



## FWAA, Charlotte Touchdown Club unveil defensive legends award

The FWAA and Charlotte Touchdown Club will present the first annual Bronko Nagurski Legends Award in conjunction with the Bronko Nagurski Trophy this coming December in Charlotte.

The FWAA began selecting separate defensive and offensive All-America squads during the 1966 season. And the first annual award will go to the players at Michigan State and Notre Dame who played in one of the greatest defensive games of the 20th Century. The teams were ranked No. 1 and 2 in the country when they met in East Lansing that season. The historic game ended in a 10-10 tie.

For the only time in history, two players from two teams made the 1966 FWAA All-America team on the defensive side of the ball: Notre Dame's Jim Lynch and Alan Page and Michigan State's Bubba Smith and George Webster. One of those players or a representative from each school is expected to be in Charlotte on Dec. 3 for the presentation when the 2007 Bronko Nagurski Trophy is awarded to the best

defensive player in college football.

Starting in 2008, a special FWAA Blue Ribbon Veterans committee will select the Nagurski Legends winner from the 11 players who were named to the 1967 FWAA All-America Defensive Team. And in 2009, the committee will select a player from the 1968 FWAA All-America Defensive team and so forth. A Bronko Nagurski Watch List for the 2007 season is on Page 6 of

this *Fifth Down*. In this issue, there also is the complete 2007 FWAA All-America Watch List (Pages 4-5) and the Outland Trophy Watch List (Page 7), along with the members of the 2007 FWAA All-America Committee.

The FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club have combined to award the Bronko Nagurski Trophy since 1995, two years after the FWAA started a Defensive Player of the Year Award.



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# President's column



**MIKE GRIFFITH**

There was a time when the Sugar Bowl was the sweetest college football production on New Year's Day.

Fans and media alike enjoyed the novelty of good times and Cajun food in the French Quarter leading up to an event at a facility that lived up to its name, the Superdome.

Somewhere between then and now, a 30-year-old imposter showed up playing backup cornerback for Texas before the 1995 Sugar Bowl against Virginia Tech.

It took a while for the Longhorns to realize it; few are prone to question identity without cause.

Hurricane Katrina and imposing crime statistics, however, have given us reason to take a closer look at New Orleans as a sports destination city. Is the Sugar Bowl an imposter among the BCS sites?

Houston Rockets star Tracy McGrady, in a copyrighted March 1 *Houston Chronicle* story, said he was so concerned about safety in New Orleans that he would consider skipping the NBA All-Star game next year if it's held there as scheduled.

"I don't think it's the right city to have this type of event right now," McGrady said. "I know the city is in need of trying to get back on its feet, but safety comes first."

But ready or not, here we come, the BCS cycle having dropped the national title game on Jan. 7, 2008, in the middle of the Mardi Gras metropolis once more. The FWAA will also conduct its annual meetings there Jan. 5-8

New Orleans isn't what it used to be, having become the rough among BCS diamonds. The Superdome seems less super each year. There are more proficient work conditions for press at other

BCS sites.

Anyone who has covered a John Junker-Shawn Schoeffler produced Fiesta Bowl knows how good things can be at bowl championship sites.

Enter Duane Lewis, a 35-year-old Plaquemine, La., native who has returned to his home state to take over as the Sugar Bowl's Director of Communications. Lewis spent 10 years with the St. Louis Rams, working five Super Bowls and most recently serving as director of news media.

"Contributing to a bowl of this magnitude and tradition was an exciting opportunity," said Lewis, a graduate of Southern University. "I'm in the process of accessing how the Sugar Bowl has operated and what I can do to make it better."

Lewis' e-mail address is [duanel@sugarbowl.org](mailto:duanel@sugarbowl.org). He wants to hear from you.

The Sugar Bowl has guaranteed wireless Internet, Ethernet and a pool of phones for deadline writers in the press box. Shuttles will run on media day and game day, and the media hotel will be the Marriott Convention Center, where player and coach press conferences will be held.

Charles Bloom, whose titles include SEC BCS Media Coordinator, SEC associate commissioner and incoming President of CoSIDA, believes the Sugar Bowl will be ready.

"The Sugar Bowl made a tremendous hire with Duane," Bloom said. "It has made the commitment with personnel as well as financially to host a first-class media operation."

