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PAUL WEIR NAMED DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

IOWA CITY, IA - - Paul Weir, who served as an administrative assistant with the Iowa basketball program in 2005-06, has been named Director of Basketball Operations.

Weir served as the head coach at Don Bosco Catholic High School in Toronto, Canada from 1999-2003. He posted a 41-32 record while graduating all senior members of his program during that time. His 2002-03 squad was ranked ninth in the greater Toronto area.

A native of Toronto, Weir worked with the basketball program at Northwestern State (LA) during the 2004-05 season. Northwestern State posted a 21-12 record in 2005 and won the Southland Conference regular season title.

“Paul is a great fit for this position,” said Iowa Coach Steve Alford. “With a year of experience in our program, he is familiar with everyone involved. He knows our players and our staff and will continue to make valuable contributions to our success.”

As a player Weir was a regional and city all-star as a point guard and team captain at Iona Catholic Secondary School. He attended York University, where he was the starting point guard as a freshman under Coach Bob Bain.

Weir graduated with honors while earning his bachelor’s degree from York University in 2004. He earned his master’s degree in Health & Human Performance from Northwestern State in 2005. Weir is enrolled in the UI’s doctorate program in Psychology of Sport & Physical Activity.

Iowa won 25 games in 2006, the second highest total in school history. Iowa set a school record with 10 wins over top 25 opponents while earning a second straight NCAA Tournament invitation. The Hawkeyes established a record 18-game winning streak in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, winning all 17 home games last season. Iowa carries the third longest active home court winning streak in the nation into the 2006-07 season.

Iowa won its second Big Ten Conference Tournament title in 2006 and the Hawkeyes have posted six straight winning campaigns. Iowa had advanced to the championship game in the conference tournament three times in the last six years and no team has more than Iowa’s two titles.

