Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
CHARLIE TAAFFE

(Siena College, '73)
First Season

Charlie Taaffe is in his first season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Maryland Terrapins. He was most recently with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League where he served as head coach in 1999 and 2000.

Under Taaffe's guidance, the Alouettes had a combined 25-14 record (back-to-back 12-6 regular seasons and a 1-2 playoff record) and most recently advanced to the 2000 Grey Cup finals. For his efforts in 1999 and 2000, Taaffe was named Intergold CFLPA Coach of the Year making him only the second Montreal coach to earn such distinction (Marv Levy being the first in 1974) and the first coach in league history to earn the honor in each of his first two years. He also earned the same distinction from the Canadian Football Writers Association. All together, Taaffe spent four years in Montreal as he served two years as the Alouettes' offensive coordinator before taking over as head coach.

While in Canada, Taaffe's offenses put up some lofty numbers. In 2000, the Alouettes broke the all-time league record for points in a regular season as they posted 594. Taaffe helped quarterback Anthony Calvillo to a 112.9 pass efficiency rating in 2000 after a 108.9 rating led the league. Former Boston College back Mike Pringle also excelled in Taaffe's system as he ran for 1,656 yards in '99, also leading the league.

Prior to his stint north of the border, Taaffe was the head coach at The Citadel from 1987-96. Taaffe took the Bulldogs to new heights in his 10 years with the Division I-AA school as he won more games than any coach in the history of the Military College. Prior to his tenure, The Citadel had not won a league game or road game in over two seasons. Under Taaffe, the Bulldogs won a Southern Conference championship, finished a regular season (1992) ranked No. 1 in the country and advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs three times. He was the 1992 recipient of the Eddie Robinson Award (which recognizes the top coach in Division I-AA), the Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1990 and '88, and the Kodak Region II Coach of the Year in those same seasons. In addition, his teams beat six different Division I-A opponents (in 12 tries) including upsets of South Carolina (1990) and Arkansas (1992) and four of his teams were ranked in the final national I-AA poll (14th in 1988; 15th in 1990; 20th in 1991; 1st in 1992).

His 1992 team was arguably the best in The Citadel's history as it finished 11-1, was the top ranked team at the end of the regular season, and ultimately fell to the eventual champ (Youngstown State) in the quarterfinals. His overall record at The Citadel was 59-54-1, with six seasons of .500 or better.

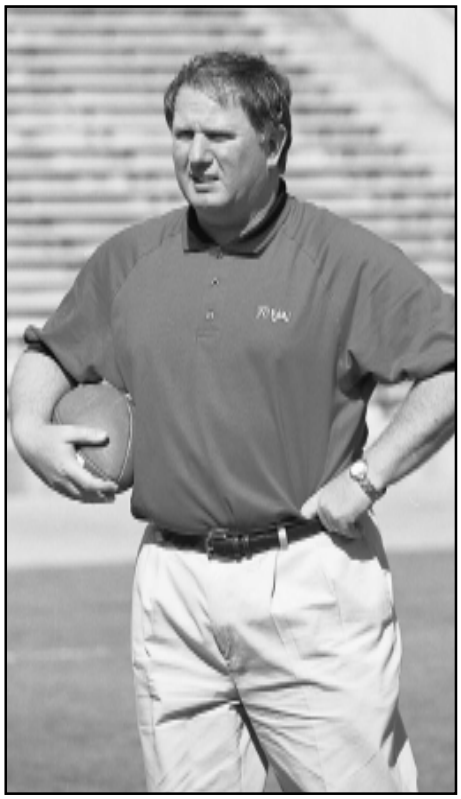
In addition to his teams' on-field accomplishments, Taaffe's Bulldogs had a graduation rate of 89 percent over the course of his tenure.

Taaffe came to The Citadel after a successful stint as an offensive assistant at the U.S. Military Academy from 1981-86. In the three years Taaffe served as Army's offensive coordinator, the Cadets had a combined record of 23-13.

Taaffe's ties to the Atlantic Coast Conference are strong. Before his stint at The Citadel, Taaffe coached at three different ACC schools for a total of seven years. From 1976-80, he was an assistant at Virginia where he coached the offensive backfield, linebackers and special teams. His position with the Cavaliers came on the heels of graduate assistantships with NC State (1975, receivers) and Georgia Tech (1974, offensive backfield).

