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The 2004 Guide

The 2004 Washburn Lady Blues softball guide was selected second in the nation by the College Sports Information Directors Association of America (CoSIDA) in last season's media guide contest.



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The 2005 Washburn University Softball Media Guide is intended to provide information for writers, broadcasters, sports editors, sports information personnel and fans who follow the Lady Blues. Material in the guide was current as of the printing deadline of Jan. 17, 2005. Additional information is available in the Washburn Sports Information Office and through weekly releases available to personnel from accredited media outlets covering the Lady Blues and on the athletic department Web site.

Washburn University is in Topeka, Kan., at the intersection of 21st street and Washburn Avenue. Lee Arena is located in the Petro Allied Health Center at the east edge of the Washburn campus. Parking for the facility is across from the press box.

The Washburn University Sports Information Office is located in room 200D of the Petro Allied Health Center. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone: 785.231.1010 x1791; Fax: 785.231.1091. You may e-mail the SID office at gene.cassell@washburn.edu.

Media credentials are available to personnel from accredited media outlets by contacting Gene Cassell, Sports Information Director, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas 66621. Media may also call the office for access to the softball complex as seating is limited.

Radio stations wishing to broadcast from the softball complex should make broadcast requests through the Sports Information Office.

Telephones for writers from which to file are available in the softball complex press box.

Media services include lineups, plus statistics and game notes for each team. Complete stat packets will be available approximately five minutes after the completion of the game.

Postgame interviews with Coach Lisa Carey are available to media personnel after her brief meeting with the team immediately following the game. Players will not be made available between games of a doubleheader.

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General Information

Name of School Washburn University
City/Zip Topeka, KS 66621
Founded 1865
Enrollment 7,002
Nickname Lady Blues
School Colors Yale Blue and White
Facility WU Softball Complex
Press Box Number 785.231.1010 x2511
Surface Grass
Field: . . Left - 200, Right - 200, Center - 200
Affiliation NCAA Division II
Conference MIAA
President Dr. Jerry Farley
Alma Mater, Yr. Oklahoma '67
Athletics Director Loren Ferre'
Alma Mater, Yr. Texas Christian '71
Athletic Dept. Phone 785.231.1134
Fax 785.231.1091

Coaching Staff

Head Coach Lisa Carey
Alma Mater, year Oklahoma, 2002
Record at Washburn 66-39 (.682)
Years 3rd season
Overall Record same
Softball Office Phone 785.231.1010 x1797
Best time of day to call 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Assistant: . . Mandy Fulton (Oklahoma, 2001)

Team Information

	Total	Home	Away	Neut
2004 Record	32-25	9-5	3-7	20-13
MIAA Record-8th	8-10	5-5	3-5	
Final National	n/a			
Lettermen Returning/Lost	5/5			
Position Starters Returning/Lost	3/5			
Pitchers Returning/Lost	1/1			

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SID Mailing Address . 1700 College; Topeka, Kan. 66621
Overnight Same

Lady Blues History

First year of softball 1970
Overall all-time record 822-521-1 (.615) / 35 seasons
No of years in national playoffs 5
(4 NAIA - 85-86-87-88), (1 NCAA - 99)

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5-7 / Fr. / P
Edmond, Okla.



