



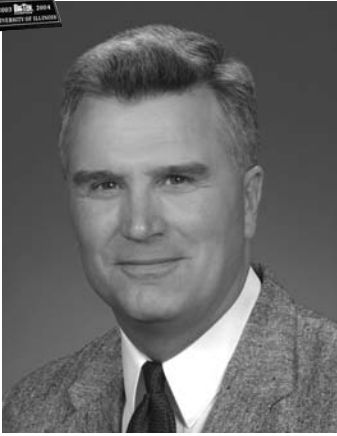
# 2004 BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

# THE COACHING STAFF





# HEAD COACH BRUCE WEBER



## THE WEBER FILE

**Born:**

Oct. 19, 1956,  
in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Hometown:**

Milwaukee, Wis.

**Family:**

Wife, Megan;  
Children, Hannah,  
Christy and Emily

**Education****High School:**

Milwaukee Marshall High  
School (1974)

**College:**

University of Wisconsin-  
Milwaukee  
(B.S., education, 1978)

**Coaching Experience:**

Western Kentucky  
Asst. Coach, 1980

Purdue  
Asst. Coach,  
1981-98

Southern Illinois  
Head Coach,  
1999-2003

Illinois  
Head Coach,  
2004-05

## Coach Weber Has Been A Part Of 22 Postseason Appearances And 10 Conference Championships During His 25-Year Coaching Career.

It took just one season for Bruce Weber to etch his name in the Big Ten and Illinois record books after leading the Fighting Illini to their first outright Big Ten title in 52 years during the 2003-04 season. In leading his young team that featured just one senior on the roster, Weber became just the third coach in the history of the Big Ten to win an outright title in his first season at a school.

Illinois had to win 10 straight to end the regular season to claim the championship, including six-straight wins on the road. It marked the first time since 1956 that the Illini won at least 10 conference games in a row.

Weber joins Wisconsin's Guy Lowman in 1918 and Minnesota's Bill Musselman in 1972 as the only league coaches to win an outright title in their first seasons. He is also just the 11th Big Ten coach to at least share a Big Ten title in his first season. Weber also became just the sixth coach in the conference since 1951 (when Michigan State joined the league) to defeat every other conference team in his first season.

Illinois' 26 wins in 2003-04 tied the third winningest season in school history, and Weber also led Illinois to its third Sweet Sixteen appearance in the

past four years with NCAA Tournament victories over Murray State and Cincinnati.

Weber took charge as the 16th Fighting Illini men's basketball coach on April 30, 2003, after spending the previous five seasons as head coach at Southern Illinois University. He led the Salukis to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference with championships in 2002 and 2003 before continuing the trend at Illinois where the Illini have now won four Big Ten titles in the last seven seasons.

Weber came to Champaign-Urbana after compiling a 103-54 (.656) record in five seasons as the head coach at Southern Illinois University. He gained 18 years of experience in the Big Ten Conference as an assistant at Purdue under Gene Keady, helping the Boilermakers to six Big Ten championships and 17 postseason appearances.

Energetic and personable, Weber has appeared on numerous national radio and television programs on networks such as ESPN, Fox Sports and CNN. Fame and success have not changed Weber. He remains generous and humble. On road trips, no job is beneath him as he often helps team managers load the bus or passes out drinks and sandwiches to his players and staff.

# HEAD COACH BRUCE WEBER



**“People talk about dream jobs. For me, I had a dream of being a Big Ten head coach, and this is that opportunity - not only to be a Big Ten coach, but also to be in a program that I believe is one of the best in the country, one that has a chance to win a national championship. That’s a mouthful, but I believe it can be done.”**

**-Illini Head Coach Bruce Weber**

Weber's warm personality has made him a popular figure in the state of Illinois, as he is a frequent guest at civic clubs, booster club meetings, golf outings and many other speaking engagements.

In his five seasons at SIU, Weber took the Saluki program to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference, winning league titles in 2002 and 2003. He posted records of 28-8 and 24-7 in his last two seasons, leading the Salukis to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances including a run to the Sweet Sixteen in 2002 with wins over Texas Tech and Georgia at the United Center in Chicago. Weber's 52 wins combined in 2002 and 2003 ranked among the Top 5 in the nation. His .689 (62-28) winning percentage in MVC play ranked 12th in the long history of the league. Weber earned Missouri Valley Conference Coach-of-the-Year honors following the 2003 season.

The trademark of the Bruce Weber-led teams has been fundamentally sound defense, holding opponents to 40 percent shooting from the field in 2002 and 2003 and to 42 percent this past season. On the offensive end, the Salukis averaged 75.5 points in 2002 and 74.5 points last season, while Illinois led the Big Ten in scoring this past season, averaging 72.8 points.

