

FROM THE DESK OF RON ZOOK



Dear Illini Fans,

As we enter our third year here as Illini, I know there are great expectations for this program. We know they exist from the outside, but what is important to know is we have huge expectations, just like you. Let me assure you, this team believes! As a team, we truly feel we took some huge steps in 2006. THIS IS OUR TIME!

I have to take a minute to first talk about this senior class. They were sophomores when we came in and immediately bought into the philosophy of this team. They have been the biggest reason we have been able to recruit the way we have. These seniors are the reason we have shown progress. No matter how much talent a team has, it is the group that acts as a team that will win. I believe we have a group of selfless leaders who will stop at nothing to act in the best interest of the team. What more can you ask for as a coach!

Secondly, I want to talk about these underclassmen. In this business, what is the most rewarding is coming across a group of players that have as much enthusiasm and passion for the game as you. During the recruiting process, we have been fortunate enough to find young men who want to be a part of something very special – turning a program around. They want to be a part of something bigger than themselves. They fear nothing! Anytime I need a boost of energy, I know just where to find it.

Thirdly, I cannot end this letter without addressing the Illini Nation. As I traveled around the State of Illinois and the Midwest while recruiting and speaking to groups, I witnessed enthusiasm from fans and alums that was like nothing I had seen before. There is a great desire in this Illini community to see this program succeed. The support from our loyal fans is inspiring and the amount of people joining the charge is increasing daily. With your help growing the Illini spirit and the dedication of this team and coaching staff, I have no doubt that 2007 is going to be a season to remember!

GO ILLINI!

Your head football coach,

A handwritten signature of Ron Zook in white ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name 'Ron' and the last name 'Zook' clearly visible.

Ron Zook



ON THE COVER: The team taking the field at Memorial Stadium in 2006

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QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 41,398
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference: Big Ten
President: B. Joseph White
Chancellor: Richard Herman
Director of Athletics: Ron Guenther
Stadium: Memorial Stadium
 Surface: Astro Play
 Capacity: 57,078 (for 2007 season)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Ron Zook
 Alma Mater: Miami (OH), 1976
 Record at Illinois: 4-19 (Two Seasons)
 Overall Record: 27-33 (Five Seasons)

Assistant Coaches:

Reggie Mitchell:
 Asst. Head Coach/Running Backs/
 Recruiting Coordinator
Mike Locksley:
 Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Dan Disch:
 Interim Co-Defensive Coordinator/Special
 Teams/Linebackers
Curt Mallory:
 Interim Co-Defensive Coordinator/
 Secondary
Kurt Beathard: Outside Receivers
Jim Pry: Inside Receivers
Tom Sims: Defensive Line
Eric Wolford: Offensive Line
Mike Degory: Offensive Grad Assistant
Steve Sigler: Defensive Grad Assistant

SUPPORT STAFF

Strength Coach: Lou Hernandez
Football Operations: Adrian Melendez
Sports Medicine: Byron Cunningham
Equipment Manager: Trent Chesnut
Video Coordinator: Greg Bruner

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2006 Record: 2-10, 1-7 Big Ten (T10th)
Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: Multiple
 Eight-Man Front
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 46/17
Offense: 22/12
Defense: 21/4
Specialists: 3/1
Starters Returning/Lost: 20/4
Offense: 9/2
Defense: 9/2
Specialists: 2/0

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 Champaign, IL 61820

DIA DIRECTORY

(all phone numbers are area code 217, unless denoted otherwise)

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

President	B. Joseph White (Michigan '75)	333-2070
Chancellor	Richard Herman (Stevens Institute of Technology '63)	333-6290
Director of Athletics	Ron Guenther (Illinois '67)	333-3631
Senior Associate Director	Terry Cole (Illinois '72)	333-8511
Senior Woman Administrator	Susan Young (Eastern Illinois '84)	244-4286
Associate Director	Dana Brenner (Pacific '76)	265-0340
Associate Director	Vince Ilie (Oklahoma '85)	333-3298
Faculty Representative	Nancy Sottos (Delaware '86)	333-1041
Faculty Representative	Matthew B. Wheeler (UC-Davis '77)	333-2239

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Associate Athletics Director	Susan Young (Eastern Illinois '84)	244-4286
Assistant Business Manager	TBA	333-8178
Account Clerk	Jeanne Murray	333-5722
Administrative Assistant	Harletta Hamilton	333-5723
Administrative Clerk	Jana Sage	333-5721
Inventory Specialist	Kenny Merrell	333-7820

COMPLIANCE

Assistant Athletics Director	Chris Peacock (Miami OH '90)	333-5731
Compliance Coordinator	Ryan Squire (Ohio State '95)	333-2009
Assistant Director	Chris Byron (Springfield College '91)	244-4224
Assistant Director	Sarah Hahn (Illinois '05)	265-0733
Assistant Director	Sandy Long (Illinois '86)	265-0733

CORPORATE RELATIONS

Associate Athletics Director	Warren Hood (Illinois '87)	333-2474
Assistant Athletics Director	Marty Kaufmann (Illinois '93)	244-6532

I FUND

Associate Athletic Director	Shawn Wax (Illinois '91)	333-6277
Director of Development	Steve Greene (Illinois '76)	333-6277
Assoc. Director of Development (Chicago)	Pat Kregler (Mankato State '92)	(312) 575-7853
Assoc. Director of Development	Mike Hatfield (Eastern Illinois '79)	333-6595
Director of Varsity "I" Association	Chris Tuttle (Illinois '98)	244-6705
Assistant Director of Development	Carrie Wilson (Illinois '99)	333-6595
Assistant Director of Development	Howard Milton (Kansas '95)	333-6640
Program Coordinator (Chicago)	Kristie LeVanti (Illinois '06)	(312) 575-7850

TICKET OFFICE

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Assistant Ticket Manager	Steve Landrus (Illinois State '95)	333-9323
Assistant Ticket Manager	Bethany Foss (Illinois-Springfield '99)	333-9323
Assistant Ticket Manager	Brian Amentt (Pittsburgh '05)	333-9323

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Assistant Athletics Director	Tom Michael (Illinois '93)	333-2240
Academic Counselor	Shari Clapp (Oklahoma State '97)	244-7787
Academic Counselor	Jason Holtman (Bowling Green '94)	244-4464
Academic Counselor	Kathy Kaler (Eastern Illinois '79)	333-1015
Academic Counselor	Kristin Kane (Loras College '98)	333-3169
Academic Counselor	Joe Cross (Illinois '01)	244-8023
Academic Counselor	Annie Rymer-White (Illinois '01)	265-4069
Academic Counselor	TBA	333-9530
Learning Specialist	Carla Suber (Florida A&M '92)	244-1305
Grant-In-Aid Specialist	Clarissa Gentzler (Eastern Illinois '00)	333-2241

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Associate SID	Cassie Arner (Southern Mississippi '95)	244-3886
Assistant SID	Derrick Burson (Illinois '99)	333-0933
Assistant SID	Mike Koon (North Central '93)	244-1256
Assistant SID	Derek Neal (Augustana '02)	244-3707
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Assistant Director	Allison Berg (Illinois '02)	244-0062

IT SERVICES

IT Director	Nick Rogers (Illinois '99)	244-1557
User Services Manager	Jason Minard (Illinois '00)	244-5354
Systems Administrator	Arthur Hackman (Illinois '00)	333-3475
Solution Developer	Ben Farmer (Illinois '04)	244-9747

SPORTS MEDICINE

Director of Sports Medicine	Al Martindale (Upper Iowa '73)	265-8059
Head Football Athletic Trainer	Byron Cunningham (Florida A&M '98)	244-6884
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Nick Richey (Purdue '03)	333-7020
Associate Athletic Trainer	Karen Iehl-Morse (Illinois '78)	333-7702
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Brian Collette (Iowa '99)	333-6718
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Randy Ballard (Kansas State '99)	244-9160
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Matt Fitterer (Northern Arizona '03)	333-6718
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Caroline Johnson (Purdue '97)	333-6718
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Paul Schmidt (Northern Illinois '92)	265-8060
Assistant Athletic Trainer	TBA	333-6718

