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WELCOME from the NSMA Executive Director

On behalf of the membership and Board of Directors of the NSMA, I'd like to welcome you all to the 59th NSMA Awards Weekend here in Winston-Salem, NC.

To all of our award winners, congratulations! To have earned the respect of your peers in the industry is something of which you should be proud.

To those attending as guests, I hope you will participate in as many events as you can and enjoy all that Winston-Salem has to offer. Our Awards Weekend is a great opportunity to mingle and talk with sports media peers who have plenty of stories and advice to share. Take advantage of this tremendous networking opportunity; to listen, learn and laugh with people whose passion for our industry is contagious.

This year, we were able to add a third day of activities back to the weekend, allowing for more networking and educational opportunities.

And on Thursday night, we were able to add a new event that spotlights local community engagement. The Ann Spencer Sports Connector Award honors those who connect our community through their interest and passion for sports, much as we in sports media connect fans to that same passion.

It was because of Winston-Salem's sports interest and passion that the NSMA moved here in 2017. And already, we have seen that interest and passion shown to our organization as we continue to grow.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, whose hard work and dedication make it possible to stage both the Ann Spencer Sports Connector Award dinner and our Awards Weekend.

Lastly, we are especially grateful to our donors and sponsors, who have paved the way for our winners and other attendees to enjoy a weekend that celebrates excellence in our industry.

As always, if there is anything we can do to make your stay more pleasant, please do not hesitate to call on me, or one of our program committee volunteers.

Thank you for being here and you are welcome back any time!

Sincerely,

Dave Goren NSMA Executive Director



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The 59th Annual National Sports Media Awards Weekend

Winston-Salem, North Carolina June 2018

Greetings from the Office of the Mayor!

On behalf of the citizens of Winston-Salem, I am pleased to welcome you to the 59th Annual National Sports Media Association Awards weekend. Thank you for choosing our city to host your celebration.

It is an honor to host so many people who are recognized by their peers as the best in their industry. And as a city that recognizes both its history and the need for continued innovation, I see many parallels in the NSMA and its members.

As you enjoy the planned events, I hope you will take the opportunity to experience the many attractions Winston-Salem has to offer. You will find wonderful museums, art galleries, historical sites and first-class restaurants.

Best wishes for an exciting and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Allen Joines





CHAMBER IN BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS.

To the members of the National Sports Media Association:

"Welcome to Winston-Salem!" This phrase is one I have heard many times in my few short months here, and it truly captures the culture of Southern hospitality here in our community.

We are honored to host the 59th Annual **National Sports Media Association** Awards weekend! As an avid sports fan, I am personally excited that our community is your host city for this weekend's big celebration. I am also proud that Winston-Salem is the hometown for the NSMA – what an honor it is that this incredible organization calls Winston-Salem "home". As a new board member for the NSMA, I am proud to be a part of this organization, and I congratulate all of you on the exceptional work you do to bring sports stories to life for millions of fans.

While you are in town for the weekend, I hope you are able to find time to experience many of the great things our city has to offer. Ranked as one of the top 10 emerging metros in the country by realtor.com, Winston-Salem is reimagining itself into an innovative city with a rich history. A history that spans beyond business and into the world of sports as the host to the Winston Cup Museum, home of NASCAR's first weekly track at Bowman Gray, the home of the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and the WSSU Rams, and host of many regional and national sporting events which draw visitors like you from far and wide.

On behalf of sports fans, thank you for the work that you do. I hope you enjoy your time in our beautiful city and that we see you again soon. Welcome to Winston-Salem!

Sincerely,

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Mark Owens President & CEO, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce NSMA Board Member







THE DALLAS COWBOYS CONGRATULATE **BRAD SHAM** ON 39 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

WYATT THOMPSON

Director of Sportscasting & Public Relations **"Voice of the Wildcats "**







Congratulations Wyatt Thompson on being named the 2017 NSMA Kansas Sportscaster of the Year!

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BEAR BRYANT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

For 32 years, the Houston, Texas chapter of the American Heart Association has presented the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award as a salute to those football coaches who have reached the same high standard of excellence as Coach Bryant did.

National Sports Media Association members comprise the voting body for the Bryant Award, which is voted on after the completion of the College Football Playoff National Championship Game.

BEAR BRYANT COACH OF THE YEAR WINNERS

2017 Scott Frost 2016 Dabo Swinney 2015 Dabo Swinney 2014 Gary Patterson 2013 Gus Malzahn 2012 Bill O'Brien 2011 Mike Gundy 2010 Gene Chizik 2009 Chris Petersen 2008 Kyle Whittingham 2007 Mark Mangino 2006 Chris Petersen 2005 Mack Brown 2004 **Tommy Tuberville** 2003 Nick Saban 2002 Jim Tressel 2001 Larry Coker 2000 **Bob Stoops** 1999 Frank Beamer 1998 Bill Snyder 1997 Lloyd Carr 1996 Bruce Snyder 1995 Gary Barnett 1994 **Rich Brooks** 1993 Terry Bowden 1992 Gene Stallings 1991 Don James 1990 **Bobby Ross** 1989 **Bill McCartney** 1988 Lou Holtz 1987 **Dick MacPherson** 1986 Joe Paterno

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NSMA executive director Dave Goren, stands with 2017 Bear Bryant Award winner Scott Frost

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

2018 Steve Spurrier

2017 Barry Alvarez 2016 Mack Brown 2015 Jimmy Johnson 2014 R. C. Slocum 2013 Lavell Edwards 2012 Hayden Fry 2011 Bobby Bowden 2010 Vince Dooley

- 2009 Barry Switzer
- 2008 Tom Osborne 2007 Glenn "Bo" Schembechler 2006 Jack Pardee 2005 Lou Holtz 2004 Gene Stallings 2003 Frank Broyles 2002 **Bill Yeoman** 2001 **Charles McClendon** 2000 Darrell Royal

First awarded in 2000, the Paul "Bear" Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the career accomplishments of the nation's finest college football coaches.

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More than 60 years after Salisbury restaurant owner and boxing promoter Pete DiMizio started honoring North Carolina sports media, with the bonus of meals at his Italian restaurant, the National Sports Media Association moved from its ancestral home to Winston-Salem, NC in 2017.

And what a welcome the people of Winston-Salem provided: two days of packed activities, ranging from a welcome reception at IMG College; to the Roone Arledge Award/Legacy Night Dinner that featured a rousing panel discussion on the future of sports and how they're covered; to the NSMA Sports Media Convergence Seminars that featured some of the elite sports media talent in town; to the 58th NSMA Awards Banquet – the first one held outside of Salisbury.

By all measures, Awards Weekend 58 was a resounding success, and a few months later, the NSMA moved its headquarters from Catawba College in Salisbury to the Flywheel Co-working space in the Center for Design Innovation, at the southern end of Winston-Salem's Innovation Quarter.

The foundation for the rebirth of this organization has been laid, and now, as the NSMA gets more exposure – both in its new hometown and nationally, it is set on a course to fulfill its mission of forging a path forward for those who are interested in a sports media career, and to continue honoring excellence in an industry that has seen exponential technological change.



(above) NSMA Hall of Famer Furman Bisher (left) stands with humorist Lewis Grizzard at an NSMA function in the 1980s

(below) From left, 2017 NSMA Hall of Fame inductees Mike Lupica and Linda Cohn, with NY Mets COO Jeff Wilpon and 2017 National Sportswriter of the Year Tom Verducci



One of NSMA's primary objectives is to grow its stable of college chapters, where NSMA can help students by providing speakers, career advice and networking. Those are just a few ways to help students become effective communicators, one of the building blocks to success, whether they embark into sports media or not.

And the NSMA will continue to honor excellence by hosting the annual awards weekend, which has drawn not only sportscasters and sportswriters from all over the country, but also a list of honored guests that reads as a Who's Who of the sports and entertainment worlds. Among those who have visited: Yogi Berra, Terry Bradshaw, Jerry Clower, Dick Ebersol, John Elway, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Whitey Ford, Roman Gabriel, Lewis Grizzard, Bob Hope, Larry King, Bobby Knight, Bowie Kuhn, Andy Griffith, Mickey Mantle, Billy Martin, C.J. McCollum, Curly Neal, Jesse Owens, Arnold Palmer, Richard Petty, Wilma Rudolph, Bart Starr, Lynn Swann, Ted Turner, Gene Upshaw, Jim Valvano, Flip Wilson, John Wooden and Cale Yarborough.

For 57 years, we welcomed them to Salisbury, and now, they are welcome in Winston-Salem!

national sports media association LEGACY NIGHT



Featuring the Roone Arledge Award for Innovation, presented to Raycom Sports, for being a trendsetter in syndicating college sports to a nationwide audience.

Following the Arledge Award presentation, Raycom Sports chief operating officer Jimmy Rayburn and two other Raycom Sports employees will join moderator Wes Durham, who grew up watching the network and now serves as a play-by-play announcer for Raycom Sports, to discuss the past, present and future of Raycom Sports and college athletics syndication.



2018

MODERATOR



WES DURHAM ACC Football, Basketball Play-by-Play

PANELIST



JIMMY RAYBURN Chief Operating Officer

A HISTORY OF DATA Control of ACC men's if football since 1982. It manages live television

Raycom Sports is the syndicated rights holder of ACC men's basketball and football since 1982. It manages live television broadcasting, original programming, archival footage, mobile applications, social media, the official ACC website and the ACC Official Corporate Champions program. Raycom also serves as the digital content, marketing, video and broadcast production partner of The Basketball Tournament (TBT).

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., it has been a leader in sports television since its founding in 1979 by Rick and Dee Ray. The first major event it produced was the Sea Wolf Classic, a basketball tournament later renamed The Great Alaska Shoot-Out.

The fledgling company acquired the television rights to Virginia Tech and South Carolina, then added select games from other local schools, most notably North Carolina. A year later, Raycom and Jefferson-Pilot Sports (who was acquired by Raycom in 2007) formed a venture that secured the rights to Atlantic Coast Conference basketball. It took just two short years for Raycom to become a major player in college sports television.

By 1988, less than 10 years after the company was founded, Raycom was producing more than 500 events a year and was the dominant regional television sports network for college basketball and football. In addition to the ACC, Southwest and Big Eight, the company held the television rights to the Big Ten, Pac-10, and Metro conferences.

From a handful of employees in 1983, the company grew to more than 80 staff members with offices in New York, Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles and Ft. Lauderdale. Raycom established an Events Division which operated college football bowl games, college basketball tournaments and LPGA tournaments.

