

Raking in new members

Before you begin raking leaves this fall, we want you to gather new members this summer. The FWAA is beginning its "Raking in New Members Drive."

Starting in June, we'd like every active FWAA member to get one other person to join the organization for the 2004-05 school year.

This could be the co-worker who has put off joining, or a journalist at another paper or web site, or a sports information associate in an allied field.

It's easier than ever to join the FWAA.

A potential member merely needs to go to www.fwaa.com and click on "Join Us."

There's an explanation of what the FWAA, a 64-year-old organization, does and the many benefits for members. There's also an application form, which can be printed out and sent in to the national office at FWAA, 18652 Vista Del Sol, Dallas, Texas, 75287, along with the \$40.00 annual dues.

We will have an FWAA representative at each of the 11 Division I-A preseason football media days this summer. They run from mid-July to early August. The representatives and dates of the conference media days are listed on this page. The FWAA reps will help you with the application process and answer questions about the organization as well.

But you don't need to wait until then to rake in your new member. Do it now!

The world of newspaper and web coverage, as well as many broadcast mediums and the sports information field, is constantly changing. And the movement of people in and out of the

profession is sometimes swift. So, part of our membership turns over every year.

On the other hand, there are some of you who have been constant members over the years.

We always appreciate your comments concerning possible improvements in anything we do. And we think we have been responsive in making college football easier to cover. Here's to a great 2004 football season!

DIVISION I-A MEDIA DAY DATES

(FWAA representative in parentheses)

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

July 25-27, Greensboro, N.C. (Bob Thomas)

BIG EAST

July 28, East Rutherford, N.J. (Mark Blaudschun)

BIG TEN

Aug. 4-5 Chicago Hyatt Regency (Chip Scoggins)

BIG 12

July 20-22, Kansas City, Mo. (Dennis Dodd)

CONFERENCE USA

Aug. 2-3, Memphis (Russ Anderson)

MID-AMERICAN

Aug 2-3, Detroit (Gary Richter)

MOUNTAIN WEST

July 21-22, Las Vegas (Steve Kiggins)

PACIFIC 10

July 28, Sheraton Gateway at LAX (Charles Durrenberger).

SOUTHEASTERN

July 27-29, Birmingham, Ala. (Ron Higgins, Tony Barnhart)

SUN BELT

July 18-20, New Orleans (Judy Willson)

WESTERN ATHLETIC

July 27-29, Reno, Nevada (Chad Hartley)



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President's column



DICK WEISS

Joe Hornstein.

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He and his colleagues from the FedEx Orange Bowl have come on like a clap of thunder, working really hard to upgrade the media situation for the 2005 national championship game in Miami.

Mark Blaudschun

of the Boston Globe and I made a special trip to Miami recently to check out the progress. And, aside from the flight problems I experienced getting into the Miami Airport at the tail end of a President's Day weekend, I came away impressed with the initial game plan.

No, the Football Writers Association of America is not about to open a can of worms with APSE and stay at a new casino hotel, as was originally thought. But Hornstein, who came over from the University of Miami in November 2002 to become media relations manager, has worked hard with CEO Keith Tribble, president Chris Knight, associate director Stephan Benson and Phoenix Harvey and Mike Partee from his staff and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Conventional and Visitors Bureau to correct the mistakes that plagued college football's premier BCS event here in 2001.

Yeah, we all remember staying downtown in a hotel where there was nothing to do in the immediate area, the lack of directions to the practice sites, having a media bus get lost on the way to the game at Joe Robbie Stadium and having OU coach Bob Stoops spend a hour on the field with his players and with ESPN's *Game Day* before gracing us with his presence in the media interview session at 1 in the morning, long after the Eastern print deadlines were over.

Hornstein has arranged to put the media up at Marriott Marina Hotel on the Intercoastal waterway, less than two

miles from the beach and near numerous restaurants. The Orange Bowl has reserved 330 rooms for us. The rate is \$169, very good for South Florida that time of year and better than last year's media hotel rate. The hotel also hosted the media for the NHL All-Star game.

There are plenty of direct flights into the Fort Lauderdale Airport, which is less than five miles from the hotel.

