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Tyrone Willingham begins his third season as head coach of the Fighting Irish when Notre Dame takes on Brigham Young to begin the 2004 season. (photo by Brian Spurlock)

Tyrone Willingham, Head Coach



Tyrone Willingham's mission in his third season as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame is no different than what it was the day he was hired: to return the Fighting Irish to college football's elite - and keep them there.

A veteran of 27 seasons of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, Willingham is in his tenth season as a head football coach after serving in that role at Stanford for seven seasons (1995-2001).

Willingham is in the midst of a restoration project at Notre Dame that has already yielded some major successes and a revitalization of the entire football program. While guiding his team through a rocky season in 2003, Willingham continued to earn the respect of his staff and players by displaying a consistent, intense and stable approach to leadership.

In his inaugural season with the Irish in 2002, he wasted no time reversing the tides of the Irish program, leading Notre Dame to a 10-2 regular-season record and a trip to the 2003 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

In the process, Willingham became the only first-year coach in Notre Dame history to win 10 games in his initial campaign. In Notre Dame's "Return to Glory," the head coach was recognized for his efforts when he was named the ESPN/Home Depot College Coach of the Year, the Scripps College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club.

Willingham also made history when he became the first college football coach to earn The Sporting News Sportsman of the Year award in 2002. Willingham joined the likes of such sporting greats as Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Curt Schilling (2001), Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards basketball star Michael Jordan (1991), former Irish and NFL great Joe Montana (1989), hockey's all-time leading scorer Wayne Gretzky (1981) and NCAA basketball and UCLA coaching legend John Wooden (1970). The accolades did not stop there for Willingham as the Irish coach was named the sixth most influential minority in sports by Sports Illustrated.

Willingham's team started fast out of the gate in 2002 as the Irish won their first eight games, including defeating ranked opponents Maryland, Michigan, Air Force and Florida State. Notre Dame's four wins over ranked opponents tied them for the most victories over top 25 teams in the nation (along with Miami) during the regular season. Notre Dame also achieved its first top 10 ranking since 1999, topping out at No. 4 after the Florida State game.

Individually, the players responded to Willingham's coaching as he mentored four All-Americans in 2002 as cornerback Shane Walton was Notre Dame's first consensus All-America selection since Aaron Taylor in 1993, and was one of five finalists for the Bronko

Nagurski Award given to the nation's top defensive player. Center Jeff Faine was also a first-team All-American by The Sporting News and ESPN.com. Faine was the runner-up for the 2002 Rimington Award given to the nation's top center and was a first round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns (21st overall) in the 2003 National Football League Draft. Linebacker Courtney Watson was named a first-team All-American by ESPN.com and was one of three finalists for the Butkus Award given to the nation's outstanding linebacker, while Vontez Duff earned third-team All-America honors from the Associated Press for his efforts as a cornerback and kick returner.

Then, in 2003, the Irish started the year in grand style (an overtime comeback victory over defending Pacific Ten Conference champion Washington State), punctuated by a midseason road triumph over 15th-ranked Pittsburgh, then claimed wins in three of their last four games. Playing against a schedule ranked third toughest in the country by the NCAA (including nine teams that played in bowl games), Notre Dame's headliners included veteran running back Julius Jones (he set the Irish single-game rushing record with 262 yards vs. Pittsburgh and finished the season with 1,268 yards), defensive end Justin Tuck (he set the Notre Dame single-season record for quarterback sacks with 13.5), and rookie quarterback Brady Quinn (he set Irish freshman records for passing yards, completions and attempts).

Willingham's coaching prowess is also respected at the next level as Notre Dame has had 12 players selected in the past two NFL Drafts. Joining Faine as 2003 picks were offensive linemen Jordan Black and Sean Mahan, both taken in the fifth round by the Kansas City Chiefs and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, respectively. Walton was also a fifth-round pick of the St. Louis Rams, while safety Gerome Sapp (Baltimore Ravens), wide receiver Arnaz Battle (San Francisco 49ers) and offensive lineman Brennan Curtin (Green Bay Packers) were taken in the sixth round. Duff (sixth round, Houston Texans) and Watson (second round, New Orleans Saints) joined teammates Glenn Earl, (fourth round, Houston Texans), Julius Jones (second round, Dallas Cowboys) and Jim Molinaro (seventh round, Washington Redskins) as selections in the 2004 NFL Draft.

The Irish also got it done in the classroom in Willingham's first two seasons. In 2002, fifth-year senior John Crowther became the 42nd Irish football player to earn Academic All-America honors - garnering second-team accolades. Defensive lineman Kyle Budinscak and linebacker Brandon Hoyte were named academic all-district selections in 2002 and 2003. As a team, the Irish finished with a record high grade-point average of 2.911 in the spring semester of 2002, a 2.835 grade-point average in the fall of 2002, followed by a 2.79 in the spring of 2003 and a 2.853 in the fall of 2003. Eight players made the Dean's List and 43 players had a "B" average or high-

The Tyrone Willingham File

Year	School/Team	Assignment
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1977	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant
1978	Central Michigan	Secondary
1979	Central Michigan	Secondary
1980	Michigan State	Secondary, Special Teams
1981	Michigan State	Secondary, Special Teams
1982	Michigan State	Secondary, Special Teams
1983	North Carolina State	Secondary, Special Teams
1984	North Carolina State	Secondary, Special Teams
1985	North Carolina State	Secondary, Special Teams
1986	Rice	Receivers, Special Teams
1987	Rice	Receivers, Special Teams
1988	Rice	Receivers, Special Teams
1989	Stanford	Running Backs
1990	Stanford	Running Backs
1991	Stanford (Aloha Bowl)	Running Backs
1992	Minnesota Vikings (NFC Central champ)	Running Backs
1993	Minnesota Vikings (wild-card playoffs)	Running Backs
1994	Minnesota Vikings (NFC Central champ)	Running Backs
1995	Stanford (Liberty Bowl)	Head Coach
1996	Stanford (Sun Bowl)	Head Coach
1997	Stanford	Head Coach
1998	Stanford	Head Coach
1999	Stanford (Rose Bowl)	Head Coach
2000	Stanford	Head Coach
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Head Coach
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Head Coach
2003	Notre Dame	Head Coach

Totals as Head Coach — 59-46-1 (.561) in nine seasons

er during the fall of 2002, while eight players earned Dean's List recognition and 50 achieved at least a "B" average in the spring of 2003. Ten players were Dean's List honorees in the fall of 2003.

The running backs coach at Stanford from 1989-91 under head coach Dennis Green, Willingham returned to Stanford as head coach Nov. 28, 1994, replacing legendary professional and college coach Bill Walsh. In seven years in Palo Alto, Willingham took the Cardinal to four bowl games, the 1999 Pacific-10 Conference championship and the school's first Rose Bowl appearance in 28 years. Willingham twice was honored by his peers as the Pac-10 Coach of the Year (1995 and 1999) - and ranks as the only Stanford coach to earn that honor more than once.

His 2001 Stanford team produced the best record of his seven seasons, with a 9-3 overall mark, a berth in the Seattle Bowl and final regular-season rankings of ninth in the Bowl Championship Series poll and 11th in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

The 2001 Cardinal went 6-2 in Pac-10 play, good for a three-way tie for second place. It marked only the second time in 50 years a Stanford team won nine regular-season games, as three Cardinal players won first-team All-America honors for the first time since 1973. Stanford led the Pac-10 in 2001 in scoring (37.1 per game), total offense (451.5 yards per game), rushing offense (201 yards per game) and rushing defense (109.6 yards per game). The Cardinal finished 17-7 in Pac-10 action from 1999 through 2001.

"For the last seven years, Tyrone led the program with the highest academic profile in all of major college football, and over that time he won two confer-



ence coach-of-the-year awards and took his teams to four bowl games," said Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White when Willingham was introduced on Jan. 1, 2002, as the new Irish coach.

"I spoke to a great many people about Tyrone - and every one of them regards him as one of the very top coaches in the game today - at the college or pro levels," White said. "They regard the job he did at Stanford as simply amazing.

"To the people at the NCAA, he's a man of impeccable integrity; to the recruiting gurus, he's among the very best at attracting talent even when maintaining the highest SAT scores in the nation. He's a disciplinarian whose players love him. He left one of the great universities and one of the great athletic programs in this country to be part of Notre Dame."

In the 2001 NCAA Graduation Rate Report, Stanford recorded an 83 percent football graduation rate, good for fourth in the nation among Division I institutions, based on football student-athletes who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 (allowing six years for graduation). In other recent NCAA reports involving football, Stanford ranked second in 2000 (83 percent) and fourth in 1999 (81). Stanford and Notre Dame historically rank among the national leaders annually in all the major categories, including all student-athletes, football players, plus male, female and African-American student-athletes. Notre Dame won Academic Achievement Awards from the NCAA and USA Today in both 2002 and 2003 for having the highest overall student-athlete graduation rates.

In 1999, Willingham led the Cardinal to an 8-4 overall record, a 7-1 mark in conference play, the first Pac-10 championship for Stanford since 1971 and Stanford's first Rose Bowl appearance since January 1, 1972. He was a finalist for national coach-of-the-

year honors and was named the American Football Coaches Association Region 5 Coach of the Year.

He led the Cardinal to consecutive bowl games in his first two seasons (1995 Liberty, 1996 Sun) at Stanford, becoming only the third Stanford football coach to accomplish that feat (Walsh was one of the other two, in 1977-78). Willingham also became the first coach since Walsh to have back-to-back winning seasons in his first two years at Stanford. He is the only coach in school history to guide Stanford to four bowl game appearances. His first Cardinal team went 7-4-1 in 1995 en route to earning a berth in the Liberty Bowl, while his second team in 1996 finished 7-5 after beating Michigan State 38-0 in the Sun Bowl.

