



Pi Kappa Alpha's Great College Football Coaches

Throughout the last century, Pi Kappa Alpha men have shaped play on the college gridiron.

Since the early 1900s, members of Pi Kappa Alpha have been involved in the success of college football programs at many universities. **Marvin Bridges** (*Cumberland, Rho 1903*) was instrumental in starting the intercollegiate football program at Florida as its first coach. He also helped with the chartering of Alpha Eta Chapter in 1904 and two of his real life brothers were charter members and Gator football players.

The Fraternity's first alumnus to achieve national success as a head coach was **Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf** (*Syracuse, Alpha Chi '21*), the first Pike inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame in 1966. He was head coach at Oklahoma State (1929-33), Kansas State (1934), Northwestern (1935-46) and California-Berkeley (1947-56). Pappy was the first winner of the American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year Award in 1935 and his 1936, 1938 and 1943 teams were nationally ranked.



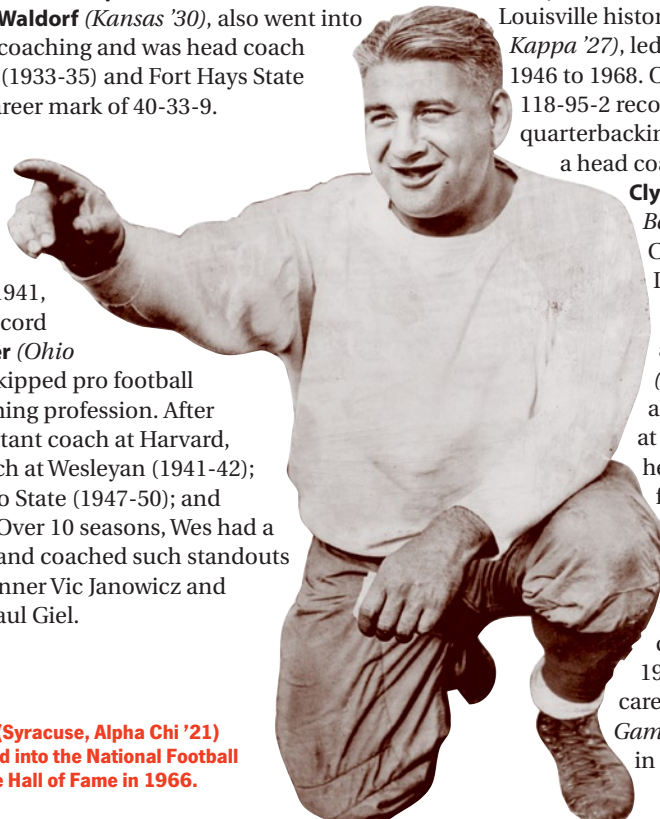
Wes Fesler
(Ohio State,
Alpha Rho '28)

After moving west to Berkeley, Pappy's first team in 1947 had a 9-1 record and a number 15 ranking in the polls. The next three seasons saw the Golden Bears rack up a 29-0-1 record and play in three straight Rose Bowl games. Over 24 years as a head coach, Pappy achieved a 157-89-19 record and coached such greats as Otto Graham, Jackie Jensen, Les Richter and Johnny Olszewski. His brother, **Paul Waldorf** (*Kansas '30*), also went into coaching and was head coach

at McKendree College (1933-35) and Fort Hays State (1936-41), posting a career mark of 40-33-9.

Jimmy Kitts (*SMU, Beta Zeta '29*) was head coach at Rice from 1934 to 1939, then held the same post at Virginia Tech (1941, 1946-47). His career record was 46-42-1. **Wes Fesler** (*Ohio State, Alpha Rho '28*) skipped pro football to move into the coaching profession. After seven years as an assistant coach at Harvard, he served as head coach at Wesleyan (1941-42); Pittsburgh (1946); Ohio State (1947-50); and Minnesota (1951-53). Over 10 seasons, Wes had a 41-40-8 career record and coached such standouts as Heisman Trophy winner Vic Janowicz and Heisman runner-up Paul Giel.

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The Fraternity's next College Hall of Fame coach was **Charles "Rip" Engle** (*Penn State, Beta Alpha '53*). A head coach at Brown (1944-49) and Penn State (1950-65), he posted a 132-68-8 record over 22 seasons. Among his star players were Rosey Grier and Lenny Moore. The winningest head coach in Louisville history, **Frank Camp** (*Transylvania, Kappa '27*), led the Cardinals program from 1946 to 1968. Over 23 seasons, he had a 118-95-2 record and helped develop the quarterbacking skills of Johnny Unitas. Also a head coach during the 1940's was **Clyde "Howard" Bliss** (*Purdue, Beta Phi '38*), who was at Valley City State (1947) and North Dakota State (1948-49).

