working with young people through teaching, coaching, and counseling. She has been with UW's Athletic Academic Counseling Unit for the past nine years.

Jeff Meyer, associate athletics counselor and life skills coordinator at UW, has been named as the chair of the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference Selection Committee. Meyer has been a member of the committee for three years. He will serve as chair in 2002 and 2003. He will lead the committee in selecting 300 student-athletes out of over 1,000 nominations to participate in next year's conference, which will be held May 28 through June 1, 2002 at Disney's Wide World of Sports and Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference is one of the largest non-competitive gatherings of student-athletes representing NCAA Divisions I, II, and III. (Meyer has been a member of the Athletic Academic Counseling Unit since 1997.)

According to **Dr. Pete Toye**, head of the Academic Counseling Unit, the average GPA for UW's student-athletes rose from 2.93 for the 2000 fall semester to 3.06 for the 2001 spring semester. Five sports had their highest team GPA's ever--football, women's golf, women's track, soccer, and volleyball. (The general student body had an average GPA of 3.00 for the spring semester.) Toye gave much of the credit to the coaches for making academics a priority.



Bill Lyons

Bill Lyons

(Bill Lyons has been an athletic trainer for UW for 22 years and, has served as the head trainer for the past 16 years. As an undergraduate, he was a student-trainer for UW Hall of Famer Jack Aggers.)

CJC: You are a Wyoming native, tell us about your parents and, if applicable, your siblings.

BL: I was born in Basin, Wyo. and raised in Worland. My dad ran a magazine wholesaling business through the Big Horn basin until he retired. He is retired and remarried (my mother passed away 27 years ago). Dad's retirement finds him living in Sequim, WA. I have a younger brother who is married with four kids and lives in Pittsburgh, PA.

CJC: What brought you home to Wyoming from Arizona? What year was that?

BL: I returned to Wyoming in 1978 after working at Fort Hays State University as the head athletic trainer. Before that I spent two years as an assistant athletic trainer at the University of Arizona.

CJC: How and when did you decide to become an athletic trainer?

BL: I decided to become an athletic trainer as a senior in high school. I loved athletics but unfortunately did not have the skills to participate. Athletic training became a way to be around my athletic friends. Later, I found out that it could be a career and have enjoyed it ever since.

CJC: What exactly does an athletic trainer do, and how much medical training is required?

BL: An athletic trainer is involved with all aspects of the health care of the physically active. They do initial evaluation, treatment, emergency first aid, and rehabilitation of injuries. Additionally we are very involved in all aspects of prevention. We would much rather our athletes be healthy and injury or illness free. There is significant amounts of hands on work such as wrapping, taping, and pad fabrication. We are the liaisons between the coaches, athletes, and doctors when it comes to their health care.

All practicing certified athletic trainers (yes that is the proper terminology) have met the criteria to sit for and pass the NATABOC (National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification) exam. This exam is a national exam that tests the knowledge's of the entry level athletic trainer. Upon passing this exam the certified athletic trainer can hold themselves out to be an athletic trainer and use the credential of ATC.

CJC: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

BL: The most rewarding aspects of the job are to be able to help someone in need of help. I feel a tremendous amount of satisfaction when an injured athlete returns to competition. Secondly I enjoy the opportunity to teach our student athletes the profession of athletic training. It is very rewarding to see them finish with us and move out into the field of athletic training as qualified professionals.

CJC: What is the most frustrating aspect of your job?

BL: I think that the most frustrating part of the job is that there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to get everything done.

CJC: Do you have any pet peeves?

BL: My pet peeves are athletes who come into the training room with last minute problems that could have been avoided with a little communication and planning, or when they report a problem that should have been reported and dealt with much sooner.

CJC: Tell us about a memorable experience as a result of your job.

BL: During the first Holiday bowl year, we ended up beating BYU at Provo for the first time in many years. After the game there was a large celebration in the locker room, lots of singing, dancing, hollering, etc. Suddenly this large offensive lineman was picking me up and hugging me. He had tears in his eyes and he was saying thank-you, and I responded by asking why? (he was a substitute who played very little). He replied that he appreciated me caring for and rehabbing an early season injury so he could be part of the win. It really got to me.

CJC: Do you travel to all the away games? What has been your favorite trip so far and why?