In 1996, Willingham and Stanford wound up winning their final four games of the regular season to finish 6-5 overall and 5-3 in the Pac-10, good for third place. A 38-0 win over Michigan State in the Sun Bowl, Stanford's first shutout since 1974, gave Willingham's team a 7-5 final record.

In his first season as the Cardinal head coach, Willingham turned a 3-7-1 team in 1994 into a 7-4-1 bowl team in 1995. Prior to the 1995 season, Stanford had been picked to finish last in the Pac-10. But, after the Cardinal's fourth-place league finish, conference coaches voted Willingham their 1995 Pac-10 Coach of the Year. It was the first time a Cardinal head coach had been selected for that honor since Walsh in 1977. Willingham also was selected the National Coach of the Year by the Black Coaches Association in 1995 and 1996.

Willingham, a finalist for national coach of the year honors in 1995, began his career by going 4-0-1 in his first five games, marking the best Stanford start in 44 years (the 1951 team won its first five games).



His career record of 59-46-1 includes a 44-36-1 mark at Stanford.

He was no stranger to Notre Dame football when he came to South Bend, thanks to a 3-2 record versus the Irish as Stanford's head coach. His teams also faced Notre Dame eight other times during his tenures as an assistant at Stanford, Michigan State and Rice. Before coming to Notre Dame, he made six Notre Dame Stadium appearances as a coach (the '90 Cardinal team for which he served as an assistant knocked off the Irish 36-31 when Notre Dame was ranked number one in the country), in addition to his appearances against Notre Dame from his playing days at Michigan State.

Like his two Stanford predecessors – Walsh and Green – Willingham had previously served as a Cardinal assistant coach before being named head coach. He was Stanford's running backs coach under Green from 1989-91 before moving with Green to the Minnesota Vikings, where he again coached running backs from 1992-94.

Willingham was an assistant coach on the collegiate and professional levels for 18 years prior to his appointment as Stanford's head coach. During his career as an assistant, he coached on offense, defense and special teams.

A 1977 graduate of Michigan State University, Willingham coached under Green for six seasons, three at Stanford and three with the Vikings. In Minnesota, Willingham helped the Vikings return to prominence as one of the top teams in the National Football League. The Vikings finished 8-8 in 1991, the year before Willingham arrived with Green in Minnesota. In his three seasons in Minnesota, Willingham helped the Vikings win two National Football Conference Central Division championships and advance to the playoffs all three seasons.

In 1992, the Vikings finished 11-5 and won the NFC

Central Division championship. Willingham's top pupil that season, Terry Allen, set a club record by rushing for 1,201 yards. In 1993, Minnesota finished 9-7 and earned a wild card playoff berth. The Vikings won the division title again in '94 and earned another playoff berth with a 10-6 record.

While at Stanford (1989-91), Willingham was part of Green's staff that helped turn the program around. The Cardinal went from 3-8 in 1989, to 8-4 in 1991. The 1991 season culminated with a berth in the Aloha Bowl, Stanford's first post-season appearance in five seasons.

The 1991 squad won its final seven regular-season games to finish 8-3 overall, 6-2 in the Pac-10. It was Stanford's best season in five years and first bowl appearance since the 1986 Gator Bowl.

Willingham coached two of the top running backs in Stanford football history during his brief tenure as a Cardinal assistant: Glyn Milburn and Tommy Vardell. Vardell was a first-round NFL pick following the 1991 campaign. Milburn is the fifth leading all-time rusher in Stanford history with 2,178 yards and he is second in the Cardinal record book in all-purpose running with a three-year total of 5,857 yards. Vardell, meanwhile, is sixth all-time at Stanford in rushing with 1,789 yards and first in touchdowns with 37.



Vardell in 1991 set a Stanford single-season record for rushing (1,084 yards) and touchdowns (20) while being named the Academic All-American of the Year. Milburn, who set a Stanford record for all-purpose running in 1990 with Willingham as his coach (2,222 yards), went on to earn first-team All-America honors as an all-purpose player in 1992.

After graduating from Michigan State in 1977, Willingham continued with the Spartan program as a graduate assistant under head coach Darryl Rogers. In 1978-79, Willingham was the defensive secondary coach at Central Michigan University (current Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White was a member of the Chippewa track coaching staff at that time), with those teams finishing 9-2 and 10-0-1, respectively.



Tyrone Willingham and his wife Kim have three children (from left to right): Nathaniel, Cassidy and Kelsey. (Photo by Joe Raymond)

Tyrone Willingham, Head Coach



From 1980-82, Willingham was the defensive secondary and special teams coach at Michigan State University under head coach Muddy Waters. He moved to North Carolina State University for three seasons (1983-85), where he again coached special teams and the defensive secondary under head coach Tom Reed. Prior to accepting the position as running backs coach at Stanford under Green, Willingham coached receivers and special teams at Rice University from 1986-88.

Upon his arrival at Stanford in 1995, Willingham took an active role in both campus and community activities. He was a board member for OICW (Opportunities Industrialization Center West) and is a former National Advisory Board Member for the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford. He is a member of the American Football Coaches Association rules committee and a speaker for American Football Quarterly, and other coaching clinics. He's also a spokesman for the AFCA child identification program.

For his commitment to community service, Willingham was honored with the 2000 Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award. The award is presented to a college football coach nationwide for career achievement and his outstanding service as a role model.

A walk-on in both football and baseball at Michigan State, Willingham went on to earn three letters in each sport. As a quarterback and flanker in football, he was named the team's most inspirational player in 1976. In 1977, Willingham was awarded the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor as the outstanding schol-

ar-athlete in the league. In baseball, he received the sportsmanship award in 1975 and was an all-Big Ten selection in 1977.

Born Lionel Tyrone Willingham on Dec. 30, 1953, in Kinston, N.C., he graduated from Jacksonville High

School in Jacksonville, N.C.. Willingham earned his degree in physical education with a minor in health education from Michigan State. He and his wife, Kim, have three children: Cassidy (20), a gymnast at the University of Denver, Kelsey (16) and Nathaniel (14).

Tyrone Willingham vs. All Opponents

Opponent	Won	Lost	Tied
Air Force	1	0	0
Arizona	2	3	0
Arizona State	4	3	0
Boston College	1	2	0
Brigham Young	1	0	0
California	7	0	0
East Carolina	0	1	0
Florida State	1	1	0
Georgia Tech	0	1	0
Maryland	1	0	0
Michigan	1	1	0
Michigan State	2	1	0
Navy	2	0	0
North Carolina	1	1	0
North Carolina State	0	1	0
Notre Dame	3	2	0
Oregon	4	1	0
Oregon State	3	3	0
Pittsburgh	2	0	0
Purdue	1	1	0
Rutgers	1	0	0
San Jose State	4	3	0
Stanford	2	0	0
Syracuse	0	1	0
Texas	1	1	0
UCLA	3	4	0
USC	4	5	0
Utah	1	1	0
Washington	0	5	0
Washington State	6	2	0
Wisconsin	0	2	1
Totals	59	46	1

Kent Baer, Defensive Coordinator



A veteran coach who insists on sound fundamentals and an aggressive attitude on defense, Kent Baer is in his third season as the defensive coordinator at Notre Dame. The 2004 season will be Baer's 10th working with head coach Tyrone Willingham, having coached with

Willingham for seven seasons at Stanford before coming to Notre Dame. Baer's Fighting Irish defensive units have developed a reputation as hard-hitting squads that have been among the nation's most opportunistic.

The 2003 Irish defense ranked 33rd nationally in total defense, allowing an average of 340.2 yards per contest. Notre Dame ranked 29th in the nation against the rush, surrendering only 127.2 yards per game, was among the nation's top 50 in pass defense (213.0 ypg). The Irish forced 28 opponent turnovers in 2003 (15 fumbles, 13 interceptions) and have forced a combined total of 61 opponent turnovers over Baer's first two seasons leading the Notre Dame defense.

In Baer's first season at Notre Dame, the 2002 Irish finished ninth in scoring defense (16.69), 10th in the nation in pass efficiency (98.24) and rushing defense (95.23), 13th in total defense (300.00) and 46th in passing defense (204.77).

Baer was also instrumental in coaching three All-Americans and two major award finalists in 2002. Cornerback Shane Walton was named a unanimous first-team All-American (the first since 1993 for the Irish) and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award given to the nation's outstanding defensive player. Linebacker Courtney Watson was named a first-team All-American by ESPN.com and was a finalist for the Butkus Award given to the country's best linebacker. Cornerback/kick returner Vontez Duff was named a third-team All-American by the Associated Press.

For his efforts, Baer was named a finalist for the Frank Broyles Award, given to the nation's most outstanding assistant coach, for the first time in his career.

Baer, who also coached the linebackers while at Stanford, came to the Cardinal in 1995 after serving as a defensive coordinator for 12 seasons at Arizona State, California and Utah State.

In 2001, Baer's Cardinal defense led the Pac-10 in rushing defense for only the second time in school history. The Cardinal only gave up 109.6 yards per game on the ground that season.