All of the formal interviews, which begin Dec. 30 with the coaches and go through Jan. 3, will be held in the Marriott ballroom, with the exception of Jan. 2, when the annual Orange Bowl media day will be at the stadium. There will be shuttle bus service every day to both practice sites and Jan. 2 to the stadium. There will be a computer work room at the hotel with high speed access.

On game day, there will be a police escort for the media buses to the stadium on a regular basis between 2:30 and 6 p.m. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. EST.

The press box has limitations, ever since the Dolphins split it up and put the majority of the media in the corner on the southwest side of the stadium. There will be room for 200 working media inside with an auxiliary press box outside for those who are not on deadline or late applicants for credentials. And here's some good news. There will be 250 public phone lines and a huge pregame buffet as well as halftime and postgame snacks. Writers also can purchase their own lines through Bell South.

Unlike the Sugar Bowl, the media will be allowed on the sidelines from the eight minute mark. There will be a presentation ceremony afterwards, but there will be quickie quotes with ASAP stenographers typing them up for dispersal within 10 minutes. The media will be able to watch the postgame interviews on closed circuit TV. Photo will have their own area with high speed access.

One more thing. The Orange Bowl has planned a welcome reception for the media on Dec. 30 and a blowout bash on Jan. 2 on a yacht that will sail up the Intercoastal to the ocean and back.

If Hornstein can pull this off, we should have a winner.

Bronko Nagurski candidates

The FWAA has announced the 2004 Bronko Nagurski Watch List, which is a compilation of the best defensive players in college football regardless of position.

The winner of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, presented by the FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club, will be named on Dec. 6 at a banquet in Charlotte, N.C. Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops will be the keynote speaker.

Last season's Bronko Nagurski winner was Oklahoma defensive back Derrick Strait, who was the second Sooner to win the award in three seasons. Oklahoma defensive back Roy Williams won the award in 2001.

The FWAA will select a defensive player of the week during the 2004 season. Top defensive performances around the country will be submitted by schools and conferences. And an FWAA committee will select the winner from those nominees.

None of the 2003 Bronko Nagurski finalists returns this season, but a finalist from 2002, Georgia end David Pollack, is returning for his senior season.

One player per school is listed below. But all defensive players on the All-America Watch List (Pages 4-5) are considered by the FWAA All-America Committee. Those players who win defensive player of the week awards and have not been previously listed also will be



Missouri linebacker James Kinney (24) is one of the 59 players on the initial watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy.

considered. Please contact your conference committee person for updates during the season.

NAGURSKI WATCH LIST

(One player listed per school)

Muhammad Abdullah, DB, Kentucky
 Allan Adami, DT, SMU
 Brian Atkinson, LB, Northern Illinois
 Andy Avalos, LB, Boise St.
 Adrian Awasom, DE, North Texas
 Jermaine Berry, DT, Kansas St.
 Jason Berryman, DE, Iowa St.
 Jamaal Brimmer, DB, UNLV
 Michael Boley, LB, Southern Miss
 Nick Bunting, LB, Tulsa
 Kevin Burnett, LB, Tennessee
 Chris Canty, DE, Virginia
 Shaun Cody, DT-DE, USC
 Channing Crowder, LB, Florida
 Will Derting, LB, Washington St.
 Diamond Ferri, SS, Syracuse
 Dan Cody, DE, Oklahoma
 Trent Cole, DE, Cincinnati
 Justin Crooks, LB, Baylor

Adell Duckett, DE, Texas Tech
 Simon Fraser, DE, Ohio St.
 Orien Harris, DT., Miami, Fla.
 Spencer Havner, LB, UCLA.
 Jovan Haye, DE, Vanderbilt
 Anttaj Hawthorne, DT, Wisconsin
 Eric Henderson, DE, Georgia Tech
 Leroy Hill, LB, Clemson
 D'Qwell Jackson, LB, Maryland
 Derrick Johnson, LB, Texas
 Jarvis Johnson, SS, Rutgers
 Adam Jones, CB, West Virginia
 Eric King, DB, Wake Forest
 James Kinney, LB, Missouri
 Mathias Kiwanuka, DE, Boston Col.
 Maurice Lloyd, LB, Connecticut
 Jamus Martin, DE, Marshall
 Donnie McCleskey, DB, California
 Mitch Meeuwsen, FS, Oregon St.
 Eric Moore, DE, Florida St.
 Zach Morris, NG, Wyoming

