A native and lifelong Hoosier with 31 years coaching experience in the state, Bill Lynch is in his third year at the helm of the Indiana football program. In his two seasons, the Hoosiers reached the postseason and won seven games in a season for the first time since 1993, won the Old Oaken Bucket for the first time since 2001 and won 10 games in his two years - the most for one head coach since 1993-94. IU also has boasted three All-Americans, two second-round NFL Draft picks, six All-Big Ten selections, one Academic All-American and a school-record 22 Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 2008.

Lynch completed his first season as Indiana head coach in 2007, leading the Hoosiers to a 7-6 record and a trip to the Insight Bowl. He is the only head coach in Hoosier history to guide a team to a bowl game in his debut season and just the fourth coach in IU lore to patrol the sidelines for a postseason contest. The team's seven victories were the second most for a first-year Indiana head coach, behind only James M. Sheldon, who went 8-1-1 in 1905.

Two of Lynch's 2007 charges were selected on the first day of the NFL Draft. The New Orleans Saints picked cornerback Tracy Porter with the 40th selection, while the Buffalo Bills took wide receiver James Hardy in the 41st slot. Indiana and Michigan were the only Big Ten teams with multiple selections on day one. It also marked the first time IU had two players selected on day one since 1988.

Porter, Hardy, kicker Austin Starr, quarterback Kellen Lewis and defensive end Greg Middleton each collected All-Big Ten honors. Hardy and Middleton snared first team honors from both the conference coaches and media, while Starr and Porter added first team accolades from the media. The four first-teamers shared second most in the league with Penn State, trailing only Ohio State's six. Lewis was a second team selection by both the conference coaches and media, while Porter and Starr joined him on the coaches' ballots.

Hardy, Starr and Middleton also received All-America recognition. Hardy and Middleton both collected second team honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation and third team laurels from the Associated Press, while Starr captured second team status from the AP. Starr was a Lou Groza Award finalist, Middleton was a Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award finalist and Hardy was a Biletnikoff Award semifinalist.

IU knocked off No. 22 (BCS) Northwestern last year behind the play of team most valuable player and All-Big Ten honoree Jammie Kirlew. The junior, who earned first team All-Big Ten honors from the conference media and second team recognition from the conference coaches, was also one of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award.

Punter Chris Hagerup was recognized on three Freshman All-America Teams. Sporting News, Rivals.com and Phil Steele each selected

The Lynch Family
the redshirt freshman as a second-teamer on the heels of honorable mention All-Big Ten merits.

In addition to success on the field, Lynch stresses the importance of earning a degree from one of the top academic institutions in the country. Last year, a school-record 22 Hoosiers earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, over 25 percent of the roster recorded a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the second straight campaign, and Starr earned ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V honors for the third straight season.

Forty-one Hoosiers completed the 2007-08 academic year with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. Starr became the sixth IU player to be named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America First Team, while fullback Josiah Sears joined Starr on the Academic All-District V team. Kicker Kevin Trulock received the inaugural Wayne Duke Postgraduate Award, presented by the Indianapolis Big Ten Community Partnership.

Lynch signed an agreement on November 26, 2007, to remain Indiana head coach through July 1, 2012. He was named IU’s 27th head coach on June 15, 2007. Lynch has compiled a 91-82-3 (.526) career record with stops in Bloomington, at Butler, Ball State and DePauw. He has won or shared six conference or divisional titles in his 16 seasons. Lynch has 32 overall years of coaching experience, spending 31 of those seasons in the state of Indiana.

With the Hoosiers’ trip to the Insight Bowl in 2007, Lynch made his third appearance in a bowl game as a coach. He was the quarterbacks coach (1993-94) under former Hoosier head coach Bill Mallory when Indiana faced Virginia Tech in the 1993 Independence Bowl. Lynch served as the Ball State head coach and led the Cardinals to the 1996 Las Vegas Bowl.

Lynch, a 2005 inductee into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, served as interim head coach for two games in 2006 and led the Hoosiers during 2007 spring practice. During his first two seasons in Bloomington, he was the assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and tight ends coach.

Under Lynch’s leadership as offensive coordinator, Lewis posted one of the top freshman seasons in IU history. He racked up 2,221 yards passing and 19 total touchdowns in 2006. The Hoosiers scored their most points (277) since 2001 and averaged 23.1 points, 335.9 yards and 222.1 passing yards per game. Indiana scored over 30 points three times and at least 24 points on seven occasions.

The veteran coach returned to Bloomington after directing DePauw to an 8-2 record and a trip to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) co-Championship. The year honors in 2004, Lynch was the first coach in SCAC history to earn the award in his debut campaign. DePauw finished 5-1 in league play.

Under Lynch’s tutelage, seven DePauw players earned All-SCAC first team honors, and the Tigers compiled the second-best per-game rushing average (254.6 yards) in school history. Senior wide receiver Jamarcush Shepherd was one of only two Division III players invited to the 2005 Hula Bowl Maui All-Star Classic.

Lynch was head coach at Ball State from 1995-02. During his tenure, the Cardinals won at least six games three times, including a 7-4 mark in 1995 and an 8-4 record the following season. The 1995 team posted a 6-2 conference record and tied for third in the Mid-American Conference (MAC), while Lynch’s 1996 team captured the MAC championship at 7-1 and earned a trip to the Las Vegas Bowl. Ball State also staked claim to the 2001 MAC West title after third-place finishes in 1997 and 2000.

A 1977 Butler graduate and four-year letterwinner in both football and basketball, Lynch quarterbacked the Bulldogs to a 28-12 overall record and three conference championships. He earned Indiana Collegiate Conference (ICC) Most Valuable Player honors in each of his final three seasons. Lynch led the nation in pass completion percentage in 1975 and captured both sports his senior campaign.

Lynch, a three-time Little All-American, became the first Butler student-athlete to twice be named recipient of the prestigious Tony Hinkle Award, presented by the ICC for outstanding scholastic and athletic achievement. He finished his career with 5,909 passing yards and 62 touchdowns. Lynch also set a Butler men’s basketball record by handing out 121 assists during the 1975-76 campaign and was inducted into the Butler Hall of Fame in 2000.

Upon graduation, Lynch spent seven seasons as a Bulldog assistant coach, including stints as the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach, recruiting coordinator and offensive coordinator. He moved on to Northern Illinois as quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator in 1984, and he was the quarterbacks coach of the United States Football League’s Orlando Renegades in the winter of 1984. The Renegades were coached by former Hoosier head coach and current analyst on ESPN’s College Gameday Lee Corso.

Lynch returned to his alma mater as head coach in 1985 and compiled a 36-12-3 (.735) record over five seasons. Butler won four Heartland Collegiate Conference titles, and he won conference Coach of the Year honors three times. Four of Lynch’s five squads were ranked among the top 20 in NCAA Division II, and Lynch twice earned AFCA Regional Coach of the Year laurels.

He moved on to Ball State as the Cardinals’ offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 1990-92, where he worked with eventual NFL running backs Bernie Parmalee (Miami Dolphins and New York Jets) and Corey Croom (New England Patriots) before his first stint at Indiana.

