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#### The President's Message

By NCBWA President Todd Lamb

#### NCBWA Membership:

Let me begin by writing that it is an honor for me to serve as president of such a great organization. The bar has been set high and I will try my best to follow the great leadership of this organization, including **Mike Montoro**, who served as our president last year.

We have another great slate of officers in 2005-06 and together with an expanded board I expect even greater things from this organization. **Dave Fanucchi** (USA Baseball) will serve as the first VP and coordinate the Stopper of the Year Award; **Mex Carey** (St. John's) will serve as the second VP and coordinate the Wilbur Snyppe Award; and, **Shamus McKnight** (Nebraska) moves from the board to serve as the third VP and coordinator of the baseball publications contest for CoSIDA.

At the annual meeting in Philadelphia in early July, the board reorganized and has expanded and we have added coordinators in Divisions II and III, **Bob McComas** (Slippery Rock) and **Steve Marovich** (Carthage), respectively. Executive director **Bo Carter** (Big 12) will be joined by associate executive director **Russell Anderson** (Conference USA) and assistant executive director **Mike Montoro** (Southern Miss). **Kyle McRae** (Stanford) remains on the board and is joined by **Barry Allen** (Alabama) and **Chuck Dunlap** (SEC).

This group is already working so that 2006 and beyond will be even more successful than the year we had in 2005. The Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy went to Nebraska's Alex Gordon and the inaugural Stopper of the Year Award went to Texas closer J. Brent Cox.

By now you probably know that Xanthus has declined to keep its ties to the Dick Howser Trophy due to changes within its organization. The board is actively looking for another sponsor. If you have any suggestions, please let Bo or Russell know. The organization had incredible exposure because of the Stopper of the Year Award. ESPN talked about it extensively during its coverage of the College World Series and even featured it on a segment of SportsCenter.

While the organization is making great things happen, more people need to be a part of it. I would like to invite the entire membership to rejoin and I challenge you to bring at least one new member to the group in 2005-06. Please pass along the NCBWA membership form to fellow SIDs or members of the media who cover your team or conference. It is an exciting time to be a member and we do not want anyone to miss out on voting for our All-America teams and the Dick Howser Trophy.

If there is anything the board or I can do for you or if you have any suggestions to help make NCBWA stronger, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Todd Lamb  
NCBWA President  
The Ohio State University

## NCBWA Names 2005-06 Officers, Todd Lamb New President

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) released its list of 2005-06 officers as approved during the organization's annual meeting in Philadelphia in July. These officers begin their duties immediately and will serve in these roles through the 2006 College World Series.

Todd Lamb, Assistant Sports Information Director at Ohio State University, will serve as the organization's President during the upcoming year. Lamb has served as an officer in the NCBWA for the past three years, has promoted Ohio State baseball since 2002 and previously worked at Clemson and Rice. This past year, Lamb coordinated the inaugural NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award.

Dave Fanucchi, Director of Communications for USA Baseball and a two-year officer in the NCBWA, has been promoted to First Vice-President and is slated to serve as Lamb's successor. Mex Carey, Assistant SID at St. John's, has been elevated to Second Vice-President and Shamus McKnight, previously an NCBWA Board Member, has been named as Third Vice-President.

A trio of new positions were officially added to the list of officers in Philadelphia, including the naming of the first-ever NCBWA Coordinators for Division II and Division III. A pair of longtime NCBWA contributors will now officially take over these titles, with Bob McComas of Slippery Rock being named Division II Coordinator, while Steve Marovich of Carthage will serve as D III Coordinator. The gentlemen will coordinate weekly honors, postseason awards and other publicity efforts for these divisions.

The other newly-appointed position will be the Assistant Executive Director, a spot that will be filled by outgoing President Mike Montoro of Southern Miss, who will continue to assist the organization with a number of projects, including the annual NCBWA Directory and the Division I Players of the Week.

Veteran Secretary-Treasurer and past President Russell Anderson of Conference USA has been promoted to Associate Executive Director where he will continue his roles in membership and finance for the organization. In addition, he will continue to work with NCBWA Executive Director Bo Carter on organizational issues such as corporate sponsorships and the continuing relationship with the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the Dick Howser Trophy.