BL: I travel to all away football games. My favorite trip so far was the week we spent in Australia in the mid 80's. It was a new and very interesting experience to be able to take an American football game to that country.

CJC: How many assistant trainers do you have working for you?

BL: I have 3 full time assistant athletic trainers, two graduate assistants, and 15 student athletic trainers.

CJC: What do you think of the new RAC facility, and how will it make your job easier? (cont'd on Pg. 6)



Quinn Donation

Elizabeth R. Quinn, the late aunt of former head wrestling coach and the current "W" Club Director, Joe Dowler, named the UW Athletic Department in her will with a gift of \$500,000. \$250,000 will be directed to the RAC, and \$250,000 will support wrestling scholarships.

New Coaches Hired

Ian Hayley joins the Cowgirl soccer program in 2001. Hayley comes to UW from a head coaching position at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. where his team was the TAAC Champions three times (1994, 97, and 98.) Hayley, originally from England, played collegiate soccer for the University of Central Florida from 1988 to 1990. He also played two years with Aston Villa, an English First Division team, and one of the best in the world.

Lawrence Livingston comes to the Cowboy football program from the University of Arizona replacing Jim Marshall who accepted a position at Arkansas State. Livingston will coach the offensive line. Prior to UA, he spent two seasons at Texas A & M and three seasons with Washington State University, including their appearance in the 1997 Rose Bowl. A four-year starter for Weber State, Livingston and his wife, Michelle, have two sons, Lawrence, Jr. and Theodore Howard.

David Arnsparger replaces Jim Pletcher who went to Cornell. He will be coaching the linebackers. Arnsparger had been the secondary coach at Cornell since 1998. A 1987 graduate of the University of Florida, he began his coaching career there, and spent two years at Notre Dame and four seasons with Northeast Louisiana.

Mick McCall is the Cowboys' new running backs coach replacing Frank Hernandez, who took a position at the University of Houston. McCall has been the head coach at Mullen High School in Denver since 1994. Prior to that, he served in assistant coaching positions at Oregon State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Southern Colorado, his alma mater. He and his wife, JoAnn, have two daughters, Ashley and Brittany.

Heath Schroyer joins the Cowboys' basketball program to replace Sidney Coles. Schroyer comes to UW from BYU where he was an assistant for the past four seasons. He played for the legendary Hall of Fame high school coach, Morgan Wootten, at DeMatha in Hyattsville, Md. Schroyer is married to the former Karen Weymann.

Lisa Robinson is the Cowgirl hoopsters' newest assistant coach. She was the head women's coach at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. for the past two years. She spent her collegiate career as a Fighting Illini at the University of Illinois. She graduated in 1983 with a degree in Physical Education.

Sports Festival Report



UW athletes at Sports Fest in Gillette (L to R) Chris Cox, Sarah Kuyper, DaShawn Abrams

The University of Wyoming Sports Festivals were a great success this year. Student-athletes and coaches traveled to nine cities across Wyoming - Wheatland, Cody, Powell, Thermopolis, Gillette, Kemmerer, Evanston, Cheyenne and Casper. A total of 3,000 children participated. These clinics are FREE and each child receives a FREE t-shirt and autographs from the athletes.

The University of Wyoming would like to thank the statewide sponsors for their support of the 2001 Sports Festivals. **The sponsors were Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Brown and Gold Outlet, Pacificorp, and Village Inn.**

Statewide sponsors help make this event possible for the children. The sponsors' logos appear in newspapers, on flyers and t-shirts, and they are mentioned on radio ads.

The University of Wyoming would also like to thank all of the local sponsors in all of the cities that help keep this program going through their support and donations. Without all of the great supporters around the state the University of Wyoming Sports Festivals could never be a reality.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackson Wayne Koenning is the newest addition to the Vic and Tracey Koenning football family as they continue to work on their own defensive line. He arrived April 13th weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces. He has two older brothers, Brady (4), and Camden (1), and a sister, Kimberly (21.)

Dylan Lewis McClain is Head Basketball Coach Steve and Kim McClain's first-born. He arrived May 27th, also weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces. We hear he's doing very well, but keeps throwing his blanket on the floor. Wonder where that comes from?

Tyler Michael Adams is the second child for Assistant Basketball Coach John Adams and his wife, Michelle (former UW cheerleading coach.) Tyler arrived June 21st weighing in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces. He has an older sister, Shaelyn (3.)

