Wofford College defensive tackle Anthony Jones has added another All-America team to his resume as he was named a first-team selection on the 2002 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America Team.

A consensus All-America, Jones was previously a first-team selection by The Sports Network and National Football Gazette in addition to being a second-team choice by the Associated Press.

Jones topped the SoCon in sacks (15.5) and tackles for loss (28.0). The senior from Lexington, Ky., is also the Terriers' career leader in both categories with 30.5 sacks and 66 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Jones had three sacks in wins this season over Appalachian State, East Tennessee State, and Chattanooga. He also had two key fourth-quarter sacks versus Furman. Twice in the last three contests, Jones equaled a single-game Wofford record with five tackles for a loss.

Jones keyed a Wofford defensive unit that led the SoCon in run defense (125.9 yards per game), pass defense (144.5 yards per game), and total defense (270.4 yards per game).

The Terriers posted a 9-3 record, including a second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark. With road wins over Georgia Southern and Appalachian State, Wofford was the only team in Division I-AA this season to have victories over two teams ranked in the top five in the final regular-season poll.

Wofford finished the season ranked No. 2 by the National Football Gazette, No. 11 by ESPN/USA Today, and No. 14 by The Sports Network.

The complete 2002 Walter Camp All-America team can be seen at the following link:
<http://i-aa.org/article.asp?articleid=39759>
The Wofford football team's practice fields, used by the Carolina Panthers each summer, were rated as the NFL's second-best training camp fields in a survey conducted by the National Football League Players Association.

The Cleveland Browns, with their own training facility in Berea, Ohio, ranked first among NFL summer training camp fields.
The Wofford College football program has announced the signing of 16 players to National Letters-of-Intent.

"We believe we've filled a bunch of needs," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "We have kids that are outstanding football players and excellent students as well.

"For probably the first time, we have a class that met all the needs that we had. There's no doubt in my mind that some of these kids have the ability to help our team immediately."

The 16 newcomers hail from eight states. Five are from Georgia, four from Florida, two from North Carolina, and one each from Kentucky, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The signees include four offensive linemen, two defensive backs, two defensive linemen, two linebackers, and two others that will be either outside linebackers or safeties. Wofford also inked a halfback, fullback, quarterback, and wide receiver.

The Terriers posted a 9-3 overall record last year, including a second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark. Wofford finished the 2002 campaign ranked No. 11 by ESPN/USA Today and No. 14 by The Sports Network.


Listed below are Wofford's signees:

Travis Andrews (OL, 6-2, 265, Lake Butler, Fla., Union County HS)
An All-State selection by the Jacksonville Times-Union and Gainesville Sun… selected for Union County’s Pride of the Tigers Award… also received a Scholar-Athlete Award… graded out at 90 percent as a senior… three-year varsity starter.

Marty Bauer (OL, 6-2, 255, Cincinnati, Ohio, Elder HS)
A first-team All-Greater Cincinnati League and All-City selection… also received special mention All-Southwest Ohio honors… two-year starter and Team Captain… helped lead Elder to the Division I Ohio state championship… recipient of the school’s Weight Room Dedication Award.

Matt Beavin (WR, 5-10, 170, Lexington, Ky., Lexington Catholic HS)
First-team All-City and All-District… honorable-mention All-State… had 53 receptions for 1,141 yards (21.5 avg.) and 18 touchdowns as a senior… also had two kickoff returns for touchdowns as he averaged 34.4 yards per return… totaled 20 touchdowns in addition to a two-point conversion for 122 points… totaled 73 career receptions for 1,370 yards and 20 touchdowns… team Most Valuable Player on offense… recipient of a Player of the Week award in Lexington and Central Kentucky… set school records in the bench press and vertical leap for his weight category.

