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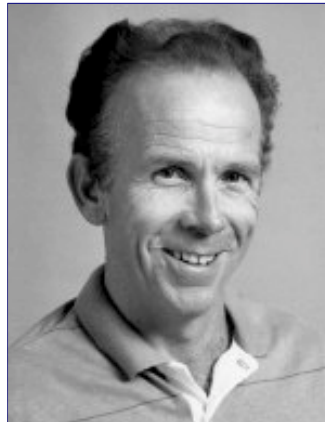
Team of Physicians for Students (TOPS), founded in 2002 by Valley of the Sun Chapter Board Member **Paul Steingard, D.O.**, recently launched the "Save an Athlete" program through financial support from Royal Philips Electronics. Devoted to educating communities and preventing Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), Save an Athlete provides student athletes opportunities for early cardiac screenings while supplying information to their families, doctors, athletics directors and coaches.

Since 2002, TOPS has provided free screening physicals with cardiac testing to approximately 7,500 Phoenix-area high school and college athletes and has plans for expanding Save an Athlete throughout the country.

"If one student athlete dies, it is one too many," said Dr. Steingard. "But sudden cardiac arrests can be prevented through early diagnosis and treatment."

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), a type of congenital cardiovascular condition, is a major cause of SCA in young athletes and affects as many as 1.5 million Americans. Most athletes don't know they may be at risk for SCA until it strikes, which can be prevented through TOPS's efforts.

More information on the Save an Athlete program can be found at www.saveanathlete.org.



Jim Doan

Jim Doan, longtime member and secretary/treasurer of the **Sacramento Valley Chapter**, passed away in his home on June 16 at the age of 66.

"Jim was one of those 10 percenters that did 90 percent of the work," said chapter president **Jerry Wilfley**. "He will definitely be difficult to replace."

Doan, a 30-year sports information director at University of California, Davis, was described by friends as a "walking record book of Aggie athletic accomplishments" and was a continual source of knowledge for Aggie sportswriters even after his retirement in 1993. He was also a U.S. Tennis Association certified official.

Doan is survived by his children, Heidi and Brian, and three grandchildren.

Ted Schmidt, new president of the **Southern Arizona Chapter**, received the Walter E. Craig Distinguished

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NFF chapter members can receive \$3 off the 2006 edition of the **Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook**. The Yearbook, a 384-page comprehensive guide to college football priced at \$21.95, is used extensively by the likes of ESPN's **Chris Fowler** and **Bill Curry**.

Blue Ribbon Yearbooks originally started as a college basketball publication in the early 80s. In 2000, Blue Ribbon published its first college football version, which has quickly become an indispensable guide for scouts, fans, coaches and play-by-play announcers.

The 2006 College Football Yearbook is available at www.footballfoundation.com by clicking on the Blue Ribbon link. NFF members can use code "NFF06" for the discount.



The William Denny Central Jersey Chapter is asking for help. Justin, a former scholar-athlete for the chapter and current Navy SEAL whose last name cannot be released for security reasons, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (A.L.L.) on June 2. He also has the Philadelphia Chromosome, which makes a bone marrow transplant necessary for his survival. Medical personnel from the Department of Defense Marrow Program will be at Spotswood High School in Spotswood, N.J., on

Saturday, July 15 in hopes of finding a potential donor.

Justin entered the United States Naval Academy after high school and graduated in 2000. He then reported to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training (SEAL-BUDS) in Coronado, Calif., where his class' entire rigorous training was captured in a Discovery Channel documentary. After BUDS, Justin was deployed twice, including a seven-month combat tour during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has spent the last two years as a training officer in Mississippi. Justin is currently at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where he has finished his first round of chemotherapy.

To register as a potential donor or for additional information, please call Jodi Pinedo at 609-918-0905 or visit www.dodmarrow.com.



The Connecticut Hall of Fame Classic

Each year, the **Ralph DeSantis Chapter** and the **Gene J. Casey Chapter** organize the Connecticut Hall of Fame Classic All-Star Football Game, raising more than \$40,000 each spring for the chapters' scholarship programs. Listed below are chapter-scheduled all-star games from this summer through the end of the year.

Event	Date	Chapter
Bergen County All-Star Game	June 9	Bergen County
Bayou Bowl All-Star Game	June 10	Touchdown Club of Houston
Lezzer Lumber All-Star Game	June 16	Central Pennsylvania
Shrine Chowder Bowl Classic	June 23	Western and Central Massachusetts Chapters
Oregon Bowl Senior All-Star Game	June 23	Portland
PA Scholastic Football Coaches Assoc. East-West All-Star Game	June 24	Central Pennsylvania
Connecticut Hall of Fame Classic	July 7	Gene J. Casey and Ralph DeSantis Chapters
Pasadena All-Star Game	July 7	Pasadena/San Gabriel
Western NY All-Star Game	July 26	Western New York
North-South Vermont All-Star Game	Nov. 25	Vermont
East Coast College All-Star Bowl Game	Nov. 25	Commwealth (Richmond, Va.)

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Service Award, presented by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education. The award recognizes an attorney who has "manifested adherence to the highest of principles and tradition of the legal profession and service to the public in the community in which he lives."

Besides the NFF, Schmidt volunteers with The Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, coaching little league and fundraising for a booster club. Twenty years ago he started the Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, a week-long class to help law students de-

velop trial skills. He also established the Tara Nicole Schmidt "Have a Dream!" Memorial Scholarship at the University of Arizona in memory of his daughter Tara who drowned in 1989.

Christopher Prosin-ski, the **Wyoming Chapter's** Top Scholar-Athlete for 2005, was recently named Outstanding Senior Male Athlete for the state at the Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame banquet on June 24. The award is named after Milward Simpson, a University of Wyoming athlete who lettered in basketball and baseball while also



Charter members of the **Delaware Chapter** at the chapter's inaugural banquet on June 13. From left to right are Delaware State Head Football Coach **Alton Lavan**, Delaware State President **Dr. Allen Sessoms**, chapter special assistant **Chuck Shelton**, NFF Regional Coordinator **Ron Dilatush** and Delaware State Athletics Director **Chuck Bell**.



The 2006 **Joe Yukica Chapter** Scholar-Athletes at the chapter's 19th annual awards dinner on May 9.



Wyoming Chapter President Mike Schutte and **Christopher Prosin-ski**

becoming the Cowboy's first All-America football player.

Prosin-ski was a ten-time All-State performer in football, basketball and track. As the Buffalo High School

quarterback, he led his team to a 22-0 record and two state championships. He was also the senior class valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA. He will attend the University of Wyoming in the fall.

NFF KEY DATES

August 10th-12th
College Hall of Fame
Enshrinement Festival
South Bend, Ind.

October 25th
Draddy Trophy Finalist
Announcement

December 5th
49th Annual Awards Dinner
*The Waldorf-Astoria
New York, N.Y.*