At the age of 48, Weber has 25 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level with one season at Western Kentucky under Keady before moving with the long-time Boilermaker coach to West Lafayette the following year. He was named the Southern Illinois head coach prior to the 1998-99 season. In his one season at Western Kentucky, the Hilltoppers won the Ohio Valley Conference and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. In his 18 years at Purdue, the Boilermakers won six Big



**Last season, Bruce Weber became just the third coach in the 99-year history of the Big Ten Conference to win an outright Big Ten Championship in his first season.**



# HEAD COACH BRUCE WEBER

## CAREER COACHING RECORD

### ASSISTANT COACH

Western Kentucky University (1980), Head Coach Gene Keady

	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>Postseason Play</u>
1979-80	21-8 (.724)	NCAA

Purdue University (1981-1998), Head Coach Gene Keady

	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>Postseason Play</u>
1980-81	21-11 (.656)	NIT Final Four
1981-82	18-14 (.563)	NIT Runnerup
1982-83	21-9 (.700)	NCAA 2nd Round
1983-84	22-7 (.759)	NCAA, Big Ten Champs
1984-85	20-9 (.690)	NCAA
1985-86	22-10 (.688)	NCAA
1986-87	25-5 (.833)	NCAA 2nd Round, Big Ten Champs
1987-88	29-4 (.879)	NCAA Sweet 16, Big Ten Champs
1988-89	15-16 (.484)	
1989-90	22-8 (.733)	NCAA 2nd Round
1990-91	17-12 (.586)	NCAA
1991-92	18-15 (.545)	NIT
1992-93	18-10 (.643)	NCAA
1993-94	29-5 (.853)	NCAA Elite Eight, Big Ten Champs
1994-95	25-7 (.781)	NCAA 2nd Round, Big Ten Champs
1995-96	26-6 (.813)	NCAA 2nd Round, Big Ten Champs
1996-97	18-12 (.600)	NCAA 2nd Round
1997-98	28-8 (.778)	NCAA Sweet 16

### HEAD COACH

Southern Illinois University (1999-2003)

	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>Postseason Play</u>
1998-99	15-12 (.556)	
1999-2000	20-13 (.606)	NIT
2000-01	16-14 (.533)	
2001-02	28-8 (.778)	NCAA Sweet 16, MVC Champs
2002-03	24-7 (.774)	NCAA, MVC Champs
5 Years	103-54 (.656)	

University of Illinois (2004-05)

	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>Postseason Play</u>
2003-04	26-7 (.788)	NCAA Sweet 16, Big Ten Champs

6-Year Head Coaching Record: 129-61 (.679)

Big Ten Record: 13-3 (.813)

NCAA Tournament Record: 4-3 (.571)

Assistant Coaching Record: 436-184 (.703)

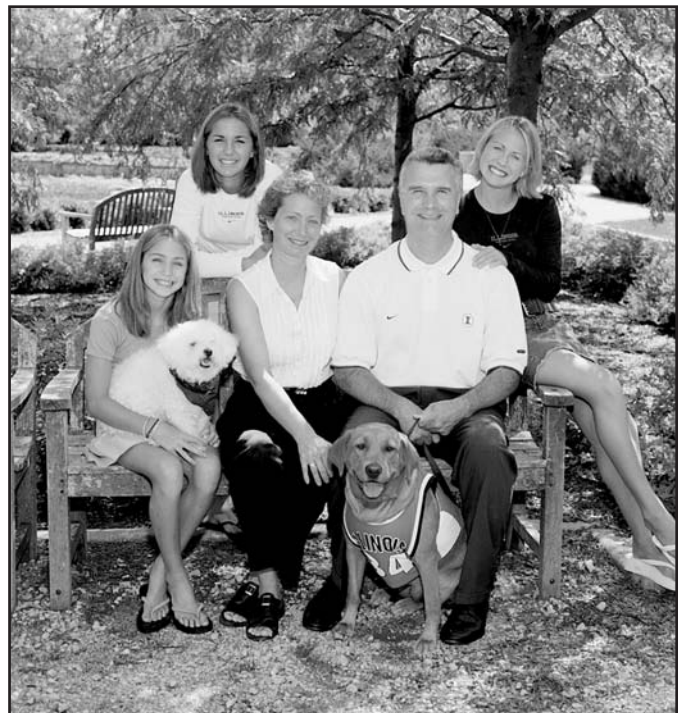
Total Division I Coaching Record: 565-245 (.698)

Ten titles, played in 14 NCAA Tournaments and had three NIT appearances.

