

THE BUFFS AND THE U.S. OPEN

Did you know that **Colorado**, Ohio State, Stanford and Wake Forest have produced the most United States Open winners in history? The Buffaloes, Buckeyes, Cardinal and Demon Deacons have had their respective alums win four titles—for Colorado, **Hale Irwin** has won three (1974, 1979, 1990) and **Steve Jones** one (1996). The trophy in 1974 is pictured at right.

CU was the only school in the 1990s to boast two winners (Irwin in '90, Jones in '96), and was also the only school to produce two in the 1970s (Irwin in '74 and '79).

In 1999, junior-to-be **Matt Call** became the first Buffalo to play in the U.S. Open while still attending CU when he advanced through the two stages of local and sectional qualifying. In 2002, CU senior **Ben Portie** earned a spot in the same fashion in the Open just three weeks after playing his final collegiate round. That same year, future Buffalo **Derek Tolan** qualified and played as a 16-year-old.

