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From the desk of Steve Hawkins:

Dear Bronco Hoop Fans,

I trust that this note finds you healthy and happy. Because of your generous support, our Program has been able to continue to improve in many areas. I feel that the single most important part of my job is to help young men develop to the point where they can go out into the world after their Bronco career ends and be equipped to thrive in life after the basketball stops bouncing. In order for this to happen, our student-athletes need to feel that their experience here as a Bronco was a positive one. The first-class experience that we provide our players is the direct result of your financial and emotional support. Our Program will continue to pursue excellence in all areas. To that end, we have to be diligent in fostering improvements in order to stay competitive in attracting the best possible recruits to be a part of our Bronco Basketball Family. Recruiting is the lifeblood of our Program. We need good players to compete at the highest level. As a famous coach once said, "It is impossible to win the Kentucky Derby with a donkey."

I am excited about the 2017-18 season. Our non-conference schedule will make us battle-tested with games against challenging opponents, including 2017 Final Four participant South Carolina and a host of very good opponents in the ESPN Puerto Rico event at Myrtle Beach, and in our other non-conference games. Our conference schedule will again be extremely demanding as well. We have a good mixture of returning players along with some fine new faces. We have again assembled a GREAT group of student-athletes who, in the Bronco Basketball tradition, have the same focus and the same commitment to success both on and off of the court. I expect this team to work to be successful on each possession and to be focused on reaching our potential. If we do that, we will surely be in the hunt for another MAC West title and overall MAC Championship.

While I am excited about the upcoming season, I am also proud of our past achievements. In my 14 years as head coach here, we have won eight West Division titles and were runners-up three of the other six years. We have played in every postseason tournament that exists (NCAA, NIT, CIT, and CBI). As well, we have won at least 20 games in four of the last seven seasons, including an overall MAC Championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2014.

Our accomplishments, though, are not only on the court. We have a storied history of achieving in the classroom as well. Our graduation rate is over 95%. Additionally, of the 88 players to be named Academic All-MAC/Distinguished Scholar-Athlete in the past 12 years, 22 of them have been Broncos. Yes! We have had one-fourth of the student-athletes who have received what I believe is the most important honor given by the MAC. We are what a Program is supposed to be: winners both on and off of the court.

As we embark upon a new season, our overriding goal continues to be the achieving of excellence. We can only take our Program to the next level by having a shared partnership with the Fast Break Club. To help promote our Program, we need your voices and enthusiasm at University Arena, as well as in the community. We need your financial assistance to ensure that we have a first-class Program that all fans, alumni, and recruits will be drawn to. Above all, we need your involvement and continued friendship. It is my hope that you will join us and help us to strive to sustain the excellence that our Program has achieved.

Fight on!!

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- Fast Break Club Commemorative Gift
- Four Social 6:01 Gatherings
- Four Pre-Game Hawk Talk Pizza Parties (Enjoy Pizza and a pre-game talk by Coach Hawkins)
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- Honorary Coach For a Game Opportunity (Be part of game action & sit on bench with team)

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- Four Social 6:01 Gatherings
- Four Pre-Game Hawk Talk Pizza Parties (Enjoy Pizza and a pre-game talk by Coach Hawkins)
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What is the Fast Break Club?

The Fast Break Club (FBC) is a booster organization whose members are committed to helping the Western Michigan men's basketball team continuously be one of the most competitive programs in the Mid-American Conference, in the Midwest, and on a national level.

Use of Funds

Funds raised through the FBC will assist in Facility Upgrades

Go Broncos!

2017-18 Membership Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home or Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Sweatshirt Size (Circle One): SM M L XL XXL

Circle One: Full Court Press (\$200 or more) / Man-to-Man (\$50-\$199) Amount Enclosed: _____

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FAST BREAK CLUB

Dates to Remember

6:01 TIP-OFF SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Hors d'oeuvres & soft drinks provided • Cash bar available
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 • BEACON CLUB - PORTAGE**
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 • BEACON CLUB - PORTAGE**
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 • BEACON CLUB - PORTAGE**
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018 • BEACON CLUB - PORTAGE**

PRE-GAME PIZZA PARTIES

No charge for FBC members and spouse

Any others will be a \$5 charge

Located in Read Fieldhouse, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms

- **SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2017 • WMU vs. OAKLAND • 12:30-1:30 PM**
- **SATURDAY DEC. 30, 2017 • WMU VS. CHICAGO STATE • TBA**
- **SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 2018 • WMU VS. BALL STATE • TBA**
- **SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 2018 • WMU VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS • TBA**
- **SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 2018 • WMU VS. OHIO • TBA**



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