Two new appointments were made to the Board of Directors, where Joe Dier of Mississippi State and Chuck Dunlap of the Southeastern Conference join Barry Allen of Alabama and Kyle McRae of Stanford in supporting the NCBWA's efforts. Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. Members receive a membership card, directory, newsletter updates and official votes in the Howser Award Player of the Year, Regional Player of the Year and NCBWA All-America voting. The NCBWA also sponsors preseason All-America awards, publication and writing contests. Additionally, the organization has a website at [www.ncbwa.com](http://www.ncbwa.com). For membership, send annual dues (\$15), along with mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address information to Russell Anderson, NCBWA Associate Executive Director, c/o Conference USA, 5201 No. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 300, Irving, TX 75309.

## 2005 CoSIDA Baseball Publications' Contest Numbers Several NCBWA Honorees

### Baseball Media Guides-Division A (57 entries)

1. Texas (Mike Forcucci, Mary G. Elliott, UT Sports Photography)
2. Clemson (Brian Hennessy)
3. Nebraska (Shamus McKnight, Megan McLaughlin)
4. Florida (John Hines, Florida Sports Information)
5. Tennessee (Thomas V. Satkowiak, Jeff Muir)
6. Florida State (Elliott Finebloom)
7. Baylor (Larry Little, Baylor Athletic Media Relations)

Best Cover: Clemson (Brian Hennessy)

District 1 (5 entries):

1. Army (Bob Beretta, Mike Albright, Brendan Payne)
2. St. John's (Mex Carey, Liz Papetti, Jim Donatelli)

District 2 (5 entries):

1. Maryland (Maryland Media Relations, Patrick Fischer, Dustin Hockensmith)
2. West Virginia (Scott Castleman, Tim Goodenow)

District 3 (10 entries):

1. Clemson (Brian Hennessy)
2. Florida (John Hines, Florida Sports Information)
3. Florida State (Elliott Finebloom)

District 4 (6 entries):

1. Tennessee (Thomas V. Satkowiak, Jeff Muir)
2. Kentucky (Scott Dean, Jamie Barker)

District 5 (5 entries):

1. Notre Dame (Pete LaFleur, Cynthia Lemcke)
2. Minnesota (Steve Geller, Joel Rippel, Jeff Keisser)

District 6 (13 entries):

1. Texas (Mike Forcucci, Mary G. Elliott, UT Sports Photography)
2. Baylor (Larry Little, Baylor Athletic Media Relations)
3. LSU (Bill Franques, David Hurd, Annie Martin)

District 7 (6 entries):

1. Nebraska (Shamus McKnight, Megan McLaughlin)
2. Wichita State (Tami Cutler)

District 8 (7 entries):

1. Cal State Northridge (Tony LaTorra, Braden Villanueva)
2. USC (Jason Pommier)

*Contest Coordinator:* Michael "Mex" Carey, St. John's (N.Y.)

Baseball Media Guides-Division B (20 entries)

1. North Dakota (Ryan Perreault)
2. Pittsburg State (Dan Wilkes, Alex Linden, Ryan Ulrich)
3. South Carolina-Aiken (Brad Fields)
4. North Alabama (Jeff Hodges, Karen Hodges)

Best Cover: Saint Anselm (Kurt K. Svoboda)

*Contest Coordinator:* Michael "Mex" Carey, St. John's (N.Y.)

Baseball Media Guides-Division C (25 entries)

1. Embry-Riddle (Alison Smalling, Jamie Joss, Cory McElrath)
2. Johnson County (Tyler Cundith)
3. Lubbock Christian (Gilda Rinehart, Jacob Rinehart, Paul Hise)
4. Carthage (Steve Marovich, Melissa Meyers, Mike Gryniwicz)

Best Cover: Marietta (Dan May, Ryan Zundell)

*Contest Coordinator:* Michael "Mex" Carey, St. John's (N.Y.)

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-Spotlight on Tully Sparks: Thomas Frank (Tully) Sparks was born in Etna, Ga., and grew up in nearby Cave Springs, Ga. He began his professional career with Montgomery (Ala.) in July 1895. He may have attended Georgia from 1896-99. Sparks attended college somewhere during the 1895-96 academic year, but that stone is still uncovered. Sparks enrolled at the University of Georgia in fall 1896 and was classified as a sophomore in 1899. He joined the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and pitched one game for the UGA varsity on April 10, 1897, against Atlanta of the Southern League. He then reported to Montgomery, also in the Southern League, on April 21, 1897.