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Assistant Athletic Director	Kathy Hug (Bellevue University '96)	333-8839
Assistant Athletic Director	James Morton (Ft. Hays St. '01)	244-9755
Event Coordinator	Holly Stalcup (Illinois '03)	244-6518
Director of Concessions	Terry Conlon (Illinois State '82)	333-8486
Cheerleader Coach	Stephanie Record (Illinois '93)	265-0818
Summer Camp Director	Brian Walsh (North Central '94)	244-9612

EQUIPMENT

Equipment Manager	Andy Dixon (Wyoming '76)	333-2063
Asst. Equipment Mgr.	Trent Chesnut (Southern Illinois '90)	333-2040
Asst. Equipment Mgr.	John Birdsall	333-2063
Asst. Equipment Mgr.	Steve Bode	333-1926
Asst. Equipment Mgr.	Becky Corby (Oregon '93)	333-6798
Asst. Equipment Mgr.	Kyle Croy (Illinois State '05)	333-2063
Asst. Equipment Mgr.	Rick Raven (Illinois State '94)	333-1498

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Director of Facilities	Lenny Willis (Ohio State '85)	333-2303
Facilities Supervisor	Bill Elena (Western Michigan '78)	333-2303
Facilities Supervisor	John Donohoe (Illinois State '88)	244-2661
Assistant Supervisor	Billy Epps	333-2303
Assistant Supervisor	Kevin Grebien	333-2303
Coordinator Army Track & Floor	Eric Vetter (Wisconsin Superior '01)	333-0534
Director of Varsity Room	Linda White (Eastern Illinois '73)	333-0117

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Head Strength Coach	Jim Zielinski (Northern Illinois '86)	244-5989
Football Strength Coach	Lou Hernandez (Houston '92)	333-4389
Assistant Strength Coach	Troy Hatton (Illinois '98)	333-4389
Assistant Strength Coach	Zach Womack (East Central University '04)	333-4389
Assistant Strength Coach	Jimmy Price (Texas Tech '01)	244-3704
Assistant Strength Coach	Steve Oldenburg (Nebraska '03)	333-6705
Assistant Strength Coach	Ryan Marker (Illinois State '05)	333-6705

VIDEO

Director of Video Services	Andrew Young (Nebraska '99)	265-6292
Assistant Video Director	Derryl Myles (Nebraska '02)	244-6766
Football Video Director	Greg Bruner (Cincinnati '03)	333-6984
Football Video Director	Tony Buyniski (Carthage '04)	333-6984

BASEBALL

Head Coach	Dan Hartleb (Southern Illinois '89)	244-8144
Assistant Coach	Eric Snider (Northern Iowa '87)	244-8140
Assistant Coach	Ken Westray (Eastern Illinois '83)	244-5539

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach	Bruce Weber (Wisconsin-Milwaukee '78)	333-3400
Assistant Coach	Wayne McClain (Bradley '77)	333-3400
Assistant Coach	Jay Price (Kansas '91)	333-3400
Assistant Coach	Tracy Webster (Wisconsin '95)	333-3400
Assistant to the Head Coach	Gary Nottingham (Glenville State '79)	333-3400

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach	Jollette Law (Iowa '90)	333-8612
Assistant Coach	Karen Middleton (South Carolina '91)	333-8623
Assistant Coach	Tamika Louis (Fresno State '97)	244-1093
Assistant Coach	Patrick Klein (Ohio State '05)	333-8612
Assistant to the Head Coach	Diane Hobin (Hofstra '95)	244-3428

FOOTBALL

Head Coach	Ron Zook (Miami OH '76)	333-1400
Director of Football Operations	Adrian Melendez (Texas Christian '91)	333-1401
Assistant Head Coach	Reggie Mitchell (Central Michigan '81)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Mike Locksley (Towson '92)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Kurt Beathard (Towson '88)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Dan Disch (Florida State '81)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Curt Mallory (Michigan '92)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Jim Pry (Marshall '74)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Tom Sims (Pittsburgh '90)	333-1400
Assistant Coach	Eric Wolford (Kansas State '94)	333-1400
Assoc. Recruiting Coordinator	Bobbi Duval (Illinois '04)	333-1400
Asst. Recruiting Coordinator	Casey Ludwig (Illinois '06)	333-1400
Website Coordinator	Dick Barnes (Illinois '75)	333-3317

GOLF

Men's Head Coach	Mike Small (Illinois '88)	333-8604
Men's Assistant Coach	Dave Pezzino (St. Thomas '97)	333-0536
Women's Head Coach	Renee Stone (Illinois '00)	333-8610

GYMNASTICS

Men's Head Coach	Yoshi Hayasaki (Washington '71)	333-7973
Men's Assistant Coach	Jon Valdez (UNLV '95)	333-8764
Men's Assistant Coach	Justin Spring (Illinois '06)	333-8764
Women's Head Coach	Bob Starkell (Wisconsin Oshkosh '92)	333-7974
Women's Assistant Coach	Kim Mazza (Iowa State '97)	333-1683
Women's Assistant Coach	Amy Kruse (Nebraska '02)	333-1683

SOCCER

Head Coach	Janet Rayfield (North Carolina '83)	333-4783
Associate Head Coach	Marcia McDermott (North Carolina '85)	333-0004
Assistant Coach	Leisha Alcia (Illinois '06)	333-9149

SOFTBALL

Head Coach	Terril Sullivan (Loyola-Chicago '92)	265-8229
Associate Head Coach	Donna DiBiase (Illinois-Chicago '94)	265-8230
Assistant Coach	TBA	265-0494

SWIMMING & DIVING

Head Coach	Sue Novitsky (Oakland '91)	333-5213
Assistant Coach	Steve Farnau (Kentucky '94)	333-8607
Assistant Coach	Chris Waters (Castleton State '91)	244-8054

TENNIS

Men's Head Coach	Brad Dancer (Michigan St. '88)	333-7971
Men's Assistant Coach	TBA	333-7350
Women's Head Coach	Michelle Dasso (Notre Dame '01)	333-8622
Women's Assistant Coach	David Emery (James Madison '05)	333-9463

TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY

Men's Head Coach	Wayne Angel (Illinois '82)	333-7968
Men's Assistant Coach	Wendel McRaven (North Central College '90)	333-7969
Men's Assistant Coach	Michael Turk (Augustana '85)	333-2957
Women's Head Coach	Gary Winckler (Seattle Pacific '74)	333-7970
Women's Assistant Coach	Karen Harvey (Michigan '96)	333-8599
Women's Assistant Coach	Tonja Buford-Bailey (Illinois '94)	244-8258

VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach	Don Hardin (Illinois '82)	333-8606
Assistant Coach	Kevin Hamby (Illinois '06)	333-8609
Assistant Coach	Jen Oldenburg (Ohio State '01)	333-2366

WRESTLING

Head Coach	Mark Johnson (Michigan '77)	333-5853
Assistant Coach	Jim Heffernan (Iowa '87)	333-5853
Assistant Coach	Carl Perry (Illinois '00)	333-5853
Assistant Coach	Jeremy Hunter (Penn State '00)	333-5853

MEMORIAL STADIUM

Memorial Stadium was built in 1923 as a memorial to Illinois men and women who gave their lives for their country during World War I. Their names appear on 200 columns that support the east and west sides of the stadium. In May of 2002, the University Alumni Association began a campaign to fund a veterans' memorial project which recognizes the 1,087 who have lost their lives in battle in World War II, the Second Nicaraguan Campaign, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon and Desert Storm.

Donations of approximately \$1.7 million by more than 200,000 students, alumni and other friends of the University made the construction of Memorial Stadium possible. The Athletic Association (now known as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics) later allocated \$509,805 to the project for the construction of the south stands and other stadium additions. The drive was needed to add spaces for the over 30,000 fans who were turned away from games.