Heisman Trophy winner and pro star **Frank Sinkwich** (*Georgia, Alpha Mu '41*) had a two year stint as head coach at Tampa in 1950-51. Serving as head coach at his alma mater from 1955 to 1960 was **Bobby Dobbs** (*Tulsa, Gamma Upsilon '42*). After a stint as a head coach in the Canadian Football League, he was head coach at Texas-El Paso from 1965 to 1972. Over 14 seasons, Bobby's college career record was 71-63-4. **Keith Doyle** (*Miami, Gamma Omega '46*) was head coach at Union College in 1958-59.



The Dobbs brothers: Younger brother Bobby (top) served the University of Tulsa as head coach from 1955-60, while older brother Glenn served in that capacity in 1961-68.

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The 1959 season saw the head coaching debut of college football's all time winningest head coach: **Bobby Bowden** (*Samford, Alpha Pi '49*). A two term chapter president, he stayed at Samford after graduation as an assistant before becoming head coach in 1959. In four years at his alma mater (1959-62), he fashioned a 31-6 record before posting a 42-26 mark as head coach at West Virginia from 1970 through 1975. He just concluded his 30th year at Florida State with an appearance in the Orange Bowl, the Seminoles' 24th straight bowl game. In 1980, he participated in the initiation of his son, **Jeff Bowden** (*Florida State, Delta Lambda '80*), who is the Seminoles' offensive coordinator.

Bobby's FSU career includes two national championships; an unprecedented string of 14 straight Associated Press Top Five finishes; 24 consensus All-Americans; five national Coach of the Year awards; and two Heisman Trophy winners. After 40 years as a head coach, Bobby's record is now 360-106-4. Among his leading players have been Deion Sanders, Charlie Ward, Chris Weinke, Casey Weldon, Terrell Buckley, Scott Warren (*Florida State, Delta Lambda '77*), Phil Williams (*Florida State, Delta Lambda '80*), Garth Jax (*Florida State, Delta Lambda '84*), and Steve Gabbard (*Florida State, Delta Lambda '87*).

After several years as an assistant on the coaching staff at Hampden-Sydney, **Stokeley Fulton** (*Hampden-Sydney, Iota '53*) took over as head coach in 1960. Over the next 25 seasons, he became the winningest coach in school history with a 143-99-5

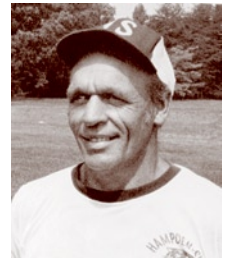


Before he was a coach, **Marvin O. Bridges** (*Cumberland, Rho 1903*), at right in photo, was a football star in college, along with his brother, **Milton L. Bridges** (*Cumberland, Rho 1903*).



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Stokeley Fulton (*Hampden-Sydney, Iota '53*)

Glenn Dobbs (*Tulsa, Gamma Upsilon '40*) coached in the CFL before returning to his alma mater to post a 45-37 record as head coach from 1961 through 1968. College Hall of Fame coach **Bill Yeoman** (*Houston, Epsilon Eta '71*) was head man at his alma mater (1962-86) and rang up a 160-108-8 record over 15 seasons. **Gomer Jones** (*Ohio State, Alpha Rho '34*) was a longtime assistant coach in the college ranks before serving as Oklahoma head coach in 1963-64.

As head coach at Linfield from 1967 through 1991, **Ad Rutschman** (*Linfield, Delta Rho '51*) won three NAIA Division II national championships and 15 conference titles while going to the NAIA playoffs 13 times. His 183-48-3 record over 24 seasons earned him election to the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1988 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998. The winningest coach in Western Carolina history is **Bobby Waters** (*Presbyterian, Mu '58*), who posted a 116-94-6 record between 1969 and 1988.