While at Stanford, Baer coached some of the finest defensive players in school history, including recent graduates Riall Johnson, who plays for the Arizona Cardinals, and Willie Howard, formerly of the Minnesota Vikings. Johnson, an outside linebacker, became the first player in Pac-10 history to lead the league in sacks in back-to-back seasons (1999-2000), while Howard, a defensive end, became only the fourth defensive lineman in school history to earn first-team all-Pac-10 honors in consecutive seasons. Other defensive greats who have played under Baer are inside linebacker Chris Draft, currently with the Atlanta Falcons, and DE Kailee Wong, a member of the Houston Texans.

Baer, who was the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at Arizona State for three seasons (1992-94) prior to coming to Stanford, is a 30-year veteran of the coaching ranks. He has coached at the University of California (1987-91), University of Idaho (1986), Utah State University (1977-85) and with the Yokosuka Seahawks (a United States Navy team) from 1973-76.

Baer coached for 14 years in the college ranks before joining Willingham's staff at Stanford; six at Utah State, five at California and three at Arizona State. His 1992 Sun Devils defense allowed just 268.8 yards per game and was ranked seventh in the nation. All-Americans Shante Carver, Craig Newsome and Brett Wallerstedt were all mainstays on Baer's Arizona State defense.

Prior to Arizona State, Baer was Cal's defensive coordinator for five seasons. He was part of a staff that led the Bears to a 17-6-1 record in 1990-91 with victories in the Copper Bowl (1990) and Citrus Bowl (1991). Baer helped lead Cal to a 10-2 record and a No. 8 national ranking in 1991.

In his one season at Idaho, Baer was the defensive coordinator for a Vandals team that went 8-4 and earned a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs as part of a staff that included current Notre Dame offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick.

At Utah State, Baer coached outside linebackers for six seasons (1977-82) before becoming the defensive coordinator and secondary coach for three years (1983-85). In two of his three years as defensive coordinator, the Aggies led the conference in total defense.

Baer also brings an international coaching flavor to Notre Dame, having served as the head coach of the Yokosuka Seahawks (United States Navy) team in Japan for four years (1973-76) before returning to Utah State. While coaching in Japan, he was the athletics and recreation director for the entire United States Navy there, including the Seventh Fleet, with over 100 employees working under him.

For the past 15 years, Baer has coached and coordinated the New Era Bowl in Nishinomiya, Japan. The game features two of the best Japanese college football teams from the Osaka area and 12 college players from the United States. Each team receives six players and two coaches from an American college team.

Baer was a standout linebacker at Utah State (1969-72), where he lettered four straight seasons. He broke the school record for tackles with 116 in 1972, a mark that stood for 10 years. He graduated in 1973 with a degree in physical education and recreation. Baer enjoyed a



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fine prep career at Sky View High School in Smithfield, Utah.

A native of Logan, Utah, Baer was born May 2, 1951. He has three sons: Brian, who was a graduate assistant coach at Stanford, Aaron James (A.J.) and Steven Blake. Brian received his master's degree in engineering in June of 2002. He and his wife, Kristen, and their daughter, one-year-old Alexandra, live in Logan, Utah.

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1973	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
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1975	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1976	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1977	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1978	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1979	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1980	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1981	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1982	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1983	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1984	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1985	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1986	Idaho (NCAA I-AA playoffs)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1987	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1988	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1989	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1990	California (Copper Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1991	California (Citrus Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1992	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
1993	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
1994	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
1995	Stanford (Liberty Bowl)	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1996	Stanford (Sun Bowl)	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1997	Stanford	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1998	Stanford	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1999	Stanford (Rose Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2000	Stanford	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator
2003	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator

Bill Diedrick, Offensive Coordinator



A proven producer of explosive offenses, Bill Diedrick is in his third year as Notre Dame's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. A veteran coach of more than 30 years, Diedrick brings a high-powered offensive attack and plenty of past success to the Irish system.

Teaching a system predicated on balance and unpredictability, Diedrick's offense has produced 1,000-yard rushers in both of his first two seasons at Notre Dame while also producing career best passing years for quarterbacks.

In 2003, Diedrick was a key figure in the rapid development of freshman quarterback Brady Quinn, who set freshman records for passing yards, touchdowns, completions and attempts. The 2003 Irish offense was spearheaded by running back Julius Jones, who rushed for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns, and receiver Rhema McKnight, who caught 47 passes for 600 yards and three touchdowns.

Diedrick's inaugural campaign with the Irish in 2002 produced a 10-3 record and a final ranking of 17th. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday made tremendous strides in picking up the West Coast offense, throwing for a career-high 1,788 yards. Notre Dame also had great success running the ball, as Ryan Grant became only the seventh player in Notre Dame history to gain over 1,000 yards in a season. Receiver Arnaz Battle also had a career year pulling in 58 passes, which put him third on the single-season list.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Diedrick was the offensive coordinator for four years at Stanford where he guided the Cardinal to unparalleled offensive success. Stanford averaged 30.4 points and 422.4 total yards a game during his tenure - including 37.1 points (tops in the Pacific-10 and ninth in the nation) and 451.5 total yards (first in the Pac-10, 10th nationally) in 2001.

Diedrick's offense rewrote the Stanford record books in 1999 as it set school records for points in a season with 409, breaking the old record of 366 set in 1949. The Cardinal also broke the record for total offense in a season with 5,138 yards, besting the old record of 4,919 set in 1969. The Cardinal put 30 or more points on the scoreboard nine times in 1999, and 40 or more on five occasions. Stanford also produced the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and Biletnikoff Award winner in wide receiver Troy Walters, (now of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts), as well as first-team all-Pac-10 and current New York Jets quarterback Todd Husak. The Cardinal finished the regular season ranked among the top 10 in the nation in scoring offense (sixth at 37.2 points per game), total offense (fifth at 467.09 yards) and passing offense (10th at 313.5 yards a game).

In his first season at Stanford in 1998, Diedrick's offense became the second most prolific passing attack in school history. Under his tutelage, the Cardinal threw for 3,516 yards, while Husak became only the third quarterback in school history to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season when he totaled 3,092.

Diedrick served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Washington in 1994-95 and the quarterbacks coach in 1996-97.

In 1995, the Huskies offense ranked among the school's all-time top five in total offense, total yards per game and yards per play.

Diedrick also developed three of the top quarterbacks in college football in brothers Damon and Brock Huard

and Marques Tuiasosopo. Damon became Washington's all-time leader in passing and total yards. Brock set records in 1996 as the top freshman quarterback in Washington history and, in 1997, he ranked seventh in the nation in passing efficiency. Tuiasosopo holds the career record for rushing yards by a quarterback.

Prior to his appointment at Washington, Diedrick coached in the Canadian Football League with the Edmonton Eskimos (1991-92), where he was the offensive coordinator. He also coached quarterbacks, receivers and running backs during his two-year stint with the Eskimos. Diedrick's 1991 team won the Western Division championship, while scoring 671 points and accumulating over 8,000 yards in total offense.

Diedrick's first tour of duty in the Pac-10 was as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Washington State from 1989-90. There, he coached Drew Bledsoe, the eventual No. 1 pick of the 1990 National Football League draft and current starter for the Buffalo Bills. Diedrick's 1989 Cougars offense led the Pac-10 and was 10th nationally in total offense, while Bledsoe was the nation's top-rated quarterback in passing efficiency.

Diedrick coached the quarterbacks and receivers while serving as offensive coordinator at Idaho from 1986-88. During that time, he coached future NFL starting quarterback John Friesz, who was twice named the Big Sky Player of the Year and an All-American. In 1988, Idaho won its second straight Big Sky championship and was ranked first in the nation.

From 1984-85, Diedrick was the assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Montana State. His offenses broke 36 school records, eight league records and six NCAA I-AA playoff records while his quarterback earned Big Sky Player of the Year honors. In 1984, Montana State won the NCAA Division I-AA national championship.

Diedrick was the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., from 1982-83, head coach at Spokane Rogers High School from 1976-81, assistant coach at Ferris High in Spokane from 1971-75 and a graduate assistant at the University of Hawaii in 1970.

Diedrick graduated from Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., in 1970 with bachelor's degrees in physical therapy and physical education. He earned a master's degree in education from Hawaii in 1971.

He was a four-year letterman at Eastern Washington in both baseball and football, earning NAIA All-America honors in football in 1967, while leading Eastern to the national finals. He was also an honorable mention All-America in baseball.

Born Oct. 21, 1946, in Spokane, Wash., Diedrick is married to the former Wendy Watson. He is the father of three sons: Mathew, Justin and Joey.

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1970	Hawaii	Graduate Assistant
1971	Ferris (Wash.) High School	Assistant Coach
1972	Ferris (Wash.) High School	Assistant Coach
1973	Ferris (Wash.) High School	Assistant Coach
1974	Ferris (Wash.) High School	Assistant Coach
1975	Ferris (Wash.) High School	Assistant Coach
1976	Rogers (Wash.) High School	Head Coach
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1980	Rogers (Wash.) High School	Head Coach
1981	Rogers (Wash.) High School	Head Coach
1982	Whitworth College	Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coord.
1983	Whitworth College	Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coord.
1984	Montana State (NCAA I-AA championship)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1985	Montana State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1986	Idaho (NCAA I-AA playoffs)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1987	Idaho (NCAA I-AA playoffs)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1988	Idaho (NCAA I-AA semifinals)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1989	Washington State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1990	Washington State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1991	Edmonton Eskimos (CFL playoffs)	Offensive Coordinator
1992	Edmonton Eskimos (CFL playoffs)	Offensive Coordinator
1994	Washington	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1995	Washington (Sun Bowl)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1996	Washington (Holiday Bowl)	Quarterbacks
1997	Washington (Aloha Bowl)	Quarterbacks
1998	Stanford	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
1999	Stanford (Rose Bowl)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2000	Stanford	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2003	Notre Dame	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Mike Denbrock, Offensive Line



Mike Denbrock is in his third season coaching the offensive line at Notre Dame. He works with John McDonell in coaching the Fighting Irish offensive line, concentrating on the tackles and tight ends.

