Fairmont State Athletic Director Named

Fairmont State has named David “Scott” Gines as its next Athletic Director. Gines currently serves as Director of Athletics and Sports Management at Dakota Wesleyan University.

The search was prompted by the upcoming retirement of current Athletic Director, Dave Cooper. The appointment becomes effective in February 2005, with an exact date to be determined.

“Fairmont State was fortunate to attract a strong field of candidates for this position. Scott brings with him strong experience in athletic and academic administration, coaching experience, and a record of producing winning athletic programs,” says FSU President Dan Bradley. “I am looking forward to working with him.”

Gines is a 22-year veteran of higher education and collegiate athletics, serving the past five years as an administrator and professor at the NAIA level. Prior to his current post, he served for 17 years as an NCAA Division I baseball coach at three public universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He spent the final 13 years of this period as the head coach at two institutions, successfully rebuilding each program, and departed at the top of both departments’ all-time baseball win chart. Ninety-two percent of the athletes completing their playing eligibility under his charge received their Bachelors degrees.

In his present position, he began with 13 (i.e., DWU’s entire sport offerings) losing intercollegiate programs. The past four years include: three consecutive top quartile finishes in the NACDA Director’s Cup; over a 200% increase in athletic scholarship resources; athletic department reorganization and expansion, et al. The 2004 academic year closed with six DWU teams finishing in the national top 40; nine teams with grade point averages of 3.00 or better; and, their fourth consecutive year as an NAIA Champions of Character department.

Gines is a 1983 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (English, with distinction; DMS and DMG), and holds an M.Ed from the University of Virginia (sport psychology). He completed all the course work for an Ed.D (UVA, sport psychology) in 1987, departing to become the nation’s youngest Division I coach at that time. He is presently completing an Ed.D (educational leadership) at the University of St. Thomas (MN).

Gines is one of two at large members to the NAIA Council of Athletic Administrators (CAA), and serves on the organization’s legislative committee. He is the CAA representative to the membership in the area of gender equity. In addition, he is an assistant professor of sports management, and serves as the chair of this academic department. Some of his recent speaking engagements include presentations at the NAIA National Convention and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.
The WVIAC will be honoring the 1979-80 men’s Falcon tournament championship team during halftime of the 2005 championship game. All alumni and friends are invited to honor players past and present at a luncheon at the Embassy Suites prior to the game.

Embassy Suites at 300 Court Street in Charleston will be the host hotel for all Fairmont State alumni activities. Pre and post-game receptions for both men’s and women’s games are planned.

For more detailed information, contact Aaron Ryan by phone at (304) 367-4375 or by e-mail at aryan@fairmontstate.edu

To book a room at the Embassy Suites, call (304) 347-8700.

Fairmont State Basketball Having a Fantastic Season

Falcons Basketball is going gangbusters this year. The women’s team currently has an impressive 13-1 record, putting the team on the fast track to the WVIAC Championship Tournament.

The men are also in the running for a championship bid this year with a 7-2 record. Competition is fierce and the teams look to you for the support to put them over the top.

Left: Forward, Sidney Thomas, junior, shoots for two. Scores!
February
26 TBI Elimination Dinner
Tau Beta Iota will hold its annual elimination dinner Feb. 26 at Westchester Village. For tickets and more information, call Treasurer Dave Roth at (304) 367-1573.

March
21 Gamma Chi Chi Founder’s Day Luncheon
Fairmont State First Lady Cheri Bradley will host the Gamma Chi Chi Foundation Day Luncheon at the Shaw House on the campus of Fairmont State. For more information or to make reservations, call President Shirley Champ Stanton at (304) 366-1240.

May
14 TKE Annual Commencement Picnic
Theta Delta Alumni Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon will have a picnic the weekend of May 14. For more information, call President Robert A. Germano at (304) 363-1040.

August
5-7 TBI Convention
Tau Beta Iota will hold its annual convention Aug. 5-7. Traditional events including a reception at the Erickson Alumni Center and the annual golf tournament are planned. For more information, call Treasurer Dave Roth at (304) 367-1573.

6 Gamma Chi Chi Convention
Aug 6 has been set as the tentative date for the annual Gamma Convention. For more information, call President Shirley Champ Stanton at (304) 366-1240.

Falcons Landing in Your Area

Keep your eyes peeled for invitations to alumni chapter events coming soon to a city near you! For more information or to host an event, call Aaron Ryan at (304) 367-4375.

Baltimore, Maryland June 5, 2005
Home of Joe and Ellen Jenkins

Northern Ohio
N.Y. Metro Area
Richmond, Virginia
Southwest Florida
Southeast Florida
Winchester, Virginia

Arts Events

For tickets, call the Fairmont State Box Office at (304) 367-4240. Many events are free and open to the public. Free events do not require tickets.