Bill and his wife, Linda, have four children - Billy (Carla), Kelly (Lucas Manor), Joey (Danielle) and Kevin - and nine grandchildren - Lindsey (3), Max (2) and Ryan (1) Lynch (Billy and Carla - parents); Joe Jr. (2) and Danny (infant) Lynch (Joey and Danielle - parents); and Lexie (9), Maggie (7), Jonny (4) and Kate (2) Manor (Kelly and Lucas - parents). Billy is the Hoosiers’ wide receivers coach, while Joey, who played quarterback at Ball State (2003-08), returned to his alma mater as wide receivers coach this offseason. Kevin just completed his senior season as a wide receiver on the Franklin College football team in Franklin, Ind., and graduated in the spring of 2009.
“I’m just very, very pleased for Bill, his family, the entire coaching staff and all of the players. There are just so many positives that come from his hiring. Bill Lynch is a quality, quality person and the program is in excellent hands. This brings stability to the program and I’m very optimistic about the future of IU Football.” -Bill Mallory, Indiana’s all-time winningest head coach (1984-96)

“Bill Lynch brings all of the finest qualities of Coach Bill Mallory back to the IU Football program. As I talk to my teammates from the Mallory Era, I can assure you that they are 100 percent in enthusiastic approval of Bill Lynch as our head football coach. I am confident he can add to our success in 2007 and start a run of bowl games that we enjoyed under Coach Mallory.” -Anthony Thompson, Indiana’s career rushing leader (1986-89)

“Coach Lynch is the perfect selection for Indiana. He has all the ingredients a successful head coach needs. Bill has the unquestioned integrity to lead the Hoosiers forward to being very, very successful. He already has one ingredient from that list - BEATING PURDUE!” -Lee Corso, former Indiana head coach (1973-82) and ESPN College GameDay studio analyst

“Coach Lynch did an unbelievable job given the circumstances we had to deal with my senior season. He kept the team together through the toughest times we ever faced and brought us even closer together not only as a team, but more importantly as a family. I am more than grateful to have Coach Lynch as Indiana’s head coach and as its leader. No one deserved the head coaching position more than he did and Coach Lynch was my Coach of the Year in 2007.” -Tracy Porter, former Hoosier cornerback (2004-07) and 2008 second-round draft pick by the New Orleans Saints

“Coach Lynch did a wonderful job leading this program to success. We were very fortunate to have a man like Coach Lynch take over the team under the circumstances he faced. I know he’ll do a great job leading all of his players to become not only the best players they can be on the field but also the best men they can be off it.” -James Hardy, former Hoosier wide receiver (2005-07) and 2008 second-round draft pick by the Buffalo Bills

“There’s no better person to lead Indiana’s football program than Bill Lynch. I have known Bill and his family since our days carpooling to work as assistants for the USFL Orlando Renegades. Even back then, he held all the qualities to be a successful head coach. Bill’s dedication to developing young men into quality football players and even better people makes him a coach that I would love my own sons to play for.” -Steve Mariucci, former head coach and current NFL Network analyst

“Bill Lynch did a tremendous job in guiding Indiana to a bowl game in 2007 under very difficult circumstances. He is a good leader and I expect IU to continue to compete consistently in the Big Ten Conference. In 2007, when everyone’s goal was to honor Coach Hep’s vision by “playing 13,” it was Bill Lynch that made the team understand that just getting six wins was no guarantee of playing in the postseason, and not to limit their dreams by accomplishing only the minimum. Turned out the Coach was prescient...Seven wins were needed and IU achieved their goals, mainly because Bill Lynch could see, and got the program to see the big picture.” -Charles Davis, lead analyst for the Big Ten Network and the BCS

“Bill was a great football coach, a motivator, a teacher, but above all else, just a great person and great man. I’m proud to have played my college football under his direction.” -Brad Maynard, current Chicago Bears and former Ball State punter (1993-96)
What does the North End Zone facility do for IU Football?
“The North End Zone facility shows a great commitment to Indiana Football. It certainly shows a great commitment to our current players, who are going to be able to enjoy the facility beginning this fall. It also shows our recruits Indiana University is committed to football.
“On a day-to-day basis, the weight room is such a critical part of the development of any student-athlete. Our players take such great pride in the work they do in the weight room. Although our current weight room has been good, we have not been able to get our entire team in there at one time. With this new facility, we will not only be able to get our entire team in there at the same time, but there is space for other athletic teams as well.
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What would you like kids to know about Indiana football?
“I had the opportunity to work for Bill Mallory and learned so much from him. I’ve also been fortunate enough to work for former head coach Lee Corso and, of course, Terry Hoeppner. Indiana University has had great coaches and great players through the years. I believe in this university and look forward to building the program where we are competing for a Big Ten championship year in and year out.”

What does the 125th year of IU Football mean to the team?
“Just thinking about all the great coaches and players that have come through Bloomington the past 125 years is impressive. Our players have a great feel for that sense of history and those coaches and players. We look forward to celebrating that history this season.”

You made over 70 public appearances during the offseason.
“It has been great since the beginning of 2009 to get out and visit with our students, alumni and fans. We have had a tremendous reception from student groups on campus to supporters around the state. It is always great to see the passion our fans have for Indiana Football.”

Why did you add the pistol formation to the offense?
“Going into spring practice we wanted to be a more multiple offensive football team. We wanted to fit the personnel we had and wanted to get into some more multiple sets. The pistol encompasses the shotgun formation we are accustomed to and also gives us the opportunity to run the ball downhill and get some good play-action passes off of it. It will be a part of our offense along with the spread, and it makes us more multiple and fits the personnel we have heading into the 2009 season.”

What is your coaching philosophy?
“We want to develop each player to his fullest potential - both physically and mentally. We want to coach our players like they are our own sons. That includes positive reinforcement, developing a great work ethic and at times, some tough love. We want each player leaving our program feeling like they are a better person for playing at Indiana.
“One of the important things we preach as a coaching staff is the team concept. The good of the team is more important than the wants of an individual. We hope to develop our players on the playing field and in the classroom and want to educate them to make good decisions as it relates to their overall development as a person.”

How important is it to keep kids in the state of Indiana?
“It is extremely important to keep Indiana kids in the state. All programs have a recruiting base and ours is the state of Indiana. I’ve played high school football, college football and coached in the state for over 30 years, and I’ve seen great improvement in high school football throughout the years. There is excellent coaching and outstanding players throughout the state. We will to continue to build this program with Indiana kids who dream of playing for the Hoosiers.”

What stands out about this coaching staff?
“We have an outstanding staff and have been fortunate to maintain continuity over the past four years. This staff is very loyal and hard working. They are excellent teachers of the game and care about their players’ overall development. They are tireless recruiters and represent our program with class and integrity.”

What is the program’s value of academics?
“Our No. 1 program goal is to graduate our players. Beyond a degree itself, we want our players to have a meaningful college experience. The college years are a great time for growth in a person’s life. We want our players leaving here feeling they had the best times of their lives. Indiana University is a great school that provides all the necessary resources for the rest of your life.”

What would you like the program to be known for?
“First and foremost, we want to be known for graduating student-athletes who graduate, represent IU in a first-class manner and compete for Big Ten championships. If people look at our football program and see those three things, they will be proud of Indiana University Football.”
Denise Springer is in his first season as assistant head coach and his second year at Indiana. He joined the Hoosier staff as running backs coach and co-special teams coordinator on February 14, 2008.

Under Springer’s guidance in 2008, the Hoosiers rushed for 2,003 yards, which ranked sixth in the Big Ten, averaged 4.5 yards per carry and carded 19 rushing scores, their best numbers since 2001 (5.5, 33). The team rushed for over 250 yards four times with a season-best 297 yards in the season-opening win over Western Kentucky.

Senior running back Marcus Thigpen was named the team’s offensive player of the year in 2008. He led the team with 631 rushing yards, 6.7 yards per carry, seven rushing touchdowns and 94 rushes. Thigpen also rushed for over 100 yards three times. In addition to Thigpen, junior Bryan Payton rushed for 339 yards and averaged 4.3 yards per carry, while junior Demetricus McCray added 214 yards.

McCray and Thigpen finished eighth and ninth, respectively, in kick return average in the Big Ten. Meanwhile, redshirt freshman punter Chris Hagerup received honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition from the conference media and Sporting News, Rivals.com and Phil Steele Magazine.

Hagerup finished the season with an average of 42.4 yards on 61 punts, the seventh-best single-season average in school history. He ranked third in the Big Ten and 22nd nationally with his average, which was the third best by a freshman in the country.

Springer, a Fort Wayne, Ind., native and a Northrop High School graduate, spent the 2007 season as the Western Kentucky assistant head coach/defense/defensive backs coach. The Hilltoppers finished the season with a 7-5 record, allowing 20.8 points per game and 319.6 yards of total offense. WKU forced 29 turnovers, including 20 interceptions, and held five opponents under 14 points with one shutout.

Prior to his stint at Western Kentucky, Springer spent four years at Bowling Green and was on the staff at Ball State for 10 years as both a full-time and graduate assistant. Springer was the defensive safeties coach at BGSU in 2006 after serving as the Falcons’ running backs coach during the three previous campaigns. With Bowling Green, he coached in two bowl games and the Falcons were nationally ranked from 2003-05.