Notre Dame's offensive tackles and tight ends were a big factor as the Irish have produced

1,000-yard rushers in both of Denbrock's first two seasons in South Bend. In 2003, Julius Jones rushed for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns to become the eighth 1,000-yard rusher in school history. Jones' rushing total ranks tied for the fourth-best in Notre Dame history. Jones also rushed for more than 200 yards in a game three times in 2003, including a school-record 262-yard performance against Pittsburgh, 221 yards against Navy and 218 versus Stanford.

In 2002, Ryan Grant garnered the 10th-best single-season rushing performance in school history with 1,085 yards on the ground. Grant's year was highlighted by the 12th-best single-game rushing day when he gained 190 yards on the ground at Air Force.

During his time at Notre Dame, Denbrock has tutored several offensive linemen who have become NFL Draft selections. In the 2004 Draft, offensive tackle Jim Molinaro was selected by the Washington Redskins in the seventh round. In 2003, Notre Dame had four offensive linemen taken in the draft as center Jeff Faine was a first-round pick of the Cleveland Browns, tackle Jordan Black went in the fifth round to the Kansas City Chiefs, Sean Mahan was a fifth-round pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and tackle Brennan Curtin was a sixth-round selection of the Green Bay Packers.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Denbrock worked in a similar capacity under head coach Tyrone Willingham for one season at Stanford in 2001. Denbrock's line helped lead the way for a Stanford rushing attack which ranked 23rd in the nation in 2001, averaging more than 200 yards per game and scoring 27 touchdowns.

Before coming to Stanford, Denbrock was the assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and offensive and defensive line coach for the Buffalo Destroyers of the Arena Football League in 1999-2000. In his second year, Denbrock helped the Destroyers land a playoff berth. His 1999 defense finished third in the league in both scoring and total defense.

Prior to his two years in Buffalo, Denbrock coached at his alma mater, Grand Valley State (1992-98), following coaching stops at Illinois State (1990-91) and Michigan State (1988-89).

At NCAA Division II Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich., Denbrock was the offensive coordinator and defensive coordinator at different times during his seven years (1992-98). He was the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers coach from 1992-95, then switched to the defensive side of the ball, where he was the coordinator and linebackers coach from 1996-98.

Denbrock's defensive unit at Grand Valley State ranked among the nation's top 30 in total defense, scoring defense and rush defense from 1996-98. His 1996 defense led the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference and was 11th nationally in scoring defense while also leading the conference in total defense. As the

offensive coordinator, Denbrock's squad was first in the MFC in both total and scoring offense from 1992-94.

In 1995, his offense ranked eighth in the nation in scoring and 12th in total offense. Eight of his players earned first-team All-America honors during his seven years at Grand Valley State.

Following four seasons as a graduate assistant at both Michigan State (1988-89) and Grand Valley State (1986-87), Denbrock's first full-time coaching assignment came in 1990-91 as the tackles and tight ends coach at Illinois State.

A 1986 graduate of Grand Valley State, Denbrock holds a bachelor's degree in communications. As a member of Grand Valley State's football team from 1982-85, Denbrock won the Phillip Shultz Award for attitude and commitment to the football program.

Born Jan. 29, 1964, in Albion, Mich., Denbrock is married to the former Dianne Swanson.



Year	School/Team	Assignment
1986	Grand Valley State	Graduate Assistant (Tackles/Tight Ends)
1987	Grand Valley State	Graduate Assistant (Tackles/Tight Ends)
1988	Michigan State (Gator Bowl)	Graduate Assistant (Quarterbacks/Receivers)
1989	Michigan State (Aloha Bowl)	Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line)
1990	Illinois State	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)
1991	Illinois State	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)
1992	Grand Valley State	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1993	Grand Valley State	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1994	Grand Valley State (NCAA Div. II playoffs)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1995	Grand Valley State	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
1996	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1997	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1998	Grand Valley State (NCAA Div. II playoffs)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1999	Buffalo Destroyers	Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coord./Lines
2000	Buffalo Destroyers (Arena League playoffs)	Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coord./Lines
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)
2003	Notre Dame	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)

Greg Mattison, Defensive Line



Hard work, integrity and consistency have been the hallmarks of Greg Mattison's approach to coaching throughout a long and successful career. A mainstay of the Notre Dame coaching staff, Mattison is in his eighth year with the Fighting Irish serving as the defensive line coach and

recruiting coordinator. Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham retained Mattison, who served as defensive coordinator at Notre Dame from 1997-2001, when he was hired in 2002.

Mattison demands superior effort from himself and his players, an approach that has resulted in some of the best defenses in the nation the past seven seasons with the Irish. His defensive line has set a particularly high standard over the last two seasons. The 2003 Irish defensive line produced 24 of the Irish's single season-record 39 quarterback sacks, including a school-record 13.5 sacks by defensive end Justin Tuck. In 2002, the Irish line recorded 37 sacks for a total of 241 yards, a drastic improvement from 2001 totals.

Mattison has been a crucial factor in the development of some key players the last two seasons, including a pair of 2004 NFL free agent signees in defensive tackles Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard along with emerging stars such as ends Justin Tuck and Victor Abiamiri, and 2002 Moose Krause Lineman of the Year Ryan Roberts.

As defensive coordinator for the Irish from 1997-2001, Mattison's defenses were annually ranked among the nation's toughest. His 2001 unit ranked 14th in the nation in total defense - including 10th in the country in pass defense and 22nd in scoring defense.

A native of Madison, Wis., Mattison was also influential in coaching All-American and second-round NFL draft pick Anthony Weaver. Weaver finished his impressive Notre Dame career with 154 tackles and 17 sacks and started as a rookie defensive end for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens in 2002.

Mattison's 1999 defense recorded 33 sacks during the 2000 season, including a team-high eight by Weaver.

In 1998, Mattison's defense gave up only 16.4 points per game over its last nine regular-season outings - while not giving up a third quarter touchdown in any of its first nine games. In 1997 under Mattison, the Notre Dame defense was ranked 24th in the country in pass efficiency defense and was 31st in the country in scoring defense at 19.83 points per game.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Mattison was the defensive coordinator at the University of Michigan in 1995-96 and had been a member of the Wolverine staff since 1992 as the defensive line coach. He was one of five finalists for the initial Frank Broyles Award in 1996, recognizing the top assistant coach in college football.

Michigan's 1996 defense ranked eighth nationally in scoring defense (15.2 points per game) and the Wolverines also ranked among the top teams in the nation in rushing defense (108.5 yards per game for 17th), pass efficiency defense (20th) and total defense (18th at 300.9). In 1995, Michigan ranked 11th in total defense (286.3) and third in rushing defense (90.1).

Mattison started his collegiate coaching career as a

graduate assistant at Illinois in 1976 under Bob Blackman. He also served as an assistant at Cornell (defensive line in 1977 under Blackman), Northwestern (defensive line in 1978-80 under Rick Venturi), Western Michigan (defensive coordinator from 1984-86 and linebackers from 1982-86 under Jack Harbaugh), Navy (defensive line in 1987-88 under Elliott Uzelac) and Texas A&M (1989-91 under R.C. Slocum).

Coaching the Texas A&M defensive line in 1991, the Aggies boasted the country's top-rated defensive unit (222.4 yards per game) as they won the Southwest Conference title and led the league in all four defensive categories. In 1990, Texas A&M stood 19th in total defense and the Aggies were 13th in 1989.

Mattison has coached numerous players who have been selected in the National Football League draft including A&M's Sam Adams (first round, 1994), Terry Price (10th round, 1990), and Mark Wheeler (third round, 1992); Michigan's William Carr (seventh round, 1997) and Josh Williams (third round, 2000); and Notre Dame's Lance Legree (free agent, 2000), Anthony Weaver (second round, 2002), Darrell Campbell (free agent, 2004) and Cedric Hilliard (free agent, 2004).

He has coached teams that have advanced to bowl games in 12 of the past 15 years - including appearances in the Sun, Holiday and Cotton Bowls during his tenure at Texas A&M, followed by consecutive appearances in the Rose, Hall of Fame, Holiday, Alamo and Outback Bowls at Michigan and trips to the Independence, Gator (twice) and Fiesta Bowls at Notre Dame.

Mattison began his coaching career as head coach at Riverdale (Wis.) High School from 1971-73 and had the top-rated team in Wisconsin at Logan High School in



LaCrosse, Wis., from 1974-75.

Born Gregory Richard Mattison on Nov. 15, 1949, he earned his undergraduate degree from Wisconsin-LaCrosse in 1971 and a master's degree from Illinois in 1976.

Mattison competed in football and wrestling at Wisconsin-LaCrosse and was team captain in both sports as a junior and a senior. He was a wrestling All-American and was named the offensive MVP on the football team as a senior. In 1989, he was inducted into the Wisconsin-LaCrosse Hall of Fame. He graduated from Madison East High School in 1967.

Mattison is married to the former Ann Busse and they have two children - Lisa, who is a 2003 Notre Dame graduate and a three-time all-BIG EAST softball player, and Bryan, a sophomore football player at the University of Iowa.