Weber's association with Keady also allowed Weber to gain experience on the international level. He was an assistant coach for the USA Team at the World University Games in 1989 and head court coach for the Pan American team trials in 1991. Weber assisted Gene Keady in preparation for the Jones Cup, World University Games and Pan American Games.

Born Oct. 19, 1956, the Milwaukee-native began his career as a volunteer assistant coach at Madison High School in Milwaukee and a varsity assistant at Marquette University High School.

A 1978 graduate of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bruce and his wife, Megan, have three daughters, Hannah (18), Christy (16) and Emily (12).



**The Weber Family:** Emily, Christy, Megan, Bruce, Hannah and dogs Daisy and Penny.

# HEAD COACH BRUCE WEBER



## THE WEBER FILE

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004-05 University of Illinois, Head Coach
- 1999-03 Southern Illinois University, Head Coach
- 1981-98 Purdue University, Assistant Coach
- 1980 Western Kentucky University, Assistant Coach

### COACHING HONORS

- 2003 Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year

### EDUCATION

- Milwaukee John Marshall High School, 1974
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, B.S. in Education, 1978

### PERSONAL

- Born Oct. 19, 1956, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Wife: Megan; Children: Hannah, Christy and Emily

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### 1980 - WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

- Assistant coach at Western Kentucky under Gene Keady, helping the Hilltoppers to a 21-8 record and NCAA Tournament Appearance.

#### 1981-98 - PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Followed Gene Keady and served as assistant coach for 18 years

- Purdue had an overall 415-176 record during that time span
- During his 18-year stint, Purdue advanced to postseason play 17 times, including 14 times to the NCAA Tournament and three appearances in the NIT • The Boilers won six Big Ten titles during his 18 seasons.

#### 1999-2003 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

- Appointed head coach at Southern Illinois University in April, 1998 • Registered an overall coaching record of 103-54 in five seasons, but over his final two seasons compiled a 52-15 mark • Led SIU to Missouri Valley Conference titles in 2002 and 2003 • Took the Salukis to the 2002 NCAA Sweet 16 with a 28-8 mark • Earned MVC Coach of the Year honors after winning second conference title with 24-7 record in 2003 • Took SIU to the NIT in 2000 with a 20-13 mark • Finished his SIU career with a 62-28 record in MVC play, 12th-best winning percentage (.689) in conference history.

#### 2004-05 - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

- Named Illinois' 16th head coach on April 30, 2003 • Directed Illinois to its first outright Big Ten championship since 1952 • Just the third Big Ten coach ever to win an outright league title in his first season • Led Illini to 26 wins, tying the third winningest season in school history, and to the NCAA Sweet 16.

## THE WEBER RECORD

### Bruce Weber vs. All Opponents as a Head Coach

Opponent	W-L
Arkansas	1-0
Ball State	1-1
Belmont	1-0
Bradley	5-7
Brigham Young	0-1
Brigham Young-Hawaii	1-0
Cal State-Northridge	2-0
Charlotte	1-1
Cincinnati	1-0
Colorado	1-0
Colorado State	1-1
Creighton	5-7
Drake	9-1
Duke	0-1
Evansville	9-2
George Mason	2-0
Hartford	1-0
Illinois	0-1
Illinois-Chicago	4-2
Illinois State	9-3
Indiana	3-1
Indiana State	9-2
Iowa	2-0
Iowa State	1-0
Long Beach State	1-1
Maryland-Eastern Shore	1-0
Massachusetts	1-0
Memphis	1-0
Mercer	1-0
Michigan	2-0
Michigan State	1-0
Minnesota	1-0
Mississippi	0-1
Missouri	1-1
Murray State	4-1
North Carolina	0-1
Northern Iowa	7-3
Northwestern	1-1
Ohio State	2-0
Oregon	0-1
Penn State	2-0
Providence	0-1
Purdue	1-1
Saint Louis	3-2
Santa Clara	0-1
Southeast Missouri State	4-1
Southwest Missouri State	6-7
St. Mary's (Calif.)	1-0
Temple	1-0
Tennessee	0-1
Tennessee-Martin	1-0
Troy State	0-1
Tulsa	1-0
Virginia Commonwealth	1-0
Western Illinois	1-0
Western Kentucky	1-1
Wichita State	9-1
Wisconsin	1-2
Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1-0



# WAYNE McCLAIN

Assistant Coach



## THE McCLAIN FILE

### Hometown

Peoria, Ill.