SEC commissioner Mike Slive, acting BCS Commissioner, addressed concerns about the city of New Orleans at the FWAA breakfast in Phoenix.

Ask not what New Orleans can do for you, Slive said, but what you can do for New Orleans.

A better question might be to ask what's best for college football.

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## Deadline for submitting information for membership directory is June 25<sup>th</sup>

FWAA members have until June 25<sup>th</sup> to be included in the 2007-08 FWAA Membership Directory. Those who fail to meet that deadline with their updated information may be left out. The FWAA is closing membership for the directory earlier this year, so production deadlines can be met. Renewal forms were sent out to members in early April.

If you have failed to renew your membership, go directly to [www.fwaa.com](http://www.fwaa.com) and click on "Join Us" at the top of the home page. After filling out the required information, you pay with a personal credit card on PayPal. Or you can print out the form and send in a check into the FWAA Office in Dallas. The FWAA will not accept phone-in renewals.

### Blaudschun to receive Bert McGrane Award

The *Boston Globe's* Mark Blaudschun will receive the 2007 Bert McGrane Award at the National Football Foundation's Enshrinement Festival at the College Football Hall of Fame on July 21 in South Bend, Indiana. The announcement that Blaudschun had won the award was made last January. Current FWAA president Mike Griffith will present the award to Blaudschun, who was FWAA president in 1999. Blaudschun's name will be added to a plaque in the rotunda of the College Football Hall of Fame. The McGrane Award, symbolic of the FWAA's Hall of Fame, is awarded to an FWAA member who has performed great service to the FWAA and/or the writing profession. It is named after McGrane, a Des Moines writer who was executive secretary of the FWAA from the early 1940s until 1973. Blaudschun has been the press liaison for the FWAA with the BCS and takes over as chairman of the Bert McGrane Award Committee.

### FWAA reps meet with BCS

The FWAA has met twice with officials from the Bowl Championship Series about media plans for the BCS 1-2 game on Jan. 7, 2008, in New Orleans. The Sugar Bowl will be the host for the title game this season. The FWAA will hold its annual meeting at the site and also announce the winner of the FWAA/ Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award during the activities leading up to the game. FWAA President Mike Griffith's column on Page 2 of this *Fifth Down* deals with the FWAA's approach to this coming January's game. ... Griffith and the FWAA's immediate past president, Den-

nis Dodd of *CBS SportsLine*, are scheduled to attend CoSIDA's annual convention in late June and early July and participate on a panel concerning access and also conduct a chapter meeting of the FWAA in San Diego. ... Dodd and the *Kansas City Star's* Blair Kerkhoff, FWAA president in 1997, spoke with Big 12 Conference sports information directors in early May in Kansas City regarding issues of coverage, access and press relations with football coaches in the league.

### Members on the move

J.D. Campbell has moved from Bowling Green to become Sports Information Director at Indiana. ... Corky Simpson, FWAA president in 1996, has retired from the *Tucson Citizen* and has plans to relocate in the Missouri-Kansas area. ... Chuck Pool has moved from the Lombardi Trophy to become sports information director at Rice. ... Michael Harris has moved from Miami, Ohio, to become sports information director at Cincinnati. ... Sadly, Don Clerkin and Pete Nevins have both passed away. ... Ohio State sports information director Steve Snapp will be moving into a different position at the school. ... Shawn Nestor has moved from Akron to Maryland and is the football SID for the Terrapins.

### Conference media days

- ▶ **WAC** — July 22-24 San Jose, Calif. (Hilton)
- ▶ **Big East** — July 16-17, Newport, RI. (Quality Inn & Suites Atlantic/Hotel Viking)
- ▶ **Pac-10** — July 26, Los Angeles (Sheraton Gateway Hotel, LAX)
- ▶ **Big 12** — July 23-25, San Antonio (Wyndham St. Anthony)
- ▶ **Big 10** — July 31-Aug. 1, Chicago (Downtown Hyatt)
- ▶ **MAC** — July 24-25, Detroit (Ford Field)
- ▶ **C-USA** — July 30-31, New Orleans (Royal Sonesta Hotel)
- ▶ **ACC** — July 22-24, Pinehurst, N.C. (Pinehurst Resort)
- ▶ **SEC** — July 25-27, Hoover, Ala. (Wynfrey Hotel)
- ▶ **Mountain West** — July 23-24, Las Vegas (Green Valley Ranch Resort)
- ▶ **Sun Belt** — July 23-24, New Orleans (Pan American Building)