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1971	Riverdale (Wisc.) High School	Head Coach
1972	Riverdale (Wisc.) High School	Head Coach
1973	Riverdale (Wisc.) High School	Head Coach
1974	Logan (Wisc.) High School	Head Coach
1975	Logan (Wisc.) High School	Head Coach
1976	Illinois	Graduate Assistant
1977	Cornell	Defensive Line
1978	Northwestern	Defensive Line
1979	Northwestern	Defensive Line
1980	Northwestern	Defensive Line
1982	Western Michigan	Linebackers
1983	Western Michigan	Linebackers
1984	Western Michigan	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1985	Western Michigan	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1986	Western Michigan	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1987	Navy	Defensive Line
1988	Navy	Defensive Line
1989	Texas A&M (Hancock/Sun Bowl)	Defensive Line
1990	Texas A&M (Holiday Bowl)	Defensive Line
1991	Texas A&M (Cotton Bowl)	Defensive Line
1992	Michigan (Rose Bowl)	Defensive Line
1993	Michigan (Hall of Fame Bowl)	Defensive Line
1994	Michigan (Holiday Bowl)	Defensive Line
1995	Michigan (Alamo Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
1996	Michigan (Outback Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
1997	Notre Dame (Independence Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Inside Linebackers
1998	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
1999	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
2000	Notre Dame (Fiesta Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
2001	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Defensive Line/Recruiting
2003	Notre Dame	Defensive Line/Recruiting

John McDonnell, Offensive Line



Offensive line coach John McDonnell is in his third season with Notre Dame concentrating on centers and guards. A veteran coach of more than 20 years experience, McDonnell works in conjunction with Mike Denbrock, who coaches the tackles and tight ends.

Notre Dame's centers and guards have played a major role in producing 1,000-yard rushers in both of McDonnell's first two seasons in South Bend. In 2003, Julius Jones rushed for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns to become the eighth 1,000-yard rusher in school history. Jones' rushing total ranks tied for the fourth-best in Notre Dame history. Jones also rushed for more than 200 yards in a game three times in 2003, including a school-record 262-yard performance against Pittsburgh, 221 yards against Navy and 218 versus Stanford.

In 2002, Ryan Grant garnered the 10th-best single-season rushing performance in school history with 1,085 yards on the ground. Grant's year was highlighted by the 12th-best single-game rushing day when he gained 190 yards on the ground at Air Force. Grant and Rashon Powers-Neal also became the first running back tandem to record 100-yards rushing in the same game (versus Stanford) since 1977.

During his two seasons at Notre Dame, McDonnell has tutored several offensive linemen who have become NFL Draft selections. In the 2004 Draft, offensive tackle Jim Molinaro was selected by the Washington Redskins in the seventh round. In 2003, Notre Dame had four offensive linemen taken in the draft as center Jeff Faine was a first-round pick of the Cleveland Browns, tackle Jordan Black went in the fifth round to the Kansas City Chiefs, Sean Mahan was a fifth-round pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and tackle Brennan Curtin was a sixth-round selection of the Green Bay Packers.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, McDonnell worked in a similar capacity under head coach Tyrone Willingham for one season at Stanford in 2001. He then brought his extensive knowledge to the Irish centers and guards and helped coach 2002 first-team All-American and Rimington Award runner-up Jeff Faine, who was named a first-team All-American by The Sporting News and ESPN.com and was taken in the first round of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Before joining the Notre Dame staff, McDonnell was a veteran of the Pacific-10 Conference and worked with Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham's Stanford staff in 2001. His impact was immediately felt as the 2001 Cardinal ranked 23rd nationally in rushing, averaging more than 200 yards per game and scoring 27 touchdowns. In addition, McDonnell coached first-team All-America selection Eric Heitmann, a 2002 draft pick by the San Francisco 49ers.

Prior to his stint at Stanford, McDonnell spent 12 years coaching at Washington State University under head coach Mike Price. While with the Cougars, McDonnell was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach (1994-2000) the last seven years of his tenure. Before that, he coached the offensive line and tight ends from 1989-93.

While at Washington State, McDonnell was part of

three bowl teams, one Pac-10 championship team and some of the greatest offenses in school history. In 1997, with McDonnell as the offensive coordinator, the Cougars captured the Pac-10 title and earned a Rose Bowl berth. Washington State finished the year ranked ninth in the nation with a 10-2 record, while McDonnell's offense led the Pac-10 and was second nationally averaging 502 yards in total offense per game. His offense also set conference records for most points scored and most yards gained in a season.

In 1994, Washington State finished the season with an 8-4 record, a win in the Alamo Bowl and a No. 24 final ranking. McDonnell also was part of the Washington State team that went to the Copper Bowl in 1992 defeating Utah, 31-28. The 1992 Cougars led the Pac-10 in total offense, posted a 9-3 record and a No. 15 final ranking. With McDonnell on the staff at WSU as running backs coach from 1994-97 was current Irish running backs coach Buzz Preston.

McDonnell also spent five seasons under Price at Weber State (1984-88) as the offensive line coach. At Weber State, McDonnell coached one of the top offenses in NCAA Division I-AA. In 1987, Weber State finished 10th in the final regular-season poll, won the Big Sky Conference championship and reached the 1-AA semifinals. Weber State also led the nation in total offense in 1985 and ranked third in 1986.

McDonnell began his coaching career at Carroll College, his alma mater, right after graduating with a bachelor's degree in social science in 1981. As a player at Carroll College (1977-80), McDonnell was a four-year starter, a team captain and received All-America recognition following his senior season. He was inducted into the Carroll College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

A native of Spokane, Wash., McDonnell attended Gonzaga Prep High School. Born June 2, 1959, in Spokane, McDonnell and his wife, Mindy, have two children: Michael (6) and Megan (4). The couple resides in Granger.



Year	School/Team	Assignment
1981	Carroll College	Offensive Line
1982	Scobey (Mont.) High School	Head Coach
1983	Scobey (Mont.) High School	Head Coach
1984	Weber State	Offensive Line
1985	Weber State	Offensive Line
1986	Weber State	Offensive Line
1987	Weber State (NCAA I-AA semifinals)	Offensive Line
1988	Weber State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1989	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1990	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1991	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1992	Washington State (Copper Bowl)	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1993	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1994	Washington State (Alamo Bowl)	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1995	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1996	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1997	Washington State (Rose Bowl)	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1998	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1999	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
2000	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Offensive Line (centers, guards)
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Offensive Line (centers, guards)
2003	Notre Dame	Offensive Line (centers, guards)

Trent Miles, Wide Receivers



A proven developer of top receivers, Trent Miles is in his third season coaching wide receivers at Notre Dame and his 17th as a coach on the major college level.

During his first two seasons with the Fighting Irish, Miles has successfully acclimated his receivers in the

nuances of the West Coast offense since joining the Notre Dame staff in 2002. The development of senior Omar Jenkins, junior Carlyle Holiday, sophomore Rhema McKnight and sophomore Maurice Stovall highlighted his 2003 unit. The receivers corps helped produce one of the most prolific passing seasons in Notre Dame history as the Irish passed for more than 2,000 yards and 10 touchdowns, led by McKnight's 47 catches for 600 yards and three scores.

In 2002, Miles took a young receiver corps and developed it into a vital part of an explosive offense. Arnaz Battle took advantage of Notre Dame's newfound passing game, catching 58 passes (third on the Notre Dame single-season reception list). Battle, Jenkins and Stovall became big-play receivers as all had pass receptions longer than 44 yards. Battle and Jenkins also put up big numbers as Battle had three 100-yard games and Jenkins recorded 161 yards versus Florida State. Stovall was named a third-team freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Miles worked under Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham for one season at Stanford. That season Miles had the opportunity to coach some of the nation's finest receivers including Luke Powell (whose 22.3-yard average per catch set a school record) and Teyo Johnson (the 2001 Pacific-10 Co-Freshman of the Year and a second-round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders in 2003).

Miles spent the 2000 campaign with the Green Bay Packers as an offensive assistant, working with the wide receivers and as a quality control coach. During his tenure with the Packers, he coached NFL all-pro receiver Antonio Freeman.

Miles has 16 years of coaching experience on the collegiate level. He was the wide receivers coach at Fresno State for three years (1997-99), producing some of the greatest receivers in Bulldogs' history. In 1999 Two of his receivers, Rodney Wright and Charles Smith, combined to produce more than 1,600 yards and 14 touchdowns on 120 receptions. Their production helped the Bulldogs to a share of the Western Athletic Conference championship and a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Throughout his career, Miles has coached on both sides of the ball including wide receivers, defensive backs and linebackers. Miles began his coaching career at Indiana State (his alma mater) in 1987, tutoring the wide receivers and defensive backs as a graduate assistant. Another graduate assistant position followed at the University of New Mexico (1988-89), where he worked with the receivers and linebackers. Miles then moved on to the University of Oklahoma in 1990, working with the wide receivers as a graduate assistant.

Following four seasons as an assistant at Northern Illinois (1991-93 as receivers coach, 1994 with defensive backs), the Terre Haute, Ind., native then headed west to the University of Hawaii for two seasons (1995-96), where he spent a season each with the wide receivers and defensive backs.

Miles earlier had been a wide receiver at Indiana State (1982-86), where his 1983 and 1984 squads each won nine games and advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. The 1984 Sycamores were ranked No. 1 in the nation for most of the season. That team was inducted into the Indiana State University Hall of Fame on Sept. 7, 2002.

Miles earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Indiana State in 1987. Born July 29, 1963, in Terre Haute, Ind., Miles was an all-state selection as a wide receiver at South Vigo High School in Terre Haute, where he also played baseball. Miles married the former Bridget Hogan on July 10, 2004. The couple lives in South Bend.