Raycom ventured into entertainment programming with the estate of Elvis Presley from Graceland during Tribute Week. In addition, the company has produced and distributed holiday specials, features and syndicated sports shows, including the Emmy Award-winning "Football Saturdays."

In 1994, Raycom was purchased by Ellis Communications. Rick and Dee Ray retired in 1995 and 1994, respectively. In 1996, Raycom Sports was acquired by Raycom Media. Based in Montgomery, Alabama, the parent company owns or operates 65 television stations covering 16 percent of the U.S.



Raycom announce team Fred White (left) and Billy Packer



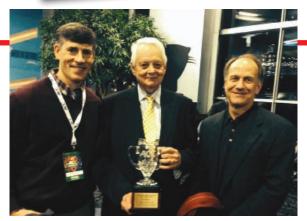
Raycom co-founders Dee Ray (left) and Rick Ray





1979 The first college basketball game on satellite

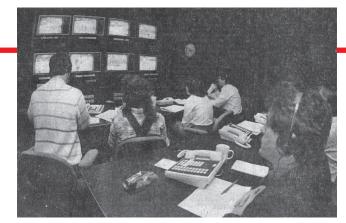
1999 The first college basketball game on HDTV



Raycom SVP George Johnson (left) with former CEO Ken Haines (middle) and COO Jimmy Rayburn



Former Raycom CEO Ken Haines

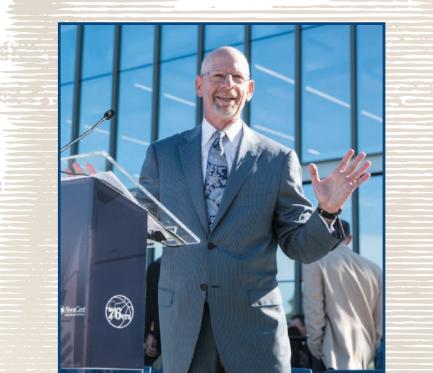


Inside a Raycom control room



Raycom announce team Tim Brando (left) and Billy Packer

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The National Sports Media Association & Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which seeks to develop educational opportunities for those who are interested in pursuing a career in sports media, through networking, interning, mentoring and scholarship programs.

The NSMA honors, preserves and celebrates the diverse legacy of sport media in the United States.

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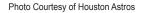
ANNUAL WINNERS

2016 - Michael Phelps - Swimming
2015 - Steph Curry - Basketball
2014 - Madison Bumgarner - Baseball
2013 - LeBron James - Basketball

Hickok Belt

2017 HICKOK BELT MONTHLY WINNERS January – Serena Williams - Tennis February – Tom Brady - Football March – Russell Westbrook - Basketball April – Sergio Garcia - Golf May – Lebron James - Basketball June – Kevin Durant - Basketball July – José Altuvé - Baseball August – Giancarlo Stanton - Baseball September – Corey Kluber - Baseball October – José Altuvé - Baseball November – George Springer - Baseball December - James Harden - Basketball Hickok Belt Award Annual Winner 2017 **José**

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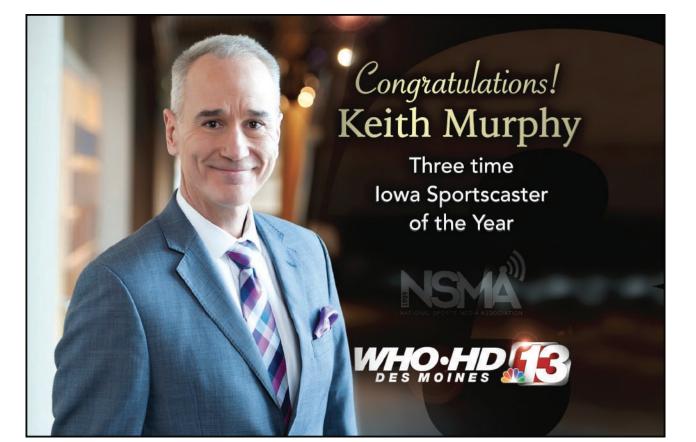


Bigger than any MVP. Bigger than a Lombardi. Bigger than a World Series ring. Bigger than a Green Jacket. Bigger, in fact, than all of them combined. From 1950 to

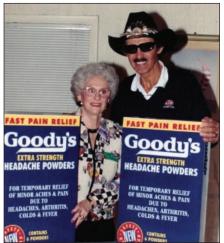
1976, the Hickok Belt[™] was American sports' most coveted honor. Defining the careers of Koufax. Hogan. Palmer. Mantle. Ali. And 21 other professional sports legends.

In 2013, with the voting help of a select group of NSMA voters, the Hickok Belt[™] Award returned to once again recognize the ultimate in individual sporting achievement.

Twenty NSMA voters – five each in the East, South, Midwest and West – rank 10 finalists from best-to-worst each month. The monthly winners are then re-ranked at the end of the year to determine the annual Hickok Belt Award winner.



The Ann Lewallen Spencer SPORTS CONNECTOR AWARD



Created to foster local community engagement, the Ann Lewallen Spencer Sports Connector Award, or Annie is named for the late President of Goody's Headache Powders. Spencer involved her company in NASCAR, with Richard Petty as the company's spokesperson, and was also a passionate University of North Carolina football and basketball fan, counting legendary Tar Heel basketball coach Dean Smith among her best friends. The NSMA is honored to celebrate her legacy with this award.



Her passion for the University of North Carolina was matched only by her love for her hometown, Winston-Salem. Spencer was an active member in the community through her involvement with Arbor Acres, Senior Services, and the Rotary Club among many other organizations.

"She was always a trailblazer but never viewed herself as such," Spencer's daughter, Nancy King Tanner said, "She was just doing what she thought was right and was never one to back down."





The same can be said for Dr. Harold Pollard, whose memory we honor with the first *Annie*. His involvement with every professional tennis tournament in Winston-Salem -- from the Flow Motors Invitational of the 1980s and 1990s, to the Davis Cup ties hosted here in the 2000s, to the Winston-Salem Open ATP 250 event of the current decade -- is a testament to one person's commitment to his community through sports.

Pollard played on the 1966 freshman basketball team at the University of North Carolina, but as a Morehead Scholar, his talents took him off of the court and into UNC's medical school. An obstetrician/gynecologist for almost 40 years at Lyndhurst Gynecologic Associates in Winston-Salem, Pollard delivered thousands of area babies. And he still found time to keep his passion for sports alive on area tennis courts. Pollard's passion for sport in the Winston-Salem community was evident in his commitment to the success of all of the tournaments he played a part in.

"He was a guy who during the tournament welcomed everyone into the venue, who welcomed the fans and interacted with the volunteers," said Bill Oakes, tournament director of the Winston-Salem Open, "He was good at making every volunteer feel special and every patron feel special. He was at the front gate every day thanking people. He recruited volunteers. It was never about him. It was about the event."

It is an honor for the NSMA to present Dr. Harold Pollard, posthumously, with the first *Annie* for his inspiring commitment and passion, while engaging the community through sport.



Congratulations to Our Good Friend and Client KEVIN HARLAN On Being Named

Sportscaster of the Year

NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee DICK WEISS

Dick Weiss is a Hall of Fame sports columnist who worked for the Philadelphia Daily News as a sportswriter covering college basketball and the NBA and was the national college columnist for New York Daily News for more than 40 years, from 1973 through 2013. He has covered 45 NCAA Final Fours. 35 national championship games in college football and has co-authored 12 books on basketball Hall of Famers Rick Pitino, John Calipari, Dick Vitale and Theresa Grentz, co-writing the last two with his wife Joan Williamson. He has also written a tribute book to Mike Krzyzewski. He is in the process of finishing up another on the impact of NBA players in the Olympic games and is writing another book with Vitale.



Weiss is the past president of the Football Writers of America and U.S. Basketball Writers Associations and was the youngest recipient of the prestigious Curt Gowdy Award for media excellence from the Naismith Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. and the Bert McGraine Award from the Football Writers Association and the College Football Hall of Fame, the highest honor given to a college football writer. He is also a member of the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame, the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame.

Weiss has also received the Jesse Abrahamson award from the Penn Relays, the Journalism Hall of Fame award from his alma mater, Temple; the first ever Big East media award, the pre-season NIT media award, the Leader of the Heard award for outstanding contributions in basketball journalism from Fairfield University, the Edwin Pope media award from the Orange Bowl, the Frank McQueen media Award from the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Jim Murray Outstanding Sports writing award from the All-American Football Foundation. He has served on various nominating committees for the Naismith Hall of Fame and serves on the Honors Committee for the College Basketball Hall of Fame.

He has done TV work for both CNN and the Big Ten Network and is a regular guest on radio stations across the country.

Hethoughtaboutretirement, but couldn't do it. He currently does work covering international basketball for Mike Flynn's Blue Star Web Site, which has sent him to Prague, Dubai, Spain, the Bahamas, Crete and most recently Rio for the 2016 summer Olympics. He also has done work for George Coaching Raveling-for Success; the Big Ten Network, the American Conference and Basketball Times.

Raised in Drexel Hill, Pa., Weiss lives in nearby Havertown and considers himself a lifelong Philadelphian who attended his first college basketball game at the Palestra in 1959. He has been a regular at his favorite sports arena ever since. Weiss attended Temple University where he played soccer, was the Sports Editor of both the student newspaper and yearbook, did color commentary for Temple football on the student radio station and was in the Journalism honor society. He graduated in 1970. Weiss spent 20 years covering college sports and the NBA for the Philadelphia Daily News-- the paper he always wanted to work for-- and even when he moved to the New York Daily News, he never left, maintaining his residence in Havertown. He has been married for the past 26 years to his wife Joan, an author who he still considers the best editor he has ever worked with.

NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee THOMAS BOSWELL

Shortly after graduating as an English literature major from Amherst College in 1969. Thomas Boswell joined the Washington Post and hasn't left. Boswell began his career at The Post as a copy aide, then moved on to become a general assignment reporter for 12 years, covering such sports as baseball, golf, college basketball, tennis, boxing and local high school sports. In 1981, he was honored with a Best Sports Journalism award by the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

In 1984, Boswell moved into a columnist role, and in the 34 years since then, he has become one of the country's most-respected sports columnists. In that first year as a columnist, his peers voted him the NSMA's D.C. Sportswriter of the Year.

Since then, many of

Boswell's columns have been included in Best American Sports Writing, for which he was the editor in 1994. Two of his pieces on boxing were included in The Best American Sports Writing of the Century (edited by David Halberstam).

