

## About Bob Quillman and IWUhoops.com



I'm a 1993 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and currently the Senior Vice President of Sales at Miami-based Windhaven Insurance & The Hearth Group. I reside in Dallas, TX with my wife Rosemary, a State Farm Underwriting Section Manager. My sister Erin also went to IWU (class of '95) as did my father ('57). My parents, Bob and Joan, reside in Palos Heights and Erin now lives in Batavia with her husband Geoff and children Alex and Isaac.

I'm originally from Oak Lawn, a south suburb of Chicago. I attended Brother Rice High School of the Chicago Catholic League where I played baseball. My first exposure to Illinois Wesleyan basketball was listening to the countless stories my father (Bob Quillman, Sr. IWU '57) would tell me as a kid about playing for Coach Jack Horenberger. An all-stater from small school powerhouse Pinckneyville High School, my dad was originally recruited to IWU by then Pantagraph Sports Editor Fred Young. He played alongside one of the best scorers ever to put on a Titan uniform - Dean Padgett. (The vacancy left by my dad's graduation in '57 was filled by a freshman by the name of Dennie Bridges.)

It didn't take me long to get hooked on Titan basketball. As a freshman in 1989-90 I learned why so many people loved watching games at the Fred Young Fieldhouse - what a great atmosphere for basketball. I made every home game that year and many road games, watching the Jeff Kuehl/Mark Edmundson led Titans, who went on the the D3 Elite Eight that year and lost a heartbreaker to Depauw.

As the station manager of campus station WESN FM (88.1) my junior year I decided that the "Far Left FM" should be broadcasting Titan games. Local AM station WJBC did most of the games, but I just couldn't understand why they would pass up a Titan game for that "other university" across town when schedules conflicted. So, with some shoddy equipment and a

former Titan basketball player (Mike Thomas '91) as my color guy, my basketball play-by-play career began at North Park University one winter night. We didn't really know what we were doing, but we did alright and we got better with each game. With an assortment of color guys I did every remaining Titan basketball game (home & away with the exception of the holiday trips) during the '91-92 and '92-93 seasons.

From 2001 through 2008 I had the pleasure of working as part of the WJBC broadcast team for IWU basketball. Working with legendary broadcaster Art Kimball for 4 years was an honor. As a kid, I'd watch the IHSA state tournament TV broadcasts from Champaign every year and Art, of course, was the play-by-play man. I learned a lot about broadcasting in those four seasons with Art, who was the consummate professional. Art, who passed away in 2010, was one of the great guys around the sport of basketball. I was lucky to work with Jim Williams and Eric Stock with WJBC as well.

I've also enjoyed a 20+ year relationship with the good folks at [D3hoops.com](http://D3hoops.com). I've worked many Division III Final Fours with Pat Coleman and crew, and also been part of Dave McHugh's [Hoopsville](http://Hoopsville) program since the beginning.

So to make a long story short, I've been a big Titan and D3 hoops fan for many years now. So why the website? In December of 1998 I was fooling around with a web design program on my computer - I decided to use IWU basketball as the topic. Being completely computer illiterate, I had no intention of ever publishing this page. But as I began adding stuff I realized how easy it was to make a pretty good site. On 12/5/98 I published the site for the first time on free America Online server. That first season the page received an average of 10 hits per day. Before the 1999-2000 season I purchased the domain name "IWUhoops.com." That year the site averaged over 100 hits a day. In 2018-19, about 1300 unique visitors per day visit came to the site during the heart of the season.

I continue to run IWUhoops.com to give Titan fans a hub for all things IWU basketball. I don't have the time to do as much original content as I'd like, and the site is primarily links to other resources. But I try my best to keep the site updated and make it easy for IWU fans to navigate the season.

I always enjoy receiving feedback and suggestion about the site, so please feel free to e-mail with any thoughts. Thanks for stopping by, and Go Titans!

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