# ALL-AMERICA

## OFFENSE

### LINEMEN

Michael Oher, Ole Miss  
 Andre Smith, Alabama  
 Chris Williams, Vanderbilt  
 Will Arnold LSU  
 Matt Slauson, Nebraska  
 King Dunlap, Auburn  
 Jamon Meredith, South Carolina  
 Ryan Clady, Boise St.  
 Kyle Cunningham, La.-Monroe  
 Franklin Dunbar, Middle Tenn.  
 Barry Richardson, Clemson  
 Gosder Cherilus, Boston College  
 Jeff Akeroyd, Houston  
 Robby Heos, Rice  
 Jeremy Zuttah, Rutgers  
 Pedro Sosa, Rutgers  
 Ryan Stanchek, West Virginia  
 Ryan Durand, Syracuse  
 John Greco, Toledo  
 Sam Baker, USC  
 Jeremy Perry, Oregon St.  
 Shannon Tevaga, UCLA  
 Adam Kraus, Michigan  
 Jake Long, Michigan  
 Kirk Barton, Ohio St.  
 Alex Boone, Ohio St.  
 Jordan Grimes, Purdue  
 Jeff Cavender, Boise St.  
 George Robinson, Oklahoma  
 Tony Hills, Texas  
 Kirk Elder, Texas A&M  
 Robert Conley, Utah  
 Matty Lindner, TCU

### CENTERS

Doug Legursky, Marshall  
 Eric Wood, Louisville  
 Alex Mack, California  
 Kyle DeVan, Oregon St.  
 Antron Harper, Navy  
 Rafael Eubanks, Iowa  
 Tony Brinkhaus, Minnesota  
 Ryan Wendell, Fresno St.  
 Dominic Green, Nevada  
 Cody Wallace, Texas A&M

Kory Lichtensteiger, Bowling Green  
 Dallas Griffin, Texas  
 Sete Aulai, BYU  
 John Sullivan, Notre Dame  
 Steve Justice, Wake Forest  
 Blake Schueter, TCU  
 Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas  
 Brett Helms, LSU  
 Antoine Caldwell, Alabama

### TIGHT ENDS

Shawn Nelson, Southern Miss  
 Cody Slate, Marshall  
 Craig Stevens, California  
 Fred Davis, USC  
 Chase Coffman, Missouri  
 Dustin Keller, Purdue  
 Jacob Tammie, Kentucky  
 Andy Boyd, South Carolina  
 Cole Bennett, Auburn  
 Travis Beckum, Wisconsin  
 Anthony Harrison, La. Tech  
 Anthony Hill, North Carolina St.  
 Martin Rucker, Missouri  
 Jermichael Finley, Texas  
 Martellus Bennett, Texas A&M  
 John Carlson, Notre Dame  
 Wade Betschardt, Wyoming

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Chris Williams, New Mexico St.  
 Jarett Dillard, Rice  
 Duke Calhoun, Memphis  
 Emmanuel Sanders, SMU  
 Davone Bess, Hawai'i  
 Harry Douglas, Louisville  
 Maurice Purify, Nebraska  
 Mario Urrutia, Louisville  
 Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh  
 Bryan Anderson, Cent. Michigan  
 Derrick Stewart, Cincinnati  
 Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St.  
 DeSean Jackson, California  
 Patrick Turner, USC  
 Michael Bumpus, Washington St.  
 James Hardy, Indiana

Greg Carr, Florida St.  
 Mario Manningham, Michigan  
 Dorien Bryant, Purdue  
 Brian Robiskie, Ohio St.  
 Ryan Grice-Mullins, Hawai'i  
 Jason Rivers, Hawai'i  
 Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma St.  
 Limas Sweed, Texas  
 Malcolm Kelly, Oklahoma  
 Will Franklin, Missouri  
 Todd Blythe, Iowa St.  
 Danny Amendola, Texas Tech  
 Ryan Wolfe, UNLV  
 Casey Flair, UNLV  
 Brent Casteel, Utah  
 Johnny Walker, Colorado St.  
 Derrek Richards, Utah  
 Percy Harvin, Florida  
 Andre Caldwell, Florida  
 Marcus Monk, Arkansas  
 Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt  
 DJ Hall, Alabama  
 Keenan Burton, Kentucky  
 Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia  
 Early Doucet, LSU  
 Kenny McKinley, South Carolina