### Family

Children, Sergio and Brindeshie

### Education

Illinois State, M.S., 1982

### Coaching Experience: 1977-94

Assistant Coach  
Peoria (Ill.) Manual High School

### 1995-2001

Head Coach  
Peoria (Ill.) Manual High School

### 2002-05

Assistant Coach  
University of Illinois

**“Wayne has given us continuity in the program and is a person who is known and respected throughout the state of Illinois because of his program at Manual. Add to the fact that both his son and daughter attended the university and it shows he has great pride in Illinois.”**

**–Bruce Weber**

Wayne McClain begins his fourth year with the Fighting Illini coaching staff after a legendary prep career at Peoria Manual High School. He came to Illinois following an illustrious seven-year career as head coach at Manual where he led the Rams to three-straight AA state championships in his first three years as coach. *USA Today* named his 1997 squad, led by future Illini Sergio McClain, Marcus Griffin and Frank Williams, National High School Champions, and the senior McClain was named National High School Coach of the Year.

The Rams had records of 32-2, 31-2 and 31-1 in his first three seasons as head coach, winning state titles each season. McClain also earned Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1995, '96 and '97. The Rams won Midstate Six Conference titles in each of his first five years as head coach, while Manual also advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the AA state tournament in 1998 and 1999.

He began his high school career in 1977, serving as an assistant basketball coach to the legendary Dick Van Scyoc for 18 years until being named head coach in 1995. McClain helped the Rams to the first of four straight state titles in 1994. His teaching career includes teaching at the sixth grade level, teaching high school physical education and as the Manual High School Dean of Students.

Wayne's son, Sergio, was a player on all four Manual state championship squads prior to his career at Illinois, where he helped the Illini to two Big Ten titles. While at Manual,

McClain coached four future Illini players including Jerry Hester, Marcus Griffin, his son, Sergio, and Frank Williams.

“Wayne has given us continuity in the program and is a person who is known and respected throughout the state of Illinois because of his program at Manual,” Weber said. “Add to the fact that both his son and daughter attended the university and it shows he has great pride in Illinois.”

McClain earned a master's degree in physical education at Illinois State University in 1982 while teaching at Manual.

McClain has two children. His son, Sergio, competed four years as a student-athlete on the UI men's basketball team from 1998-2001 and graduated from Illinois, and his daughter, Brindeshie, is a senior at the UI this fall.



Wayne McClain is in his fourth season as an Illini assistant coach.

# JAY PRICE

Assistant Coach



## THE PRICE FILE

### Hometown

Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Family

Wife, Beth;  
Daughter, Katherine

### Education

Kansas, B.S., 1991

### Coaching Experience 1992-93

Assistant Coach  
University of Oklahoma

### 1994-2003

Assistant Coach  
Purdue University

### 2004-05

Assistant Coach  
University of Illinois

**“Jay is one of the most experienced coaches in the Big Ten and knows what it takes to be successful in our conference. He has experience in every aspect of helping run a college program, including recruiting, scheduling, travel, summer camps, scouting and player development.”**

**—Bruce Weber**

Jay Price begins his second season at Illinois after he joined the Fighting Illini basketball staff on May 14, 2003. In addition to his coaching and scouting responsibilities, Price handles a number of administrative duties for the Illini program.

Price came to Illinois after spending 10 years as an assistant coach at Purdue under Gene Keady. Price served as Purdue’s recruiting coordinator and oversaw camps, team travel and scheduling along with his coaching duties. During his time at Purdue the Boilermakers compiled a record of 220-105 (.677), winning three Big Ten championships and earning eight NCAA Tournament berths. Weber and Price worked together as assistants on the Purdue staff for five seasons, from 1994-98.

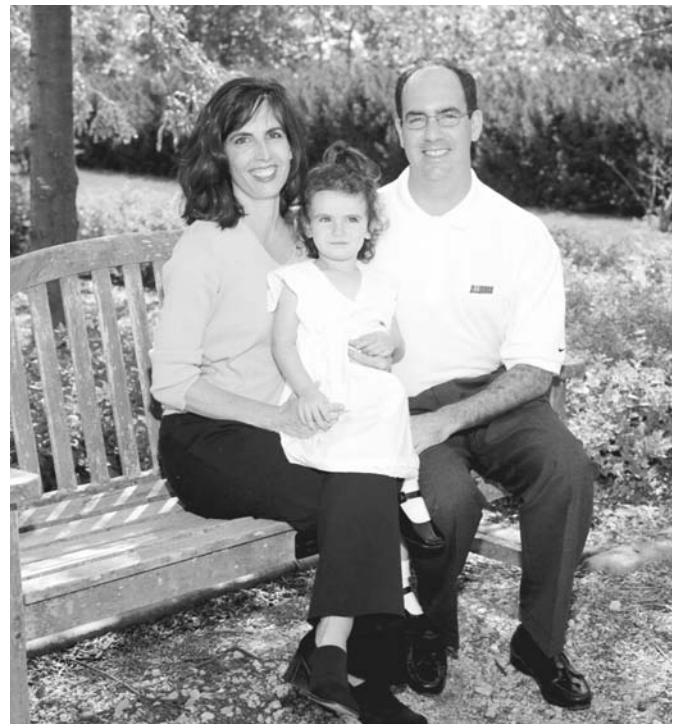
“Jay is one of the most experienced coaches in the Big Ten and knows what it takes to be successful in our conference,” Weber said. “He is a very hard worker who has proven to be quite an asset, as he has experience in every aspect of helping run a college program, including recruiting, scheduling, travel, summer camps, scouting and player development.”

