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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING PRESIDENT TOM BUCHANAN

Tom Buchanan became the 23rd president of the University of Wyoming on July 1, 2005.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from the State University of New York, a master's of science from the University of Wyoming, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to joining the UW faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor in the Department of Geography, Buchanan taught at the Pennsylvania State University and at the University of Illinois.

Buchanan served as assistant professor at UW from 1979-1985; associate professor from 1986-91; department head from 1988 to 1991, and was promoted to professor in 1991. He served as associate dean of the UW College of Arts and Sciences from 1991-1997, and was named UW's associate provost in 1997. He was chosen vice president for academic affairs in October 1998.

As vice president for academic affairs, Buchanan has been responsible for development and implementation of the university's two Academic Plans (1999-2004 and 2004-2009), which have guided and are guiding decisions concerning the number, scope, and focus of the university's academic programs, the activities of academic personnel, and the allocation of university resources and institutional energy.

Major accomplishments of the plan to date include achieving enrollment levels of 13,000 students, developing a centralized position management system that applies personnel dollars to institutional priorities, streamlining the university's general studies program, implementing tuition charges by credit, increasing distribution efficiency of student financial aid, developing processes to assess learning outcomes at UW, enhancing the school and institute of environment and natural resources, designing intervention programs for students at risk, developing an interdisciplinary program in life sciences, and eliminating underused academic programs and initiating new academic programs in areas of university distinction.

As president, Buchanan's priorities for the university include focusing on academics, with special attention given to the composition of the instructional workforce; maintaining stability in the university's research program; maintaining administrative stability and performance; realigning the university's enrollment strategy to meet specific goals of the Academic Plans; continuing campus planning processes directed toward academics, support services, facilities, and intercollegiate



*The Buchanan Family
Tom and Jacquie*

athletics; and seeing through to completion construction projects that are underway and under development.

He received the John P. Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Award in 1988 and the College of Arts and Sciences Seibold Professorship in 1990. In 1992 he was named a College of Arts and Sciences Exemplary Alumnus. In 1997 he received an exemplary administration award from the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators, and in 1997 he was chosen for an Educause Fellowship for the 21st Century. Buchanan is former president of the Northwest Academic Forum, a 32 institution consortium of universities in 11 western states. He has continued postdoctoral studies at the Harvard schools of Law, Business, and Graduate Education.

Buchanan served as acting UW president during summer 2002.

He is married to Jacquie, whom he met while a student at UW. They have one son, Eric.

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GARY BARTA DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

It doesn't take long to get to know Gary Barta, and once you've met him, you'd swear you've known him for years. He makes you feel comfortable.

It doesn't take long to understand his passion for intercollegiate athletics, either. He'll get you fired up about the University of Wyoming.

There's his enthusiasm, friendly smile, and his ability to make you feel special. But more importantly, there's his commitment; his commitment to what is right with collegiate athletics; his commitment to the student-athlete; his commitment to the fan base that so loyally supports the program. He is as genuine as a Wyoming sunset.

On Sept. 15, 2003, former UW President Philip L. Dubois selected Barta as the school's seventh athletics director, to navigate Wyoming's intercollegiate athletics department through one of its most exciting and critical periods in history.

What has been accomplished since Barta's arrival is amazing. Wyoming's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is as healthy as it has been in decades.

Dubois' selection could not have been more right for Wyoming. "Gary is a leader," Dubois said. "He has the experience, the energy, and the personality to help move the University of Wyoming's Intercollegiate Athletics Program to the level of excellence we want for all of our university programs. He is not just the right guy, but he comes from the right kind of place. Coming from the PAC-10 (Washington), a BCS conference with a storied tradition of excellence, Gary knows what a first-class athletic program looks like, and he knows how to get us there."

Thanks to Barta, Wyoming is well on its way to getting there.

Not only are Wyoming's athletic programs enjoying more success, across the board, than they have in years, but the plan to address facility needs is well underway. In Barta's first two years, six Wyoming coaches have received Coach of the Year honors from the Mountain West Conference, Wyoming swimming produced an Olympian (Scott Usher) and Cowgirl track had a national champion (Shauna Smith). Eleven of Wyoming's programs earned grade-point averages of 3.0 or better following the spring semester. Cowboy offensive center Trenton Franz was selected as an Academic All-American, and earned an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship.

Dubois felt strongly that Barta was the man to assist him in securing funding for the Strategic Plan for Intercollegiate Athletics. The plan was approved by the university trustees in September of 2003 to position UW for success as a member of the NCAA Division I-A Mountain West Conference. A key element of the plan was to address critical facility needs to strengthen the recruitment of student-athletes and coaches, and to enhance the fan experience at War Memorial Stadium.