### RUNNING BACKS

Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss  
 Anthony Aldridge, Houston  
 Kevin Smith, Central Florida  
 Tashard Choice, Georgia Tech  
 C.J. Spiller, Clemson  
 James Davis, Clemson  
 Reggie Campbell, Navy  
 Ian Johnson, Boise St.  
 Patrick Johnson, Louisiana Tech  
 Ray Rice, Rutgers  
 Owen Schmitt, West Virginia  
 Steve Slaton, West Virginia  
 Yvenson Bernard, Oregon St.  
 Darren McFadden, Arkansas  
 Felix Jones, Arkansas  
 BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Ole Miss  
 Anthony Dixon, Mississippi St.  
 Rafael Little, Kentucky

Kregg Lumpkin, Georgia  
 Chris Markey, UCLA  
 Albert Young, Iowa  
 Mike Hart, Michigan  
 Beanie Wells, Ohio St.  
 P.J. Hill, Wisconsin  
 Yonus Davis, San Jose St.  
 Michael Goodson, Texas A&M  
 Jorvorskie Lane, Texas A&M  
 Jamaal Charles, Texas  
 Allen Patrick, Oklahoma  
 Dantrell Savage, Oklahoma St.  
 Calvin Dawson, La.-Monroe  
 Tyrell Fenroy, La.-Lafayette  
 Marlon Lucky, Nebraska  
 Rodney Ferguson, New Mexico  
 Aaron Brown, TCU  
 Kyle Bell, Colorado St.  
 Tony Temple, Missouri  
 Calvin McCrae, Ohio

### QUARTERBACKS

Colt Brennan, Hawaii  
 Brian Brohm, Louisville  
 Patrick White, West Virginia  
 Andre Woodson, Kentucky  
 Omar Haugabook, Troy  
 Erik Ainge, Tennessee  
 Brandon Cox, Auburn  
 Paul Smith, Tulsa  
 Justin Willis, SMU  
 Matt Grothe, South Florida  
 John David Booty, USC  
 Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan  
 Nate Davis, Ball St.  
 Nate Longshore, California  
 Matt Ryan, Boston College  
 Rudy Carpenter, Arizona St.  
 Chase Daniel, Missouri  
 Chad Henne, Michigan  
 Colt McCoy, Texas  
 Chase Holbrook, New Mexico St.  
 Bobby Reid, Oklahoma St.  
 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech  
 Shaun Carney, Air Force  
 Brian Johnson, Utah



Left to right: Dwight Lowery, San Jose State; DeSean Jackson, California; Chase Daniel, Missouri, and Glenn Dorsey, LSU.

# CHECKLIST

## DEFENSE

### LINEMEN

Albert McClellan, Marshall  
 Calais Campbell, Miami (Fla.)  
 Andre Fluellen, Florida St.  
 Chris Long, Virginia  
 B.J. Raji, Boston College  
 Tyler Clutts, Fresno St.  
 Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati  
 Dan Davis, Connecticut  
 Eric Foster, Rutgers  
 Jameel McClain, Syracuse  
 Keilen Dykes, West Virginia  
 Sedrick Ellis, USC  
 Bruce Davis, UCLA  
 Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska  
 Lawrence Jackson, USC  
 Bryan Mattison, Iowa  
 Vern Gholston, Ohio St.  
 Matt Shaughnessy, Wisconsin  
 Ian Campbell, Kansas St.  
 Matt Hines, Nevada  
 Frank Okam, Texas  
 Derek Lokey, Texas  
 Chris Harrington, Texas A&M  
 Red Bryant, Texas A&M  
 Tommy Blake, TCU  
 Chase Ortiz, TCU  
 Jesse Nading, Colorado St.  
 Tyler Donaldson, New Mexico  
 Larry English, Northern Illinois  
 Brandon Thompson, Army  
 Glenn Dorsey, LSU  
 Derrick Harvey, Florida