Springer’s running backs averaged 2,117 yards in his three seasons, including a 2,750-yard total in 2003. He coached former Falcon running back and former NFLer P.J. Pope to back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 2003 (1,005) and 2004 (1,098). Pope averaged 5.3 yards per carry and scored 10 times in 2003 and increased those numbers to 6.2 yards per carry and 15 touchdowns the following season.

His responsibilities also included developing and implementing practice and gameday strategies, recruiting and serving as the coordinator of team community service projects. Bowling Green compiled an 11-3 record in 2003, claimed the Mid-American Conference West Division crown with a 7-1 conference mark and earned a 28-24 victory over Northwestern in the Motor City Bowl. The following season the Falcons collected a 52-35 win over Memphis in the 2004 GMC Bowl en route to a 9-3 finish. Bowling Green also won the 2005 MAC East Division title.

At Ball State, Springer spent the 1993 and 1994 seasons as a graduate assistant before spending the next eight years as an assistant coach under Bill Lynch. He assisted with gameday and practice planning and recruiting while serving as the liaison for both the Student Athletic Advisory Board and the strength and conditioning staff.

Springer coached defensive backs his final two years in Muncie, also working with outside linebackers for two seasons and wide receivers for four. The Cardinals earned a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl in 1993 and 1996.

He earned his undergraduate degree in secondary education from Butler in 1993 after helping lead the Bulldogs to three conference championships, serving as captain during the 1991 season. Springer played for Lynch in 1988 and 1989 and earned three letters with the Bulldogs.

Denis and his wife, Nicole, have two daughters, Sophia (3), and Sydney (infant).
MATT CANADA

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
SIXTH YEAR AT INDIANA • FIFTH YEAR AS COORDINATOR • 16TH YEAR AS COLLEGE COACH

Matt Canada is in his third season as Indiana’s offensive coordinator. He is in his sixth year on the IU staff, where he has overseen the Hoosiers’ quarterbacks each season and served as passing game coordinator during the 2005 and 2006 campaigns.

Coming off one of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history in 2007, 11 starters missed at least one start (14 total) due to injury in 2008. The Hoosiers used four quarterbacks, nine offensive linemen and seven different lineups on the offensive line.

Despite the setbacks, Indiana broke the 2,000-yard rushing mark (2,003 yards - sixth in the Big Ten) for the second straight year, the first time since 2000 and 2001 an IU team produced back-to-back 2,000-yard rushing seasons. Indiana averaged 4.5 yards per carry and carded 19 rushing scores, the team’s best numbers since the 2001 campaign (5.5, 33).

Quarterbacks Kellen Lewis (1,131) and Ben Chappell (1,001) both produced 1,000-yard seasons. Lewis added 500 rushing yards, as he appeared in 10 games with nine starts. Chappell saw time in 11 contests with three starting nods.

Lewis joined Antwaan Randle El as the only QBs in IU lore to reach 40 passing touchdowns, 6,250 passing yards, 8,000 total yards, 525 completions and 975 attempts in a career. He became the third quarterback at IU to reach 6,250 career passing yards and the second player to collect 8,000 total yards and holds 16 major school quarterback records, including eight career and eight single-season marks.

In addition, Lewis sits atop IU’s career list with 48 passing touchdowns, third with 6,395 passing yards, second with 8,072 total yards, first with 565 completions, third with 981 attempts and second in completion percentage at 57.6.

During the 2007 season, the Hoosiers set a school record with 412 points and finished second in IU history with 31.7 points per game. The Hoosiers increased their scoring offense (31.7-23.1), pass offense (236.4-222.1), rush offense (157.4-113.8) and total offense (393.8-335.9) from their 2006 totals. Indiana ended 2007 third in the league in scoring and fourth in passing offense.

Lewis set single-season school records for passing yards (3,043), passing TDs (28) and total yards (3,779). Wide receiver James Hardy, who was selected in the second round (41st pick) of the 2008 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills, set new school marks with his 16 receiving touchdowns and 79 receptions. Hardy finished his career as the school’s all-time receiving yardage, receptions and touchdowns leader.

In 2006, Canada saw Lewis post 2,662 total yards of offense, the fifth-highest single-season output in school history, behind only former NFL quarterback Trent Green and current Washington Redskins Antwaan Randle El. Lewis finished 21st in the nation in total yards per game.

Canada oversaw a passing attack in 2005 that threw a then school-record 24 touchdown passes, as Blake Powers set a Hoosier mark with 22 scores. Powers’ 212 completions and 376 attempts rank second in IU history. Canada spent the 2004 season as Indiana’s quarterbacks coach. Under his direction, Indiana went from 11th to fifth in the Big Ten in passing efficiency and from 10th to fourth in scoring offense. In addition, the total sacks against the Hoosiers decreased from 40 to 27.

He returned to Bloomington after spending six years at Northern Illinois, where he served as the running backs coach (1998-2000), quarterbacks coach (2001-02) and offensive coordinator (2003). The Huskies enjoyed one of the most prolific seasons in school history in 2003, finishing among the top 30 in the nation in both major weekly polls. NIU climbed as high as No. 12 in the AP rankings and No. 10 in the Bowl Championship Series Poll with wins over Alabama, Maryland and Iowa State.

NIU ranked among the top 30 teams in the nation in scoring offense (32.2 ppg) and passing efficiency (140.0), as running back Michael Turner, who is currently with the Atlanta Falcons, was named an Associated Press second team All-American. Canada coached three 1,000-yard rushers during his six years in DeKalb in William Andrews, Thomas Hammock and Turner, as Turner closed his senior season ranked among the top five in the nation in rushing (137.3 ypg) and all-purpose yards (161.4).

Canada began his coaching career as a student assistant (1992-93) and graduate assistant (1994-95) at Indiana. He helped the Hoosiers to the 1993 Independence Bowl. The New Palestine, Ind., native made his full-time coaching debut in 1996 at Butler, where he oversaw the quarterbacks and wide receivers before moving up to offensive coordinator in 1997. Under Canada’s leadership, the Bulldogs improved from last to second in the Pioneer Football League passing statistics (98.1 ypg to 211.8).

A three-year letterwinner in football and basketball at New Palestine (Ind.) High School, Matt and his wife, Michelle, have one daughter, Tori (11), and one son, Chris (9).
Kyle Conner is in his third year as the Hoosiers’ tight ends coach. He will also serve as the assistant offensive line coach in 2009. Conner spent the 2006 campaign, his first with Indiana, as an offensive quality control coach, before earning a promotion to assistant coach prior to the 2007 season.

The tight ends are a crucial part of the Hoosier rushing attack. Indiana broke the 2,000-yard rushing mark (2,003 yards - sixth in the Big Ten) for the second straight year in 2008, the first time since 2000 and 2001 an IU team produced back-to-back 2,000-yard rushing seasons. IU averaged 4.5 yards per carry and carded 19 rushing scores, its best numbers since 2001 (5.5, 33). The team rushed for over 250 yards four times with a season-best 297 yards in the season-opening win over Western Kentucky.

Indiana averaged 157.4 yards per game in 2007 and went over 100 yards nine times and over 200 yards five times. The tight ends also played critical blocking roles on special teams, helping the field goal and extra point units put together the finest season in school history. Kicker Austin Starr, holder Dustin Hass and long snapper Tim Bugg went 21-for-23 on field goals and a perfect 49-for-49 on extra points. Starr was one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award.

In 2006, the Hoosiers scored their most points (277) since 2001. Indiana averaged 23.1 points, 335.9 yards and 222.1 passing yards per game. The Hoosiers scored over 30 points three times and at least 24 points on seven occasions.

Conner came to Bloomington following nearly a decade at Butler. He spent the 2005 season as the co-offensive coordinator after serving as the school’s tight ends coach in 2002 and the wide receivers coach in 2003 and 2004.

A two-time all-conference wide receiver with the Bulldogs (1999-00), Conner finished his career in third place on Butler's all-time pass receptions list (124). He owns the second-highest single-season receptions total (63 in 2000) in Butler history and the third-highest single-season receiving yardage total (876 in 2000). He set a Bulldog single-game record with 260 receiving yards against San Diego as a senior, and he finished his career with Butler’s fourth-highest all-time receiving yardage total (1,801).

