

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS JEFF COMPHER



ABOUT COMPNER

College

James Madison University, 1980
Bachelor of Science

Shippensburg University
of Pennsylvania, 1982
Master of Science

Family

Wife: Cathy (Fatica)
Children: Sons CJ (15) and David (13)

Hometown

Baltimore, Maryland

Age

49

Collegiate Administrative Experience

University of Washington

Executive Associate Athletics Director 2004-08

Western Carolina University

Director of Athletics 2000-04

Vanderbilt University

Senior Associate Director of Athletics 1998-2000

Associate Director of Athletics 1996-98

North Carolina State University

Assistant to the Chancellor 1994-96

Director of the Chancellor's Circle 1993-94

Assistant Director of Athletics 1986-92

Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life 1982-86



Jeff Compner (right) accepts a Sportsmanship Award from the NCAA on behalf of Washington's Dawg Pack in 2006.

Career Highlights

- While at Washington, hired several senior-level administrators, including head football coach Tyrone Willingham.
- Was a part of two national championships at Washington with women's volleyball (2005) and men's crew (2007).
- Supervised the Washington men's basketball team that earned a No. 1 seed in the 2006 NCAA Tournament.
- Was a member of the Husky Stadium Renovation Committee and played a key role in the building of the University of Washington Football Legends Center.
- Supervised all facilities and capital projects, event and game operations at Washington along with student-athlete support areas of athletic training, strength and conditioning, video services and equipment.
- Responsible for the overall day-to-day management of the University of Washington program that consistently ranks in the top 30 of the U.S. Sports Academy Director's Cup.
- While at Western Carolina, led the construction effort for a new west side for E.J. Whitmire Football Stadium, new strength and conditioning center, new track/soccer and tennis complex and developed the plans for the now-completed softball stadium.
- Hired future BCS coaches Todd Raleigh (baseball, Tennessee) and Beth Dunkenberger (women's basketball, Virginia Tech) at Western Carolina.
- While at Vanderbilt, was responsible for all external operations within the Department of Athletics.
- Established the first-ever student-athlete life skills program in the North Carolina State athletics department.

QUOTES ON COMPHER

"This is absolutely a tremendous hire. The opportunity at NIU is extraordinary because of the incredible job that (former NIU athletics director) Jim Phillips did. Jeff Compher is an outstanding young man who is very capable, well qualified and highly respected. He is a man of integrity and a great strategic planner with an incredible depth of experience. He will clearly continue the great things that Jim Phillips began. This is an outstanding opportunity for Jeff and the University."

- Dutch Baughman, Executive Director, IA Athletic Directors Association

"It's certainly a loss for us here at the University of Washington, because Jeff Compher has been a wonderful friend and administrator. Jeff is a football man first, but he has the compassion and desire to make all of Northern Illinois' programs successful. He's one heck of a guy."

- Tyrone Willingham, Washington Head Football Coach

"Jeff Compher is an extraordinary leader who has a tremendous passion for student-athletes. He's been a great friend and colleague. He's got a great sense of humor and he's the most likeable guy that you'll meet. He has the highest character and integrity. He will really be a contributor to the community and to Northern Illinois University"

- Todd Turner, former Washington Athletics Director

"Jeff Compher is someone that works well with the athletics program. It's not him versus the program. He looks out for the best interests of the athletics department and also works well with the rest of the campus administration."

- Lorenzo Romar, Washington Head Men's Basketball Coach

"Jeff Compher will be a tremendous asset to Northern Illinois. He's a coach's AD that all coaches will enjoy. He has a great personality and has the ability to be on the level of both the coaches and student-athletes. He's one of my favorite guys and I have nothing but good things to say. You have a good one there."

- Todd Raleigh, Tennessee Head Baseball Coach

"Jeff Compher is an exceptional leader with a tremendous enthusiasm for collegiate athletics. With him at the helm, there is no doubt in my mind that NIU will reach new heights as an athletics department."

- Beth Dunkenberger, Virginia Tech Head Women's Basketball Coach

"To be certain, Northern Illinois has just made a tremendous choice in their new athletics director with the selection of Jeff Compher. Jeff is so well respected in the industry; his reputation is second to none. There is no question he will elevate the broad-based program at Northern Illinois both academically, as well as athletically. Jeff is truly one of the rising stars in intercollegiate athletics. Jeff and his wonderful family are so extremely fortunate to join the Huskie family which is so special."

- Dr. Jim Phillips, Northwestern Athletics Director and former Northern Illinois Athletics Director