

Big 10 Tip-Off Dinner - October 27

Featuring Illini Standout Dee Brown
Member of 2005 NCAA National Runner-Up Team

Where: Forest Hills Country Club
5135 Forest Hills Rd, Rockford, IL 61107

5:30 - Cocktails; 6:30 - Buffet Dinner
7:15 - Speaker - Dee Brown



REGISTRATION FORM

Reservation Deadline: October 16, 2015

Make check payable to RAIC

Mail to Connie Gritton Winter, 14392 W. Blair Rd., Winslow, IL 61089
Questions? Phone: 815/745-2049; email: cgritton@hughes.net

Contact Information

Name: _____

School Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name(s) of those attending (as you'd like them on name badges):

of people attending _____ x \$40.00 = _____

(Reservations can also be made online at www.rockfordillini.com)

Dee Brown is coming to town for the 2nd Annual “TIP-OFF DINNER” at Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford Tuesday, October, 27

Join us for a dinner “tipping off” the upcoming basketball season.

The event will commence at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, then dinner at 6:30 and highlight of the evening - Dee’s remarks at 7:15. Dinner will be a country buffet to featuring fried chicken and ham and all the fixin’s and our special Big Ten cake. A cash bar will be available.

A special raffle will be held featuring the lim-

ited edition collectible bobble heads of 2005 Illini team members - Deron Williams, Roger Powell and Luther Head. Tickets will be \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Pre-dinner ticket purchase is available and you need not be present to win. (See details elsewhere in this mailing.)

A silent auction will also be held.

The evening will conclude with the live auction of a Dee Brown bobble head!

Dee Brown’s Bio

Former Fighting Illini All-American point guard Dee Brown is in his first year as Special Assistant to the Director of Athletics, joining the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics full-time on September 8, 2015 following a nine-year career playing professionally.

Brown – the 2005 Sporting News National Player of the Year and winner of the 2006 Bob Cousy Award as the nation's top point guard – serves many duties in his current role, including representing the Director of Athletics and Illinois Athletics at a variety of campus and off-campus functions and meetings, and relationship building with campus administrators and local and regional business leaders and donors. Additional aspects include outreach efforts and fundraising. He also may assist in the recruiting process in accordance with NCAA rules and serve as a mentor for current student-athletes in all sports while developing and growing successful relationships with former Fighting Illini.

A native of Maywood, Illinois, Brown was named Mr. Basketball in Illinois following his senior season at Proviso East High School, when he also was selected a McDonald's All-American. He made an immediate impact with the Illini, earning Big Ten All-Freshman Team honors while helping lead the team to 25 wins, a Big Ten Tournament title and NCAA second-round appearance. The Illini won 26 games, an outright Big Ten championship and advanced to the Sweet 16 during Brown's sophomore season.

That set the stage for a stellar junior campaign in which the Illini won 37 games to tie the then-NCAA record for most victories in a season. Illinois won a second straight outright Big Ten title, added a conference tournament crown and advanced to the Final Four following a thrilling come-from-behind victory over Arizona in the Elite Eight. The Illini went on to finish as National Runner-Up. Brown was named a consensus first-team All-American and swept Big Ten Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year accolades. His senior season concluded with consensus second-team All-America honors as the Illini won 26 games and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Brown remains the winningest player in Fighting Illini basketball history, playing in 114 victories during his career. His name is etched all over the UI record books, where he still ranks third all-time in scoring (1,812 career points), second in career steals (231) and 3-pointers (299) and third in career assists (674).

Brown is married to the former Delores Confer, who also attended the University of Illinois. He has four children, sons Darrian and Daniel and daughters Michele and Zoe.

Bobble Head Raffle

Limited Edition Collectibles of the 2005 Basketball Team.

(Actual size 7" tall)

**The Dee Brown Bobble Head will be sold in a live auction at the
Big Ten Tipoff Dinner on October 27.**

**Deron Williams, Luther Head and Roger Powell bobble heads will be raffled off
just before the auction of Dee's bobble head.**

(Sorry we don't have a James Augustine bobble head.)

Raffle tickets are available for purchase now. \$5.00 EACH or 6 for \$25.

You need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets will be available at the Big Ten Tipoff Dinner. If you are unable to attend or would like to purchase in advance, fill in the appropriate raffle ticket blank(s) and with the appropriate funds (check made out to RAIC) mail to Connie Gritton Winter, 14392 W. Blair Rd., Winslow, IL 61089.



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