Kirk Morrison, LB, San Diego St.
 Terna Nande, LB, Miami (Ohio)
 David Pollack, DE, Georgia
 Brady Poppinga, DE, BYU
 Josh Powell, DB, San Jose St.
 Julius Roberts, DE, Boise St.
 Robert Rodriguez, LB, UTEP
 Matt Roth, DE, Iowa
 DeMeco Ryans, LB, Alabama
 James Sanders, DB, Fresno St.
 Morgan Scalley, DB, Utah
 Marcus Spears, DE, LSU
 John Syptak, DE, Rice
 Pat Thomas, LB., N.C. St.
 Justin Tuck, DE, Notre Dame
 Rian Wallace, LB, Temple
 Darrent Williams, DB, Okla. St.
 Jimmy Williams, DB, Virginia Tech
 Pierre Woods, LB, Michigan
 Zac Woodfin, LB, UAB

ALL-AMERICA OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Charlie Frye, Akron
Dan Orlovsky, Connecticut
Brad Smith, Missouri
Kyle Orton, Purdue
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo
Ryan Hart, Rutgers
Walter Washington, Temple
Bruce Eugene, Grambling St.
Rasheed Marshall, W. Virginia
Alex Smith, Utah
David Greene, Georgia
Chris Leak, Florida
Matt Jones, Arkansas
Kevin Kolb, Houston
Danny Wimprine, Memphis
Timmy Chang, Hawaii
Andrew Walter, Arizona St.
Aaron Rodgers, California
Matt Leinart, So. California
Jason White, Oklahoma
Joel Klatt, Colorado
Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson
Chris Rix, Florida St.
Darian Durant, North Carolina

RUNNING BACKS

Walter Reyes, Syracuse
Anthony Davis, Wisconsin
Marion Barber III, Minnesota
Laurence Maroney, Minnesota
Brian Leonard, Rutgers
Justise Hairston, Rutgers
DonTrell Moore, New Mexico
Lynell Hamilton, San Diego St.
Carnell Williams, Auburn
Justin Vincent, LSU
Cedric Houston, Tennessee
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis
Robert Merrill, TCU
Eric Shelton, Louisville
Chance Kretschmer, Nevada
Mike Bell, Arizona
Patrick Cobbs, North Texas.
Darren Sproles, Kansas St.
Cedric Benson, Texas
Zach Tuiasosopo, Washington
T.A. McLendon, N.C. St.
P.J. Daniels, Georgia Tech
Wali Lundy, Virginia
Chris Barclay, Wake Forest
Josh Allen, Maryland

WIDE RECEIVERS

Rhema McKnight, Notre Dame
Chris Henry, West Virginia
Tres Moses, Rutgers
Shawn Tucker, Rutgers
Fred Gibson, Georgia
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming
Greg Jennings, West. Michigan
Lance Moore, Toledo

Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue
Braylon Edwards, Michigan
Martin Nance, Miami (Ohio)
Jason Avant, Michigan
Paris Warren, Utah
Earvin Johnson, UNLV
J.R. Russell, Louisville
Chad Owens, Hawaii
Derek Hagan, Arizona St.
Geoff McArthur, California
Craig Bragg, UCLA
Kerry Wright, Middle Tenn.
Mark Clayton, Oklahoma
Nehemiah Glover, Texas Tech
Craphonso Thorpe, Florida St.
Jason Anderson, Wake Forest
Skyler Green, LSU

