



## THE MARTIN “BUFF” WOHLFORTH MEMORIAL FUND

The Martin “Buff” Wohlforth Memorial Fund is a permanent testament to Buff’s very full, yet tragically shortened, life. It was established by his friends and family following his death at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

As anyone who knew him will quickly agree, Buff was that rare individual whom everyone liked. He didn’t have a mean bone in his body and went through life always seeing the glass to be at least half full. Buff was gifted yet modest, loyal, dependable, unpretentious, dedicated, and fun-loving. The Memorial Fund is one way to assure his wonderful spirit will live on forever.

Beyond his family and friends, there’s not much Buff loved more than Princeton and golf (evidenced most recently when he bettered par to win the Alumni Tournament at his 25th reunion in June, 2001). It was thus natural and appropriate that the Fund be established to benefit Princeton’s varsity golf team.

Both during the years Buff was on the team and throughout its history, Princeton’s golf team has been remarkably successful. The team has many unmet financial needs, since the University provides the team with very modest direct support. In particular, travel, equipment, and training needs far exceed available funding. Income from the Fund will help meet these needs.

The Fund also will support annual “Player of the Year” awards, which Princeton is establishing in Buff’s name. Consistent with Buff’s nature, these awards will be made to a member of each of the men and women’s golf teams who help their team most in ways that may not have been otherwise appreciated, expected, or noted. The awards will be recorded by a plaque displayed in Princeton’s gymnasium.

Contributions to support this Fund are welcomed from all. They are fully tax deductible and generally eligible for matching company grants. Checks should be made payable to Princeton University - att: Martin “Buff” Wohlforth Memorial Fund. (If space on a check is limited, the memo line can be used to designate the fund.) Checks should be mailed to:

Martin “Buff” Wohlforth Memorial Fund  
c/o George F. Schmucki, Recording Secretary  
Princeton University  
P.O. Box 140  
Princeton, NJ 08544-0140

If donors wish to make stock gifts, they should be certain that Princeton knows to expect the stock (including information about the number of shares and name of the company).

Further information can be obtained from George Schmucki @ 609-258-5238.

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November 28, 2005

To all the friends of Buff's Fund,

It's been some time since we've been in touch with everyone, so we thought it timely to provide an update on the status of the Fund and the golf teams.

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the golf teams and Buff's family in saying that the Fund continues to be a great success, thanks to the generosity of all of you. It has funded a variety of team expenses during the past few years, including not only championship rings for both the men's and women's teams, but watches as well. (You know things are going well when championship rings become redundant.) Each team won last year's Ivy League Championship tournament by record-setting margins of *more than 30 shots*, with the women winning for the third time in the past 5 years and the men winning 5 of the last 6! Golf Digest even named Princeton as the premier "academics first" college for golf. I don't know whether the word "dynasty" is appropriate, but I will say that the golf teams provided me a good diversionary retort to obnoxious Yale buddies after this year's football debacle against the bulldogs.

I've had the good fortune to meet several winners of the Wohlforth Award during the Alumni Tourney, and I know Buff is smiling from above at these folks who proudly embody his legacy. You may recall that the award is given annually to the men's and women's team member who isn't necessarily the best golfer (no offense, Buff), but who contributes in a multitude of ways to the team's best interests. Last year's men's winner, Creighton Page, broke the rule about not being the best golfer by captaining the Tigers and also dominating the Ivy League individual championship. These credentials were matched by his classmate on the women's side, Avery Kiser, who is both a Wohlforth winner and *four-time* All Ivy selection. Hats off to the teams and to Coach Green and Stein for their great success, and meet them yourself if you get a chance to join us at the award presentations during next year's Alumni Tourney on Friday of Reunions.

Thanks to all of you, the Fund recently exceeded the \$200,000 mark, and we're looking forward to a few more contributions pushing us over \$250,000. Our goal is a level where we can rely exclusively on Fund earnings to perpetually finance many team needs, including travel expenses and several other mementos for future championship teams. Since the golf teams aren't the University's top priority, Buff's Fund serves a critical role in assuring their ongoing excellence.

For the Committee,

  
Bill Sawch '76

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