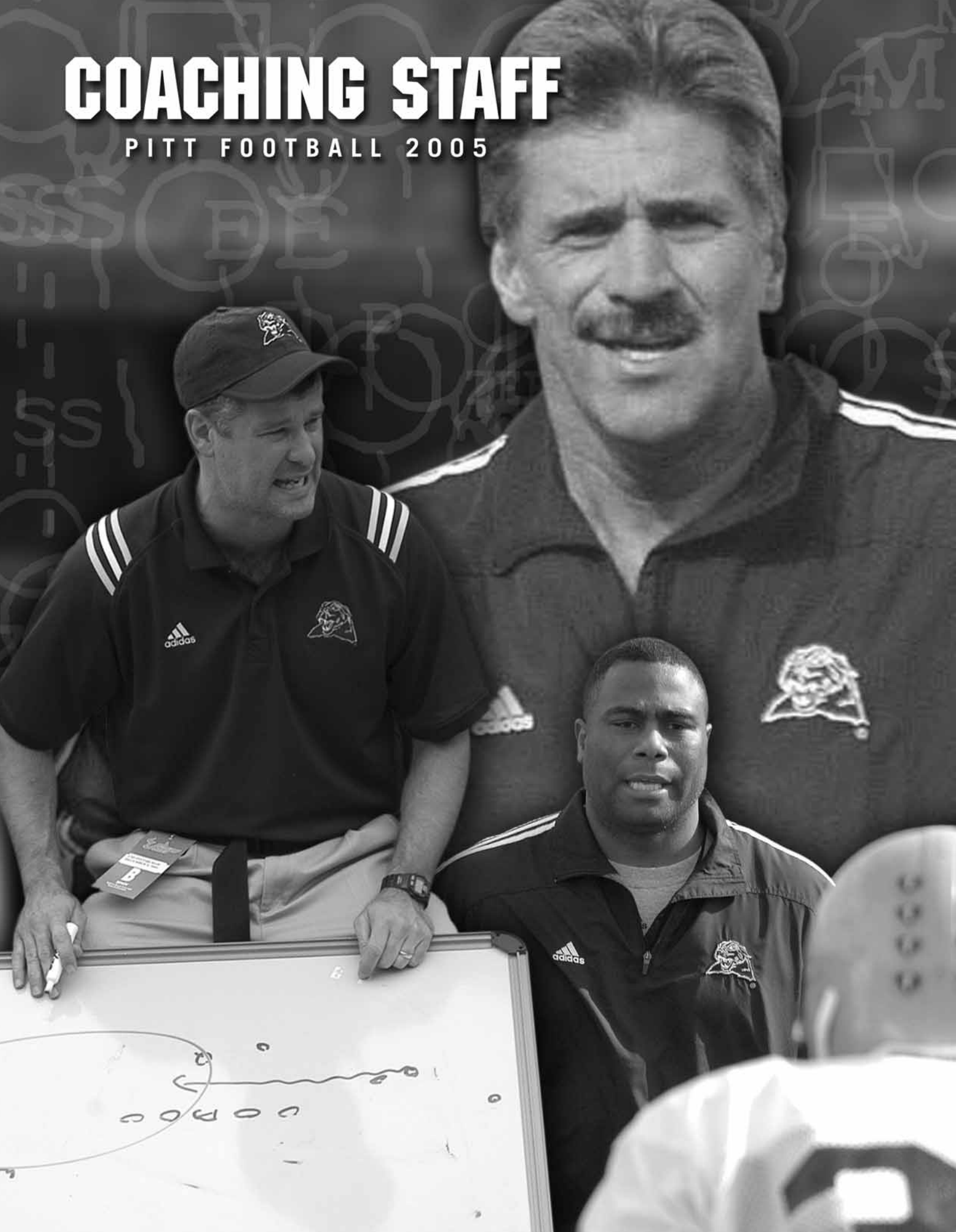


# COACHING STAFF

PITT FOOTBALL 2005



# DAVE WANNSTEDT

## HEAD COACH

The scene outside of Dave Wannstedt's office windows in the Pitt football practice facility provides a view that is uniquely Pittsburgh and totally fitting for the Panthers' new head coach.

The immediate view is to the east, where in the foreground the Panthers' lush grass practice fields capture the eye.

Just beyond the green fields sit steel mills, a reminder of the city's industrial heritage and, for decades, the economic lifeblood of the region.

A gaze back to the west and one can soak in Pittsburgh's breathtaking skyline. The skyscrapers now symbolize the "new Pittsburgh," the former steel city that has evolved into a thriving center for corporations, medicine and higher education.

For a person who has not resided in Pittsburgh since the late 1970s, these views remain familiar and comforting for Wannstedt. He, too, once worked during the summers in the mills that inhabited a stretch of land located off Pittsburgh's

Second Avenue. Wannstedt would labor along side his father, Frank, and then head to old Pitt Stadium to pump a different kind of iron in the Panthers' weight room in preparation for the upcoming season.

Each of these scenes — the football fields, steel mills and the city — are embedded in Wannstedt. "Pittsburgh never really left me," he said. "It's always been a special place in my heart."

That is why, more than three decades after captaining the Panthers' 1973 Fiesta Bowl team, Wannstedt was the perfect choice to lead the University of Pittsburgh's football program. He was named Pitt's head coach by Athletic Director Jeff Long on December 23, 2004.

A rugged offensive tackle for the Panthers from 1970-73, Wannstedt returns to his alma mater with 30 years of coaching experience on the collegiate level and in the National Football League. His career has produced three championship rings, including a Super Bowl title and two national collegiate championships.

These days, Wannstedt only wears his Pitt national championship ring. "Our players and prospects should know that I was part of the greatest team Pitt ever had," he said. "I take pride in that."

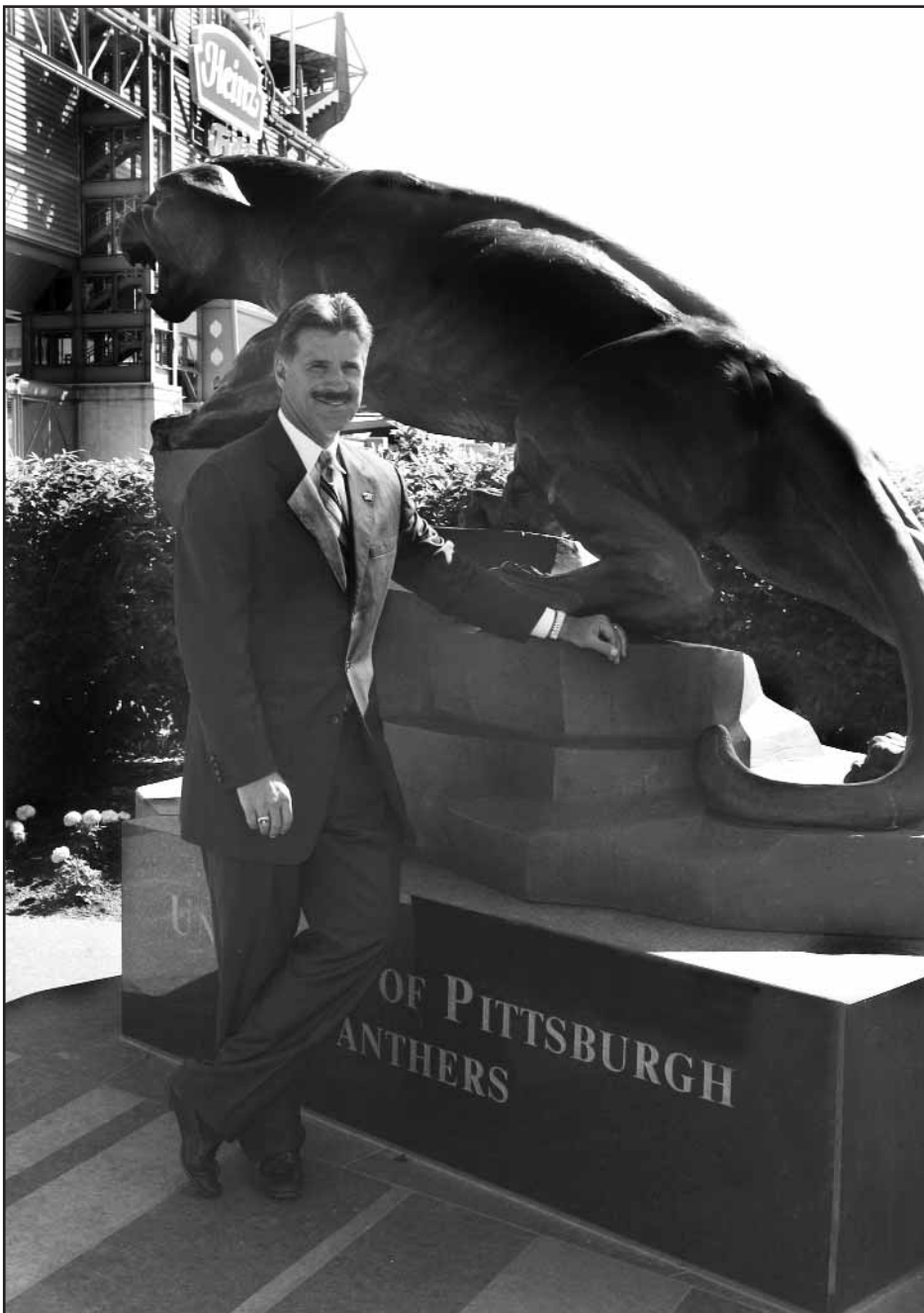
"The first time I met Dave Wannstedt, I was immediately struck by his pride and passion for the University of Pittsburgh," Long said. "Although Dave's long and successful coaching career has taken him many different places, his love for Pitt has remained. He not only understands our tradition but has also helped build it."