The stadium opened Nov. 3, 1923, when Illinois defeated Chicago, 7-0, in a Homecoming victory. The stadium was dedicated officially Oct. 18, 1924, a day that Illinois not only defeated Michigan, 39-14, for a Homecoming victory, but Harold E. "Red" Grange accounted for six touchdowns in what remains the single greatest performance in Memorial Stadium history. In the first 12 minutes of that game, Grange ran for a total of 265 yards and scored four times. He had his hands on the ball only six times and left the field before the end of the first quarter.

In the third quarter, Grange returned and ran 13 yards for his fifth touchdown, and in the final period he passed to Marion Leonard for his sixth score of the day. In 42 minutes of playing time, Grange gained a total of 402 yards, carried the ball 21 times and also completed six passes for 64 yards. Legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg called it "the most spectacular single-handed performance ever delivered in a major game."

The 1994 season represented the 70th anniversary of Memorial Stadium's dedication and the historic Illinois-Michigan game. To celebrate the event, Red Grange's wife, Mrs.



"IT WAS GREAT TO GO TO ILLINOIS AND IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE I WON'T EVER FORGET. THE ILLINOIS FANS HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS TO ME. THEY WERE ALWAYS GIVING US SUPPORT. WHETHER WE LOST OR WON, THEY WERE THERE TO CHEER US ON AND MAKE SURE WE FELT GOOD ABOUT WHAT WE WERE DOING."

- Greg Lewis, Wide Receiver,
Philadelphia Eagles



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Margaret Grange, attended the Fighting Illini's Oct. 22 game against Michigan. She helped dedicate The Grange Rock, which sits at the north end of Zuppke Field near the Illinois Locker room, as a tribute to her husband. The rock came from the same Indiana stone quarry that produced the granite columns of the stadium.

Permanent seating capacity of Memorial Stadium for the 2007 season is 57,000 while construction to the West side is underway.

During the 1980s, Memorial Stadium saw 27 consecutive sell-outs. The single-game attendance record is 78,297 for a 1984 victory over Missouri.

Approximately 71 percent of Memorial Stadium seats are between the goal posts with 18,000 in each stand, 10,000 in each balcony and 12,246 in the south stand horseshoe.

Installation of the first artificial turf and a new lighting system was made possible through a 1974 Golden Anniversary campaign drive. The lights have made games and practices possible after sunset. Even though the field is lit only from the towers on the four corners of Memorial Stadium, the light intensity is easily sufficient for major network telecasts of night games.

Other stadium improvements include the 1967 installation of a press box, located at the top of the west balcony; construction of the Ray Eliot Varsity Room, a training table and trophy



display area at the southeast corner of the stadium that was built with funds donated by friends of the Athletic Association; a million-dollar stadium renovation project in 1972, which included the addition of aluminum seating and other improvements; and a 1977 renovation of the varsity locker rooms and training facilities.

In April 1985, \$7 million worth of improvements began. Out of this project came installation of new artificial turf and expansion of the football headquarters in the northeast corner of the stadium. AstroTurf was installed in the stadium in 1985 and the portion of it between the goal lines was replaced in the fall of

1989 after vandals burned a 40-yard swath in the middle of the field in the early-morning hours of Sept. 24. Employees from AstroTurf Industries began removing the destroyed pad and turf on the 26th, and worked around the clock to install a new surface in time for Illinois' scheduled Oct. 7 game against Ohio State.

An air-tight vacuum dome completely covering the field of Memorial Stadium, more commonly known as "The Bubble," was inflated for the first time in December 1985 for the purpose of practice during the winter months. It was used for the last time during the spring season of 2000 when the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility was completed.



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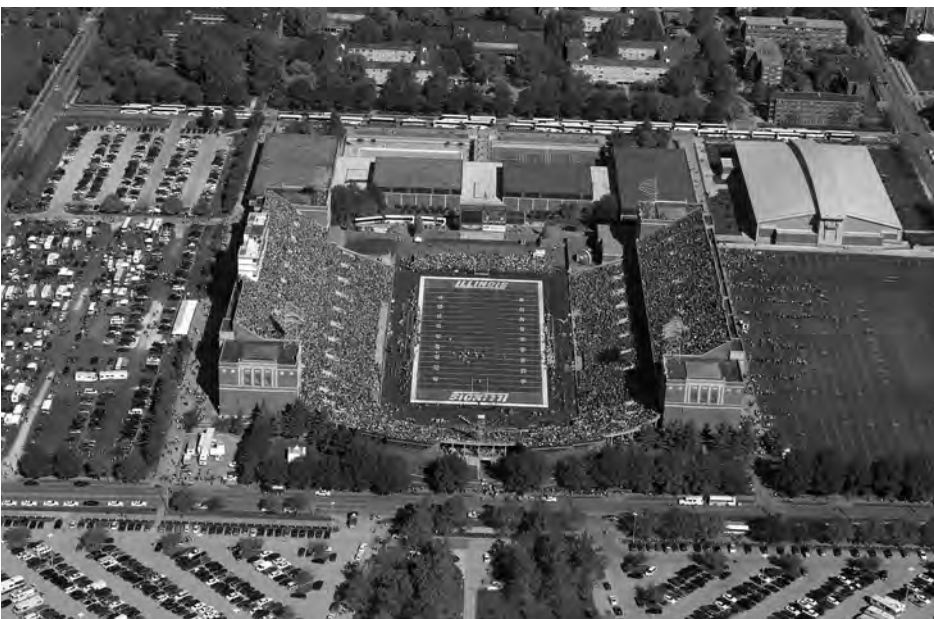
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In 1986, Memorial Stadium was nominated among 62 other sites to become a national historic landmark which included Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, the Rose Bowl and Yale Bowl.

Memorial Stadium underwent major renovations between November 1991 and August 1992. The \$18 million project included the replacement of all the concrete bleachers in both upper decks, as well as the replacement of the top 25 rows of the main stands. The stadium's electrical and drainage systems were also brought up to code and new restroom facilities, for both men and women, were installed in the corner towers and great halls. The project was financed through the issuance of revenue bonds by the UI Auxiliary Facilities System.

Before the start of the 1994 season, a new color matrix scoreboard was added to the north end of Zuppke Field. That board was replaced with a state-of-the-art video-replay scoreboard in 2002.

Renovations to the stadium surface came in the summer of 2001 with the replacement of the field's AstroTurf with AstroPlay, an artificial surface with a grass-like, non-abrasive, polyethylene fiber matrix which is filled with special rubber granules. The Illini played on the new surface for the first time in the 2001 home opener against Northern Illinois.

Construction took place in the winter of 2002 on the expansion of the football complex. Locker rooms and meeting rooms were expanded and a new sports medicine facility was built on the first floor of the Irwin complex.

Memorial Stadium has been the site of many other events, including the first-ever "Farm Aid," the IHSA Football Championships and home of the 2002 Chicago Bears. Farm Aid was organized by Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson and was held on September 22, 1985, before a crowd of 80,000 people. It raised over \$7 million for America's family farmers. Performers included Dylan, Billy Joel, B.B. King, Loretta Lynn, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty and many more.

Since 1999, the University of Illinois has played host to the Illinois High School Association's Championship games during Thanksgiving weekend. In 2002, Memorial Stadium served as the home field for the Chicago Bears while Soldier Field underwent major renovations.

After the 2006 season, construction began on a \$116 million renovation project (see page 8).

