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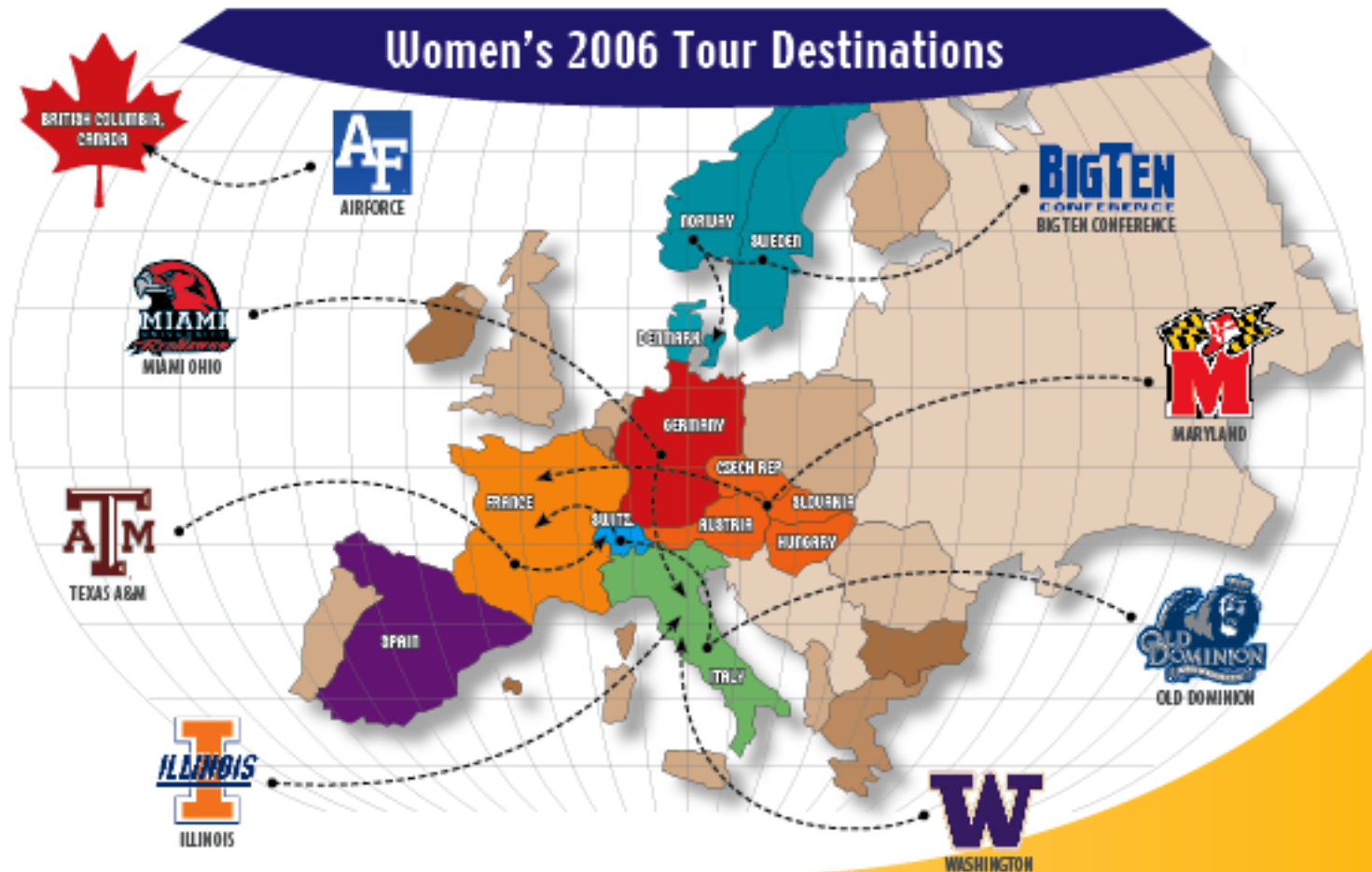
WOMEN'S EDITION

2007 SUMMER & LABOR DAY TOURS STILL AVAILABLE

Additional game experience and team bonding opportunities top the list of reasons to take your team on a foreign tour. After the 2006 change in NCAA legislation, teams are now allowed to take a tour AND play in a "Multiple Team Event" (MTE) during the same year. For the greatest amount of games and time to build team chemistry, a summer tour is the best choice. Summer tours typically run 9-10 days with about 5 games. Tours during the Labor Day break (if your school is in session) offer different advantages, including bringing your freshmen and transfers. Labor Day tours are a shorter, more intense alternative to the summer tours, lasting in general 3-4 days with 2-3 games played during the trip.