TIGHT ENDS

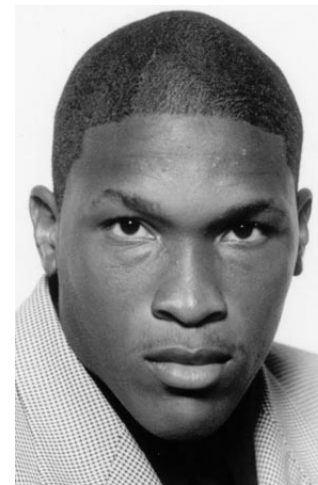
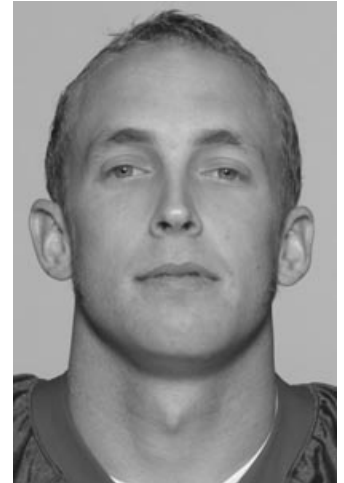
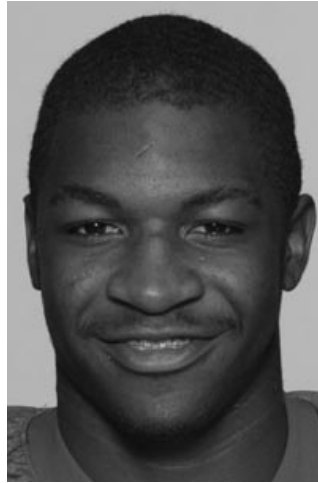
Tim Day, Oregon
Joel Dreessen, Colorado St.
Alex Smith, Stanford
Troy Bienemann, Wash. St.
Garrett Mills, Tulsa
Steve Fleming, Arizona
David Thomas, Texas
Matt Herian, Nebraska
Heath Miller, Virginia
T.J. Williams, N.C. St.

CENTERS

Matt Tarullo, Syracuse
Jeremy Hines, West Virginia
Todd Londot, Miami (Ohio)
Scott Mruzckowski, Bowling Green
Trenton Franz, Wyoming
Donovan Raiola, Wisconsin
Greg Eslinger, Minnesota
Ben Wilkerson, LSU
Mike Degory, Florida
Joe Vaughn, Kansas
Richie Incognito, Nebraska
Geoff Hangartner, Texas A&M
Keoki Fraser, Arizona
Matt Brock, Oregon St.
David Castillo, Florida St.
Vince Carter, Oklahoma
Jason Brown, North Carolina
Blake Lingruen, Wake Forest

OFFENSIVE LINE

David Bass, Michigan
Dan Buenning, Wisconsin
Rob Petitti, Pittsburgh
Ryan Krug, Connecticut
Brian Duffy, Rutgers
Adam Terry, Syracuse
Tim Brown, West Virginia
Dan Mozes, West Virginia
Jeff Berk, West Virginia



RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS (Clockwise from top left): Mark Clayton, Jason White and Antonio Perkins, all of Oklahoma, and Florida State's Alex Barron.

Nick Kaczur, Toledo
Jake VerStraete, No. Illinois
Erik Pears, Colorado St.
Chris Kemoeatu, Utah
Mike Kracalik, San Diego St.
Wesley Britt, Alabama
Max Jean-Gilles, Georgia
Michael Munoz, Tennessee
Justin Geisinger, Vanderbilt
Andrew Whitworth, LSU
Anthony Alabi, TCU
Harvey Dahl, Nevada
Adrian Gonzalez, La. Tech
Dartangon Shack, Fresno St.
Samson Satele, Hawaii
Adam Snyder, Oregon
Doug Nienhuis, Oregon St.

Steve Subia, New Mexico St..
Daniel Loper, Texas Tech
Grayling Love, Arizona St.
Jammal Brown, Oklahoma
Alex Barron, Florida St.
Eric Winston, Miami, Fla.
Elton Brown, Virginia
C.J. Brooks, Maryland
Ray Willis, Florida St.
Chris Myers, Miami, Fla.
Sam Mayes, Oklahoma St..

