

Albert “Ab” Nicholas

Athletic Accomplishments

- Played guard for the Badger basketball team
- Twice named to the All-Conference team
- Once named to the All-American team

Educational Accomplishments

- BS 1952, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- MBA 1955, from University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business after spending two years in the military



Professional Accomplishments

- Began his career with Northwestern National Insurance Company, where he worked as an investment analyst.
- Spent several years at Marshall and Ilsley Bank (1955-1967) before co-founding Nicholas Company, Inc. in 1967.
- Currently, he is the chair and CEO of the Milwaukee-based mutual fund firm of Nicholas Co., Inc.
- Named a Distinguished Business Alumnus of the School of Business in 1985
- Served a term as Regent of the University of Wisconsin System
- Former president and board member of the National “W” Club
- Served on the Board of Visitors for the Wisconsin School of Business (1985-1987)
- Sits on the board of the UW Foundation
- Received the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus award in 1993.
- Serves as a director of the Wisconsin Sports Authority, Inc., which promotes major athletic events in the state
- Member of the Milwaukee Investment Analysts Society and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Philanthropic Gestures

- In October 2003, Nicholas made a \$6.4 million gift to establish the Nicholas Center for Applied Corporate Finance at the Wisconsin School of Business.
- His lead gift during Grainger Hall's construction led to a lecture hall in Grainger Hall bearing his name.
- Nicholas and his wife, Nancy Johnson Nicholas, also a UW-Madison graduate, previously gave the university \$10 million for construction of the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion, a practice facility adjoining the Kohl Center.
- Nicholas and his wife created an endowed deanship at the Wisconsin School of Business.
 - Funding for the endowed deanship comes from a gift made by the Nicholases as part of last year's Wisconsin Naming Gift, in which 13 donors partnered to give \$85 million to ensure that the school's name remains unchanged for 20 years.
- Gave an \$8 million donation for a building addition and renovation at the School of Human Ecology.

Bob Harlan

Bob Harlan's notable accomplishments:

- Originally joined the organization as assistant general manager on June 1, 1971.
- Also served as corporate general manager (1975-81), corporate assistant to the president (1981-88), executive vice president of administration (1988-89), president and CEO (1989-2006), chairman and CEO (2006-07) and chairman (2007).
- Building the Don Hutson Center, the first indoor practice facility in professional football.
- The decision to move all home games to Lambeau Field, creating season ticket packages for the Milwaukee fans who had previously attended three games a season at Milwaukee County Stadium;
- Renovating Lambeau Field into a state-of-the-art facility, with increased game day capacity and a year-round Atrium housing restaurants, the Packer Pro Shop and the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame;
- Launching the fourth stock sale in the team's history in 1997, a mechanism which raised more than \$20 million and brought more than 100,000 new shareholders to the organization;
- Hiring Ron Wolf, who traded for Brett Favre, signed free agent Reggie White and began the chain of events that led to a World Championship;
- Under his guidance, the franchise posted a .500-or-better season 13 straight years (1992-2004) for the first time since the 1930s and '40s (1934-47).
- Harlan kept the Packers competitive in the era of free agency and the salary cap
 - Packers own the NFL's best record, 152-88, since 1993
- Harlan was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame on July 17, 2004.
- Retired Jan. 28, 2008, and became chairman emeritus after a 37-year career with the organization, including 19 years as principal executive.



Misc. / Other

- Bob Harlan also possesses a 1967 World Series ring, earned while he worked for the St. Louis Cardinals.
- He is a graduate of Marquette University, where he was the Sports Information Director for many years.
- He is also the father of sports announcer Kevin Harlan

