Sports Hall of Fame class—Seven former Birmingham-Southern athletic greats were inducted into the college’s Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies in May. Making up the 2005 class were (from left) Igor Ranitovic (men’s soccer), Diane Bassett Rulewicz (women’s soccer), Mario Mudano (baseball), Brian Rahaley (men’s tennis), Jim Humphries (men’s basketball and baseball), and Thorsten Damm (men’s soccer). Not pictured was Jonathan Crawford (men’s basketball).

Athletics Department awarded NCAA certification

The National Collegiate Athletics Association announced in May it had certified Birmingham-Southern’s Division I intercollegiate athletics program. The NCAA classification concluded a 14-month self-study process in which all aspects of BSC’s 14-sport program were examined for compliance within NCAA operating principles, including governance, rules compliance, academic integrity, equity, and student-athlete welfare.

“The outcome of the certification program was a resounding success and resulted in an unqualified certification,” said BSC President Dr. David Pollick. “The quality of the study was viewed as extraordinarily high, particularly for such a young program. I would like to offer both congratulations and appreciation to all those who worked on the self-study.” A designation of certified means that an institution operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership.

The Steering Committee was headed by Leslie Claybrook, BSC associate athletics director.