Nominated several times by The Washington Post for a Pulitzer Prize, Boswell was presented with the Eugene Meyer Award in 2007, which recognizes The Post's highest career achievement.

In addition to writing for the Post, Boswell has also written for several magazines, including Esquire, GQ, Playboy and Inside Sports. Boswell was credited with the creation of Total Average statistic in baseball, which Boswell used to show over-rated vs under-rated players in his regular Inside Sports features.



Twice named the best sports writer in America by American Journalism Review, Boswell had two of his columns chosen for inclusion in 2011's Deadline Artists: America's Greatest Newspaper Columns, a compilation of columns on war, politics, crime, humor, etc.

Boswell has written many books, including How Life Imitates the World Series (1982), Why Time Begins on Opening Day (1984), Strokes of Genius (1987), The Heart of the Order (1989), Game Day: Sports Writings 1970-1990 (1990), Cracking the Show (1994), and Diamond Dreams (with Walter looss) (1996).

He has also been featured prominently in Ken Burns' two PBS television series, "Baseball" and "Tenth Inning."

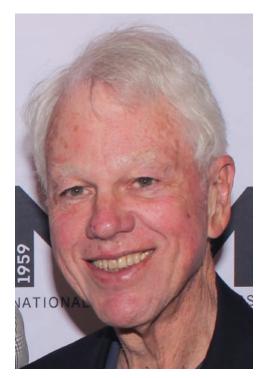
In 2013, Boswell was inducted into the D.C. Professional chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists Hall of Fame. He is one of only two sports writers – along with

2017 NSMA Hall of Fame inductee Sam Lacy – among the 214 members from the last 100-plus years of journalism in the Baltimore/Washington area.

And in 2015, he was inducted into the Washington, D.C. Sports Hall of Fame, one of only seven sports writers among the 140 members, who include Walter Johnson, Red Auerbach, Bones McKinney, and NSMA Hall of Famers Shirley Povich and Bob Wolff.

Boswell was born in Washington, D.C., and went to St. Stephen's School in Alexandria, Va. He resides in Crownsville, MD with his wife Wendy and 16-year-old rescue dog, Mac. They are the parents of one son, Russell, 31.

Presenting For Induction Into THE NSMA HALL OF FAME



Presenting DICK WEISS BOB RYAN

Bob Ryan has spent his entire adult life in sports media, including more than 40 years as a sportswriter and columnist for *The Boston Globe*. He started at *The Globe* in June of 1968, working his way into the Celtics' beat writer's job at age 23.

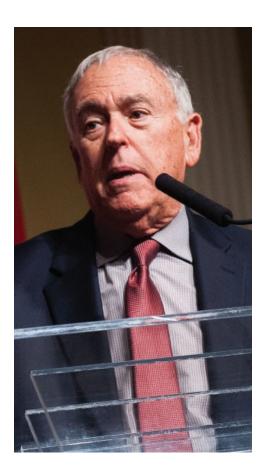
He left the Celtics beat in 1982 for a brief foray into local TV sports at WCVB-TV in Boston, but returned to *The Globe* in 1984, and was promoted to a columnist's position five years later.

He retired as a full-time columnist in 2012, but continues to contribute semi-regular columns to *The Globe*.

Ryan also was one of the first newspaper reporters to appear on television. He was a regular panelist on ESPN's The Sports Reporters, until its final show on May 7. He continues as a regular panelist on Around the Horn and is a frequent fill-in co-host on Pardon the Interruption.

In addition, Ryan has written more than a dozen books, has his own podcast and appears regularly on radio sports talk shows in the US and Canada.

He is a four-time NSMA Massachusetts Sportswriter of the Year, a four-time NSMA National Sportswriter of the year, was inducted into the NSMA Hall of Fame in 2012, and has served as the NSMA Board's National Chair since 2014.



Presenting THOMAS BOSWELL GEORGE SOLOMON

George Solomon was assistant managing editor for sports at the *Washington Post* from 1975 to 2003. He joined the sports staff in 1972 as a reporter covering the Redskins, the National Football League, and college sports.

Solomon came to the Philip Merrill College of Journalism in 2003 and was named Professor of the Practice in 2008. He assumed the directorship of the Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism in 2011.

Since his retirement as *Washington Post Sports Editor*, he was named Ombudsman for ESPN in 2005, the first person to serve in that newly created position for the network. He also co-edited *All Those Mornings* – an anthology of the work of the late Post columnist Shirley Povich. He has taught sports journalism as a visiting professor at the Merrill College for the last four years.

Solomon is a 1963 graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Journalism. After graduation, he worked in the publications department of the NCAA and was a news aide for the *New York Post*. He became a reporter for the *Ft. Lauderdale News* and later became the Sports Editor at the *Sun Sentinel*, where he worked from 1966-1970. He joined the *Washington Daily News* in 1970 as a sports reporter and columnist.

Solomon was awarded the Eugene Meyer Award for distinguished service to the *Washington Post* in 1999 and won the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) Red Smith Award in 2003 for his contributions to the field of sports journalism. He was also honored that year by the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the Association of Women in Sports Media. He was inducted into the Washington Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.



CAROLINA ATHLETICS CONGRATULATES THE DURHAM FAMILY

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NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee WOODY DURHAM

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Woody Durham died peacefully at home from complications from Primary Progressive Aphasia on March 7, 2018. The 76-year-old was the beloved and iconic Hall of Fame voice of Carolina Basketball and Football for 40 years,

A 1963 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Durham was the radio voice of the Tar Heels from 1971-2011, painting a vivid picture of Tar Heel legends for generations of fans, and became himself a Carolina institution.

The Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association honored Durham at the 2018 ACC Men's Basketball Tournament with the Bob Bradley Spirit and Courage Award, recognizing the grace and dignity with which in recent years he publicly dealt with Primary Progressive Aphasia, a degenerative brain disorder that negatively impacted his ability to communicate as he once mastered.

On June 25, Durham will be inducted into the National Sports Media Association's Hall of Fame with HBO's Bryant Gumbel,

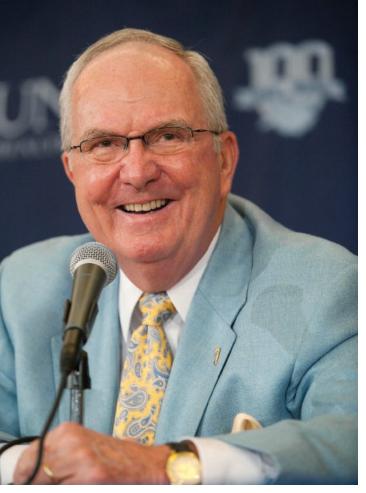
Washington Post baseball columnist Thomas Boswell and Bluestar Media's Dick Weiss, former national college basketball and football writer for the Philadelphia Daily News and the New York Daily News.

Durham received the Curt Gowdy Media Award for contributions to basketball from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015.

"Our family is grateful for the incredible support my dad and our family received throughout his illness," says Wes Durham. "From the medical teams to the general public, it's been amazing. We hold to and will always cherish the wonderful memories he left for our family and Carolina fans throughout the world."

Born in Mebane, N.C., and raised in Albemarle, Durham soon became a fixture in Chapel Hill and throughout the Tar Heel State, calling 23 Tar Heel football bowl games, 13 men's basketball Final Fours and six national championship games, including the NCAA title-winning seasons in 1982, 1993, 2005 and 2009.

"It's a very sad day for everyone who loves the University of North Carolina because we have lost someone who spent nearly 50 years as one of its greatest champions and ambassadors," says UNC men's basketball coach Roy Williams. "My heart goes out to Jean, Wes,



Taylor and their entire family.

"It's ironic that Woody would pass away at the start of the postseason in college basketball because this was such a joyous time for him. He created so many lasting memories for Carolina fans during this time of year. It's equally ironic that he dealt with a disorder for the final years of his life that robbed him of his ability to communicate as effectively as he did in perfecting his craft.

"Woody loved the Tar Heels and players, coaches and fans of all ages loved him right back. We should all 'go where we go and do what we do' and say a prayer for Woody and his family. There will never be another quite like him."

Durham won the North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year Award 13 times. He was also inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the North Carolina Broadcasters Hall of Fame, the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame and the Mebane Sports Hall of Fame.

Durham received a distinguished service medal from the UNC General Alumni Association for outstanding service to the University and the alumni association; the William

R. Davie Award, given by the UNC Board of Trustees to recognize extraordinary service to the University; the Skeeter Francis Award for special service to the Atlantic Coast Conference; the Russell Blunt Legends Award from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for being a true legend in athletics; the Lindsey Nelson Outstanding Sportscaster Award from the All-American Football Foundation; the Outstanding Service Award from the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Board of Visitors; a Priceless Gem from UNC Athletics; and a Distinguished Service Award from the NCHSAA.

"Woody was synonymous with Carolina Athletics for decades and his voice was gospel to generations of Tar Heels who trusted his every word," says John Swofford, Commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference and Director of Athletics at UNC from 1980-97. "I was struck by how diligently Woody prepared for his broadcast of games. When game time arrived, he made it look and sound so easy because he had a voice that resonated just so, but much of it was because he worked incredibly hard at it. As they say 'the great ones make it look easy'. Woody was one of the great ones. He was just as good a person as he was a broadcaster.

"'Hark the sound of Tar Heel voices ringing clear and true' – that's Woody Durham," says Dick Baddour, UNC's Director of Athletics from



1997-2011. "His voice was the sound of Carolina and it will forever ring clear and true. But it was always more than the sound of his voice; his success was determined by his professional approach, his preparation and his ability to develop the human side of the student athletes and coaches who represented his alma mater. Woody was a legend among legends and the University will forever be grateful for how he represented the Tar Heels in such a first-class way."

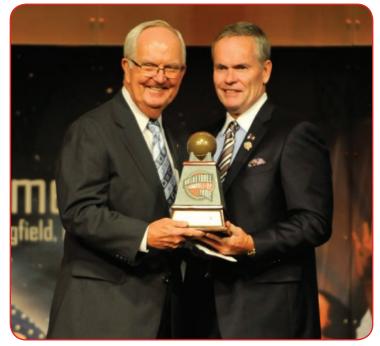
Since retiring after the 2010-11 football and basketball seasons, Durham continued to be honored for his work and contributions to the community: in 2011, the National Football Foundation presented him with the Chris Schenkel Award; in 2012, he was the inaugural recipient of the Nice Lombardi Excellence in College Broadcasting Award; in 2016, the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro named him a Town Treasure, which is given to its exceptional citizens; and last year, the Knoxville (Tenn.) Quarterback Club honored Durham with the Lindsey Nelson Broadcasting Award.