Price began his coaching career with a two-year stint as an assistant at Oklahoma under former coach Billy Tubbs before going to Purdue. During that time, he also served as manager for the U.S. Olympic men’s basketball “Dream Team” while the squad practiced in the United States during the summer of 1992.

A native of Oklahoma City, Okla., Price was a basketball manager at Kansas for four years under former coaches Larry Brown and Roy Williams, serving as head manager for Williams as both a junior and senior. During his time at Kansas, the Jayhawks won the national championship in 1988 and finished as national runner-up in 1991.

Price is the vice president of the NABC assistant coaches committee.

Price received a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Kansas in 1991. He and his wife, Beth have a daughter, Katherine.



**The Price Family:** Beth, Katherine and Jay.



# TRACY WEBSTER

Assistant Coach



## THE WEBSTER FILE

### Hometown

Harvey, Ill.

### Family

Wife, Shenetta

### Education

Wisconsin, B.A., 1995

### Coaching Experience 1997-98

Assistant Coach  
Verona (Wis.) High School

### 1999

Assistant Coach  
University of Wisconsin-  
Parkside

### 2001-03

Assistant Coach  
Ball State University

### 2004

Assistant Coach  
Purdue University

### 2005

Assistant Coach  
University of Illinois

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**-Bruce Weber**

Tracy Webster is in his first season as an assistant coach with the Illini after being hired on May 17, 2004.

A native of Harvey, Ill., Webster came to Illinois after serving as an assistant at Purdue last season.

Prior to coaching in the Big Ten Conference, Webster spent three seasons as an assistant at Ball State from 2001-03. While in Muncie, Ind., he helped Ball State to the school's first outright Mid-American Conference West Division Championships and the Elite Eight of the National Invitational Tournament in 2002.

“Tracy brings a great connection to Chicago after a terrific career at Thornton High School. He knows the Big Ten Conference, after playing at Wisconsin and working as an assistant at Purdue. In his career at the Division I level, Tracy has had the opportunity to branch out and recruit many areas of the country, making him even more valuable. Our assistant coaches played a big part in the search, and all were strongly in favor of Tracy joining the Illini.”

Webster was a three-year letter-winner and three-time team captain at the University of Wisconsin from 1992-94. He was team MVP and earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 1992, was a third-team all-conference pick in '93 and earned honorable mention honors in '94.

Webster is the school record holder for career assists (501) and ranks No. 2 in career steals (183). He also stands 11th on the Badgers' career scoring chart with 1,264 points. He owns two Wisconsin season records, setting marks for 3-point percentage

(.490 in 1991-92) and assists (179 in 1992-93).

After wrapping up his playing career, Webster served as the coordinator of community outreach programs at Wisconsin from 1994-97. He began his coaching career as the head freshman and varsity assistant coach at Verona High School in Wisconsin from 1997-98. He then served as an assistant at the Division II level at Wisconsin-Parkside during the 1998-99 season.

Prior to his tenure at Ball State, Webster spent 1999-2000 as the director of Webster Extramural Basketball Productions and as a care coordinator at Willowglen Academy in Milwaukee.

Webster earned his bachelor's degree from Wisconsin in 1995. He is married to the former Shenetta Richardson.



**The Websters:** Shenetta and Tracy.

# GARY NOTTINGHAM

Assistant to the Head Coach



## THE NOTTINGHAM FILE

### Hometown

Gassaway, W.V.

### Family

Wife, Jennifer;  
Children, Paulina and Jacob  
Quin

### Education

Glenville State, B.S., 1979  
Western Kentucky, M.S., 1980

### Coaching Experience: 1981-83

Assistant Coach  
Glenville State College

### 1984-97

Head Coach  
Glenville State College

### 1998-2002

Head Coach  
University of South  
Carolina-Spartanburg

### 2004-05

Assistant to the Head Coach  
University of Illinois

**“Gary has brought a ton of experience to our program, since he was named a head coach at the age of 26. He has been a trusted friend since we were together at Western Kentucky.”**

**—Bruce Weber**

Bruce Weber hired Gary Nottingham as assistant to the head coach for the program on June 11, 2003.