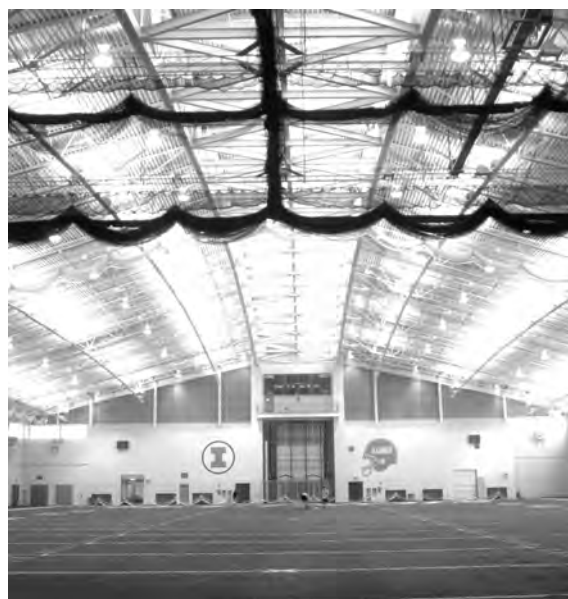
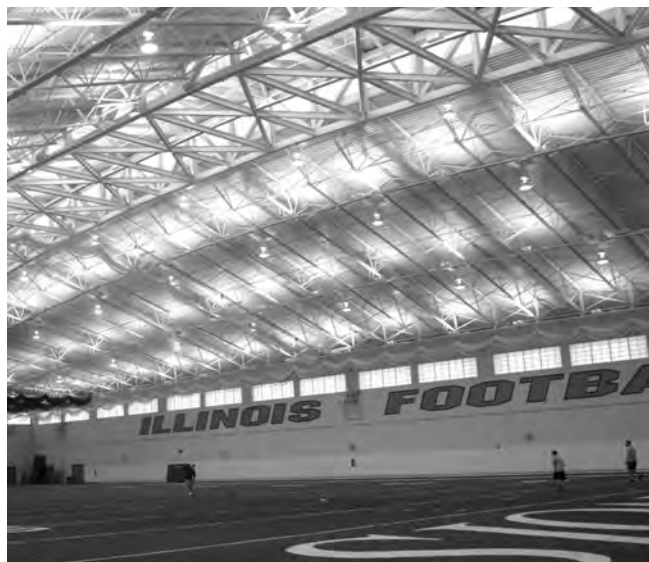
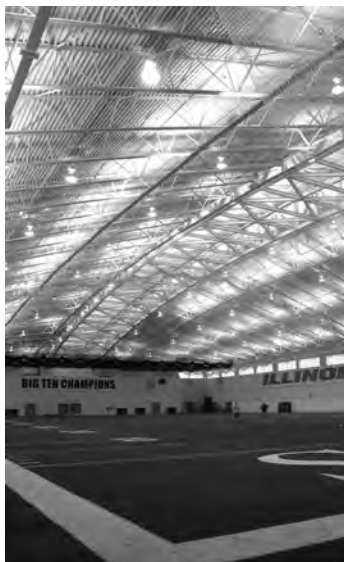
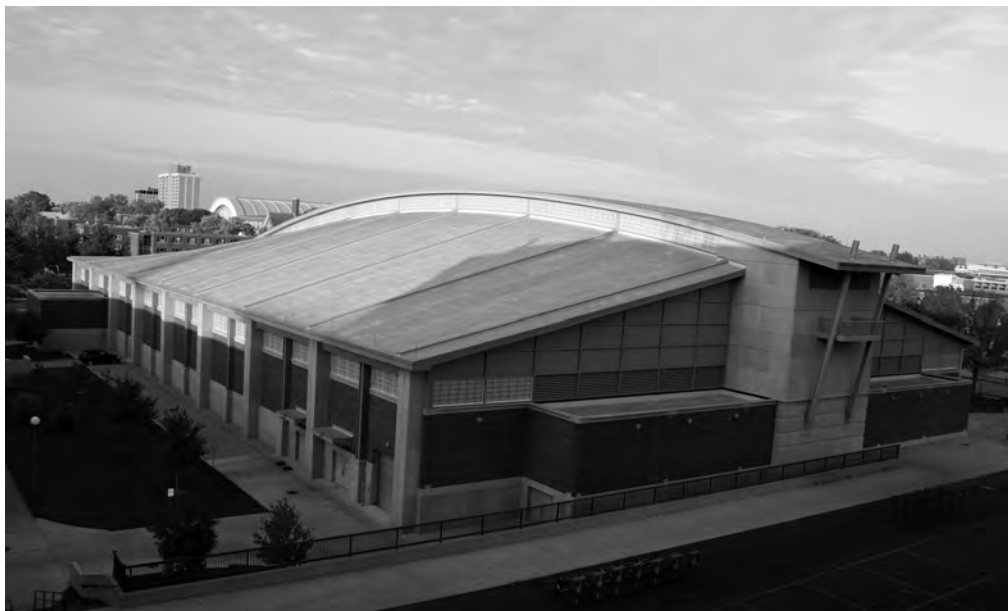
Illinois' record in Memorial Stadium is 231-199-14 entering the 2007 season.

IRWIN INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY

In November of 2000, the Fighting Illini moved into the state-of-the-art Irwin Indoor Practice Facility. The \$12.5 million facility was constructed using private donations, including the initial \$7.5 million gift given by the Irwin Family Foundation, which also was responsible for the building of the Irwin Academic Services Center.

The 77,327 square-foot facility is located just east of the Intramural Physical Education Building. The facility is conveniently located next to the Illini locker rooms and the outdoor practice fields, allowing flexibility to work indoors or outdoors during the different seasons. The floor of the facility is donned by AstroPlay, an artificial turf with the feel of natural grass. Its long strands make for less injury and a softer surface. The facility features a dome slanted roof which reaches an internal height of 50 feet. The multi-purpose facility also features retractable baseball netting.

The unique architectural design of the building fits with the historical significance and architectural integrity of Memorial Stadium and surrounding Illinois buildings with its red brick exterior and slanted roof. The exterior of the building is clad primarily with the university blend brick, detailed with limestone and has some larger areas of articulated metal panels in the color of limestone. The interior features a smooth wall surface and uses both direct lighting fixtures and natural light.



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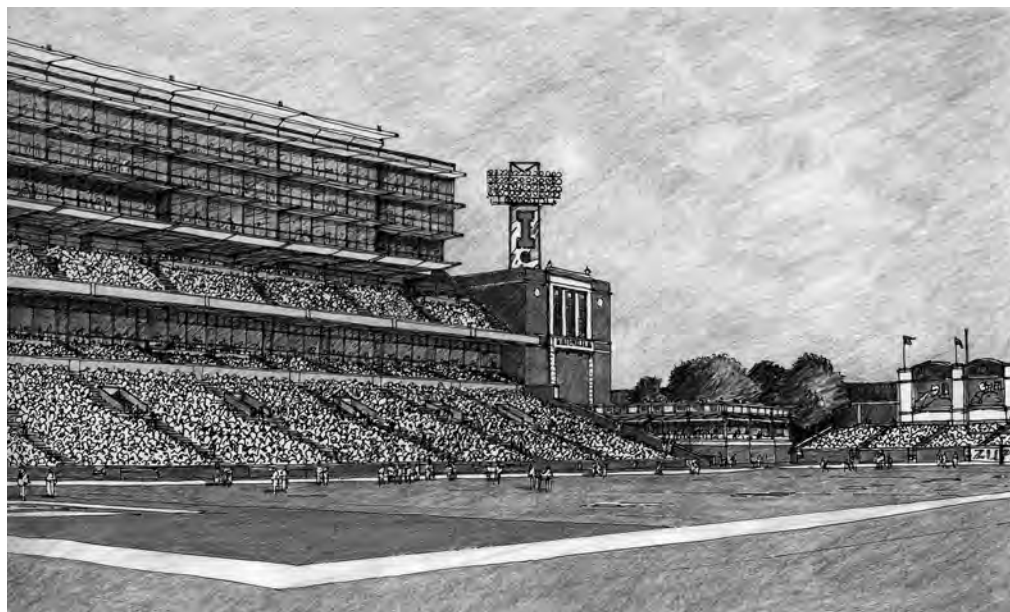
In 2006, the University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics began a \$116 million renovation project of historic Memorial Stadium.

The renovations to the North Endzone were completed in August of 2007. Construction will continue on the west and east sides of the stadium. The remaining areas, the west side, will wrap up in time for the 2008 season.