CHECKLIST

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

Brady Poppinga, BYU
Zach Morris, Wyoming
Matt Roth, Iowa
Jamus Martin, Marshall
Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisconsin
Simon Fraser, Ohio St.
Justin Tuck, Notre Dame
Mathias Kiwanuka, Boston Col.
Trent Cole, Cincinnati
Julius Roberts, Boise St.
John Syptak, Rice
Allan Adami, SMU
Bill Swancutt, Oregon St.
Shaun Cody, So. California
Mike Patterson, So. California
Adrian Awason, North Texas
Adell Duckett, Texas Tech
Jason Berryman, Iowa St.
Jermaine Berry, Kansas St.
Dan Cody, Oklahoma
Rodrique Wright, Texas
Eric Henderson, Georgia Tech
Orien Harris, Miami, Fla.
Chris Canty, Virginia
Dusty Dvoracek, Oklahoma
Eric Moore, Florida St.
David Pollack, Georgia
Jovan Haye, Vanderbilt
Marcus Spears, LSU

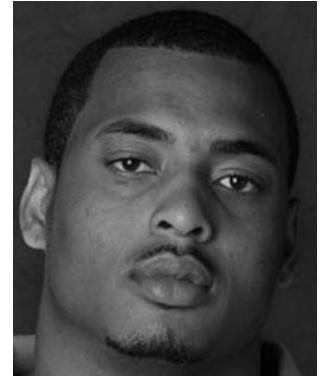
LINEBACKERS

Abdul Hodge, Iowa
Chad Greenway, Iowa
A.J. Hawk, Ohio St.

Pierre Woods, Michigan
Brian Atkinson, Northern Illinois
Terna Nande, Miami (Ohio)
Brandon Hoyte, Notre Dame
Rian Wallace, Temple
Kirk Morrison, San Diego St.
Adam Seward, UNLV
Matt McCoy, San Diego St.
Randy Tscherner, Wyoming
Guy Tuell, Wyoming
Michael Boley, Southern Miss
Zac Woodfin, UAB
Andy Avalos, Boise St.
Nick Bunting, Tulsa
Robert Rodriguez, UTEP
Spencer Havner, UCLA
Matt Grootegoed, So. California
Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma
Will Derting, Washington St.
Derrick Johnson, Texas
James Kinney, Missouri
Barrett Ruud, Nebraska
Justin Crooks, Baylor
Leroy Hill, Clemson
Ahmad Brooks, Virginia
Pat Thomas, N.C. St.
Darryl Balckstock, Virginia
A.J. Nicholson, Florida St.
D'Qwell Jackson, Maryland
DeMeco Ryans, Alabama
Kevin Burnett, Tennessee
Channing Crowder, Florida

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Muhammad Abdullah, Kentucky



Returning All-Americans (L-R) Dustin Colquitt of Tennessee and Derrick Johnson of Texas

Donnie McCleskey, California
Marlin Jackson, Michigan
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin
Dustin Fox, Ohio St.
Will Blackmon, Boston College
Adam Jones, West Virginia
Jarvis Johnson, Rutgers
Diamond Ferri, Syracuse
Anthony Smith, Syracuse
Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV
Aaron Francisco, BYU
Ben Stratton, Colorado St.
Morgan Scalley, Utah
James Sanders, Fresno St.
Josh Powell, San Jose St.
Gabe Franklin, Boise St.

Mitch Meeuwssen, Oregon St.
Oshiomogho Atogwe, Stanford
Cedrick Williams, Kansas St.
Josh Bullocks, Nebraska
J.J. Billingsley, Colorado
Darrent Williams, Oklahoma St.
Antrel Rolle, Miami, Fla.
Justin Miller, Clemson
James Butler, Georgia Tech
Donte Nicholson, Oklahoma
Brodney Pool, Oklahoma
Jimmy Williams, Virginia Tech
Eric King, Wake Forest
Andre Maddox, N.C. St.
Jamaal Fudge, Clemson

SPECIALISTS

KICKERS

Mike Nugent, Ohio St.
Dave Rayner, Michigan St.
Ben Jones, Purdue
Collin Barber, Syracuse
Wes Zunker, New Mexico
Deric Yaussi, Wyoming
Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi
Brett Visintainer, Fresno St.
Jared Siegel, Oregon
Nick Novak, Maryland
Connor Hughes, Virginia
Jon Peattie, Miami, Fla.
Xavier Beitia, Florida St.

