Wichita State University

# THE SPORT MANAGER

## Mike Ross Joins Sport Management Faculty



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Mike Ross, who has spent the last 10 years working in the WSU athletic department, has joined the full-time faculty in the Department of Sport Management. Ross, who has taught two courses previously as a part-time lecturer, will instruct three courses during the spring semester and supervise students conducting practicum and internship assignments.

the opportunity to join the

Sport Management fac-

department grow from several different perspectives as a student, as a practitioner and as a lecturer. Now I have the chance to work with the students in this program and watch them grow on a daily basis and that is something I look for-

Ross received his

sport administration in

degree in sport administration in 2006. Both degrees are from WSU. From 2001 to 2004, he served as a media relations assistant in WSU athletics, and for the past six years, he has worked as an assistant director of media relations, serving as the primary media contact

and working with a vari-

ety of online public relations tools.

participate in a wide variety of experiences over the years as a member of the athletics

the chance to work with an outstanding group of people in Clay, Jeff, Mark and Mary to help WSU Sport Management students get a chance to leave a lasting mark on whatever field they choose to ex-

assignment includes undergraduate courses in sport public relations, sport marketing and sport law. It is anticipated he will begin teaching graduate-level courses in addition to undergraduate classes starting in the summer semester.

#### SPORT MANAGEMENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Sport Management Student Association is gearing up for a great spring semester in 2010, as we look forward to our trip to Oklahoma City to check out the Thunder and the other spring events that are on the horizon.

On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. we will depart for Oklahoma City for a trip that has really come together this year better than we anticipated. We made the decision to take a charter bus this year because we felt that we would have enough demand for a great trip and a great opportunity for networking on the professional level. The other benefit to the extra space is that there are a few spots for alumni to come with us on this trip. As students we more than welcome the company of alumni as we learn how all of our studies transfers to the working world

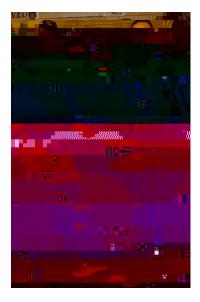
As the college basketball season starts to wrap up, the schedule starts to get a little hectic with Shocker Baseball starting in March. With the change of season comes some of our best events though, such as the baseball barbeque, career fair, and quite possibly another road trip. As officers we are always looking for great events for students to be a part of, and we welcome any ideas from alumni or contributors for places to go. Please feel free to suggest any trips that we could go on as all of us students explore the career field.

We have so many good memories from this last semester as we not only had events that brought us students together, but events that touched the community around us and started our own push against a disease cancer--that has affected us all. We have been blessed with some amazing young men and women that continue to make this association and this sport management program better and better every semester. Of course this would not be possible without the great administration to guide us and the foundation that was laid before us. Thank you all for your contributions, both past and present, that have paved the way for our success.

Caleb Klein, SMSA President

The 2009 Sport Management Recognition Night, held Nov. 12 in the Heskett Center lobby, was a big success on all fronts. More than 60 people attended to see a variety of awards given to deserving recipients and a special presentation by a leading expert in the field.

The Undergraduate Major of the Year went to Connor Meier,



Congratulations to Ryosho Matsumoto he was recently recognized by Matt Jacobs for his outstanding work as an intern at Butler Community College

## ALUMNI UPDATE

Matt Crist

coach and strength instructor at Wichita County High School.
Bernie Haney (G 04) and his wife Kristin welcomed a baby
Shun-

suke Miyamura

## SPORT MANAGEMENT RECOGNITION NIGHT PHOTOS

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