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ABOUT THE USBWA

This season marks the 56th anniversary of the USBWA, founded in 1956 at the urging of then-NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers. The primary goal of the USBWA has remained constant since its inception: To serve the interests of journalists who cover college basketball.

The USBWA annually selects a player of the year and All-America teams for both men and women in college basketball. The USBWA men's player of the year award, the Oscar Robertson Trophy, was first established in 1959 and is considered to be college basketball's oldest such award.

The USBWA also selects a national coach of the year for men and women, with the men's award named after legendary coach Henry Iba.

The USBWA annually awards college scholarships to students pursuing careers in sports journalism. The USBWA also honors past and current members of the organization for career achievements with the USBWA Hall of Fame.

In addition, the USBWA presents a Most Courageous Award to a player, coach or official in college basketball who demonstrates extraordinary courage in life, and the Katha Quinn Award, in honor of the former SID at St. John's University, to individuals who have either excelled servicing the media or provide an inspiration to sports writers.

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 1962-63 **Ray Marquette**, Indianapolis Star
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2011-2012 PRESIDENT LENOX RAWLINGS

Lenox Rawlings, the *Winston-Salem Journal* sports columnist for more than 30 years, first experienced the brassy drumbeats and suspended heartbeats of college basketball inside Raleigh's Reynolds Coliseum.



As popcorn aromas drifted through N.C. State's raucous rectangular arena and light bulbs illuminated the phony noise meter near the catwalk, ranked teams from far away competed against the local Big Four colleges in coach-promoter Everett Case's Dixie Classic. The ACC staged its first 12 tournaments at basketball's Southern crossroads, inflaming rivalries and creating intense public demand.

The NCAA East Regional introduced characters such as the St. Joseph's Hawk, which flapped mascot wings all night, and Syracuse guard Jim Boeheim, the bony setup man for shooter Dave Bing. Coach Lefty Driesell never could get over the regional hump, but high-flying David Thompson landed upside down and marched on, his head wrapped like an American Revolution soldier.

Rawlings started his newspaper career as a summer intern at the *Wilson (N.C.) Daily Times*. The morning after the first moon walk, he answered phone calls linking astronaut Neil Armstrong to several severe storms and one barn fire.

During his junior year at North Carolina, Rawlings began writing full time for *The News & Observer* of Raleigh, a job that naturally involved ACC basketball. After graduating, he covered Larry Brown's first coaching season for the *Greensboro Daily News* and, during a Carolina Cougars ABA playoff game against Kentucky, watched Wendell Ladner land on one of those landmark Freedom Hall water coolers. Ladner smashed the glass bottle and sliced an arm so badly that he needed dozens of stitches (yet still begged, unsuccessfully, to return).

Rawlings wrote features and columns for the *Atlanta Constitution*, which tracked the scoreboard-juicing exploits of the Hawks' Pistol Pete Maravich, and subsequently joined the *Winston-Salem Journal* as a political reporter. He soon returned to sportswriting, driving the winter roads in pursuit of squeaking shoes and welcoming each spring's arrival at the Final Four, regardless of the city or the weather.

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