Durham broadcast Carolina Basketball games coached by Dean Smith, Bill Guthridge, Matt Doherty and Roy Williams. He called games that included 33 Tar Heels whose jerseys hang in the Smith Center rafters, including National Players of the Year Phil Ford, James Worthy, Michael Jordan, Kenny Smith, Jerry Stackhouse, Antawn Jamison, Sean May and Tyler Hansbrough.

His broadcast career spanned the collegiate playing days of Tar Heel football players such as Paul Miller, Mike Voight, Amos Lawrence, Kelvin Bryant, Lawrence Taylor, Harris Barton, Natrone Means, Jason Stanicek, Leon Johnson, Greg Ellis, Dre' Bly, Julius Peppers and T.J. Yates. Durham broadcast the coaching careers of six UNC head football coaches – Bill Dooley, Dick Crum, Mack Brown, Carl Torbush, John Bunting and Butch Davis.

Durham called play-by-play on on the Tar Heel Sports Network on more than 1,800 football and men's basketball broadcasts.

"Woody Durham was more than just the soundtrack of Carolina athletics every fall and winter," says Chancellor Carol L. Folt. "To Tar Heels everywhere, he WAS our Carolina and brought the players, pageantry and excitement of hundreds of games into the lives of UNC fans throughout our state, nation and the world. It was a privilege to know him. Though he will be missed, he'll be long-remembered by



his legion of faithful followers who will always connect Woody with a beloved part of their lives."

"I started listening to Woody call Carolina games when my brother (Steve) came to Carolina in 1984," says Rick Steinbacher, Carolina's senior associate director of athletics for marketing, whose games as a UNC linebacker Durham called, was captain of the UNC football team in 1993 and later served as the color analyst alongside Durham for 11 seasons.

"As a broadcaster, he is among the very best ever. His voice, his knowledge and passion for Carolina were unmatched. Working with him I learned even more about what made him so special, namely his work ethic, preparation and care for everyone he worked with set a standard for all to emulate. My heart goes out to his family and so many friends over the loss of a great man, a priceless gem and the Voice of the Tar Heels."

He was sports director at WUNC while attending Carolina, sports director at WFMY-TV in Greensboro from 1963-77 and at WPTF-TV in Raleigh from 1977-1981. Since 1981, he worked for the Tar Heel Sports Network with VilCom Inc. of Chapel Hill and Learfield Communications Inc. of Jefferson City, Mo.

"I am filled with sadness at the loss of a mentor, friend and Carolina icon," says Jones Angell, play-by-play announcer for Carolina Basketball and Football since Durham's retirement in 2011. "Woody meant so much to me personally and professionally, and I feel honored to have worked with him and learned from him. We try to reach the standard of excellence Woody set for 40 years through his passion and professionalism on every broadcast on the Tar Heel Sports Network. We will continue that moving forward.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, to whom he was married for 54 years; their two sons, Wes and Taylor; and two grandchildren, Emily and Will. Wes is the radio voice of the Atlanta Falcons and broadcasts college football and basketball for Raycom Sports and Fox. Taylor is the play-by-play announcer for Elon University.

A celebration of Woody's life was held on Sunday, April 8th, at Carmichael Arena on the UNC campus.

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Presenting WOODY DURHAM BEN SUTTON

Ben Sutton is the Founder and Managing Partner of Teall Capital, a private equity fund and portfolio holding company that manages investments in a diversified portfolio of businesses. In addition, the Sutton family partnership also owns significant stakes in the Winston-Salem Dash minor league baseball club, Alpha Omega winery, R&S Farms (N.C.), several technology firms, commercial and residential real estate, and restaurants (including the award-winning Le Bilboquet in Atlanta).

A graduate of the Wake Forest School of Law (J.D., 1983) and Wake Forest University (B.A., 1980), Sutton was formerly Chairman and President of IMG College, the largest college sports sponsorship and media company in America. In addition to founding and building three of the four core businesses of IMG College into national market-leading companies, he was largely responsible for the meteoric overall growth of IMG Worldwide, engineering the sale of the company in 2014 to Silver Lake Capital Partners and WME for \$2.4 billion.

At the conclusion of his term as Chairman and President, IMG College was the national market leader in four different college sports enterprises, boasting more than 450 contractual relationships with over 225 universities and college athletic conferences. The company's portfolio of business includes multi-media rights (sponsorship sales, radio and television programming, publishing, official athletic websites, stadia/arena video, and event marketing platforms).

Prior to his role at IMG College, Sutton spent 18 years as Chairman and CEO for ISP Sports. He founded the company in 1992 and ISP is widely credited for essentially "inventing" the college sports multi-media business and model used industry-wide since. Despite starting the business nearly 25 years after his largest competitors (ESPN, CBS, Learfield and Host) entered the college sports marketing space, ISP grew its multi-media business from its first partner Wake Forest to nearly 70 NCAA colleges and conferences, becoming the market-maker and leader in less than 15 years. He also engineered the acquisition and incredible growth of the leading stadium seating provider in the country (IMG Stadium Seating, formerly ISP Stadium Seating) and started ISP Ticket Solutions (now IMG Learfield Ticketing Solutions). Today, the former ISP multi-media, ticketing and stadium seating businesses comprise over 75% of the IMG College portfolio. Before founding ISP, Sutton spent nine years as an athletic administrator at Wake Forest.

In addition to being named one of the top or most powerful sports executives in America by numerous publications, Sutton has received numerous awards including;

Order of the Long Leaf Pine (highest civilian honor in North Carolina) Wake Forest University Distinguished Alumni award North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame inductee National Football Foundation Leadership Hall of Fame inductee *Sports Business Journal* Champions of Sports honoree

Sutton also serves on the Board of Trustees or Board of Directors for:

Wake Forest University Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation United States Olympic Committee foundation National Football Foundation Naismith Basketball Foundation White House Historical Association Wyndham PGA Championship Winston-Salem Alliance North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame

NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee BRYANT GUMBEL

(From HBO Sports)

In April 1995, Bryant Gumbel began hosting REAL SPORTS WITHBRYANTGUMBEL, HBO Sports' monthly magazinestyle program that explores the issues, controversies and personalities that are prevalent in the world of sports.

Since its inception, REAL SPORTS has been honored with 32 Emmy® Awards, as well as four duPont-Columbia UniversitvAwardsforbroadcast journalism. In May 2013, the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication recognized REAL SPORTS with a prestigious George Peabody Award F. for enterprising reporting in 2012 and again in 2016. The selection committee wrote. "Gumbel's show continued to be one of TV's finest news magazines, period."

In January 2018, REAL SPORTS was honored with an Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia

University Award for excellence in broadcast journalism, marking the series fourth time winning the prestigious award. The 2018 duPont Award recognized the 80-minute expose titled "The Lord of the Rings," which featured an expansive global investigation of the International Olympic Committee.

Underscoring the program's capacity for distinctive and groundbreaking reporting, the series captured all three prestigious sports broadcast journalism awards in 2016 – the Sports Emmy for Outstanding Journalism; a duPont Award for the show's work on the dangers confronting laborers in Qatar's massive sports buildup; and a Peabody Award for the eye-opening investigative report on illegal poachers decimating the African elephant population.

The program won its first Sports Emmys® following the inaugural 1995 season, for a report on college football player Adam Warmuth and a profile of legendary Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson. In 1996 the show was honored by the highly regarded Center for the Study of Sport in Society and Northeastern University in Massachusetts for Excellence in Sports Journalism. The show received another Sports Emmy® for Gumbel's 1996 report on the 30th anniversary of the 1966 NCAA Championship Texas Western



basketball team and another the following year for Outstanding Sports Journalism. The 1998 Sports Emmy® Awards included three more for REAL SPORTS, including the Sports Emmy® for Outstanding Edited Sports Series. The 1999 Sports Emmys® added another triumph for the show, as Gumbel received the award for Outstanding Journalism for an investigative piece on counterfeit golf clubs. The program received a 2000 Sports Emmy® for a report on baseball recruiting practices in the Dominican Republic, marking the fourth straight year REAL SPORTS won the award for Outstanding Sports Journalism.

A 2001 Sports Emmy® marked the fifth straight Outstanding Sports Journalism award bestowed upon the program, recognizing the feature on high school basketball sensation Amar'e Stoudemire. The next year, REAL SPORTS captured the 2002 Sports Emmy® for Outstanding Edited Sports Series. In April, 2004, the program received two Sports Emmys®, the Outstanding Sports Journalism award for Gumbel's report on the

imprisonment of former Georgia high school football star Marcus Dixon and the Outstanding Long Feature award for his profile of race car driver Alex Zanardi, who lost both legs in a crash.

At the May 2005 Sports Emmy® Awards, REAL SPORTS was recognized twice, for Outstanding Edited Sports Series and Outstanding Sports Journalism.

In a virtual repeat of the 2005 Sports Emmy® Awards, REAL SPORTS was honored twice at the May 2006 ceremony. The program won for Outstanding Long Feature and for Outstanding Sports Journalism. Gumbel's reporting on the disturbing growth of racism in European pro soccer captured the 2006 Outstanding Sports Journalism Emmy®.

At the 28th annual Sports Emmy® Awards, REAL SPORTS received two more trophies, including Outstanding Sports Journalism for Gumbel's report on the troubles in horse-racing's Jockeys Guild and Outstanding Edited Sports Series/Anthologies. REAL SPORTS has been honored for Outstanding Sports Journalism 18 times overall. Some of Gumbel's most compelling interviews include one-onones with NFL stars Russell Wilson (2015), Plaxico Burress (2011), Randy Moss (2005) and Terrell Owens (1996); NFLPA leader DeMaurice Smith (2017); fallen baseball star Denny McLain (1999); hoops star Brandon Jennings (2009); pro golfers Phil Mickelson (2002), John Daly (1998) and Vijay Singh (2005); track star Usain Bolt (2008); baseball star Ryan Howard (2007); former NFL star QB Troy Aikman (2011); former NFL head coach Jon Gruden (2012); and his revisit of the shocking encounter between NBA players Kermit Washington and Rudy Tomjanovich (2001).