Tour destination options include: Europe, Australia, Canada and the Bahamas

TOUR TEAMS: **Summer - 2007:** Wyoming, Arizona State, Marquette, Iowa, Montana State, San Diego, Kansas, Rutgers, UNC-Charlotte
Fall - 2007: Arkansas, New Mexico State, Wichita State



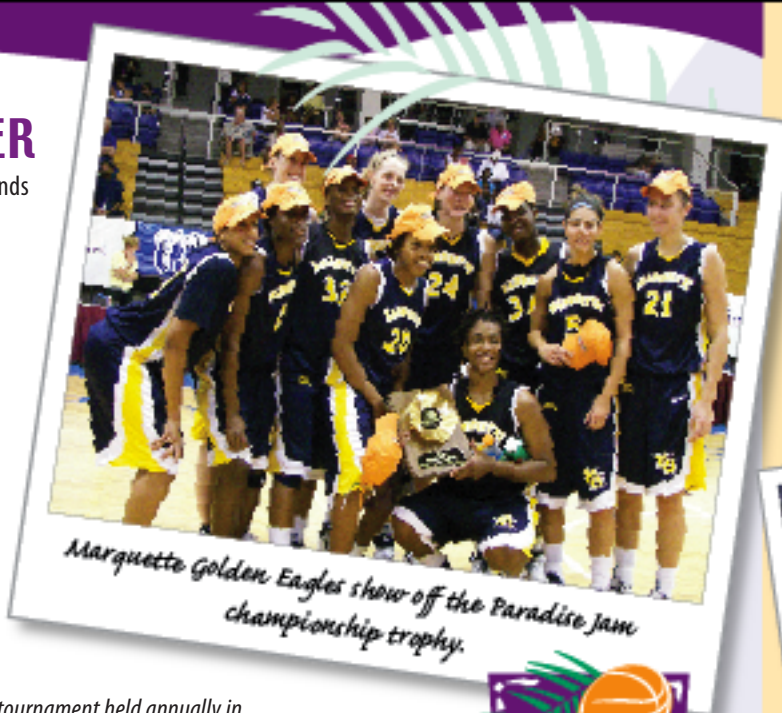
Look for us at the WBCA Convention in Cleveland – BOOTH #210!

2007 PARADISE JAM FIELD BEST EVER

The 2007 field for the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam at University of the Virgin Islands promises to be a Who's Who of elite women's basketball teams. Always known for its competitive early-season tournament fields, this year's Paradise Jam exceeds expectations with teams such as Duke, UConn, Stanford, Purdue, Temple and Old Dominion vying for the St. Thomas Division title. The St. John Division is no slouch either, with such standouts as Texas A&M, Wake Forest, Indiana and Wichita State in competition for the trophy.

In 2006, Marquette won all three games to take the St. John Division title over Auburn, Western Michigan and Xavier. In the St. Thomas Division, the championship game between Arizona State and Rutgers was cancelled due to an ASU team family tragedy that occurred while in the Virgin Islands. Western Kentucky beat Penn State for 3rd place.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam at University of the Virgin Islands is a 3-game MTE tournament held annually in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Games are played at the state-of-the-art Sports and Fitness Center on the U.V.I. campus. Only a few spots remain for the 2008 tournament. **Call now for entry into 2008 and beyond or go to ParadiseJam.com for more details.**



Marquette Golden Eagles show off the Paradise Jam championship trophy.



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FAMILY OF TOURNAMENTS

U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam – St. Thomas USVI – 3-Game MTE – Thanksgiving

2006 CHAMPION: Marquette
2007 FIELD: Duke, Connecticut, Stanford, Purdue, Temple, Old Dominion; Indiana, Texas A&M, Wake Forest, Wichita State
2008 FIELD: Baylor, Iowa, Villanova, California; *4 teams needed*

Junkanoo Jam – Grand Bahama Island – 2 Game Non-MTE – Thanksgiving

2006 CHAMPIONS: Maryland, Baylor
2007 FIELD: Alabama, Washington State, Virginia Tech, Prairie View; North Carolina State, Georgia, USC, E. Michigan
2008 FIELD: Arkansas; *7 teams needed*

WBCA Classic – Various Hosts – 3 Game MTE – Opening Weekend

2006 CHAMPION: Iowa
2007 FIELD: Penn State (host), Arizona; *2 teams needed*
2008 FIELD: Open to host & participants

Women's Sports Foundation Challenge – Various Hosts – 3-Game MTE – Opening Weekend

2006 CHAMPION: Indiana
2007 FIELD: New Mexico (host), W. Michigan, Dayton, Northwestern
2008 FIELD: Open to host & participants