The 1973 season was Taaffe's first as a coach at the collegiate level as he was an offensive backfield coach at Albany (N.Y.) State College. The position came right after his graduation from Siena College in Siena, N.Y., where he was a quarterback for three years and earned a B.A. in education in 1973. He was inducted into Siena's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

Born April 20, 1950, Taaffe is married to the former Jan Anderson, a former athletic trainer at Army. The couple has one son, Brian Patrick, who was born March 17, 1989.



Taaffe File

Personal

Date of Birth ..... April 20, 1950
Hometown ..... Albany, N.Y.
Alma Mater ..... Siena College, '73
Pronunciation ..... taff

Coaching Experience

Maryland
2001- ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach
Montreal Alouettes (CFL)
1999-2000 ..... Head Coach
1997-98 ..... Offensive Coordinator
The Citadel
1987-96 ..... Head Coach
U.S. Military Academy
1981-86 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks, Offensive Backfield
Virginia
1976-80 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Backfield, Linebackers, Special Teams
NC State
1975 ..... Graduate Assistant - Receivers
Georgia Tech
1974 ..... Graduate Assistant - Offensive Backfield
Albany (N.Y.)
1973 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Backfield

Playing Experience

Siena College
1970-72 ..... Quarterback
Clemson
1969 ..... Quarterback

Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
GARY BLACKNEY

(Connecticut, '67)
First Season

Gary Blackney is in his first season as the Terrapins' defensive coordinator and secondary coach. He most recently served as head coach at Bowling Green State University. He resigned his post following the final game of the 2000 season after 10 successful years with the program and an overall record of 60-50-2 (47-32-2, MAC). The BGSU job was his first as a head coach and his 60 wins as a Falcon rank third on the school's all-time list.

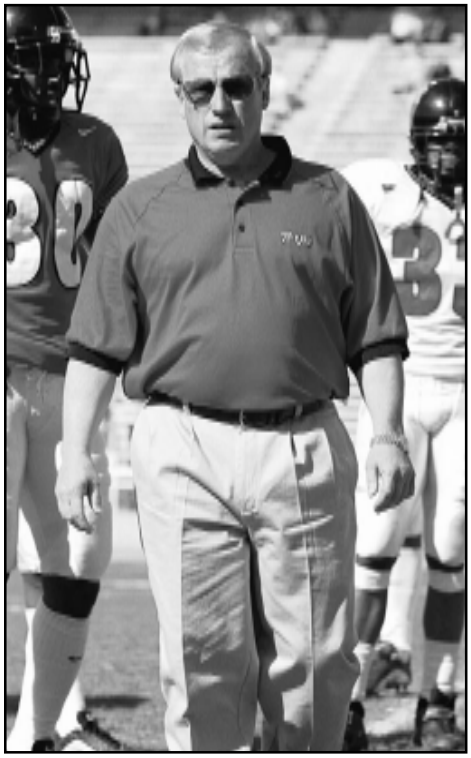
Blackney left Bowling Green as the only coach in school history to win a bowl game as he led the Falcons to victories in the 1991 California Raisin Bowl (28-21 over Fresno State) and the 1992 Las Vegas Bowl (35-34 over Nevada). With 11 wins in 1991 and 10 in 1992, he is the only coach in BGSU history to have back-to-back seasons of 10 wins or more. In doing so, he also became one of just three coaches ever to have been named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year in consecutive seasons. Other honors at Bowling Green included being named a finalist for *Football News*' National Coach of the Year award in 1991 as well as two selections as AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year (in '91 and '92).

The 1991 season was Blackney's first as a head coach and with 11 wins that year, he tied an NCAA record for most wins by a first-year head coach. In fact, his career at Bowling Green began with a MAC record 19 straight conference wins and a 22-game unbeaten streak in the first two years. But the accolades did not end on the playing field for Blackney. To date, he is the only coach from the MAC to have his recruiting classes receive the American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award (70 percent or better graduation rate) each year of the award's existence. His first recruiting class (1991-92) finished with one of the top marks in the nation at 93 percent.

Prior to taking over at Bowling Green, Blackney served as an assistant coach for 21 years. After serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Connecticut, in 1968 and '69, he got his first full-time position in 1970 as a defensive backs coach at Brown. He then spent two seasons (1973-74) as offensive backs coach at Rhode Island. From there his stint serving big-time programs (and often alongside some big-time coaching names) began. From 1975-77, he was a defensive backs coach and ultimately defensive coordinator (1977) at Wisconsin. After three years with the Badgers, he moved to the West Coast and UCLA where he worked as a defensive backs coach under Terry Donahue. In 1980, Blackney came back east to Syracuse where he held the same post from 1980-83 under Dick MacPherson. His final coaching spot before Bowling Green was at Ohio State where he began his tenure in 1984 as a defensive backs coach under Earl Bruce and ended as an inside linebackers coach from 1988-90 under John Cooper. In between (1985-87), he was the Buckeyes' defensive coordinator.

