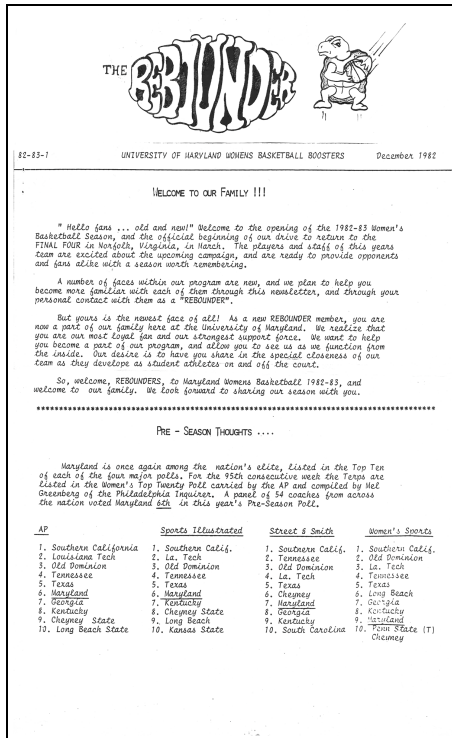


REBOUNDER MEMORIES

By Richard "CJ" Carter

Allowing for lapses in memory (and apologies for that) here are some moments from someone involved in The Rebounders' early years.



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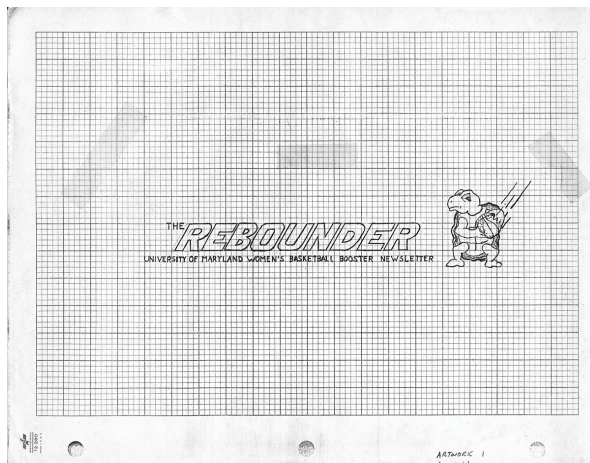
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Another of the changes was that production of The Rebounder newsletter was transferred from the coaching staff to the booster club. One of our first items of business was to revamp the look a bit. Sue Gorsuch gave me the materials she had on hand and off I went to see what I could do. Remember, this is back in the day when typewriters were still at their height and personal computers were pricey and barely useful toys — so there was going to be some work involved. The logo used by The Rebounders today is the one I designed.

So far as I know, The Rebounders, the University of Maryland Women's Basketball Boosters, began with the 1982-83 season. The first newsletter was released in December 1982 and was put together, mainly, by then assistant coach Sue Gorsuch. Distribution wasn't too difficult as The Rebounders only boasted seventeen members when that premiere issue was written. I wasn't on that first roster; I didn't join up until the season was well underway.

The Rebounder's second season saw several changes. We were officially recognized as an organization at the University. We had to adopt by-laws which required the group to deposit fees and funds targeted for the women's basketball program into the Maryland Educational Foundation, and we had to elect officers to serve on the Executive Committee (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and student representative). I'd forgotten this over the years, but it happens that yours truly was the first student representative to be chosen as one of the officers.

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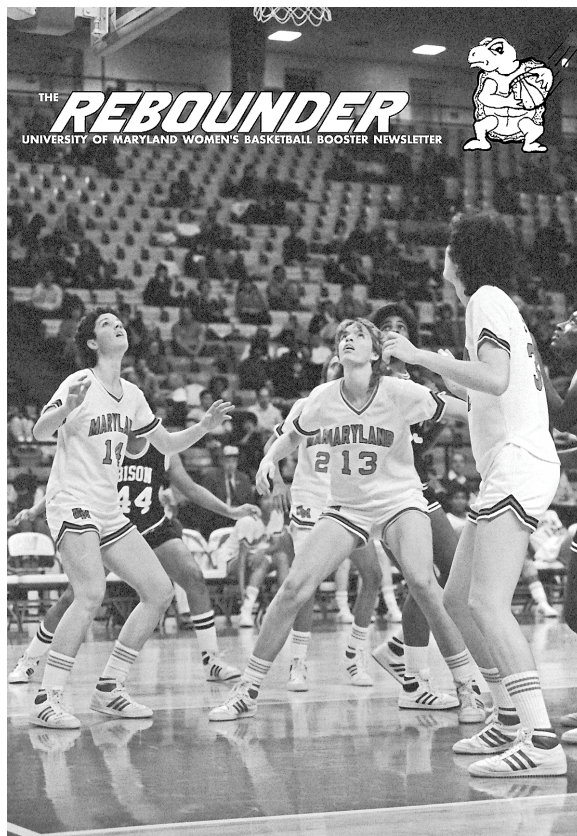
The 'New Logo' mock-up sketch circa 1983