In 15 months, Barta has been instrumental in securing \$20 million for facility renovation. In March of 2004, the Wyoming State Legislature approved a \$10 million matching fund. By June of 2005, the \$10 million was raised, and the matching fund exhausted. The campaign included a \$5 million gift from Casper entrepreneurs John and Mari Ann Martin and Mick and Susie McMurry and their families, matched by the state for a total of \$10 million.

Facility needs addressed in the plan included: repairing the structure of War Memorial Stadium (upper West stands completed in summer of 2004); replacing the playing surface at the stadium, which has been named "Jonah Field" in recognition of the McMurry-Martin gift (completed in August of 2005); building of an indoor practice facility primarily for football and women's soccer, but ultimately benefitting all 17 sports at UW; enhancing the stadium with improved restroom and concession facilities, as well as donor suites; improving women's tennis facilities; and installing an all-weather track (funded through a gift of the Louis Madrid estate and contributions from families and fans honoring the eight UW cross country student-athletes killed in a 2001 car accident).

Barta is extremely impressed with UW's Strategic Plan, and he is equally impressed with the amount of progress made in such a short period of time.

"The plan does a great job of laying the ground work for Wyoming's future success," he says. "It is visionary, and yet practical. However, great vision without resources is irrelevant. I'm thrilled and grateful we've been able to accomplish both. It has taken a lot of hard work by a lot of people, and tremendous generosity by many wonderful supporters, but I'm happy to say the Athletic Plan is well on its way. The buy-in, and the commitment to Cowgirl and Cowboy athletics is amazing.

"There is a great history and tradition with this athletics program. There is a marvelous love affair between this wonderful state, and its athletic programs. The momentum of the Strategic Plan has UW athletics back on a successful track, the kind of success that has built the tremendous tradition that is Wyoming. Those, who call themselves Cowboy fans, have done their part to make it happen. We're not done by any means, raising funds necessary to be successful is a constant. But the progress made has been very impressive."

Barta is a 42-year-old (Sept. 4, 1963) native of Minneapolis, Minn. Prior to coming to Wyoming, he served as the University of Washington's Senior Associate Athletics Director for External Relations and Sports Programs from 1996-2003. In that position, he was responsible for raising more than \$100 million in private and corporate funds for capital improvements. He also was responsible for generating revenue to fund Washington's \$40 million annual intercollegiate athletics budget. While at Washington, Barta was directly involved in a variety of duties including: hiring of coaches and administrative staff; coordinating the schedule for men's basketball; initiating and managing sponsorship relationships and negotiating radio network contracts.

Upon his arrival at Washington, he directed its "Campaign for the Student-Athlete" which included a \$100 million upgrade of five athletics facilities. Barta was a central participant in the design and construction of those facilities, including the \$44 million renovation of the Bank of America Arena and a \$30 million renovation of the Dempsey Indoor Practice Facility. During his tenure, annual private support increased from \$6.9 million per year to \$15.8 million.

The Bank of America Arena at Hec Edmundson Pavilion opened to rave reviews in November of 2000, and was the first building to be completed. In September of 2001, construction was completed on Dempsey Indoor, a 100,000 square-foot multipurpose practice facility that provided critical training space for Washington's 650 student-athletes. The final three buildings were in the design and planning stages when Barta left for Wyoming.

In addition to management of all external relations including fund-raising, marketing and ticketing programs, Barta assisted coaches and student-athletes in Washington's 23 sports to achieve a high level of success on and off the field. In his final year in Seattle (2002-03), 21 of the 23 Husky sports programs participated in postseason play, and the average grade-point average for the 23 teams was 3.0.

Barta was a member of the cabinet for the University's Vice President of Development. He directed the Washington athletics department strategic planning process, and was directly involved with Washington's Athletics Director in searching for and hiring head football and men's basketball coaches.

He has been an active participant in the National Association for Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), and served as vice president on the Executive Board for the National Association for Athletic Development Directors (NAADD).

Barta earned his bachelor of science degree in mass communication and broadcast journalism from North Dakota State University in 1987. He was an option quarterback for the Bison football squad that won the Division II NCAA National Championships in 1983, 1985 and 1986. He returned to NDSU to begin his career in 1988 as an associate director of development and later director of development. While at his alma mater, Barta assisted in the completion of a \$15 million capital campaign, and served on a task force that helped raise funds for the 20,000-seat Fargo Dome on campus. He remained there through 1990. During that same time, he also was a sportscaster for WDAY radio and television in Fargo, N.D.

From 1990 through 1996, Barta served as Director of Athletics Development and External Relations at the University of Northern Iowa. There he managed all fund-raising, marketing and promotions, and media relations activities for the school's 17-sport program.

Barta and his wife, Connie, have a son, Luke (7) and a daughter, Madison (5).



*The Barta Family
Gary, Connie, Madison and Luke*

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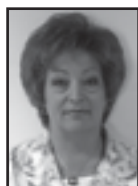
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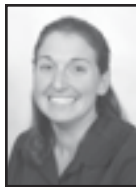
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