2 Brianne Paletta
5-3 / Fr. / OF
Topeka, Kan.



3 Erin Bryan
5-5 / Fr. / P-UT
Midwest City, Okla.



5 Malarie Fellers
5-4 / Fr. / 2B
Edmond, Okla.



7 Jackie Sells
5-3 / Sr. / UT
Lee's Summit, Mo.



8 Mandy Tarbutton
5-7 / Fr. / OF
Maple Hill, Kan.



12 Ashley Webb
5-11 / So. / OF
Prairie Village, Kan.



13 Brooke DeVader
5-8 / Fr. / UT
St. Marys, Kan.



16 Kala Huske
5-5 / Jr. / C
Overland Park, Kan.



19 Melissa Clark
5-4 / Fr. / OF
Emmett, Kan.



20 Dani White
5-9 / Fr. / 1B-C
Berryton, Kan.



22 Erin Pierce
5-8 / Jr. / P
Topeka, Kan.



23 Amanda Carey
5-8 / Fr-RS. / SS
Topeka, Kan.



25 Mikala Mohler
5-4 / So. / 3B
Harveyville, Kan.



26 Kelly Swygert
5-8 / Fr. / P
Topeka, Kan.



Lisa Carey
66-39 (3rd season)
Oklahoma '02



Mandy Fulton
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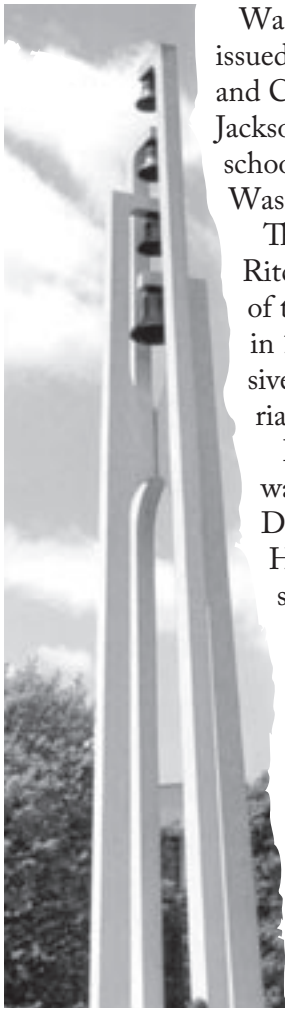
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Washburn University was established in February 1865 as Lincoln College by a charter issued by the State of Kansas and the General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Kansas. A two-story brick building on the northeast corner of 10th and Jackson Streets was soon erected and the first classes began in January 1866. In 1868, the school was renamed Washburn College, in recognition of a \$25,000 donation by Ichabod Washburn, a church deacon and resident of Worcester, Mass.

The university was granted a permanent location in 1865 when Topekan Col. John Ritchie donated a 160-acre site, which at the time was a considerable distance southwest of the city. Construction on the first building began in 1872, with occupancy taking place in 1874. For the next two decades, college President Peter McVicar conducted an aggressive development campaign. His efforts resulted in the establishment of numerous Victorian limestone structures which characterized the campus for the next 90 years.

Expansion of the school was constant. The School of Law was organized in 1903, as was a School of Fine Arts and a medical school, which educated physicians until 1913. During the next three decades structures such as the Mulvane Art Museum, Benton Hall and Whiting Field House were added to the campus. In June 1966, a tornado struck Topeka and several historic buildings on campus were demolished. The Washburn community rallied and financial support from friends and alumni made possible



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the rebuilding of many school facilities during the coming years. Today, university facilities offer more than one million square feet of modern academic and support space.

In 1941, the citizens of Topeka endorsed Washburn by voting to establish a municipal university, supported in part by the city and governed by a local board of regents. In 1952, the Washburn Board of Regents officially changed the name of the school to Washburn University of Topeka. In 1999, the university's primary funding was moved from city property tax to county sales tax sources, with the school retaining status as a municipal subdivision of the state. In addition to local financial support, Washburn has received state funds since 1961, which have been coordinated by the Kansas Board of Regents since 1991. Washburn is governed by its own nine member Board of Regents.

Washburn provides broadly-based liberal arts and professional education through more than 190 certificate, associate, baccalaureate, master's and juris doctor programs through the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Law, Business, Nursing and Applied Studies. Ninety-seven percent of the faculty hold a doctorate or the highest degree available in their discipline.



Dr. Jerry B. Farley
University President

Jerry Farley became the 14th President of Washburn University in 1997 following an extensive career in finance and business affairs at several Oklahoma higher education institutions. Aside from a full schedule of Washburn responsibilities, Dr. Farley speaks and teaches around the United States on topics related to Higher Education Finance, Auditing, Management and Leadership. He is a C.P.A. and has been the president and chair of the board of several state and national professional

organizations. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles and books on finance and accounting.

Dr. Farley holds a degree in finance and accounting, an MBA, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration - all from the University of Oklahoma.

Serving on local and state boards has always been a priority for Dr. Farley. He is past president of the Topeka Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the board of directors of Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts, United Way and economic development corporations including Go Topeka.

He is the recipient of awards for outstanding contributions in public service, accounting, and higher education.

