

75TH SHRINE BOWL

of the Carolinas

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"Strong Legs Run So Weak Legs May Walk"

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ONCE A SHRINER, ALWAYS A SHRINER

First Baptist Church hosts the seventh annual Adopt-a-Player event



(L to R) Jerry Palmer speaks with North Carolina Defensive End Romeo Okwara

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Rock Hill, South Carolina held the first ever Adopt-a-Player dinner for the shriners. "We wanted to do something for the players while they were away from home," explained Head Game Chairman Connie Altman. The shriners agreed with the idea and it has been a first night event for the last seven years.

Players, coaches, student trainers, and correspondents are all sponsored by over eighty men in the Spartanburg community. Volunteers not only donate their time, but also their funds

to provide Shrine Bowl participants with a care package. Items include: shaving cream, razors, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and socks. However, their caring and affection does not stop there. "We do it for the players," said First Baptist Church native Ron Hewitt. "It is our way of giving back to them."

After dinner,

Hewitt introduced the guest speaker for the night - J. Gresham Barrett. Barrett played baseball at The Citadel and has been involved with South Carolina politics for the past eight years. When he was defeated in the state's previous governor election, Barrett decided it was not in God's plan for him to remain in state legislation.

J. Gresham shared his story and meaning of a four letter word that is "Stronger than strength. More loyal than loyalty. And more courageous than courage." This four letter word was

soon identified as love. Without love, the Shriners' organization would not have been created. Without love, the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas would not have been thought of. Without love, these athletes would not have their family away from home.

Sponsors chose their adopted players this past Wednesday, at First Baptist Church, and have been praying for them since. Volunteers will continue to keep their players in mind throughout game week as well. "Players can call their adopted parents for anything," stated Altman. "They will help them with whatever they need."

The first formal event of game week was a success. Through a welcoming community and powerful testimony, players are sure to be focused for next Saturday, December 17th. "The greatest sin is to not use a talent that you know you have," preached Barrett. Players, coaches, trainers, and correspondents: use the talent that awarded you the position you are in this week. Use this talent through the best way possible, the four letter, one syllable word, love.

North Carolina Head Coach



North Carolina:

1. Name: Mark Barnes
2. Hometown: Trinity, North Carolina (Highpoint Area) Trinity High School
3. College? Football: High Point University-Baseball
4. Family Life? (Kids, Married, etc.): Married Lynne, 2 girls Jamie (senior) Emily (freshmen)
5. Favorite college team: Notre Dame, Im old and it was popular when I was young-tradition.
6. Favorite movie: Caddyshack.
7. Chapel Hill vs. Duke?: Chapel Hill

South Carolina Head Coach



South Carolina:

1. Name: Chuck Jordan
2. Hometown: Conway, South Carolina
3. College? Football: Presbyterian College
Defensive Back
4. Family Life? (Kids, Married, etc.): Wife Of 30 years, 2 Sons; One's SC manager the other is a Sophomore at PC.
5. Favorite food: Steak
6. Favorite television show: Sanford and Son
7. Gamecocks vs. Tigers?: Neither, Blue Hose



Get to Know Your Fellow Teammates...



North Carolina (Northwest High School)
Kicker/Punter Bradley Pinion

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Northwest Cabarrus’
Bradley Pinion is the kicker/

punter for the North Carolina team.

Pinion has known of the Shrine Bowl game for a while now, “Living in North Carolina, I hear about the game pretty often,” stated Pinion.

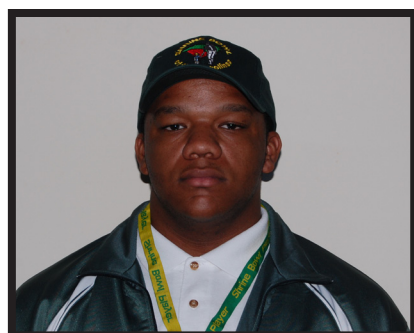
His principal, Michael Jolley, acutally played in the epic game during his senior year, and wanted Bradley to share the same experience. “My principal always spoke of the life changing hospital visit.”

