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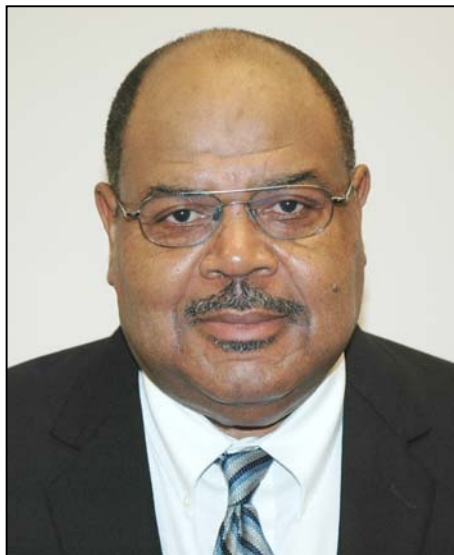
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MSCC Hires Stoglin to Coach Men's Basketball Team

Andy Stoglin, a highly successful 38-year coaching veteran with an unwavering love for sports and young people, will lead the Mid-South Community College Greyhounds onto the court beginning this fall.

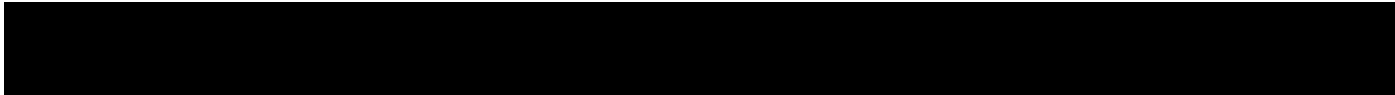
Stoglin, 67, has agreed to coach the men's basketball team when it begins its inaugural season during the 2010-2011 academic year.

"Andy Stoglin is a first-class person who just happens to be a great basketball coach," said Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC president. "Coach Stoglin's track record of developing student athletes into successful players and citizens is nothing short of stellar, and we are extremely fortunate to find someone of his caliber and character to help us start this program."



"This is a great opportunity for me, and I am looking forward to the challenge," Stoglin said. "I've always believed this would be a great location for a basketball program, and I have reached the point in my career where I want to give back and do something to help kids."

Jason Carmichael, MSCC Coordinator of Physical Education and Sports Programs, said hiring Stoglin is a slam dunk for the basketball effort at the college.



“He gives our program instant credibility, and we are excited about what he will be able to accomplish with the athletic talent in our region,” Carmichael said. “Coach Stoglin will be a great asset to our students, our college, and our community.”

MSCC is expanding its intramural/extramural sports programs with the help of a 10-year, \$250,000 pledge from Southland Park Gaming and Racing and its parent company Delaware North Companies, Inc. Southland President and General Manager Troy L. Keeping made the announcement at the college on April 9.

“Southland and Coach Stoglin are obviously two great reasons to move forward with this initiative,” Dr. Fenter said. “When divine intervention occurs you have to be smart enough to recognize it and follow the lead.”

While he has commanded six-figure salaries at some of his previous coaching stops, Stoglin will earn only slightly more than an unpaid volunteer at MSCC. The college is looking for someone of like character, experience, and salary requirements to coach the women’s team.

“I think most people recognize that the priorities of many college athletic programs have become badly misaligned,” Dr. Fenter said. “Our program will be different.”

“I have never believed it is fair that students in the Delta don’t have the same opportunities as students living in other communities. Clearly we have many students with great athletic backgrounds and academic potential who deserve the opportunity to grow and develop their talents and character right here at home.”

Dr. Fenter said the MSCC athletic program will be far from typical. The college will provide no scholarships and no housing and will not actively recruit, except to explain the benefits of receiving a quality college education while playing competitive sports beyond high school.

The program will be open to anyone interested, but most of the roster will be filled with student athletes from Crittenden and surrounding Arkansas counties.

“We will always give preference to young people from eastern Arkansas,” Dr. Fenter said. “Our number one goal is take care of the kids who live here, and we will judge our success on how many lives we are able to enhance through the program.”



“While we certainly aren’t opposed to victories on the court, we will assess the program on how many kids come here, stay in school, and finish a certificate or a degree because of the structure, support, and mentoring we will provide.”

Arkansas Razorback fans may remember Stoglin from the three years he spent under Nolan Richardson in the 1980s. He has been out of basketball (at least officially) for about a year. Most recently, he led the UV Xalapa team to an 87-9 record and two national titles in Mexico’s top professional league. He earned Coach of the Year honors in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Before coaching in Mexico, Stoglin spent a year as head coach of the Arkansas RimRockers of the National Basketball Association Development League. He also guided the Mississippi Hardhats for a season and earned the 2005 Commissioner’s Award for outstanding contributions to the World Basketball Association.

In 2004-2005, Stoglin led the Mississippi Stingers of the American Basketball Association to a 26-4 record and an appearance in the league’s Final Four.

From 1989 to 2003, he coached at Jackson State University and led the Tigers to six Southwest Athletic Conference championships, three appearances in the NCAA tournament, and one appearance in the NIT. Stoglin won SWAC Coach of the Year honors three times.

“I have coached at many different levels in many different places, but this will be my first time to work with community college student athletes,” Stoglin said. “I’m old school, but I have learned a lot in the last few years that will help me make a difference in the lives of young men in eastern Arkansas.”

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