Among the renovation on the west side is the addition of luxury suites, indoor and outdoor club areas and a refurbishment of the concourses. An outdoor club space, the Colonnades Club, will be added under the west balcony and will allow for indoor game day hospitality, as well as outdoor chair back seats for contest viewing. In the west balcony, a three-level structure will be built to house two floors of suites and an indoor club space, as well as a new press box for media seating and

“WE ALREADY HAD AMAZING FACILITIES, BUT THIS RENOVATION PROJECT IS GOING TO MAKE MEMORIAL STADIUM ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR ARENAS IN ALL OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL.”

Head Coach Ron Zook



Top: Architect renderings of the West side of Memorial Stadium; **Second from top:** Projected look at the indoor club seats called the “77 Club”; **Left:** An internal look at the “77 Club”; **Above:** Exterior shot of the West side of the stadium.

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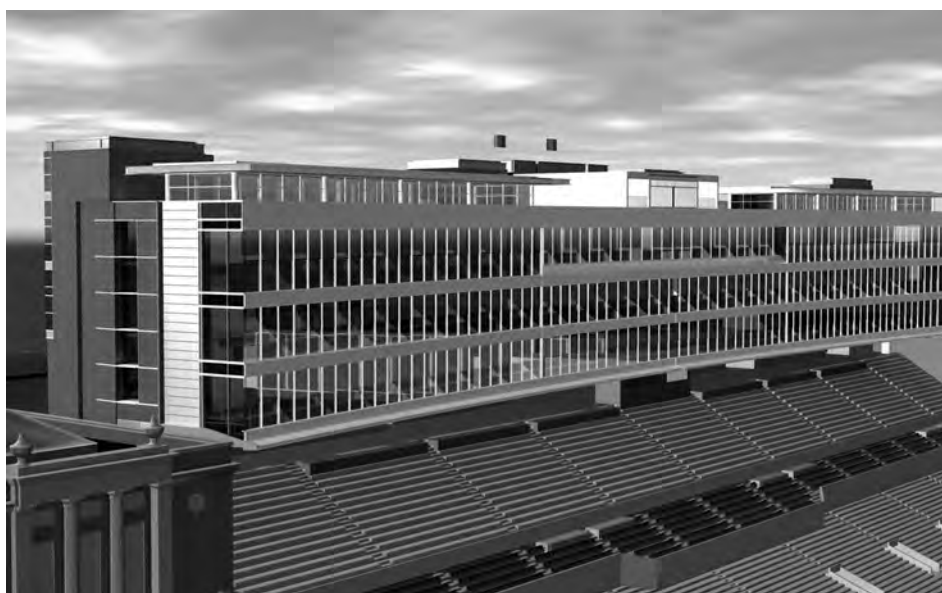
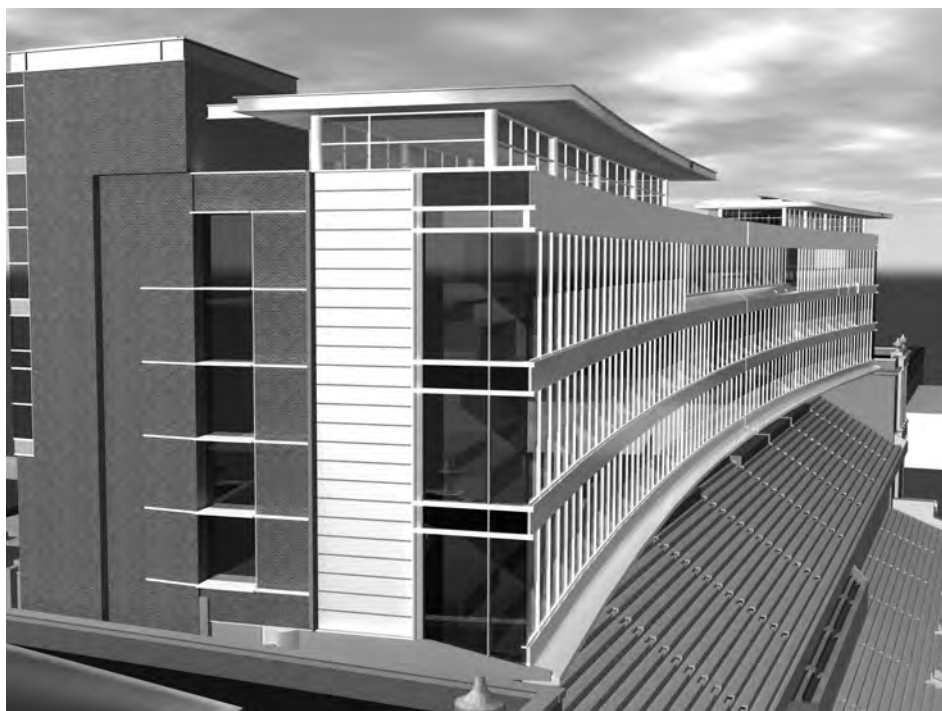
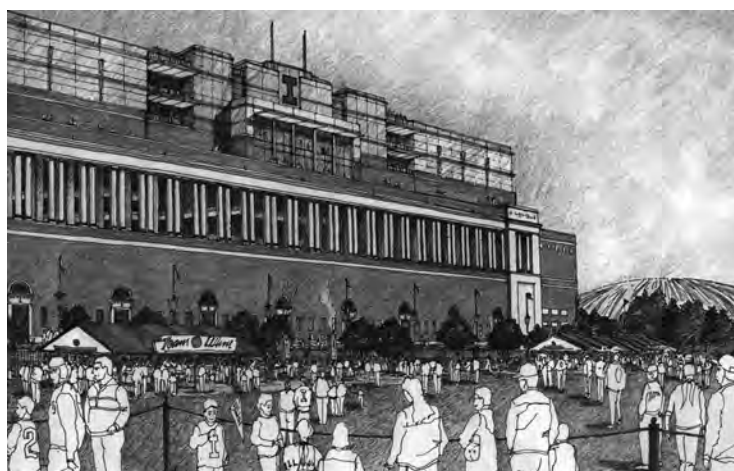
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Top Left: Model of the exterior West side; **Top Right:** Drawings of the exterior West end; **Left:** Side view of the West upper deck; **Bottom:** Front view of West addition.

game day operations. The indoor club, which seats 200, has been named "77 Club" to honor the retired number of Illinois gridiron legend Harold "Red" Grange.

Also for 2008, underneath the newly enclosed north bleachers, the Illinois football complex will get an expansion and refurbishing of the weight room, training facilities and meeting space.

The entire project has been conducted to keep the stadium in a functioning capacity for the Illinois football team during the time of construction.

Sales took place beginning in mid-November of 2005 and have been successful in filling 45 of its 48 available suites, selling out the "77 Club" seats and 60 percent of the "Colonnades Club" area.

The architectural firm HNTB of Kansas City, Mo., designed the renovation and Hunt Construction Managers are handling the construction. HNTB is credited with many of the most recent athletic facility renovations, including Purdue's Ross-Ade Stadium, Ohio State's Ohio Stadium, Iowa's Kinnick Stadium and Denver's Invesco Field. Hunt has been in collaboration on many of the same facilities, as well as Detroit's Ford Field, St. Louis' new Busch Stadium, and Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia.