Barry Alvarez

Professional Accomplishments

- UW Madison football coach from 1990-2005
- Won 3 Rose Bowls: 1993, 1998, 1999
 - The only Big Ten coach to win consecutive Rose Bowls.
 - Only one of six coaches in college football history to win at least three Rose Bowls.
 - Of all coaches with three or more Rose Bowl appearances, there are only two with an undefeated record: Barry Alvarez and John Robinson.
 - His three Rose Bowl wins are the only Rose Bowl wins for the University of Wisconsin (six games total with losses in 1953, 1960, and 1963).
- 1993 NCAA Coach of the Year
- Big Ten Coach of the Year 1993 and 1998
- 10th coach in Big Ten History to win 100 games
- Named UW Athletic Director in 2004
- Stepped down as coach of the Badgers after the 2005 season
 - His all-time record at Wisconsin was 118–73–4 (.615)
 - Had an 8–3 (.727) record in bowl games, the best winning percentage ever for a coach in Division I-A bowl games (minimum 11 bowl games coached).



Early life

- Born December 30, 1946 in Langeloth, Pennsylvania
- Graduate of, and former linebacker at, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.
- Later became a head coach at Lexington, Nebraska High School and then Mason City High School in Iowa before becoming an assistant coach at first the University of Iowa Hawkeyes and then later at the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Misc. / Other

- In 2000, Alvarez and his wife Cindy endowed a \$250,000 football scholarship UW.
- In 2001, Hispanic Business magazine named Barry Alvarez one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics.
- The book “Don't Flinch” is the autobiography of Alvarez' life
- During the 2006–07 bowl season, Alvarez worked as a color commentator/analyst for FOX Sports. He worked on both the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and BCS National Championship Game.

Phil Wittliff

- Born May 1, 1948 in Port Huron, Michigan
- Notre Dame hockey, 1968-1971
- Milwaukee Admirals hockey, 1972-1977
- Scoring numbers rank among the top in Admirals history, despite the fact the seasons were considerably shorter back in the 70's.
- He was named the USHL rookie of the year in 1974 and won two USHL scoring titles.
- His jersey #9 was retired in 1977 after he announced that he was hanging up the skates in order to take a front office job with the Admirals.
- Became the GM of the Admirals in 1980, and served five different stints as the head coach from 1980-97.
- In 1984, he was instrumental in forming the first ever NHL top affiliation with an IHL team when the Blackhawks and Admirals had a deal for one season.
- Retired from the the Admiral's Executive Vice-President and General Manager position in 2006



Misc. / Other

- Nicknamed "Mr. Admiral"
- Had been a member of the Admirals organization since graduating from Notre Dame in 1971.
- Played linebacker on Notre Dame's football team, but switched sports to play on their new hockey team.
- Became the first Fighting Irish alum to become a hockey pro.
- After an unsuccessful try at making the roster of the Philadelphia Flyers in 1971, he signed with the Chicago Cougars of the World Hockey Association and moved to nearby Milwaukee, where he would eventually call home.

Bob Lanier

Professional Career

- Was drafted number one overall by the Detroit Pistons and was named to the All-Rookie Team following the 1970-71 season.
- Traded to the Milwaukee Bucks in 1980.
- In his five seasons with the Bucks, they won the division championship each year. T
- The same year he retired, in 1984, he was awarded the Oscar Robertson Leadership Award.
- In his 14 NBA seasons, Lanier averaged 20.1 points and 10.1 rebounds per game while shooting a respectable 51.4 percent from the field.
- He played in eight NBA All-Star Games, and was named Most Valuable Player of the 1974 game.
- Lanier was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and had his #16 jersey retired by both the Pistons and the Bucks.
- In 1994-95, he became interim head coach of the Golden State Warriors for 37 games after Don Nelson stood down, in which he compiled a 12-25 win-loss record.



Early Life

- Full Name: Robert Jerry "Bob" Lanier, Jr.
- Born September 10, 1948 in Buffalo, New York.
- Played competitively at Buffalo's Bennett High School where he graduated in 1966, and collegiately at St. Bonaventure University, in Olean, New York.
- Was a three-time Converse All-America selection (1968-1970), and in 1970, he led St. Bonaventure to the NCAA Final Four. In 1970, was named Coach and Athlete Magazine player of the year, and the ECAC Player of the Year.