"This opportunity is something I have dreamed about since my early coaching days at Pitt," said Wannstedt, who is a native of Baldwin, Pa. "I am excited about rejoining the Pitt family and making a positive contribution and difference with the football team, the university and community."

Wannstedt is the 34th head football coach in Pitt history and the ninth graduate of the school to lead the Panthers' football program.

In his 30-year coaching career, Wannstedt has been a part of 10 bowl teams, six NFL playoff teams, two college national champions (Pittsburgh in 1976 and Miami in 1987) and one Super Bowl champion (Dallas in 1992).

The ensuing months since his Pitt appointment have been filled with a newly found vigor and excitement not typically felt during the offseason.



There is a buzz surrounding Pitt football, and not just in Western Pennsylvania. Not content to stay in Pitt's traditional backyard, Wannstedt embarked on a spring tour of high schools and alumni functions in the eastern part of the commonwealth.

Meeting and greeting coaches, principals, high school superintendents, Pitt grads and future Pitt grads, the new Panther boss caused quite a stir. That feeling emanated from each of his visits, even outside of the Keystone State.

In a matter of a few spring days, he went on a near whistle-stop tour of more than 24 high schools in the state of Florida — a trip that even South Florida newspapers chronicled.

"The way Dave Wannstedt was received in Collier (Fla.) County, you'd think he was running for mayor," wrote Tom Hanson in a May issue of the *Naples Daily News*.

"The reception we've received has been overwhelming," Wannstedt said of his travels. "I have received nothing but the utmost respect from the coaches, players and administrators at all of the schools that we've visited. It's a tremendous feeling. I'm excited because I'm selling something I believe in — the University of Pittsburgh.

"I think people sense my enthusiasm and hopefully that makes them want to become a part of something special that we are building at Pitt."

Wannstedt rejoined the college ranks after spending the last 16 years in the NFL. Eleven of those years were as a head coach, including six with the Chicago Bears (1993-98) and five with the Miami Dolphins (2000-04). Wannstedt's 14 years of collegiate coaching experience include 11 winning campaigns and a 112-48-4 record.

It all began, though, in Pittsburgh, where first he was a star at Baldwin High and later played a key role in Pitt football's resurgence in the 1970s.

"Dave was such a leader," said Jim Gilloolly, his high school football coach. "Dave would scramble up the side of the hill on all fours, in the weeds and the brush, to get in shape. He made a big W-A-N-N in the side of the hill. That became part of our drill, the Wannstedt Drill. Even after Dave was gone."

Wannstedt was a three-sport star for Baldwin in football, basketball and track and field. He earned all-state in football and played in the prestigious Big 33 Classic all-star game. Wannstedt captained both the Highlanders' football and basketball squads before graduating in 1970.



Dave Wannstedt greets his old coach and boss John Majors on December 23, 2004, the day Wannstedt was named Pitt's head coach.

Earning a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, he played on the freshman team during the '70 season (freshmen were then not eligible for varsity competition) and earned a starting job as just a sophomore.

John Majors took over as head coach at Pitt for Wannstedt's senior year and led the team to a 6-4-1 regular season and Fiesta Bowl berth. The '73 campaign was the launching pad for Pitt's juggernaut success the rest of the decade that included a 55-15-1 mark (.782), a national championship and five bowls over the next six years.

Wannstedt was one of the '73 team's unsung heroes, providing tough blocking from his left tackle spot. His efforts helped a young back named Tony Dorsett rush for 1,686 yards.

Although he was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the 1974 draft, a neck injury cut short Wannstedt's pro aspirations. He returned to Pitt and started his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Majors in 1975 and 1976.

"I knew he had big things ahead of him," Majors said. "You could see it and sense it. He was self-motivated and tough. He was fierce, and everyone around him respected him. He did things the right way, with hard work and dedication. I never had to worry about him. I also saw other players watching how he conducted himself and gravitating to him. That's why he is a great

football coach — people see how much the game means to him, how hard he works."

When Majors departed following the undefeated '76 national title season, Wannstedt served under Jackie Sherrill at Pitt in 1977 and 1978, coaching receivers and special teams. His four years on the Panthers' staff witnessed three Top 15 national rankings, a combined 37-10-1 record (.781) and bowl invites each season.

"You knew he had the talent to be a coach," Sherrill said. "Just the way he handled himself, the confidence he had, the way he handled other players."

The talent evident at Pitt launched Wannstedt into a coaching career that took him from his hometown to destinations all over the country, including a pair of NFL head coaching jobs.

During Wannstedt's head coaching tenure with the Dolphins, Miami was one of just three NFL teams from 2000-03 to record nine or more victories each year. The Dolphins' 41-23 mark during that span tied for the club's best four-year record in nearly 20 seasons. Miami captured the AFC East Division championship in 2000 with an 11-5 record. The Dolphins' defense that season ranked third in the NFL in points allowed (a franchise-low 226 points) and led the league with 28 interceptions. He joined the Dolphins in 1999 as assistant head coach under Jimmy Johnson.



Johnson, now an NFL analyst with FOX, and Wannstedt first teamed up together at Pitt. (Johnson was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under Sherrill before moving on as head coach at Oklahoma State.) The pair became fast friends at Pittsburgh and Johnson ultimately would tap Wannstedt as a top lieutenant at four stops, including Oklahoma State, the University of Miami, the Dallas Cowboys and with the Dolphins.

Wannstedt concluded his Chicago Bears tenure as the third-winningest coach in the franchise's history with 41 victories. In 1994 he was named the NFC Coach of the Year by UPI and *Football News* after directing Chicago back to the playoffs following a three-year hiatus. Wannstedt additionally was among the top three finishers for NFL Coach of the Year honors that season by The Associated Press, *Pro Football Weekly* Writers, *The Sporting News*, *Pro Football Weekly* and *Football Digest*. The Bears were the NFL's least-penalized team for two consecutive seasons (1994-95) under his watch.

From 1989-92, Wannstedt was part of a dramatic revitalization of the Dallas Cowboys as defensive coordinator and, in his final season, assistant head coach.

His tenure witnessed Dallas' transformation from a 1-15 team to Super Bowl champions in just three years. Wannstedt's 1992 defense was the NFL's youngest but went on to lead the league in total defense, allowing just 245.7 yards per game. The '92 season was punctuated with the Cowboys' 52-17 demolition of Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVII as his defense forced nine turnovers. In 1990, Wannstedt's role in Dallas' revival earned him NFL Assistant Coach of the Year honors.