Conner earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Butler in 2001. Kyle and his wife, Angela, have one son, Kyle II (2), and one daughter, Ava (infant).
Brian George is in his fifth season as the Hoosiers’ co-defensive coordinator and his first year as defensive tackles coach. He shares defensive coordinator duties with secondary coach Joe Palcic. George served as the team’s defensive line coach from 2005-08.

Under George’s tutelage, the Hoosiers set the school record with 42 sacks in 2007 and the fourth-highest total with 31 sacks in 2008 - the top two-year total in IU history.

For the second straight season, one of George’s charges was named a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award in 2008. Junior Jammie Kirlew finished the season with 10.5 sacks and 19.5 tackles for loss, each ranking fourth on Indiana’s single-season list. He ended the year second in the Big Ten and tied for 14th nationally in sacks and third in the league and sixth nationally in tackles for loss.

Indiana’s defense was ravaged by injury with six starters missing a combined 27 games, including season-ending injuries to senior cornerback Christopher Phillips (nine games) and junior safeties Austin Thomas (seven) and Nick Polk (five). Despite the injuries, the Hoosiers still finished fifth in the league with 31 sacks and sixth in the league in tackles for loss.

Indiana’s offense was ranked among the Leaders in both rushing and scoring defense. MU allowed just 23.42 points per game on the ground (second in the MAC and 17th in the nation) and 23.42 points per game (third in the league).

In 12 regular season games, the Miami defense allowed just five first downs in 17 third-and-one situations, including stopping Michigan on all three of its third-and-one plays. Overall, Miami opponents converted just 34 percent of their third down opportunities.

After spending two years helping coach Miami’s offense, George made a smooth transition to defense, coaching the defensive line. In three years with the line, Miami’s sack total steadily increased each year, culminating with a three-year high of 45 sacks in 2003.

As a graduate assistant at Miami (1998-99), he worked with the offensive line and special teams and assisted with Miami’s 1999 running back corps, which featured the MAC’s all-time leading rusher and former NFLer Travis Prentice. George received his master’s degree in education leadership from Miami in May 2001.

George started and lettered four years as a fullback at Ohio University. He was named Ohio’s Scholar-Athlete his senior year. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in special education in 1994, George taught and coached running backs at Pickerington High School in Pickerington, Ohio, for three years before joining Miami’s football program in 1998.

He is a 1990 graduate of Graham High School in St. Paris, Ohio. George was a prep all-conference performer in football, basketball and track.

Brian and his wife, Jasa, have one son, A.J. (5), and one daughter, Maren (2).
Bobby Johnson is in his fifth season as the Hoosiers’ offensive line coach. During Johnson’s tenure, the team has posted some of the top offensive numbers in school history.

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What makes these numbers more impressive is the shuffling that took place on the line due to injuries. The Hoosiers used seven different starting lineups and nine total players, including three players receiving their first career action.

Johnson’s leadership helped the 2007 offensive line put together one of the best seasons in recent memory, as IU posted 157.4 yards per game on the ground and 393.8 yards of total offense, the highest averages in each category since the 2001 campaign. Indiana improved its rush total from the 2006 season by 43.6 yards per ballgame. The IU rushing attack went over 100 yards nine times and over 200 yards on five occasions.

Guard John Sandberg earned All-Big Ten honorable mention from the coaches for his role in the offense’s success, while true sophomores Pete Saxon and Rodger Saffold started every game on the left side of the line.

During the 2006 season, Johnson worked with the “seven blocks of limestone” — the nickname given to the seven incoming freshmen on the offensive line — and saw two of them (Saxon and Saffold) earn multiple starts for the Hoosiers. In 2005, Johnson worked with current Cleveland Brown Isaac Sowells, who participated in the East-West Shrine Game in San Antonio and later became a fourth-round draft pick by Cleveland.

Johnson, who was one of five assistant coaches who came to Indiana from Miami (Ohio), played an integral role in the RedHawks’ balanced offense in 2004, as Miami averaged 125.2 yards per game on the ground and 282.8 yards through the air. During Johnson’s five-year tenure, MU was 36-5 when it outrushed the opposition. Johnson worked with eventual NFL draft picks Jacob Bell (fifth round, Tennessee Titans, 2004) and Alex Sulfsted (sixth round, Kansas City Chiefs, 2001) and free-agent signees Matt Brandt (Detroit Lions, 2004) and Ben Herrell (Carolina Panthers, 2004).

A former Miami offensive tackle who returned to his alma mater in 1999, Johnson spent four years at the University of Akron, two as a graduate assistant (1995-96) and two as the Zips’ defensive line coach (1997-98). From 1999-2003, Johnson served as Miami’s tight ends coach.

During his playing career, Johnson was a three-year starter on the offensive line from 1992-94. In his sophomore and junior seasons, Miami finished 6-4-1 overall and 5-3 in the MAC. Johnson played an integral blocking role for Deland McCullough for three years. McCullough, a two-time first team All-MAC selection, broke the league’s all-time rushing mark and currently ranks second on the MAC and Miami charts behind Travis Prentice.

Upon graduating from Miami with a degree in health appraisal and sport organization in 1995, Johnson signed on as a graduate assistant with the Akron football staff.

During his two years as a graduate assistant, Johnson assisted with a defensive line that included current Miami Dolphins standout Jason Taylor. Johnson was named the Zips’ defensive line coach in 1997.

Johnson was a standout at Akron Hoban High School, where he was honored as Ohio’s UPI Division III Lineman of the Year in 1991. He earned first team All-Ohio, first team all-district, All-Summit County, all-city and all-scholastic recognition. Johnson also lettered as a member of Hoban’s track team.

Bobby and his wife, Kristen, have two daughters, Madilyn (10), and Olivia (7).
Billy Lynch is in his fifth season as Indiana’s wide receivers coach. The 2008 corps, led by juniors Ray Fisher and Andrew Means, saw four receivers reach 25 receptions and post over 275 yards. It also featured one of the top true freshman duos in IU history - Damarlo Belcher and Tandon Doss.

Fisher and Means, who signed a professional baseball contract with the Cincinnati Reds in 2008, became the 13th and 14th Hoosiers, respectively, to go over 100 career receptions and 1,000 career yards in 2008, joining James Hardy as the second and third wideouts under Lynch to enter the elite club. Means also earned a spot on the Biletnikoff Award Watch List, the third straight year a Hoosier appeared on the list (Hardy - 2006, 2007).

Belcher (25 catches, 337 yards and two touchdowns) and Doss (14, 186, one) combined for the second-highest receiving yardage total by a true freshman duo in school history. Among Hoosier true freshmen, Belcher’s 25 receptions and 337 yards rank third all-time.

Doss hauled in a career-high eight passes for a team season-high 107 yards and a TD in the Hoosiers’ win over No. 22 (BCS) Northwestern. He became the first true freshman since O.J. Conner in 1997 to go over 100 receiving yards. Doss also became the third true freshman (fourth time) in IU history to record a 100-yard receiving game (Ernie Jones, twice; Conner) and the sixth freshman (10th time) to reach the 100-yard mark (Hardy, five times; Jones, twice; Levron Williams; Conner). Along with Belcher (82 yards), they set an Indiana true freshmen record with 189 yards against NU.

The 2007 season saw Lynch’s wide receivers re-write the IU record books, as they recorded a school-record 3,073 yards. Hardy, who was selected in the second round (41st pick) of the NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills following his junior campaign, set new school marks with 16 receiving TDs and 79 catches. Hardy finished his career as the school’s all-time receiving yardage (2,740), receptions (191) and receiving touchdowns (36) leader. He was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, named All-America by five publications and selected first team All-Big Ten.

But the 2007 group was more than just Hardy, as Fisher and Means each finished with over 45 catches and 450 yards. Fisher wrapped up the season with 52 grabs for 482 yards and four touchdowns, while Means posted 559 yards and converted 28 first downs on his 48 catches (58.3 percent).

Led by Hardy, the 2006 Hoosiers finished third in the Big Ten in receiving yards per game. Hardy was a second team all-conference selection after leading the team with 51 catches, 722 yards, and 10 touchdowns. Six different Hoosier wideouts caught 20 passes and went over 200 yards, with five of those six being underclassmen.