Nottingham, who worked with Weber as a graduate assistant at Western Kentucky, was head coach at Glenville State College from 1983-1997 and at the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg from 1997-2002, compiling an overall record of 272-262. At the end of the 2002 season at Spartanburg, Nottingham ranked among the Top 50 in career wins among the 290 active NCAA Div. II basketball coaches.

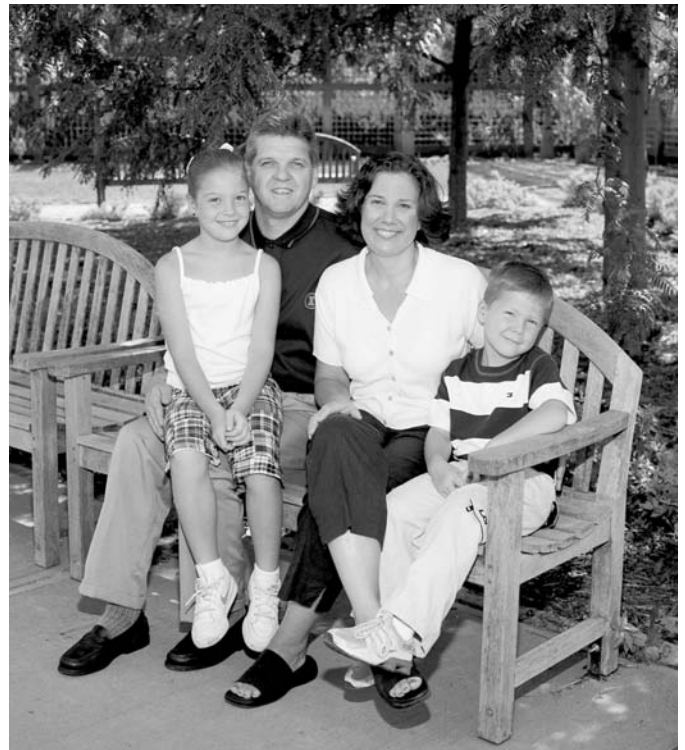
Nottingham was just 26 years old when he earned his first head coaching position at Glenville in 1983. He was the 1993 West Virginia Conference Coach of the Year after leading Glenville to a 21-5 record and No. 18 ranking in NAIA, the school's best season since 1942. The Pioneers finished second in the WVC that season with 17 league wins (a school record), the school's highest conference finish since '42. Nottingham led Glenville to second place at the 1995 WVC Tournament and to five semifinal appearances in his 14 seasons.

His best season at South Carolina-Spartanburg came in 1998 when he led the Rifles to a 22-7 mark, the NCAA Div. II Regional Semifinals and Top 20 national ranking. Spartanburg won the 1998 Peach Belt Championship.

“Gary has brought a ton of experience to our program,” Weber said. “Since he was named a head coach at the age of 26, he had to deal with many things that I never did, even as an assistant in the Big Ten.

He has been a trusted friend since we were together at Western Kentucky, and a person I have always felt comfortable in talking to about basketball. If I needed an in-bounds play or advice about strategy, I could always call him and pick his brain about ideas. Gary gives our staff a different mixture than most, and is someone I use as another consultant about any issue on a daily basis.”

Nottingham earned a bachelor's degree from Glenville State in 1979 and a master's degree from Western Kentucky in 1980. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Paulina and Jacob Quin.



**The Nottingham Family:** Paulina, Gary, Jennifer and Jacob Quin.



# SPORTS MEDICINE

When it comes to sports medicine, the University of Illinois has the finest in medical personnel to keep the Fighting Illini basketball players healthy and on the court. The sports medicine staff's No. 1 goal is the prevention of injuries, but in the unfortunate event of an injury the staff works diligently to get the athlete back into playing condition as quickly as possible.

The sports medicine team would not be complete without the team physicians, who tend to the medical needs of the student-athletes.

**Dr. Jeff Kyrouac** is the head team physician and **Dr. Robert Gurtler** is the team orthopedic surgeon.

Kyrouac is in his second season in this capacity for the UI basketball program, and has served the Fighting Illini football program since January 2001. He directs the drug-education and drug-testing programs, and provides consultations to the athletic training staff. He received his M.D. from Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine in 1980 and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He serves as a clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Gurtler has been on the team's medical staff since 1983. He is responsible for treating orthopedic injuries to athletes in varsity sports. In addition to his duties with the U of I, Gurtler has a private practice at Carle Hospital, focusing primarily on sports-related injuries.



