

Board Meeting  
July 24, 2008

## APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointments to the Athletic Board, Urbana

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor at Urbana, Ms. Nicole Cowart (student), Mr. James Hanauer (student), Mr. Louis Margaglione (alumnus), Ms. Mallory Martin (student), and Professor E. Kevin Renshler (faculty, Recreation, Sport and Tourism) have been nominated for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointments will be effective August 2008, and continue for the term designated or until a successor has been appointed. (Biographical sketches for the nominees are attached.)

The Athletic Board is a committee concerned with intercollegiate athletics at the Urbana-Champaign campus. In its oversight of the academic and educational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program, it is a committee of the Urbana-Champaign Senate. The board also serves as an advisory committee to the Chancellor and the Athletic Director on the financial management, personnel, and other operational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program.

The board consists of twenty members: two faculty representatives to the Big Ten; seven other faculty members; four alumni of the Urbana-Champaign campus;

the Chair of the Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee; three students; and three *ex officio* members without vote: a designee of the Chancellor, the University Comptroller or designee, and the Athletic Director. A slate of faculty nominees is provided to the Chancellor by the Urbana-Champaign Senate. The slate of student nominees is provided to the Chancellor by the Urbana-Champaign Senate, the Illinois Student Government, and the Student Athletic Advisory Board to fill one student position each. The slate of alumni is provided by the Urbana-Champaign Council of the Alumni Association. The Chancellor reviews the lists of nominees and forwards recommendations to the President of the University for action by the Board of Trustees.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.

**A. Nicole Cowart**, Undergraduate Student, College of Business, for a term ending in 2009.

Nicole Cowart is a junior majoring in Accounting. She graduated with honors from Center Greenwood High School in Greenwood, Indiana, where she was a member of the gymnastics team. She was a six-time national qualifier, two-time Junior Olympic team member with many other outstanding accomplishments. She is an extraordinary member of the Illini women's gymnastics team and enjoys swimming, watching other sports, and is active in a variety of student activities.

**James D. Hanauer, Jr.**, Undergraduate Student, College of Business, for a term ending in 2009.

Jim Hanauer is a junior majoring in Business Administration. He serves as a student senator for the College of Business and works with the Committee on Student Rights. Over the past year he has served on the Steering Committee for the University's Re-Certification process for the NCAA, and the subcommittee for Rules Governance and Compliance. He recently started a non-profit organization to raise money for the sport of lacrosse within southern Illinois. He has served as a business buddy and mentor and was recently appointed the vice-president of his business fraternity, Phi Beta Lambda. Along with being a full-time student, he has also served as the Head Coach for the Champaign Centennial Lacrosse team for the past two years, and hopes to attend graduate school for Sports Administration after he graduates in May of 2009.

**Louis A. Margaglione**, Alumnus, for a term ending in 2012.

Louis Margaglione holds a B.A. in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a successful businessman in Chicago and is currently Vice President with the Bank of America. He has an outstanding record of involvement with civic and charitable organizations. He is a member of the Chicago Illini Club (President 2006-2007, Board of Directors since 1994), Illinois Connection Ambassador, UIAA Clubs Advisory Board, and has participated in many other organizations and groups.

**Mallory E. Martin**, Undergraduate Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, for a term ending in 2009.

Mallory Martin is a sophomore majoring in Recreation, Sport and Tourism with a concentration in Sports Management. She grew up in southern Illinois and has experience with the Southern Illinois University Athletic Department. She had an internship this summer with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which gave her an opportunity to have contact with professional coaches and athletes of all levels. She is a Sports Chair on the Illini Pride Executive Board for baseball and wrestling, along with a Krush Chair Helper for basketball and a Blockhead for football. This opportunity has allowed her to get to know the students on this campus who are interested in sports and who attend many of the games. It also allows her to work with the marketing representatives to get more students involved. She also has been involved with the Southern Illinois Miners baseball team and plans to intern with them this summer.

**E. Kevin Renshler**, Professor, Recreation, Sport and Tourism, for a term ending in 2012.

Kevin Renshler has taught courses in governance and policy, finance, organizational behavior, legal aspects, and social issues. His research examines the influences that are placed upon Division I athletic directors as they made decisions. Specifically, he studies the relationship between athletic team salience and resource allocation practices. He also investigates why athletic departments become strategically similar in their attempts to gain a competitive advantage and meet the needs of the student-athlete. To complement these efforts, he has thirteen years experience in intercollegiate athletics as the Women's Head Volleyball Coach at Northwestern, Auburn, and Kent State [Assistant Coach at Miami (OH) and Florida]. During that time, he served as the Chairperson for the Big Ten Volleyball Coaches, led a NCAA Certification Committee, and gained working knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Big Ten and NCAA.