Of all of his positions, however, none had the eventual name-power that could match that of his G.A. job at Connecticut. In Storrs, he worked with Rick Forzano, current South Carolina coach Lou Holtz, former Cleveland Browns head coach Sam Rutigliano, as well as eventual NFL assistants Dave Adolph and Dan Sekanovich.

A 1967 graduate of UConn, Blackney is a native of Plainview, N.Y., and was born in Astoria, N.Y. He and his wife, Lauretta, have four children (Debbie, David, Kyle and Gary, Jr.) and three grandchildren (Kerie, Jamie and Abby).



Blackney File

Personal

Date of Birth ..... December 10, 1944
Hometown ..... Plainview, N.Y.
Alma Mater ..... Connecticut, '67

Coaching Experience

Maryland
2001- ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
Bowling Green
1991-2000 ..... Head Coach
Ohio State
1988-90 ..... Assistant Coach - Inside Linebackers
1985-87 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator
1984 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Syracuse
1980-83 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
UCLA
1978-79 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Wisconsin
1977 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator
1975-76 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Rhode Island
1973-74 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Backs
Brown
1970-72 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs
Connecticut
1968-69 ..... Graduate Assistant

Playing Experience

Connecticut
1965-66 ..... Running Back/Defensive Back

Offensive Line
TOM BRATTAN

(Delaware, '72)
First Season

Tom Brattan begins his first season in College Park as the Terps' offensive line coach. He comes to Maryland with 29 years of coaching experience, including 19 at the collegiate level. He served his last two years at Stanford University as the Cardinal's offensive line coach in charge of centers and guards.

Of the two years Brattan spent with the Cardinal, 1999 was the team's brightest. Stanford went 8-4 that season and had wins over Arizona, UCLA, Oregon State and Notre Dame on the way to a Rose Bowl bid. The '99 Stanford offense scored at least 31 points in all but three games and hit the 50-point plateau three times. It averaged 37.2 points and 467.1 yards per game, and Brattan's offensive line allowed a paltry 15 sacks despite 385 passing attempts (an average of one sack for every 27 attempts).

In 1983, Brattan took his first job at the collegiate level at William & Mary as an offensive backfield coach. After just one season, he was promoted to offensive coordinator and served the remainder of his tenure (1984-91) in that capacity. He also worked with the offensive line at William & Mary. While Brattan was there, the Tribe took their play to new heights, advancing to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs three times. From 1986 to 1990, William & Mary earned national rankings in three seasons (No. 9 in 1986; No. 13 in 1989; No. 7 in 1990). The success was largely a product of Brattan's offensive design as his unit ranked in the top 20 in offense in 1985 and '86, while it had the top-rated attack in Division I-AA for the 1990 season and the sixth-best in '91.

Brattan took his success at the I-AA level to his next job, Northwestern, where he resided from 1992-98 as offensive line coach. In Brattan's first three years at the school, the Wildcats continued their struggle to regain their winning ways, pushing their streak of seasons without a winning mark to 23. Then in 1995, the Wildcats were in the national spotlight as they came seemingly out of nowhere to win the Big Ten championship for the first time in 47 years and advanced to the Rose Bowl where they ultimately fell to Southern California. They finished that season – despite the Rose Bowl loss – ranked seventh in the nation with a 10-2 record. Brattan's offensive line played a huge role in the team's success as it allowed just eight sacks all year while helping propel Darnell Autry to a new school rushing record. As a team, Northwestern finished fifth nationally that season in rushing.

The Wildcats went on to post a combined 15-1 conference record in 1995 and 1996, taking the Big Ten crown both years after having won just five league games in the three years previous. In '96, they earned a bid to play Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl.

Brattan got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Delaware, in 1972. After one year in Newark, he took his first full-time coaching post at Highland Springs (Va.) High School as an offensive line coach. After three years (1973-75) at Highland Springs, he moved back to his home state and took his first head coaching job at McKean High School in 1977. He spent one year at McKean before moving back to Virginia and taking over as the head coach at Lloyd C. Bird High School. After serving at Bird in 1978, he returned to Highland Springs – this time as a head coach – for his final four years (1979-82) at the prep level. That final stint was a successful one, as he led HSHS to three district championships in his four years.