By Teddi Fowler and Abi Gerhard, edited by Cathy Moen



Birch & Louise Negaard

Rodeo season is in full swing and the University of Wyoming is being well represented in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) with three former Cowboys in the steer wrestling event. **Sean Mulligan, Birch Negaard and Todd Suhn**, all three UW graduates, competed in the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) last December and are faring well so far this season. Coincidentally, each is married to a UW graduate and former rodeo team member. We were able to catch up to two of the couples—not an easy task considering the nomadic lifestyle of professional rodeo cowboys.

Birch and Louise (Hoese) Negaard both graduated from UW in December of 1993. Louise, from Moorcroft, Wyo., received her degree in pharmacy, and Birch, originally from Buffalo, S.D., graduated with a degree in agricultural business. They met in the fall of 1991 while members of the rodeo team. Louise was active in barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping, while Birch participated in steer wrestling, team roping and calf roping. The couple began dating soon after they met and married in November of 1996.

Sean and Bryel (Zancanella) Mulligan tied the knot in May of 2000 after meeting four and a half years ago through their participation on the UW rodeo team. Sean wrestled steers and Bryel did breakaway roping and barrel racing. Sean received his agricultural business degree in May of 1998. Bryel recently finished her student teaching in the couple's hometown of Rock Springs this past spring to complete her education degree.

All four qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo while at UW, while Birch, Sean, and Todd (Suhn's were not available for an interview) have all participated in the PRCA National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sean made his first appearance at the NFR last year, finishing thirteenth in the world. Birch has appeared in the NFR six times so far, with sixth place being his best finish.

Participating at the level of the NFR is one thing, winning is quite another. "The NFR is an unbelievable experience," Sean said. "It's like the World Series or the Super Bowl of rodeo." Birch added, "It's what you work at forever. It's exciting, and it sure pays more. I have a goal to win the world. That's always been my goal."

He has an excellent start so far. At press time, Birch currently leads the world standings with \$52,375 in earnings, and Sean is 45th. Todd Suhn is positioned 10th in the world. (cont'd on Pg. 6)



Sean Mulligan



Bryel Mulligan



MWC Kickoff Luncheon Planned

Mark your calendars for the **2001 Wells Fargo Bank Mountain West Conference Front Range Kickoff Luncheon** which is scheduled for **Thursday, August 23rd**. It will be held at the Denver

Marriott Southeast (I-25 & Hampden) in Denver, Colo. Registration and a reception will begin at 11:00 with a cash bar. Lunch will be served at 11:30. The program begins at noon with a talk from Commissioner Craig Thompson, followed by Coach Vic Koenning (UW), Coach Fisher DeBerry (USAFA), and Coach Sonny Lubick (CSU.) The event is being emceed by Bret Gilliland, Associate Commissioner of the MWC.

The cost of the event is \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Cowboy Joe Club at 307-766-6242.

The MWC luncheon is always a fun and entertaining event--don't miss it!

Auction Date

Mark your calendars for **October 26, 2001**, the Annual Cowboy Joe Club Scholarship Auction. The auction will be held in Cheyenne at the Holiday Inn. An open bar and silent auction will begin at 5:30p.m. Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 with the live auction to follow. The Club is currently seeking donations. Please call 307-766-6242 if you'd like to donate.



The Ag Day Barbecue is scheduled for September 6th, prior to the Texas A & M vs. Wyoming football game, and will be held at Tailgate Park in the Cowboy Joe Club tent. The door will open at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$7 each (children age five and under, eat free.) The price includes your choice of Wyoming beef, pork or lamb, two side dishes, dessert and a soft drink. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$6 through the Cowboy Joe Club (307-766-6242), the Athletic Ticket Office (1-800-922-9461 or 766-4850), or the College of Ag (307-766-3372.)

The Ag Day Barbecue is a fundraiser for the rodeo team, the meat judging team, and the Cowboy Joe pony handlers.

The Albany County Cow-Belles are extending their generosity by donating the beef again this year. At press time, the pork and lamb donors had not been determined.

(Rodeo Couples cont'd) Though the winnings seem like a lot of money, close to half of the income is eaten up in entry fees and travel expenses. Horses aren't cheap either. Finding a good horse is a daunting project, which can require a nationwide search; and buying good horses is extremely expensive.