-The Holy Cross Crusaders had 68 consecutive non-losing seasons from 1893-1960. The had .500 records in both 1944 and '46 and then endured their first losing season since 1892 after longtime coach Jack Barry retired in 1960/

-Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa had a baseball team for most seasons from around 1908 till it closed its doors in 1972. During that time, the program produced six Major League Baseball players--all within 6 seasons! Four--Rich Folkers, Charlie Williams, Tom Heintzelman, and Jim Todd played together on the 1967 team.

-According to an article in The Washington POST Dec. 31, 1928, Big "Ed" Morris, a rookie pitcher with the Red Sox, previously hurled for Palmer College. Morris was willing to pitch for Palmer, but had no intention of also attending classes. A professor found out and soon Morris was banished from the team. Lance Richbourg, who played for the University of Florida and was later the coach, recommended him to a professional team in Bradenton, Fla., after seeing Morris pitch against his+ Gators team. A scan of Florida's games during that era seemed to indicate that Morris pitched in either the 1917 or 1919 season. Palmer College, located in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, closed in 1935.

The 2005 draft saw a slight reverse of the recent trend toward drafting players with collegiate experience. Of the 1,501 players selected in June, 652 (43 percent) were taken from a four-year schools and an additional 310 (21%) were taken from junior colleges. By comparison, the 2004 draft breakdown was 47 percent for the four-year colleges and 20 percent among the two-year community schools. The five conferences with the most players selected were the SEC (63 players from 12 schools), the Big 12 (48 from 10), the Pac 10 (46 from nine), Big West (44 from eight), and the ACC (41 from 11).

The following individual universities led in draftees off their 2005 rosters: Cal State Fullerton 14 (record for a college team), Miami (Fla.) 13, Baylor 9, Long Beach State 9, Arizona 8, Mississippi 8, Vanderbilt 8, Arizona State 7, Auburn 7, Michigan 7, Rice 7, South Carolina 7, Texas 7, UCF 7, UC Irvine 6, Central Missouri State 6, Coastal Carolina 6, College of Charleston 6, Lewis-Clark State 6, LSU 6, Nebraska 6, St. John's 6, Stanford 6, Boston College 5, Cal Poly 5, Clemson 5, Georgia Tech 5, Illinois 5, Loyola Marymount 5, UL Lafayette 5, Mississippi State 5, Oklahoma 5, Oral Roberts 5, Tennessee 5, Texas A&M 5, and Washington 5. There were 46 draftees on the eight Division I teams at Omaha in the NCAA World Series.

College players making their 2005 MLB debuts with positions in draft order: Chris Duffy (81st player), Arizona State; C.J. Wilson (23rd), Loyola Marymount Royce; Ring (32nd), San Diego State; Colter Bean (38th), Auburn; Steve Schmoll (19th), Maryland; J.P. Howell (96th) Texas-Southern California; Kelly Shoppach (34th), Baylor; Rich Hill (69th), Michigan; Ron Flores (97th), Southern California; Shane Costa (42nd), Cal State Fullerton; Dan Johnson (22nd), Nebraska; Huston Street (92nd), Texas; Mike Burns (11th), Cal State Los Angeles; Adam Shabala (23rd), Nebraska; Jeff Baker (42nd), Clemson; Chris Prieto (8th), Nevada; Joe Dillon (16th), Texas Tech; Ryan Shealy (47th), Florida; Chad Orvella (28th), North Carolina State; Tony Giaratano (14th), Tulane; Jeff Fiorentino (3rd), Florida Atlantic; Luke Scott (41st), Oklahoma State; Skip Schumaker (17th), UC Santa Barbara; Marshall McDougall (52nd), Florida State; Scott Baker (42nd), Oklahoma State; Cla Meredith (8th), Virginia Commonwealth; Jeremy Accardo (11th), Illinois State; D.J. Houlton (9th), Pacific (Calif.); Cory Sullivan (30<sup>th</sup>), Wake Forest; Todd Self (2nd) Louisiana College; Keith Reed (6th), Providence; Rick Short (3rd), Western Illinois; Todd Self (6th), UL Monroe; David Gassner (13th), Purdue; Steve Stemle (9th), Western Kentucky; Mike Fontenot (50th), LSU; Ryan Speier (2nd), Radford; Chris Ray (8th), William & Mary; Aaron Hill (51st), LSU; Tim Stauffer (14th), Richmond; Jack Tauchner (8th), Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Mark Teahen (55th) Saint Mary's (Calif.).

