

## NFF Forum begins dialogue

DALLAS — For two days, some of the top coaches in college football — Ohio State's Jim Tressel, Kansas' Mark Mangino, Washington's Tyrone Willingham and TCU's Gary Patterson — joined athletic directors Kevin Anderson of Army and Kevin White of Notre Dame along with Florida State president Dr. T.K. Wetherell and Big 12 Conference commissioner Dan Beebe to discuss college football topics.

Approximately 30 journalists and college football officials from schools, bowls, conferences, award groups and associations were also in attendance.

The FWAA believes the 2008 Football Forum, the first to be conducted in the sport in many years, will be the springboard to a series of discussions among

the media, coaches, presidents, athletic directors, bowl and award representatives, sports information directors and other college football officials. The health of the game is a concern to all those associated with it as well as how the media interacts with those they cover.

The off-season is a time to assess where the sport is going, how others view the recent changes that have occurred in college football and what it all means. The NFF and its sponsors provided the forum at DFW International Airport in a convenient in-and-out spot at the Grand Hyatt. The FWAA salutes those who have helped put this event together and believes it will be a staple of the college football scene.



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# President's column



**RON  
HIGGINS**

So there I sat, the first media voice ever invited into the exclusive room full of millionaires known as the Southeastern Conference football coaches, and I wondered for a moment, "How did I get here?"

The answer: I opened my big mouth and wouldn't go away.

Thanks to Charles Bloom of the SEC, who's also the current president of CoSIDA, we were able to present a media policy to SEC football coaches at the league meetings in Destin, Fla., in late May.

The coaches, naturally, hated the policy and shot it down, but the policy went to the SEC athletic directors. They tabled it until their August meeting. The best part about being in the meeting wasn't the fact we were trying to push a modest policy. It basically called for all league schools to conduct open scrimmages if they also allowed other guests to watch and for all league schools to allow the media to talk to freshmen.

The second point became moot when Bloom discovered there's already an SEC by-law requiring all schools in all sports to make all student-athletes and coaches available after competition.

What I took away from the meeting, as well as the Football Forum conducted by the National Football Foundation (thank you Steve Hatchell!), was that media and coaches are finally getting chances to talk about the problems confronting both sides in the deteriorating relationship between the parties.

The honest exchanges at the Football Forum, with coaches Jim Tressel of Ohio State, Tyrone Willingham of Washington, Mark Mangino of Kansas and Gary Patterson of TCU, as well as what I heard in

a 45-minute meeting with SEC coaches, indicated both sides have a lot of work to do.

From our perspective, we see coaches as the most paranoid form of human life on our planet. They are afraid to let anyone around them talk, other than themselves. They believe that because of the Internet, blogs and chat rooms, anything said by them or anyone around them will be used against them.

The coaches said they aren't able to distinguish between legitimate media (beat writers who cover the team every day and attempt to report responsibly, professionally and ethically) and fly-by-night fan-based websites that seem to pop up weekly.

As Alabama coach Nick Saban said, "If we knew who we were letting in the scrimmage, we'd let them watch."

Also, the concern of most coaches is live reporting from scrimmages. This is a point I agree with. Imagine yourself as a parent of a player and you get a call from a friend who's reading a live Internet report from a scrimmage that your son has just torn up his knee, or even worse received a neck injury that looked severe.

That's something that shouldn't be reported until after the scrimmage and the school's trainer or head coach has had a chance to talk to the parent.