February
3-25
Richard Kidson Miller Art Exhibition, opening 7-9 p.m. Feb. 3, Brooks Gallery, Wallman Hall. Free and open to the public.

March
1-31
Women’s History Exhibition, opening 7-9 p.m. March 1, Brooks Gallery, Wallman Hall. Free and open to the public.

3 West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Colebank Hall.

3-6 Rocky Horror Show, Masquers play, 7:30 p.m., Wallman Hall Theatre, Sunday Matinee 2 p.m.

8 Wind Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Colebank Hall. Free and open to the public.

10-12 Rocky Horror Show, 7:30 p.m., Wallman Hall Theatre.
2004 Homecoming Alumni Achievers

Left to right: FSU President Daniel J. Bradley, Veronica Duba-Gallo, class of 1996; Vincent Greany, class of 2000; Jack Reagan, class of 1969; Leyna Gabriele class of 1944; Earl McConnell, Jr., class of 1973; and FSC&TC President Blair Montgomery (absent: Emily Nichols, class of 1950).

Alumni catch up at Alumni Homecoming Brunch, before the big game.

The fabulous fighting Falcons scramble for the Homecoming ball.

The Best of the Best: Alumni Association Accepts Nominations for 2005

Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni, Alumni of Achievement and Outstanding Young Alumni awards for 2005 will be accepted through Wednesday, June 1.

All nominees must be graduates of Fairmont State with a demonstrated commitment to the institution. Nominees must demonstrate loyalty to Fairmont State and high moral character. Professional recognitions and community service are considered by the award committees.

The Outstanding Alumni Award is presented to a long-time, committed graduate with a graduation date prior to 1980 (25 years ago or more).

The Alumni of Achievement Award is given to a graduate who has attained the highest level of success in his or her chosen profession.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is given to a graduate under the age of 35 who represents excellence and promise.

To nominate deserving alumni for one of these awards, please submit their name, address, telephone number and an explanation of why you think he or she should be recognized.

Nominations and/or questions about the nomination process may be directed to Aaron Ryan, Director of Development and Alumni Relations.

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2004 Alumni Award Winners

Alumni of Achievement: Earl McConnell, Jr. and Emily Nichols

Outstanding Alumni: Leyna Gabriele and Jack Reagan

Outstanding Young Alumni: Veronica Duba-Gallo and Vincent Greany
Fairmont State graduate receives international recognition for research

Dr. Kammi Kai Hefner (Kammi@pobox.com), a native of Bridgeport, and current resident of Fairmont, W.Va., was recently selected as the winner of the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International Outstanding Dissertation Award. PDK International is an international association for professional educators. The organization’s mission is to promote quality education as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. Hefner was presented a certificate and check from Dr. Patricia Harris, President of the local West Virginia University Chapter of PDK, in an awards ceremony held at Elizabeth Moore Hall on the campus of WVU on December 5. The biennial award recognizes a scholar who shows promise for noteworthy contributions to educational research.

On November 22, Hefner was also notified that after rigorous peer review, her paper has also been accepted for publication by the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education and presentation at the SITE 2005–Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference to be held March 1-5 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Additionally, on December 8, Dr. Tom Lombardi from the West Virginia University PDK Chapter notified Hefner that she had been selected as the winner of the Competitive Outstanding Research Award. Hefner received a monetary award that will be used to further disseminate her research work.

Hefner’s dissertation, Assessing the Factors Affecting West Virginia PreK-12 Teachers’ Use and Non-Use of Lesson Plans Published on the Internet, investigated whether teachers use lesson plans published on the Internet. Teachers from 42 counties in West Virginia were invited by their principals to access The Lesson Plan Study Web Site to complete a Web-based questionnaire. Hefner’s data suggest that 82 percent of the 600 teachers who submitted a questionnaire use lesson plans published on the Internet. Teachers feel that lesson plans published on the Internet are of value. Many teachers are even publishing their own lesson plans on the Internet for other teachers to utilize. These findings advocate that funding should be continued to maintain access to computers and to the Internet.

To Hefner’s knowledge and that of Lilo Ast (of the WVU Office of Research Compliance), this is the university’s first use of a Web-based questionnaire administered to West Virginia preK-12 teachers. As a computer scientist and software engineer, Hefner designed, coded and maintained the web site through out the study. A server was used to manage the collection and reporting of the data via a database.

Hefner is Senior Software Engineer Quality Assurance Project Manager for SAIC in Morgantown. She received her Educational Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Computer Education from WVU in June 2004. She also has a Master of Science degree in Computer Science (1987) and a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering (1999), both from WVU. She graduated in 1985 from Fairmont State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is a member of Bridgeport Senior High School’s Class of 1980.

