

## Kuemmel's Corner – from the A.D.'s Desk

### The Last One Ever

This week marks the very last edition *The Bulletin*, and thus, my last Kuemmel's Corner ever. I wrote my very first column in October of 2004. It is hard to believe that I have been writing these articles for the past sixteen years!

It seems that the situation that we are all going through right now with COVID-19 is not real – it seems more like it came out of a movie. I know it is very tough on our students. I feel bad for the spring athletes that are losing out on their season. But my heart breaks for the seniors – they seem to be the ones that are missing out on the most this spring: prom, graduation, grad parties, and just having a normal end to their high school careers. I know that the class of 2020 will be that much stronger because of what they had to go through this spring.

I am also sad that *The Bulletin* will no longer be publishing a newspaper. *The Bulletin* has been so good to us throughout the years and always did a great job helping to promote Wolfpack athletics. I especially remember the great features that they did for our Hall of Fame every year and the coverage they gave to our Centennial celebration in 2014. Every Wednesday, I looked forward to opening the paper and reading the great articles that were written about Park. There is something special about having a local newspaper and I will definitely miss this.

I had the opportunity to meet and work with many great sports reporters over the years; I consider many of them good friends. I am especially grateful that I have been able to work with some of them even after they left the local newspaper business. David LeVaque was the very first reporter that I ever worked with in 2004 and is now covering prep sports for *The Star Tribune*. Jace and Dane covered Park sports and are now writing for *The Pioneer Press*. It amazed me that one month Jace was interviewing me about Park basketball, and the next month he was talking to members of the Minnesota Timberwolves! I also enjoyed working with Anthony, Patrick, Brian (a couple of them), Blaze, and Mitchell (I hope that I did not miss anyone). These people probably spent just as much time at Park sporting events as I did (if not more); not many people can say that.

I appreciate the opportunity *The Bulletin* has given me to write this column. I have really enjoyed writing it each week and appreciate all the positive feedback I have received. Thank you to everyone that took the time to read the articles each week.

I will close with a line from a Semisonic song, “Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.” Who knows - maybe it is time for me to start a podcast or videoblog? All I know is that it has been a great ride for both *The Bulletin* and Kuemmel’s Corner. Thanks for the memories!

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