**The Sports Medicine Staff:** Dr. Jeff Kyrouac, Al Martindale and Dr. Robert Gurtler.



## **AL MARTINDALE** Athletic Trainer/ Director of Sports Medicine

The basketball athletic training staff is headed by Director of Sports Medicine Al Martindale, who is in his 25th year as a head trainer at the Division I level, his 22nd year at Illinois and his second with the Illini basketball squad.

The native of Postville, Iowa, spent six years at the University of Hawaii, including three as head trainer, before accepting the Illinois position.

Martindale received his B.S. in physical education from Upper Iowa University in 1973. From UIU he went to Indiana State, where he earned a master's degree in 1974. His next stop was Moline (Ill.) High School, where he spent three years before taking the position at Hawaii.

In addition to working with the basketball team, Martindale's responsibilities include the prevention and treatment of injuries for athletes in all 19 of Illinois' varsity sports. He also supervises seven full-time assistants, two graduate assistants and more than two dozen student trainers.

Martindale and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Meghan and Marc, and live in Champaign.

# ROD CARDINAL

## Director of Basketball Operations



After 30 years as head athletic trainer of the Fighting Illini men's basketball team, Rod Cardinal is in his second year as director of basketball operations. Cardinal handles many aspects of the basketball program, including coordinating all travel plans for the team. He is also in charge of preparations for the centennial celebration of Illinois basketball that will take place throughout the 2004-05 season.

Cardinal joined the Illinois staff as assistant athletics trainer at the UI in July 1973 and retired from that position in the summer of 2003 as one of the most respected athletic trainers in the nation. Prior to his appointment at Illinois, he served in a similar capacity as athletic trainer at the U.S. Military Academy.

A native of Blaine, Minn., Cardinal graduated from Southwest State University (Minn.) in 1971 with a B.S. in health and physical education. He was a student trainer in high school, and in college for three years prior to his West Point position. He also played varsity basketball in college.

Cardinal earned a master's degree in 1977 from Illinois in physical education and sports medicine with an additional emphasis in educational administration. He received the Alumni Achievement Award from Southwest State University in 1995 and has been honored as an Honory Varsity "I" member at Illinois.



Mary and Rod Cardinal

Cardinal, along with his wife, Mary, have three grown children and reside in Tolono. Their youngest son, Brian, was an All-Big Ten selection at Purdue and is a member of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies.

## SUPPORT STAFF



**Dana Brenner**  
Associate Director  
of Athletics



**Kent Brown**  
Assistant AD/  
Sports Info. Director



**Derrick Burson**  
Sports Information



**Cindy Butkovich**  
Basketball Secretary



**Cheryl Cain**  
Director, Athletic  
Ticket Office



**Bethany Foss**  
Athletic Ticket Office



**Jason Holtman**  
Academic Advisor



**Kathy Hug**  
Event Management



**Sue Johnson**  
Marketing



**Jimmy Price**  
Strength &  
Conditioning



# EQUIPMENT STAFF AND MANAGERS



**Basketball Equipment Managers (L-R):** Steve Bode, Jesse Ratliff and Andy Dixon.

These three men have the all-encompassing job of keeping up with the Fighting Illini's equipment needs. Jesse Ratliff is in his 18th year with the equipment staff. Ratliff and his wife, Barbara White, have three children. Steve Bode joined the staff in 1993 after working for the UI Division of Campus Recreation the previous five years. He is married to the former Nancy Edwards. Andy Dixon oversees the entire athletics equipment staff and has been on the UI staff since 1980. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two daughters, Whitney and Andrea.



**2004-05 Basketball Managers (L-R):** Jeremy Aguiar, Tim Patrick, Carson Shipley, Brian Lempa, Matt McCumber, Greg Niewold, Tyler Kastner, Chet Bandy, Chris Fair. Not Pictured: Steven Carter, Brandon Smith.



## Richmonds Endow Basketball Coach's Position

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been close to Jack Richmond all his life.

The Champaign resident, U of I graduate, retired businessman, is a longtime benefactor to his alma mater. A lifelong Fighting Illini fan, Jack Richmond and his wife, Marge, endowed the salary of the men's basketball head coach position with a gift of \$2 million. This gift significantly increased their previous seven-figure commitment to the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Their generosity extends across the U-C campus. In May 2004, Jack made a six-figure gift creating the Jack C. Richmond Scholarships for the benefit of student athletes who are members of the men's varsity gymnastics team. In September 2003, the couple made a \$1.5 million gift that will name and dedicate the Richmond Family Gallery, the first floor reception area of the planned University of Illinois Alice Campbell Alumni Center. The Richmonds also provided a \$2 million gift to the College of Communications in 1998 that created the Richmond Journalism Teaching Studio, a broadcast facility for journalism students in Campbell Hall for Public Telecommunication. The Richmond Studio and the Richmond Family Gallery honor Jack and Marge as well as the memory of Jack's parents, Arthur Dean and Mildred Hummel Richmond.