Misc. / Other

- Nicknamed "The Dobber"
- The basketball court at Lanier's alma mater, St. Bonaventure, is named after him.
- Mentioned in the movie "Airplane"
- During his NBA career, he had the largest feet of any player, a size 22 shoe
- He showed off his large feet in Miller Lite beer television ads from the 1980s which co-starred notable sports personalities including Bob Uecker, Sparky Lyle, and John Madden.

Judith Sweet

- Native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1969; majored in physical education and mathematics.
- Served as president of the Women's Recreation Association and national president of the Athletic and Recreation Federation of College Women.
- Received a Master's of Science in Education degree in 1972 from the University of Arizona, Tucson and a Master's in Business Administration degree from National University in 1981.
- Began her career as a teacher and coach at Newcomb College/Tulane University, before moving to the University of Arizona and Kearny High School.
- Was also Division III vice president from 1986 to 1988.
- Served as the Director of Athletic at the University of California-San Diego from 1975-1999, where she became the first woman in the nation to head a combined men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program. During her tenure, UCSD teams won 26 NCAA National Championships and in 1998 received the Sears Directors Cup for being the most successful athletics program in Division III.
- Was elected to a two-year term as President of the NCAA in January 1991 and was the Secretary-Treasurer of the NCAA from 1989 to 1991, becoming the first woman to serve in each of those positions.
- Joined the NCAA in 2001 as Vice President for Championships and Senior Woman Administrator.
- In 2003, was promoted to Senior Vice President for Championships and Education Services, a position she held until September 2006 when she retired from the NCAA.
- In 2008, was chosen by the Officers and Executive Committee of NACDA to be the recipient of the 40th James J. Corbett Memorial Award.
 - The award is the highest honor one can achieve in collegiate athletics administration.
- Currently, she is doing consulting work nationally in San Diego.

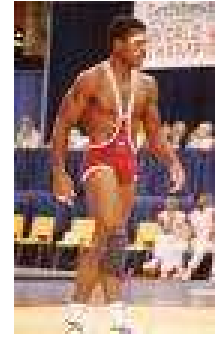


Misc. / Other

- Sweet served on NACDA's Executive Committee from 1987-91 and has served on NACDA's Director' Cup Committee since 1996.
- She was also involved with many other NCAA committees, including the Subcommittee to Review Minority Opportunities in Intercollegiate Athletics, NCAA Foundation, Gender Equity Task Force and the 1987 Selection Committee for the NCAA Executive Director.
- Additionally, she served on the United States Sports Academy Board of Trustees, where she received an honorary doctorate in 1992; NACWAA Board of Directors, where she served as the 2000-01 president and was named their Administrator of the Year in 1992 and District Administrator of the Year in 1991. She was also on the United States Olympic Committee Task Force on Minorities and Board of Trustees for National University.
- During Sweet's 35-plus year career in athletics, she has been honored with more than 40 awards, including the 1998-99 NACDA/Continental Airlines Division III Athletics Director of the Year. She received the Honda Award for Outstanding Achievement in Women's Athletics in 1998; the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin in 1996; was a Big Ten Conference Centennial honoree in 1995; and the named the 39th District Woman of the Year by the California State Senate in 1993.
- Sweet was also the San Diego Press Club Sports Administration Headliner of the Year in 1991; and was named the Los Angeles Times Top Southern California College Sports Executive of the 80s; and San Diego Magazine's 86 San Diegans to Watch in '86. She has also been recognized in several editions of Who's Who.