Academic Majors

* Denotes fields in which Secondary Education teaching certificates are available.
Degrees are listed after majors (C=Certificate of Completion)

Denotes joint programs with Kaw Area Technical School

Accounting, BBA, MBA	Law, JD
Addiction Counseling, C, AAS, BAS	Legal Office Administration, C
Adult Care Home Administrator, C, BAS	Legal Studies, C, AA
Allied Health C, AS, BHS	Liberal Studies, MLS
Anthropology, BA	Management, BBA
Art History, BA	Marketing, BBA
Art*, BA, BFA	Mass Media, BA
Athletic Training, BS	Mathematics*, BA, BS
Banking, AAS	Medical Imaging, BHS
Biology*, BA, BS	Medical Office Administration, C
Business Administration, MBA	Medical Technology, BS
Business Education, B.Ed	Mental Health and Disabilities, AAS, BAS
Cardiac Sonography, C	Military and Strategic Studies, C
Chemistry*, BA, BS	Music Education, BM
Clinical Psychology, MA	Music Performance, BM
Communication, BA	Music, BA
Computer Information Science, BS	Natural Science and Mathematics, AA
Computer Information Systems, AA, BA, BS	Non-Profit Management, C, BPA (in association with Public Administration)
Correctional Administration, MCJ	Nursing, BSN
Criminal Justice, AA, BSCJ	Office Administration C, AA #
Criminal Justice, MCJ	Philosophy, BA
Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed.	Physical Education*, BA, B.Ed, BS
Design Technology, AAS #	Physical Therapy Assistant, AS
Developmental Disabilities, AAS, BAS	Physics*, BA, BS
Diagnostic Medical Sonography, C	Political Science, BA
Early Childhood Education, AA	Pre-Dentistry
Early Childhood Education, B.Ed	Pre-Engineering
Economics, BA	Pre-Law
Economics, BBA	Pre-Medicine
Education, M.Ed.	Pre-Optometry
Educational Administration, M.Ed	Pre-Pharmacy
Elementary Education, B.Ed	Pre-Theology
English*, BA	Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Executive Administrative Assistant, C	Psychology*, BA, MA
Finance, BBA	Public Administration, C, BP
Food Service, AA #	Public Health Nursing, C
Forensic Chemical Science, BS	Purchasing, C, AAS #
French*, BA	Radiation Therapy, C
General Business, BBA	Radiologic Technology, AS
General Science, BS	Reading, M.Ed.
General Sonography, C	Religious Studies, BA
German*, BA	Respiratory Therapy, AS
Gerontology, AAS, BAS	RN Articulation, BSN
Health Information Technology, C, AS	RN Refresher
Health Services Administration, BHS	School Nurse Certification, C
History*, BA	Secondary Education, M.Ed
Human Services, C, AAS, BAS	Social Work, BSW
Humanities and Creative and Performing Arts, AA	Social Work, MSW
Industrial Technology, AAS #	Sociology, BA
Integrated Studies, BIS	Spanish*, BA
Interrelated Special Education, M.Ed.	Studio Art, BA
Law Enforcement, MCJ	Technology Administration, BAS
	Theatre, BA
	Vascular Sonography, C
	Victim/Survivor Services, C, AAS, BAS
	Word Processing, C
	Youth Services, AAS, BAS

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Steve Anson
Baseball

Bob Chipman
Basketball (M)

Craig Schurig
Football

2003-04 Season Flashback

Team	Overall W-L	MIAA	MIAA Finish	Postseason
Baseball	26-23	15-15	6th	None
Basketball-M	27-5	15-3	1st	NCAA Rnd. 32
Basketball-W	26-5	15-3	1st	NCAA Rnd. 32
Football	5-6	3-6	7th	None
Golf	131-40-1	35-5-1	1st	NCAA Nationals
Soccer	4-13-1	2-11-1	8th	None
Softball	32-25	8-10	8th	MIAA Tourney
Tennis-M	18-8	2-2	2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
Tennis-W	22-6	5-1	1st	NCAA Sweet 16
Volleyball	26-10	9-7	5th	MIAA Tourney
Totals	317-141-2 (.688)	109-63-2 (.679)		

**Overall athletic department
winning percentage - .688**


Chris Herron
Volleyball

Ron McHenry
Basketball (W)

Doug Hamilton
Golf

Jennifer Hastert
Tennis (M/W)

Tim Collins
Soccer (W)

Lisa Carey
Softball

Loren Ferre'
Athletic Director

Loren Ferre' became Washburn's director of athletics in February of 1996 after a six-year appointment at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D. Ferre' is a dynamic leader who has implemented many internal changes within the athletic department since arriving on campus. He has put increasing scholarships and departmental fund-raising at the top of his list.

