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Keith Dorney

The **Central Pennsylvania Chapter** celebrated a milestone on April 9 with its 10th annual banquet. 2005 College Football Hall of Fame inductee **Keith Dorney** was the keynote speaker. Dorney, who played offensive tackle at Penn State from 1975-78 and then 10 years with the Detroit Lions, earned Academic All-America honors in college and currently teaches high school English in California. The chapter distributed \$10,000 in scholarships, adding to the \$75,000 disbursed since its inception.

The **Delaware Valley Chapter** held its 44th annual banquet on March 19, honoring 31 high school and two college student-athletes.

More than 400 guests attended the event as the chapter awarded \$38,000, the most of any chapter in the nation. Each honoree received at least \$1,000, and **Imaniboom Etukeren** from the Lawrence-

ville School claimed the Jack Steffan/Yardville National Bank \$5,000 scholarship as the chapter's top scholar-athlete.

The Delaware Valley Chapter, under the leadership of president and The College of New Jersey Head Football Coach **Eric Hamilton**, also recently held a coaching roundtable. The event garnered 11 new members from the more than 60 coaches who attended. The chapter charged \$10 to attend the event, but they waived the fee for current and new members. Former NFF President **Bob Casciola** was the featured speaker.



Eric Hamilton

The **Tri-Cities (Tennessee) Chapter** honored 18 scholar-athletes March 21, awarding \$5,500 to the top five candidates. **Ken Sparks**, the head coach at Carson-Newman College, gave the keynote speech. The head coach at Carson-Newman for the past 26 years, Sparks has produced more than 60 NFL players. He urged those in



Seated: Chicago Chapter board member and former Chicago Bear Dan Jiggetts. Standing (L-R): Chapter President Chris Kearney, Chapter Treasurer Wolfe Tone, and Hall of Fame Coordinator of Volunteer Services Jim Baumgartner.

Members of the **Chicago Metro Chapter** attended the Chicago Bears Fan Convention on March 3-5. With more than 10,000 people attending the event, the group spoke with thousands of people while distributing information about the College Football Hall of Fame and encouraging attendees to become members of the National Football Foundation.

attendance to continue with their studies, noting the short career span of an NFL player and their often-illusory financial gain.



Carson-Newman Head Coach Ken Sparks

Rowland P. 'Red' Smith has been elected president of the **Sacramento Valley Chapter** for a second time. He replaces **Jerry Wilfley**, who served as the chapter's leader for the past four years. Previously, Red was the chapter's president from 1986-95.

The **Lehigh Valley Chapter** staged its annual scholar-athlete banquet Feb. 19. More than 400 parents, coaches, teachers and fellow student-athletes attended the event as the chapter presented \$3,000 in scholarships. In addition to honoring local players at the high school level, the chapter honored collegiate players from East Stroudsburg,

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Members of the 2005 Lehigh Valley Scholar-Athlete Class

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Kutztown, Lafayette, Lehigh, Moravian and Muhlenberg.

Kyle Brong, a defensive tackle from Lehigh High School who is headed to Dartmouth, took home the top scholar-athlete award. Brong boasted a 3.8 GPA and led Lehigh to the Eastern Conference 3A finals with

88 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery.

“It’s a great honor for me, the school, the coaches and everybody at Lehigh,” said Kyle Brong to *The Morning Call*. “I’m amazed. This is very unexpected.”

The **Miss-Lou Chapter** has scheduled its annual Joe Fortunato Celebrity Golf



Ed Orgeron

Classic for May 6 and 7. The event raises a significant portion of the chapter’s scholarship money. During its 25th annual banquet on Feb. 23, the chapter distributed \$9,750 to seven recipients. Ole Miss head coach **Ed Orgeron** was the featured speaker at the event.

Steve McKinney, starting center for the Houston Texans and owner of Velocity Sports Performance, will host a celebrity golf tournament on April 21, which will benefit the **Houston Touchdown Club Chapter** Weight Room Program. The Touchdown Club has given upwards of \$70,000 in weights and equipment to 16 Houston-area high schools in the last four years.

“With school funding a hot topic and knowing that extracurricular programs are getting the short end of the funding stick, this program has gained greater importance than when we started five years ago,” said **Chris Vaughan**, former president of the

Houston Touchdown Club Chapter.

“Steve McKinney has been a supporter and friend to the Touchdown Club... The schools of greater Houston will benefit from it.”

For more information on the event, you may reach Chris at coachV79@yahoo.com.



Steve McKinney

The **S.M. McNaughton Chapter** (La.) awarded \$3,500 to seven scholar-athletes on February 23. The chapter covers 52 high schools and selected the seven winners from 24 nominations this year. The chapter also recognized **Jerry Byrd, Jr.** with its Contribution to Amateur Football Award and **Bill McConathy** with its Distinguished American Award.



The 2003 Athens Chapter Shrimp and Golf Outing, front row: Jerry Kramer, Green Bay Packer great, the late-Hall of Famer Bill Hartman, Zeke Bratkowski, Georgia great and Kramer’s Packers teammate. Second row: Hall of Famer Johnny Majors, Hall of Famer John Rauch, Art Demmas, Jimmy Orr, Georgia star and Baltimore Colts receiver, Hall of Fame Coach Vince Dooley.

The University of Georgia (Athens) Chapter will hold its annual spring golf and shrimp outing on April 16 and 17 this year. **David Pollack**, Georgia three-time All America and current Cincinnati Bengals linebacker, will be the featured speaker.



Members of the 2005 S.M. McNaughton Scholar-Athlete Class