Lee Kemp

- Started wrestling in 9th grade on the freshman team. 11-8-3 record on varsity as a 10th grader. 11th grade year beat defending state champ, won Ohio State Championships and went undefeated. Senior year repeated undefeated season and won 2nd Ohio State Title. Senior year beat two defending Ohio State Champs. Went 54-0 in his Junior and Senior. Won 1st State Title in only his 3rd year of wrestling experience in one of the toughest weight classes in Ohio Division-II history, defeating the returning runner-up and defending champion.
- Posted one of only three total US victories when a tough Soviet Junior National Team completed an eight city tour of the United States facing Junior “All-Star” Teams in those respective cities. Lee earned his victory representing a Northeast Ohio “All-Star” Team beating a Soviet Jr National Champion, in only his 4th year of wrestling experience.
- Won the Junior National Freestyle Title, held in Iowa City – the forerunner to Fargo, beating a future 3-Time NCAA Div I National Champion.
- Attended UW Madison from 1975 to 1978. As an 18 year old Soph., in only the 6th year of wrestling experience, beat the legendary Dan Gable 7-6.
- Was 2nd in NCAA Div I as a 18 year old true freshman, losing on a split referees decision in overtime, scored the only offensive points on a 1st period takedown.
- Was a three-time NCAA Div I Champion for UW Madison the next three years, compiling 110 wins, and not losing a collegiate match during that time, with 143 total career wins and 47 pins.
- Won the 1st of three Freestyle World Titles at age 21, just a few months after finishing college, and held the distinction of being the youngest American to win a World or Olympic Championship for 30 years, and is the 10th youngest internationally.
- Was 1st American to win three world titles.
- Won a Bronze Medal in the World Championships, losing the only match in four world championship appearances.
- Won four World Cup Titles and was the 1st American to do so.
- Won two Pan-American Games Gold Medals.
- Earned a spot on the 1980 Olympic Freestyle Wrestling Team, and was a heavy favorite for a Gold Medal until the USA boycotted the event. Defeated the 1980 Olympic Champion from Bulgaria in the Super Champions Title Match in December 1980.
- Was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1989.
- Runs the Lee Kemp Cooler Wrestling School in Alpharetta, Georgia
- Coached the US Freestyle Team World Team that competed in the 2007 World Championships in Guangzhou China which produced a Gold, Silver & two Bronze Medalists.
- Coached the US Junior Freestyle World Team that competed in the 2007 Junior World Championships held in Beijing China which
- Produced gold medalist Bubba Jenkins, currently a sophomore at Penn State University.
- Recently was selected coach of the US Freestyle Olympic Team that will compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing China next summer.



John Powless

- 75 years old
- UW-Madison assistant basketball coach from 1963-'1968
- UW-Madison head basketball coach from 1969-'76
- The University of Wisconsin had a chance to land Bobby Knight as basketball coach in the 1960s. Knight interviewed in 1968 after John Erickson resigned to become general manager of the Milwaukee Bucks.
 - The real story is that Knight applied for the job and was one of seven candidates interviewed. After the post was offered to him while he was still in Madison, he requested that nothing be announced until he could return to West Point, where he was coaching at the time, to inform his superiors. Before he had that opportunity, someone leaked the news to the media. Within 48 hours, Knight called back and declined the offer.
 - Knight remained at Army for three more seasons until he went to Indiana. The same day that Knight turned down the Wisconsin offer, John Powless accepted it. He had been an assistant for five years under Erickson, as well as Wisconsin's tennis coach. Powless held the Wisconsin job for eight years. In addition to Powless, Bill Cofield, Steve Yoder, Stu Jackson, Stan Van Gundy and Dick Bennett all coached the Badgers during Knight's time at Indiana.
- Family: Divorced, two sons (John and Jason), six grandchildren.
- A life of sports
 - Played basketball and earned All-America status in tennis at Murray State
 - Coached basketball and tennis at Florida State
 - Coached basketball at Cincinnati
 - UW-Madison assistant basketball coach from 1963-'1968
 - UW-Madison head basketball and tennis coach from 1968 to '76
 - Basketball and tennis TV analyst
 - Owns and operates Powless Tennis Center in Madison and plays professionally on the senior tennis circuit.

Suzy Favor-Hamilton

- Born in Stevens Point, WI.
- Began running at age 9, and then attended and competed at Stevens Point Area High School, graduating in 1986.
- Attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in graphic arts in 1991.
- While a freshman there, she met Mark Hamilton, then a pitcher on the University baseball team. The two married a week after she graduated.
- Currently resides in New Glarus, WI, is a First Weber real estate agent, and is coached by Peter Tegen.