Year	School/Team	Assignment
1987	Indiana State	Graduate Assistant (Receivers, Defensive Backs)
1988	New Mexico	Graduate Assistant (Receivers, Linebackers)
1989	New Mexico	Graduate Assistant (Receivers, Linebackers)
1990	Oklahoma	Graduate Assistant (Wide Receivers)
1991	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1992	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1993	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1994	Northern Illinois	Defensive Backs
1995	Hawaii	Wide Receivers
1996	Hawaii	Defensive Backs
1997	Fresno State	Wide Receivers
1998	Fresno State	Wide Receivers
1999	Fresno State (Las Vegas Bowl)	Wide Receivers
2000	Green Bay Packers	Offensive Assistant/Quality Control
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Wide Receivers
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Wide Receivers
2003	Notre Dame	Wide Receivers

Buzz Preston, Running Backs/Special Teams



A veteran coach whose upbeat demeanor and attention to detail has proven to be a formula for success, running backs and special teams coach Buzz Preston is in his third season at Notre Dame.

During two seasons coaching the Fighting Irish running backs,

Preston has molded a group that has produced 1,000-yard rushers in both seasons as Ryan Grant (1,085 yards in 2002) and Julius Jones (1,268 yards in 2003) compiled two of the top 10 rushing seasons in school history. Jones also rushed for more than 200 yards in a game three times in 2003, including a school-record 262-yard performance against Pittsburgh, 221 yards against Navy and 218 versus Stanford. In 2002, Grant gained 190 yards on the ground at Air Force. On special teams, the Fighting Irish have returned three punts and one kick-off for touchdowns over the last two seasons.

Preston made an immediate impact in both the running game and on special teams in when he joined the Irish in 2002. Notre Dame rushed for 1,821 yards that season and followed up with 1,887 rushing yards in 2003. Over the last two seasons, Irish running backs have accumulated a total of nine 100-yard rushing performances.

On special teams, the Irish have been explosive and opportunistic under Preston's direction, as they have created numerous scoring opportunities over the last two seasons.

The 2003 special teams were highlighted by pressure placekicking by Nicholas Setta and D.J. Fitzpatrick. Both kickers nailed pressure game-winning kicks to seal victories over Washington State and Navy, respectively. Setta capped a five-field goal outing with a 40-yarder to knock off WSU. Fitzpatrick, who took over for Setta in the season's fifth game because of an injury, made a 40-yarder as time expired to beat Navy and also made four field goals in a win over Brigham Young. The Irish also ranked 21st nationally in punt returns (12.23 avg.).

Preston's 2002 special teams unit was exceptional. Vontez Duff ranked eighth in the nation in kick returns (27.68) and returned both a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns while kickers Nicholas Setta and Joey Hildbold were among the best at their respective positions. Setta set a Kickoff Classic and Notre Dame record with five field goals, including a 51-yarder, against Maryland, while Hildbold was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award given to the nation's best punter.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Preston coached running backs for three seasons at Stanford under Tyrone Willingham from 1999-2001.

Preston led Stanford running game to new heights in 2001 as, for the first time in the history of the program, the Cardinal led the Pac-10 in rushing at 201.0 yards per game. The Cardinal rushed for 2,211 total yards and 27 touchdowns. The backfield of tailback Brian Allen (2,117 career yards), tailback Kerry Carter (1,515 yards) and fullback Casey Moore (613 yards) provided the Cardinal with the finest group in the Pac-10.

In its first season under Preston's direction, the Cardinal running game more than doubled its yardage output from the previous year. After rushing for 831

yards on 346 carries and averaging 2.4 yards a run in 1998, the Cardinal ground game amassed 1,690 yards on 480 carries and a 4.1 per carry average in 1999.

A native of Los Angeles, Preston was the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Nevada-Las Vegas in 1998 before heading to Stanford. While at UNLV, Preston helped develop the top two receivers in Rebels' history, while improving the team's rushing offense by 45 yards per game.

Prior to his stay at UNLV, he was the running backs coach at Washington State University from 1994-97. During his four-year stint at Washington State, Preston was part of a coaching staff that guided the Cougars to the Pac-10 Conference championship in 1997 and its first Rose Bowl appearance in 67 years. The Cougars offense broke the Pac-10 record for most total yards in a season. One of Preston's pupils, running back Mike Black, gained more than 1,100 yards rushing and was named to the all-Pac-10 team. The Cougars finished 10-2 overall and ranked ninth in the nation.

In his first season in Pullman in 1994, the Cougars went 8-4, defeated Baylor in the Alamo Bowl and finished ranked 19th in the nation.

Preston coached at his alma mater, Hawaii, from 1987-93. He coached special teams, receivers and defensive backs for the Rainbows. Preston's seven-year stay at Hawaii included leading the Rainbows to the first two bowl games in school history and the first Western Athletic Conference title ever for Hawaii. Preston's accomplishments included coaching two All-America kickoff return specialists in Jeff Sydner and Larry Kahu-Smith and three of the top six receivers in Hawaii history. In 1989, Hawaii participated in its first post-season bowl game, losing to Michigan State in the Aloha Bowl. The Rainbows won the WAC championship in 1992, going on to defeat Illinois in the Holiday Bowl.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in speech from Hawaii in 1982, and serving as a graduate assistant at Washington in 1983, Preston's first full-time coaching



assignment came at Southern Illinois University where he coached receivers and the defensive backfield from 1984-86. During his three seasons in Carbondale, SIU's defense improved dramatically — from eighth to second in the conference — while nine of his players received all-conference recognition.

Preston was a graduate assistant at Hawaii in 1980-81 and a part-time coach with the Rainbows in 1982. During his career, Preston has been a guest coach for the CFL's Toronto Argonauts, the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Miami Dolphins.

A 1975 graduate of Banning High School in Los Angeles, Preston was a two-year letterman at Hawaii in 1978-79. Born Nov. 9, 1956, Preston and his wife, Audrey, have three children: Amber, Evan and Quinn. They reside in Granger.

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1980	Hawaii	Graduate Assistant
1981	Hawaii	Graduate Assistant
1982	Hawaii	Part-Time Assistant
1983	Washington (Aloha Bowl)	Graduate Assistant
1984	Southern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1985	Southern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1986	Southern Illinois	Defensive Backs
1987	Hawaii	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1988	Hawaii	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1989	Hawaii (Aloha Bowl)	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1990	Hawaii	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1991	Hawaii	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1992	Hawaii (Holiday Bowl)	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1993	Hawaii	Special Teams/WRs/DBs
1994	Washington State (Alamo Bowl)	Running Backs
1995	Washington State	Running Backs
1996	Washington State	Running Backs
1997	Washington State (Rose Bowl)	Running Backs
1998	UNLV	Assist. Head Coach/Offensive Coord./QBs
1999	Stanford (Rose Bowl)	Running Backs
2000	Stanford	Running Backs
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Running Backs
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Running Backs/Special Teams
2003	Notre Dame	Running Backs/Special Teams

Bob Simmons, Linebackers



One of college football's most experienced and successful coaches, Bob Simmons is in his third year as linebackers coach for the Fighting Irish. Simmons, who spent six years as the head football coach at Oklahoma State (1995-2000), joined Tyrone Willingham's staff as the linebackers coach for

the 2002 season.

The Irish linebacker corps has flourished under Simmons' tutelage, spearheading a hard-nosed, aggressive defense that has been among the nation's toughest each season. In 2002, Simmons helped Courtney Watson earn first-team All-America honors from ESPN.com and become one of three finalists for the Butkus Award, given to the nation's outstanding linebacker. Watson recorded a team-high 90 tackles in only 10 games and had four interceptions that season and went on to lead the team in tackles against in 2003 with 117. Watson was a second-round selection of the New Orleans Saints in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Simmons' 2003 linebacker corps overcame injuries to veteran starters to lead the defense. In addition to Watson, three of the team's top four tacklers were linebackers as Brandon Hoyte (second with 74 tackles) and Derek Curry (fourth with 66) were among the team's defensive leaders.

In 2002, Simmons was a key factor in the development of first-year starters Mike Goolsby and Derek Curry and key backups Brandon Hoyte, Carlos Pierre-Antoine and Justin Thomas. Goolsby finished third on the team with 75 tackles, while Curry had seven tackles for loss and four sacks. Hoyte recorded 57 tackles, earned second-team freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News and was a second-team Academic All-District selection.

While at Oklahoma State, Simmons compiled an overall record of 30-38, rebuilding a downtrodden program as the Cowboys realized amazing success early in Simmons' tenure. During his third season, the Cowboys took that success to another level as Oklahoma State won six straight games to open the campaign and finished the 1997 season with an 8-4 record. The Cowboys were ranked in the nation's top 25 seven of the last eight weeks of the 1997 season, finishing the year ranked 25th, and earning an Alamo Bowl appearance against Purdue. It was Oklahoma State's first postseason bowl appearance since 1988, as Simmons earned Big XII Conference Coach of the Year honors.

After leaving Oklahoma State, Simmons served as a volunteer consultant for the Big XII Conference in Dallas, Texas, in 2001. He worked directly with senior associate commissioner Donnie Duncan and coordinator of football officials Tim Millis.

Simmons came to OSU from the University of Colorado, where he spent seven seasons on Bill McCartney's staff. At Colorado, Simmons was part of a rebuilding process that elevated the Colorado program from a second-division Big Eight finisher to a college football power. While Simmons was on the Colorado staff, the Buffs had a record of 76-16-5 and appeared in six bowl games. Colorado won the national championship in 1990, and won Big Eight Conference champi-

onships in 1989, 1990 and 1991. Simmons served as assistant head coach for the Buffaloes in 1994.