Rodeo life is tough and demands a unique lifestyle. Participants who hit the (rodeo) scene hard in the height of the season may be entered in 50 to 60 rodeos from the first of June through mid-September. It often causes friends who don't rodeo to lose touch with those who do, and makes befriending one's competitors necessary. Managing a successful career and a marriage is another challenge that both the Mulligan's and the Negaard's seem to have mastered.

"Marriage is just like anything else," Birch said. "You have to give and take. Give, mostly."

Sean claims that the key to a successful marriage is to have patience and understanding with each other, and to spend as much time together as possible. The Negaard's agree and are together about ninety percent of the time.

Louise Negaard works part time in a pharmacy when she's home in Carlile, Wyo. She laughingly said, "I mostly just drive Birch around the country. We spend a lot of time together. I mean a LOT! Luckily, we get along. The time together is important, though."

"That's why we got married, to be together," Birch said.

The Mulligan's each credit their greatest accomplishment as finding each other. Some couples don't see each other for three to four months. That is something neither couple could handle. The cost of two people traveling may be more monetarily, but the emotional and psychological advantages are great.

"I think my being with Birch helps (his performance)," said Louise. "I give him a lot of support." Undoubtedly, Louise's confidence in her husband helps his own.

"I have a great feeling about this year," she said in regard to Birch's goal to win a steer wrestling world championship. "He has lots of confidence, lots of talent, and a great horse."

When their rodeo days are over, the two couples will all have degrees to empower their next endeavors. Bryel Mulligan plans to use her degree right away and begin teaching. All have plans for their future after rodeo.

"You can't rodeo forever," Birch said. "I tell kids to use rodeo as a way to get an education." Both the Mulligan's and the Negaard's received scholarship money to rodeo while at UW. Not all will have the talent or the luck to rodeo professionally, but their education is something no one can take away from them.

Thank You Golf Series Sponsors

The Club would like to give a huge thanks to **Community First Bank**, the 2001 Golf Series title sponsor. Other title sponsors and co-sponsors are listed below. Without their help, this series would not be possible.

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(Lyons cont'd) BL: The RAC is a tremendous facility. It will allow us to provide state of the art treatment and care for all of our student-athletes. It will make the job easier because it will significantly ease overcrowding while being able to centralize many of our functions.

CJC: *Having worked with young people for many years, do you have any advice you'd like to pass on to today's youth?*

BL: I would like today's youth to be able to refocus on the tasks that they decide to accomplish with their lives. Too many young people today don't seem to be able to get the job done. That is, they give up too easily and never reach many of their goals.

CJC: *What are your hobbies and interests outside your job?*

BL: Outside of my job, I enjoy spending time with my family, my garden, a stamp collection and surfing on the computer. My wife and I also are avid entertainment buffs. We love going to a good movie, play or musical.

CJC: *Do you have a hero? If so, who and why?*

BL: I think that probably my hero is my dad. He has always been a tremendous role model. If I can do half of the good things with my life that he has done with his, I will consider myself successful.

CJC: *Tell us about your wife, children and pets.*

BL: My wife and I have been married for 30 years. We meet while going to the UW on a blind date at a Grassroots concert in the Field House. We have two great kids, Kim who is a Senior at USD in Vermillion, S.D., currently doing an internship with her theatre major at the "Black Hills Playhouse" in Custer, S.D. Robin is our number two. He will be a Senior at LHS next year, and is actively involved in school, work, and the band. He will be the president of the band next year. We have two cats--a 22lb male named "DC (darn cat)," and a female named "Squeekers."

CJC: *Would you like to close with a favorite saying or quote?*

BL: "I'm not forgetful I just suffer from information overload."

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The Cowboy Joe Club is now offering custom-made jackets to its members and fans. The jackets are being offered exclusively to the Club by former Cowboy basketball standout, **Charles Bradley**, owner of Varsity Jackets Plus, a division of West Coast Chenille. Net proceeds will benefit the Club. Two styles are being offered--a letter-style jacket with leather sleeves for men, and a stadium-style jacket with a hood for women. The jackets are made of high-quality wool and leather, and can be personalized on the front with the text of your choice (up to 20 letters.) The jackets are Wyoming brown and gold, and are individually made for a custom fit.

Get your order in today--after October 31st, 2001, the prices will be going up 10%. (See order form on Page 7.)



Women's Jacket (front)



Women's Jacket (back)