



THE JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

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CHAPTER PREPARES TO EXPAND INTO "REGION" OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

A gathering of football coaches and business leaders from the "Region" area of Northwest Indiana on April 15 at 6 p.m. at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville will mark the start of expansion of the Northwest Indiana Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame into the Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties of Indiana.

The event at Teibel's will feature several college coaches including Purdue Head Football Coach Joe Tiller, who founded the chapter in Tippecanoe County in 2003. Among the other coaches on hand will be Danny Hope, who just completed five successful seasons as head coach at Eastern Kentucky University and has been hired as Tiller's designated replacement, when Joe retires at the end of next season, his 12th as head man in West Lafayette.

The April 15 event will start with a meeting just for coaches and will end with a social hour that includes members of the business community. The event is an off-shoot of a February planning session set up by chapter member John Friend, currently the acting athletic director at Purdue-Calumet, in conjunction with Tiller, Hope, high school coaches Mark Hoffman of Valparaiso, Jeff Yelton of Merrillville, Leroy Marsh of Munster, and Brad Smith formerly of Attica, along with chapter President Bart Burrell and executive director Jim Vrugink. Current chapter members are welcome to attend the event at Teibel's, but should contact Vrugink in advance by phone (765-494-2086) or email (jvruggink@purdue.edu).

The chapter received its charter in West Lafayette in 2004 with 50 members and a goal for developing its membership and scholar-athlete scholarship program by starting and partnerships. The chapter, as a non-profit organization, has awarded more than \$44,000 in grants, scholarships and honorariums since June of 2005.

The chapter currently solicits scholarship nominations from 39 high schools in 15 counties (Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Miami, Newton, Pulaski, Starke, Tippecanoe, Warren and White) with hopes of adding Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties to the mix for 2009. Selection of the Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year is based 40% on academic achievement, 40% football performance and attitude, and

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The present and future of Purdue football: Joe Tiller and Danny Hope.

NEW WEBSITE READY TO LAUNCH

In an attempt to maintain contact with our growing membership base and to provide consistent and up-to-date information about the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana, your NFF Board of Directors decided last fall to create a website. Thanks to the efforts of chapter member Tim Nordland (affectionately known as Webdog in the West Lafayette community), it is ready to launch at the end of this month.

The website features 10 menu options (About Us, Awards/Scholarships, Contacts, Contributions, Events, Links, Memberships, Newsletters, Sponsors/Partners, and Youth Programs) and the responsibility of keeping the site up-to-date will rest with Executive Director Jim Vrugink and our newsletter editors. Please check it out at www.nfftillerchapter.org.

HOF VOTES DUE MARCH 31

As a reminder to all chapter members, who have paid their annual dues, please submit your votes and help select the next class of inductees in the College Football Hall of Fame. You should have received an official ballot from NFF Headquarters in this month's "Footballer" magazine. Please note that the votes are due March 31.

As in the past, we are asking for support from other chapters in exchange for our support of their candidates. In filling out your ballot, please consider voting for Bob Novogratz of Army (representing the National Capital Region Chapter), Pat Fitzgerald of Northwestern (representing the Metro Chicago Chapter) and Tom Nowatzke of Indiana (representing the Central Indiana Chapter), in addition to the three former Purdue players on the ballot, Otis Armstrong, Dave Butz and Mark Herrmann. You can read about each of these fine candidates in the capsule bios in the ballots that were distributed in early March.

SAVE THESE DATES:

April 15, 2008 - Off-season football fest at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville, 6 p.m. CDT for coaches & 7 p.m. for members.

June 13, 2008 - Chapter's Honors Dinner "Celebrating our Legends IV" at Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms.

Fall 2008 - Tailgate event in West Lafayette before or after a Purdue football game at the northeast corner of Lambert Fieldhouse, near Northwestern Avenue.

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HONORS DINNER AWARDS – JUNE 13, 2008 FOR JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a graduating high school senior football player who exemplifies excellence as a student, an athlete and a citizen. Scholarship money from the National Football Foundation is provided to the winner as long as he is not receiving full athletic aid to attend the college of his choice. He is not required to continue his career as a football player.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in late winter or early spring from high school coaches and/or administrators in the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the Scholar-Athlete Committee, which recommends at least one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner. Other nominees will also be recognized at the Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: William Bowman of Lafayette Jefferson High School