While at Colorado, Simmons received two National Football League Fellowships. After the 1998 season, Simmons worked with the Detroit Lions linebackers and, in 1991, he assisted the New Orleans Saints defensive line.

Prior to his stint at Colorado, Simmons spent eight seasons at West Virginia coaching outside linebackers for head coach Don Nehlen. While at West Virginia, he was part of a staff that fashioned six winning seasons and made five bowl trips, including a 1987 appearance in the Sun Bowl opposite Oklahoma State.

He began his coaching career in 1976 as receivers coach at Bowling Green before moving on to the University of Toledo, where he was the outside linebackers coach for three seasons (1977-79). After Toledo had back-to-back 2-9 finishes in 1977 and 1978, he helped guide the Rockets to a 7-3-1 finish in 1979.

The Bob Simmons story has not only evolved on the football field, but off it as well. In 1998, Simmons underwent successful kidney transplant surgery with an organ donated by his wife, Linda.

A popular and successful speaker, he has been featured at numerous venues nationwide, including Promise Keepers events in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He was featured along with General Colin Powell and noted author Zig Ziglar at a Peter Lowe Success Seminar. In addition to his speaking duties, Simmons has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards. He received the Salt and Light Award in 1998 and was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America, also in 1998.

Simmons graduated from Bowling Green in 1971 with a major in physical education. He received his master's in college student personnel from Bowling Green in 1972.

As a student-athlete, Simmons lettered three times as a linebacker at Bowling Green and was all-Mid American Conference as a senior when he registered 150 tackles. He lettered in football, basketball and track at Shaw High School in East Cleveland, Ohio.

Born June 13, 1948, in Livingston, Ala., Simmons is married to the former Linda Davidson and has three children – Brandon (29), Nathan (27) and Lelanna (21). Brandon and his wife, Aisha also have two children: B.J. (7) and Ethan (5).



Year	School/Team	Assignment
1976	Bowling Green	Receivers
1977	Toledo	Outside Linebackers
1978	Toledo	Outside Linebackers
1979	Toledo	Outside Linebackers
1980	West Virginia	Outside Linebackers
1981	West Virginia (Peach Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1982	West Virginia (Gator Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1983	West Virginia (Hall of Fame Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1984	West Virginia (Bluebonnet Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1985	West Virginia	Outside Linebackers
1986	West Virginia	Outside Linebackers
1987	West Virginia (Sun Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1988	Colorado (Freedom Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1989	Colorado (Orange Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1990	Colorado (Orange Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1991	Colorado (Blockbuster Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1992	Colorado (Fiesta Bowl)	Defensive Line
1993	Colorado (Aloha Bowl)	Defensive Line
1994	Colorado (Fiesta Bowl)	DL/Asst. Head Coach
1995	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
1996	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
1997	Oklahoma State (Alamo Bowl)	Head Coach
1998	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
1999	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
2000	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Linebackers
2003	Notre Dame	Linebackers

Steven Wilks, Defensive Backs



Steven Wilks joined the Notre Dame coaching staff this past spring and is in his first season coaching the Fighting Irish defensive backs. A rising star in the college coaching ranks, Wilks emphasis on attention to detail and daily consistent improvement will be crucial as the Irish face the replacement of three starters from the 2003 secondary.

Wilks is in his 10th season as a college assistant coach and has experience as a defensive coordinator, a head coach and a defensive backs coach. Wilks came to Notre Dame from Bowling Green where, as a member of head coach Gregg Brandon's staff in 2003, Wilks helped the Falcons become the first team in school history to finish in the final national polls (23rd in both Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today) after a 28-24 Motor City Bowl win over Northwestern that pushed the Falcons' record to 11-3.

In 2003, Wilks helped junior defensive back Keon Newson lead the Mid-American Conference in forced fumbles (with six) and senior All-America cornerback Janssen Patton lead the league in interceptions (with seven, giving him 18 in his career). The Falcons ranked second in the MAC in both total defense and scoring defense.

Wilks came to Bowling Green after spending the 2002 season as East Tennessee State's co-defensive coordinator under head coach Paul Hamilton. At East Tennessee

State, three members of the Buccaneers' secondary earned all-Southern Conference honors in 2002, including two (Tony Tiller and Gerald Sansabaugh) that earned first-team honors. Under Wilks' direction, East Tennessee State led the league in turnover margin (plus-0.83 per game) and ranked second in pass efficiency defense (104.0 rating), while permitting only 156.2 passing yards per game.

Wilks also coached defensive backs at Appalachian State (2001) and Illinois State (2000). Working under head coach Denver Johnson in 2000, he helped Illinois State to a 7-4 record and a final ranking of 24th in The Sports Network NCAA I-AA poll while coaching a pair of defensive backs (Ryan Szokola and Sam Young) to all-conference honors. At Appalachian State under head coach Jerry Moore, Wilks contributed to a Mountaineer unit that finished 10-4 overall and advanced to the second round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs. Appalachian State finished fourth in the final 2001 TSN I-AA poll.

In 1999, Wilks served as head coach at Savannah State University in Georgia. He also coordinated defenses at Savannah State (1997-98) and Johnson C. Smith University (1995-96) in Charlotte, N.C. At Savannah State, his 1998 defense led the nation in total defense (166.3 yards per game) in Division II and American Football Quarterly honored him as the Division II defensive coordinator of the year. That same year he saw four players earn all-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors, including linebacker Reginald Jackson, the SIAC player of the year.

As a player, Wilks played for the Charlotte Rage of the Arena Football League in 1993 as a defensive back/wide receiver, helping the team to a playoff berth. He was



invited to training camp with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks in 1992. A 1992 graduate of Appalachian State and a defensive back in football from 1987-91, he recorded 103 career tackles with four interceptions and four blocked kicks. The Mountaineers played in the NCAA I-AA playoffs in both 1989 and 1991, finishing with respective 9-3 and 8-4 marks.

Born August 8, 1969, the Charlotte, N.C., native holds a bachelor's degree in communications. He and his wife, Marcia, have a daughter, Marissa.

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1995	Johnson C. Smith	Defensive Coordinator
1996	Johnson C. Smith	Defensive Coordinator
1997	Savannah State	Defensive Coordinator
1998	Savannah State	Defensive Coordinator
1999	Savannah State	Head Coach
2000	Illinois State	Defensive Backs
2001	Appalachian State	Defensive Backs
2002	East Tennessee State	Co-Defensive Coordinator
2003	Bowling Green State	Defensive Backs

Mickey Marotti, Strength & Conditioning



Mickey Marotti joined the Notre Dame staff in February 1998 as the strength and conditioning coordinator and is in his seventh year in that role. Marotti served as the strength and conditioning coach at the University of Cincinnati for eight years before coming to Notre Dame.

In his role at Notre Dame, Marotti is responsible for the total development of sport-specific strength and conditioning programs for all 26 varsity sports at Notre Dame.

Marotti coordinated the strength and conditioning program for 20 sports at Cincinnati and also worked in the areas of diet analysis and planning and assisted in student-athlete rehabilitation from injuries. He is certified through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCC), as well as the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

In 2003, Marotti was branded with the highest honor in his field of expertise when he was certified as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach (MSCC) at the

Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches association's (CSCCA) third national conference. The Master Strength and Conditioning Coach title represents professionalism, knowledge, experience, expertise, as well as longevity in the field. Marotti was one of 10 people to receive the honor at the 2003 convention and becomes one of only 36 people in the world to hold the Master Strength and Conditioning Coach certification.

Before his stint at Cincinnati, Marotti spent two years (1989-90) as assistant strength coach at West Virginia. Marotti spent 1987-88 as a graduate assistant strength coach at Ohio State, while at the same time serving as head strength coach at Grove City High School in Grove City, Ohio.

The Ambridge, Pa., native earned four letters in football as a fullback at West Liberty State, serving as a team tri-captain in 1986 and winning first team NAIA All-Academic honors in 1987.

Born Dec. 24, 1964, he earned his bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology from West Liberty State in 1987, a master of arts in strength training and athletic conditioning from Ohio State in 1988 and a master of science in sport medicine from West Virginia in 1990.

Marotti is married to the former Susan Laffey. The couple has two children: a son, Mitchell, and a daughter, Madison.



Erica Genise, Director of Football Operations



The 2004 football season is Erica Genise's third year as director of football operations for the Fighting Irish.

Genise's daily duties center on assisting head coach Tyrone Willingham with various daily tasks, in addition to total responsibility for all facets of team travel, budget and direction of Notre Dame's annual Football Coaches Clinic. Genise came to Notre Dame after serving as the temporary executive assistant to the President of the San Francisco 49ers from February 2002 until she arrived in South Bend that summer.

Before working with the 49ers, Genise was an administrative associate to coach Willingham at Stanford University. While at Stanford, she provided administrative assistance to Willingham while serving as office manager. She supervised the football secretaries and served as the liaison between Willingham and the public. Genise also coordinated some team travel while at

Stanford and was a member of the planning committee for Stanford's appearance at the 2000 Rose Bowl and the 2001 Seattle Bowl.

Prior to her stint at Stanford, Genise was a coaching and pro personnel assistant with the Minnesota Vikings from 1994-97. She also worked as a public relations intern and as an administrative assistant to the coaching staff while with the Vikings. Genise also served internships with the New England Patriots in 1991 and 1992.

A 1993 graduate of the University of Iowa with a degree in journalism, Genise worked for the Daily Iowan, the student newspaper, and the Iowa athletic department in many different capacities.