Justin Bell (LB, 6-1, 215, Ashland City, Tenn., Cheatham County Central HS)
A two-time All-Region selection at tight end… selected to play in the East-West All-Star Game… Team Captain and Defensive Most Valuable Player… was also his school’s Offensive Receiver MVP… named the WQSV-Radio MVP by the local media… had 18 receptions for 291 yards and four touchdowns… also rushed for 56 yards on 11 carries… totaled 64 tackles on defense to go with 10 sacks and five forced fumbles… recipient of the McPherson Award for leadership and athletic scholarship… four-year letterman.

Josh Collier (QB, 6-2, 180, Bonaire, Ga., Houston County HS)
A Blue Chip Player of the Future nominee… an honorable mention 5-A All-Region selection… a Lars
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Anderson Player of the Week and a member of the All-Houston County team... four-year letterman in
football... played wide receiver in addition to quarterback... also lettered in basketball.

Josh Dorr (DL, 6-1, 235, Pickens, S.C., Pickens HS)
Named to the All-State team on defense... was a first-team All-Region performer on both sides of the
ball his junior and senior year... Shrine Bowl selection... totaled 86 solo tackles and 63 assists in his
prep career... also had three sacks and 31 hurries... graded out at 81 percent on the offensive line...
team Most Valuable Player as a senior... was also the Defensive Line MVP... a four-year starter... also
lettered three years in track and two in wrestling.

James Drury (DL, 6-0, 255, Tulsa, Okla., Jenks HS)
An All-State selection by the Tulsa World... was also selected to the play on the All-State team... a
two-way starter as a senior... utilized as a defensive end and nose guard on defense and at right guard
on offense... had 10 quarterback sacks among his 70 tackles... a two-time Player of the Week
recipient... had two tackles for a loss and two sacks while totaling 10 stops against Union... also had a
fumble recovery in the game... selected for his school’s prestigious Ultimate Trojan Award... Team
Captain and a three-year starter... helped lead Jenks to 6-A state titles his sophomore and junior years
and a USA Today Top 25 ranking... also lettered in track.

Justin Franklin (LB, 6-2, 218, Jacksonville, N.C., Jacksonville HS)
A three-year starter at both linebacker and running back... a two-time All-Conference and All-Area
selection... totaled 108 tackles as a senior while leading his team in rushing with 1,200 yards... team
Most Valuable Player on defense as a junior when he topped the state with 11 fumble recoveries...
added 100 tackles... helped lead his team to a conference championship his sophomore year... also
lettered in track and basketball... led the track team to conference championships his sophomore and
junior years.

D.J. Fretwell (S, 6-2, 190, Canton, N.C., Pisgah HS)
An All-Western Highlands Conference selection... second-team All-Western North Carolina... named
to the Super Elite 101 Players in North Carolina... helped lead Pisgah to the Class 2-AA semifinals as a
senior... rushed for 1,018 yards and 18 touchdowns... also had 18 receptions for 478 yards and five
touchdowns... totaled 34 tackles and three interceptions on defense... ran for 1,001 yards and 18
touchdowns as a junior... had 14 receptions for 142 yards and a touchdown in addition to recording 16
tackles... had 513 yards rushing and 19 catches as a sophomore... and was also an All-Conference
selection in basketball his junior and senior years.

Kyle Horne (OLB/S, 6-2, 195, Jacksonville, Fla., Bolles School)
Three-sport athlete... played halfback, tight end, and outside linebacker in football... helped lead the
Bolles School to the 2002 state championship... had 23 receptions for 525 yards and five
touchdowns... used as a situational pass rush specialist... had 20 sacks in two years... also totaled
four blocked punts... had a five-play sequence his senior year in which he recorded a sack, recovered
a fumble, blocked a punt, and caught a touchdown pass... qualified for the Florida state track meet in
the 4x100, 4x400, and 400 meters... also competed in the state wrestling championships.