Basketball Travelers Classics – Various Hosts – 3-Game MTE – Various Dates

2006 CHAMPIONS: LSU (host), Texas (host), Maryland (host)
2007 FIELD: Texas Tech (host), Idaho State, Kennesaw State, Alcorn State; Baylor (host), Prairie View, St. Mary's, Howard
2008 FIELD: Open to hosts & participants

Surf 'N Slam – San Diego, CA – 2-Game Non-MTE – Dec. 26-31

2006 CHAMPIONS: Texas (Torero Division), George Washington (Aztec Division)
2007 FIELD: Univ. San Diego (host), Iowa, DePaul, Appalachian St.; San Diego St. (host), Seton Hall, W. Michigan, Quinnipiac
2008 FIELD: Univ. San Diego (host); San Diego State (host); *6 participants needed*



WHO ELSE BUT NELS... A Note from Nels Hawkinson, Executive Director of Basketball Traveler's Inc.

At last year's Final Four in Boston, I sat with Maggie Dixon and watched the semi-final games. We were laughing and cracking off and having a fun time enjoying this great sport of basketball. A few days later, she was gone.

At our Paradise Jam tournament in the Virgin Islands this November, the 15-year-old brother of an Arizona State player died in his sleep in his parents' hotel room. The cause of death was an enlarged heart, oddly the same cause as Maggie Dixon's. Neither one had any clue of their hidden ailment or their impending fate. Neither did their friends or family.

These tragic events have encouraged me to be more intentional in my relationships, realizing that we never know what tomorrow may bring or who may no longer be in our life. I never imagined I wouldn't see Maggie this year in Cleveland and share another laugh with her.

In my devotions today I found Philippians 2:3,4 to be appropriate. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you (us) should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Being involved with NCAA Women's Basketball is exciting and significant. But no pursuit is more significant than our personal relationships with God, family, spouse, co-workers, and friends. Make that call, say that prayer, or write that email today to let those people know you care. You never know what tomorrow may bring.

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NCAA CHAMPION MARYLAND CHALLENGES EUROPEAN COMPETITION

One month after Maryland claimed the 2006 national championship, the team capped their season with a twelve-day, four-country tour of Europe in May 2006. The Terrapins claimed three victories in four games against stiff European competition, with two of the games going into overtime.

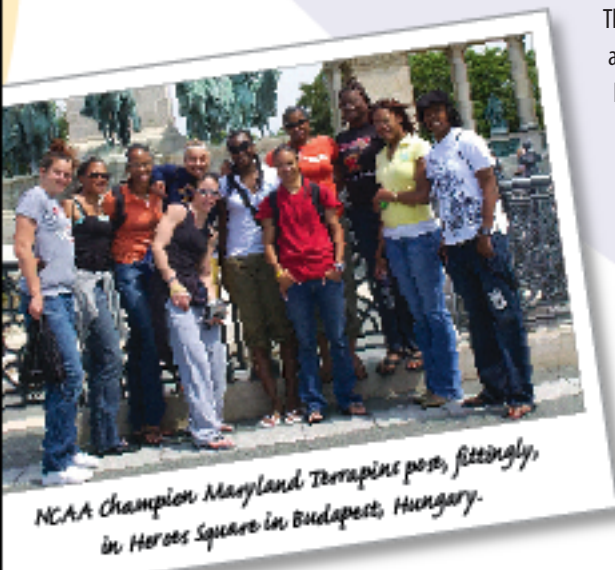
"Traveling to Europe was a tremendous experience for all of us - the players, coaches, staff and fans that traveled with us," said head coach Brenda Frese. "It was an enriching experience to be exposed to beautiful architecture, so much history and different kinds of food. It was an opportunity of a lifetime. And to play against great competition will only make us better for the upcoming season."

The tour began in Budapest, where the team had to adjust to a new time zone, exchanging money, and language and food differences. Many members of the travel party had never been out of the country.

After getting acclimated to European travel, the team journeyed next to Vienna, where they played a game and visited some of the city's most famous sights. They also spent an emotional day at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp.

Prague was the next destination, where the team claimed a close victory over Sparta Prague, one of Europe's top teams. After sightseeing around Prague, the Terps then flew to Paris, the fourth and final stop on their whirlwind European tour. In Paris, Maryland split a pair of games against Insep, the former team of junior Aurelie Noirez, a native of France. The team completed their scrapbook of European memories by visiting all the must-see sights in Paris, the Eiffel Tower, Mona Lisa at the Louvre, the Notre Dame Cathedral, capped by a nighttime cruise on the Seine River for a last look at the "City of Lights."

Note: Maryland continued its winning ways during November of the 2006-07 season, capturing the championships of both Basketball Travelers' events they entered. The Terps won the Junkanoo Jam in Grand Bahama Islands and the Basketball Travelers Classic, which they hosted.



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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." ~ Col. 3:23



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