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MORE THAN 4,700 UNITS OF BLOOD COLLECTED IN 9TH ANNUAL CAA BLOOD CHALLENGE

The CAA would like to thank all twelve member institutions for their participation in the ninth annual CAA Blood Challenge. The event was once again a success, as we collected 4,718 units of blood this year. This represents a 7.8% increase from last year, and more than four times what was collected in the inaugural event in 2002.

Drexel University captured the CAA Blood Challenge for the fifth year in a row following another outstanding effort. Drexel shattered all previous records with 1,105 actual donors, which resulted in 1,045 productive units of blood collected.

George Mason University placed second with 727 donors. The second-place finish is the highest ever for the Patriots in the Blood Challenge as they more than doubled the number of donors from last year's drive. The University of Delaware, which won the first four CAA Blood Challenges (2002-05), finished third with 654 donors. Virginia Commonwealth University placed fourth with 439 donors. It marks the fourth consecutive year that VCU has finished in the top four in the Challenge.

Commissioner Yeager will present Drexel University with an award in recognition of its outstanding achievement at the Drexel versus James Madison men's basketball game on February 9, 2011.

VACATION PERIODS AND BETWEEN TERMS-- BYLAW 17.1.6.3.6

Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session. If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off (see Bylaw [17.1.6.4](#)), which may be a vacation day. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92)

PROPOSED LEGISLATION REMINDER

As a reminder, at its January 12-13 meeting, the Legislative Council will be responsible for considering, and ultimately voting on, all legislative proposals being considered in the annual legislative cycle. Proposals receiving at least two-thirds support by the Legislative Council at that meeting will be considered adopted but that action will not be considered final until after the conclusion of the Board of Directors January 16 meeting. Therefore, pursuant to this process, the Board has the authority to consider any proposal adopted by the Legislative Council, but is not required to examine every adopted proposal. The intent of this process is to allow the Legislative Council to take final action on the day-to-day legislative matters necessary for the efficient management of Division I, but to leave to the Board the authority to address any issue facing the division.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/Track & Field

Jan 1– Jan 2 ~ Quiet Period
 Jan 3– Jan 30 ~ Contact Period
 Jan 31 ~ Dead Period

Men's Basketball

Jan 1– Jan 31 ~ Evaluation Period*
 *All live evaluations during academic year shall be limited regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/ tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution.

Women's Basketball

Jan 1-Jan 31 ~ Evaluation Period

Baseball

Jan 1-Jan 5 ~ Quiet Period
 Jan 6– Jan 10 (12:01 am) ~ Dead Period*
 *Dates based on American Baseball Coaches Association Convention Jan 6-9, 2011
 Jan 10 (12:02 am) - Jan 31~ Quiet Period

Softball

Jan 1~ Quiet Period
 Jan 2– Jan 31 ~ Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

Jan 1– Jan 14 ~ Quiet Period
 Jan 15-Jan 31 ~ Contact Period*
 *In those states that play their volleyball season in the winter, contacts and evaluations are permissible Jan 1 - Friday prior to Presidents Weekend Tournaments.

Men's Lacrosse

Jan 1– Jan 2 ~ Dead Period
 Jan 3– Jan 17 ~ Contact Period *
 *No evaluations
 Jan 18– Jan 31 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Lacrosse

Jan 1 ~ Quiet Period
 Jan 2- Jan 31~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

Please refer to January 2011 CAA

STAFF INTERPRETATION: SEASON OF COMPETITION AND BANNED DRUGS

Staff Interpretation**December 2, 2010**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drug classes automatically loses one season of competition, regardless of whether the positive test occurs prior to or during the institution's playing season in the applicable sport. Further, if a student-athlete has participated in intercollegiate competition during an academic year prior to the positive drug test or participated in intercollegiate competition during an academic year after the restoration of his or her eligibility, the student-athlete also uses a season of competition per NCAA Bylaw 14.2.3.1. Consequently, it is possible for a student-athlete to be charged with the use of two seasons of competition during one academic year as follows:

2008-09 season: Student-athlete competes entire season. (Use of Season No. 1)

2009-10 season: Student-athlete competes in first four contests (Use of Season No. 2-minimum amount of competition), tests positive for a banned substance and is declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions of Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1. (Automatic charge of Season No. 3- banned drug penalty)

2010-11 season: Student-athlete sits out 365 days and the next four contests of the season (including postseason contests if the institution's team qualifies). Student-athlete competes in last four contests of the season. (Use of Season No. 4-minimum amount of competition)

[References: Bylaws 14.2.3.1 (minimum amount of competition); 18.4.1.5 (ineligibility for use of banned drugs) and 18.4.1.5.1 (duration of ineligibility)]

STAFF INTERPRETATION: FINANCIAL AID TO MID-YEAR ENROLLEE WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED ATHLETIC FINANCIAL AID FOR FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEAR.

Staff Interpretation**May 2, 2008**

The membership services staff determined that it is not permissible to award athletics aid to an individual for any term in the regular academic year preceding the academic year for which the prospective student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid [e.g., National Letter of Intent (NLI) and accompanying financial aid agreement, institutional financial aid agreement]. For example, if an individual signs an NLI in November for the following academic year and then graduates from high school at midyear, the institution may not award athletics aid to that prospective student-athlete for the spring term following the prospective student-athlete's high school graduation. Such an arrangement would constitute an impermissible award of an athletics grant-in-aid for a period in excess of one academic year.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.02.7 (period of award) and 15.3.3.1 (one-year period)]