A native of Newark, Del., Brattan is a 1972 graduate of his hometown University of Delaware where he earned his bachelor's degree in history and later earned his master's degree in education in 1977. He was a member of the Blue Hen football team and earned a varsity letter in 1971. He and his wife, Anne, have three children – Kristen, Kate and Megan.

Brattan File

Personal

Date of Birth ..... October 14, 1950
Hometown ..... Newark, Del.
Alma Mater ..... Delaware, '72
Pronunciation ..... rhymes with latin

Coaching Experience

Stanford
1999-2000 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Line (centers and guards)
Northwestern
1997-98 ..... Assistant Head Coach
1992-98 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
William & Mary
1984-91 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
1983 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Backfield
Highland Springs (Va.) High School
1979-82 ..... Head Coach
Lloyd C. Bird High School (Va.)
1978 ..... Head Coach
McKean (Del.) High School
1977 ..... Head Coach
Highland Springs (Va.) High School
1973-75 ..... Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
Delaware
1972 ..... Graduate Assistant

Playing Experience

Delaware
1968-71 ..... Center

Wide Receivers
JAMES FRANKLIN

(E. Stroudsburg, '95)
Second Season

James Franklin begins his second year at Maryland after joining the coaching staff in April 2000 following a one-year stint as wide receivers and tight ends coach at Idaho State University.

A 1995 graduate of East Stroudsburg, where he was a Harlon Hill nominee for Division II Player of the Year, Franklin also has served on the coaching staffs at Washington State, James Madison, East Stroudsburg and Kutztown. He also has coached for the Roskilde Kings in the European League, serving as offensive coordinator in 1996.

In 1999, he oversaw an Idaho State receiver corps that amassed 29 touchdowns, 258 receptions and more than 3,300 receiving yards. The Bengals, who posted one of their best offensive seasons in school history, finished ninth nationally in total offense, averaging better than 30 points per game.

Franklin, 29, joined the Idaho State staff prior to the 1999 season after serving one year as an assistant coach at Washington State University where he worked primarily with the tight ends. At Washington State, he also assisted in the "Cougar Give Back Program," where he worked with local schools and hospitals on player appearances.

Prior to his position at Washington State, he spent the 1997 season as the wide receivers coach at James Madison University. In the summer of 1998, he worked alongside Joel Collier and Kippy Brown of the Miami Dolphins as an assistant running backs coach in the National Football League's minority internship program. In 1996, he served as a graduate assistant at East Stroudsburg, working primarily with the secondary.

In the summer of 1999, Franklin worked with the Philadelphia Eagles coaching staff as part of the NFL's minority internship program.

During his career, he has recruited the Maryland-Virginia area, as well as New York, Pennsylvania, New England, the Midwest and California. He is currently responsible for recruiting in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Georgia, Florida and Maryland.

Franklin was a two-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference selection as a quarterback at East Stroudsburg, earning team MVP honors as a senior when he set seven school records, including single-season marks for total offense (3,128), passing yards (2,586) and TD passes (19). He was honored by *Sports Illustrated* as a national player of the week in October 1994.

He played one season of professional football in the European League, capturing league MVP honors in 1996 for the Danish national champions.

Franklin earned his master's degree in 1999 from Washington State.

Franklin File

Personal

Date of Birth ..... February 2, 1972
Hometown ..... Langhorne, Pa.
Alma Mater ..... East Stroudsburg, '95

Coaching Experience

Maryland
2000- ..... Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
Idaho State
1999 ..... Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
Washington State
1998 ..... Assistant Coach - Tight Ends
James Madison
1997 ..... Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
East Stroudsburg
1996 ..... Graduate Assistant - Secondary
Kutztown
1995 ..... Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers

Playing Experience

East Stroudsburg
1991-94 ..... Quarterback

Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
MIKE LOCKSLEY

(Towson, '92)
Fifth Season

Mike Locksley, who has played a key role in the major turnaround in Maryland's running game the past few years, is in his fifth season on the Maryland staff and his fourth as recruiting coordinator.

In 1999, the Terps completed a dramatic turnaround in the rushing department, leading the ACC in average yards per game (234.1) just two seasons after finishing ninth in the league in that category. Led by second team All-American LaMont Jordan, who finished fifth nationally in rushing yards per game, Maryland ranked 12th in the country in rushing in 1999. Three seasons ago, the Terps registered the nation's sixth-biggest jump in rushing yards per game by nearly doubling their output from the previous season.

Four years ago under Locksley's tutelage, Jordan broke most major Maryland freshman rushing standards on his way to finishing as a runner-up for ACC Rookie of the Year honors.