Prior to Dallas, Wannstedt spent three years as the defensive coordinator of the Miami Hurricanes. From 1986-88, Miami went 34-2 (.944) and won the 1987 national championship with a 12-0 record. During his tenure, the Hurricanes held opponents to just 2.2 yards per rush, gave up only 10.9 points per game and



#### THE WORD ON WANNSTEDT

*"Dave Wannstedt is the right guy for the right job at absolutely the right time. Pitt is on the cusp of becoming a perennial Top 10 team. All the needed state-of-the-art facilities are in place and Dave is the element that will take the program to another level. Dave is one of us. He doesn't need to be sold on Pitt. He's coached in college. He's coached in the pros. He's won championships on both levels. And he's from Western Pennsylvania! What more could you want?"*

— **Mark May, ESPN College Football Analyst and Former Pitt Outland Trophy Winner and All-American**

*"I've known Dave Wannstedt for nearly 30 years. We've coached all over the country together. We've won Super Bowls and national championships together. I can tell you this — Dave knows what it takes to win and he knows what it takes to win at Pitt. His passion and coaching abilities will make big things happen there."*

— **Jimmy Johnson, FOX Analyst and Former NFL and College Head Coach**

*"A new challenge will invigorate one of football's finest teachers."*

— **The Sporting News**

*"Pittsburgh has the right guy. There might be no other coach in the country who knows the very soil beneath him better than 'Wanny.' Wannstedt's blood and sweat literally stain the grass at his alma mater."*

— **CBS Sportline.com Senior Writer Dennis Dodd**

*"His Pittsburgh background is very important in that part of the world. In some places, it doesn't matter where you're from, but there it does. People there have a religious devotion to football, and it's important to*

*have (someone) with a high pedigree. Dave has it. I think it is a heck of a match, Pitt and Dave Wannstedt."*

— **ESPN Analyst and Former Alabama Head Coach Bill Curry**

*"Dave Wannstedt is the Big East's best offseason hire. He's created a positive stir since arriving back home, and those Super Bowl and national championship rings will be useful props on recruiting visits."*

— **Collegefootballnews.com**

*"I knew he had big things ahead of him. You could see it and sense it. He was self-motivated and tough. He was fierce, and everyone around him respected him. He did things the right way, with hard work and dedication. I never had to worry about him. I also saw other players watching how he conducted himself and gravitating to him. That's why he is a great football coach — people see how much the game means to him, how hard he works."*

— **Former Pitt Head Coach John Majors**

*"I've always liked Dave Wannstedt. He has a great feel for the game. I think Pitt got itself one heck of a football coach. He has a great ability to communicate with players and has a great understanding of the game. For young men to have an opportunity to play under him, I think it will be very special. He comes in with instant credibility. I think he's great for the city."*

— **Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Bill Cowher**

*"Dave understands Pittsburgh and he understands the players you have to recruit. He's going to have a great deal of influence bringing a lot of those types of players back in the program. The confidence, his work ethic and being from Pittsburgh, that gives him all the tools to be successful."*

— **Former Pitt Head Coach Jackie Sherrill**

averaged 48 sacks per year. Wannstedt's defenses produced 11 NFL draft selections, including five taken in the initial two rounds.

Wannstedt's other collegiate stops included Southern California (1983-85) and Oklahoma State (1979-82). As defensive line coach at USC, he helped the Trojans capture the 1984 Pacific-10 championship and a subsequent 20-17 win over Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Wannstedt was also the defensive line coach at Oklahoma State his initial three years before elevating to defensive coordinator in 1982.

Wannstedt is a 1974 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He also earned his master's from Pitt in 1976.

The Pitt Letter Club in 1999 named him an Awardee of Distinction for his professional and personal accomplishments following his graduation from the university. In 1990 Wannstedt was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, becoming the youngest person to receive the honor.

Wannstedt and his wife Jan have two daughters, Keri and Jami. Keri is married to Mike Drew.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 5/21/52

**HOMETOWN** Baldwin, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** University of Pittsburgh, B.S. '74, M.Ed. '76

**FAMILY** Wannstedt and his wife Jan have two daughters, Keri and Jami.

## COACHING EXPERIENCE & HIGHLIGHTS

### COLLEGE

#### PITTSBURGH

**Years/Position:** 1975-76, graduate assistant; 1977-78, receivers and special teams.

**Highlights:** Pitt advances to bowl games each season of his four-year tenure, winning three... finishes in the nation's Top 15 three times and the Top 10 twice...Pitt wins the 1976 national championship with a 12-0 record...Panthers' compile 37-10-1 four-year mark (.781).

### OKLAHOMA STATE

**Years/Position:** 1979-81, defensive line; 1982, defensive coordinator.

**Highlights:** Helped OSU earn its first bowl invite in five years (1981 Independence Bowl).

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Years/Position:** 1983-85, defensive line.

**Highlights:** USC earned two bowl berths... Trojans finish in the Top 10 in 1984 following a 9-3 record and Rose Bowl victory over Ohio State (20-17).

### MIAMI

**Years/Position:** 1986-88, defensive coordinator.

**Highlights:** Miami compiles a three-year record of 34-2 (.944)...advances to three New Year's Day bowl games (1987 Fiesta, 1988 and 1989 Orange)...wins the 1987 national title with a 12-0 mark...UM's defense holds opponents to three-year averages of 2.2 yards/rush and 10.9 points/game.

### PITTSBURGH

**Years/Position:** 2005, head coach.

**Highlights:** Named head coach on Dec. 23, 2004... becomes the 34th coach in program's history and ninth Pitt graduate to lead the Panthers.

### PROFESSIONAL

#### DALLAS COWBOYS

**Years/Position:** 1989-92, defensive coordinator; 1992, assistant head coach.

**Highlights:** Dallas wins Super Bowl XXVII, defeating Buffalo, 52-17...named 1990 NFL Assistant Coach of the Year.

#### CHICAGO BEARS

**Years/Position:** 1993-98, head coach.

**Highlights:** Finishes as third-winningest coach in Bears' history...named 1994 NFC Coach the Year by UPI and *Football News*.

#### MIAMI DOLPHINS

**Years/Position:** 1999, assistant head coach; 2000-04, head coach.

**Highlights:** 2000 AFC East champs with 11-5 mark...named 2000 NFL Coach of the Year by FOX's Terry Bradshaw (annual "Terry Awards")... Wannstedt's 41-23 mark from 2000-03 ranked fifth among all NFL coaches...one of only three teams from 2000-03 to win nine or more games each season...2000 & 2001 Florida Sports Awards Pro Coach of the Year.



Dave and Jan Wannstedt with Cookie.

# BOB JUNKO

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/DEFENSIVE TACKLES



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 7/4/46

**HOMETOWN** Washington, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** Tulsa, '68

**FAMILY** Junko's wife's name is Judy. Their family includes sons Jay and his wife Kim, Jeff and his wife Meredith, Mike and his wife Misty. Bob and Judy have five grandchildren: Ryan, Joshua, Caleb, Bryn and Ethan.

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### COLLEGE

**TULSA**, 1968, graduate assistant; 1969, freshman coach; 1970-74, linebackers; 1975, defensive coordinator.

**TEXAS CHRISTIAN**, 1976-81, defensive coordinator; 1979-81, assistant head coach.

**PITTSBURGH**, 1982-85, defensive coordinator & linebackers.

**NORTHWESTERN**, 1986-87, defensive coordinator.

**AKRON**, 1988-94, associate head coach & defensive coordinator.

**KENT STATE**, 1995-96, defensive coordinator & linebackers.

**PITTSBURGH**, 1997-present, defensive tackles; 2000-present, assistant head coach.

## RECRUITING AREAS

Western Pennsylvania & Akron, Ohio



The Junko Family — top row, left to right: Mike, Misty, Jeff, Meredith, Kim and Jay. Middle row: Bob (holding Bryn) and Judy (holding Ethan). Bottom row: Caleb, Ryan and Joshua.

**BOB JUNKO** has been a highly instrumental figure in the resurgence of Pitt football over the last eight years.

On the field, Junko has annually molded the Panthers' tackles into tough and productive performers. Off the field, he is one of the best-known football figures in the tri-state area with a successful track record that spans well over three decades. Not surprisingly, Junko has helped lure many top-notch recruits to Pitt from the talent-rich region.

