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Sport Administration Program Mission: To provide students with knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the sport industry that will provide career advancement opportunities. The tools and resources provided to the students will occur in a positive learning environment combining both theory and practice.

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Teaching Sport Administration Classes a Team Effort

While the majority of sport administration classes are taught by the program's full-time faculty, other WSU faculty and staff members and lecturers from the community also make valuable contributions to the program by teaching required courses. Special thanks this fall go to:

Alan Aagaard - Desktop Publishing I

Greg Buell - Psychology of Sport

John Lee - Sport Facility Management

Mike McCoy - Sport Finance and Sport Public Relations

Martin Perline - Economics of Sport

Steve Shaad - Sport Tournament & Event Management and Marketing Sport & Physical Activity

Thank You Shocker-Level SAAA Members!

A big word of thanks goes to three program graduates who have joined the Sport Administration Alumni Association (SAAA) as Shocker Level lifetime members! Aaron Dietz, James Nicas and Kevin Olivett have all joined or renewed their memberships

in SAAA at the highest member level this year. Monies donated by SAAA members advance the program in many ways, primarily by providing scholarship money for students. The program's faculty and students express deep gratitude to Aaron, James and Kevin for their support!

SASA Hosts Bowling and Pizza Party, Seeks New Members

The Sport Administration Student Association (SASA) hosted their first event of the academic year with a bowling and pizza party at North Rock Lanes August 30. Students were invited to come and meet faculty members in the program, learn about SASA, bowl a few games, and enjoy free pizza and soda.

SASA has hosted a number of events in past years, including barbeque cookouts at baseball games, volunteer work for sport events and organizations, and career fairs. The next activity planned this semester is a members-only tailgate before the Sept. 28 volleyball game.

Students interested in the sport industry are encouraged to join SASA. Membership is \$20 for the year, and includes invitations to members only gatherings and weekly job announcements from teamwork online. Informational flyers can be found on the Sport Administration bulletin board outside of room 105 in the Heskett Center.

SASA Presents Award at NBC Tournament

The Sport Administration Student Association (SASA) sponsored the Best Pitching Trophy at this summer's National Baseball Congress World Series. The trophy is presented each year to the team whose pitching staff records the lowest earned run average throughout the tournament.

Russell Wilkens, SASA Vice President for Special Events, and Kip Smith, SASA Executive Vice President, were on hand to present the trophy. This year's recipient was the Hays Larks, who posted a team ERA of 1.96 during the tournament.

Alumni Update

Jason Booker (G 2001) has been named general manager of the Jayhawk Radio Network at the University of Kansas. ... Nathan Delzer (UG 2005) is the new assistant athletic director at Hutchinson Community College. ... Aaron Dietz (UG 2003, G 2007) was recently hired as athletic director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas. ... Levi Esses (G 2006) is the new assistant director of college advancement for student life at Kansas State University-Salina. ... Allyson Hills (G 2007) is now the assistant director for media relations at Oral Roberts University. ... Randy Kennedy (G 2001) has been taken a new position as director of academic support services for student-athletes at Eastern Kentucky University. ... Julie May (G 2007) is the new marketing coordinator for athletics at the University of Pennsylvania. Andre Seoldo (G 2000) has been promoted to assistant athletic director for facilities and operations at Kent State University. ... Valerie Wadsworth (G 2007) now serves as a learning specialist in WSU athletic student services.

Faculty Update

Lori Miller, Clay Stoldt, Jeff Noble, and Mark Vermillion offered a presentation titled "The Design and Implementation of Undergraduate and Graduate Sport Management

Assessment Systems: A Worthy (yet Painful) Process” at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference May 31 in Fort Lauderdale.

Clay Stoldt delivered a presentation titled “Changing Long-Standing Traditions” at the College Sports Information Directors of America Workshop July 1 in San Diego.