At Washburn, Ferre' has been instrumental in the establishment of a strong Ichabod Club support team and the raising of funds for athletic scholarships.

While at BHSU, Ferre' was also director of the Donald E. Young Sports Fitness Center, a 172,000 square foot, \$10.2 million facility. During his Black Hills tenure, the athletics department nearly tripled its outside revenue, including large increases in ticket sales and scholarship funding. All 10 varsity teams won a conference title in his final three years.

Before joining the staff at Black Hills State, Ferre' spent 17 years at the University of North Texas. He was the director of the Coliseum (1987-90) was the associate and assistant director since 1980. He held the post of event coordinator (1978-80).

Ferre' is a 1971 graduate of Texas Christian University, earning a bachelor of arts degree. He earned a master's in journalism from North Texas in 1982.

Ferre' is the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball South Central Regional Chairman serving his third year on the committee last season.

Ferre' and his wife Sarah, have two daughters, Caitlin and Hope.

THE ICHABOD CLUB

WASHBURN ATHLETICS

The Ichabod Club is a booster club that works to promote Washburn University Athletics and provides financial support

to its athletic programs. Membership in the Ichabod Club has played a major role in supporting the annual scholarship drive and making a difference in the lives of Washburn student-athletes for the past 20 years.

Washburn Athletics depends upon the annual contributions to the Ichabod Club Scholarship Fund to continue offering scholarship aid to our student-athletes.

The mission of the Ichabod Club is simply to provide the scholarship assistance to young men and women student-athletes (tuition, fees, books, room and board) unless the contribution is restricted to a specific sport or some other specific purpose. All gifts to the Ichabod Club are tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

Opportunities for alumni, friends, parents and boosters to become involved with the Ichabod Club program are available through pregame parties, golf tournaments, the Ichabod Club newsletter, monthly luncheons, the kick-off party and other special events.

For more information, call the Washburn Athletic Department at 785.231.1135.

Washburn wins 4 MIAA Titles for second straight season, 5 NCAA appearances

Football - 5-6 / 3-6 MIAA (7th)

- MIAA Second Team All-MIAA: Tim Watts, Trent Hearn
- MIAA Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Tyrone Barrett, Mike Odupitan, Eric Taylor, Grant Gould, Josh Looney, Fletcher Terrell
- MIAA Freshman of the Year: Trent Hearn
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Joe Corcoran, Morgan Dewey, Matt Duler, Dustin Hickel, Chris Huelsman, Josh Looney, Blake Meyer, Brooks Myers, Brian Peel, Kevin Pierce, Tyler Schuerman, Eric Taylor, Adam Toby, Tim Watts, Jeff Wimpy, Andre Zandevakili
- CoSIDA Academic First Team All-Region: Matt Duler, Eric Taylor
- CoSIDA Academic Second Team All-America: Eric Taylor
- Academic All-MIAA: Josh Looney, Eric Taylor
- Offensive Team MVP: Trent Hearn
- Defensive Team MVP: Morgan Dewey
- Special Team MVP: Mike Odupitan

Volleyball - 26-10 / 9-7 MIAA (5th)

- First Team All-MIAA: Dani McHenry
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Alecia Barron, Anna Neufeld, Susan Crooks
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Alecia Barron, Kandice Connell, Dani McHenry, Anna Neufeld, Ann Weygint
- American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-Region: Dani McHenry
- American Volleyball Coaches Association Honorable Mention All-American: Dani McHenry
- Team MVP: Dani McHenry

Soccer - 4-13-1 / 2-11-1 MIAA (8th)

- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Meagan Horvath, Monica Ruiz, Jenna Lawless
- Presidential Scholar: Deidre Gorynski
- Team MVP: Meagan Horvath

Men's Basketball - 27-5 / 15-3 MIAA (1st)

- First Team All-MIAA: Jeremy Cunningham
- Second Team All-MIAA: Troy Douglas, Travis Robbins
- First Team NABC All-Region: Jeremy Cunningham
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: J.P. Meitner, Matt Tinsley
- MIAA Coach of the Year: Bob Chipman
- Regional Coach of the Year: Bob Chipman
- Team MVP: Jeremy Cunningham

Women's Basketball - 26-5 / 15-3 MIAA (1st)