Last year, defensive tackles Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens enjoyed career seasons

as both earned All-Big East. The pair was also highly accomplished off the field. Crochunis finished his career as a three-time first team Academic All-American, while Stephens was a two-time first team honoree. Crochunis additionally was the 2004 Big East/Aeropostale Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Junko has coached four All-Big East tackles overall, including Demond Gibson (1999) and Frank Moore (1997).

The 2005 season marks the ninth year of Junko's second tour at Pittsburgh. He initially coached at Pitt from 1982-85, serving as defensive coordinator under then head coach Foge Fazio. He returned in 1997 as defensive tackles coach and was elevated to assistant head coach in 2000.

Prior to returning to Pittsburgh, Junko was the defensive coordinator at Kent State from 1995-96. Junko also served as the associate head coach and defensive coordinator for seven years at Akron (1988-94). He additionally held similar positions at Northwestern, TCU and Tulsa, his alma mater.

In his first stint with the Panthers, the 1982 team received a Cotton Bowl bid and finished ninth in the country. The 1983 Panthers earned a Fiesta Bowl berth and ranked 19th in the final polls.

Among the standouts on those defenses were tackle Bill Maas, defensive end Chris Doleman and defensive backs Tim Lewis and Tom Flynn, all of whom went on to careers in the NFL.

As a collegian, Junko starred at Tulsa as an inside linebacker and was an Honorable Mention All-American in 1967. He also was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference team twice and served as team captain.

Junko earned a bachelor's degree in history education in 1968 and his master's in educational administration in 1970 at Tulsa.



# MATT CAVANAUGH

## OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

**MATT CAVANAUGH**, who ranks among the most effective and efficient quarterbacks in Pitt history, returned to the University of Pittsburgh in January as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Cavanaugh renews ties with Dave Wannstedt for the third time. Wannstedt was an assistant on the Pitt staff during the final three years of Cavanaugh's sparkling collegiate career from 1974-77. The pair also worked together in the NFL when Wannstedt was the head coach of the Chicago Bears and Cavanaugh his offensive coordinator.

Cavanaugh will forever be remembered in Panther lore for quarterbacking Pitt to the 1976 national championship. He capped that magical season with an MVP performance in the Sugar Bowl, leading Pittsburgh to a 27-3 demolition of Georgia. Cavanaugh scored the first touchdown of the game and the celebration of that score became a *Sports Illustrated* cover (Jan. 10, 1977), which is still displayed at several locales on campus.

His effective blend of passing and running made him an All-American in 1977 and his 3,378 career passing yards still rank 12th in Pitt annals.

He returns to Pittsburgh more than 25 years later with an impressive resume as a player and coach on both the collegiate and professional levels. In addition to his collegiate championship, Cavanaugh earned three Super Bowl rings, including two as a player (with the San Francisco 49ers in 1984 and the New York Giants in 1990) and one as a coach (Baltimore Ravens in 2000).

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduate of Chaney High, Cavanaugh spent 14 years as a quarterback in the National Football League. A second-round selection of New England in 1978, he spent five seasons (1978-82) with the Patriots before moving on to stints with the San Francisco 49ers (1983-85), Philadelphia Eagles (1986-89) and New York Giants (1990-91).

Cavanaugh began his coaching career at Pitt, where he served as tight ends coach for John Majors in 1993. He then moved back to the professional ranks, serving as quarterbacks coach for the Arizona Cardinals from 1994-95 and at San Francisco in 1996.

From 1997-98, Cavanaugh was offensive coordinator for Chicago, serving under Wannstedt, who was the Bears' head coach. He most recently was the offensive coordinator at Baltimore (1999-2004), where during the Ravens' Super Bowl season he orchestrated a rushing attack that produced a franchise-record 2,199 yards.

Cavanaugh earned his bachelor's degree from Pitt in administration of justice.



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 10/27/56

**HOMETOWN** Youngstown, Ohio

**ALMA MATER** University of Pittsburgh, '79

**FAMILY** Cavanaugh is the father of three children: Amy, Andrew and Mollie.

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### PROFESSIONAL

**ARIZONA**, 1994-95, quarterbacks.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, 1996, quarterbacks.

**CHICAGO**, 1997-98, offensive coordinator.

**BALTIMORE**, 1999-2004, offensive coordinator.

#### COLLEGE

**PITTSBURGH**, 1993, tight ends; 2005, offensive coordinator & quarterbacks.

### RECRUITING AREAS

Western Pennsylvania & Youngstown, Ohio

# PAUL RHOADS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SECONDARY



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 2/2/67

**HOMETOWN** Ankeny, Iowa

**ALMA MATER** Missouri Western, '89

**FAMILY** Rhoads and his wife Vickie have two sons, Jacob (10) and Wyatt (8).

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### COLLEGE

**UTAH STATE**, 1989-90, graduate assistant.

**OHIO STATE**, 1991, graduate assistant.

**PACIFIC**, 1992-94, defensive backs; 1994, defensive pass coordinator.

**IOWA STATE**, 1995, inside linebackers; 1996-99, secondary.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2000-present, defensive coordinator/secondary.

## RECRUITING AREAS

Northwestern Pennsylvania & Cleveland, Ohio



The Rhoads Family (clockwise from top): Paul, Jacob, Wyatt and Vickie.

**PAUL RHOADS** has made an emphatic imprint on Pitt's defensive play since joining the program in 2000. Pitt has ranked among the nation's top 12 in total defense in two of the last four seasons. The 2004 edition made its own mark by leading the Big East and ranking ninth nationally with 17 interceptions. Moreover, the Panthers scored four defensive touchdowns, one shy of the school single-season mark set in 1986.

Not surprisingly, *The Sporting News* lauded Rhoads as the Big East's top defensive coordinator, while *Athlon Sports* ranked Pitt's secondary as the nation's fourth best headed into the 2005 season.

During Pitt's victorious Insight Bowl season in 2002, the unit played at its highest level since the late 1980s. The Panthers ranked among the nation's top 25 in an impressive seven different categories and allowed their fewest points in a season since 1988 despite playing in a school-record 13 games.

In 2001, the Panthers gave up just 7.4 points and 182.6 yards over a five-game winning streak heading into the Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl. The unit ranked among the nation's top 30 in five different categories at season's end. Additionally, Pitt finished with 38 quarterback sacks. It was the Panthers' highest sack total since the 1987 season.

As secondary coach, Rhoads had a trio of defensive backs selected in three consecutive NFL drafts, including Shawntae Spencer (2004, San Francisco 49ers), Torrie Cox (2003, Tampa Bay Buccaneers) and Ramon Walker (2002, Houston Texans).

Rhoads joined the Panthers after serving the prior five seasons (1995-99) at Iowa State, where he was the secondary coach his last four years after coaching the inside linebackers in 1995. Rhoads also assisted with the Cyclones' special teams.

Rhoads was instrumental in the development of Iowa State cornerbacks Dawan Anderson, who finished his career as one of the Cyclones' all-time interceptions leaders, and Breon Ansley, who was an All-Big 12 honoree.

Prior to Iowa State, Rhoads spent three years at Pacific (1992-94), serving as the defensive backs coach and, in his final season, coordinator of the Tigers' pass defense. In 1993, Pacific ranked 20th nationally, allowing just 152 yards passing per game. Rhoads began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ohio State (1991) and Utah State (1989-90), working with the secondary at both schools.

A 1989 graduate of Missouri Western with a bachelor's degree in economics, Rhoads was a three-year football letterman and the recipient of the Chris Faros Scholarship, honoring the program's top senior student-athlete. He later earned his master's degree from Utah State in 1991. A native of Ankeny, Iowa, Rhoads was a prep special mention all-state free safety and valedictorian of his high school class.



# CURTIS BRAY

## LINEBACKERS

A standout linebacker at Pitt from 1988-91, **CURTIS BRAY** is now responsible for coaching that position at his alma mater.

In 2004, Bray oversaw the development of first-team All-Big East linebacker H.B. Blades, who enters his junior season as one of the nation's rising defensive stars. Additionally, graduated Will linebacker Malcolm Postell set a school record last season with three interception returns for touchdowns.

