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University of Oklahoma Head Football Coach **Bob Stoops** enjoyed the **Oklahoma Chapter** banquet with 2001 Hall of Fame Coach from Oklahoma **Barry Switzer**.

The Chicago Metro Chapter will host the NFF's Celebrity Golf Classic at Hawthorn Woods Country Club on July 17. The goal for the day's activities is to raise \$50,000 for the benefit of Chicago-area high schools involved in the Play It Smart program. Celebrities already scheduled to play in the scramble include Wisconsin head coach **Bret Bielema**, Chicago Bears defensive coordinator **Ron Rivera**, former Bears players **Richard Dent**, **Steve McMichael**, **Bobby Douglass** and **Dave Duerson**, and Northwestern athletics director **Mark Murphy**. For more information about playing or sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Chris Kearney** at 847-507-9834 or chriskearney@prodigy.net.

The Wisconsin Chapter held its 13th annual scholar-athlete luncheon April 22 inside the Dave McLain Center located in Camp Randall Stadium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin with 210 people in attendance.

In addition to distributing \$3,000 in scholarships and honoring 11 high school scholar-athletes at the luncheon, each honoree received recognition during halftime of the Badgers spring football game on the scoreboard video screen.

The chapter receives key support from the University of Wisconsin athletics department and the family of the late **George Chryst**, who served as the head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and as an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. George's wife **Patty** and her three sons and two daughters all stay involved, including **Rick**, the commissioner of the Mid-American Conference, **Jeep**, an assistant coach with the Carolina Panthers, and **Paul**, the offensive coordinator for the Wisconsin Badgers.



Rick Chryst

KEY NFF DATES TO REMEMBER

July 17th

NFF Celebrity Golf Classic
Chicago, Ill.

August 10th-12th

College Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival
South Bend, Ind.

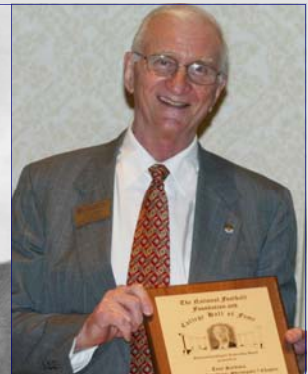
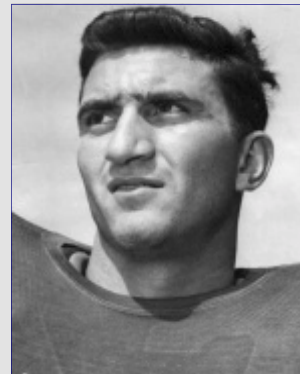
October 25th

Draddy Trophy Finalist Announcement

December 5th

49th Annual Awards Dinner
New York, N.Y.

NFF Mourns the Death of Tony Sardisco



Tony Sardisco, president of the **S.M. McNaughton Chapter** and former Tulane All-America, died at his home May 31 in Shreveport, La. He was 73 years old.

As the five-year president and 20-year member of the S.M. McNaughton (Shreveport) Chapter, Sardisco discovered an outlet to give back to the game he started playing in 1947. His work with the chapter earned him a trip to New York City this past December to the NFF's Annual Awards Dinner to be recognized with a national chapter leadership award.

The chapter today boasts a membership roster of over 100 local community members and awards \$3,500 in scholarship money to seven football players, who are chosen from 51-area high schools each year. Sardisco took great pride in assisting these young men with their academic and athletic pursuits.

"When I send these checks out to the universities and receive thank you letters from the kids and the parents noting how much it helps, that makes it all worthwhile," he said in December.

In addition to his duties with the chapter, Sardisco belonged to numerous civic and local organizations in Shreveport, including the Knights of Columbus, Tulane T-Club, the Shreveport Tulane Alumni Chapter, and the Shreveport Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. He is survived by his wife, Julie, and four grown daughters.