Kevious Johnson (RB, 5-9, 180, Fitzgerald, Ga., Fitzgerald HS)
Two-time All-Region and All-State selection... was also the Area Offensive Player of the Year... rushed
for 992 yards on a 7.9 per carry average... added 27 receptions for 539 yards in addition to 499 yards
on kickoff returns... totaled 2,030 all-purpose yards and 25 touchdowns... ran for 991 yards with a 9.2
per carry mark as a junior... had 27 catches for 403 yards... averaged 22.6 yards on 16 punt returns...
totaled 28 touchdowns and 1,394 all-purpose yards... three-year letterman in football, basketball, and
baseball... recipient of an Atlanta Journal-Constitution Scholar-Athlete Award.

Brian Kemp (CB, 5-11, 175, Bowling Green, Fla., Hardee HS)
A two-time first team All-Conference selection... had five interceptions and 21 pass breakups as a
senior... added 25 tackles and two fumble recoveries... also played wide receiver... had seven
touchdown receptions while averaging 19.8 yards per catch... named to the South Central Florida All-
Star Team... had a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the All-Star game... also lettered in
Star Team… had a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the All-Star game… also lettered in basketball and track… had a triple jump of 41 feet and three inches.

Will Rutherford (OL, 6-5, 255, Woodstock, Ga., Woodstock HS)
A two-time All-County selection… a Wendy’s High School Heisman nominee… started every game over his final three years… a four-year letterman in football… also lettered three years in basketball… four-year recipient of a Woodstock Academic Athlete Award.

Geno Thompson (OLB/S, 6-3, 180, Ocoee, Fla., West Orange HS)
First-team All-Orange County and second-team All-Central Florida… an honorable-mention 6-A All-State selection… had 105 tackles, an interception, three forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries… received Hit of the Week honors from WESH-TV… was also a three-year letterman in wrestling.

Derek Tiller (C, 6-0, 255, Lawrenceville, Ga., Collins Hill HS)
A two-time first-team All-Gwinnett County selection… graded out at 88 percent as a senior… had 19 pancake blocks… also recorded three sacks as a defensive tackle… started 48 consecutive games dating back to his freshman year, earning him a Special Recognition Award from the Atlanta Touchdown Club… helped lead Collins Hill to the state semifinals his junior year… a four-year letterman in football and wrestling… was the state heavyweight runner-up in wrestling as a junior.

Terrance Ware (HB, 5-9, 180, Decatur, Ga., Chamblee HS)
All-Region and a two-time Offensive Back of the Year… an All-Metro selection and the sixth-leading rusher in DeKalb County… named to the All-DeKalb Touchdown Club team… rushed for 1,054 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior… totaled 3,100 yards and 25 touchdowns in his prep career.
Wofford football player J.R. McNair has won a campus election to serve as the college's Student Body President.

McNair becomes the second Wofford football player in the last three years to hold that position. Former starting halfback Ben Foster served as the student body president in the 2001-02 academic year. McNair will officially assume the office on Mar. 10, while the Terriers are in the midst of spring football.

"It's an honor and also a great responsibility," McNair said. "That's one thing I took into consideration when I thought about running for student body president.

"I know I'll have to use my time management skills to the utmost extent, but I'm looking forward to it. Football is still a top priority. This is just something else that interests me very much and I'm going to concentrate a lot of time on it and do my best."

A rising senior from Jonesboro, Ga., McNair placed third on Wofford and ninth in the SoCon with 707 yards rushing and nine touchdowns on a 4.8 per carry average last season.

After rushing for a career-high 143 yards in a 39-10 win over East Tennessee State, McNair came back the next week with another 100-yard game as he ran for 107 yards against Furman. He received Wofford Offensive Player of the Week honors when he rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-24 win versus Western Carolina.

A Dean's List student majoring in finance, McNair is a two-time Verizon Academic All-District selection. He was named to the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star team and was one of just five I-AA players selected to the American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" team.

"We're very pleased for J.R.," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "That makes two out of three years our team has been represented in that position.

"He's an outstanding young man and probably one of the most popular guys at Wofford. He's involved in so many other things. I guess it's just fitting that he shoots for the big one and goes for the president of the student body. He's an outstanding person and tremendous worker. He loves doing whatever he's participating in, whether it be athletics, academics, or now student government. We're sure that he's going to do a great job."