PUNTERS

Brandon Fields, Michigan St.
Brendan Carney, Syracuse
Matt Payne, BYU
Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee
Cody Ridgeway, Mississippi
Eric Wilbur, Florida
Ryan Dougherty, East Carolina
Jared Scruggs, Rice
Bryce Benekos, UTEP
Tom Malone, So. California

Kyle Basler, Washington St.
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor
John Torp, Colorado
Cole Farden, Oklahoma St.
Gary Cook, UNLV
Adam Podlesh, Maryland
Ryan Plackemeier, W. Forest

RETURN SPECIALISTS

Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin
Steve Breaston, Michigan
Tres Moses, Rutgers
Adam Jones, West Virginia
Bo Nagahi, Utah
Josh Barge, Wyoming
Skyler Green, LSU
Marvin Young, Southern Miss
Chris Carr, Boise St.
Charles Gordon, Kansas
Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma
Terrence Murphy, Texas A&M
Charles Frederick, Washington
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Outland Trophy watch list includes returning All-American Alex Barron

The FWAA has announced the 2004 Outland Trophy Watch List for college football's top linemen,

The Outland Trophy annually is presented to the top interior lineman in college football on either side of the ball — tackles, centers, guards — in a vote of the FWAA All-America Team Committee in late November.

Presented since 1946, the Outland Trophy is the third oldest award in college football behind the Heisman Trophy and Maxwell Award. It is named after the late John Outland, an All-America lineman at the University of Pennsylvania at the turn of the century.

Last season's Outland Trophy winner, offensive tackle Robert Gallery of Iowa, was selected by the Oakland Raiders as the No. 2 pick of the NFL draft. Gallery was the third Iowa player to win the Outland Trophy.

The 2004 Outland Trophy winner will be announced on Dec. 9 on the ESPN College Football Awards Show from Orlando, Fla. The Outland Trophy will be presented to the winner by the Omaha Sports Committee on Jan. 13 at a banquet in Omaha, Neb.

Below is the Outland Trophy Watch List, which includes the only returning 2003 FWAA All-America lineman, Alex Barron of Florida State.



Florida State's Alex Barron

OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

Allan Adami, SMU
Anthony Alabi, TCU
Alex Barron, Florida St.
David Bass, Michigan
Jermaine Berry, Kansas St.
Wesley Britt, Alabama
Matt Brock, Oregon St.
C.J. Brooks, Maryland
Elton Brown, Virginia
Jammal Brown, Oklahoma
Jason Brown, North Carolina
Dan Buenning, Wisconsin
Vince Carter, Oklahoma
David Castillo, Florida St.
Shaun Cody, Southern California
Harvey Dahl, Nevada
Mike Degory, Florida
Dusty Dvoracek, Oklahoma
Greg Eslinger, Minnesota
Trenton Franz, Wyoming

Keoki Fraser, Arizona
Justin Geisinger, Vanderbilt
Max Jean-Gilles, Georgia
Adrian Gonzalez, Louisiana Tech
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Orien Harris, Miami, Fla.
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Blake Lingruen, Wake Forest
Todd Londot, Miami (Ohio)
Zach Morris, Wyoming
Dan Mozes, West Virginia
Scott Mruczkowski, Bowling Green
Michael Munoz, Tennessee
Chris Myers, Miami, Fla.

Mike Patterson, Southern California
Erik Pears, Colorado St.
Rob Petitti, Pittsburgh.
Donovan Raiola, Wisconsin
Samson Satele, Hawaii
Dartangon Shack, Fresno St.
Adam Snyder, Oregon
Steve Subia, New Mexico St.
Matt Tarullo, Syracuse
Adam Terry, Syracuse
Jeremy Trueblood, Boston College
Joe Vaughn, Kansas
Jake VerStraete, Northern Illinois
Andrew Whitworth, LSU
Ben Wilkerson, LSU
Ray Willis, Florida St.
Eric Winston, Miami, Fla.
Rodrique Wright, Texas

Pat Harmon blessed by family, memories

Pat Harmon, a 62-year member of the FWAA, will receive the Bert McGrane Plaque at the Mayor's Breakfast on Aug. 13 in South Bend, Ind., during the College Football Hall of Fame Induction Weekend. The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in The New York Times when Harmon retired from the Cincinnati Post in the mid 1980s. Harmon is the historian for College Football Hall of Fame.