There were also three newcomers who might have played at foreign colleges: Tadahito Iguchi (Aoyama Gakuin, Japan), Dae Sung Koo (Hanyang, Korea), and Chien Ming Wang (Taipei College of Physical Education). Research is ongoing.

Notes: Providence dropped baseball in 1999, and Keith Reed played on its last team. Through June 2005, four players from the 2004 draft have made their major league debuts--Huston Street, Cla Meredith, Jeff Fiorentino, and J.P. Howell.

Todd Self (Louisiana College) and Rick Short (Western Illinois) weren't even born the last time a major leaguer debut from their school. Self is the second Wildcat to reach the majors--Jess Hickman debuted in 1965. Short is the third Leatherneck to reach the majors and the first since Paul Reuschel debuted in 1975.

Players from around the country have headed to summer wood bat leagues. The websites for these teams are (Team USA) [www.usabaseball.com](http://www.usabaseball.com); (Cape Cod League) [www.capecodbaseball.org](http://www.capecodbaseball.org); (Northwoods League) [www.northwoodsleague.com/Home.asp](http://www.northwoodsleague.com/Home.asp); (Texas Collegiate League) [www.texascollegiateleague.com](http://www.texascollegiateleague.com). Additional links are available at <http://www.ncaa-baseball.com>.

SABR 35 Toronto -- August 4-7 (Go to [www.SABR.org](http://www.SABR.org) for more information)

## 2000 Dick Howser Trophy Winner Teixeira Leads All-Star Parade

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Georgia Tech's coach Danny Hall says he isn't surprised with the way Mark Teixeira is punishing Major League pitchers.

He remains shocked, however, that he ever got to coach the young slugger before he became a rising star for the Texas Rangers (and belted a homer in the 2005 All-Star Game). It follows a stellar career where he was named 2000 Dick Howser Trophy recipient as national college player of the year in 2000.

"I definitely felt like we'd never see him," Hall said. "He was just too good."

Teixeira, though, was wasn't taken in the first round of the 1998 draft as expected after reportedly rejecting a take-it-or-leave-it \$1.5 million bonus from Boston.

Feeling that the Red Sox, who eventually took him in the ninth round, had spread falsehoods about his contract demands, an upset Teixeira called Hall that night and said he was coming to Georgia Tech. It couldn't have worked out better for the Yellow Jackets or Saverna Park, Md., native, who seven years later is one of eight Tech players in the majors. Only Southern California (15), Cal State Fullerton (11), Florida State (8), LSU (8), and Miami (Fla.), had the same number of alumni or more on MLB rosters through mid-July. Next were UCLA and Wichita State with seven each (source: SABR).

"Going to Georgia Tech was one of the best decisions I ever made," said Teixeira, voted the AL starter at first base for the '05 All-Star Game in his third Major League season.

Despite breaking his ankle early in his junior season, Teixeira was the fifth overall pick in 2001 and received a solid contract package from the Rangers and generous signing bonus...

Teixeira hit 26 homers and drove in 84 runs in 2003. Last year he belted 38 homers and had 112 RBIs. He led the AL in home runs with 25 at the All-Star break.

"Mark really has a ton of talent," said Georgia Tech alumnus and Boston Red Sox star Jason Varitek. "He has definitely held up his end for Tech."

Unlike Varitek, though, Teixeira—a 2000 CoSIDA Academic All-America choice—doesn't have his degree. Not yet, anyway... "I definitely want to go back and get it," said Teixeira, whose father graduated from the Naval Academy and whose uncle Pete played for the Florida Gators. "That's the only thing missing from my days at Georgia Tech."

### Curtis MVP in Cape Cod League All-Star Game

Arizona State junior outfielder Colin Curtis went 3-for-4 and scored the only run to lead the East team to a 1-0 victory over the West in the Cape Code Baseball League All-Star game July 29 in Hyannis, Mass.

Curtis (Issaquah, Wash.) singled in the first inning off North Carolina All-America Daniel Bard, singled again in the sixth off Oregon State All-America Dallas Buck and then doubled down the left field line to lead off the ninth off Justin Masterson of Bethel (Ind.). He scored the only run of the game on a double play by Scott Sizemore of Virginia Commonwealth.