In front of a crowd of more than 500 people, the **Northeastern Ohio Chapter** honored 22 high school scholar-athletes, and through the financial support of **Bernie Kosar**, presented \$20,000 in post-graduate scholarships to 10 college players during its 18th annual scholar-athlete banquet on May 1.



Bernie Kosar

For the past five years Kosar, a Cleveland native and the former Browns quarterback who led the Miami Hurricanes to the 1983 national championship, has fulfilled a \$100,000 pledge to chapter's scholarships. Kosar, who became inspired by the quality of the chapter's scholar-athletes after serving as the groups keynote speaker several years ago, has informed Chapter President **Tim Gleason** that he will continue to provide the chapter \$20,000 a year for scholarships.

Brian Sipe, another former Cleveland Browns quarterback and the current coach at Santa Fe Christian in San Diego, Calif., gave the evening's keynote speech, mentioning that the San Diego Chapter's recent recognition of one of his players as a scholar-athlete stands as one of his athletic career highlights.

Ohio State University head football coach **Jim Tressel** annually participates in the chapter's banquet. A native of the Cleveland area where he played football for his late father, Lee, at Baldwin-Wallace College, Coach Tressel presented the Lee Tressel Ohio Coach of the Year Award this year to **Jon Heacock** of Youngstown State University.

The burgeoning **Rochester (N.Y.) Chapter** held its fourth annual scholar-athlete banquet on April 30 at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford, N.Y. The chapter honored eight youth, 24 high school and three college scholar-athletes. The top ten high school players received scholarships totaling \$5,000.



R.C. Slocum

The Passaic County (N.J.) Chapter hosted their 31st annual banquet on April 23 in Haledon. Fifteen scholar-athletes received a total of \$8,000 in scholarships while **Mike Miello**, head football coach at William Paterson University, served as the banquet's guest speaker.

On May 15, the **Greater Austin Chapter** held its 14th annual banquet honoring 41 area high school senior football student-athletes. **R.C. Slocum**, former head football coach at Texas A&M, gave an inspiring talk to the young men on maintaining their focus as they head off to college.



A crowd of 350 gathered for the **University of Georgia (Athens) Chapter's** annual scholar-athlete dinner on April 17. Pictured above are: (front) 2006 scholar-athletes **James Glenn Rice, Zachary Anglin, Drew Johnson** and **Hunter Roop**; (back) Chapter President **Milton Eisenberg**, Bengals linebacker and former Georgia All-America **David Pollack**, University of Georgia Head Football Coach **Mark Richt** and NFF South Regional Coordinator **Art Demmas**.

Ken Dabbs, long-time high school coach and former assistant coach for **Darrell Royal**, received the Contribution to Amateur Football Award, and **Craig Way**, the voice of the Longhorns, served as the master of ceremonies. Among the nearly 500 in attendance were two past College Hall of Fame inductees, **Roosevelt Leaks** and **Jerry Sisemore**. The Chapter has given out a total of \$189,000 in scholarships over the last 14 years.

Mark Mangino delivered the keynote speech. During the banquet the chapter also presented its Don Fambrough Coach of the Year Award to **Marvin Diener** of Gardner-Edgerton High School and its football officials award to **Jim Knight**.

On the campus of the University of South Carolina, the **Midlands (Columbia, S.C.) Chapter** held its annual banquet on April 25, honoring 21 scholar-athletes for their accomplishments on and off the field. **Freeman Belser**, who was nationally recognized in 1997 as the South Region's High School Scholar-Athlete of the Year, returned to the dais to emcee the event for the chapter.

The **Sunflower (Topeka, Kan.) Chapter** attracted 225 people to its annual banquet on April 19, which honored 11 scholar-athletes for their achievements and distributed \$2,000 in scholarships. The group's average GPA is an outstanding 4.139.

Attracting strong support from high school coaches throughout the state, Chapter President **Gerry McGuire** and former College Football Hall of Fame Executive Director **Bernie Kish** organized the event, and University of Kansas Head Coach



Freeman Belser