Further information (i.e., view abstract, read proposal/prospectus/dissertation, take sample Web-based questionnaire, study results) about The Lesson Plan Study can be found at (www.thelessonplanstudy.org)
Contributions in memory of a friend or loved one may be sent to the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554. Please indicate your gift is a memorial by including the words “In memory of” and the name of the decedent in the note section of your personal check.

Gary Douglas Branham, class of 1986, deceased December 2, 2004
Helen Madge Matheny, class of 1931, deceased August 17, 2004

Shelia Ray Board, class of 1987, deceased October 31, 2004
Marquerite Matthews, class of 1928, deceased September 5, 2004

Nancy V. Burnham, class of 1977, deceased September 15, 2004
George Aaron McKinley, class of 1996, deceased October 12, 2004

Loralli R. Clark, class of 1965, deceased September 26, 2004
Paul Lee Michael, class of 1948, deceased October 13, 2004

Maxson B. Collins, class of 1935, deceased October 13, 2004
Stanley Phillips, class of 1917, deceased October 21, 2004

Calvin R. Conaway, class of 1942, deceased September 21, 2004
Carmen Pizatella, deceased September 20, 2004

Jo Conrad, class of 1969, deceased September 21, 2004
June Myrtle Powell, class of 1923, deceased November 2, 2004

James B. Cosco, Jr., class of 1962, deceased September 15, 2004
Alexander “Sonny” Rittenhouse, deceased August 19, 2004

William Hoy Dunaway, class of 1974, deceased September 12, 2004
Antionette “Toni” O. Sauro, class of 1945, deceased November 6, 2004

Ellis L. Enoch, class of 1942, deceased September, 2004
Margaret Schroeder, deceased September 24, 2004

Eloise Byrd Floyd, class of 1937, deceased September 8, 2004
Mary Rebecca Singer, class of 1933, deceased September 23, 2004

Richard “Pete” Garrison, deceased December 2, 2004
Marquerite Stewart, class of 1938, deceased August 8, 2004

Georgia L. Hall, class of 1927, deceased September 23, 2004
Katherine Esther Sutton, class of 1929, deceased October 13, 2004

Patricia A. Hartzell, class of 1978, deceased September 21, 2004
Thomas C. Vincent, class of 1968, deceased September 30, 2004

Edgar N. Jaynes, faculty emeritus, deceased August 8, 2004
Harriet A. Watkins, class of 1946, deceased September 18, 2004

Margaret Ruth Jones, deceased October 29, 2004
Marvin J. Watson, class of 1950, deceased November, 2004

Weltha G. Lease, deceased November 2, 2004
Harry G. Wolfe, class of 1948, deceased December 2, 2004

Marvin J. Watson, Jr., class of 1950
Joyce A. Cabral, class of 2001, and her husband Manny both serve on the board of the Marion County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Catherine S. Clarke, class of 1991, was hired as the first Death Investigator in Tuscarawas County in Ohio.

Patricia E. Dixon, class of 1982, was awarded the Preston County Teacher of the Year Award in 2004. She is currently a second grade teacher at Kingwood Elementary in Preston County, West Virginia.

Terry R. Farris, class of 1997, is leaving Texas for a new position in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Brian E. Fleak, class of 1999, was recently promoted to Senior Accountant at the Institute for Scientific Research in Fairmont, West Virginia.


Todd Hansford, class of 1991, received the Barbour County Chamber of Commerce First Dollar Award. The award recognizes the commitment of a new business in Barbour County. Todd is the owner of Twisted Metal Body Works, offering collision repair and auto restoration services.

Shana R. Kaznoski, class of 1994, and her husband Derek have opened a joint medical practice in Havasu, Arizona. They are the proud parents of Elijah and Ivy Grace.

Bronwyn I. Rinehart, class of 2000, is currently attending law school.

Jeffrey B. Romeo, class of 1994, is the proud father of Samuel Tysen Romeo, born in June 2002.

Anne P. Samol, class of 1974, has a son attending Marietta College. She and her husband are refurbishing their historic home.

Henry R. Simoni, class of 1950, has retired.

Bennie J. Smith, class of 1997, is working on a doctoral degree through the University of Phoenix.

Rev. Donal M. “Jack” Squires, class of 1948, gave the December 2004 commencement address at Fairmont State.


Kathryn D. VanGelder, class of 1992, graduated in December 2004 with a B.S.N. from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

Traci A. Welch, class of 1993, has worked for the federal government for eight years in various capacities and is currently assigned to the Identification and Investigative Services Section’s Training Group as a Program Analyst. She recently received the Criminal Justice Information Services Division’s Assistant Director’s Award for Excellence and is working towards a master’s degree in corporate communications.

William H. and Belinda Woofter, class of 1975, will retire in 2005 to enjoy the ocean at Oak Island, N.C. Their daughter Lori will graduate with a doctorate in physical therapy and be married to Zac Zasloff in Hawaii.
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