High school competition

- US Junior record in the 1500 m
- Three times held the US Junior title in the 1500 m
- Twice the Pan American Juniors gold medalist (1984, 1986)
- Won 11 state high school titles
- Named one of the 100 High School Athletes of the Century by Scholastic Sports Magazine

Collegiate

- At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Suzy became the most successful collegiate female athlete ever, accomplishing:
 - Nine NCAA titles
 - NCAA Championships record holder in the 800 m and 1500 m
 - Two NCAA Cross-Country Championships runner-up awards
 - NCAA Top Six Award
 - NCAA Woman of the Year
 - 23 Big Ten Conference championships
 - Four Big Ten Athlete of the Year Awards, which is now called the "Suzy Favor Award"
 - Big Ten Athlete of the Decade for the 1990s
 - World University Games silver edallist
 - Jumbo Elliot Award
 - Honda-Broderick Cup Award
 - Babe Zaharias Award
 - 14 All-American awards

Professional

- After graduating, Suzy has competed extensively, with the following results:
 - Competed three times for the US in the Olympic Games, 1992, 1996 and 2000
 - Competed seven times in the US National Championships
 - Held the US record for the 1000 m
 - Held the US indoor record for the 800 m
 - Won the bronze medal at the 1998 Goodwill Games
 - Finished 5th at the 2002 World Cross-Country Championships (short course), which was the best-ever finish by US woman
 - Five sub-four minute 1500 m, which are five of the nine fastest times ever run by an American
 - Only US woman to ever have the fastest seasonal 1500 m time in the world. In 2000, she was ranked number one in the world based on time, at 3:57.40.
 - Named USA Track & Field Distance Runner of the Year, 2000
 - Ranked number one in the US in 1989, 1990, 2000, 2001 and 2002

Ray Scott

- Born in 1920, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- Died March 23, 1998, in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- An American sportscaster, best known for his broadcasts for the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.
- Began his broadcasting career on local radio in the late 1930s.
- His first NFL broadcasts came in 1953 over the DuMont Television Network
- Three years later he began doing Packers broadcasts for CBS, and it was in Green Bay that his terse style of play-by-play developed its greatest following.
- Was the lead television and radio announcer for Major League Baseball's Minnesota Twins from 1961 to 1966, calling the 1965 World Series on NBC television.
- After leaving Minnesota he called games for the Washington Senators in 1970-71 before returning to the Twins as a part-time announcer in 1973-75.
- As the Packers' announcer, Scott broadcast Super Bowl I and II for CBS, along with the infamous "Ice Bowl" championship game of 1967.
- In 1968, CBS ended its practice of assigning dedicated announcing crews to particular teams, and Scott was appointed to the network's lead NFL crew, teaming with Paul Christman (1968-69) and Pat Summerall (1970-74).
- During his tenure with CBS he called four Super Bowls and nine NFL (later NFC) championship games.
- CBS fired Scott in 1974, replacing him with Summerall (who had been paired with Scott as a color commentator).
- He was subsequently employed as a local announcer by a number of NFL and MLB teams (including the Kansas City Chiefs, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Minnesota Vikings, Milwaukee Brewers, and Pittsburgh Pirates), called syndicated broadcasts of Penn State football from 1975-81, and was play-by-play announcer for the USFL's Arizona Wranglers in 1983 and 1984 and the Portland Breakers in the 1985 season.
- In 1988 Scott was one of several veteran announcers to call some September NFL telecasts for NBC, while many of the network's regular broadcasters were working at that year's Summer Olympics in Seoul.
- Scott also broadcast college football, college basketball, and golf at various points in his career, and teamed with Patrick Ryan while doing high school and college football in and around Billings, Montana.
- Scott was twice named National Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and was given regional awards by that organization 12 times in four different states.
- In 2000, he was posthumously given the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award by the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Scott's bare-bones style has inspired many sportscasters.