2006 Honoree: Brett Courtney of West Lafayette Harrison High School

2007 Honoree: James Wodicka of West Lafayette High School

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to an individual whose efforts and activities support the goals of the National Football Foundation on the local level. The award identifies an individual who works tirelessly out of love for football and a desire to help children play the game. The award winner can be a league organizer, administrator, fundraiser, coach, doctor, athletic trainer, game official or anyone who excels in representing and supporting the foundation's fundamental creed.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Kay Hunt of West Lafayette Little Gridiron Football League

2006 Honoree: John Robinson of Lafayette 56ers Youth Football League

2007 Honoree: Dr. Bob Hagen of Lafayette Sportsmedicine/Unity Health Care

DREW BREES COLLEGE OR PRO MENTAL TOUGHNESS AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a college or professional athlete who exemplified exceptional mental attitude or toughness while competing within the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Exceptional mental attitude includes displays of high academic achievement, superior leadership, dogged determination, tenacity, moral character, bravery, humility and concern for others, in addition to remarkable athletic accomplishments.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Drew Brees of the San Diego Chargers

2006 Honoree: Rob Ninkovich of Purdue University

2007 Honoree: Roosevelt Colvin of the New England Patriots

DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a citizen who has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game of football and who has exhibited enviable leadership qualities and patriotism while making a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football or sports in general in the United States while bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommended must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Gene Keady, emeritus basketball coach of Purdue University

2006 Honoree: Bob DeMoss, former football coach/administrator at Purdue University

2007 Honoree: Henry Rosenthal, former play-by-play announcer/owner of WASK Radio

NOMINATION FORM

(Submit by March 31, 2008 to Jim Vruggink via phone at 765-494-2086, fax at 765-496-2970, email at jvruggink@purdue.edu or mail at 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Name of nominee _____

For which award? _____

Phone/address of nominee _____

Reasons for nomination _____

Your name _____

Phone or email _____

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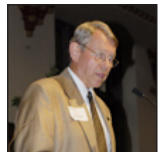
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DANNY HOPE TO CARRY ON TILLER'S DEDICATION TO NFF

If there was any doubt among chapter members about Danny Hope keeping Joe Tiller's dream alive regarding the future of the Northwest Indiana Chapter of the National Football Foundation, those doubts can be put to rest.

Hope was hired in January as Purdue's associate head football coach and will assume the position of head coach upon the retirement of Joe Tiller following the 2008 season. The 49-year-old Hope has signed to a six-year contract, with the final five as head coach.

Hope is well aware of Tiller's goals of having this chapter become one of the largest chapters in the nation, one that will help select many Boilermakers as future College Football Hall of Fame inductees.

"I am looking forward to carrying on what Coach Tiller has started in the National Football Foundation chapter here," said Hope. "I am excited to be on board with this great concept and to be involved in something that gives back to our profession on several levels of football - youth, high school, college and pro."

Hope was an assistant under Tiller at Purdue from 1997 to 2001 and returned to the Boilermakers from Eastern Kentucky University, where he has served as head coach since 2003. His five-year record was 35-22 (.614 winning percentage), including 32-8 (.800 winning percentage) in Ohio Valley Conference games.

"It's great to be a Boilermaker again," Hope said. "The years I spent at

Purdue were some of the greatest of my coaching life."

During the 2007 season, Eastern Kentucky finished 9-3 and won the OVC championship with an 8-0 mark. The Colonels advanced to the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) playoffs and were ranked 13th in the final poll. Hope was named OVC Coach of the Year, FCS Region 3 Coach of the Year and was a finalist for both American Football Coaches Association and Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year honors.

"I'm extremely excited," said chapter member and former Boilermaker quarterback Drew Brees. "When I was there, he did a phenomenal job as offensive line coach and made my job a lot easier. He did a great job as the head coach at Eastern Kentucky, and his track record speaks for itself. He understands the past, present and future of Purdue football."

In his previous stint with the Boilermakers, Hope coached the offensive line. Seven of his players went on to the National Football League: Ian Allen, Kelly Butler, Mark Fischer, Brandon Gorin, Matt Light, Gene Mruczkowski and Chukky Okobi. The Boilermakers played in the Alamo Bowl in 1997 and 1998, the 2000 Outback Bowl, 2001 Rose Bowl and 2001 Sun Bowl while averaging nearly eight wins per season.

"I would not be in the NFL today if it were not for Danny Hope," said Light, an All-America left tackle at Purdue and member of three Super Bowl championship teams with the New England Patriots. "He is absolutely the right guy to build on the current foundation of Purdue football."