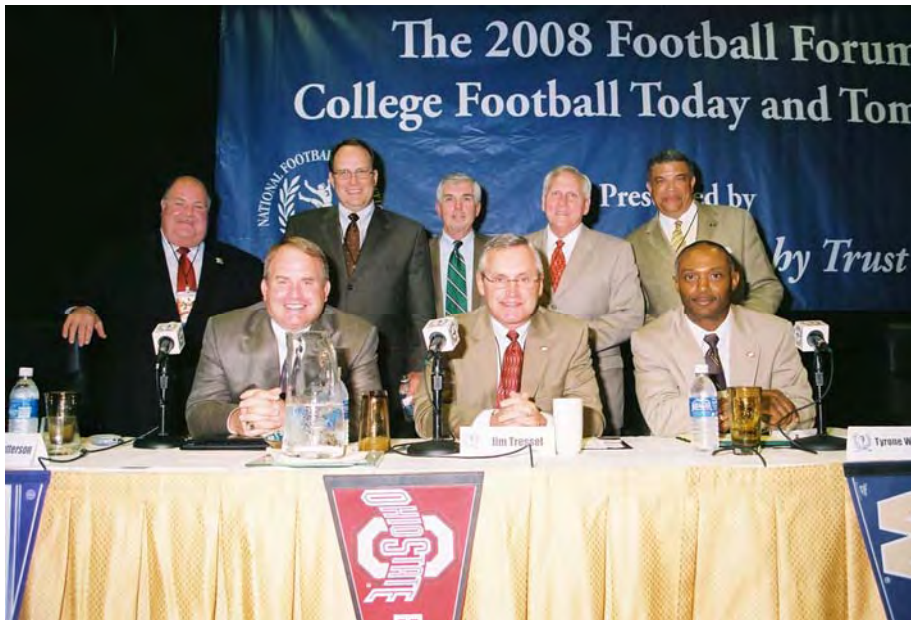
The FWAA needs to work with sports information directors about self-policing the zeal of some reporters who step over the bounds of journalist ethics.

By the same token, SIDs should not cower to their coaches and try to bully media on every point. Since I took over as FWAA president, I received several disturbing reports from writers in which SIDs have threatened to pull credentials for what the SIDs believed were violations of school media policy.

The worst offender of this is a major school in the Midwest. The latest complaint is that the school threatened to pull a credential because the writer contacted a player who had been on scholarship, but is no longer enrolled because of per-

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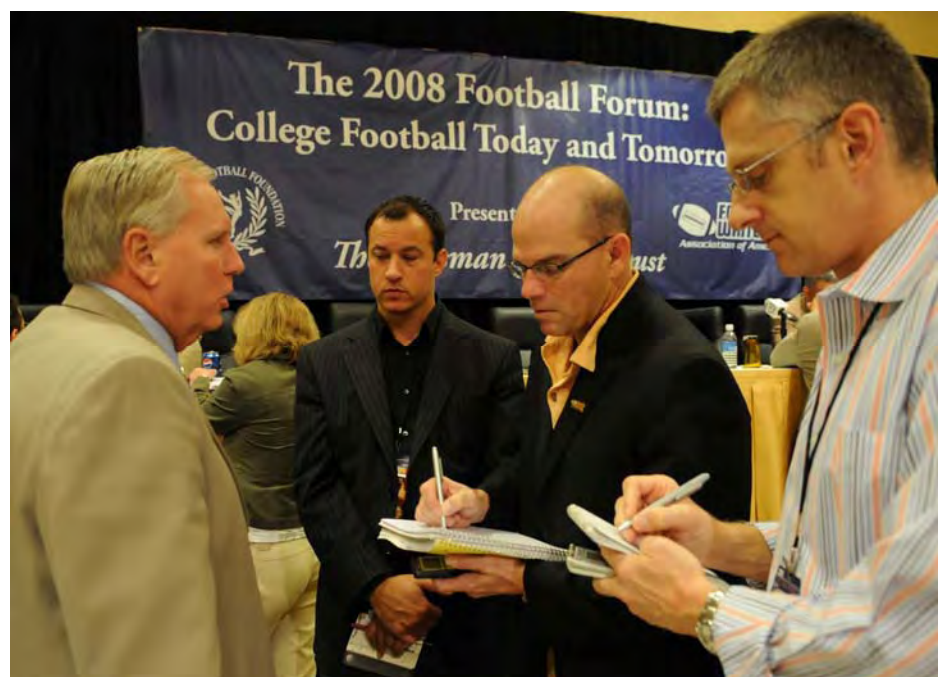
## NFF/FWAA Football Forum



Steve Hatchell, president and CEO of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, proposed the idea of the Forum to the FWAA.