In 2005, Lynch tutored Hardy to one of the most prolific debut seasons IU has seen at wide receiver. Hardy finished with 61 receptions (third in school history), 10 touchdowns (tied for third all-time) and 893 yards (sixth all-time). In addition, his five 100-yard games were tied for the second most in a season in school history.

Additionally, Hardy finished first in the Big Ten and 23rd nationally with 89.3 yards per game and fourth in the conference and 29th in the nation with 6.1 receptions per game. His 10 touchdowns ranked fifth among all freshmen nationally, and he became the first IU receiver since Jones (1987) to catch at least one touchdown in seven of his first eight games.

Lynch was instrumental in developing a receiving corps featuring one true freshman (Brandon Walker-Roby) and three redshirt freshmen (Hardy, James Bailey and Marcus Thigpen). The quartet, along with junior Jahkeen Gilmore, accounted for 20 of the club’s 24 receiving touchdowns.

One of five assistant coaches that came from Miami (Ohio) to Indiana, Lynch was the RedHawks’ tight ends coach in 2004 and offensive graduate assistant in 2002-03. During his tenure in Oxford, Lynch assisted with a potent offense that led the nation at 43.0 points per game in 2003.

He spent his undergraduate years as a wide receiver and three-year letterwinner at Ball State University, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education in 2002. He led the Cardinals with 40 receptions his senior year. He also lettered three years in basketball, including the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons for then-BSU head coach and current Indiana assistant basketball coach Tim Buckley.

Billy and his wife, Carla, reside in Bloomington with one daughter, Lindsey (3), and two sons, Max (2), and Ryan (1).
Joe Palcic is in his fifth season as the Hoosiers’ co-defensive coordinator and his first year as secondary coach. He shares defensive coordinator duties with defensive tackles coach Brian George. Palcic served as the team’s cornerbacks coach from 2005-08.

Indiana’s defense was ravaged by injury with six starters missing a combined 27 games, including season-ending injuries to senior cornerback Christopher Phillips (nine games) and junior safeties Austin Thomas (seven) and Nick Polk (five).

Despite the injuries, the Hoosiers still finished fifth in the league with 31 sacks, the fourth-highest total in school history, and sixth in the league in turnover margin (plus-1).

Junior defensive end Jammie Kirlew was one of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award and was voted first team All-Big Ten by the conference media and second team by the league’s coaches. He finished 2008 with 10.5 sacks and 19.5 tackles for loss, both ranked fourth on Indiana’s single-season list.

The team set a new school record for sacks (42) and also posted a conference-leading 19 interceptions and 31 takeaways in 2007. Senior cornerback Tracy Porter set a new personal mark for interceptions and 31 takeaways in 2007. Senior linebacker Mark Simoneau.

Both of Palcic’s starting cornerbacks reached the NFL ranks following the season. Porter was selected in the second round (40th pick) in the 2008 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints, while Majors signed a three-year rookie free agent deal with the Chicago Bears. Four of the last five cornerbacks who have started for Palcic and graduated (Porter, Majors, Alphonso Hodge and Darrell Hunter) have all moved on to the NFL.

Palcic’s 2006 defense showed significant improvement, led by Porter, who earned second team All-Big Ten honors after posting four interceptions and eight passes broken up. Porter and safety Will Meyers helped the Hoosiers collect 13 interceptions on the season, the fifth-highest total in the Big Ten.

Four starters from Indiana’s 2005 defensive unit – linebackers Kyle Killon (Indianapolis Colts free agent) and John Panuzzo (Atlanta Falcons free agent) and defensive ends Ben Ishola (Miami Dolphins free agent) and Victor Adeyanju (St. Louis Rams fourth-round draft pick) – participated in NFL training camps in 2006. Adeyanju is currently with the Rams, while Ishola is with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Prior to coming to Indiana, Palcic and George also served as co-defensive coordinators at Miami (Ohio). The duo spearheaded a defensive effort that saw the RedHawks hold 13 of their last 26 opponents under 100 yards rushing, including seven under 50 yards. In regular-season conference play, Miami held opponents to 77.5 yards rushing per game, including a season-low nine yards rushing against Ohio.

A former Miami linebacker, Palcic coached the RedHawk linebackers in his first season as a full-time assistant (1999), which was highlighted by Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year Dustin Cohen.

After Palcic switched to defensive backs coach in 2001, junior safety Matt Pusateri was named third team Freshman All-America by Sporting News that season and led Miami in tackles his last two years. In a big-play defense that forced 33 turnovers in 2004, 10 came via interception by the secondary. He also mentored Hodge, who was invited to play in the 2005 Senior Bowl and played for the Cincinnati Bengals and Hunter, who played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Palcic played three years for Miami’s linebacking corps, and upon receiving his degree in sociology from Miami in 1998, Palcic served as a graduate assistant at Eastern Michigan for one season, where he worked with the offensive line.

The Palcic name is well-known in the football coaching ranks as Palcic’s father, Bob, has served as an assistant coach with Arizona, Ball State, Ohio State, USC, Wisconsin, the Atlanta Falcons, the Detroit Lions, the Cleveland Browns, the New Orleans Saints and is currently the offensive line coach at UCLA.

Palcic’s brother-in-law is New Orleans Saints offensive line coach at UCLA.

Joe and his wife, Courtney, have one son, Nicholas (2), and one daughter, Gabrielle (infant).
George Ricumstrict is in his fifth season as IU’s co-special teams coordinator and his first season as defensive ends coach. He served as Indiana’s linebackers coach from 2005-08.

Ricumstrict’s linebackers were one of the deepest and most talented groups on the team last season as evidenced by the play of juniors Matt Mayberry and Wil Patterson. Mayberry led the team and finished 10th in the Big Ten with 83 tackles. He became the first member of the front seven to lead the Hoosiers in tackles since 2005 (Kyle Killion). He also finished second with five sacks and shared second with 8.5 tackles for loss.

Patterson was named captain prior to the 2008 campaign and finished fourth on the team with 55 tackles despite missing nearly three games due to injury. He also posted 8.5 tackles for loss and is second on the team since the 2006 season with 200 total tackles and leads the way with 127 solos.

Filling in for the injured Patterson, sophomore Tyler Replogle finished the year with 26 tackles over the last two Saturdays, including 19 in the season finale against Purdue.

In 2008, junior Demetrius McCray and senior Marcus Thigpen finished eighth and ninth, respectively, in kick return average in the Big Ten. Meanwhile, redshirt freshman punter Chris Hagerup received honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition from the conference media and Sporting News, Rivals.com and Phil Steele Magazine Freshman All-American second team honors. Hagerup finished the season with an average of 42.4 yards on 61 punts, the seventh-best single-season average in school history. He ranked third in the Big Ten and 22nd nationally with his average, which was the third best by a freshman in the country.

The 2007 season was an outstanding one for Indiana’s group of line backers, as Patterson (104) and senior Adam McClurg (99) each nearly reached the century mark in tackles. McClurg also finished third on the team with 11.5 tackles for loss, while Patterson forced and recovered three fumbles. Patterson finished 11th in the Big Ten in tackles, second in fumbles recovered and seventh in fumbles forced.

Ricumstrict’s special teams unit also put together an outstanding season. The field goal team, led by kicker Austin Starr, holder Dustin Hass and long snapper Tim Bugg went 21-for-23 and saw Starr earn a spot as a finalist for the Lou Groza Award. Additionally, the punt return team finished second in the conference (11.0) and the kickoff return squad finished fifth (22.2), as IU was tops in the conference in combined return average. Indiana was the lone team in the Big Ten with two kick returners in the top 10, as James Bailey averaged 25.3 (fourth) and Thigpen added 22.9 (eighth).

Ricumstrict saw significant development from his linebackers in 2006, as McClurg (59 tackles, 5.5 for loss) and Gino Johnson (52 tackles, 34 solo) posted career years, while Patterson posted 41 tackles, 4.5 for loss, an route to earning Sporting News Freshman All-America recognition.

Ricumstrict’s 2006 special teams unit totaled five touchdowns — three on kick returns by Thigpen, one on a punt return by Tracy Porter and one on a fumble recovery. Thigpen led the nation with a 30.1 kick return average and his three touchdowns. The special teams unit also held opponents to less than 20 yards per kickoff return (19.1).