Ad Rutschman (*Linfield, Delta Rho '51*)

Three Pikes got their first head coaching jobs in 1973. Former NFL player **J.R. Boone** (*Tulsa, Gamma Upsilon '45*) was head man at Fresno State from 1973 to 1975. **Art Baker** (*Presbyterian, Mu '51*) was head coach at Furman (1973-77), The Citadel (1978-82) and East Carolina (1985-88). **Tom Dowling** (*Georgetown, Alpha Lambda '60*) took his alma mater to three Top 20 NAIA finishes between 1973 and 1976 before going to Liberty as head coach from 1977 to 1983. In 1978, **Bob Mattos** (*Cal State-Sacramento, Theta Tau '82*) became head coach at Sacramento State. Over 15 seasons, he posted an 84-73-2 career mark, including a 10-3 record in 1988.

Current Florida Atlantic head coach **Howard Schnellenberger** (Miami, Gamma Omega '80) coached in the NFL before moving to the college ranks with the Miami Hurricanes (1979-83). He was named Coach of the Year after his 1983 Miami team won the national championship and he has since been head coach at Louisville (1985-94); Oklahoma (1995) and Florida Atlantic (2001-05). Howard's 2003 squad had an 11-3 record and went to the NCAA Division I-AA championship finals. His career record is now 128-107-3 and he is undefeated in four bowl game appearances.



Howard Schnellenberger
(Miami, Gamma Omega '80)



Bill McCartney
(Missouri, Alpha Nu '61)

Five Pike alumni became head coaches for the first time in the 1982 season, with the most successful being **Bill McCartney** (Missouri, Alpha Nu '61), the winningest coach in Colorado history. He had a 93-55-5 mark from 1982 to 1994 and his 1990 squad had a 10-1-1 record, ranked first in the AP poll and beat Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl. Bill won national Coach of the Year awards in both 1989 and 1990.

Dan Simrell (Toledo, Epsilon Epsilon '83) was head man at Toledo (1982-89) then served West Virginia as an assistant coach from 1991 to 1999. He became head coach at Findlay in 2000 and has a 78-74-2 career mark.



Fogie Fazio
(Pittsburgh, Gamma Sigma '82)

Fogie Fazio (Pittsburgh, Gamma Sigma '82) had a long stint as a college assistant, then was head coach at his alma mater from 1982 to 1985. He posted a 25-18-3 record before returning to the NFL as an assistant coach.

Clark "Corky" Nelson (North Texas, Epsilon Delta '86) served as head coach at North Texas from 1982 to 1990, posting a 48-52-1 record. **Sammy Weir** (Arkansas State, Delta Theta '61) was Central Florida's head coach in 1982.



Woody Widenhofer
(Missouri, Alpha Nu '85)

Woody Widenhofer (Missouri, Alpha Nu '85) had a lengthy career as an NFL assistant before serving as his alma mater's head coach from 1985 to 1988. He returned to the NFL as defensive coordinator for two teams, then was head coach at Vanderbilt from 1997 to 2001. Woody has since been a defensive coordinator at Southwestern Louisiana (2002-04) and New Mexico State (2005). Serving as head coaches at Presbyterian were **Elliott Poss** (Presbyterian, Mu '68) from 1985 to 1990 and **John Perry** (Presbyterian, Mu '69) from 1991 to 1996.

Bob Pruett, (Marshall, Delta Iota '62) led his alma mater to a 15-0 record and NCAA Division I-AA title in 1996, his first year at the helm and had another undefeated season (13-0) in 1999. His teams had five victories in seven bowl appearances and three of his best known players are NFL standouts Randy Moss, Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich. Bob won national Coach of the Year awards in 1996, 1997 and 1999. He was named winner of the 1999 Johnny Vaught Lifetime Achievement Award by the All-American Football Foundation. Bob's career record over nine seasons was 94-23.

One of the leading coaches in NCAA Division III the last three seasons has been **G.A. Mangus** (Georgia, Alpha Mu '88). Since becoming head coach at Delaware Valley College in 2002, he has led his teams to a 9-2 record in 2003 and 12-1 marks in 2004-05, reaching the Division III championship quarterfinals both years. G.A. has been named Middle Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year twice and has a record of 35-12 after four seasons. On January 18th, 2006, he resigned his position as head coach at Delaware Valley to become offensive coordinator/quarterback coach at Middle Tennessee State.



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In early February 2006, **Steve Englehart** (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '98) became the second-youngest head football coach in all divisions of NCAA football. He had been Rose-Hulman's offensive coordinator the last three seasons prior to his appointment as head coach.



Steve Englehart
(Indiana State, Theta Omicron '98)

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