Bryant has also reported on the largely unknown world of women's bodybuilding; the dangers of fans being hit with foul balls at major league parks; the alarming increase in gun violence in Chicago directed at young athletes who were once given a "Hooper's Pass;" excessive drinking at NFL games; the police shooting of minor league baseball player Robbie Tolan in his Texas driveway; and concussions on the high school level. In fall 2012, Gumbel traveled to North Carolina for a touching and inspiring profile of Chancellor Lee Adams, Rae Carruth's unwanted son.

With an eye on global issues that have far-reaching impact, Gumbel, who has delivered more than 100 reports to the franchise, has traveled overseas to report on the role of the Ultras soccer community in the Egyptian political revolution, the largely unchecked power of the International Olympic Committee, the effects of global warming on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and the alarming presence of racism in European soccer leagues.

In Sept. 1996, the National Association of Minorities in Cable (NAMIC) presented Gumbel with the annual award that "recognizes an individual for making an outstanding contribution toward promoting diversity in the entertainment/telecommunications industry."

One of television's most accomplished broadcasters, Gumbel was with NBC for more than 20 years, where he hosted "TODAY" for 15 years, longer than anyone else in the show's history. During his time with "TODAY," he won an Emmy® for his interviews. He anchored the network's coverage of the 1988 Olympic Games from Seoul, South Korea and co-anchored NBC's coverage of the 1992 presidential election.

Gumbel joined CBS News in 1997. There, he hosted his own primetime program, "Public Eye," as well as the network's morning news program, "The Early Show," before retiring from broadcast network television in May 2002. He also co-hosted "Flashpoints" on PBS, a quarterly public-affairs series that zeroed in on national issues.

Gumbel has compiled a remarkably diverse array of credits. He has interviewed superpower leaders and Super Bowl heroes, and has covered foreign wars, elections, international summits and presidential inaugurations.

Gumbel has anchored and reported from all corners of the globe, including Europe, China, Australia, Russia, Cuba, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. He covered the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War from Saudi Arabia, the reopening of the arms negotiations from Geneva and the tenth anniversary of the fall of Saigon from Ho Chi Minh City. Gumbel earned an Edward R. Murrow Award from the Overseas Press Club for Outstanding Foreign Affairs Work for his interview with top Kremlin officials in Sept. 1984. He also received an Edward Weintal Prize for diplomatic reporting and George Foster Peabody Award for his efforts in Vietnam.

In addition to his work with HBO, Gumbel has received four Emmy® Awards, the United Negro College Fund's highest honor, the Frederick D. Patterson Award, as well as the Martin Luther King Award from the Congress of Racial Equality and three NAACP Image Awards. For orchestrating and anchoring the Africa broadcasts, Gumbel has been honored with the International Journalism Award from TransAfrica, the Africa's Future Award from the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, and the leadership award from the African American Institute.

Prior to his NBC News assignment, Gumbel worked for NBC Sports from fall 1975 to winter 1982, serving as the host of virtually all its primary programs and championship event broadcasts, including Major League Baseball, the National Football League and the NCAA basketball tournament. He also hosted its coverage of the PGA Tour in 1990.

Gumbel's broadcast career began in Oct. 1972, when he was named sportscaster for KNBC-TV Los Angeles. He was born Sept. 29, 1948, in New Orleans and raised in Chicago. Gumbel was graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine with a liberal arts degree. Gumbel has received honorary doctorates from Bates, Xavier, Holy Cross, Providence College and Clark Atlanta University. He has served on the boards of the United Way of New York City, Xavier University in New Orleans and his alma mater.



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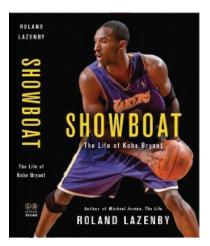


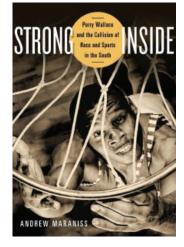


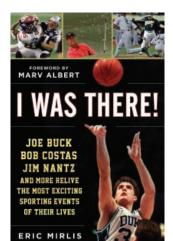
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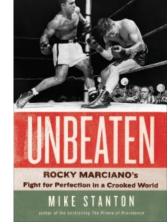


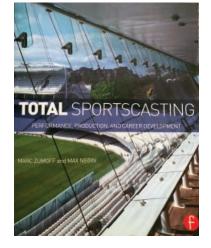
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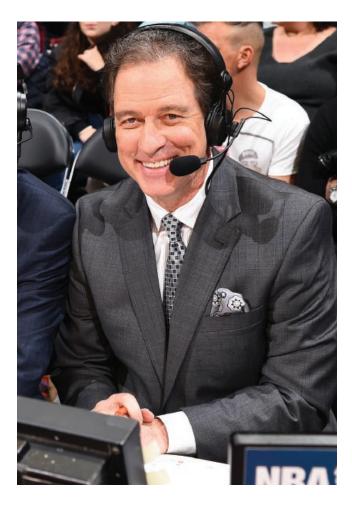


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Kevin Harlan joined the CBS Television Network's NFL broadcast team as a playby-play announcer in 1998, after four years of broadcasting the NFL on Fox Sports. He joined Fox in 1994. Harlan called CBS Sports' HDTV coverage of the 2001 AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXV. He also has called CBS Sports' coverage of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship since 1999, and called the NCAA Final Four and Championship game for CBS Radio Network and Westwood One for five consecutive years (2003-07), as well as the regionals (2009, 2010, 2011).

A veteran football and basketball broadcaster, this NFL season marks his 33rd consecutive season broadcasting the NFL. Harlan once again called play-by-play for "Monday Night Football" games this year teaming up with Boomer Esiason on Westwood One Radio Sports as the lead announce team, including all the playoffs, a Conference Championship game and the Super Bowl. Last year he called his seventh consecutive Super Bowl. Again this season, Harlan will broadcast more NFL games than any other broadcaster for the eighth consecutive season. This upcoming NBA season marks his 31st broadcasting the NBA. Harlan also has called play-byplay for Turner Sports' coverage of the NBA Playoffs since 1996. He has called regularseason action for TNT and TBS since the 1997-98 season and has served as play-byplay announcer for TBS's coverage of the 1998 Goodwill Games and several college football bowl games. For five seasons, Harlan broadcast NFL pre-season games for the Chicago Bears on WBBM-TV. He began broadcasting the Green Bay Packers' pre-season games in 2003 and will continue again this season. Harlan also called preseason games for the Kansas City Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars, Washington Redskins and NFL Network.

Harlan was the voice of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves for nine seasons on KFAN-AM Radio and KARE-TV. He has called NFL action for NBC Sports and college football for ESPN, as well as college football, college basketball and championship boxing for the Mutual Broadcasting System. In addition, Harlan has been the voice of the NBA's "2K" video games series since 2006, the last six years with CBS Sports colleague Clark Kellogg as analyst.

Harlan landed his first job, as the radio and television voice of the NBA's Kansas City Kings, at the age of 22. He called basketball broadcasts for the University of Kansas Jayhawks Radio Network (1983-84) and also spent nine seasons (1985-93) as the radio voice of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. In addition, he provided radio play-by-play for the University of Missouri Football and Basketball Network (1986-89).

Harlan was born June 21, 1960, in Milwaukee and raised in Green Bay, Wis. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1982 with a degree in broadcast journalism. Harlan's father, Bob, was the longtime President & CEO of the Green Bay Packers. He and his wife, Ann, live in Mission Hills, Kan., and Fish Creek, Wisc., and have four children.



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Adrian Wojnarowski joined ESPN in July 2017 as Sr. NBA Insider. Wojnarowski's role includes breaking news, reporting stories and features and providing insights from across the NBA and around the basketball world for ESPN's multiple media, including digital, television, audio and print.

Among the most highly regarded voices covering the NBA, Wojnarowski is central in ESPN's multimedia coverage of the NBA throughout the year — covering the league, its teams, players, free agency, the NBA Draft, the NBA Summer League and more. His reporting, insights and analysis now appear on ESPN.com and in the ESPN app, and he is to be featured on *SportsCenter*, NBA *Countdown*, *The Jump*, *E:60*, *Outside the Lines* and other programs to provide both news and feature reporting.

He also appears regularly on ESPN Radio programs and periodically contributes features to *ESPN The Magazine*. Additionally, Wojnarowski hosts a regular NBA-focused podcast on the *Cadence13* podcast network.

Wojnarowski is also the New York Times best-selling author of "The Miracle of St. Anthony: A Season with Coach Bob Hurley and Basketball's Most Improbable Dynasty."

Prior to his work for ESPN, Wojnarowski worked for Yahoo Sports, where he spent nearly 10 years, including two as editor of The Vertical. His standout career in journalism includes nearly 10 years at *The Record* (where he was twice named the APSE "Columnist of the Year"), as well as several years each at The Fresno Bee (Calif.) and The Waterbury Republican-American (Conn.).

A native of Bristol, Conn., Wojnarowski began his career as a sports clerk for the *Hartford Courant* and intern for the *Olean Times Herald* (NY) while still in high school and college.

He is a 1991 graduate of St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY and a 1987 graduate of Bristol Central High School (BCHS), where, with the help of Gale Dickau, an English teacher of 50-plus years at BCHS, Wojnarowki began "The Writing Initiative" in 2017. The multifaceted program encourages students at Bristol Central High School to write and helps them develop and hone their skills, funds scholarships and develops teacher enrichment programs for educators teaching writing.

ADRIAN Wojnarowski







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Leonard Hamilton

DIVISION I Head Coach, Florida State Tennessee-Martin, 1971 Austin Peay, 1973

16th season at Florida State (305-208, .595 winning percentage) 30th season as a collegiate head coach (505-418 .548 winning percentage)

The most successful coach in Florida State history, Leonard Hamilton is the Seminoles' all-time winningest coach and is the eighth winningest coach in ACC history. He became the Seminoles' winningest coach as Florida State defeated Pittsburgh on March 7, 2015 and became the eighth all-time winningest coach in ACC history as he guided the Seminoles past Samford on Dec. 19, 2016. Hamilton enters the 2018-19 season as the eighth winningest coach in ACC history (305 overall wins) and is only 21 wins behind Terry Holland of Virginia for seventh highest win total in the nation's most storied and illustrious conference – the ACC.