- Second Team All-MIAA: Carla Sintra, Lora Westling
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Juwanna Rivers
- All-MIAA Defensive Team: April Roadhouse
- NCAA South Central Regional Team: Juwanna Rivers
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Alison Garrett, Dani McHenry, Lora Westling
- All-MIAA Academic Team: Lora Westling
- Team MVP: Juwanna Rivers

Baseball - 26-23 / 15-15 MIAA (6th)

- Second Team All-MIAA: Jerad Head, Mike Koontz
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Jake Lenherr, Jake Loveless, Cameron Clurman, Sam Sissom, Randy Wild
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Matt Deutsch, Adam Fennema, Jake Lenherr, Kyle Loschke, Dan Newton, David Nimz, Blake Rice, Jesse Schmidt
- Presidential Scholar: Brian Martinek
- Team MVP: Jerad Head

Softball - 32-25 / 8-10 MIAA (8th)

- Second Team All-MIAA: Molly Gleisberg, Kala Huske
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Joanne Fluker, Dara Clouse, Katie Schmidt, Ashley Webb
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Erin Pierce, Katie Schmidt, Jackie Sells, Ashley Stewart, Tiffany Whitt
- Team MVP: Dara Clouse

Women's Tennis - 22-6 / 5-1 MIAA (1st)

- First Team All-MIAA: Holly Munro (singles)
- Second Team All-MIAA: Erin Underwood (singles/doubles), Julie Huyberechts (singles/doubles), Caitlin Day (singles/doubles), Lindsay Sullivan (singles/doubles), Kris Castillo (doubles), Holly Munro (doubles)
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: Kris Castillo (singles)
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Caitlin Day, Holly Munro, Erin Underwood
- MIAA MVP: Erin Underwood
- ITA North Central Regional Coach of the Year: Jen Hastert
- MIAA Coach of the Year: Jen Hastert
- All-MIAA Academic Team: Erin Underwood, Julie Huyberechts
- Team MVP: Erin Underwood

Men's Tennis - 18-8 / 2-2 MIAA (2nd)

- First Team All-MIAA: Brett Coleman (singles)
- Second Team All-MIAA: Rafeal Valdez (singles/doubles), Sydney Bwalya (singles), Tyler Kinder (singles), John Johnson (doubles)
- Honorable Mention All-MIAA: John Johnson (singles), Blake Edwards (singles)
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Brett Coleman, John Johnson, Tyler Kinder
- MIAA Coach of the Year: Jen Hastert
- Team MVP: Rafeal Valdez

Golf - 131-40-1 / 35-5-1 MIAA (1st)

- First Team All-MIAA: Chris McGown, Matt Warnock, Matt Johnston, Garrett Donovan
- MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: Paul Resner, Jason Robbins, Matt Warnock
- MIAA Coach of the Year: Doug Hamilton
- All-Central Regional Team: Matt Warnock
- Recognized as having highest GPA out of all teams at NCAA Golf Championships
- Division II PING Honorable Mention All-America: Matt Warnock, Matt Johnston
- All-MIAA Academic Team: Matt Johnston, Chris McGown, Matt Warnock
- Presidential Scholar: Jason Robbins
- Team MVP: Matt Warnock

**Cumulative
Athletic
Department Grade
Point Average as
of Spring 2004**

3.03

**2002-03 MIAA
Commissioner's
Academic Honor
Roll Members**

48

**Of 232
Student-Athletes,
number who had
3.0 GPA or higher**

116

**Of 232
Student-Athletes,
number who had
3.5 GPA or higher**

50

**Of 232
Student-Athletes,
number who had
4.0 GPA or higher**

19

**Number of
Student-Athletes
to receive all-
MIAA Athletic
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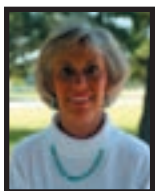
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Kerry Dickerson

Former Ichabod assistant basketball coach Kerry Dickerson is in his second season as the Ichabod athletic department's director of development after serving six seasons on the Ichabod coaching staff. A native of Blue Springs, Mo., Dickerson was a two-year starter for the Ichabods at point guard and played on the team from 1988 to 1993. He started 38 of 116 games for Washburn and his team leadership on two MIAA championship and NCAA Division II tournament teams was a mark of success.