Genise and her husband, John, reside in Osceola and are the parents of a son, Benjamin, born June 8, 2004.

Jimmy Gonzales, Director of Player Development



The 2004 season is Jimmy Gonzales' second as director of personnel development for the Irish football program. In that role, Gonzales works directly with recruiting administration and player development among other responsibilities for the Irish.

Gonzales comes to Notre Dame after serving as the director of football operations and recruiting coordinator at Army since 1999. In that role, Gonzales handled the administrative operations for the football program, aided in recruiting weekends and team travel, and assisted in community service projects and events.

A lifelong football administrator and coach, Gonzales was the assistant athletic director for football operations under head coach John Mackovic at the University of Texas from 1996-98 before leaving for Army. While at Texas, the 1996 Longhorns finished first in the Big 12 South, defeated Nebraska in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game and advanced to the Fiesta Bowl. Gonzales has also served as the administrative assistant for recruiting at the University of Oklahoma in 1992-93.

Prior to assuming his administrative duties at Texas, Gonzales served as a coach for almost 15 years. He was

the defensive backfield and ends coach at Duke University from 1994 to 1995, and coached defensive backs at Northwestern from 1990 to 1992. He served in a similar capacity at the University of Wisconsin where he was the defensive backs coach and co-director of summer camps from 1986-89. Gonzales was the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Tulsa in 1985-86, the defensive coordinator at Texas Lutheran in 1985 and was a graduate assistant at both Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1983-84 and Southwest Texas State (1982) under head coach Jim Wacker. Gonzales helped the 1982 Southwest Texas team post a perfect 14-0 record and capture the Division II national championship.

A native of Schertz, Texas, and a 1981 graduate of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, with a bachelor's degree in political science, Gonzales has a master's degree in education from TCU, which he received in 1991.

Born April 26, 1958, he and his wife, Mary, have two daughters: Danica (12) and Lea (10). They reside in Granger.

D.J. Durkin, Defensive Graduate Assistant



The 2004 season will be D.J. Durkin's third as a graduate assistant coach at Notre Dame, working on the defensive side of the ball. He assists with all aspects of the defense, particularly with defensive line coach Greg Mattison.

Durkin joined the Notre Dame staff in 2003 after serving as the defensive ends coach and a graduate assistant coach at Bowling Green in 2001-02. He worked specifically with the defensive ends and assisted with all aspects of special teams.

While at Bowling Green, the Falcons were 9-3 in 2002 and were ranked in the top 20 of both major polls. In 2001, the Bowling Green defense was first in the conference in total defense, in addition to leading the league in four other major defensive categories. Durkin also coached fourth-team All-American and first-team all-

conference selection Brandon Hicks.

A four-year starter at defensive end and outside linebacker for the Falcons as a player, he was elected a two-year captain by his teammates. He also received a number of awards during his career including the Ken Schoeni Award for character and toughness, the Carlos Jackson Award for personifying the values of a true student-athlete, and the Leadership Award for displaying great leadership.

Durkin earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing from Bowling Green in 2001, and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from BGSU in May of 2004.

Born Jan. 15, 1978 in Youngstown, Ohio, Durkin is married to the former Sarah Brumback. The couple resides in South Bend, Ind.

Chad Klunder, Offensive Graduate Assistant



The 2004 football season will be Chad Klunder's second as a graduate assistant coach at Notre Dame. Klunder works closely with offensive coordinator Bill Dierick, in developing the Fighting Irish's offense.

Klunder joined the Notre Dame staff in 2003 after serving as the running backs coach and coordinator of football operations at Harvard University since 1998. At Harvard, Klunder was responsible for all running back unit meetings, practice organization and position evaluations. While at Harvard, Klunder's running backs led the Ivy League in rushing three times and he coached three all-Ivy League players, including Chris Menick, who finished his career as the all-time leading rusher in Harvard history. In 2001, Harvard won the Ivy League championship with a perfect 9-0 record and became the first Harvard team since 1913 to go undefeated or untied in league play.

Prior to his stint at Harvard, Klunder worked as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at the

University of Minnesota and also was a graduate assistant coach at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. While at St. Cloud, Klunder coached Randy Martin, a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy given to the NCAA Division II Player of the Year in both 1995 and 1996.

A four-year starter at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, Klunder was a four-year letterman at defensive back, a two-time unanimous all-conference selection and an honorable mention All-American. He also was a co-captain when Wartburg advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals in 1994.

Klunder received a degree in sports management from Wartburg in 1995 and has taken master's coursework at both St. Cloud State and Minnesota. He is a member of the American Football Coaches Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Born Aug. 28, 1972, in Waverly, Iowa, Klunder is single and lives in Mishawaka.

Dave Peloquin, Football Operations Assistant



Dave Peloquin is in his first season as recruiting assistant, a role in which he will work with the entire coaching staff assisting in all recruiting aspects. A 2003 Notre Dame graduate with a bachelor's degree in business marketing, Peloquin served as a student manager from 2000 to 2002 and was named Head Senior Manager for the 2002 season. Before rejoining the Irish, Peloquin worked as a sales representative for State Farm Insurance and Financial Services in the Chicago area. A native of Blue Island, Ill., Peloquin is single and resides in South Bend.

2004 Football Staff Managers

A trio of senior managers will lead Notre Dame's student managers who will work with the 2004 Irish football team. Liam Gruzs, the head manager for administration, is a native of London, Ohio. Heather Mulvaney, the head manager for personnel, is from Danville, Ill. John Palmer, the head manager for equipment, is a native of Staten Island, N.Y.. The three senior managers are responsible for overseeing the Student Manager Organization, as well as tending to all matters regarding players and coaches.

There are also 21 junior managers who will assist the team this season including: Maureen Barrett (Clarendon Hills, Ill.), Bethany Benbow (Joliet, Ill.), Jerry Beres (Mansfield, Ohio), Meghan Callahan (Farmington Hills, Mich.), Jon Chelf (Salida, Colo.), Rona de la Vega (Pittsburgh, Penn.), Elisabeth Dieckelman (Buffalo Grove, Ill.), Dylan Drugan (Streamwood, Ill.), Mark Dumich (Mundelein, Ill.), Liz Frierott (Minster, Ohio), Jimmy Heisner (St. Louis, Mo.), Luke Hoover (Mahwah, N.J.), Lauren Lydon (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Matt O'Rourke (Bloomington, Ill.), Ryan Parietti (Seattle, Wash.), Billy Peck (Las Vegas, Nev.), David Preston (Fort Collins, Colo.), Jamie Smith (Caledonia, Mich.), Tony Sylvester (Carol Stream, Ill.), Shannon Trevino (Folsom, Calif.), and Lynn Truitt (Columbus, Ohio).



The senior football managers for 2004 are (from left to right): head manager for administration Liam Gruzs, head manager for personnel Maureen Mulvaney, and head manager for equipment John Palmer.

Administrative Assistants



Karen Demeter
Senior Administrative Assistant to Coach Willingham (5th Season)

Karen Demeter – Administrative Assistant to Coach Willingham

In her second season as senior administrative assistant to head football coach Tyrone Willingham, Karen Demeter is in her fifth season working in the Notre Dame football office. Demeter manages Coach Willingham's office, student support staff and his personal schedule. A native of Akron, Ohio, she was the recruiting administrative assistant for the Irish from 2001-03. Demeter and her husband, Darryl, are the parents of two daughters: Jocelyn and Lauren. The Demeters live in South Bend.



Julie DeBuysser
Senior Staff Assistant Offensive Coaches (21st Season)

Julie DeBuysser - Senior Staff Assistant, Offensive Coaches

A 22-year employee of the University of Notre Dame, Julie DeBuysser is in her 20th season in the Irish football office. In her role, DeBuysser serves as the primary assistant to Notre Dame's five offensive coaches. A native of South Bend, DeBuysser is married to Denny DeBuysser and she has a son, Christopher Martin, who is a 2003 Notre Dame graduate.



Heather Grzeskowiak
Senior Staff Assistant Defensive Coaches (4th Season)

Heather Grzeskowiak - Senior Staff Assistant, Defensive Coaches

In her fourth year with the Notre Dame football office, Heather Grzeskowiak serves as the assistant for the Irish defensive coaching staff. In her position, she plays a vital role in organizing and running the annual Notre Dame Football Coaches Clinic. Grzeskowiak assists with junior recruiting and also serves as the liaison for internal media. A student at Indiana University South Bend, Grzeskowiak is in pursuit of a communications degree. She and her daughter, Hannah, reside in Mishawaka.



Ann Karwoski
Senior Staff Assistant Football Office Receptionist (7th Season)

Ann Karwoski - Senior Staff Assistant, Football Office Receptionist

The voice you hear when you call the Notre Dame football office is usually that of Ann Karwoski. A veteran, Karwoski is now in her seventh season with the Irish. Her duties center around serving as the primary contact for all general communication with the Notre Dame football office. Karwoski also assists with recruiting and serves as the administrative assistant to the Director of Football Operations, Erica Genise. She is married to Assistant Athletic Director Mike Karwoski.



Patrice Mullen
Staff Assistant Recruiting (2nd Season)

Patrice Mullen - Staff Assistant, Recruiting

In her second season with the Irish football office, Patrice Mullen serves as the primary assistant to the Director of Football Personnel Development, Jimmy Gonzales. Mullen's duties center around all aspects of Notre Dame's recruiting efforts with emphasis on coordination of official and unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes. A resident of Valparaiso, Mullen and her husband, Brian, are the parents of three children: Mallarie, Michael, and Mackenzie.