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Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Auburn Chapter President Trey Johnston, Hall of Fame Coach Pat Dye and Auburn Bank CEO Bob Dumas

The Auburn Chapter honored former Auburn Football Coach **Pat Dye** with its Contribution to Amateur Football Award at the chapter's Annual Awards Presentation Dinner. Coach Dye, a member of the 2005 College Hall of Fame class, led the Tigers to four SEC Championships in 12 seasons at the university.

Other award winners included seven scholar-athletes, four from Auburn, and three from local high schools. **Larry Blakeney**, head football coach at Troy University, served as the guest speaker. Over 100 people were in attendance.

Syracuse legend **Art Monk** delivered the keynote speech at the **Central New York Chapter** banquet in January as the chapter honored its annual class of scholar-athletes.

"[This event] is great—motivating them to be people of character and integrity," said Monk, who played wide receiver for the Orange, in an interview with the *Post-Standard*. "It's more than just being an athlete and making money. It's about treating people right."

continues as a driving force in the chapter's success.

Monk, a New York native, earned First Team All-America honors in 1979 before embarking on a pro career with the Washington Redskins. He holds the Syracuse record with 14 receptions in a game and is fourth on school's all-time all-purpose yards list with 3,899.

At the **State of Maine Chapter's** 35th Annual Awards Dinner, **Gene DeFilippo**, Boston College athletics director, accepted the 1919 BC-Yale Game Ball from **Mrs. Peggy Fitzpatrick Furbush**, the daughter of Boston College legend **James Fitzpatrick**, who kicked the game's winning field goal in BC's 5-3 victory. The football will be displayed in Eagles' Hall of Fame.

For his many contributions to the amateur football, the chapter named its annual awards dinner in Fitzpatrick's honor. The chapter also presents The Fitzpatrick Trophy to Maine's best high school football player.



Art Monk presents Jared Nepa as the Central New York Chapter's Collegiate Scholar-Athlete of the Year

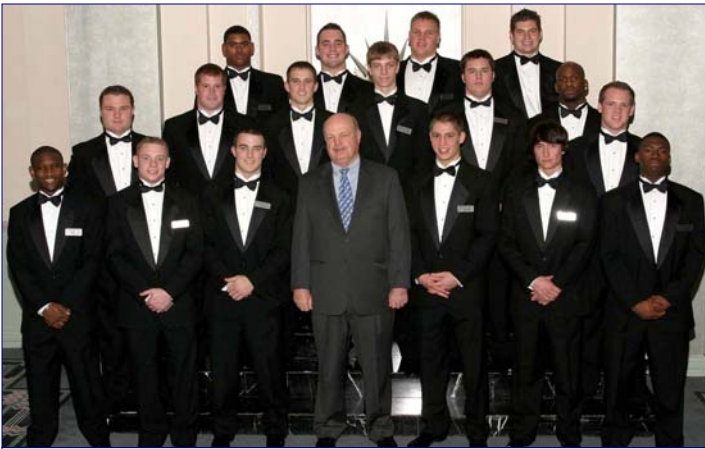
With 600 people in attendance, the chapter awarded \$20,000 in scholarships, a total that has continued to rise since the chapter's first banquet six years ago. Fifty-six scholar-athletes accepted scholarships, ranging from \$250-\$750. **Matt Kinnan**, of Christian Brothers Academy, claimed the Al Vedder Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of the former Colgate University coach who died in 2005. Vedder's legacy

The **Cincinnati Chapter** banquet Feb. 16 played host to the Marvin Lewis Coach of the Year Award presentation. The award, sponsored by National City and named for Cincinnati Bengals Head Coach **Marvin Lewis**, honors a local coach for his teaching skills, sportsmanship, dedication to his players and the community, and his commitment to education.

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Gene J. Casey Chapter President Bill O'Brien and Vice President Paul Criscuolo presented the Branford Youth Football League with a \$500 check for new uniforms and equipment expenses.



Cincinnati Bengals President Mike Brown with the 2005 Cincinnati Chapter Scholar-Athletes

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Mike Martin, the coach at Taft High School, claimed the award after leading his Senators to an 8-2 record during a rebuilding process. After playing college football at Illinois, Martin played from 1983-89 for the Bengals. Taft High School participates in the National Football Foundation's Play It Smart program. **Mike Brown**, the president of Cincinnati Bengals, made the presentation on behalf of Coach Lewis.

Ken Osborne, the Williamsburg High School coach, took home a lifetime achievement award. During his career from 1961-2001, his team won more than 200 games and eight league championships.



University of Cincinnati Head Coach Mark Dantonio

University of Cincinnati Head Coach **Mark Dantonio** gave the evening's keynote speech as the chapter honored 17 players with scholar-athlete accolades.

The Rhode Island Chapter has announced its 2005-06 scholar-athlete class. Selected from more than 2,000 high school football players from the Ocean State, 14 student-athletes will be honored at the chapter's 19th annual awards dinner on May 1.

University of Washington Athletics Director **Todd Turner** took the podium Jan. 18 as the keynote speaker during the 14th Annual **Clark County Chapter** banquet. The chapter awarded six graduating high school players, three backs and three linemen, a total of \$15,000. More than 450 people attended the event.

Buffalo Bills kicker **Rian Lindell**, a 1995 Clark County Chapter Scholar-Athlete and graduate of Mountain View High School, sponsored the chapter's scholarship for the top linemen. Lindell, 29, credits the chapter with providing him critical support during the start of his kicking career, which allowed him to enroll at Washington State.

"I remember what a big deal it was for me to get that award, so it's nice that I can help out," he told the *Columbian*. "It meant a lot. It was cool to go (to the banquet) with all the people you played against over the years."

Curt Warner, the former Seattle Seahawks running back and all-America from Penn State, also provided \$1,500 for one of the chapter's annual scholarships. Warner still holds many of the Nittany Lions' rushing records.

In addition to awarding the scholarships, the chapter recognized nearly 40 local high school seniors for their accomplishments while bestowing the John Hadley Award to the assistant coach of the year, recognizing three

individuals for their contributions to amateur football and honoring **Kent Pfeifer**, a local supporter of football programs, with its Distinguished American Award.

The chapter has awarded \$185,000 in scholarships over the past 14 years.



Todd Turner



Legendary New Jersey Coach Passes Away at 82

Ken Keuffel, the longtime coach of New Jersey's Lawrenceville School, passed away Feb. 20 at the age of 82. During his 37 years as a head coach, Keuffel tallied a 159-89-8 record at Lawrenceville and a 28-20-5 mark at Wabash College. A 45-year member of the **Delaware Valley Chapter**, Keuffel earned induction into the Wabash College, the Lawrenceville School and the New Jersey Football Coaches Halls of Fame.

"From [Delaware Valley Chapter] members, high school coaches, college coaches... a lot of people have been touched by him and everyone has a story to share about him," said Delaware Valley Chapter President **Eric Hamilton**. "He might not have been around as much in the last few years, but everyone knows an icon has passed."

As a chapter member, Keuffel ran a coaching clinic for more than 20 years every June that counted **Joe Paterno** and **Dick Vermeil** among its speakers.