NFF HONORS DINNER & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT DINNER

ORDER FORM

- June 13 Honors Dinner tickets for non-NFF members: _____ X \$45 each = \$ _____
- June 13 Honors Dinner tickets for NFF members/students#: _____ X \$30 each = \$ _____
- June 13 Honors Dinner autograph football: _____ X \$50 each = \$ _____
- June 13 Honors Dinner tables of eight*: (\$360 each for non-members) _____ X \$240 each = \$ _____
- July 19 Hall of Fame Enshrinement tickets _____ X \$150 each = \$ _____
- TOTALS: _____ = \$ _____

*NFF members get price break & priority seating; #Student rate applies thru college age.
(Please make checks and money orders payable to National Football Foundation and respond by May 30 to receive priority seating.)

Name _____ Company Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

If you have questions or can help with sponsorship, advertising sales, or by providing items for the silent auction, please contact Jim Vrugink by email (jvruggink@purdue.edu) or phone (765-494-2086).

RETURN TO: NFF Dinners
320 Dehart Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906



Drew Brees presents former teammate Rosevelt Colvin with last year's Mental Toughness Award.



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CHAPTER MEMBERS CAN "EARN" INCENTIVES

Members of the Joe Tiller Indiana Chapter have the opportunity to "earn" or "offset the costs" of their NFF memberships and tickets to NFF events.

Each dues-paying member is allowed a 10 percent credit of new memberships and sponsorships that he or she raises in support of the chapter.

In other words, when a member signs up a new member for the \$40-per-year or \$99-for-three years or a sponsorship, the current member gets 10 percent of that credited toward his/her next dues payment or NFF event tickets. All existing members have the opportunity to "sell" sponsorships ranging from \$100 each to \$10,000 each for advertising and scholarships for the annual Honors Dinner in June.

"As the chapter expands and takes on a larger portion of Northwest Indiana, our sponsorship totals must increase proportionally," says executive director Jim Vrugink. "This is a volunteer organization, so we can't pay people to help us, but we can help to offset expenses for our members."

"I hope this incentive program will encourage many of our members to seek new members and to approach businesses and companies with whom they are familiar to assist us with our worthy goals of providing grass-roots support for football in our area., including scholarships for college-bound student-athletes."

Sponsorship information is located on the last page of this newsletter. To receive credit, members need to print their name at the bottom of the completed form and send it in. We will keep a record and forward the member's dues to the national office or "reduce" their price/offset for tickets.

If anyone has questions about this, they should contact Vrugink directly at 765-494-2086 or via email at jvruggink@purdue.edu.

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20% leadership and citizenship. In addition to seeking donations and sponsorships to support the scholarship program, the chapter also receives money (\$500 for every 50 dues-paying members in the local chapter) from the national office in Irving, Tex. In its first three years, the Northwest Indiana Chapter has recognized 31 scholar athletes and awarded them between \$500 and \$4000 each.

As a group of football-loving enthusiasts with the purpose of advancing amateur football at the local, state and national levels, the chapter provides grassroots support in a many ways.

In addition to the scholarships, the local chapter has been involved with youth football programs such as the Lafayette 56ers, Attica Youth Football, Little Gridiron, and West Side Flag Football with teams of elementary school-aged players in the area. The chapter helped secure grants from the National Football League to assist programs in Attica and Rossville.

Also, each dues-paying member receives a ballot in the selection process for the College Football Hall of Fame, a feature which helped elect former Purdue All-American Mike Phipps to the Hall in 2006.

"One of the most important goals of the chapter is to help provide voting support for former players and coaches with ties to the area and who deserve induction into the College Hall of Fame," says Burrell, who is a former Purdue player in addition to his role on the board. Another benefit is the NFF membership card, allowing free admission to the Hall of Fame in South Bend.

The chapter plans at least three annual meetings in the area -- a fall gathering on the Purdue University campus in conjunction with a Boilermaker football game, an off-season "Football Fest" reception with some football celebrities, and its marquee event, the Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends" in June. A total of more than 1200 people have attended the first three Honors Dinners in 2005, 2006 and 2007 at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms.

Drew Brees, the former Purdue All-American and current starting quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, has been a guest speaker and presenter at each of the first three dinners. He also sponsors a scholarship and will be in attendance again at the next Honors Dinner on June 13, 2008.

Each year, the chapter honors members of the communities in Northwest Indiana with its Distinguished American Award, the Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award, the Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award, and the Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year Award. The chapter has also created its Gold Medallion Award for special occasions.

The chapter, which changed its name to Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana in honor of the man who started it, is one of 121 NFF chapters and is now the largest in Indiana. Other Indiana chapters are in South Bend, Fort Wayne, Evansville and Indianapolis. The tax-deductible membership dues are \$40 per year or \$99 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation. The NFF has more than 12,000 members and awards more than \$1 million in scholarships each year.