In 2003, Brian Bennett was named Big East Defensive Freshman of the Year by *The Sporting News* under Bray's watch.

Bray took over the linebackers in 2003 after coaching the defensive ends from 2000-02. While working with the ends he produced a pair of All-Big East performers in Claude Harriott (2002) and Bryan Knight (2000-01). Both Harriott and Knight were NFL draft picks by the Chicago Bears.

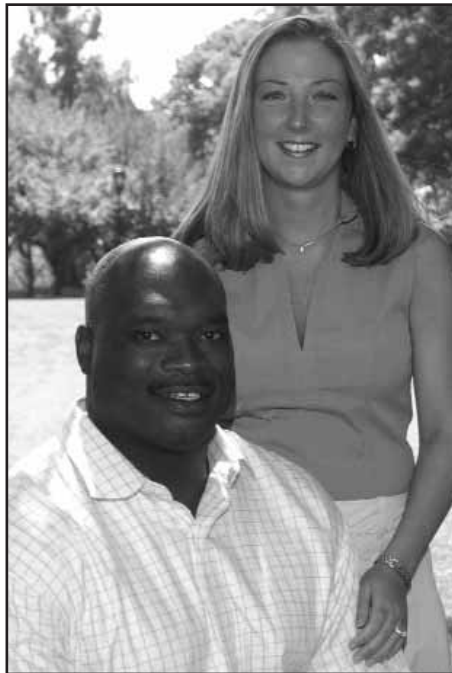
Prior to returning to Pittsburgh, Bray served as defensive ends coach at Villanova from 1997-99. During his Villanova tenure, Bray helped the Wildcats emerge as a national power in NCAA Division I-AA. In 1997, Villanova captured the Atlantic 10 championship and was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference's (ECAC) Team of the Year.

Prior to Villanova, Bray was the defensive line coach at Western Kentucky (1995-96) and the defensive coordinator at Duquesne (1993-94). While at Duquesne, he served under Dukes head coach Greg Gattuso, who joined the Pitt coaching staff this February. Bray also coached the linebackers and handled the special teams while with the Dukes.

Bray was a standout linebacker for Pitt and finished his career with 170 tackles despite an array of injuries his final two collegiate seasons. One of his most memorable performances occurred at Penn State in 1988 when he had a quarterback sack for a safety and a key interception to lift the Panthers to a 14-7 victory.

A native of Monroeville, Pa., Bray is a 1988 graduate of Gateway High School, where he enjoyed an exceptional athletic career. In 1987, he became the first defensive player to be honored as the Gatorade National High School Football Player of the Year and also was a first team *USA Today* All-American. Bray excelled in track and field as well, capturing the state javelin championship as a senior.

Bray graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in economics.



Curtis and Heather Bray.



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 5/9/70

**HOMETOWN** Monroeville, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** University of Pittsburgh, '92

**FAMILY** Bray and his wife Heather welcomed a daughter, Sidney Nicole, in June 2005.

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**DUQUESNE**, 1993-94, defensive coordinator, linebackers and special teams.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY**, 1995-96, defensive line.

**VILLANOVA**, 1997-99, defensive ends.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2000-02, defensive ends; 2003-present, linebackers.

### RECRUITING AREAS

Western Pennsylvania, Northern Maryland, Michigan, Virginia



# PAUL DUNN

## OFFENSIVE LINE



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 7/7/60

**HOMETOWN** Philadelphia, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** University of Pittsburgh, '83

**FAMILY** Dunn and his wife Melody have three children: Katlyn (18), Casey (16) and Kelsey (12).

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**PITTSBURGH**, 1983, graduate assistant.

**PENN STATE**, 1984-85, graduate assistant.

**EDINBORO**, 1986-88, offensive line.

**RUTGERS**, 1989, offensive line.

**MAINE**, 1990-93, offensive line.

**CINCINNATI**, 1994-95, offensive line.

**VANDERBILT**, 1996-97, offensive line.

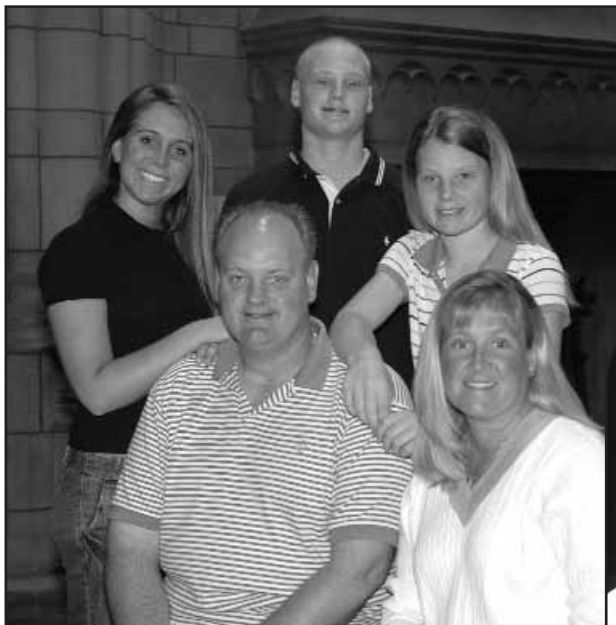
**KANSAS STATE**, 1998-2002, run game coordinator & offensive line.

**KENTUCKY**, 2003-04, run game coordinator & offensive line.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2005, offensive line.

### RECRUITING AREAS

Central & Eastern Pennsylvania, South New Jersey, Delaware



The Dunn Family (clockwise from bottom): Paul, Katlyn, Casey, Kelsey and wife Melody.



A hard-nosed guard for Pitt's impenetrable offensive fronts of the early 1980s, **PAUL DUNN** returned to his alma mater as offensive line coach in January.

Dunn, a 1983 Pitt graduate, owns 22 years of experience coaching offensive lines on the collegiate level. He most recently served at Kentucky (2003-04) and Kansas State (1998-2002).

At Kentucky the last two years, Dunn served as run-game coordinator and offensive line coach. During the '03 season, Kentucky produced 24 rushing touchdowns, the third-highest total in school history. Dunn keyed the development of first-team All-Southeastern Conference tackle Antonio Hall, who went on to sign with the Indianapolis Colts.

At Kansas State, Dunn's lines provided the foundation for one of college football's most explosive offenses. During his tenure the Wildcats ranked among the nation's top five in scoring four times, including a national-best 48 points per game in 1998. In 2002, Kansas State averaged 44.8 points to rank second in the country.

Serving as the Wildcats' run-game coordinator his final four years in Manhattan, Dunn oversaw record-breaking rushing campaigns in 2001 and 2002. In '01, Josh Scobey broke the KSU single-season record with 1,263 rushing yards. A year later, Darren Sproles set a new mark with 1,465.

Dunn tutored four KSU players who earned All-America citations, including first-team honoree Nick Leckey and third-team picks Ryan Young, Randall Cummings and Andy Eby. The Wildcats went 50-14 from 1998-2002, compiling four 11-victory seasons and four Top 10 finishes.

Dunn's additional coaching stops include Vanderbilt (1996-97), Cincinnati (1994-95), Maine (1990-93) and Rutgers (1989). His first full-time assignment came at Edinboro (Pa.) University, where he coached from 1986-88. Dunn served graduate assistantships at Pitt (1983) and Penn State (1984-85).

Dunn was a three-year letterman at Pitt from 1980-82, a span that witnessed the Panthers achieve three consecutive Top 10 finishes and a combined 31-5 (.861) mark. Pitt went 11-1 in 1980 and 1981, finishing second in at least one major poll both years. *The New York Times* named Pitt the top team in the country in 1980.

Dunn earned his bachelor's degree in administration of justice.

# GREG GATTUSO

## TIGHT ENDS & RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Seeking a coach who knows the storied high school football tradition in Pennsylvania and beyond, Pitt head coach Dave Wannstedt named **GREG GATTUSO** the Panthers' new recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach in February.

A product of the WPIAL himself, Gattuso boasts a winning resume as a coach and player on both the collegiate and high school levels.