Curtis was named honorable mention All-Pac-10 in 2005 and was one of four Sun Devils to be named to the College World Series All-Tournament team. He caught fire to go 8-for-11 (.727) over the final three games of the CWS and finished the trip to Omaha hitting .474 (9-for-19) with two doubles and three RBI. He finished his sophomore season hitting .342 (89-for-260) with 14 doubles, two home runs and 45 RBI. Curtis was invited to the USA Baseball National Team Trials but did not make the team and reported to the Orleans Cardinals in the CCBL.

Through 22 games of the summer season in the Cape, Curtis was hitting .321 (26-for-81) with five doubles, nine RBI and 10 stolen bases. Other Sun Devils playing in the Cape Cod include infielder Joe Persichina (Harwich Mariners; .253, 5 2B, 1 3B, 11 RBI), right-handed pitcher Pat Bresnehan (Harwich Mariners; 1-0, 1.38 ERA) and right-handed pitcher Kevin Dryanski (Brewster Whitecaps; 0-1, 2.25 ERA).

### Texas A&M's, MLB Great Davey Johnson to Coach IBAF World Cup Team

USA Baseball announced Aug. 17 that Davey Johnson, who guided the New York Mets to a World Series Championship in 1986, will be the field manager for the minor-league professional team that will represent the United States at the 2005 IBAF World Cup Sept. 2-17 in The Netherlands.

In addition, Rick Eckstein was named bench coach, Scott Radinsky was named pitching coach, and Lee May Jr. was named hitting coach for Team USA. Also, John Fierro will serve as the team athletic trainer, Dr. Fred Dicke will serve as the team physician, and NCBWA member Blayne Beal of Texas Tech will serve as the team press officer.

Johnson has a career record of 1,148-888 (.564) in 14 major league seasons as a manager with the New York Mets (1984-90), Cincinnati Reds (1993-95), Baltimore Orioles (1996-97), and Los Angeles Dodgers (1999-2000). He was named the 1997 American League Manager of the Year after leading the Orioles to the AL East Division title. As a player, he collected three Gold Glove Awards and was a four-time All-Star second baseman over 13 seasons with the Orioles, Braves, Phillies, and Cubs.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to wear the uniform of the United States, and to the challenge of trying to bring the Baseball World Cup back to America for the first time since 1974," said Johnson.

"Davey brings a great managerial style and major league experience to the position," said Bob Watson, USA Baseball General Manager of Professional Baseball Operations. "We're excited to have him lead Team USA into this competition."

Eckstein worked the 2005 season as a coach with the Class A Vermont Expos in the Washington Nationals organization. Rick's brother David was the National League's starting shortstop at the 2005 MLB All-Star Game in Detroit and is currently a member of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Radinsky spent 11 seasons as a relief pitcher with the White Sox, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Indians, going 42-25 with a 3.44 ERA and 52 saves. He spent the 2005 season as the pitching coach for the A Lake County Captains in the Indians farm system. May Jr. was a first round selection (21st overall) by the Mets in 1986 and played in the Mets and Royals organizations from 1986-1993. In eight minor league seasons, he had a career average of .221 with 8 home runs and 166 RBI in 621 games. He spent the 2005 season as the manager for the rookie level Burlington Indians.

This will be the first USA Baseball experience for all four coaches. Fierro will be returning for his fourth stint as the Team USA Athletic Trainer while Beal just wrapped up his fifth season as the Texas Tech baseball sports information contact.

USA Baseball is currently in the process of selecting their 24-man roster of professional minor-league players. The Americans open World Cup play on Sunday, Sept. 4, vs. Colombia at 1 p.m. local time. Team USA will compete in Pool B, which includes Australia, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Greece, Japan, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Cuba is the eight-time defending IBAF World Cup Champion. Team USA recently finished fifth in 2003 and second in 2001 when current Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona guided the Americans to the Silver Medal.

USA Baseball is the National Governing Body of amateur baseball in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic Committee. The organization selects and trains the USA Baseball Olympic Team, the USA Baseball National

Team (Collegiate), the USA Baseball Junior National Team (18-under), and the USA Baseball Youth National Team (16-under) which participate in various international competitions each year. The USA Baseball headquarters are based in Durham, North Carolina with future training facilities in Cary, North Carolina.

### Artigues Named Head Coach at Southeastern Louisiana

Jay Artigues, the architect of a pair of nationally ranked junior college baseball programs that averaged nearly 40 wins per season, was named head coach at Southeastern Louisiana University in an announcement by school officials on July 28.

