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Dorrance, Thompson, Williams among keynote speakers at Scholarly Conference on College Sport

CHAPEL HILL, NC – The College Sport Research Institute and the Department of Exercise and Sport Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are pleased to announce its keynote speakers for the 2010 Scholarly Conference on College Sport, which will be held April 21-23, 2010, at the William and Ida Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Athletics David Williams and Atlantic 10 Commissioner Bernadette McGlade will offer keynote speeches during the Issues in College Sport Symposium; North Carolina women’s soccer coach Anson Dorrance will give the banquet keynote speech; Oregon State professor Michael Oriard will open the academic portion of the conference while Mountain West Conference Commissioner Craig Thompson will be the Bridging the Gap keynote speaker.

Williams serves a variety of roles at Vanderbilt University, including legal counsel and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Athletics, which is the equivalent of an athletics director at most schools. Vanderbilt abolished its athletics department in 2003, choosing to incorporate it into the larger umbrella of student life. Williams will speak on the morning of April 21.

McGlade became the Atlantic 10 Commissioner in 2008 after serving as the Atlantic Coast Conference’s associate commissioner for nine years and the ACC’s assistant commissioner for two. After a basketball distinguished career at North Carolina, McGlade served Georgia Tech’s athletics department in a number of fashions, winning the WBCA’s National Administrator of the Year award in 2000. She’ll speak on the afternoon of April 21.

Dorrance coached North Carolina’s women’s soccer team to its 21st national championship last fall and has helped the program claim 20 of the 28 NCAA Championships. Throughout his tenure in Chapel Hill, Dorrance has molded the career of stars such as Mia Hamm, Cindy Parlow, Heather O’Reilly and Cat Reddick. Dorrance will deliver the banquet keynote speech on the night of April 22.

Oriard will deliver a keynote speech on the morning of April 22. Oriard, an English professor at Oregon State University, is an author of numerous books about college athletics. His latest,
“Bowled Over: Big-Time College Football From the Sixties to the BCS Era,” is available through the University of North Carolina press.

Thompson has been the commissioner of the Mountain West Conference since the conference was formed in 1998. During his tenure, Thompson has helped the MWC foster a groundbreaking relationship with CBS College Sports and the Mtn., which was the first television network to focus its entire programming on one conference. Thompson has also been an advocate for a playoff in college football and has helped the MWC strengthen its position in the Bowl Championship Series. Thompson will speak on the morning of April 23.

The Issues in College Sport Symposium features three symposium topics: “Ethics of Elimination: Will Broad-Based Athletic Departments Survive?” “One and Done: What is the Effect of the NBA’s Age Limit Rule on the College Game?” and “Thou Shalt Not Tweet: Athletes’ Social Networking Legal Rights vs. Institutional Control.” Committed panelists include Maryland basketball coach Gary Williams, ESPN college basketball analyst Doug Gottlieb, ESPN legal analyst Lester Munson and Sports Illustrated.com contributor and Vermont Law School professor Michael McCann.

In addition to the day-long symposium, the Scholarly Conference on College Sport will include two days of original research presentations from college-sport scholars from across the United States. The student-centered conference also has two student events: One, a team case-study competition for undergraduate and graduate students from across the country; and new this year is the William C. Friday Graduate-Student College-Sport Research Paper Award, a writing competition for graduate students on topics related to college sport.

Registration for this year’s conference will be available online through the Web site or can be done by mail. For more information, including event times, locations and speaker announcements, please check www.csriconference.org for regular updates.

Founded in 2007, the College Sport Research Institute’s mission is to encourage and support cross-disciplinary, collaborative college-sport research; serve as a consortium for college-sport researchers from across the United States; and disseminate research results to academics, college-sport practitioners, and the general public.

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