Gattuso spent the last 12 years building neighboring Duquesne University into one of the elite I-AA football programs in the country. The winningest coach in school history, the Dukes went 97-32 (.752) under his direction, won eight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) titles, made five bowl appearances and captured the 2003 consensus Mid-Major Division I-AA national championship.

Gattuso was twice named the national Mid-Major I-AA Coach of the Year and was a seven-time MAAC Coach of the Year. The Dukes dominated the MAAC during his tenure, going 66-7 (.904) in league play, including a current 33-game winning streak.

Gattuso was an assistant coach at Duquesne in 1992 before taking over the head coaching post the following year. He previously served as head coach at his high school alma mater, Seton-LaSalle, from 1989-91. Taking over a team that went 6-34 during the four seasons prior to his arrival, Gattuso led the Rebels to a 28-10-1 mark (.731), including three WPIAL playoff berths, a WPIAL championship and Parkway Conference title.

A 1980 graduate of Seton-LaSalle High, Gattuso was named the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Class AA Player of the Year his senior season and went on to a standout career at Penn State, where he was a two-time All-East defensive lineman and a member of the Lions' 1982 national title team.

Gattuso is a 1983 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor's degree in administration and criminal justice.



The Gattuso Family (left to right): Greg, Colleen, Jacqueline and Kaitlin.



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 5/18/62

**HOMETOWN** Pittsburgh, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** Penn State, '83

**FAMILY** Gattuso and his wife Colleen have two daughters, Jacqueline (17) and Kaitlin (12).

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**PENN STATE**, 1984, graduate assistant.  
**DUQUESNE**, 1987, assistant coach; 1992, assistant coach; 1993-2004, head coach.  
**PITTSBURGH**, 2005, tight ends & recruiting coordinator.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**SETON-LASALLE (Pa.)**, 1985, junior varsity coach; 1989-91, head coach.  
**CENTER TOWNSHIP (Pa.)**, 1986, defensive coordinator.

### RECRUITING AREAS

Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Southern Maryland, Washington D.C., Southern Ohio, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo

# AUBREY HILL

## WIDE RECEIVERS



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 2/18/72

**HOMETOWN** Miami, Fla.

**ALMA MATER** Florida, '96

**FAMILY** Hill has one daughter, Destini (14).

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**FLORIDA**, 1996-98, graduate assistant.

**DUKE**, 1999-2003, wide receivers.

**ELON (N.C.)**, 2004, wide receivers.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2005, wide receivers.

### RECRUITING AREAS

South Florida & Central Pennsylvania



Aubrey Hill and daughter Destini.

Following his playing career, Hill served as a Florida graduate assistant from 1996-98. In his first season as an assistant, Florida captured the national championship with a 12-1 mark, capped by a 52-20 victory over Florida State in the Sugar Bowl. During his three years on the Florida staff, the Gators went a combined 32-5 (.865).

Hill earned his first full-time appointment at Duke, where he served as receivers coach from 1999-2003. He was instrumental in the development of Scottie Montgomery, who finished his collegiate career ranked second in career receptions (171) and third in yardage (2,379) in Blue Devil annals.

He supplemented his collegiate experience with a pair of NFL internships, including stints with the Washington Redskins (summer 2001) and Miami Dolphins (summer 2002). Hill was involved with receivers and special teams in both internships, working with such pro wideouts as Chris Chambers and Orande Gadsden at Miami and Darnerien McCants and Derrius Thompson at Washington.

Hill owns two degrees from Florida, including a bachelor's in exercise and sport sciences and a master's in leisure/sports management.

**AUBREY HILL**, who was a standout receiver at Florida from 1991-94 before moving onto the coaching ranks, was charged with overseeing Pitt's wideouts by Dave Wannstedt in January.

Hill, who played and coached under Steve Spurrier's "Fun 'n Gun" offense at Florida, joined the Panthers after working at NCAA I-AA Elon (N.C.) University as receivers coach last year. He previously was the receivers coach at Duke for five seasons and additionally served in a pair of NFL coaching internships.

Hill helped Florida to a four-year record of 43-10-1 (.806) and three SEC championships. He compiled 86 receptions and 18 touchdowns for his career and caught a touchdown every 4.78 catches, the third best TD ratio in Gators history. He was a team captain as a senior in 1994.



# CHARLIE PARTRIDGE

## DEFENSIVE ENDS & SPECIAL TEAMS

Entering his third season at Pitt, **CHARLIE PARTRIDGE** has impressed many with his work as a coach and recruiter on behalf of the Panthers.

Coach Dave Wannstedt publicly lauded Partridge's efforts during the recruiting season and also added to his coaching responsibilities. In addition to working with the defensive ends, he will take on oversight of Pitt's special teams this season.

Partridge joined Pittsburgh in 2003 and helped Thomas Smith earn the team's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman and Most Improved Defensive Player awards that season.

A native of Plantation, Fla., his primary recruiting focus is on his home state. Those ties have paid off as the Panthers have landed 11 players from the talent-rich Sunshine State the last two years.

Prior to Pitt, Partridge served four seasons (1998-2001) at Iowa State in administrative and coaching roles. He was a defensive graduate assistant in 1998-99, working with the outside linebackers. Following the 1999 season he earned a full-time appointment as the program's director of football operations. Partridge and Paul Rhoads worked together during the 1998 and 1999 seasons before Rhoads departed for Pittsburgh.

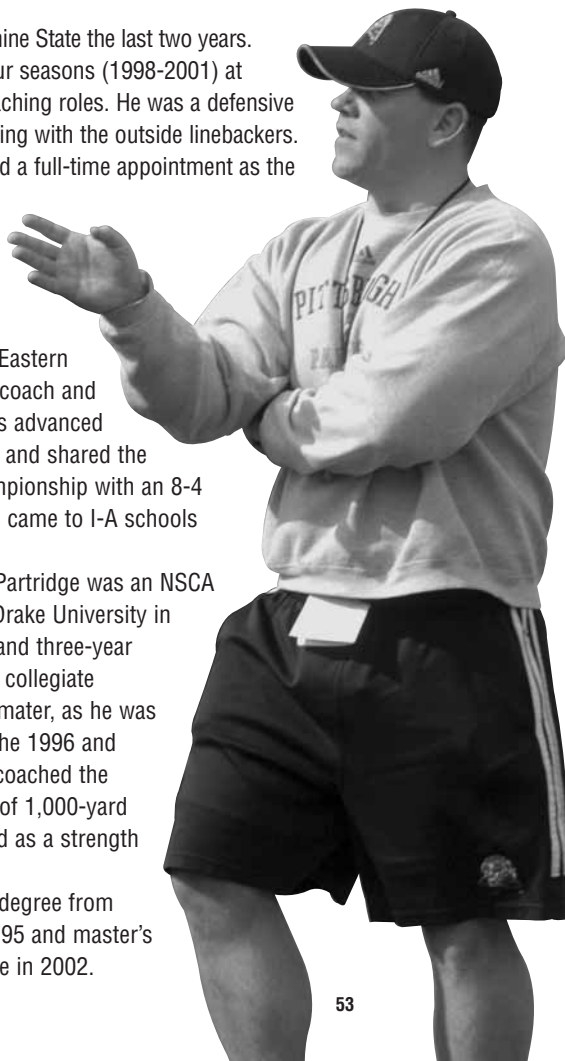
In 2002 Partridge was hired by Eastern Illinois University as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator. The Panthers advanced to the NCAA I-AA playoffs that year and shared the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championship with an 8-4 record. Two of the Panthers' losses came to I-A schools Hawaii and Kansas State.

An outstanding player himself, Partridge was an NSCA All-America defensive lineman for Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. A team captain and three-year starter for the Bulldogs, Partridge's collegiate coaching career began at his alma mater, as he was a Drake graduate assistant during the 1996 and 1997 seasons. In this capacity, he coached the running backs — producing a pair of 1,000-yard rushers each season — and worked as a strength and conditioning coach.

Partridge earned his bachelor's degree from Drake in secondary education in 1995 and master's degree in education from Iowa State in 2002.



Charlie and his wife Julie.