Panelists at the National Football Foundation's Football Forum in Dallas were, front row, left to right: TCU coach Gary Patterson, Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, Washington coach Tyrone Willingham; back row, left to right: Kansas coach Mark Mangino, Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, Florida State president Dr. T.K. Wetherell, Army athletic director Kevin Anderson .

Joe Schad of ESPN.com, former FWAA president Dennis Dodd of CBSSports.com and George Schroeder of the Eugene Register-Guard interview Florida State president Dr. T.K. Wetherell during a break at the Football Forum.



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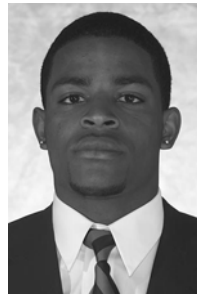
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 Chase Holbrook, New Mexico St.  
 Todd Reesing, Kansas  
 Kellen Lewis, Indiana  
 Max Hall, BYU  
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 Mark Sanchez, USC  
 Tom Brandstater, Fresno St.  
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 Rusty Smith, Florida Atlantic  
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 Eugene Jarvis, Kent St.  
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 Brian Robiskie, Ohio St.  
 Marko Mitchell, Nevada  
 Brennan Marion, Tulsa  
 Greg Carr, Florida St.  
 Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech  
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 Deon Murphy, Kansas St.  
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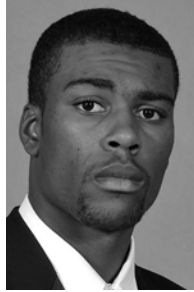
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 Jim Tartt, Florida  
 Sergio Render, Virginia Tech  
 Greg Isdander, West Virginia  
 Anthony Gaskins, Navy  
 Ryan Schmidt, USF  
 Ray Feinga, BYU  
 Josh McNeal, Tennessee  
 Cedric Dockery, Texas  
 Jeff Byers, USC  
 Alex Boone, Ohio St.  
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 Phil Loadholt, Oklahoma  
 Sean Sester, Purdue  
 Sam Young, Notre Dame  
 Andre Smith, Alabama  
 Andrew Gardner, Georgia Tech  
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 Garry Williams, Kentucky  
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 Vince Oghobaase, Duke  
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 Jeff Owens, Georgia  
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 John Gill, Northwestern  
 Matt Kroul, Iowa  
 Arthur Jones, Syracuse  
 Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU  
 Sen'Derrick Marks, Auburn  
 Ziggy Hood, Missouri  
 Brigham Harwell, UCLA  
 Dorell Scott, Clemson  
 Gus Mustakas, Pittsburgh  
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 John Fletcher, Wyoming  
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 Vance Walker, Georgia Tech  
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*Utah*



Lincoln  
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 Jeremiah Johnson, Oregon  
 Austin Collie, BYU  
 Kyle Williams, Arizona St.  
 Brandon James, Florida  
 Darius Marshall, Marshall  
 Max Suter, Syracuse  
 Derrick Williams, Penn St.  
 Jeremy Maclin, Missouri  
 Brandon Tate, North Carolina  
 Noel Devine, West Virginia  
 Quan Cosby, Texas  
 Jacoby Ford, Clemson  
 Kordell Young, Rutgers  
 C.J. Spiller, Clemson  
 Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St.  
 AJ Wallace, Penn St.  
 Deon Murphy, Kansas St.  
 DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma  
 Trindon Holliday, LSU  
 Javier Arenas, Alabama  
 Jessie Henderson, SMU

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 Aaron Curry, Wake Forest  
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 Solomin Elimimian, Hawaii  
 Dannell Ellerbe, Georgia  
 Zack Follett, Cal  
 Marcus Freeman, Ohio St.  
 Clinton Snyder, Stanford  
 Brandon Spikes, Florida  
 Brian Toal, Boston College  
 Jason Phillips, TCU  
 Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri  
 Frantz Joseph, Florida Atlantic  
 James Laurinaitis, Ohio St.  
 Rey Maulaluga, USC  
 Tyrone McKenzie, South Florida  
 Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh  
 Gerald McRath, Southern Miss  
 Joe Mortensen, Kansas  
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 Eric Norwood, South Carolina