Among his myriad of extracurricular activities, McNair helped design a web page for the local Girl Scouts in addition to serving as the president of the Wofford Gospel Choir and chaplain for the Campus Union.
The Wofford College football team will return to the field tonight at 6:30 p.m. when it begins spring practice.

The Terriers' schedule for the first week also includes practices at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Friday, and a 10 a.m. scrimmage on Saturday.

"We're excited about getting started," Wofford coach and 2002 SoCon Coach of the Year Mike Ayers said. "We've worked extremely hard since January in the offseason program. We've got some young kids with a great deal of talent that we have to get ready for next year."

The Terriers return seven starters on offense and four on defense, including first-team All-SoCon free safety Matt Nelson, from last year's 9-3 team that placed second in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark. Wofford also closed the 2002 season ranked No. 11 by ESPN/USA Today and No. 14 by The Sports Network.

Wofford opens the 2003 campaign on Aug. 30 at Air Force, coached by 1960 Wofford graduate Fisher DeBerry.
The Wofford College football team will hold its first scrimmage of spring practice tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Gibbs Stadium.

"We're making a lot of progress this spring," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "A lot of our young kids are starting to come along and the intensity of practice has been outstanding.

"We'll hopefully be in a position to evaluate a good deal more in tomorrow's scrimmage. We've limited our hitting. Depth is a problem for us. We've got a couple of kids nicked up due to some pulls and bruises.

"Overall, it's been very positive. If we can stay at the same pace as far as the intensity and execution level, and get some of those guys that are nicked up some work, we'll have had a very productive spring."

Wofford closed last season with a 9-3 overall record and a second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark. The Terriers were ranked No. 11 by ESPN/USA Today and No. 14 by The Sports Network. The 2003 season opener is Aug. 30 at Air Force.
Wofford Announces 2003 Football Schedule
March 12, 2003

A season opener at Air Force and six home games for the first time since 1993 highlight the 2003 Wofford College football schedule announced today.

The Terriers will meet Air Force, coached by 1960 Wofford graduate Fisher DeBerry, on Aug. 30 in Colorado Springs, Colo. The trip will represent the farthest west a Wofford football team has ever traveled in addition to being the Terriers’ first football game against a Mountain West Conference foe. It will also be Wofford’s eighth Division I-A opponent in the last six seasons.

Following the Air Force game, Wofford will host South Carolina State in the Sept. 6 home opener at Gibbs Stadium. The contest will mark the Bulldogs’ first appearance in Spartanburg, S.C., since 1976. Wofford and S.C. State met on the gridiron last season for the first time in 25 years with the Terriers taking a 7-6 decision in Orangeburg, S.C.

Following an open date on Sept. 13, Wofford will begin its seventh season in the SoCon when it hosts Georgia Southern on Sept. 20. The Terriers defeated the Eagles, 14-7, last year in Statesboro, Ga., on the way to a second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league record. Wofford was 9-3 overall in concluding the 2002 campaign ranked No. 11 by ESPN/USA Today and No. 14 by The Sports Network.

Wofford will then face its final non-conference opponent on Sept. 27 when Catawba visits Gibbs Stadium. The Indians were 8-3 last year and have advanced to the Division II playoffs in each of the last four seasons. Wofford and Catawba will play for the 44th time overall, but will be meeting for the first time since 1995.

The Terriers return to SoCon play the following week, Oct. 4, when they travel to Chattanooga. The Oct. 11 home game with Elon will mark the Terriers’ first SoCon meeting against the Phoenix. With VMI departing for the Big South Conference, Elon is the league’s newest member. Wofford defeated the Phoenix, 34-9, in the regular-season finale last year in Elon, N.C.

Wofford’s remaining SoCon home games will be Oct. 25 versus Appalachian State and Nov. 8 against East Tennessee State. The Terriers will have road games at Western Carolina (Oct. 18), The Citadel (Nov. 1), and Furman (Nov. 15).