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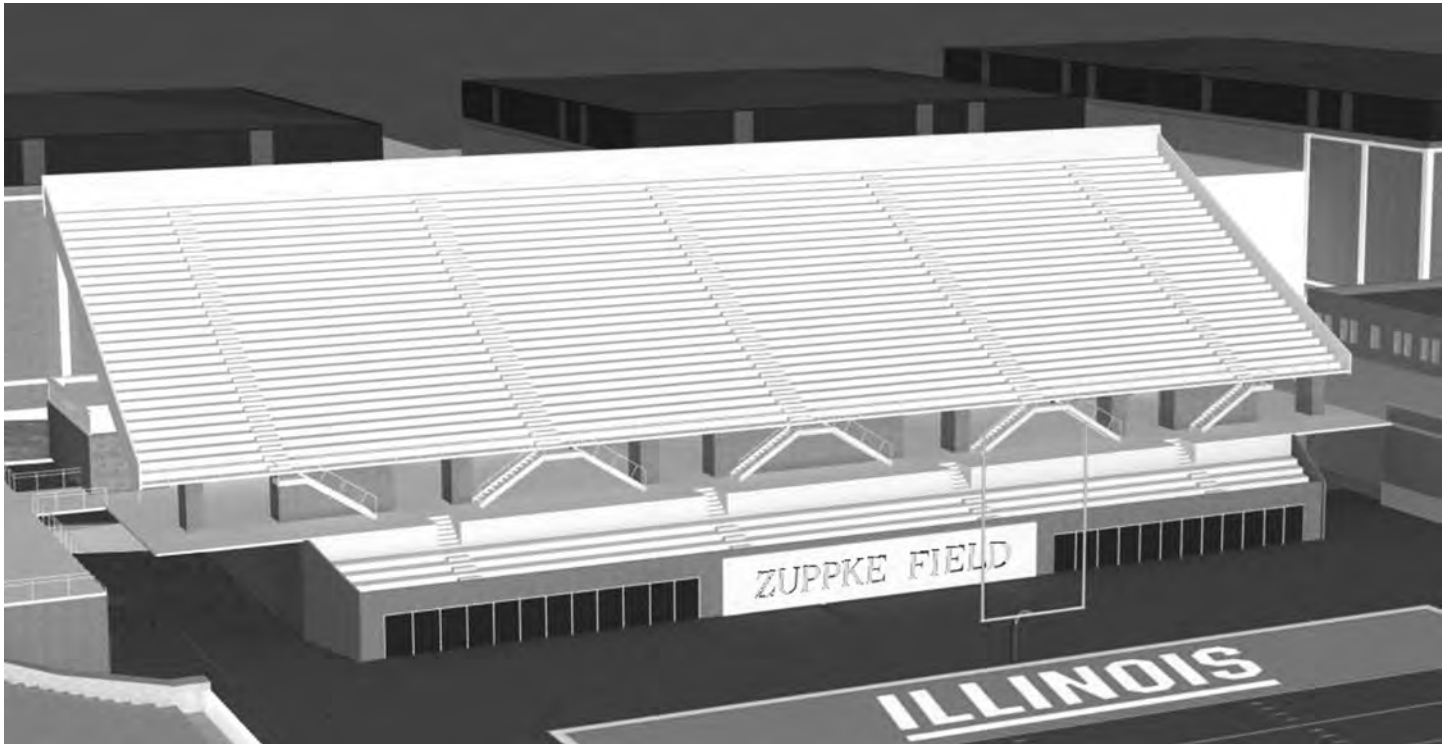
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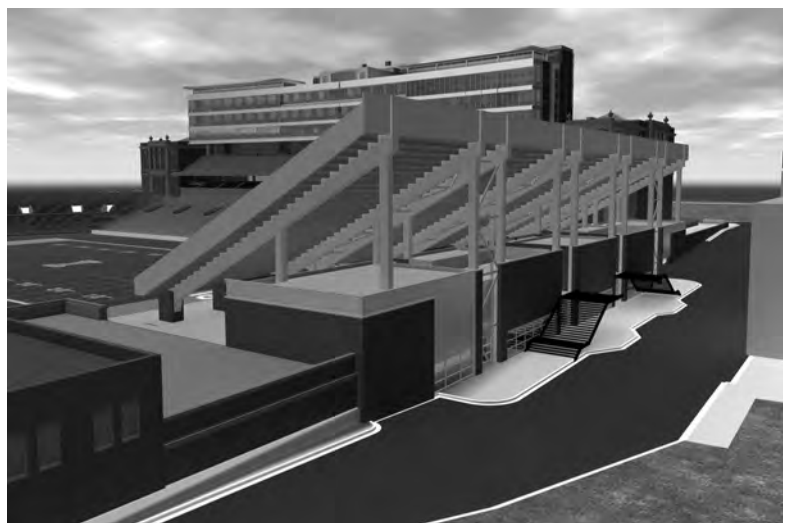
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“I AM EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE ILLINI FOOTBALL TEAM AT THIS TIME. NOT ONLY ARE WE REBUILDING OUR TEAM, WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF RECONSTRUCTING OUR STADIUM. WITH THE NORTH END ZONE NEARLY FINISHED THIS SUMMER, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT THE REST OF THE STADIUM WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN IT’S FINISHED. MEMORIAL STADIUM WILL SOON BE ONE OF THE MOST REFINED STADIUMS IN THE COUNTRY WHILE STILL SERVING AS A MONUMENT TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY.”

- Doug Pilcher, sophomore defensive end



PRACTICE FIELDS



“BEING PART OF ILLINOIS FOOTBALL THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO ME. TO BE A PART OF THE LONG, ILLUSTRIOUS TRADITION OF THIS UNIVERSITY AND FOOTBALL PROGRAM IS SOMETHING I WILL CARRY WITH ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.”

- Frank Lenti Jr., senior wide receiver



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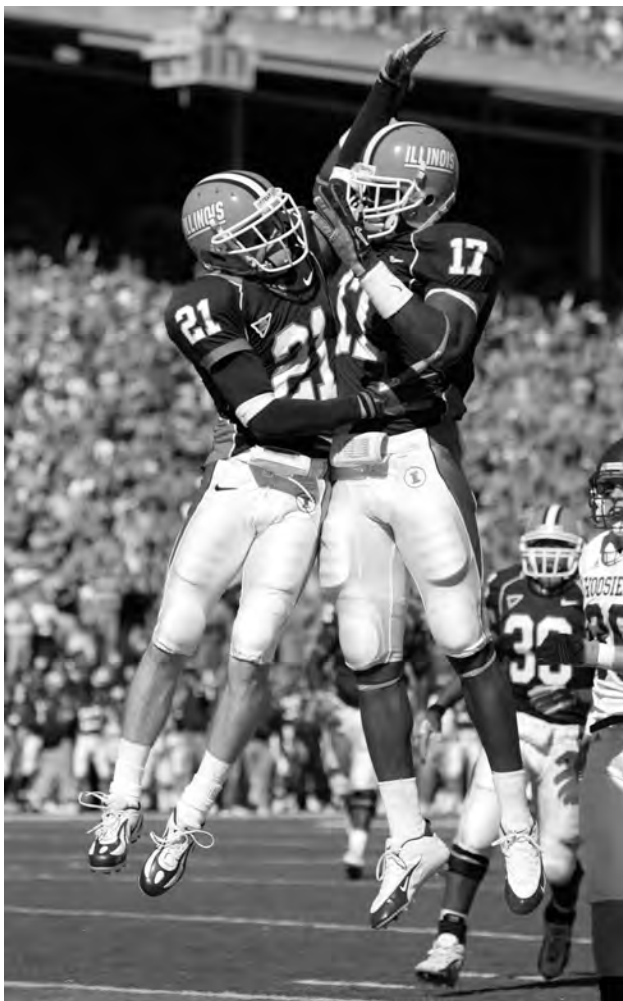
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ILLINI FOOTBALL GAMEDAY

“THERE IS NOTHING LIKE BEING IN THE TUNNEL AT MEMORIAL STADIUM BEFORE THE GAME. YOU CAN FEEL THE ENERGY OF EVERYONE IN THE STADIUM, AND WHEN THE DRUMS START BEATING THAT IS WHEN YOU KNOW IT’S TIME TO PLAY. ANYONE WHO EVER PLAYED FOOTBALL AT ILLINOIS CAN TELL YOU THAT’S WHEN IT’S TIME TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS.”

- Former Illini and current Pittsburgh Steeler Fullback Carey Davis



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“COMING OUT TO THE FIELD BEHIND THE DRUMLINE IS SOMETHING THAT GIVES YOU CHILLS AS A PLAYER, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU DO IT. BEING FROM ILLINOIS, I ALWAYS DREAMED OF PLAYING IN FRONT OF ALL THAT ORANGE AND BLUE AT MEMORIAL STADIUM.”