Sue told me that the Terp drawing is from the talents of player Monica Gannon. Though I had to do a lot of redrawing and re-inking to bring the materials Sue gave me (multi-generational copies + what looked like the original drawing) up to production quality, I can in no way take credit for the turtle-with-attitude. The rest of the design was me. The main lettering was inked in professionally by a friend of The Rebounder's president, Mary Lucas, following my mock-up.

Being that I was starting my first career, as a sports photographer, I wanted to include photos and other graphics in the newsletter, but at the time there was no way to do this economically. Today, you'd just use a laser printer, but then it required going into the darkroom, using line screen on lith film, and then finding a high-resolution copier... not exactly cost-effective. A couple of issues with makeshift covers went out as many tests were done to try to exploit the full potential of the new design. Unfortunately, none of this prep work bore fruit. Finally, the new logo made its way onto the Vol. 2 No. 3 newsletter... as just the logo on an otherwise plain coversheet — *sigh*.

During these early newsletters, I also conducted a number of interviews with players and coaches.

Of course there was more to The Rebounders than just the newsletter. We helped raise money for the team to get necessary video gear; as a



The cover that was planned but never happened because DTP was still a few years away. (l-r) Monica Gannon, "Zaga" Pocekovic, Dorothy Smith

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group, we went on many road trips with the team throughout the seasons; and after select home games we would have socials where the team and the boosters could mingle and share in some refreshments. At the end of the season these activities culminated with the Annual Banquet where the team was thanked and recognized.

As I was increasingly following my sports photography (especially after graduation), I became decreasingly involved with the inner-circle of Maryland women's basketball, and by 1990 had moved well outside the area, limiting my presence to emails. Still, I'm happy to see that The Rebounders are still a presence. Go Terps!



Moments from a February 1984 social

The Rebounder summary:

Vol. 1 No. 1 (Dec. 1982) — 10 pages 8.5"x14"

Welcome • Pre-season polls • Roster • Interviews: Jasmina "Jazz" Perazic, Debbie Lytle • Game recap • Article reprint • 1981-82 Stats • Records • Program notes • Rebounder roster

Vol. 1 No. 2 (Jan. 1983) — 6 pages 8.5"x14"

Intro • Request recruiting help • Interview-ettes: Racheal Willett; Lea Hakala; June Olkowski • Upcoming events • Booster bus trip • Stats • Rebounder roster

Vol. 1 No. 3 (Feb. 1983) — 8 pages 8.5"x14"

1000 point club • ACC Tournament info • Request recruiting help • Orange Plus Tournament recap • Interview-ettes: Bonnie Baker; Monica Gannon; Chris Vera; Chequita Wood • Stats

Vol. 2 No. 1 (Sep. 1983?) — 8 pages 8.5"x11"

Intro - transfer of authorship • President's welcome • Meeting report • Chris Weller thanks • Announcements • Stats

Vol. 2 No. 2 (Jan. 1983) — 8 pages 8.5"x11"

From the President • Recruit info • Interview: Boe Pearman • Newsbrief: NCAA average women's basketball attendance increases from 356/game to 376/game • Interview: Marcia Richardson • Article reprint: Coverage of women's sports • Corrections

Vol. 2 No. 3 (Feb. 1984) — 8 pages 8.5"x11"

Updates • Interview: Julie Silverberg • Stats • Interview: Clara Faison • Upcoming events

Vol. 2 No. 4 (May 1984) — 8 pages 8.5"x11"

New rules: backcourt, smaller ball • Sue Gorsuch leaving • Team updates • Latest recruits • Article reprint: Chris Weller • Interview: Monica Gannon & Bonnie Baker

Vol. 2 No. 5 (Aug. 1984) — 10 pages 8.5"x11"

New Asst. Coach Gabe Romano • Annual Rebounder Meeting and Dinner • Article reprints: new rules; legislative priorities • Article reprint: Sue Gorsuch • Article reprint: Sandy Worth • schedule • Article reprint: Chris Weller

Vol. 3 No. 1 (Sep. 1985) — 6 pages 8.5"x11"

Team updates • New faces • New dates for ACC tourney • Schedule • Tailgate parties • Rebounder outing