By IRA BERKOW
The New York Times

On July 31, Pat Harmon re-tired at age 69 as sports editor of *The Cincinnati Post*, a position he held for 34½ years. He held onto the position for two reasons: first, he loved writing about sports, and second, there were 13 mouths to feed at home, and sometimes more.

He and Anne had 11 children, who now range in age from 27 to 44. For years, the family Christ-mas card showed the Harmon family lined up like a football team, four kids in front, seven in back and the two coaches on the sides. Each kid wore a jersey with a number on it — the number indicated the offspring's age.

The household swarmed with kids, and not just the Harmons'. Anne once counted 26 of them playing in their backyard. Another time, Pat came home late and rather bleary-eyed and saw a roomful of kids watching television. He shoed them all upstairs to bed. All except one.

"I'm not going upstairs," the boy said.

"How come?" asked Pat.

"Because I live next door," came the reply.

On the day Pat retired, he wrote, a farewell column and recalled the most remarkable athlete he'd overseen: Harry (Pete) Rose, father of Pete Rose, who played in a tough amateur football league in Cincinnati and "made ferocious tackles" when he was 44 years old. "That's where Pete gets the hustle from," Pat said.

Pat recalled the day Jimmy Dykes confronted an umpire who was working in shirt sleeves. "Mr. Dascoli, do you miss your coat?"

"No, why?"

"Well, you've missed everything else today."

Dizzy Dean invited Pat to sit with him when broadcasting a baseball game in Cincinnati. "Dean had trouble with some names," wrote Harmon. "The Reds trapped a base runner in a rundown play, and the ball went rapidly from Borkowski to Kluszewski to Perkowski. Said Dean, 'The ball goes from Borkoby to Kluminski to Percolator, now it's back again and it goes to ... well, them same fellas.'

"Telegrams were delivered to the booth and Dean read them on the air. "School teacher says I don't know the King's English. Heck, I don't care if he is."

Pat Harmon began his career as a 17-year-old in Illinois in 1932. During those Depression days, he hitchhiked from game to game, slept on wrestling mats in school gyms and sneaked into chow lines with the teams he covered. Harmon remembers one coach who had a wife named "Shep" and a dog named "Marie."

Pat became widely known in Illinois when he inaugurated the selection of all-state high school basketball and football teams. One of those he selected on the first team he ever picked, in 1933, was a dark-haired basketball player named Lou Boudreau, who threw full-court behind-the-back passes. To this day, Boudreau, the Hall-of-Fame baseball player, never fails to thank Harmon for that honor.

The late Buddy Young, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, once told Pat how much it meant for him to be selected for Pat's 1945 all-state football team. Young, from Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, was picked along with his teammate Earl Banks, who would become head football coach at Morgan State. Young and Banks marveled that Harmon had the courage to select two blacks on the team. The practice was unheard of in those days.

In 1974, Pat was inducted into the Illinois High School Coaches' Hall of Fame. When the committee asked him for his views of the new Hall, he compiled a list of 26 mistakes concerning people left out — and people left in.

His days as a sportswriter in Illinois are memorable for some-thing besides his coverage of games. As a college student at Illinois, working for *The Champaign News-Gazette*, he met and married "my college sweetheart, an Irish beauty." Pat and Anne were married in 1941, and she traveled with him to basketball games, sometimes as many as eight in a day. At home, and now used to large gatherings, the couple began working on a crowd of their own.

Ironically for a father of eleven, Pat was an orphan and only child. Pat's parents were trapeze artists with the Adams, Forepaugh & Sells Bros. circus. Pat's father was killed in a train accident four months before Pat was born, and his mother died when Pat was 12.

"Besides having no brothers or sisters, I had no uncles or aunts or grandparents," said Pat. When his mother died, he was taken in by a family that lived down the street from his home in Fort Madison, Iowa. "I was never devastated by these things," said Pat. "I lived in a room with this family, and I got very independent. Anne says 'too damn independent.'"

Pat says that he was blessed with his family. "I'm a guy who had nothing, and now I've got a family and it's a whopper."

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