With six home games in addition to away contests at The Citadel and Furman, Wofford will leave the state of South Carolina just three times in the 2003 campaign.

Kickoff times for all games will be announced at a later date.

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The Wofford football team will hold its second scrimmage of spring practice at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Gibbs Stadium.

"We're going to be looking to improve our technique and assignments," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said.

"We'd also like to work some of the younger kids a few more reps and let our veterans stand around and watch. Some of those guys are coming back for a fourth year and don't need quite as much work as the younger kids.

"We're also going to look at some things offensively and defensively. We've got a few wrinkles we're trying to put into the offense. We also have a lot of slots to fill defensively and need to get some guys the reps to evaluate who will be our No. 1 and No. 2 personnel."

Ayers, the SoCon Coach of the Year twice in the last three seasons and the 2002 runner-up for The Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Award, signifying the top coach in Division I-AA, is also hopeful the Terriers can avoid more injuries.

"We need to come out of tomorrow healthy and not sustain any more injuries," Ayers said. "It's been a problem for us this spring. We haven't had anything drastic, just a bunch of hamstrings and ankles versus knees and shoulders. If we can come out of tomorrow healthy, it will be another plus for us."
Long touchdown runs by rising sophomore halfbacks Gabriel Jackson and Aaron Johnson highlighted the Wofford football team's second scrimmage of spring practice this morning in Gibbs Stadium.

Jackson had a 60-yard second-half touchdown run for the first score of the day. A native of Dahlonega, Ga., Jackson was the SoCon Freshman of the Week after his performance in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State this past season. His 61-yard scoring run with 1:36 to play provided the winning touchdown as the Terriers rushed for 472 yards, the most ever allowed by the Mountaineers, and totaled 507 in offense. Jackson finished the 2002 campaign with 305 yards rushing on a 7.6 per carry average.

On the next series after Jackson's score, Johnson raced 73 yards into the end zone. The Bowling Green, Ky., native rushed for 193 yards on a 7.7 per carry mark as a freshman.

"We saw some real good things this morning," Wofford coach Mike Ayers. "Injuries are a major problem for us right now as we're down to no healthy centers. (Offensive tackles) Thad Ball and Kevin Hodapp did very well considering it was the first time they played center.

"Our running backs did a nice job once they hit the crease. We're still not where we need to be fundamentally. The kids are giving a great effort. I believe we're going to have a good football team."

Defensive highlights included an interception by outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker, while All-SoCon punter Jimmy Miner had a 63-yard kick downed at the one-yard line.

Quarterbacks Jeff Zolman and Trey Rodgers also had long runs with carries of 40 and 37 yards, respectively.

The Terriers will close spring practice on Wednesday with a 3 p.m. scrimmage in Gibbs Stadium.
The Wofford football team will close spring practice with a 4 p.m. scrimmage tomorrow in Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers have been beset by injuries this spring and have actually run out of healthy centers. Tackles Thad Ball and Kevin Hodapp shared time at center in Saturday’s scrimmage.

Just keeping his team healthy will be a top priority for Terrier coach Mike Ayers.

"We're going to try to execute better and stay away from injuries," Ayers said. "We've had too many injuries this spring and we're going in with a limited number of players.

"We've just got to be smart and as productive as we can without getting any additional guys hurt."
The Wofford football team closed spring practice under a steady rain this afternoon at Gibbs Stadium with the defense holding the offense scoreless in a 57-play scrimmage.

The offense did have its share of highlights, including a 49-yard pass completion from Jeff Zolman to Shiel Wood for the longest play of the day. Wood, a rising junior from Spartanburg, S.C., had four receptions for 99 yards. He was also on the receiving end of a 26-yard completion from fellow Spartanburg native Trey Rodgers.

