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## DePaul's Doug Bruno Elected 19th President of WBCA

ATLANTA, GA (May 16, 2005) -- DePaul University women's basketball coach Doug Bruno will officially begin his two-year term as the 19th President of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) on September 1, 2005. Bruno was elected by the WBCA membership to succeed current WBCA President Wendy Larry of Old Dominion University. As president, Bruno will be primarily responsible for supervising board members as the principal elected officer of the board.

Prior to his election as president, Bruno served on the WBCA Board of Directors as the chair of the Male Coaches of Women's Basketball. In addition, Bruno becomes only the second male coach in the organization's 24-year history to serve in this capacity. Ohio State women's basketball coach Jim Foster was the first when he was elected in 1993, while at Vanderbilt University.

Coming off his 19th season at DePaul, Bruno led the Blue Demons to a 26-5 record and second-round appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Overall, he has led the program to 10 NCAA Tournament appearances.

DePaul also captured the 2005 Conference USA Championship in their final season in the league. Next season, they join the BIG EAST Conference along with C-USA members Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida.

"All of the WBCA Past Presidents have done a great job of growing the game of women's basketball," said Bruno. "Our most recent Past Presidents, Marsha Sharp and soon to be Wendy Larry, have continued this growth and have worked tirelessly to advance the WBCA's impact on the sport. Because of their dynamic leadership, the WBCA has become an influential voice in the NCAA legislative process, in particular, with their work on the Recruiting and Access Package, which was commissioned by NCAA President Myles Brand.

"I am both humbled and challenged by the opportunity to serve as the WBCA President, and carry on the legacy of all the great coaches that have worked so diligently to see the BIG PICTURE and grow the game of women's basketball."

"The nominating committee was in overwhelming support of Coach Bruno," said President Larry. "He has been a wonderful advocate of women's basketball for many years and I feel confident in his ability to bring consensus among all coaches."