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 12/7/73

**HOMETOWN** Plantation, Fla.

**ALMA MATER** Drake, '95

**FAMILY** Partridge's wife's name is Julie.

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**DRAKE**, 1996-97, graduate assistant.

**IOWA STATE**, 1998-99, graduate assistant; 2000-01, director of football operations.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS**, 2002, defensive line/recruiting coordinator.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2003-present, defensive ends; 2005, special teams.

### RECRUITING AREAS

North Central Pennsylvania, South & Central Florida

# DAVID WALKER

## RUNNING BACKS



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 12/4/69

**HOMETOWN** Rochester, N.Y.

**ALMA MATER** Syracuse, '93

**FAMILY** Walker and his wife Marilyn have two sons, Jalen (6) and Jordan (4).

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**SYRACUSE**, 1995-2004, running backs.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2005, running backs.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**CAROL CITY (Fla.)**, 1994, assistant coach.

### RECRUITING AREAS

Northeastern Pennsylvania, New York,  
North New Jersey

**DAVID WALKER**, who tutored four 1,000-yard rushers in his last five years as running backs coach at Syracuse, will look to produce similar outstanding results at Pitt.

Walker, who served with the Orange from 1995-2004, joined Pitt in January with an exceptional record of producing top-flight running backs. He counts among his protégés six backs who played in the National Football League.

The Orange boasted a potent 1-2 punch in the backfield last season with All-Big East running backs Walter Reyes and Damien Rhodes combining for 1,673 yards and 17 touchdowns. Reyes finished his career as SU's second all-time leading rusher with 3,424 yards.

Walker oversaw four consecutive 1,000-yard rushers from 2000-03, a Syracuse record. In '03, Reyes rushed for 1,347 yards, the second-highest single-season total in school history. His 21 touchdowns set an Orange record.

Overall, Walker coached three of the Orange's top seven all-time leading rushers.

A 1993 graduate of Syracuse, Walker was an outstanding running back himself, twice earning All-Big East honors. He captained the 1992 team, leading it to a No. 6 national ranking, 10-2 overall record and 26-22 victory over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl. Walker remains the sixth-leading rusher in Orange history with 2,643 yards.

Following a year as an assistant coach at Miami's Carol City High School in 1994-95, Walker rejoined his alma mater and helped the Orange to four Big East championships. Including his playing career, he has been part of 12 bowl games.

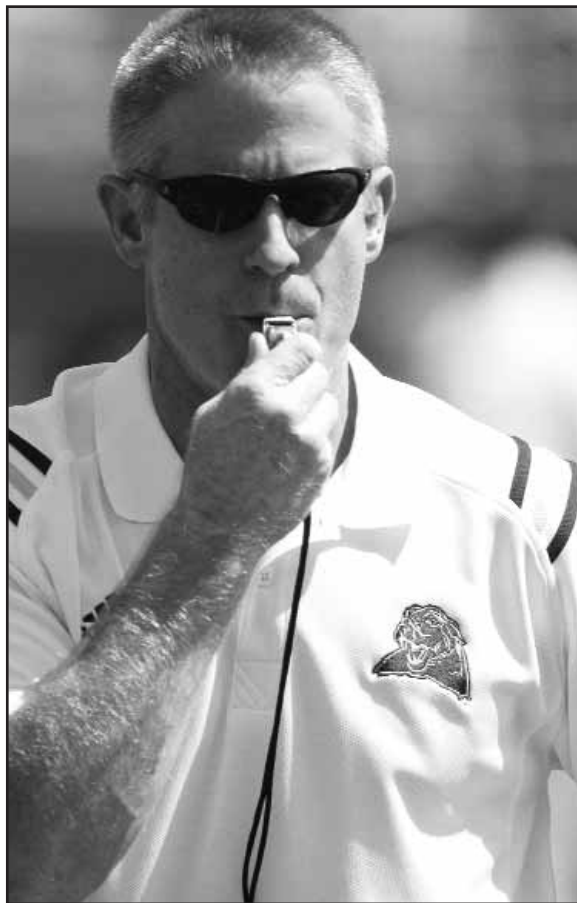
Walker earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1993.



The Walker Family (clockwise from top): David, wife Marilyn, Jalen and Jordan.

# MIKE KENT

## STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING



**MIKE KENT** enters his second season at Pitt as the football program's strength and conditioning coach. His first season witnessed an unmistakable impact. The Panthers displayed a renewed physical and aggressive style that originated during his offseason training sessions. Pitt's players have readily credited Kent's influence in creating a new enthusiasm in the Panthers' weight room.

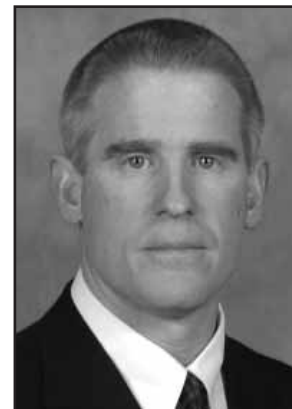
Kent joined the Panthers in 2004 from the University of Louisville, where he was a key contributor to the Cardinals' 36-15 four-year record and Conference USA championships in 2000 and 2001. At Louisville, he oversaw the physical development of eight NFL Draft selections.

Among his Louisville protégés was receiver Deion Branch, who was the MVP of this year's Super Bowl for the victorious New England Patriots. Branch trained under Kent in 2000 and 2001.

Prior to Louisville, Kent served at Eastern Kentucky University from 1999-2000, overseeing the strength training for the Colonels' 16 intercollegiate sports. From 1990-99, he served at Appalachian State as strength coordinator for 18 teams. Kent helped the football program earn five NCAA I-AA playoff berths and trained linebacker Dexter Coakley, a multiple All-Pro honoree with the Dallas Cowboys. In 1995, Kent was named the Southern Conference's Strength Coach of the Year.

Kent's coaching career began at NC State, where he was a graduate assistant for two years (1985-86 and '86-87) working with the defensive line and assisting with the strength program. He additionally was an assistant defensive line coach and headed up strength and conditioning for football at West Virginia's Shepherd College (1987-88). From 1988-90, Kent was an assistant strength coach at East Carolina.

Kent earned his bachelor's degree from Fairmont State (W.Va.) in 1982 and his master's from NC State in 1987.



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 7/8/60

**HOMETOWN** Parkersburg, W.Va.

**ALMA MATER** Fairmont State, '82

**FAMILY** Kent's wife's name is Deena.

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### COLLEGE

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE**, 1985-87, football graduate assistant (defensive line).

**SHEPHERD (W.VA.) COLLEGE**, 1987-88, strength and conditioning coach/defensive line coach.

**EAST CAROLINA**, 1988-90, assistant director of strength and conditioning.

**APPALACHIAN STATE**, 1990-99, strength and conditioning coordinator.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY**, 1999-2000, strength and conditioning coordinator.

**LOUISVILLE**, 2000-04, football strength and conditioning coordinator.

**PITTSBURGH**, 2004, football strength and conditioning coach.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**EAST FAIRMONT (W.VA.) HIGH**, 1982-84, head wrestling coach/assistant football coach/assistant track & field coach.

**MIRAMAR (FLA.) HIGH**, 1984-85, strength and conditioning coach/assistant football coach.

# CHRIS LASALA

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 1/7/66

**HOMETOWN** Aliquippa, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** West Virginia, '88

**FAMILY** LaSala and his wife Dana have a one-year-old son, Anthony Joseph.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**TEMPLE**, 1988, graduate assistant

**PITTSBURGH**, 1989, athletic department intern

**TEMPLE**, 1990, football administrative assistant; 1991-93, department recruiting coordinator; 1993, assistant athletic director.

**BOSTON COLLEGE**, 1994-96, director of football operations.

**PITTSBURGH**, 1997-present, director of football operations; 2000-present, assistant athletic director.



Chris and his wife Dana with their son Anthony Joseph.



**CHRIS LASALA** is in his ninth year as director of football operations at the University of Pittsburgh. LaSala was named an assistant athletic director in 2000.

A native of nearby Aliquippa, Pa., LaSala is truly the Panthers' master of multi-tasking. He coordinates and oversees travel accommodations, youth summer camps, the annual coaches clinic, preseason camp arrangements and all day-to-day administration for the Pitt football team. LaSala also serves as the football program's liaison to numerous campus offices and within the athletic department.