Leonard Hamilton is Florida State's all-time winningest coach with 305 career victories. He has 67 more wins than Bud Kennedy, who coached the Seminoles from 1949-66; Florida State's all-time winningest coach with 125 ACC victories. He has 80 more



victories than Pat Kennedy who coached the Seminoles from 1992-97; Florida State's all-time winningest coach with 11 ACC Tournament victories. He has eight more ACC Tournament victories than Steve Robinson who coached the Seminoles from 1998-2002; Florida State's all-time leader for NCAA Tournament appearances with six. He surpassed Pat Kennedy with the Seminoles' appearance in the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

Hamilton won his 300th game at Florida State and his 500th overall in Florida State's 81-79 overtime win over No. 11 ranked Clemson on Feb. 14, 2018 — the 42nd win over a ranked team during his tenure in Tallahassee.

Under Hamilton and since the start of the 2005-06 season, the Seminoles are the third winningest overall program in the ACC with 282 wins and are one of only four teams that have won at least 60 percent of its games. Florida State is one of only four teams in the ACC that averages at least 21 wins or more per season and is one of only three teams that has won at least 20 games in a season nine times in the last 12 years.

Under Hamilton, the Seminoles have won at least 20 games in 10 of his 16 years and have advanced to the postseason in 11 of his 15 seasons at Florida State.

Hamilton has earned three National Coach of the Year awards, two Atlantic Coach Conference Coach of the Year awards, two Big East Coach of the Year awards, led his teams to eight NCAA Tournament appearances and 19 postseason appearances, to the 2012 ACC Championship (as the head coach at Florida State) and to the 1978 National Championship (as an assistant coach at Kentucky). He is the only person to earn Coach of the Year honors multiple times in both the ACC and the Big East.

Hamilton led the Seminoles to the first ACC basketball championship in school history in 2012, is among the leaders in the ACC and the nation in recruiting and coaching NBA talent, has made appearing in the NCAA Tournament an expected part of the Seminoles' schedule each season and made the program one of the tougher teams to prepare for on a nightly basis.



About Clarence E. 'Big House' Gaines (1923-2005)

A native of Paducah, Kentucky, Clarence E. 'Big House' Gaines was graduated from Morgan State (MD) University, where he had his eye on becoming a dentist. But as an all-America football player, who also played basketball and ran track, Gaines was sent to Winston-Salem (NC) Teachers College to become an assistant to Brutus Wilson, who coached all sports.

Gaines ending up spending 47 seasons (1946-1993) as head basketball coach at what was to become Winston-Salem State University. His Rams' teams won 828 games, including the

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BIG HOUSE GAINES AWARDS



Ricky Jackson

DIVISION II Claflin University

Ricky Jackson will enter his sixth season as the head men's basketball Coach of the Claflin University Panthers in 2018-19. Jackson joined the Claflin staff in 2013 after serving as men's top assistant at Shaw University.

Jackson's teams have made improvements in each of his previous five seasons. After winning just 10 games in his first season, his teams have won 16-plus games in each of the last four campaigns. Last season (2017-18), Jackson's team won 26 games, which included a Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament. The Panthers reached the South Region Semi-Final. For his efforts, Jackson was recognized as the SIAC Outstanding Tournament Coach.

In 2016-17, the Panthers won 17 games and a share of the SIAC East Division title. During the 2015-16 season, Jackson's team was in the mix for the SIAC East Division title, tying Morehouse for second place in the division, just one game behind division

champion Benedict. His 2015-16 team also reached the semi-final round of the SIAC Tournament for the first time since the 2009-10 season.

During his short time at Claflin, Jackson has coached a SIAC Defensive Player of the Year, along with several SIAC first and second team members.

Prior to his stint at Shaw, Jackson served as head coach of the Gloucester County College men's basketball program. Jackson began his career at Gloucester County College (GCC) as an assistant coach in 1996. In 2001-2002, he took over the reins of the GCC program and compiled an impressive overall record of 184-46, a .810 winning percentage.

During his seven-year tenure at GCC, his teams won the Region XIX championship three times. In 2005-2006 his team reached the championship game of the NJCAA Division III National Championship before falling to North Lake College of Texas. His 2003-2004 team finished fourth in the NJCAA Division III National Championships, losing to eventual champion Sullivan County. In 2006-2007, GCC finished seventh in the NJCAA Division III. GCC won the Roadrunner Holiday Basketball Classic six times in his seven seasons as coach.

Jackson began his coaching career in 1989 as a student assistant while matriculating at Virginia Union University under the leadership of the legendary Dave Robbins. Upon graduation in 1992, Jackson returned to his hometown of Philadelphia, Pa. where he continued his coaching career at Ridley High School in Ridley, PA. Jackson then progressed to the AAU circuit before arriving at GCC.

Jackson received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Union in Richmond, Va. and a Master's Degree in Human Services Administration from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) at Northcentral University in Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Outside of basketball, Coach Jackson enjoys cooking and spending quality time with his family.

About Clarence continued...

1967 NCAA Division II National Championship. Earl 'The Pearl' Monroe led that team, before going on to an NBA Hall of Fame career. Among the other notable players Gaines coached were Cleo Hill, the first NBA first-round draft choice from an HBCU, and sports media personality Stephen A. Smith.

A former president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), Gaines was elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. Gaines died on April 18, 2005.



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2017 Jim Nantz Award winner Nate Gatter (left) receives his award from STAA CEO Jon Chelesnik



2017 Jim Nantz Award winner Nate Gatter talks about winning the award at the 58th NSMA Awards banquet in Winston-Salem, NC

59th NSMA AWARDS WEEEKEND



All events in Winston-Salem, NC unless noted SATURDAY – JUNE 23

As needed Arrivals GSO Airport shuttle pickups; drop off at Marriott Winston-Salem (HQ Hotel), 425 N Cherry St
 Noon-5pm REGISTRATION - MARRIOTT LOBBY, 425 N CHERRY ST
 3:20pm Buses/shuttles to Winston Cup Museum for welcome reception

- 3:30-5:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION Winston Cup Museum, 1355 MLK Jr Dr (12-to-13 minute walk from Marriott)
- 5:30 Buses/shuttles to Welcome BBQ at JDL Fast Track
- 6:30-9pm WELCOME DINNER/BBQ JDL Fast Track, 2505 Empire Dr
- Post Dinner One bus returns to Marriott
- 9pm-12am AFTER PARTY Foothills Brewery, 3800 Kimwell Dr Vans will return guests from After Party to Marriott

SUNDAY – JUNE 24

Opening 8am	Registration - Winston-Salem Marriott (2nd Floor), 425 N Cherry St
9:45am	1 Bus, shuttles to Bowman Gray School of Medicine
10am-1pm	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY BAPTIST HEALTH SPORTS MEDICINE SUMMIT & LUNCH, WFU Bowman Gray School of Medicine (5th Floor) - 475 Vine St
2-5pm	SPORTS BOOK FESTIVAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH BOOKMARKS, 634 W 4th St - #110 (located behind the business in the 600 block of 4th St). Attendees may use Footnote for snacks and beverages. FREE and Open to the Public
6-9pm	LEGACY NIGHT - RECEPTION, DINNER, ROONE ARLEDGE AWARD PRESENTATION TO RAYCOM SPORTS, WITH RAYCOM SPORTS PANEL DISCUSSION, Benton Convention Center (Salem 2 Ballroom), 301 West 5th St
9pm-1am	AFTER PARTY – Ramkat 170 W 9th St Shuttles loop to hotel (10-to-12 minute walk from Marriott)

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MONDAY – JUNE 25

- 8:30am-5:00pm SPORTS MEDIA CONVERGENCE SEMINARS Registration at 8:30am; Seminars at 9am Benton Convention Center, 301 W 5th St. Includes lunch in Salem 2 Ballroom. Seminars in Salem 3A/B; Play-by-Play Critiques in Salem 3C
- 11am-12:30pm BUS TOUR OF WINSTON-SALEM for NSMA Award winners and their guests (Picks up in front of Marriott)
- 4:30-5:30pm SPONSOR RECEPTION (By Invitation Only)- Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 2825 University Parkway
- 5:00-6:30pm AWARDS RECEPTION Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Lobby & Concourse, 2825 University Parkway
- 6:30-7:30pm DINNER Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Floor
- 7:45-10:00pm 59TH NSMA AWARDS BANQUET Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Floor
- 11pm-??? AFTER PARTY Graze at Marriott Winston-Salem (cash bar)





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Master of ceremonies Ryan McGee is a senior writer for *ESPN the Magazine*, as well as a regular contributor to ESPN.com, *SportsCenter* and ESPNU. He is also the author of *The Road To Omaha: Hits, Hopes and History at the College World Series* and *ESPN Ultimate NASCAR:* 100 Defining Moments in Stock Car Racing History.

In addition to his reporting and writing, McGee also is co-host of the popular "Marty and McGee" program that airs on ESPN Radio on Saturday afternoons. McGee and co-host Marty Smith, ESPN bureau reporter, discuss NASCAR and other topics with a wide variety of guests ranging from NASCAR drivers to country music artists to stars from other sports.

He started with ESPN in 1994 working on the production staff of the show *rpm2night*, during which time he began contributing to the magazine. From 2001-03, he produced *Totally NASCAR* on FOX Sports Net and for five years served as editor in chief at NASCAR Media Group, winning two Sports Emmys and penning the script for the documentary film Dale. He has been named National Motorsports Press Association's Writer of the Year five times. McGee is also a member of the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and National Collegiate Baseball Writers (NCBWA).

Serving his second term as a member of the NSMA's Board of Directors, McGee also emceed the NSMA Awards Banquet in 2016. He lives in Charlotte with his wife and daughter.