Janet Degginger

Janet Degginger is in her 18th year as Washburn's assistant athletics director. Degginger returned to her alma mater in 1987 as assistant director of athletics. In that capacity, she is responsible for managing and monitoring the eligibility of student athletes as the compliance director. During the 1995-96 academic year, Degginger served as the interim director of athletics. She also currently serves as the university's senior women's administrator.

Degginger has served on several university, conference and national committees. She is currently a member of the NCAA Professional Sports Liaison Committee and has served on a subcommittee of the NCAA Research Committee for developing a financial analysis report. She is a member of Washburn's Faculty Athletics and Financial Aid committees.

Degginger is a 1967 graduate of Washburn and has done postgraduate work at Kansas. She has a son, Preston.



Karmen Byers

Karmen Byers is in her fourth year as the Assistant Athletic Director of External Relations.

At Washburn, Byers serves as ticket manager for all sports. She also focuses on marketing and public relations for increasing interest and attendance on Ichabod and Lady Blues game nights.

Prior to joining the athletic department, Byers worked at Atwood Publishing in Overland Park, Kan. where she was an advertising sales executive for four different publications.

Byers is a 1999 graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in journalism and advertising.



Gene Cassell

Gene Cassell is in his sixth season as Washburn Sports Information Director after starting in December 1998. Cassell is a 1997 graduate from Northwest Missouri State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in journalism accompanied with a minor in broadcasting.

Beside overseeing the media relations of Washburn's 10 athletic teams, Cassell also runs game administration and is the webmaster of "The Blue Zone" - The Official Site of Washburn Athletics. Cassell is a member of CoSIDA and a member of the Publications Contest Committee.

Cassell has received 33 citations for excellence for office publications, including four best in the nation, 11 second place finishes and six best covers in the nation.

Cassell and his wife, Regina, live in Topeka with their son Jacob who was born on March 23, 2003. Regina the director of student publications and is a professor in the Washburn mass media department. The couple is expecting another child in May 2005.



Brad Noller

Brad Noller has worked in the WU sports information office since arriving in Topeka in the fall of 1998. He served as the interim sports information director at Washburn when the sports information director's position was vacated soon after his arrival. He remained on staff as the student assistant until his graduation in December

1999. In the fall 2004, Noller added marketing and promotion duties to his responsibilities.

Noller has also worked as a part-time sports reporter for the Topeka Capital-Journal. Prior to that, he worked in the Johnson County Community College's sports information office during the 1997-98 season.

In the summer of 1999, Noller was honored as one of three initial recipients of the CoSIDA undergraduate internship grant.

The Clinton, Mo., native earned a bachelor of arts degree from Washburn in mass media with a journalism emphasis. He also received a business minor in marketing. He lives in Topeka with his wife Tiffany, 'bsn 02.



Steve Ice

Steve Ice enters his 24th year as the Head Athletic Trainer at Washburn University.

Ice took over the Ichabods and Lady Blues programs in the fall of 1982 after a two-year assignment as the Associate Athletic Trainer at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn.

During Ice's tenure at Washburn, the athletics training staff has seen the addition of the Petro Allied Health Center as a valuable resource for the prevention and rehabilitation of WU student-athletes.

Ice received his bachelor's degree from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kan., in 1977 and earned his master's from the University of Kansas in 1980. Ice also served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the Jayhawks from 1977 to 1979.

In addition to his duties at Washburn, Ice works in conjunction with the Tallgrass Orthopedic Group of Topeka.

Steve and his wife Janis have four children; Brian, Patrick, Jenna and Alyssa.



Ron Wessel

Ron Wessel enters his 25th year at Washburn University as the head equipment manager for the athletics department.

Wessel, a native of Sierra Vista, Ariz., is in charge of maintaining all of the athletic department's equipment needs. He attended Baker University in Baldwin City. Wessel then accepted the equipment manager's position

at Washburn in the spring of 1980.

He is a member of the American Equipment Managers Association and became certified in 1992. Wessel has served as a District Director of the AEMA since 1993. In addition, he serves on the Continuing Education Committee of the AEMA.

Ron lives in Topeka and enjoys sports, traveling, science fiction and physical fitness.



John Burns

John Burns is in his second season as a Certified Athletic Trainer after joining Washburn Athletics in August of 2003.