Locksley, who also serves as the Terps' recruiting coordinator, has been instrumental in coordinating improved signing classes by the Terps, including the 2000 class which was ranked among the nation's top 25 by one analyst and in helping maintain the strength of Ralph Friedgen's first recruiting class in 2001.

Born Christmas Day, 1969, in Washington, D.C., Locksley is a 1992 graduate of Towson University (business administration), where he was a three-year starter in the Tigers' backfield from 1988-91. Locksley, who started one year at cornerback and two at safety, was named his team's defensive MVP as a senior. He finished 19th on the school's all-time tackles list. Locksley also was a member of Towson's basketball team during the 1991-92 season.

Locksley began his coaching career overseeing special teams and defensive backs at his alma mater in 1992. He moved on to the United States Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) in Newport, R.I., where he served as defensive coordinator, defensive line coach and head track & field coach.

In 1995, Locksley was named an assistant coach at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., where he oversaw the outside linebackers and special teams. He then returned to the East Coast the following year, accepting a position coaching the wide receivers and tight ends at Army. During his one-year stint at Army, the Cadets defeated rival Navy and appeared in the Independence Bowl. At Army, he helped develop tight end Ron Leshinski, who earned All-East honors.

Locksley, 31, and his wife, Kia, have three sons: Mike Jr., Meiko and Kai, and a daughter, Kori.

Locksley File

Personal

Date of Birth ..... December 25, 1969
Hometown ..... Washington, D.C.
Alma Mater ..... Towson, '92

Coaching Experience

Maryland
1997- ..... Assistant Coach - Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
Army
1996 ..... Assistant Coach - Receivers/Tight Ends
Pacific
1995 ..... Assistant Coach - Linebackers
U.S. Naval Academy Prep School
1993-94 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
Towson
1992 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs/Special Teams

Playing Experience

Towson
1988-91 ..... Defensive Back

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
RAY RYCHLESKI

(Millersville, '79)
First Season

Ray Rychleski begins his first year as Maryland's special teams coordinator and tight ends coach. He comes to College Park with 22 years of coaching experience under his belt, including 20 at the collegiate level. He served the last eight years at Wake Forest University and his tenure can best be described as diverse.

For the last two years, Rychleski was the Demon Deacons' tight ends coach while also serving as the team's special teams coordinator. For the three years prior to becoming tight ends coach and special teams coordinator (1996-98), he worked with WFU's outside linebackers. During his first three seasons at Wake (1993-95), Rychleski coached the defensive line.

Among Rychleski's accomplishments at Wake were the grooming of defensive lineman Drew Booe into an All-ACC selection, outside linebacker David Zadel who signed with the Dallas Cowboys in 1998 and interior lineman Jay Williams who went on to play for the St. Louis Rams.

Rychleski began his coaching career on the prep level in Pennsylvania in 1979 before heading to Temple University to take his first full-time collegiate position as a defensive backs and outside linebackers coach. He spent eight years at Temple (1981-88) before heading to Northeastern (1989-90) as a defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach. After two years at Northeastern, Rychleski spent a year at Penn State (1991, offensive line) and one summer with the Toronto Argonauts (1992, defense) as a volunteer assistant.

In 1992, Rychleski was hired as defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator and defensive backs coach at East Stroudsburg University where he helped the Warriors to their best record in 13 years. After his brief stint in Stroudsburg, he left for Wake Forest in 1993.

A native of Old Forge, Pa., Rychleski earned his degree in social studies from Millersville (Pa.) University in 1979.

Rychleski File

Personal

Date of Birth ..... September 27, 1957
Hometown ..... Old Forge, Pa.
Alma Mater ..... Millersville (Pa.), '79
Pronunciation ..... rich-LESS-key

Coaching Experience

Maryland
2001- ..... Assistant Coach – Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Wake Forest
1999-2000 ..... Assistant Coach - Tight Ends/ Special Teams
1996-98 ..... Outside Linebackers/Defensive Special Teams
1993-95 ..... Defensive Line
East Stroudsburg
1992 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator/Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs
Toronto Argonauts
Summer, 1992 ..... Volunteer Assistant Coach - Defense
Penn State
1991 ..... Volunteer Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
Northeastern
1989-90 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinators/Inside Linebackers
Penn State
Spring, 1989 ..... Volunteer Assistant Coach - Secondary
Temple
1981-88 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs/Outside Linebackers
Neshaminy (Pa.) High School
1980 ..... Head Coach - Freshman Team
Manheim (Pa.) Township High School
1979 ..... Assistant Coach - Quarterbacks/Defensive Backs