Titus Brown, Mississippi St.  
 Quentin Groves, Auburn  
 Tyson Jackson, LSU  
 Eric Norwood, South Carolina  
 Marcus Harrison, Arkansas  
 Antwain Robinson, Arkansas  
 Jeff Owens Jr., Georgia

### LINEBACKERS

Brian Raines, Rice  
 Joey Hudson Miami, Ohio  
 Gerald McGrath, Southern Miss  
 Nelson Coleman, Tulsa  
 Joe Henderson, UAB  
 Vince Hall, Virginia Tech  
 Bo Ruud, Nebraska  
 Xavier Adibi, Virginia Tech  
 Philip Wheeler, Georgia Tech  
 Erin Henderson, Maryland  
 Jolonn Dunbar, Boston College  
 Jeremy Jones, UTEP  
 Paul Igboeli, Utah St.  
 Ezra Butler, Nevada  
 David Vobora, Idaho  
 Corey Smith, Cincinnati  
 Malik Jackson, Louisville  
 Ben Moffitt, South Florida  
 Rey Maualuga, USC  
 Keith Rivers, USC  
 Derrick Doggett, Oregon St.  
 J Leman, Illinois  
 Mike Klindenborg, Iowa  
 Mike Humpal, Iowa

Shawn Crable, Michigan  
 James Laurinaitis, Ohio St.  
 Dan Connor, Penn St.  
 Sean Lee, Penn St.  
 Jonathan Casillas, Wisconsin  
 Matt Castelo, San Jose St.  
 Alvin Bowen, Iowa St.  
 Jordon Dizon, Colorado  
 Joe Pawelek, Baylor  
 Chris Collins, Oklahoma St.  
 Drew Fowler, Air Force  
 Jason Phillips, TCU  
 Joe Jiannoni, Utah  
 Cody Kase, New Mexico  
 Maurice Crum, Notre Dame  
 Wesley Woodyard, Kentucky  
 Jerod Mayo, Tennessee  
 Jonathan Goff, Vanderbilt  
 Jasper Brinkley, South Carolina  
 Prince Hall, Alabama  
 Ali Highsmith, LSU  
 Danny Beckwith, LSU  
 Jamar Chaney, Mississippi St.  
 Brandon Miller, Georgia

### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Quintin Demps, UTEP  
 Will Dunbar, UAB  
 Brandon Flowers, Virginia Tech  
 Kenny Phillips, Miami (Fla.)  
 Jamal Lewis, Georgia Tech  
 Tony Carter, Florida St.

Tyrell Johnson, Arkansas St.  
 Damon Nickson, Middle Tennessee  
 DeJuan Tribble, Boston College  
 Kenneth Fontenette, Houston  
 Dwight Lowery, San Jose St.  
 Mike Mickens, Cincinnati  
 Courtney Greene, Rutgers  
 Mike Jenkins, South Florida  
 Terrell Thomas, South Florida  
 Dowayne Davis, Syracuse  
 Eric Wicks, West Virginia  
 Antoine Cason, Arizona  
 Terrell Thomas, USC  
 Chris Horton, UCLA  
 Charles Godfrey, Iowa  
 Jamar Adams, Michigan  
 Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St.  
 Justin King, Penn St.  
 Anthony Scirrotto, Penn St.  
 Stanley Franks, Idaho  
 Marty Tadman, Boise St.  
 Barry Church, Toledo  
 Jack Ikegwuonu, Wisconsin  
 Reggie Smith, Oklahoma  
 Aquib Talib, Kansas  
 Terrence Wheatley, Colorado  
 Steve Tate, Utah  
 Quinn Gooch, BYU  
 Clint Kubiak, Colorado St.  
 Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame  
 Caleb Campbell, Army

## SPECIALISTS

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 Matt Fodge, Oklahoma St.  
 Pat McAfee, West Virginia  
 Jared Armstrong, Purdue  
 Ken DeBauche, Wisconsin  
 Zoltan Mesko, Michigan  
 Waylon Prather, San Jose St.  
 Jimmie Kaylor, Colorado St.  
 Louie Sakoda, Utah  
 Durant Brooks, Georgia Tech  
 Geoff Price, Notre Dame  
 Britton Colquitt, Tennessee  
 Ryan Succop, South Carolina  
 Chris Miller, Ball State  
 Andrew Larson, California