In his first season with the Hoosiers, Ricumstrict coached honorable mention all-league selection Kyle Killion and converted fullback John Pannozzo. Killion signed a rookie free-agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts, and Pannozzo signed as a rookie free agent with the Atlanta Falcons following the 2005 campaign.

Ricumstrict spent the 2004 season as the linebackers coach at Miami (Ohio) and was one of five coaches to come to Bloomington from Oxford. Ricumstrict tutored first team all-league linebacker Terna Nande, who was a 2006 fifth-round selection of the Houston Texans.

Prior to MU, Ricumstrict spent four years as the linebackers and special teams coach in Mount Pleasant, Mich., at Central Michigan. During Ricumstrict’s tenure at CMU, the Chippewas’ special teams posted many notable accomplishments, including a school-record nine blocked kicks in 2001.

Before his stop at Central Michigan, Ricumstrict was an assistant at Missouri Southern (1998-99) and Army (1997) after spending time as a graduate assistant at Michigan State (1996). He also served as an assistant at Wayne State (1995) and started his career as an assistant coach at Northwood University (1993-94).

He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1990 and his master’s in 1992, both from Central Michigan University, after playing four years of football for the Chippewas. He collected team MVP and second team All-MAC plaudits in 1988.

George and his wife, Sandy, have two sons, Obie (11), and Anton (7).
MIKE YEAGER
LINEBACKERS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR
FOURTH YEAR AT INDIANA • 10TH YEAR AS COLLEGE COACH

Mike Yeager is in his fourth year at Indiana and his first season as linebackers coach. Yeager served as the team’s safeties coach from 2008-08. He is also in his fourth year as IU’s recruiting coordinator. Yeager served as a defensive graduate assistant in 2005 before earning a promotion to assistant coach prior to the 2006 campaign.

He is no stranger to linebacker, a position where he earned three letters at Miami (Ohio). His safeties battled through an injury-plagued 2008, as starters Austin Thomas (seven) and Nick Polk (five) missed a combined 12 games. The duo still managed to make its mark. Polk finished with 52 tackles, two forced fumbles and a 31-yard touchdown recovery. Thomas added 41 stops with two interceptions - in the team’s win over 22nd-ranked (BCS) Northwestern - and one forced fumble.

Along with Polk and Thomas, Joe Kleinsmith closed 2008 third on the team with 56 tackles and Brandon Mosley posted 43 stops with one interception, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Each member of the quartet finished in the top 10 on the Hoosiers in tackles.

In 2007, Thomas and Polk showed what they could do with a clean bill of health. Thomas, who earned honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition, emerged as one of the top safeties in the conference. He led the squad with 112 tackles on the year, the most since John Kerr’s 114 in 2002. Thomas finished fifth in Big Ten games only with 10.2 tackles per game and eighth in all games with 8.6 each time out.

Polk, who switched to the position from wide receiver in the spring, finished fifth on the team with 74 tackles to go along with two interceptions, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, 2.5 tackles for loss and five pass breakups.

Safeties Will Meyers and Troy Grosfield posted career years in 2006. Meyers led the team with five interceptions and 78 tackles, while Grosfield finished second with 63 tackles. In his debut season, Thomas finished sixth on the team with 49 tackles, 35 solo, and tied for the team lead with two forced fumbles.

In addition to working with a secondary that led the Big Ten Conference in pass defense (202.5 yards per game) in 2005, Yeager coordinated all film breakdown of opposing offenses. He also was involved with recruiting efforts in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

Prior to his arrival at IU, Yeager spent five years as an assistant coach at The College of Wooster. He started as the Scots’ wide receivers coach in 2000-01 before moving to special teams coordinator/defensive backs coach in 2002 and defensive coordinator in 2003-04. Yeager was instrumental in helping Wooster to the 2004 North Coast Athletic Conference title (its first outright league crown since 1934) and the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Yeager, a Cincinnati native, attended Miami from 1995-99. During his career, the RedHawks posted victories at Northwestern (twice), North Carolina and Virginia Tech, and as a senior, he was third on the team with 116 tackles and tied for the team lead with three interceptions.

A 1999 Miami (Ohio) University graduate, Yeager owns a bachelor’s degree in sport organization. Mike and his wife, Katrin, reside in Bloomington.
HAROLD MAURO
Director of Football Operations

Harold Mauro, who has participated in every Indiana bowl game as either a player, assistant coach or administrator, is in his fifth season as Indiana’s director of football operations. Mauro was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame on June 23, 2007.

Prior to joining the football staff in January 2005, Mauro spent 22 years as a senior associate athletics director at Indiana, where he supervised the athletic department’s support services and served as a sport administrator. As director of football operations, Mauro is responsible for most day-to-day aspects of the program, including travel and budget management. He is involved in every non-coaching aspect of the program.

A native of Verona, Pa., Mauro was a linebacker on the 1964 and 1965 Indiana football teams before missing the 1966 campaign due to injury. Prior to the 1966 season, Mauro was moved from linebacker to center, and he was the starting center on Indiana’s 1967 Rose Bowl team.

After earning his bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1968, Mauro served as an Indiana graduate assistant that season before moving on to University High School in Bloomington as an assistant coach in 1969 and 1970. He returned to IU as an assistant freshman coach in 1971 before moving up to the varsity staff in 1972. He followed his college coach, John Pont, to Northwestern for four years before returning to IU and head coach Lee Corso in 1977 as the guards and centers coach. After four years in that capacity, he served as the offensive coordinator in 1982.

In addition to the 1967 Rose Bowl team, Mauro was an assistant coach on Indiana’s 1979 Holiday Bowl Championship squad and was an administrator for the 1986 All-American Bowl, 1988 Peach Bowl, 1988 Liberty Bowl, 1990 Peach Bowl, 1991 Copper Bowl and 1993 Independence Bowl teams. He added the Insight Bowl to his resume in 2007.

Mauro earned his master’s degree from Indiana University in health and safety in 1969 and was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Allegheny-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame in May 1993.

Harold and his wife, Joy, are the parents of two daughters, Heather and Megan, both of whom are IU graduates. Heather received a bachelor’s degree in business in 1996, and Megan received a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology in 2003.

MARK WATESKA
Assistant AD - Strength & Conditioning

Mark Wateska joined the Indiana Department of Athletics from Stanford University in April 2002 and is in his eighth year with the IU football program. He was promoted to assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning on April 15, 2009.

Wateska has nearly 25 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics as both a player and strength coach. He is not new to the Big Ten as he played football at Penn State. He participated in three bowl games, two of which were for the national championship (1985 Orange, 1986 Fiesta). As a coach, he has been involved in seven additional bowls, including the 2007 Insight Bowl.

He joined the staff at Stanford in 1985, where he spent seven years as the school’s head strength and conditioning coach. That same year he was named the 1995-96 Pac-10 Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

At Stanford, he was directly responsible for the Cardinal football program and oversaw the development and implementation of the strength and conditioning programs for all of Stanford’s 33 varsity sports.

He began his career as a graduate assistant at Penn State University, where he received his master’s degree in exercise and sports science.

The next stop for Wateska was at Boston College, where he spent four years as the assistant strength and conditioning coach.

He moved north to the University of Maine and became the school’s first head strength and conditioning coach.

Wateska was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mark and his wife, Kim, reside in Bloomington with their two daughters, Julia (9) and Cameron (5).

MARK DEAL
Associate Director of Football Operations

Mark Deal is in his second year as Indiana’s associate director of football operations. Deal, who came over to the football program after serving as an assistant director of development with IU’s Varsity Club, played (1975-78) and coached (1979, 1996-99) for the Hoosiers.

Deal played center from 1975-78 and was coached by current Hoosier director of football operations Harold Mauro. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at IU in 1979 under head coach Lee Corso. The 1979 squad finished with an 8-4 record, including a Holiday Bowl victory over Brigham Young University, 38-37.

Deal’s Indiana connections go far beyond his playing days. His father, Russ, was captain of Indiana’s 1945 Big Ten championship team and is a member of the IU Athletics Hall of Fame. Mark’s brother, Mike, played on the 1967 Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl team.

