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### Chip Vaughn joins WSSU football coaching staff through NFLPA Coaching Internship

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Chip Vaughn has joined the coaching staff of the Winston-Salem State University football program through the NFLPA Coaching Internship program.

The NFLPA Coaching Internship, built in collaboration with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), provides transitioning and former NFL players an in-depth, foundational coaching experience.

Selected interns will be able to spend an entire season coaching on the sidelines of an NCAA Division II, Division III, or NAIA institution.

Chip Vaughn will be coaching the safeties on defense, and helping out with special teams.

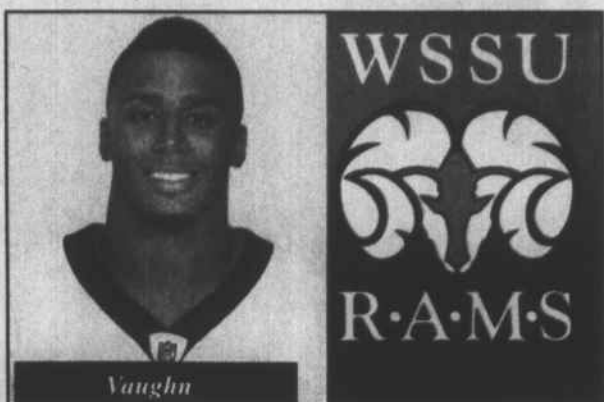
"We are very excited to have Chip as part of our coaching staff for this season", said Kienus Boulware, WSSU's head football coach.

"I am very appreciative of the NFLPA to select Winston-Salem State University football to be a part of their coaching internship program," added Boulware. "Not only does his playing career speak for itself, but Chip is a tremendous person. He will be a great asset to our coaching staff and our players."

Chip Vaughn is a native of Fairfax, Virginia, where he starred at Robinson Secondary School, before taking his talents to the ACC and Wake Forest.

Vaughn had a stellar career at Wake Forest, where he

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Photos by Terin Stinson  
Germane Crowell Jr. drops back for a pass during the first official practice of the season. Crowell, a senior, is expected to start at quarterback for the Yellow Jackets.

## Yellow Jackets set sights on state title

Carver head coach Germane Crowell Sr. is confident his team can win it all

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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For most teams, a 9-2 record would be a big accomplishment, but for head coach Germane Crowell Sr. and Carver Nation, anything less than a state championship is unacceptable.

Last season, the Yellow Jackets lost to Shelby High School, 14-31, in the second round of the state playoffs.

Crowell said coming into the 2015 season, the expectations are the same as any other year at Carver High School when it comes to football: a state championship.

From 1988 to 2005, the Yellow Jackets managed to bring home 11 conference titles, establishing themselves as one of the states best foot-

ball programs in the '90s and early 2000s. Carver also won two NCHSAA 3-A Football State Championships in 1998 and 2000.

"Our mindset never changes," said Crowell. "Every year, our expectation is to win a state championship."

Coming into the season, Crowell said he wanted the team to focus on getting stronger.

The Yellow Jackets will return a number of players on both offense and defense, which is always a plus in high school football.

"We feel very confident coming into this year," Crowell said. "We have pretty much our entire defense coming back and a number of players on offense as well."

Seniors Jason Walker, De'quan Napper and Tirek Vance are all expected to anchor a defense that will rely on strength, experience and speedy defensive backs.

Richard Huntley and Brandon Sessoms will also play a major roll in the Yellow Jackets' defense.

On offense, the Yellow Jackets

will look to seniors Rashad Butler and Tyquan Watson. Last season, Butler and Watson accumulated over 1,000 all-purpose yards a piece.

When asked about the upcoming season, Watson seemed confident in his teams' chances of having a successful season.

"This is my senior year, so I am defiantly ready," Watson said.

Last season, Watson played both running back and wide receiver for the Yellow Jackets.

Germane Crowell Jr. will start at quarterback. Last season, Crowell Jr. shared duties early in the season before taking over permanently as the starter late in the season.

Crowell Sr. said he has really seen his son grow as a quarterback and is confident he has what it takes to lead Carver to its goal.

"He's really starting to understand what it takes to be a quarterback at the next level," coach Crowell said. "He has really grown, not just as a quarterback but as a leader as well."

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## Glenn High's Hawkins joins older brother at East Carolina

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

On recruiting visits, an athlete's perception of a school's environment plays a vital role on which school the athlete will choose. Such was the case for Glenn defensive back Dedrick Hawkins, a three-time All-Piedmont Triad Conference pick.

Hawkins entertained offers from Lenoir-Rhyne, Mars Hill and The Citadel, but opted to look elsewhere. Eventually, he narrowed his choices to UNC Charlotte and East Carolina, two schools that didn't offer scholarships. It didn't matter to him that he would have to try-out as a walk-on.

"For me, the atmosphere is so important," said Hawkins, a 6-foot-3, 195-pound safety. "I chose East



Carolina because of the high level of competition. Being in that kind environment will help to bring out the very best in me."

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East Carolina has played in eight bowl games over the last nine seasons. Another plus is that Hawkins has an older brother, Josh, who plays for the Pirates. The elder Hawkins is a senior and two-year starter who ranks among the top cornerbacks in the country.

A year ago, Josh Hawkins, also a Glenn graduate, was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, the Heisman Trophy equivalent for defensive backs. Four years ago, Josh Hawkins made East Carolina's roster as a walk-on. This year, he's listed by several national publications as a pre-season all-league pick for the American Athletic Conference.

"We've never played on the same team before, so I'm looking forward to having a great experience," said the younger Hawkins, who recorded six tackles in the East-West All-Star Game. "I look at what Josh did and realize that we both come from the same background."

"So, I feel like I can make it just like he did. Josh has always told me to follow in his steps, but in doing so, to leave a bigger footprint."

Given the family connection, one might assume that

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