### KICKERS

Jarod Tracy, Tulsa  
 Jeremy Ito, Rutgers  
 Pat McAfee, West Virginia  
 Alexis Serna, Oregon St.  
 Brett Swenson, Michigan St.  
 Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin  
 Aaron Pettrey, Ohio St.  
 Jared Strubeck, San Jose St.  
 Dan Kelly, Hawai'i  
 Sam Swank, Wake Forest

Connor Barth, North Carolina  
 Garrett Hartley, OU  
 Chris Manfredini, TCU  
 Chris Nenduck, Northern Illinois  
 Brandon Coutu, Georgia  
 Ryan Succop, South Carolina  
 Arthur Carmody, Louisville

### RETURNERS

Derrick Stewart, Cincinnati  
 DeSean Jackson, California  
 Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St.  
 Michael Bumpus, Wash. St.  
 Marcus Thigpen, Indiana  
 Patrick Jackson, La. Tech  
 Felix Jones, Arkansas  
 Rafael Little, Kentucky  
 Mikey Henderson, Georgia  
 Derek Pegues, Mississippi St.  
 Dwayne Sanders, Nevada  
 Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St.  
 Brian Bonner, TCU  
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# Bronko Nagurski watch list announced

The Football Writers Association of America has announced the Watch List for the 2007 Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which is awarded to the best defensive player in college football and is sponsored by the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

The FWAA All-America Committee selects the Bronko Nagurski winner from the association's 11-man All-America defensive team in November. The Charlotte Touchdown Club will hold the 2007 banquet on Monday, Dec. 3, at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte.

The FWAA also selects a Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week beginning with games on Sept. 1 through mid-November.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy is awarded in memory of the legendary Nagurski, a former All-America lineman at Minnesota in 1927-29 and a star for professional football's Chicago Bears in the 1930s.

The Watch List was developed by the FWAA All-America committee with the help of the schools and conferences.



UTEP linebacker Jeremy Jones is on the Watch List again after missing all but two games in 2006 with a broken leg.

## NAGURSKI WATCH LIST

Xavier Adibi, Virginia Tech  
Tommy Blake, TCU  
Jasper Brinkley, South Carolina  
Calais Campbell, Miami (Fla.)  
Antoine Cason, Arizona  
Matt Castelo, San Jose St.  
Barry Church, Toledo  
Joe Clermond, Pittsburgh  
Tyler Clutts, Fresno St.  
Dan Connor, Penn St.  
Shawn Crable, Michigan  
Maurice Crum, Notre Dame  
Bruce Davis, UCLA  
Quintin Demps, UTEP  
Derrick Doggett, Oregon St.  
Glenn Dorsey, LSU  
Jolonn Dunbar, Boston College  
Larry English, Northern Illinois

Eric Foster, Rutgers  
Drew Fowler, Air Force  
Stanley Franks, Idaho.  
Adrian Grady, Louisville  
Courtney Greene, Rutgers  
Quentin Groves, Auburn  
Vince Hall, Virginia Tech  
Erin Henderson, Maryland  
Matt Hines, Nevada  
Tyrell Johnson, Arkansas St.  
Jeremy Jones, UTEP  
James Laurinaitis, Ohio St.  
Derek Lokey, Texas  
Chris Long, Virginia  
Dwight Lowery, San Jose St.  
Jameel McClain, Syracuse  
Albert McClellan, Marshall  
Gerald McRath, Southern Miss

Rey Maualuga, USC  
Jerod Mayo, Tennessee  
Ben Moffitt, South Florida  
Jesse Nading, Colorado St.  
Chase Ortiz, TCU  
Brian Raines, Rice  
Keith Rivers, USC  
Reggie Smith, Oklahoma  
Aqib Talib, Kansas  
Steve Tate, Utah  
Wesley Woodyard, Kentucky  
Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame  
Philip Wheeler, Georgia Tech

\*Players may be added or deleted during the season. Contact your conference representative listed on Page 5 to do so.