Deal spent four seasons as a Hoosier offensive line coach from 1986-99 and has worked within the athletic department since 2000. Prior to his return to Bloomington, Deal spent five seasons (1991-95) as the offensive line coach at Rutgers University.

He held assistant coaching positions at Virginia Military Institute (1989-90), Kansas State (1986-88) and Marshall (1984-85). Deal began his coaching career as the linebackers coach at Wabash College in 1980. He spent four years at the Division III school, including the 1983 season, which he spent as the team’s offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

Mark and his wife, Patricia, also an IU graduate, have one daughter, Carrie, and one son, Casey. Carrie was a member of the Indiana volleyball team (2005-06), making the Deal family one of only two families in Indiana Athletics history to have three generations of letterwinners. She earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2006 and graduated with a degree in special education in May 2009. Casey is a freshman at IU and a 2009 graduate from Bloomington North High School.

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Josh Eidson is in his sixth year as an assistant director of strength and conditioning at Indiana. In addition to assisting with the football program, Eidson works with the volleyball and wrestling teams.

Eidson also assists with the hiring, training and supervision of the full time, part time, volunteer and intern members of the strength and conditioning staff.

He is a 1997 graduate of Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania. After attending Lock Haven, Eidson attended Penn State University and received his master’s degree in health education in 2002.

At Penn State, he served as the assistant strength and conditioning coach for track and diving as well as several other varsity sports.

Josh and his wife, Shirl, reside in Bloomington with their son, Aidan.

Brian Lund is in his third year as head football athletic trainer and his sixth season overall with the Indiana football program. Lund was the team’s assistant athletic trainer the previous three seasons.

Prior to Indiana, he served as the assistant trainer (1999-2000) and the head trainer (2000-04) at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Lund oversaw the sports medicine efforts for Buena Vista’s 21-sport program.

Lund received his bachelor’s degree in exercise and sports science from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1998, and he earned his master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana University in 1999.

Brian and his wife, Melissa, reside in Bloomington with their twin daughters, Anna and Madelyn (6).

Lucas Phillips is in his second season with the Indiana football program and his first season as an assistant football athletic trainer. Phillips was an intern assistant football athletic trainer in 2008.

He spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at the University of Arkansas, where he worked with the women’s cross country, track and field, tennis and soccer programs.

Phillips served as an athletic training student at the University of Toledo from 2003-2006. He earned his bachelor’s degree in exercise science with a concentration in athletic training in 2006, and he received his master’s in workforce development education.

Lucas resides in Bloomington.
FOOTBALL STAFF

TIM COOPER
Defensive Quality Control

Tim Cooper is in his first season as defensive quality control with the Hoosiers. Prior to his arrival in Bloomington, Cooper spent six seasons at Miami (Ohio), including five as a full-time assistant.

After serving as safeties coach during Miami’s 2004 MAC East Championship run and Independence Bowl appearance, Cooper was promoted to oversee all Miami’s defensive backs in January 2005. He had served as Miami’s defensive graduate assistant during his first season with the program in 2003. In four of his first five years at Miami, the RedHawks were MAC East Division champions.

Cooper’s secondary, led by safeties Robbie Wilson and Jordan Gafford and corner Jeff Thompson, played a huge role in a defense that dominated the MAC in 2007. The RedHawks led the league in six different statistical categories, including rushing defense, total defense and scoring defense.

Under Cooper’s direction, Miami placed three defensive backs on the all-Mid-American Conference first and second teams with his 2006 group leading the MAC in passing defense, restricting opponents to 157.3 yards passing per game. Safety Joey Card was a two-time all-MAC selection for the RedHawks, earning first team honors in 2006 and second team plaudits in 2005, with corner Darrell Hunter capturing first team All-MAC honors in 2005. Also in 2005, Cooper’s defensive backs were responsible for 13 interceptions, helping Miami rank seventh nationally in interceptions.

In 2004, Cooper directed Miami’s safeties, as strong safety Matt Pusateri earned second team All-MAC honors and capped off one of the most prolific careers in program history.

Cooper returned to his hometown of Oxford after spending two years as the defensive coordinator at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. Since graduating from DePauw University with a bachelor’s degree in 1997, Cooper had worked his way up the coaching ladder serving as a recruiting coordinator and graduate assistant at DePauw (1997-99), a restricted earning coach at Rhode Island (1999-00) and a graduate assistant at Connecticut (2001-02) before joining the staff at Carroll College. He earned his master’s degree from Indiana State University in 1999.

As a starting outside linebacker and team captain for Miami Cradle of Coaches member Nick Mourouzis at DePauw, Cooper helped the Tigers to a 1996 Indiana Collegiate Conference Championship.

Tim resides in Bloomington.

COLIN JOHNSON
Offensive Graduate Assistant

Colin Johnson is in his second season with the Hoosiers and first year as offensive graduate assistant. He served as a special teams quality control assistant during the 2008 campaign.

Johnson came to Bloomington after offensive line coaching stints at Warren Central (Ind.) and Zionsville (Ind.) High Schools.

Prior to his coaching career, Johnson lettered four years for Bill Lynch at Ball State University. He co-captained the 2002 club and attended BSU from 1998-02.

Johnson spent the 2004 season as a center and defensive lineman for the Peoria Pirates of Arena Football League 2. The Pirates advanced to the league’s championship game.

He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in sport administration and is working towards his master’s degree in sport administration.

Colin resides in Bloomington.

DUSTIN HASS
Defensive Graduate Assistant

Former Hoosier Dustin Hass stayed on with the football program as a defensive graduate assistant following his graduation in December 2008. Hass earned two letters after he joined the Hoosiers in 2005.

He was a back-up quarterback and served as the team’s holder as a junior and senior. The 2007 special teams unit converted 21-of-23 field goals and all 49 extra points. Indiana finished 2008 with 10 field goals and 30 extra points. He received the team’s Pete Schmidt “Team Above Self” Award following his senior campaign.

Hass graduated with a bachelor of science in recreation and is working toward his master’s degree in sport administration.

Dustin and his fiancé, Jennifer Beckwith, reside in Bloomington.

BOBBY MACEDO
Video Graduate Assistant

Bobby Macedo is in his second year as a video graduate assistant with the Indiana football program.

Macedo spent the 2004-07 seasons working at Temple University. He served as a student assistant for the Owls’ football program. Macedo logged all recruiting videotapes and made evaluation tapes of potential prospects for the coaching staff.

A native of Norwalk, Conn., Macedo graduated from Temple in January 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and history.

Bobby resides in Bloomington.
Senior associate athletic director Tim Fitzpatrick oversees the department’s internal operations and serves as the administrative liaison for the football program.

During his tenure, he helped the department negotiate a $21,000,000 contract with Adidas and also works extensively with Learfield Sports/IU Sports Properties and the Big Ten Network, who bring a combined $9,000,000 in revenue to the program each year. He also has seen his area help generate $1,971,182 in ticket sales revenue in excess of budgeted projections, a 15-percent improvement.

Fitzpatrick came to IU in January 2005, after spending the previous five years as Chief Operating Officer and Associate Athletics Director For External Operations at the U.S. Military Academy. Fitzpatrick directed a fundraising effort that saw Army’s donor base grow from 750 to 7,000 and funds grow from $500,000 to $1.1 million. Fitzpatrick also cultivated the Army Sports Network from two radio stations to 18, including 50,000-watt WEPN AM 1050 in New York City, as well as affiliates in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore/Washington, D.C. and San Antonio.

During Fitzpatrick’s tenure at West Point, corporate sponsorship revenue jumped from $250,000 to $920,000, and this includes such national brands as Jeep, Coca-Cola and Gatorade. In addition, Fitzpatrick coordinated and executed the national “Request For Proposal (RFP)” for the 2004-09 Army-Navy football games. The RFP was circulated to 100 cities nationwide, and 15 cities submitted bids to host the game. The RFP process and subsequent negotiations raised the guaranteed sum split by the two military academies from $2.8 million to over $4 million.

Fitzpatrick arrived at West Point from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, where he served as the Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs and Executive Director of the Athletic Foundation. Fitzpatrick’s work at Charlotte resulted in a 26-percent increase in annual gifts; a 39-percent increase in planned gifts and a nine-percent increase in men’s basketball attendance in Conference USA.