Artigues posted a 275-108 record in seven years that included stints at Bossier Parish (La.) Community College and Pearl River (Miss.) Community College.

"We are pleased to have an individual with the character, intensity and leadership that Jay Artigues brings to Southeastern as our new baseball coach," said SLU president Randy Moffett. "He is a proven winner at several levels and an able recruiter who knows our region well. Jay puts the 'student' first in the student-athlete equation, and we are proud to add him to our staff."

The 36-year-old Artigues, who becomes the 15th head coach in Southeastern history, spent the past four seasons at PRCC where he guided the school to a 168-51 record. The Wildcats won three conference championships and advanced to the JUCO World Series during his tenure. In his final season at PRCC, Artigues led the Wildcats, who began the season ranked No. 7 in Division II, to a 46-12 record and a No. 1 ranking in the final JUCO National regular-season poll.

In his first season at PRCC, Artigues led the Wildcats to a then school-record 42 wins and a berth in the 2002 JUCO World Series in Millington, Tenn. PRCC finished the year as the South Division Conference Champions, Region XXIII Champions and Central District Champions with Artigues earning Region XXIII and Central District Coach of the Year honors.

In 2003 the Wildcats finished 38-13 and advanced to the State and Regional playoffs for the second straight season. The 2003 team was nationally ranked throughout the season and was ranked as high as No. 1 in the country.

Before returning to PRCC in 2001, where he was a two-year letterwinner and was a first team All-State and All-Region selection, Artigues spent three seasons at Bossier Parish Community College and posted a 107-57 record. In his final season at BPCC, Artigues led the Cavaliers to a school-record 46 wins and a No. 8 ranking in the final NJCAA poll.

"This is a job that I've been interested in for a long time and I'm excited to be a part of the Southeastern family," Artigues said. "This is something in which my family and I are excited about and we're looking forward to establishing roots here in Hammond and building a championship-caliber program."

Artigues began his coaching career in 1992-93 as an assistant at Spring Hill (Ala.) College where he served as hitting coach and handled the infield. He served as Dean of Students and head baseball coach for two years at St. Louis Catholic High in Lake Charles, La., and led the Saints into the state playoffs both seasons as coach, reaching the Class 3A state quarterfinals in 1996.

He moved to Hammond in 1996 and served as athletic director and head baseball coach at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Artigues led the Falcons to the state playoffs for the first time ever while administering the school's 14 sports. Artigues then got back into college coaching accepting a job at the University of New Orleans, where he was an assistant coach in 1998 under Tom Schwaner.

### Raccuia Hired as 'Bama Assistant

Joe Raccuia (Ruh-KOO-yah) has been named assistant baseball coach at The University of Alabama, in an announcement made by head coach Jim Wells.

"I am very happy to have a man of Joe's caliber" Wells said. "He is a former head coach and brings that experience to Alabama along with his other outstanding credentials. He is an excellent recruiter and evaluator. We are very happy to have Joe on board." Raccuia comes to Alabama after spending the last two seasons as head coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He will serve as the Crimson Tide's hitting coach and will also work with the infielders in addition to his recruiting duties.

"I am very excited about the move and working at one of the premier schools in the country," Raccuia said. "Coach Wells was very professional through the entire process. I am very excited to be a part of the best baseball league in the country. I am looking forward to developing players and helping get Alabama back in the College World Series."

Raccuia spent the last two seasons as head coach at Marist College, where he compiled a 58-51 (.532) overall record, including a 39-15 (.722) record in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play. The 2005 squad posted a 33-21 record and captured the MAAC regular-season and post-season championships. For his efforts, he was named the 2005 MAAC Coach of the Year. The Red Foxes also landed a berth in the 2005 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional, where they lost to LSU and Northwestern State, coached by former UA assistant coach Mitch Gaspard. In his two seasons, seven players earned All-MAAC honors under Raccuia's watch, including 2005 MAAC Pitcher of the year Chris Tracz, while Rob Ryan was named 2005 MAAC Relief Pitcher of the Year. Tracz, Ryan and Travis Musolf also earned All-Northeast Region honors, while Raccuia's teams featured nine MAAC All-Academic Team selections. Prior to taking over at Marist, Raccuia was an assistant coach at George

Mason for four years (2000-03), including being named associate head coach in his final two seasons (2002-03). While at George Mason, Raccuia was responsible for hitting and defense. In his final season, with the Patriots, he coached four All-Conference position players, including the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Defensive Player of the Year. The 2003 squad set the school record for the highest fielding percentage (.970) and 21st nationally in defense. The squad also set the school record for stolen bases. At GMU, Raccuia helped recruit three freshman All-Americans.