Burns, a native of Salina, Kan., has job responsibilities with both athletics and academics. His primary athletic training responsibilities is with the football team, and academically, he oversees and teaches athletic training students as the Clinical Education Coordinator in the Athletic Training Education Program for the HPEES department.

He is an alumnus of Washburn, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1992. Burns then earned a Master of Science degree in exercise and sports science from the University of Arizona in 1994. Prior to returning to Washburn, he was a staff athletic trainer at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo and most recently, the Coordinator of Sports Medicine for Integris Baptist Regional Health Center in Miami, OK, where he also served as a consultant athletic trainer for the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College Norsemen.

John is married to Linda Oldham Burns, also a Washburn alumnus and employee in the financial aid department, and they have a son, Tyler.



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Chris Brown
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Head Softball Coach



Bob Chipman
Head Men's
Basketball Coach



Tim Collins
Head Women's
Soccer Coach



Sandy Foster
Athletics Secretary



Mandy Fulton
Assistant Softball Coach



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Head Golf Coach



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Assistant Football Coach
Special Teams Coordinator



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Head Men's and Women's
Tennis Coach



Gil Herrera
Petro Facilities
Coordinator



Chris Herron
Head Women's
Volleyball Coach



Trent Jones
Assistant Women's
Volleyball Coach



Ron McHenry
Head Women's
Basketball Coach



Brian Miller
Assistant Football Coach
Offensive Coordinator



Dustin Odum
Assistant Women's
Basketball Coach



Rob Robinson
Assistant Football Coach
Recruiting Coordinator



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David Trupp
Assistant Football Coach
Strength/Conditioning



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Coaching Staff**Football**

Head Coach.	Craig Schurig.	x1340
Offensive Coordinator.	Brian Miller.	x1705
Defensive Coordinator.	Chris Brown.	x1795
Defensive Line Coach/Strength and Conditioning.	David Trupp.	x1335
Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator.	Cooper Harris.	x1798
Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator.	Rob Robinson.	x1947

Volleyball

Head Coach.	Chris Herron.	x1946
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Women's Soccer

Head Coach.	Tim Collins.	x1756
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Baseball

Head Coach.	Steve Anson.	x1793
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Softball

Head Coach.	Lisa Carey.	x1797
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Men's Basketball

Head Coach.	Bob Chipman.	x1355
Assistant Coach.	Ewan Auguste.	x1881

Women's Basketball

Head Coach.	Ron McHenry.	x1796
Assistant Coach.	Dustin Odum.	x1462

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Men's and Women's Tennis

Head Coach.	Jennifer Hastert.	x1757
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Washburn has some of the best facilities in NCAA Division II Sports. (Top row from left) Lee Arena holds 3,804 people and is the home to Ichabod and Lady Blues basketball. The Washburn Softball Complex has two fields with a new press box in between allowing game management for both fields. The Southwestern Bell Student Technology Center has 16 computers where student-athletes can do their homework. (Middle row) The Lady Blues volleyball team play their matches in Lee Arena. Yager Stadium is the home of Ichabod football and underwent a major facelift with the addition of Bianchino Pavilion before the 2003 season. The McPherson Booster room allows fans and alumni to watch games in Lee Arena from a second level vantage point. (Bottom row) The Lady Blues soccer field is in its second year of existence. The Washburn tennis complex played host to both the men's and women's NCAA North Central Regional in 2004. Falley Field has been the home of Ichabod baseball since 1990.

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The Washburn Lady Blues have played every season of action at the Washburn Softball Complex. Prior to the 2001 season, the facility underwent its first major upgrade since the first season of 1970.

A new press box was constructed with restrooms, concession stands, training table and storage on the lower level and a working press area on the second level. Before the start of play in the 2002 season, the facility was completed with the addition of a public address system.

The complex houses two fields with 200 foot fences all around the outfield. Each field has two separate microphone systems for announcing.

The past six seasons, the Lady Blues have enjoyed great success playing at home compiling a 81-23 (.779) record. The first game played in the complex with the new press box was a doubleheader sweep over Bethany winning 13-0 and 8-0.

The first run was scored by Stacie Carpenter who scored via the first hit - a home run by Katie Schmidt in the second inning.

Future plans for the complex include covered dugouts, a new scoreboard, lights and new fences for the east field.

The Lady Blues home attendance in 2004 was the fourth best in the nation.



Past six seasons (1999-2004)

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In home games at the Washburn Softball Complex

