

FROM THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY REDHAWKS LOCKER ROOM

Geshan stays cool at school

Some people search high and low for the proverbial fountain of youth, trying all manner of lotions and potions to stay young. Andy Geshan, Equipment Manager for the Miami University Redhawks discovered a more enjoyable method – staying at school. Geshan has been with the Redhawks – runners-up in the 2009 NCAA Frozen Four championship – since his student days at the Oxford, Ohio campus.

THN: How long have you had this job?

AG: Since 1995. I was a student manager from 1986 to 1988.

THN: Did you play?

AG: No. When I grew up in the Cincinnati area youth hockey wasn't really in existence. I played some hockey (as a student) but I'm not that great a skater.

THN: What made you decide to be a student manager?

AG: My father worked downtown and would get tickets from a friend who had a contact with the Cincinnati Stingers of the old WHA. He'd call my Mom and say 'Stick the kids on the bus. I'll feed 'em here and we'll go down to a hockey game.' That's where I caught the hockey bug, so as a student the rink is

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where I wanted to be. They had hired their first full-time equipment manager, Dave Randolph (currently with Milwaukee Admirals) who wanted student help; it was all a matter of right place, right time.



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THN: What is Blademaster's biggest advantage?

AG: It's the more well-known product. Wherever you go that's what you see. If you're visiting somewhere and need something, chances are someone at that location has what you need to get you through.

THN: What's been your favourite experience?

AG: Last year's Frozen Four in Washington. Having experienced it as a participant was really a special occasion. A lot of people in my shoes have been at their institutions for as long as I've been, or maybe longer and never had that chance.

THN: What keeps you in university athletics?

AG: I like the entire atmosphere. There's so many dynamics – educational, entertainment, athletic. It's neat to work with young people. In our small town the university touches all aspects. I have two kids in elementary school; not a day goes by that there aren't university students in their school helping. I think it just helps keep me young.

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