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Bill Dooley

Triangle Chapter President **Bill Dooley** is expecting a full recovery from his April surgery. He returned to his home two weeks ago after spending seven weeks at Duke University Hospital following emergency surgery for an aortic aneurysm. Dooley collapsed after emceeding his chapter's annual banquet in Durham. He undergoes physical therapy three times a week.

In ten seasons, Dooley coached the North Carolina Tarheels to six bowl games and three ACC championships. He also enjoyed winning stints at Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. Dooley was named ACC Coach of the Year three times.

Curt Blatt, the **Iowa Chapter's** 2006 High School Coach of the Year was recently named Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA). This year's NHSACA Awards were held in Branson, Mo., where national coaching awards were presented in 17 sports (boys

and girls) and to the National Athletic Director of the Year.

Coach Blatt boasts a 301-31 record in 28 seasons, 10 championship titles and three straight 13-0 championship seasons at Harlan Community High School in Harlan, Iowa.



Curt Blatt

The Commonwealth Chapter, under the direction of President **Joe Miller**, held its annual Lou Anderson Combine at Meadowbrook High School in Richmond, Va. Over 400 high school athletes participated. The event provides juniors and sophomores an opportunity to work out in front of collegiate coaches for the day with the results distributed to over 120 colleges for free.

Rhode Island Chapter scholar-athlete **Bobby Sewall** was recently named the 2006 *Providence Journal* Honor Roll Boy, an honor given annually to the top senior male student-athlete in the
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Dave Caputi (second from left), the **Maine Chapter** Coaching Academy director and head football coach at Bowdoin College, reviews the NFL/NFF Coaching Academy Playbook with youth coaches from the Bonnie Eagle Youth Football League in Standish, Maine.



Hall of Famer Gale Sayers and **Chicago Metro Chapter** President **Chris Kearney** (center) meet with a few **Chicago Metro Chapter** scholar-athletes.

College and Pro Hall of Famer **Gale Sayers** met with four of the 2006 **Chicago Metro Chapter** scholar-athletes on July 10. The four young athletes enjoyed a Q&A session with Sayers and discussed topics, including the transition from high school to college, the importance of time management and dealing with adversity. Sayers also offered some of his favorite football memories and mentioned the movie *Brian's Song*, which commemorates his friendship with former teammate **Brian Piccolo** who died in 1970 from cancer.

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Ocean State. Sewall, who is expected to play receiver for Brown University in the fall, was the starting quarterback for Portsmouth High School since his sophomore year. He also earned first-team honors in basketball and is considered one of the state's top sprinters in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes.

Along with his successful sports career, Sewall obtained a rigorous academic schedule loaded with honors and advanced-placement courses; served as a member of the student council and the yearbook staff; and performed more than 200 hours of community service over the past three years.

Don't forget! NFF chapter members can receive \$3 off the 2006 edition of the **Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook**. The Year-



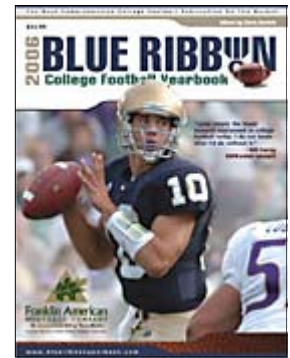
Orange County Chapter President Dick Whitney (back row center) with the chapter's 2006 scholarship recipients.

book, 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.



Team of Physicians for Students (TOPS)

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, athletic directors and coaches. More information on the Save an Athlete program can be found at www.saveanathlete.org.