Aaron Johnson was the leading rusher with 52 yards on five carries, including a 42-yard gain for the scrimmage's longest run. Gabriel Jackson totaled 38 yards on 14 attempts. Jeff Sullivan, battling for the No. 2 fullback position behind J.R. McNair, had 36 yards on four carries, including a 20-yard gain. Zolman rushed for 40 yards on eight attempts while completing 5-of-9 passes for 75 yards. Rodgers was 4-of-5 in the air for 55 yards.

Defensive tackle Lee Basinger helped key the effort on his side of the ball. He tipped a pass and nearly caught the deflection for what would have been an easy touchdown. Free safety Tony Jefferson had a key sack on a 1st-and-goal play at the 7-yard line. Nose tackle Katon Bethay had a sack on the second play of the scrimmage while cornerback Jonathan Wheeler added a fumble recovery.

"It was a productive spring," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "We looked at a lot of stuff offensively and worked a lot of young kids defensively.

"I believe we're going to have a good offense and a good defense. The effort was tremendous. We got after each other hard. We probably would have had a great spring if we had a few more guys healthy. We had some injuries early with some key guys, but that's just part of the spring. Hopefully, we'll have those guys ready by the fall."

The Terriers closed spring practice with their traditional last lap for the graduating senior class.

Wofford opens the 2003 season on Aug. 30 at Air Force.

"We're a young football team," Ayers said. "We've got a lot of work to do. We have a long, long way to go before we can be ready to go to Colorado Springs and play Air Force.

"We made some progress. We have a lot of young kids that are learning a great deal. Hopefully, by the time we finish two-a-days in that hot August sun, and a little dryer than what it's been this spring, we'll be ready to go."
The Wofford football program announced its 2002 team award winners at last night's banquet in the Verandah Room of the Richardson Building on campus:

Highest Grade-Point Average: Josh Smith (ILB, So., 3.82 GPA, Greer, S.C.)

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman: Jesse Blackburn (Sr., Marysville, Ohio) Blackburn anchored a Wofford offensive line that paved the way for the nation's second-ranked rushing offense (342.2 yards per game). The Terriers' 4,106 yards rushing was just five yards shy of a single-season school record (4,111, 1989).

Most Valuable Running Back: Jesse McCoy (Sr., Acworth, Ga.) McCoy rushed for 1,001 yards and 10 touchdowns on a 7.8 per carry average as he became the first non-quarterback at Wofford since 1979 to reach the 1,000-yard mark. The Acworth, Ga., native closed his career as the Terriers' fifth all-time leading rusher with 2,684 yards. He also holds the Wofford mark for career per carry average at 7.3 yards. McCoy had four 100-yard rushing performances this season and was a three-time SoCon Player of the Week. He had a personal-best 184 yards, also the high game for a SoCon player this year, in the 27-14 win over The Citadel. It came one week after a then career-high 145-yard effort and two touchdowns in the 26-19 victory at Appalachian State. He also rushed for 114 yards and two scores, including the game-winner on a 4th-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter, in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern. McCoy placed third in the SoCon in rushing (91.0 yards per game) and second in all-purpose yards (119.9 per game).

Most Valuable Wide Receiver: Shiel Wood (So., Spartanburg, S.C.) Wood had six catches for 87 yards (14.5 avg.) and was the Terriers' top blocker at the receiver position.

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman: Anthony Jones (Sr. Lexington, Ky.) Jones set single-season school records with his SoCon-leading totals of 15.5 sacks and 28 tackles for loss. The senior from Lexington, Ky., is also the Terriers' career leader in both categories with 30.5 sacks and 66 stops behind the line of scrimmage. Twice in the last three games, Jones equaled a single-game Wofford record with five tackles for a loss. He had three-sack performances in wins over Appalachian State, Chattanooga, and East Tennessee State.

Most Valuable Linebacker: Hondre McNeil (Sr., Lake View, S.C.) One of three fifth-year seniors on the 2002 squad, McNeil had 63 stops with 12 for a loss. He provided a big-play element to the Terrier defense.