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 Nic Harris, Oklahoma  
 Victor Harris, Virginia Tech  
 Kevin Ellison, USC  
 Londen Fryar, Western Michigan  
 Courtney Greene, Rutgers  
 Michael Hamlin, Clemson  
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 Rashad Johnson, Alabama  
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 Mike Mickens, Cincinnati  
 Alphonso Smith, Wake Forest  
 Stephen Hodge, TCU  
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Kyle Wilson, Boise St.  
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 Derek Pegues, Mississippi St.  
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 Tony Ciaravino, Connecticut  
 Ryan Perkins, Washington  
 Swayze Waters, UAB  
 Dan Kelly, Hawaii  
 Obi Egekeze, Maryland  
 Daniel Lincoln, Tennessee  
 David Buehler, USC  
 Delbert Alvarado, South Florida  
 Connor Lee, Pittsburgh  
 Alex Tejada, Arkansas  
 Patrick Shadle, Syracuse  
 Leigh Tiffin, Alabama  
 Wes Byrum, Auburn  
 Pat McAfee, West Virginia  
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 Ryan Harrison, Air Force  
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 Thomas Weber, Arizona St.  
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 Sam Swank, Wake Forest  
 Zach Johnson, Eastern Mich.  
 Delbert Alvarado, South Florida

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# Bronko Nagurski watch list announced

The Football Writers Association of America has announced the Watch List for the 2008 Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which is awarded to the best defensive player in college football and is sponsored by the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

Included on the list is Ohio State senior linebacker James Laurinaitis, the 2006 Nagurski Trophy winner and a 2007 finalist, and South Florida's junior defensive end George Selvie, another 2007 finalist.

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 2008 banquet on Dec. 7 at the Westin Hotel



Laurinaitis  
*Ohio St.*



Selvie  
*So. Florida*

in Charlotte.

The FWAA also picks a Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week beginning with games on Aug. 30 and through the middle of November. And a Bronko Nagurski Legends Award winner will also be

selected from the FWAA's 1967 All-America team.

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 2007 Nagurski Trophy winner, LSU defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, was selected No. 5 overall by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2008 NFL Draft. The two other 2007 Nagurski finalists also fared well in the NFL Draft: Virginia end Chris Long went No. 2 overall to the St. Louis Rams and Kansas defensive back Aquib Taleb was the No. 20 overall selection by the Tampa Bay Bucs.

## NAGURSKI WATCH LIST

Geno Atkins, DT, Georgia  
Antonio Baker, DB, Louisiana Tech  
Darry Beckwith, MLB, LSU  
Ted Bentler, DL, Army  
Eric Berry, DB, Tennessee  
Dirayl Briggs, DE, Bowling Green  
Everette Brown, DL, Florida St.  
David Bruton, FS Notre Dame  
Joe Burnett, DB, UCF  
Terrill Byrd, DT, Cincinnati  
Ian Campbell, DE, Kansas St.  
Reggie Carter, LB UCLA  
Jamar Chaney, LB Mississippi St.  
Patrick Chung, DB, Oregon  
Barry Church, S, Toledo  
Antonio Coleman, DE Auburn  
Emanuel Cook, SS, South Carolina  
Maurice Crum, LB, Notre Dame  
Jermaine Cunningham, DL, Florida  
Aaron Curry, LB, Wake Forest  
Brian Cushing, LB, USC  
Dexter Davis, DE, Arizona St.  
Vontae Davis, DB, Illinois  
Wil Dunbar, FS, UAB  
Solomin Elimimian, LB, Hawaii  
Dannell Ellerbe, LB, Georgia  
Kevin Ellison, DB, USC  
Auston English, DE, Oklahoma  
Larry English, DE, Northern Illinois  
Maurice Evans, DE, Penn St.  
Zack Follett, LB, California  
Marcus Freeman, LB, Ohio St.  
Londen Fryar, DB, Western Mich.