- Junior wide receiver Kyle Hudson

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BLOCK "I"

For over 95 years, the Illinois student cheering section known as the Block "I" has remained an innovative place of fun and excitement for young Illini Football fans. Beginning in 1910, Block "I" was formed as a pep club for Illinois students at home games, providing entertainment and student interaction during Illinois athletic events.

In 1924, Block "I" took residence in the east stands of Memorial Stadium and two years later in 1926, became a visual staple among Memorial Stadium tradition with the performance of card stunts during the games by its members.

This season, the Block "I", along with the rest of the students, will be setting the tone for the energy in Memorial Stadium from the brand-new North End Zone structure. When the historic stadium began renovations, the section was

"THE BLOCK 'I' GIVES US SO MUCH ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT EACH AND EVERY HOME GAME. THEY ARE SO LOUD SOMETIMES I THINK I CAN HEAR THEM ON ROAD TRIPS."

Sophomore quarterback
Juice Williams



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BLOCK "I"



designed with the Block "I" in mind, to create the best exposure for the loyal fans. The Block "I" will be the first group the team sees when it emerges from the locker room.

From the 1950s to the '70s, a second Block "I" performed in the west balcony of the stadium, mirroring the card stunts performed in the east stands.

Beginning in 2004, Block "I" merged with Illini Pride, the official student support group of all Illinois' 19 Varsity sports. Known simply as Illini Pride, this spirit group boasts the largest student organization membership at Illinois with numbers topping 2,700 in 2006. The fusion of Block "I" into Illini Pride works to enhance the student cheering section atmosphere while introducing the tradition and pride of Fighting Illini athletics to a new class of University of Illinois students.

Block "I" is comprised of students who value old Illini traditions while embracing new ones. They can still be found trampling to the beat of the Marching Illini's "William Tell Overture," while christening new traditions like the Thursday evening "Practice Rouser," cheering on the Illini after practice in enthusiastic anticipation of bringing home a win on Saturday.

Today, the visual presence of Block "I" is evident not only through the use of over 8,000 cards during the various stunts performed at halftime, but also from its 1,200 student members brightly clad in Illini Orange. With the 2007 season marking its 97th year in existence, Block "I" still remains the premier seating choice among students and a true example of Loyalty, Tradition and Pride here at Illinois.

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- The program is divided into three seasons: winter workouts are designed to maximize size and strength; summer workouts are needed to increase speed, lateral movement, agility and conditioning and the in-season program improves explosiveness, power and strength.
- 7,000-square foot weight room that includes free weights, weight machines for isolating certain muscle groups, cardiovascular equipment, dumbbells for independent strength and olympic competition platforms, plates and bars.
- Challenging individual workout plan for each student-athlete based on testing performed by each athlete.
- Personal, hands-on training by strength and conditioning coach Lou Hernandez and his assistants to ensure athletes are training correctly.
- Strength and conditioning workouts designed to develop team leaders and motivate athletes to their best performances.



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LOU HERNANDEZ
HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH AND
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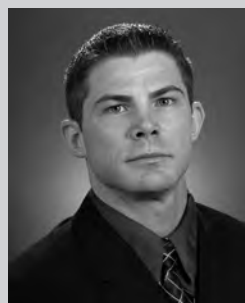
Lou Hernandez begins his third year on the Illinois coaching staff as the head football strength and conditioning coach, marking the sixth year of his partnership with head coach Ron Zook. Hernandez coordinates the entire strength program for the football team as well as assisting with nutritional aspects of the players' diets.

Hernandez worked for three seasons at the University of Florida as the assistant director of strength and conditioning from 2002-04. He moved to Florida after serving on the New York Jets staff. Prior to his one-year stint with the Jets, Hernandez spent 10 years at the University of Houston, including five years as the director of the program.

A 1992 Houston graduate, Hernandez is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association.



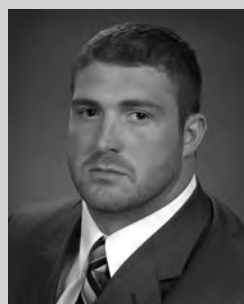
Daryl Dixon
Assistant Coach



Troy Hatton
Assistant Coach



Zack Womack
Assistant Coach



Josh Norris
Student Assistant



Chad Rose
Student Assistant

SPORTS MEDICINE

- A team physician, orthopedic surgeon and registered nurse are available at all practices and games.
- Four certified trainers and 12 student trainers are available to assess and rehabilitate injuries.
- The state-of-the-art training room features in-ground whirlpools centrally located next to locker room.
- The staff and training room are available year-round to student-athletes.
- The Illinois sports medicine program provides athletes with comprehensive rehabilitation and training programs to lessen the impact of and quicken the recovery from injuries.
- The training room features the latest diagnostic and rehabilitative equipment, including ultrasound; high-volt, inferential and microcurrent stimulation equipment; and Cybex isokinetic exercise and testing devices.

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BYRON CUNNINGHAM
FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Byron Cunningham begins his first season as the head athletic trainer for football at Illinois after serving as the team's main assistant since 2005. Prior to his promotion, Cunningham served as the coordinator of all rehabilitation for the team.

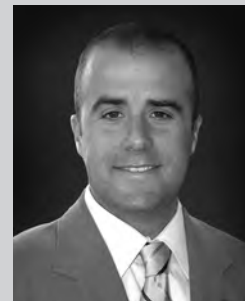
Cunningham came to Illinois with extensive experience at the clinical, collegiate and professional levels. He spent the 2003 season with the Chicago Bears and then served as an assistant athletic trainer in NFL Europe for their 2004 season. Before coming to Illinois, Cunningham worked as the head athletic trainer for Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee, Ill., servicing all sports.

Cunningham began his career with a pair of internships with the Indianapolis Colts and Auburn University in 2002-03. At Auburn, he was responsible for treatment and rehab for all football injuries.

The Mobile, Ala., native is a graduate of Florida A&M with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy in 1998. He earned his masters in sports science from the United States Sports Academy in 2002. Cunningham is certified as a physical therapist as well as an athletic trainer and is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association.



Matt Fitterer
Assistant Trainer



Nick Richey
Assistant Trainer



Dave Bugalski
Graduate Assistant



Lori Stalter
Administrative Assistant

LOCKER ROOM

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“BOTH OF MY PARENTS WENT TO ILLINOIS AND AS A KID I WOULD GET ILLINOIS FOOTBALL TICKETS AS BIRTHDAY PRESENTS. IT WAS A DREAM FOR ME TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT I GREW UP WATCHING AND BEING ABLE TO PLAY FOR ILLINOIS WAS SPECIAL FOR MY FAMILY AND ME.”

- Nathan Hodel, long snapper
Arizona Cardinals



EQUIPMENT ROOM



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TRENT CHESNUT
HEAD FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER

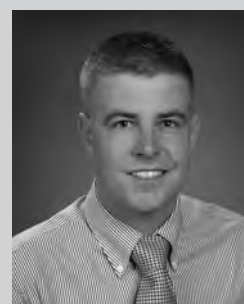
Trent Chesnut begins his eighth season with the Fighting Illini as the head football equipment manager, handling all of the day-to-day aspects of the football program, including purchasing, maintenance, organization and management of the student assistant program. Chesnut is responsible for all home game and practice set-up, tear down and storage of equipment as well as assigning and managing team and official locker rooms, chain gangs and game-day ball crews.

Prior to returning to his home state of Illinois, Chesnut was the head equipment coordinator at the University of Nevada for eight years and worked for three seasons as the UNLV assistant equipment manager. During his time at Nevada, he was responsible for the football and baseball programs as well as overseeing the entire athletic equipment department. He has been an active member of AEMA since 1992. He also is a member of the Schutt Athletic Council.

Chesnut earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Southern Illinois University in 1990 and is a native of Hoopston, Ill. Chesnut has one son, Jacob.