Co-Most Valuable Defensive Backs: Roland Harris (Sr., Hope Mills, N.C.) and Matt Nelson (Jr., Grove City, Ohio) Harris topped the Terriers and placed among the SoCon leaders with four interceptions, including two spectacular picks in the final five minutes of the 26-19 win at Appalachian State. His efforts in that game earned him SoCon Defensive Player of the Week honors. The senior from Hope Mills, N.C., also had seven pass breakups.

Nelson placed second in the SoCon with a team-high 131 tackles. After making 114 stops last year, he now owns the Terriers' top two single-season tackle totals dating back to 1987. He was also among the league leaders with 11 pass breakups. The junior from Grove City, Ohio, is already third on the Terriers' career tackles list with 285. His 83 solo stops this fall rank as the third-best single-season total in school history.

Most Valuable Special Teams Performer: Jimmy Miner (P, Jr., Kennesaw, Ga.) Miner ranked 13th nationally with a 42.2 average. The junior from Kennesaw, Ga., had 13 of his 47 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, with seven inside the 10-yard line and three inside the five.
Freshman of the Year: Jim Thurman (ILB, Hixson, Tenn.)
Thurman earned SoCon Freshman of the Week honors following victories over Georgia Southern and Chattanooga. He placed fourth on the team with 75 tackles.

Unsung Heroes: Lee Basinger (Kannapolis, N.C.), Chad Bentley (Pickens, S.C.), Prosser Carnegie (Davidson, N.C.), Nathan Fuqua (Danville, Ky.), D.J. Gaillard (Gahanna, Ohio), Steve Hoover (Austin, Texas), Melvin Jones (West Columbia, S.C.), Brandon Ladd (Athens, Tenn.), Ben Mungin (Lithonia, Ga.), Jonathan Starks (Columbia, S.C.), and Fred Washington (Cross, S.C.).
The Wofford College athletic department has announced the kickoff times for the six home football games this fall in addition to four of the five road contests.

The three September home games (Sept. 6 vs. South Carolina State, Sept. 20 vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 27 vs. Catawba) will start at 7 p.m., while the three remaining Gibbs Stadium dates (Oct. 11 vs. Elon, Oct. 25 vs. Appalachian State, Nov. 8 vs. East Tennessee State) will have 1:30 p.m. kickoffs.

Wofford has six home games for the first time since 1993.

The Oct. 4 game at Chattanooga has a 4 p.m. start with contests at Western Carolina (Oct. 18), The Citadel (Nov. 1), and Furman (Nov. 15) beginning at 2 p.m.

The kickoff time for the Aug. 30 season opener at Air Force has yet to be set pending an announcement regarding the game being televised.
Wofford College football player Chase Corn has been selected as the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year and will receive a $5,000 postgraduate scholarship.

A senior from Spartanburg, S.C., Corn was selected from a group of 115 nominees and 10 finalists. He will receive his award during the DI-AA ADA reception on June 13 at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Convention at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Corn will attend the Medical University of South Carolina this fall. He was a three-year starter at outside linebacker and a member of the Dean's List with a 3.7 grade-point average. The biology major helped lead Wofford to a 9-3 record and No. 11 national ranking last fall. He was instrumental in a Terrier defensive unit that led the SoCon and placed among the national leaders in run defense (125.9 yards per game), pass defense (144.5 yards per game), and total defense (270.4 yards per game).

"The Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association is proud to present a scholarship to one of our outstanding student-athletes," said John Johnson, chair of the Division I-AA ADA Academic All-Star Team Selection Committee and athletics director at Weber State. "Chase is an excellent representation of the student-athletes competing at Division I-AA schools."

Corn was a three-time Verizon Academic All-District selection and a member of the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. He earned SoCon Defensive Player of the Week honors as a junior when he totaled 11 tackles, including two sacks, in a 13-0 win at The Citadel.

Corn was a third generation Wofford football player. His father (Buddy Corn '76), grandfather (Wade Corn '50), and uncle (Skip Corn '73) also played football for the Terriers.