"The Richmond Family Endowed Men's Head Basketball Coach" is another example of the generations-long benevolence of the Richmond family. Jack, whose ancestors helped settle Champaign County, said his parents contributed to the U of I for the construction of Memorial Stadium. Seven-year-old Jack was on hand for the dedication of Memorial Stadium on Oct. 18, 1924, a day forever highlighted by Red Grange's five touchdowns during an Illinois romp over top-ranked Michigan. Jack has been hooked on Fighting Illini sports ever since.

But before Jack could attend the U of I, he learned a few lessons in life. The Richmonds were devastated by the Great Depression, losing their significant holdings of farmland and other assets. The dramatic change in lifestyle had a profound effect on Jack.

It also made him further appreciate the University of Illinois.

His years at the U of I were greatly

satisfying. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity and was active in sports. As a freshman gymnast who earned his numerals with the U of I team, Jack said he broke his sternum following a dismount from the flying rings. No longer able to compete as a gymnast, he focused his attention on weight training. At that point, weights weren't popular and were nonexistent at the U of I.

"I always thought that weight training, if done properly, would help athletes. Nobody believed me," he said.

Still, he convinced Seward Staley, director of the U of I School of Physical Education, to purchase a set of Olympic weights. A small but dedicated weight lifting team was formed, and the sport spread to first to the intramural level and then was adopted by the physical education department as a P.E. course.

Today, the benefits of weight training are widely recognized and top-notch equipment is readily available across campus. Jack smiles and says, "I feel like I was 60 years ahead of my time."

And those muscles paid off for Jack, who was a railroad worker, wrecking crew member, meat truck driver, corn detassler, lifeguard, bouncer and even a model for the U of I art school to pay for his education. He graduated in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

He followed up his four years of ROTC at the U of I with a tour in the Army. Then he put his degree to work when he joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service as a county farm planner, opening district offices in Macon County and Clark County.

Later, Jack was recruited by a former member of the U of I gymnastics team as a salesman for Marchant Calculators. His

capacity to sell was exceptional, and he soon had clients from area grain elevator operators to the U of I. He remained with Marchant, which was acquired by Smith Corona and became known as SCM Corp., until 1972. Then he was ready to embark on a new course — the stock market.

He had dabbled in the market since 1955, but by the early 1970s he had the time and resources to become more active

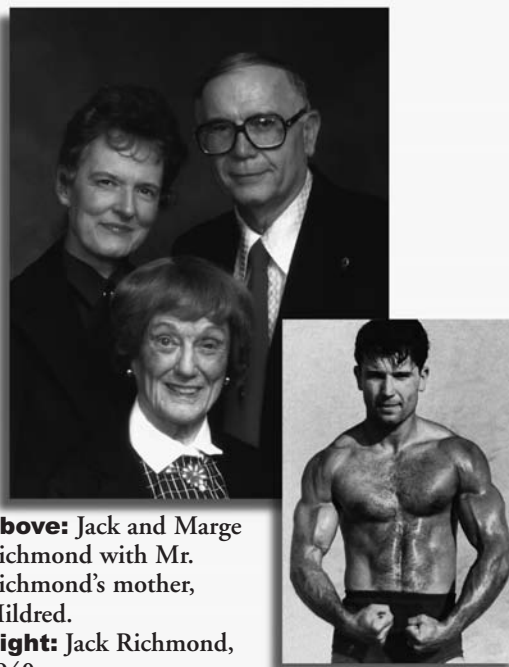
in the stock market. He enjoyed success in this realm as well, and was more than willing to share. A donor since 1965, his generosity to the U of I increased significantly over the years. Jack and his mother became members of the Presidents Council in 1976 and Marge became a member in 1990. The Richmonds are lifetime members of the Alumni Association as well.

Always interested in athletics at the U of I, Jack and

Mildred Richmond had made a \$1 million commitment to the Athletic Department in 1981. He became an honorary member of the I Man's Association and has been a member and former president of the Illini Quarterback Club since 1955. He also joined the Rebounders Club shortly after former head coach Lou Henson founded it. Jack is also a life member of the Fighting Illini Scholarship Fund.

The Richmond name will be forever associated with athletics at the U of I through the endowment of the men's basketball head coach position. Jack said he hopes his gift ensures success for the Fighting Illini basketball program for future generations through the Richmond Family Endowed Men's Head Basketball Coach.

For lifelong Illini fan and generous supporter Jack Richmond, it just doesn't get any better.



**Above:** Jack and Marge Richmond with Mr. Richmond's mother, Mildred.  
**Right:** Jack Richmond, 1940.