John Gill, DT, Northwestern  
DeMarcus Granger, DT, Oklahoma  
Courtney Greene, S, Rutgers  
Michael Hamlin, DB, Clemson  
Greg Hardy, DE, Mississippi  
Nic Harris, DB, Oklahoma  
Victor Harris, DB, Virginia Tech  
Stephen Hodge, S, TCU  
Daniel Holtzclaw, LB, E. Michigan  
Phillip Hunt, DE, Houston  
George Hypolite, DT, Colorado  
Tyson Jackson, DE, LSU  
Malcom Jenkins, DB, Ohio St.  
Peria Jerry, DT, Ole Miss  
Rashad Johnson, DB, Alabama  
Arthur Jones, DT, Syracuse  
Jan Jorgensen, DL, BYU  
Frantz Joseph, LB, Florida Atlantic  
Mitch King, DT, Iowa  
James Laurinaitis, LB, Ohio St.  
Trevard Lindley, CB, Kentucky  
Sen'Derrick Marks, DT, Auburn  
Rey Maualuga, LB, USC  
Taylor Mays, S, USC  
Albert McClellan, DE, Marshall  
Tyrone McKenzie, LB, South Florida  
Scott McKillop, LB, Pittsburgh  
Gerald McRath, LB, Southern Miss  
Mike Mickens, CB, Cincinnati  
Greg Middleton, DE, Indiana  
Fili Moala, DT, USC  
William Moore, S, Missouri  
DJ Moore, CB, Vanderbilt

Joe Mortensen, LB, Kansas  
Clayton Mullins, LB, Miami (Ohio)  
Captain Munnerlyn, DB, South Carolina  
Andre Neblett, DT, Temple  
Troy Nolan, DB, Arizona St.  
Eric Norwood, DE, South Carolina  
Vince Oghobaase, DT, Duke  
Brian Orakpo, DE, Texas  
Jeff Owens, DT, Georgia  
Derek Pegues, DB, Mississippi St.  
Dave Philistin, LB, Maryland  
Jason Phillips, LB, TCU  
Nick Reed, DE, Oregon  
Myron Rolle, DB, Florida St.  
George Selvie, DE, South Florida  
Matt Shaughnessy, DE, Wisconsin  
Clint Sintim, LB, Virginia  
Alphonso Smith, DB, Wake Forest  
D'Anthony Smith, DT, Louisiana Tech  
Clinton Snyder, LB, Stanford  
Brandon Spikes, LB, Florida  
Terrance Taylor, DT, Michigan  
Brian Toal, LB, Boston College  
Vance Walker, DT, Georgia Tech  
Sean Weatherspoon, LB, Missouri  
Kyle Wilson, CB, Boise State  
DeAndre Wright, DB, New Mexico

\*Players may be added or deleted during the season.

# Luigs and Stanchek top pre-season list of candidates for 2008 Outland Trophy

The Football Writers Association of America has released its 2008 Outland Trophy Watch List, which includes two linemen from its 2007 All-America Team — Arkansas center Jonathan Luigs and West Virginia offensive tackle Ryan Stanchek.

Only centers, tackles and guards are eligible for the Outland Trophy, which has been awarded to the best interior lineman in college football annually since 1946.

The winner will be announced on Dec. 11 on the ESPN College Football Awards Show from Orlando, Fla. Three finalists will appear on the show. The presentation banquet, which is sponsored by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee,



Luigs  
Arkansas



Stanchek  
W. Virginia

is on Jan. 15 in Omaha, Neb.

Last season's honoree was senior defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, who played for the national champion LSU Tigers.

The Outland Trophy Watch List

was compiled by FWA All-America committee member Phil Steele. Watch List members can be added or deleted during or before the season. The FWA's All-America Committee, with input from the entire membership, will select the three finalists in late November and then the winner.

The Outland Trophy is named after the late John Outland, a lineman at Pennsylvania at the turn of the century. It is the third oldest award in major college football behind the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell Award.

## OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

C Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas  
 C Eric Wood, Louisville  
 C Alex Mack, California  
 C Antoine Caldwell, Alabama  
 C Max Unger, Oregon  
 C Josh McNeil, Tennessee  
 C AQ Shipley, Penn State  
 C Ryan McDonald, Illinois  
 C Alex Fletcher, Stanford  
 C Dominic Green, Nevada  
 C Juan Garcia, Washington  
 C John Estes, Hawaii  
 C Brett Helms, LSU  
 G Herman Johnson, LSU  
 G Duke Robinson, Oklahoma  
 G Steve Rehiring, Ohio St  
 G Louis Vasquez, Texas Tech  
 G Kraig Urbik, Wisconsin  
 G Jeremy Perry, Oregon St  
 G Anthony Parker, Tennessee  
 G Jim Tartt, Florida  
 G Sergio Render, Virginia Tech  
 G Greg Isdamer, West Virginia  
 G Ryan Schmidt, USF  
 G Ray Feinga, BYU  
 G Cedric Dockery, Texas  
 G Jeff Byers, USC  
 T Alex Boone, Ohio State

T Michael Oher, Mississippi  
 T Phil Loadholt, Oklahoma  
 T Sean Sester, Purdue  
 T Sam Young, Notre Dame  
 T Andre Smith, Alabama  
 T Andrew Gardner, Georgia Tech  
 T Dallas Reynolds, BYU  
 T Eugene Monroe, Virginia  
 T Ciron Black, LSU  
 T Chris Kemme, Akron  
 T Andrew Hartline, Central Michigan  
 T Gus Parrish, Kent State  
 T Ryan Stanchek, West Virginia  
 T Anthony Davis, Rutgers  
 T Garry Williams, Kentucky  
 T Andy Levitre, Oregon State  
 T Xavier Fulton, Illinois  
 T Eben Britton, Arizona  
 T John Jerry, Mississippi  
 T Fenuki Tupou, Oregon  
 T Robert Brewster, Ball St  
 T George Bussey, Louisville  
 T Matt Mandich, Arkansas St  
 T Gerald Cadogan, Penn St  
 DT Mitch King, Iowa  
 DT George Hypolite, Colorado  
 DT Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati  
 DT Terrance Taylor, Michigan

DT Fili Moala, USC  
 DT DeMarcus Granger, Oklahoma  
 DT Ron Brace, Boston College  
 DT Vince Oghobaase, Duke  
 DT Geno Atkins, Georgia  
 DT Jeff Owens, Georgia  
 DT Peria Jerry, Ole Miss  
 DT John Gill, Northwestern  
 DT Matt Kroul, Iowa  
 DT Arthur Jones, Syracuse  
 DT Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU  
 DT SenÁ'Derrick Marks, Auburn  
 DT Ziggy Hood, Missouri  
 DT Brigham Harwell, UCLA  
 DT D'Anthony Smith, Louisiana Tech  
 DT Andre Neblett, Temple  
 DT Vance Walker, Georgia Tech  
 DT Dorell Scott, Clemson  
 DT Gus Mustakas, Pittsburgh  
 DT Ted Bentler, Army  
 DT John Fletcher, Wyoming  
 DT Vance Walker, Georgia Tech

Players can be added or deleted during or before the season.

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sonal reasons. The player is enrolled at a college in Indianapolis.

The SID office considered the contact by a reporter to be a violation of the school's policy that all interviews with school's student-athletes must be cleared by the SID office. This certainly is an area that needs much more discussion by the FWAA, the school and any media organization covering the school.

Another school in the East allowed its football coach to hold an on-the-record luncheon with certain beat writers to the exclusion of others. By some it was viewed as punishment for questions the excluded writers had asked in a news conference.

Back to the SEC. Whether it approves the media policy or not -- and I suspect it won't unless there is a modification -- we have to keep pressing the fight.

Coaches, whether most of them care or not, need to hear the problems we face trying to do our jobs. We also

need to hear how the coaches see it.

Nobody said our fight for better access was going to be easy. This is just the beginning. We can't accept "you can't" for an answer. We must reply "why not?" We have to keep pushing to find a middle ground.

Because if we don't, all of our stories will read like press releases.

On a positive note, I've talked to many SIDs trying to follow the FWAA's 25 recommended elements that should be in a press guide. We're still going to have schools that publish a media guide that is basically a recruiting guide.

But believe me, we have made our point about press guides. There are more SIDs on our side than you think. They value the way they serve us.

I'll be Tampa in early July for the CoSIDA convention, talking to as many SIDs as possible. Neither side benefits without a consistent line of communication.



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