Prior to Army and Charlotte, Fitzpatrick served in a similar role at the University of Pittsburgh. In addition to serving as the Panthers’ men’s basketball sport administrator, Fitzpatrick directed a staff of 21 people that generated a school record $1.4 million in corporate sponsorship revenue and a $125,000 increase in annual giving.

Fitzpatrick was a Senior Associate Athletics Director at the University of North Texas from May 1994 to June 1996. He was instrumental in UNT’s transition from NCAA Division I-AA football to the Big West Conference, and during the 1994 football season, North Texas was one of three programs nationally to have every football game televised in its home market. This local television package generated more than $700,000 in corporate sponsorship revenue.

He also gained considerable experience as Assistant Commissioner of the Southwest Conference from 1992-94. Fitzpatrick negotiated a $2.25 million, three-year men’s basketball tournament title sponsorship with the Dr. Pepper Company, which generated more than $700,000 in corporate sponsorship revenue.

Fitzpatrick also oversaw the league’s national and local television syndication efforts.

Fitzpatrick began his athletic administration career as the Assistant Marketing Director at Army before moving on to Virginia Commonwealth as the Director of Marketing and Ticket Sales (1984-87) and Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing and Public Relations from 1987-92.

A 1981 graduate of Hampden-Sydney College with a bachelor’s degree in English, Fitzpatrick earned his master’s degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1982.

Tim is married to Kerry Marks, and they have a son, James.

Marty Clark is in his 21st season in association with the Indiana football program. Clark took over the management of all Indiana athletic apparel and equipment in 2002 and was promoted to assistant athletic director, team purchasing & licensing in 2005. He earned a master’s in sport management and administration from Indiana University in 2006.

Clark is responsible for purchasing, inventory and storage of all apparel and equipment for the athletic department’s 24 sports. Clark also assists with apparel and merchandise contracts and manages team usage of logos and wordmarks.

A 1989 graduate of Western Carolina University with a bachelor’s degree in sport management, Clark spent four seasons as a student equipment manager with the Catamounts football team. He also worked closely with the WCU baseball team that won the Southern Conference championship in 1989.

A native of Waynesville, N.C., Clark attended Tuscola High School. Marty and his wife, Marianne, reside in Bloomington with their daughters, Ashley and Brittany.

Mitch Gudmundson is in his ninth season with the Indiana football program. As director of football equipment, his primary role is managing the daily equipment needs of the football coaches and players.

Serving as head equipment manager for the Orlando Rage during the 2001 XFL season, Gudmundson was responsible for ordering, issuing, inventory, transporting equipment, coordinating field setup for practice and games, and supervising one seasonal assistant.

Prior to the 2001 campaign, Gudmundson spent the 2000 season in NFL Europe as head equipment manager of the Rhein Fire, where he won a 2000 World Bowl ring.

A 1998 graduate of University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a bachelor’s of science degree in agricultural education, Gudmundson spent four seasons as a student manager with the Falcon football team.

Gudmundson is a certified member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association. He is also a member of the advisory staff for Powers Athletic Uniforms.

Mitch resides in Bloomington.
Mattie White is entering her fifth year at Indiana University and third as the assistant athletic director for academic and student development services. White previously served as an academic advisor for men’s tennis, softball, rowing and coordinator of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program. Currently, she oversees Learning Services, Life Skills programming and the academic programs for football and men’s basketball. In addition to her administrative duties, she serves as the department’s liaison to various student affairs units on campus.

Prior to joining the Hoosier staff, White was the assistant director of campus programs for multicultural life at Macalester College. While at Macalester, she was responsible for campus wide multicultural programming, advising the cultural student organizations, overseeing the Cultural House and collaborated with the athletic department to establish the institution’s CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

White is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA), the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A), the Black Coaches and Administrators (BCA) and a graduate of the NACWAA/HERS program. She is also a volunteer for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, secretary for the Ohio University Indiana Alumni Chapter and has been active on university committees as well as a facilitator for a variety of student leadership programs.

The Cambridge, Ohio, native received both her bachelor’s degree in journalism (2002) and master’s of education (2004) from Ohio University. In 2008, she became an official Hoosier after completing a second master’s degree in athletic administration through the school of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) at Indiana University.

Travis Boyd is in his third year at Indiana University and his first as the director of academic services for football.

Prior to joining the Hoosier staff, Boyd spent three years serving as an academic advisor at the University of South Carolina. During his tenure at USC, Boyd advised the football, baseball, and men’s and women’s track and field teams. He was also responsible for overseeing the class attendance program for all student-athletes.

Boyd received his master’s in psychology with a concentration in athletic counseling from Springfield College (Mass.) in 2005. During his time in Springfield, he worked with the Pride football, basketball, and softball teams. He earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Albion College (Mich.) in 2003.

As an undergraduate, Boyd was a four-year letterwinner in football (1999-2002) and a three-year letterwinner in track and field (2000-2002). He was a member of the 1999 and 2001 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Championship football teams. He was also twice named to the MIAA Honor Roll.

A native of Saginaw, Mich., Travis and his wife, Liz, reside in Bloomington. Boyd also plays and serves on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Cutters, Bloomington’s semi-pro football team.

Marni Mooney is in her fourth season at Indiana University and first as an assistant director of academics - learning specialists. In August 2007, she transitioned into the role of learning specialist for the football and men’s basketball teams after spending one year as the initial eligibility, admissions and recruiting officer.

Mooney earned a bachelor’s degree in education and obtained her master’s degree and principal’s license in the area of school administration from the University of Indianapolis.
Andy Hipskind is in his seventh year as team physician for the Indiana football program. He was promoted to assistant athletic director for sports medicine on April 15, 2009.

A 1995 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in biology and a member of the men's track and field team, Hipskind graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1999. He then completed a family practice residency at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind., and a sports medicine fellowship in Philadelphia. He has board certifications in both sports medicine and as a family physician.

Hipskind, a native of Bloomington, Ind., attended Bloomington North High School. Andy and his wife, Angie, reside in Bloomington with their daughter, Charlize (3), and son, Drew (1).

Sterling Doster is in his 27th year as an orthopedic consultant for the Indiana football program.

Doster graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 with a B.S. in biochemistry, and he graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1968. In 1975, he finished his orthopedic training from Dartmouth University.

Sterling and his wife, Melinda, reside in Bloomington and are the parents of Ryan (32) and Sara (29).

Ken Moore is in his ninth season serving as the dentist for the Indiana football program. He is instrumental in the Hoosiers' mouthguard program. Moore and his staff produce custom-fitted mouthpieces for the student-athletes.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University and went on to complete his graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania's Dentistry School.

Moore serves as a major and the dental commander for the Terre Haute National Guard in addition to his private practice. He served five years in the Air Force as a dentist and spent time in Virginia, England and Ohio while on active duty. Moore is a member of the International Academy of Sports Dentistry and the American and Indiana Dental Associations.

Ken and his wife, Robin, have one son and one daughter.

Greg Fox is in his 13th year as an orthopedic consultant for the Indiana football program.

Fox received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1986 and graduated from Northwestern University's Medical School in 1990. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Wisconsin in 1995, and then spent one year as the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Ala.

Greg and his wife, Patty, reside in Bloomington with their three children, Kate (17), Kevin (15) and Kelly (11).
Barbara Thompson is entering her 17th season with the Indiana football program after working the previous five years in the athletic training room. She serves as the administrative assistant to head coach Bill Lynch.
Barbara and her husband, Ron, have two children, Joanne (husband, Dave Dark) and Bob. All three are graduates of Ball State University.

Debbie Thompson is in her 11th season with the Indiana football program and 15th year with IU Athletics. She is the senior assistant in the recruiting office. Debbie and her husband, Marty, have five children, David, Shannon, Jodee, Bob and Matt. They have 11 grandchildren.

Mea Hoffman is in her fourth season with the Indiana football program, where she serves as a recruiting assistant. Mea will graduate in the spring of 2010 with a BSN degree in nursing.

BJ Ferrand is in her sixth season as the senior assistant to the Indiana football coaching staff and the directors of football operations. BJ and her husband, David, hail from Colorado and currently reside in Bloomington.