Please help these deserving Boilermakers make it into the College Football Hall of Fame with your 2008 vote:

- Mark Herrmann
- Otis Armstrong
- Dave Butz

BOILERMAKERS IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Player, Position	Yrs Played	Inducted
Elmer Oliphant, HB	1911-13	1955
Alex Agase, OL	1943	1963
Cecil Isbell, HB	1935-37	1967
Bob Griese, QB	1964-66	1984
Chalmers Elliott, HB	1943-44	1989
Leroy Keyes, HB	1966-68	1990
Mike Phipps, QB	1967-69	2006

Coach	At Purdue	Inducted
Andy L. Smith	1913-15	1951
James Phelan	1922-29	1973
Jack Mollenkopf	1956-69	1983
Jim Young	1977-81	1999



Former Boiler Drew Brees signs autographs as coach Joe Tiller speaks with fans at last year's banquet.



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SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

for the Joe Tiller Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame

AVAILABLE INVENTORY

(Honors Dinner Program Deadline – May 27)

HONORS DINNER SCHOLARSHIP PARTNER - \$1000+ (Many to sell)

Naming rights for \$800 scholarship to be awarded next year
Three-quarters-page (5" w X 6" h) ad in Honors Dinner program
Mention as scholarship partner on annual scholar-athlete poster
Two tickets for dinner at table of a coach or dinner honoree
Option to purchase up to four additional tickets @ \$30 each

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TABLE SPONSOR - \$300 (Several to sell)

\$150 – cash stipend for books and study supplies
\$120 – toward four dinners for nominee, head coach and parents
Quarter-page (5" w X 2" h) ad in Honors Dinner program
Mention as sponsor on annual scholar-athlete poster
Option to purchase up to four additional tickets @ \$30 each to be seated at same table

YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL COACHES TABLE SPONSOR - \$150 (Many to sell)

\$150 – toward dinners for five additional area coaches
Quarter-page (5" w X 2" h) ad in Honors Dinner program
Mention as sponsor on annual poster
Option to purchase up to three additional tickets @ \$30 each to be seated at same tables

SPECIAL MUSICAL SPONSOR - \$125 (Four to sell)

\$95 – for honorarium for musical group
\$30 – toward dinner for one member of group
One-line courtesy mention in Honors Dinner program
Mention as sponsor on annual scholar-athlete poster
Option to purchase up to six additional tickets @ \$30 each to be seated at same table

ADVERTISING ONLY PACKAGE - (Many to sell)

\$400 -- Full-page (5" w X 8" h) ad in Honors Dinner program, plus mention on poster, or
\$200 -- Half-page (5" w X 4" h) ad in Honors Dinner program, plus mention on poster, or
\$100 -- Quarter-page (5" w X 2" h) ad in Honors Dinner program, plus mention on poster
Option to purchase up to four tickets for Honors Dinner @ \$30 each

NFF MEMBERSHIP- \$40 for one year/ \$99 for three years (Many to sell; can be added to package)

Fee is tax deductible; goes to national office but some is returned in form of scholarships
Supports youth football at all levels, including scholarships and stipends for scholar athletes
Voting privileges in selection process for College Football Hall of Fame
Free admission to College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend
Invitations and special seating/pricing for chapter events
Join Joe Tiller's mission to make Northwest Indiana Chapter largest in nation

HONORS DINNER – JUNE 13, 2008

SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP/ADVERTISING CONTRACT

for the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana of the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame (Honors Dinner Program Deadline – May 27; Questions? Call 765-494-2086)

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NFF CHAPTER TO PROVIDE:

PRIMARY FEATURE _____ SIZE OF AD IN HONORS DINNER PROGRAM _____

MENTION ON SCHOLAR-ATHLETE POSTER _____

OPTION TO PURCHASE HONORS DINNER TICKETS @ \$30 ea ... # DESIRED ____ = _____

ADDITIONAL TICKETS AVAILABLE @ \$45 ea. ... # DESIRED ____ = _____

OPTION TO PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN N.F.F. @ \$40 for 1 year/\$99 for 3 years = _____

Please enclose check

AGREED UPON BY:

FOR PATRON _____ DATE _____ FOR NFF CHAPTER _____ DATE _____

RETURN TO: NFF CHAPTER, c/o 320 DEHART ST., WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906, OR
IF ONLY SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS, CALL JIM VRUGGINK AT 765.494.2086.