Pinion listened to Jol-

ley’s words of wisdom and decided to come out for the carolina match up.

“It is an honor to be chosen for the Shrine Bowl. I can not wait to come together in order to give back to the children,” said Pinion.

Bradley is looking forward to a week full of fun and tight scheduling. Whats next for this 6’6” K/P? Playing time at Clemson University, where he committed for his freshmen year.



North Carolina (Richmond Senior High)
Defensive Tackle

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Defensive tackle, for the North Carolina Team, Antoine

Crouch went to the combine with the justification of a “good opportunity and to visit the kids,” commented Crouch.

The Richmond Senior High Student feels honored to be playing this week.

“To be chosen was great! The players are the best from each state and I am one of them,” said Crouch.

Not only does Crouch excel in football, but also participates in varsity wrestling.

His football career

will be continued next year at Coastal Carolina University.

“When I visited, I liked the staff. They all reminded me of my high school coaches.”



South Carolina (Wren High School) Left Guard

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Piedmont, South Carolina resident and senior at

Wren High School, John Michael Pritchett will be playing left guard for the South Carolina team.

Pritchett chose to try out for the seventy-fifth game because, “it was a big, once in a lifetime chance,” stated John Michael.

Not only is this a first time for John Michael himself, but also he is continuing the tradition of the Pritchett name. His uncle, Scott Pritchett, played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas

a while back.

“I am so honored to be picked and to be here.”

Pritchett has not committed to any colleges or universities yet, but has received offers from University of South Carolina and Appalachian State. Pritchett wrestles and also runs track and field.

Grubbin' on Some Pig, The First "Smoke Over Spartanburg"

Gettys Brannon

S.C. Student Correspondent

Though there was no "Throw-down with Bobby Flay" at the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds this weekend, the 75th Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas "Smoke Over Spartanburg" brought competitors from both Carolinas.

The culinary geniuses began smoking their finger lickin' good BBQ yesterday in hopes of being the first victor of the inaugural competition.

Red Bordner of Kick Back Cove Racing & BBQ in Inman, S.C. is a seasoned veteran in the world of competitive barbequing.

Smoking and out grilling his competition for a little over a decade Bordner said, "Cooking all over the nation, it's nice being near home, if I need something I just run home and get it, where as in Las Vegas that's kind of hard."

Bordner has accumulated many awards, winning South Carolina's Governor's award five times and state championships in North Carolina,



Red Bordner stands in front of his traveling kitchen.

Georgia, and Alabama. Many of the fans dubbed Bordner's as the favorite. One said, "I don't care what the judges say. This is the best tasting BBQ around."

Both teams were on hand to savor perhaps the best BBQ in the South. All proceeds from the event were in support of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Weather: Sunday, 12.11.11

6 AM: 31 F

9 AM: 36 F

12 PM: 44 F

3 PM: 49 F

6 PM: 41 F

9 PM: 35 F



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High: 51 F
Precip: 0%

Sunday, December 11, 2011

7:30 AM: Board buses for First Baptist Church

8:00 AM: Breakfast at First Baptist Church
250 E. Main Street

10:00 AM: Board buses for trip to Greenville

10:30 AM: Tour hospital and visit patients

12:00 PM: Lunch at the hospital

1:30 PM: Board buses for return to Spartanburg High School

2:00 PM: Medical Exams & Equipment
Fitting in Spartanburg Dressing

Rooms

4:00 PM: Individual/Team pictures in Game Uniforms

5:00 PM: Board buses for Dinner at Mid-City Shrine Club

7:30 PM: Return to Clarion Hotel

8:00 PM: Disney Award Pictures in hotel lobby

8:30 PM -10:30 PM: Country Store Open

Team Meetings OPTIONAL at the discretion of the coaching staff

11:00 PM: Lights Out