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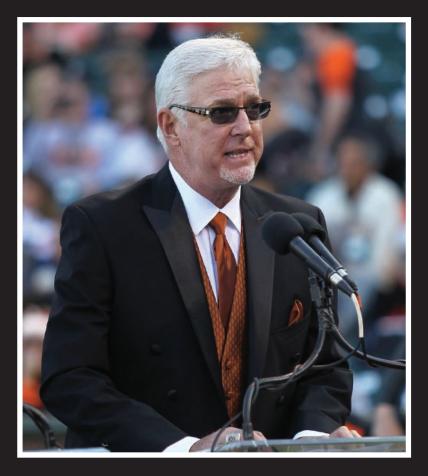
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8:30AM MODERATOR	Registration MATT KRAUSE	Registration JAY SANDERSON		
9:00AM	"Breaking In (TV Sports)" How to break in to the industry. Presenter: MICHELLE BUTT	"Going Long" How a good reporter can become a good author by digging for details and putting it all together. Presenters: ANDREW MARANISS, MIKE STANTON		
10:00AM	"Breaking In (Radio)" How to break in to the industry. Presenter: JON CHELESNIK	"I Don't Use SnapFace" Developing a social media following and engaging your audience. Presenter: LAUREN BROWNLOW		
11:00AM	"The Devil's in the Details" How to prep for play-by-play. Presenters: WES DURHAM, KEVIN HARLAN	" That's Not My Job " Smartphone video basics for sports media. Presenter: JOHN DELL		
12:00PM	LUNCH	LUNCH		
1:00PM	"Coaching the Expert" The analyst is the sports expert, but you're the broadcast expert. How do you work with that person to bring out the best in the broadcast? Presenters: PETE PRANICA, STAN COTTEN, LARY SORENSEN	"Back-and-Forth" – Negotiating the transition between radio and television play-by-play. Presenter: BILL ROTH		
2:00PM	"Podcasting" – Presenters: JOEL GODETT, ADAM WITTEN	"Bridging the Digital Divide" – As sports reporting continues to trend away from print, learn what you need to know about writing for a website. Presenter: CAROLINE DARNEY		
3:00PM	DIVERSITY PANEL Moderator: SKIP FOREMAN Panelists: AMBER DIXON, CHRIS HINE			
4:00PM	OPEN DISCUSSION			
Play-by-Play Critiques	SALEM 3C - (Available for 1-on-1 sessions, first come, first serve) ERIC REID (9-Noon), MARC ZUMOFF (1-3PM), BILL ROTH HOWIE DENEROFF, TOM BOMAN, ADAM WITTEN			

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4-time NSMA NC Sportscaster of the Year; Wake Forest football, basketball (radio), baseball (TV) play-by-play voice

SKIP FOREMAN

39 years at Associated

Press in news & sports;

currently, Carolinas

Breaking News staffer

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Atlanta Falcons radio play-by-play voice; ACC TV play-by-play for Raycom/Fox Sports Net



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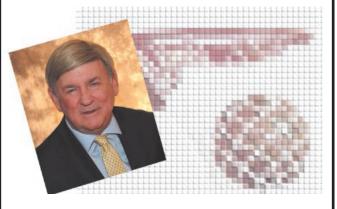
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This year, the NSMA partnered on a sports story of the year concept, hoping to grow the number of "best sports stories" as we continue to grow.

Adam Schupak is the inaugural winner of the Best Golf Story of the Year (of 2017), for his story on a man who led the rebuilding of Haiti's only golf course after it had been destroyed by tens of thousands of people who took up residence in a tent village on the course after the earthquake of 2010.

Adam Schupak has been lugging his laptop and golf bag and following the sun to write about golf since 1997. Formerly a senior writer at Golfweek, he is editor of NCGA Golf Magazine and a regular contributor to The New York Times, The Athletic and a host of golf-centric publications. Schupak graduated from Colgate University, where he played varsity golf, and holds a Master's degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He is the author of Deane Beman: Golf's Driving Force. His trophy for winning the 1999 TPC Sawgrass 'A Flight' Club Championship is on permanent display in his living room as a reminder that he once could play this maddening game a little bit.

After The Earthquake, How One Man Rebuilt Golf In Haiti By Hand

by Adam Schupak - Reprinted with permission, from Golf Digest - October 2017

Sylvain Cote was in the frozen-food aisle of his local grocery store when the ground shook. Harder. Faster. He'd experienced smaller tremors twice before, but nothing of this magnitude. Once the building swayed from side to side, he knew it was a big one. He leaned against a column under a metal beam near the meat counter and waited.

"The longest 45 seconds of my life," he says.

On Jan. 12, 2010, just before 5 p.m., an earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter Scale rocked Haiti, killing 300,000 and injuring countless more. Its epicenter was about 16 miles southwest of the capital in Port-au-Prince, not far from where Cote lived.

Cote climbed over debris and crawled out of Olympic Market into a cloud of dust from fallen structures. It took him over four hours to drive five miles. He found his home standing, and his wife and then-3-year-old daughter unharmed. Not everyone was so lucky. More than one million people were left homeless, bringing more suffering to a nation that is already the hemisphere's poorest and most disaster-prone. The earthquake was the worst in the region in more than 200 years.

Fearing more falling buildings, thousands of people streamed onto the fairways of Petion-Ville Tennis and Golf Club, which sits in a hillside commercial zone. In a matter of days, more than 55,000 people occupied the private nine-hole course, where Cote is a member, and converted it into the country's largest "canvas village" of tents. The homeless improvised, grabbing whatever they could find—bed sheets, tarps, tires, plywood, sheet metal—as a means of shelter, and lined up to pay the equivalent of eight cents for a bucket of water. For three years the course was home to 55,000 refugees displaced by the earthquake.

Getty ImagesFor three years the course was home to 55,000 refugees displaced by the earthquake.

Cote had originally moved to Haiti in 1998 from his native Canada for a short-term business project. The work became fulltime, and before long he had a regular game—and caddie—at Petion-Ville, which is the second-oldest golf club in the Caribbean, dating to 1934. The earthquake was felt across the border in the Dominican Republic, where courses like Casa de Campo and Punta Cana attract players from all over the world. Petion-Ville, conversely, is Haiti's only place to play.

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The roughly 300 members of Petion-Ville realized it would be impossible—

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not to mention inhumane-to evict all the displaced people. "We had never seen such despair," Cote says. For several years, the club's 56 acres would serve the greater good. The pool was drained, and the eight tennis courts functioned as a warehouse for food, water and medical supplies. Actor and activist Sean Penn, through his nonprofit, J/P Haitian Relief Organization, brought a semblance of order. Penn's temporary office was next to the ninth green, not far from a makeshift pharmacy. Church services were held under a blue-and-white-stripe circus tent on No. 4. An elementary school formed at the fifth, and along what was the second fairway formed a temporary hospital, bank, barber shop and a nail salon.

Thoughts of resuming normal club activity started to flicker in 2013. With support of the International Organization for Migration and Haitian authorities, internally displaced people were given a \$500 relocation stipend and a roof over their head. It took 18 months to move every family and dismantle the camp.

The golf course was left in ruin. The club's board of directors decided not to rebuild it. Too onerous a task, they said.

Cote pitched the board's president to let him lead its restoration at his own expense. The board's response: "Go ahead and do what you want, but don't ask for our help."

Cote refused to watch golf in the country die. He organized a skeleton crew of a dozen caddies and former course workers to rebuild the course by hand, one hole at a time.

Sylvain Cote with three caddies

Photo by Dom FuroreSylvain Cote with three caddies who helped rebuild Petion-Ville's Golf Course by hand.

The process began by collecting and burning trash and trucking away piles of discarded metal and rubber. Every Saturday for more than three years, Cote arrived at the course at 8 a.m. and doled out assignments. When the rest of the workers saw him pick up a shovel and fill a wheelbarrow, they knew he was serious. "It was our project," Cote says. "The guys were so dedicated and proud to contribute to restoring golf. They did the hard work—I was just leading them." On weekdays, while Cote was at work, the longtime caddiemaster supervised and followed Cote's instructions.

They started at the ninth hole, which sits atop a plateau closest to the clubhouse. Two feet of gravel covered the fairway, which had served as a parking lot. They used a backhoe, their only piece of machinery, to scrape away the rocks and remove piping that had transported water, as well as three large cement blocks that had held lampposts. This hole alone took nearly a year to complete.

Rather than re-create the layout, Cote let out the shaft on his imagination. Having lost some land at the former first and second holes, Cote erected a double green. Another green was seeded with bentgrass purchased at a Miami hardware store. Otherwise, they transplanted native grass. All told, they added four new tee boxes, including a stone wall at the ninth and a bunker guarding the green at the finishing hole. Par is 64. Cote's best round, now age 50, is 66.

Cote and his crew breathed new life

into the Caribbean tradition of "island time." There was never a timetable for completion, rather faith in a perpetual forecast of sunny days to work. In the three years it took to repair the course, Cote kept his guys motivated with the promise of a steady paycheck, and the possible return of their former jobs. He invested \$30,000 of his money and raised another \$10,000 from other supporters. In addition to getting back a place to play golf, he saw rehabilitating the course as something of a social experiment that bonded a group of men in a common purpose.

"The project kept me going and gave me a reason to stay in Haiti," he says. The club is once again the social hub of his life. "The members and staff are like a big family," Cote says. In addition to playing more than 50 rounds a year, he swims laps in the pool and reads in the library.

When Petion-Ville's golf course reopened in May 2016, the club hosted a scramble tournament to which all the workers had free entry.

During the celebratory barbecue, a club member approached Cote. "I never thought you'd do it," he said. Cote just smiled.



WHAT I LEARNED AT NSMA JOHN SHOWFETY Georgia '18

The NSMA Mission Statement reads, in part: "NSMA also seeks to develop educational opportunities for those who are interested in pursuing a career in sports media, through networking, mentoring and scholarship programs."



John Showfety (left) interviews Hall of Fame inductee Mike Lupica, while photographer Billy Rich looks on

Last year, I had the privilege to intern at the National Sports Media Association and had an incredible experience. From working in the Salisbury office to being in Winston-Salem for the 58th Awards Weekend, everything was filled with good times and even better people. With that said, the people I was surrounded by were the most memorable part of my internship experience. Starting from the top, Dave Goren, Danielle Randall, and the NSMA team put on an incredible weekend. They simplify everything for all of the guests and truly care about each and every person's Awards Weekend experience. Furthermore, they gave me the opportunity to be a part of the NSMA team and I am thankful for all that they have done for me.

Next, I have to mention my fellow interns, Riley Didier and Kirk Holton. Riley, Kirk, and I got to help plan, coordinate, and carry out the entire Awards Weekend while meeting a lot of cool people along the way. The number of recognizable and well-established sportscasters and sportswriters that were in attendance was astounding. From interviewing NSMA Hall of Famers Bob Ryan, Linda Cohn, Mike Lupica, and Rick Reilly to sitting in on a photo shoot with president of the Players' Tribune, Jamie Messler, and NBA superstar, C.J. McCollum, my awards weekend was extraordinary. I had the privilege of interacting with a variety of members of the sports media and gained an incredible amount of knowledge from their stories. I would say my favorite part of the weekend was getting to sit down and really take in the actual awards ceremony. After months of planning, Dave, Danielle, and the rest of our NSMA team got to enjoy what we had been working towards. It was satisfying and relieving to say the least. Also, just hearing the life stories of the newly inducted Hall of Famers was incredible. They had so much to say that young sports media members could learn from and that is all made possible by the NSMA, which is an invaluable organization that I hope continues to grow and flourish in its new Winston-Salem location.

