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## ISU Special Announcement

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### Prettyman leaving for position with NCAA

Director of Athletics Ron Prettyman is stepping away from his position at Indiana State University to become the managing director of championships and alliances at the NCAA. Prettyman leaves in the midst of his 11th year with Sycamore Athletics.

"My 10 1/2 years at Indiana State have been the greatest years in my career," Prettyman said. "I love Indiana State. President Bradley is a true visionary that has been a friend, a mentor and a strong supervisor to me. He is the best President that I have ever worked with and for. The Athletics Department is in a good place right now. Our administrative team made up of Angie Lansing, Joel McMullen, John Sherman, Ace Hunt and Phil Ness are as loyal and as efficient at their positions as anyone in the country. Our coaching staff is first class in every way. They are committed to academic excellence and they are driven competitors that work to win and to represent Indiana State and Sycamore Athletics in a sportsmanlike and professional manner. The staff is made up of folks that care about our student-athletes and work hard every day to allow our student-athletes to have a first-class intercollegiate athletics experience. Our student athletes are amazing. They excel in the classroom and they excel on the surface of competition. I will miss everyone tremendously. I will always have a sense of pride that I have been a part of the Sycamore Athletics family."

Prettyman has enjoyed an incredible run of success at Indiana State, including six different NCAA tournament appearances with five different sports and a school record second place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy standings during the 2014-15 academic year. Indiana State has been inside the Top 5 of the MVC All Sports Trophy standings in each of the last five years. The Sycamore Football team returned to the NCAA FCS Playoffs in 2014, which ended a 30-year drought for the program. Also appearing in the NCAA Tournament during Prettyman's tenure include: Basketball (2011), Baseball (2012 & 2014), Softball (2015) and Women's Tennis (2008). Additionally, the Sycamore Basketball team reached the postseason for five consecutive seasons (2010-14) in various national tournaments and the Indiana State Track & Field program has won numerous individual national championships and secured several NCAA All-American honors.

"Ron Prettyman has done a great job with our athletic program," Indiana State University President Dan Bradley commented. "In addition to significantly improving the overall performance of our athletic programs through the hiring of a strong coaching staff, he has led efforts to upgrade our facilities and has made our program more competitive. I wish him all the best."

Bradley will meet with head coaches and Prettyman's direct reports this week to discuss interim leadership and the search for a new athletic director.

The Sycamore athletics department has been the host for several championship events under Prettyman's leadership including hosting the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships seven times and Missouri Valley

Conference Championships in the sports of track and field, women's golf and baseball. The 2016 MVC Baseball and Track & Field Championships as well the Cross Country Nationals will all be held in Terre Haute over the course of the next year.

Facility upgrades have been implemented during Prettyman's tenure, the longest at Indiana State since John Longfellow from 1948-65, including a complete remodel of Bob Warn Field for baseball and increased amenities at Hulman Center, Memorial Stadium, LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course, ISU Arena, the Strength & Conditioning Center, the ISU Annex which is used as an indoor practice facility for many sports and Price Field (softball). Prettyman oversaw the design, construction and dedication of the first brand new athletics facility at Indiana State University in over 30 years with the opening of the Gibson Track & Field Complex in 2015. Prettyman has also revived both the women's golf as well as women's swimming and diving programs during his time at Indiana State.

Prettyman also has worked on a number of NCAA committees during his decades in college athletics, including the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, the Division II Nominating Committee, the Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Committee and the Division I Baseball Committee, on which he currently serves.

In his new role with the NCAA, Prettyman will oversee the operation and management of multiple NCAA championships, including the College World Series, as well as the playing rules and officiating group. He will also serve as the primary contact for various football-related matters. Prettyman will be responsible for setting the strategic direction for a number of Division I and national championships, including FCS football, baseball, women's volleyball, rifle, men's ice hockey, bowling, men's tennis and beach volleyball.

"As I embark on a new professional endeavor as a director of championships and alliances with the NCAA in Indianapolis, I will call upon my experiences at Indiana State and elsewhere to perform my tasks well," Prettyman said. "I am excited about my new challenges and I look forward to working with an amazing and very experienced team of professionals at the NCAA. I am anxious to make a difference as I work with many quality people on NCAA Committees and in the national office as we continue to make our NCAA Championships outstanding and strive to serve the membership effectively. I look forward to working closely with NCAA Executive Vice President for Championships, Mark Lewis, President Mark Emmert and others on the leadership team at the NCAA. I am appreciative of this opportunity with the NCAA and I look forward to a great run as a part of this fine organization."

Prettyman ends a combined 33 years as a director of athletics at Indiana State (2005-2015), Vanguard University (1983-95) and Cal State Dominguez Hills (1995-2005). He has twice been named the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Administrator of the Year (2004 & 2011).

A native of Bakersfield, Calif., he holds a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Vanguard University and a master's degree in education from California State University at Stanislaus. He played both basketball and tennis in college and coached at the high school level for four years prior to becoming an athletic administrator. Ron and Carol, his wife of 39 years, have two grown children, Shara Enyeart, and husband Craig, and Ronnie Prettyman, and wife Tiffany, and three grandsons, Colton, Connor and Corbin.

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