Prior to his days at George Mason, Raccuia spent four years (1997-99) as the assistant head coach at George Washington University. At GW he served as hitting coach, recruiting coordinator and worked with the position players. In his three years at GW, Raccuia coached or recruited 12 players who went on to professional careers and 14 players who earned All-Conference recognition in the Atlantic 10. The 1998 team set a school record for wins and recorded the fourth best turn around in Division I play. The GW class of 2002 had five Raccuia recruited players taken in the Major League Baseball draft. Over his final two seasons with the Colonials, GW set school records in hits, home runs, doubles, runs scored and runs batted in.

## Oklahoma's Bajenaru One of First Major Leaguers to Join SABR

Oklahoma standout Jeff Bajenaru appreciates the history of college baseball as well as the majors and became one of the first MLB players to become a full-fledged member of Society for American Baseball Research. That might set an example for NCBWA as existing members are encouraged to contact baseball alumni, radio and TV media, baseball office personnel and other potential members for 2005-06 joining. Please copy and email the form below to trusty Associate Executive Director/Secretary/Treasurer Russ Anderson. Pertinent quote from President George W. Bush at the 2001 NCAA World Series in Omaha after picking up a membership flyer: "Hmmm...National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association...Sounds like a pretty interesting organization!"

## All-Time NCAA Division I Baseball Records

(Ranked by Victories; Research: Univ. of Minnesota, Big 12 Conference; Through 2005 Season)

NCBWA and NCAA updates with the Nos. 26-100 all-time victories' leaders in Division I baseball. Please send any corrections to Bo Carter via email: [bo@big12sports.com](mailto:bo@big12sports.com). If members have some updated all-time conference records for teams missing years, thanks for forwarding those along to the same email address.

School	Seasons	Overall	Pct.	All	
				Conference Games	Pct.
26. Miami (Fla.)	60	2,072-807-18	.720	19-10	.655
27. San Diego State	67	2,057-1,268-37	.619	849-525	.618
28. Princeton	121	2,056-1,670-46	.552	531-473	.529
29. South Carolina	114	2,043-1,286-17	.614	511-494	.508
30. Santa Clara	115	2,020-1,611-28	.556	834-737	.531
31. UCLA	86	2,018-1,739-24	.537	812-977	.454
32. Florida	91	1,997-1,289-24	.608	779-510	.604
33. LSU	110	1,993-1,329-21	.600	754-620	.549
34. Georgia Tech	108	1,966-1,275-26	.607	523-452	.536
35. Michigan State	121	1,960-1,579-28	.554	502-539	.482
36. Missouri	108	1,880-1,213-20	.608	736-550	.572
37. Georgia	119	1,863-1,387-22	.571	635-712	.471
38. Indiana	110	1,861-1,463-21	.560	601-829	.420
39. Baylor	104	1,855-1,350-7	.579	824-738	.528
40. North Carolina State	100	1,854-1,132-28	.621	491-397	.553
41. Oregon State	96	1,824-1,250-15	.593	912-786	.537
42. Virginia Tech	112	1,810-1,196-26	.602	231-157	.595
43. Wichita State	71	1,804-798-8	.693	478-226	.679
44. Iowa	115	1,797-1,483-28	.548	671-742	.475
45. West Virginia	109	1,770-1,219-18	.592	240-168	.588
46. Central Michigan	99	1,767-1,037-16	.630	511-301	.629
47. Nebraska	105	1,757-1,288-17	.577	659-648	.504
48. Virginia	117	1,744-1,525-39	.534	343-515	.400
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50. Ohio	124	1,730-1,179-8	.595	616-441	.583
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61. Pennsylvania	130	1,667-1,446-42	.535	129-131	.496
63. Stetson	90	1,648-1,218-11	.575	126-79	.615
63. San Jose State	90	1,648-1,465-31	.529	496-515	.491
65. Auburn	71	1,636-1,040-6	.611	738-605	.550
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74. Villanova	127	1,588-1,106-25	.589	220-229	.490
75. Grambling	79	1,581-652-0	.708	100-95	.513
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