With the 59th Awards Weekend quickly approaching, I am looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting even more fascinating and inspiring people. Thank you, NSMA.

WHAT I LEARNED AT NSMA RILEY DIDIER Syracuse '20



2017 NSMA Lifetime Achievement award winner Bob Miller (left) with Riley Didier

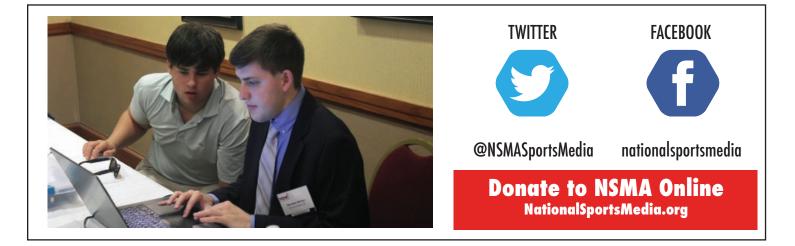
Linda Cohn (left) with Riley Didier

My experience working with the National Sports Media Association (NSMA) during the late spring and summer of 2017 was incredible and everything I had hoped it would be. While I didn't fully understand what my responsibilities would be, I did know that I would have an opportunity to gain valuable experience. At times the work was stressful; however, the NSMA gave me a small opportunity to further pursue my dreams and passions in broadcast and digital journalism.

I am currently a sophomore at Syracuse University studying Broadcast and Digital Journalism in the Newhouse School. As I mentioned earlier, I have a passion for broadcast journalism and when the opportunity to work with the NSMA presented itself, I knew I could not say no. I was like a sponge that weekend, taking in everything I could, including Dave Goren's leadership and the teamwork demonstrated by everyone.

It was an amazing weekend. Every one of my expectations was exceeded by a mile. I remember telling myself, that it was hard to call what I did work. It was a true blessing. My weekend was complete when I was given the opportunity to interview one of my idols, Linda Cohn, a truly remarkable person and role model.

My dad frequently tells me that while the work I do is important, the relationships I build are vital. I am so thankful for the many people I worked for and with, not to mention the opportunity to meet and greet the top sports writers and sportscasters in the business.



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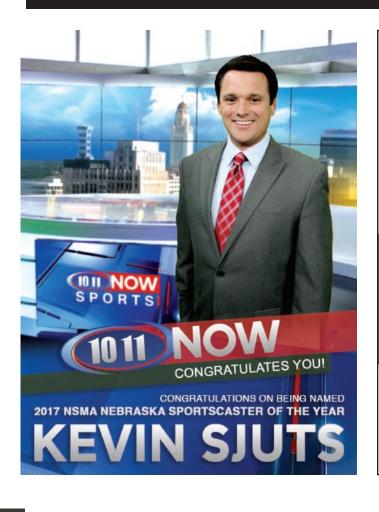
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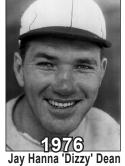
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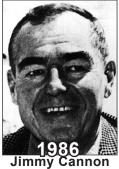




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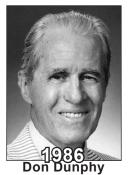














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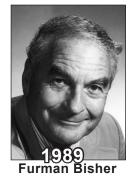




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1987 Jim McKay



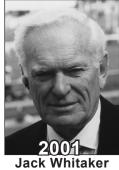








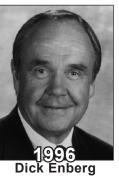


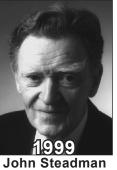




Bob Wolff











Will McDonough





1997 Francis Dayle 'Chick' Hearn







Joe Garagiola









2002 Bob Murphy



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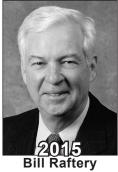




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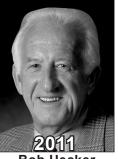
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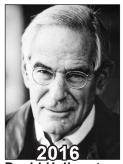
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Woody Durham - North Carolina NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee



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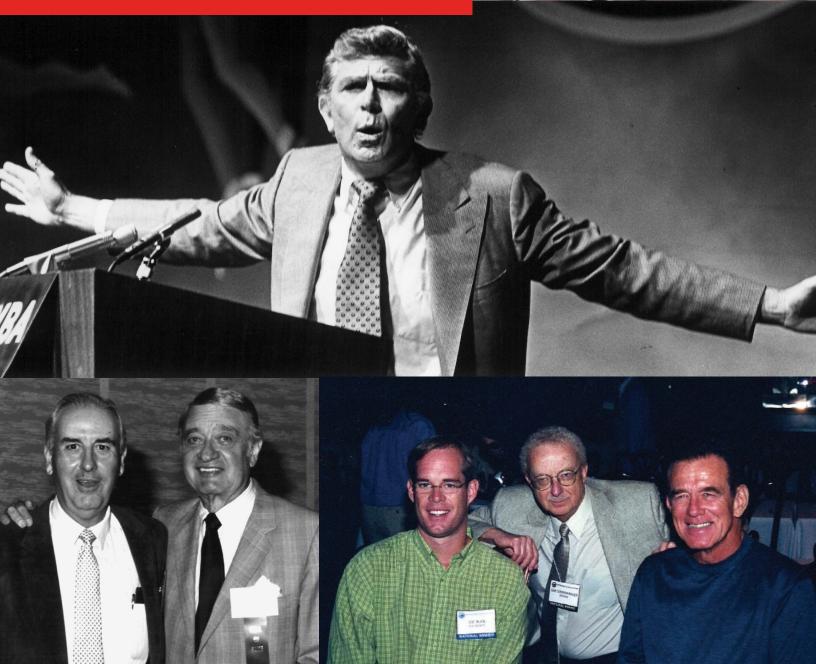
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Keith Jackson



Dick Enberg

 $Bob \ Beattie$ - Longtime ABC skiing analyst who broadcast several Olympic games

Frank Boggs - 10-time NSMA Oklahoma Sportswriter of the Year with The Oklahoman

 $Tom \ Cushman$ - Longtime sportswriter and sports editor for the San Diego Tribune and Union-Tribune

Woody Durham - 2018 NSMA Hall of Fame inductee; 13-time NC Sportscaster of the Year; 40 years as radio play-by-play voice of University of North Carolina football and basketball

 $John \ Egan$ - 8-time South Dakota Sportswriter of the Year with the Argus Leader

Dick Enberg - NSMA Hall of Famer, called the Game of the Century (UCLA vs Houston in 1968), before embarking on a network television career that included stints with NBC, CBS, ESPN, and ultimately the San Diego Padres

George Ferguson - 4-time NSMA Utah Sportswriter of the Year with the Deseret News in Salt Lake City

RJ Fritz - 40-year sportscaster at WCCO-TV in Minneapolis

Keith Jackson - NSMA Hall of Famer who was the voice and face of college football for ABC from the 1970s-1990s.

Steve "Snapper" Jones - Former ABA and NBA player who later became an NBA television analyst with the Portland Trail Blazers and several networks

Bruce King - 3-time NSMA Washington Sportscaster of the Year

Larry LaRue - Longtime Tacoma News Tribune sportswriter

Jason Levine - Delaware News Journal sports editor

 $David\ McCollum$ - 2008 NSMA Arkansas Sportswriter of the Year; 36 years at Log Cabin Democrat

Joe McConnell - Purdue University radio play-by-play announcer and 2000 NSMA Indiana Sportscaster of the Year

William Nack - Newsday and Sports Illustrated writer, known for his work covering of horse racing

Gil Santos - 3-time NSMA Massachusetts Sportscaster of the Year; 26-year radio voice of Boston/New England Patriots

 $Caulton \ Tudor$ - 3-time NSMA North Carolina Sportswriter of the Year at the Raleigh News & Observer

Jeff Washburn - Sportswriter at the Lafayette (IN) Journal & Courier for more than 40 years

Bob Wolff - NSMA Hall of Famer, who was a sportscaster for more than 75 years

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"Resounding success. Thanks to all."

David Teel – 11-time Virginia Sportswriter of the Year "This was my first time to attend the Awards Weekend, and came away greatly impressed with the organization, presentation, and execution of the events surrounding the weekend. I would not hesitate to recommend it in the future to others in our profession, and will strive to encourage those who are not yet members to join the NSMA. Well done!"

Craig Way

2016 Texas Sportscaster of the Year & Voice of the Texas Longhorns



"Words cannot describe how much my wife and I enjoyed the weekend... Was urged by former attendees to go and so glad I did... The weekend was unbelievable... The NSMA staff did an incredible job... I really appreciate the fact that everyone spelled and pronounced my name correctly... Sounds silly, but that never happens."

Gerard Wellbrock 2016 Kansas Sportscaster of the Year

"Great experience for me as a Lifetime Achievement Award Winner! Thanks for the experience!"

Howard Platt 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

"I liked it in any case, but considering the late move of the whole affair, I am very impressed with the way you pulled it off!"

5-time Tennessee Sportscaster of the Year

"It was my first trip to the Awards Weekend and I thought it all was extremely well done. As an award winner I felt very welcome and honored to be there. Those who put it all together should be proud. I certainly plan to return in the future."

Rob Bromley 2016 Kentucky Sportscaster of the Year

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"Winston-Salem was a hit with me. The Marriott was a perfect venue to stay. Classy and the big time feel. Liked the downtown shops, and being able to walk to the awards banquet was certainly a plus. You can still network, and participate as before, but with a much more of a big time feel. I enjoyed the weekend as much as any I have been to. Credit to the Winston-Salem sponsors for making this happen. I think anyone that attended would give a mighty thumbs-up for the experience!"

Dave Snell – 2-time Illinois Sportscaster of the Year

"Great weekend. Enjoyed it altogether. Dave Goren and Co. are always welcoming. Plenty of networking opportunities."

> Ryan Wilson NSMA member

"This was my first time coming. I'd love to attend again and take full advantage of the seminars and networking. Still being kinda new to the business and certainly not knowing what to expect at one of these events. I'd LOVE to attend in the future better prepared with more questions. Had an incredible experience that will be hard to be topped....but I'd love the opportunity to try!"

> Nick Valvano espnlouisville.com



"Thank you, again, for hosting such a wonderful event. Camden and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We look forward to next year's event."

> Kari Kennedy – Hickory, NC

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