Among his many campus activities, Corn has served as the treasurer and scholarship chairman for Kappa Alpha Order in addition to performing with the Wofford Men's Glee Club.
Eric Nash, a three-time All-Southern Conference selection as an offensive guard at Wofford, has returned to his alma mater as the Terriers' offensive line coach.

Since graduating Wofford in 2001 with a degree in physics, Nash had been attending graduate school at the University of South Carolina. He was teaching labs in addition to working on his master's in physics. Nash replaces Tommy Elrod, who accepted a position at Wake Forest.

"We're glad to have Eric back," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "He'll bring a lot to the table. He knows our system and is a very bright young man.

"He's a young guy who decided that he wants to be a football coach and give something back. Eric wants to help us and we're pleased he's made that decision. We're looking forward to him getting to work and helping us prepare for the upcoming season."

A native of Sharpsburg, Ga., Nash was a three-year starter and four-year letterman for the Terriers. He earned Verizon Academic All-District honors his final three seasons. His older brother, Brian, was also a four-year letterman on the offensive line (1995-98). They were teammates during the 1998 campaign.

"I'm very excited and looking forward to the opportunity to be back home," Nash said. "We've got some good guys coming back and I'm looking forward to working with them."

The Terriers return three starters on the offensive line, including All-SoCon performers in left tackle Chad Bentley and right guard Eric Deutsch.

"Coaching is always something I've wanted to do," Nash said. "When I saw the opportunity to come back to Wofford, I couldn't pass it up."

The Terriers, coming off a 9-3 season and second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark, open the 2003 campaign on Aug. 30 at Air Force.
The Sports Network has ranked Wofford College's Jimmy Miner as the third-best punter in Division I-AA this coming season with Matt Nelson listed ninth among safeties.

Miner is a three-time All-SoCon selection. The senior from Kennesaw, Ga., set a single-season Wofford record last year with a 42.2 average that placed 12th nationally. He's also the Terriers' career leader in average at 41.0 yards. Miner was key in the field position game throughout the season last year. He had a 47.8 average as the Terriers posted 7-6 and 14-7 road wins over South Carolina State and Georgia Southern, respectively.

A senior from Grove City, Ohio, Nelson received first-team All-SoCon honors last fall and was a first-team All-America by the National Football Gazette. He topped the Terriers while placing second in the SoCon with 131 tackles. He had 114 stops in the 2001 campaign, giving him Wofford's two highest single-season tackle totals since 1987. With 285 career tackles, he ranks third on the Terriers' all-time list and will challenge for the top spot this fall.

The Terriers, 9-3 overall and 6-2 in the Southern Conference a year ago, open the 2003 campaign on Aug. 30 at Air Force.
The Wofford College football team is ranked 12th nationally in the preseason Division I-AA Top 25 poll by Street & Smith's.

The Terriers, coming off a 9-3 season and second-place finish in the league with a 6-2 mark, are predicted by the magazine to place third in the SoCon this fall.
Wofford College offensive guard Eric Deutsch has been named a preseason All-America by *Street & Smith’s* magazine.

A 6-foot-3, 315-pound senior, Deutsch received All-SoCon honors last year from the league coaches and media. He was also a third-team All-America by the *National Football Gazette* as he recorded a team-best 125 knockdown blocks.

Deutsch received Wofford Offensive Player of the Week accolades when he totaled 20 knockdowns in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State. His performance that afternoon was instrumental in the Terriers rushing for a single-game opponent record 472 yards against the Mountaineers.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native had a season-high 22 knockdown blocks in a 39-10 win at East Tennessee State. He reached double figures in knockdowns in each of the last six games.
The Wofford football team is ranked 20th in the preseason Division I-AA poll by The Sports Network.

The Terriers, coming off a 9-3 season and second-place finish in the Southern Conference with a 6-2 league mark, open the 2003 campaign on Aug. 30 at Air Force.

The Sports Network's preseason Division I-AA rankings can be accessed at the following address:

http://www.sportsnetwork.com/default.asp?c=sportsnetwork&page=cfoot2/misc/3rdandlong.htm