In 2004 he was named a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in service to the University of Pittsburgh.

LaSala was a chief coordinator and planner for Pitt's move to its state-of-the-art practice facility, the UPMC Sports Performance Complex. He has been instrumental in the planning of Pitt's trips to the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, 2003 Continental Tire Bowl, 2002 Insight Bowl, 2001 Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl, 2000 Insight.com Bowl and 1997 AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl.

LaSala's career in athletics began at Temple, where he served as a graduate assistant. He then came to the University of Pittsburgh as an athletic department intern in 1989.

Prior to his 1997 Pitt appointment he served three years as the director of football operations at Boston College (1994-96), where he handled all the administrative duties for the football program, including overseeing the travel arrangements and organizing BC's youth camps.

During his BC tenure, the Eagles captured the 1994 Aloha Bowl and participated in the 1995 Kickoff Classic.

Before Boston College, LaSala spent four years at Temple (1990-93) as recruiting coordinator and ultimately was elevated to assistant athletic director. He initially joined Temple as a graduate assistant in 1988 and then returned to the Owls' football staff in 1990 as the administrative assistant.

LaSala graduated from West Virginia in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Temple in 1991.

# ROB BLANC

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER/DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

**ROB BLANC** enters his 18th year as head football athletic trainer and clinical instructor at Pitt. At the beginning of the 2000 season Blanc was appointed to head up Pitt's Performance Team, which is dedicated to the total well being of Panther student-athletes.

Blanc was promoted to head athletic trainer for the entire athletic department in 1993. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing all of the clinical medical services for Pitt. He coordinates sports coverage, budget, inventory and drug testing and counseling. Additionally, he is a faculty member for Pitt's undergraduate athletic training curriculum, approved by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

Blanc graduated from Slippery Rock in 1982 and earned his master's in athletic training in 1984 from Ohio University. He is also a certified paramedic and was involved in an emergency medical service for 17 years in nearby Bethel Park.

A native of Pittsburgh, Blanc served as head athletic trainer at neighboring Duquesne University for two years before joining the Panthers' staff.

Blanc began his training career as the head athletic trainer at New Lexington (Ohio) High School in 1983. A year later, he began working for the Pittsburgh Steelers on a part-time basis, serving at training camp and at all home games.



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**BORN** 2/28/60

**HOMETOWN** Bethel Park, Pa.

**ALMA MATER** Slippery Rock, '82

**FAMILY** Blanc has three children, Jason (15), Jordan (13) and Shannon (10).



# FOOTBALL STAFF

## DARREN HONEYCUTT

### Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach



Darren Honeycutt enters his second season with the Pitt football staff as an assistant strength coach. Honeycutt assists Mike Kent in all aspects of the Panther football team's strength and conditioning training.

Honeycutt's experience in the strength and conditioning field makes him a valuable asset for the Panthers. From 1991-1994, he was assistant strength coach

under Kent for Appalachian State's football program. Honeycutt then took a position as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Texas Tech working with its football program from 1994-1996. He later moved on to Baylor to accept a similar position from 1996-2000. Honeycutt would eventually be reunited with Kent at Louisville (2000-03).

Honeycutt earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1991 and his master's from Appalachian State in 1994.

## SCOTT McCURLEY

### Graduate Assistant



Scott McCurley, a four-year letterman at linebacker for the Panthers from 1999-2002, enters his third year as a graduate assistant at Pitt. McCurley serves as the defensive assistant.

A former walk-on, McCurley played middle linebacker for the Panthers and earned a scholarship after his redshirt freshman year. He was a selection on the Big East All-Academic

Football Team in 1999 and was honored by the University of Pittsburgh Scholar-Athlete Achievement Club. McCurley earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2003.

## JEFF AMBROSIE

### Graduate Assistant



Jeff Ambrosie is in his second season as a graduate assistant with the Pitt football staff and third season overall with the Panthers. Ambrosie serves as the offensive assistant with a focus on the offensive line.

A 1998 graduate of Cortland State, Ambrosie began his coaching career at Union College and earned his master's degree from there in 2003. As the linebackers coach

for Union, Ambrosie oversaw the development of two NAIA All-American linebackers.

## CHAD LEE

### Graduate Assistant for Strength and Conditioning



Chad Lee enters his first season as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant. Lee played college football at Louisville from 1999-2002. Lee was a team captain and Defensive MVP for the Cardinals. He earned his bachelor's degree in justice administration from Louisville in 2004.

## MIKE ANTONOPLOS

### Recruiting Assistant



Mike Antonoplos is in his second season as the recruiting assistant with the Pitt football staff. He works closely with recruiting coordinator Greg Gattuso as the Panthers continue to lure top-notch talent to their rising program.

Antonoplos joined the Panthers after working the previous four years for all of Pittsburgh's professional sports teams. From 2002-2003, he

worked inside sales for the Pittsburgh Pirates, specializing in season and group tickets. In 2001, Antonoplos worked with the Steelers' Fan Relations Department and also assisted the team at its annual training camp at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. He also interned for the Penguins, assisting in customer relations, ticketing, marketing ideas and promotional items.

Antonoplos is a 2001 University of Pittsburgh graduate with a bachelor's degree in communications.

## TIM ENRIGHT

### Head Football Equipment Manager



Tim Enright is in his ninth year as the head equipment manager for the Pitt football team, but his association with the program and the university dates back much further.

Enright was an undergraduate at Pitt and also served as a student manager, including a stint as the head student manager his senior year in 1990-91.

Following graduation in 1991, Enright worked one year at Martin Media Advertising before serving as a youth counselor at the Shuman Detention Center. He returned to his alma mater as an assistant equipment manager, where his main responsibility was handling the men's basketball team.

Enright was promoted to his position in 1997. In this capacity, he supervises the equipment operation for the football team, including organizing travel and transportation of equipment for away football games, and handling the day-to-day equipment needs for the football team and coaching staff.

## CHAD BOGARD

### Video Coordinator



Chad Bogard enters his fifth season as video coordinator for the Pitt Panthers. Bogard's duties include coordinating all video efforts and overseeing production for all 19 varsity sports programs.

The 2003 Big East video coordinator of the year, Bogard joined the Panthers from the NFL's Cleveland Browns, where he served as assistant video director from 1999-2001. He was responsible for creating video highlight tapes of professional and collegiate player personnel as well as helping coordinate all day-to-day operations. Prior to his work with the Browns, Bogard also served as assistant video coordinator with the New Orleans Saints for two years and the World League of American Football's Scottish Claymores for one season.

He started his career as an intern with the Kansas City Chiefs from 1996-97 after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism.

## BRET COLBERT

### Graduate Assistant Video Coordinator



Bret Colbert is in his second season as a video coordinator graduate assistant with the Pitt football team.

Colbert is a 2004 graduate of Bridgewater College where he earned a degree in health and exercise science and is also certified in sports safety training. He assisted Bridgewater's offensive staff during the 2000-2001 football season. From

1999-2000 he instructed Turner Ashby High School's football team during its summer program.

Colbert was a two-year letterman at both the College of William & Mary and Bridgewater College as a wide receiver. He helped The Tribe to the 2001 Atlantic 10 championship and also helped Bridgewater capture two Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships and make two NCAA playoff appearances.

## KEN BASHIUM

### Volunteer Assistant for Athletic Director and Football Coaches



Ken Bashium has dedicated three decades to the Panthers' cause as a volunteer assistant for the athletic department and football program. Following his retirement from J&L Steel in 1972, Bashium joined the athletic department during Head Coach John Majors' first tenure.

A native Pittsburgher, Bashium's familiarity of the city and surrounding areas has been a valuable resource for coaches and athletic administration.

Bashium was married for 50 years to the late Mary Bashium. He has three sons: Kenny, Lester and Charles.



**ROBYN JURCZAK**  
Operations Assistant



**JOYCE SALSURY**  
Administrative Assistant to Coaching Staff



**VICKI KLINE**  
Administrative Assistant for Coach Wannstedt



**LYNNIE KOONTZ**  
Recruiting Assistant