## Outland Trophy watch list announced

The Outland Trophy Watch List for the 2007 season has been announced by the FWA.

Since 1946 the Outland Trophy has been presented to the best interior lineman in college football by the FWA's All-America Committee, which selects the association's 25-man team and picks three Outland Trophy finalists and the winner.

The 2007 Outland Trophy announcement will be on Dec. 6 in Orlando, Fla., on the ESPN College Football Awards Show. The Outland Trophy presentation banquet, which is sponsored by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee, will be in January in Omaha, Neb.

Each year, the Omaha Sports Committee, in conjunction with Downtown Omaha Rotary Club, and the FWA also honor a former Outland Trophy winner at the banquet in Omaha. Oklahoma's Lee Roy Selmon (1975) will accept his trophy in January.

The Outland Trophy is named after the late John Outland, a lineman at Pennsylvania at the turn of the century. Nebraska has more Outland Trophy winners than any other school. Seven Cornhuskers have claimed the trophy, with Nebraska center Dave Rimington the only player to win it twice — 1981 and 1982.



Defensive tackle Eric Foster of Rutgers was a first-team FWA All-American in 2006.

## OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

Jeff Akeroyd, Houston

Sete Aulai, BYU

Sam Baker, USC

Kirk Barton, Ohio St.

Alex Boone, Ohio St.

Ryan Clady, Boise St.

Robert Conley, Utah

Kyle Cunningham, La. -Monroe

Dan Davis, Connecticut

Glenn Dorsey, LSU

Franklin Dunbar, Middle Tenn.

Ryan Durand, Syracuse

King Dunlap, Auburn

Sedrick Ellis, USC

Andre Fluellen, Florida St.

Eric Foster, Rutgers

Adrian Grady, Louisville

Dallas Griffin, Texas

Antron Harper, Navy

Robby Heos, Rice

Matt Hines, Nevada

Steve Justice, Wake Forest

Adam Kraus, Michigan

Doug Legursky, Marshall

Kory Lichtensteiger, Bowling Green

Matty Lindner, TCU

Derek Lokey, Texas

Jake Long, Michigan

Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas

Alex Mack, California

Michael Oher, Ole Miss

Frank Okam, Texas

Barry Richardson, Clemson

Matt Slauson, Nebraska

Andre Smith, Alabama

Pedro Sosa, Rutgers

John Sullivan, Notre Dame

Cody Wallace, Texas A&M

Ryan Wendell, Fresno St.

Eric Wood, Louisville

Jeremy Zuttah, Rutgers

Tackles, guards and centers are eligible for consideration. Candidates may be added or deleted during the season. Contact your conference representative listed on Page 5 to do so.

# Grantland Rice Trophy, poll voting procedures change this season

The entire FWAA membership will be asked to take part in the 2007 Grantland Rice Super 16 Preseason Poll this season. The poll will be released in late August.

For the past five seasons, 16 selected members have taken part in a weekly poll that has also decided the winner of the Grantland Rice Trophy.

While each of the 900-plus FWAA members may vote in the preseason poll, the regular season Super 16 Poll will be discontinued. The Grantland Rice Trophy will continue to be rewarded after the completion of the Bowl Championship Series and a panel of national writers and past FWAA presidents will make that decision.

Also, the FWAA will continue to present a National Team of the Week, which has been sponsored by the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl for each of the past two seasons. The panel that votes on the Grantland Rice Trophy will decide the weekly nominees and winner.

The Grantland Rice Trophy has been presented to college football's national champion each year since 1954. It was the first national championship trophy to be presented after the post-season. The trophy is named in

honor of the legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice, who passed away before the '54 season. Florida is the defending FWAA national champion.

For more information on the Grantland Rice Trophy and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week, contact Ted Gangi at [ted.gangi@sportswriters.net](mailto:ted.gangi@sportswriters.net) or 214-909-9314.

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Dallas is building a \$1 billion stadium, and make no mistake about it, the Cotton Bowl would jump into the BCS quickly if given the opportunity.

It's up to New Orleans to take advantage of this opportunity to hold serve in the rotation. As Bloom said, a great deal of time and resources has been put into it, not to mention the trust of collegiate football's most visible entity, the championship game.



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