John Birdsell
Assistant Manager



Kyle Croy
Assistant Manager



Andy Dixon
Head Equipment Manager



Ginger Rook
Administrative Assistant

ILLINI EQUIPMENT

The Illinois football team has an agreement with Nike to be the official outfitter of the Fighting Illini. Nike supplies the team with uniforms, shoes, gloves, balls and miscellaneous clothing. Riddell and Schutt provide the team with their helmets, while Riddell provides the team with shoulder pads.

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Team Ball



Thin sweat bands



Medium sweat bands



Large sweat bands



ILLINI EQUIPMENT

FACEMASKS

The players have a large selection of Riddell and Schutt facemasks to choose from. These are just a few. Players also have the option to add a Nike visor.



GLOVES

The players have a selection of Nike gloves to choose from.



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FOOTWEAR

The players have a selection of Nike footwear to choose from. They are issued a pair for workouts for both grass and turf, and a pair of sandals.

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ILLINI EQUIPMENT



Travel Warm-Ups



Practice and workout sweats.



Team hooded sweatshirt.



During the year the team will receive a few motivational t-shirts.



The Champions of certain intra-squad competitions receive a shirt as a reward for their efforts.



Team practice and gameday sleeves.



Player and staff polos



Workout and practice dri-fits.

MEETING ROOMS

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PLAYERS' LOUNGE



“I CONSIDER MY TIME PLAYING FOOTBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AS A GREAT PRIVILEGE. THERE ARE SO MANY GUYS WHO PLAY AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL WHO DREAM OF THE CHANCE TO PLAY IN THE NFL. I FEEL THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS PREPARED ME FOR THE OPPORTUNITY I AM BLESSED TO HAVE.”

- Kelvin Hayden, defensive back,
Indianapolis Colts



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VIDEO SERVICES

- The video department utilizes a state-of-the-art computer system, XOS, to break down film from practices, games and opponents. That video then becomes available to all the position meeting rooms and coaches offices.
- Each practice and workout is filmed for coaches and players to use during film study.
- The computer system allows players and coaches to quickly sort plays by down and distance, passing vs. rushing or by types of defense.
- The video department has two full-time directors and a student staff of six.



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GREG BRUNER
VIDEO DIRECTOR

Greg Bruner begins his second year as the video coordinator for the Illinois football program. He came to Illinois from the University of Cincinnati, where he served for three seasons as the football video director. Bruner was responsible for the

preparation of weekly scouting reports, film breakdown, implementation of recruiting weekends, motivational videos, daily practice video and overseeing the student staff.

In addition to his video duties at UC, Bruner also assisted with team travel, gameday personnel, banquets and alumni weekends.

Bruner, a native of Fairfield, Ohio, is a 2003 graduate of Cincinnati where he received a bachelor's degree in political science. During his time as an undergraduate, he served as a video intern for four years.

Bruner and his wife, Heather, have two children: a daughter, Emma, and a son, Tyler.



TONY BUYNISKI
ASSISTANT VIDEO DIRECTOR

Tony Buyniski joins the Illini staff for his first season as the assistant video director. he will be responsible for assisting Bruner in all the day-to-day video duties for the football team.

Buyniski spent the last five years as a coach at Carthage College, taking on the duties of tutoring the inside linebacking corp for four seasons and wide receivers for one. During that time, he also had the responsibility of video director for the team.

Buyniski earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Cathage College in 2005 and went on to get his master's degree in education with an emphasis in guidance and counseling in 2007.

VARSITY ROOM



- The Varsity Room provides the football team five meals a week – dinner from Sunday-Thursday – not including pregame meals, before the team leaves for road trips.
- The Varsity Room offers a wide variety of options including a salad bar, sandwich bar and frozen ice cream daily. Each night different entrees are served, always featuring meat and fish, pasta, vegetables and bread.
- The players also have snacks available to take home, which include fruit, granola bars, chips, breakfast bars, cookies and pudding.
- The Varsity Room staff enjoys treating the teams to theme nights, which often include BBQ, Hawaiian Luau, Carnival, Ice Cream Sundae and monthly birthday parties.



“THE VARSITY ROOM IS ANOTHER PLACE WHERE WE AS A TEAM CAN RELAX AND BE OURSELVES. NO MATTER HOW PRACTICE WAS THAT DAY, YOU CAN COUNT ON US HAVING A GOOD TIME. WE ARE ALWAYS LAUGHING AND JOKING WITH EACH OTHER, NO MATTER WHAT THE TOPIC IS. IT’S JUST FUN TO BE AROUND ALL THE GUYS ON THE TEAM.”

- DaJuan Warren, senior wide receiver

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No matter whether it's Memorial Stadium on gameday, spring season practices, planned reunions or bowl trips, Illinois football alums remain close to the Illini program. Head coach Ron Zook believes "once an Illini, always an Illini!"

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Top: 1991 No. 1 Draft pick QB Jeff George, Zook, former head coach Mike White (1980-87) and Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buc Simeon Rice.

Middle Left: Former two-time Super Bowl Champion fullback Howard Griffith.

Middle Right: Zook and the greatest linebacker of all time, Dick Butkus.

Bottom Left: Former captains photo taken at the 2007 spring game.

Bottom Right: Arizona Cardinals' All-Pro kicker Neil Rackers.

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Top: A priceless photo of three Hall of Famers, linebacker Dick Butkus, running back Jim Grabowski and running back J.C. Caroline.

Middle Left: New York Giants starting offensive lineman Dave Diehl and Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Aaron Moorehead.

Middle Right: Members of the 1953 Big Ten Championship team

Bottom Left: Team captain and 1998 team MVP Danny Clark met up with the Illini team during a California road trip when the linebacker was on the Oakland Raiders roster.

Bottom Right: Kevin Hardy, the 1995 Buktus Award winner, and his family returned to campus to endow a linebacker scholarship for the Illini football team.



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“Camp Rantoul” (20 miles north of Champaign), home to Illinois training camp, consists of three 100-yard football fields and is complete with a locker room, a sports medicine facility and a weight room all in one location. All of these amenities are located within a short walk of the Quarters Inn & Suites, where the team resides during camp. Three meals a day are served at the adjacent restaurant. A large team room, as well as separate rooms for offense and defense are located in the hotel for meetings after practices. All 105 players, coaches, support staff and members of the media call Rantoul home for two weeks every August.

CAMP RANTOUL

“THE PEOPLE OF RANTOUL MAKE US FEEL AT HOME IN HOW THEY ARE RECEPTIVE THEY ARE TO US. BEING OUT THERE IN OUR OWN SECLUDED FOOTBALL WORLD GIVES US A CHANCE TO BOND AS A TEAM AND BUILD CAMARADERIE. AND THE ANTICS AWAY FROM FOOTBALL ARE A LOT OF FUN.”

- Junior linebacker Brit Miller



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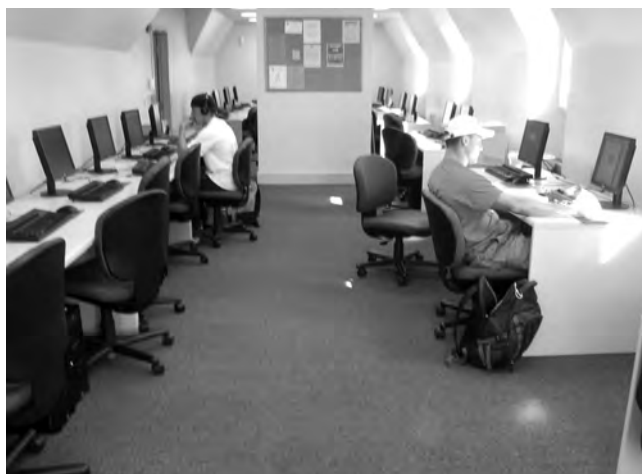
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Top: The Irwin Academic Center is a facility dedicated to the academic endeavors of Illinois' student-athletes. It houses the entire academic staff, computer labs and study lounges

Above: A study lounge in the front room of the Irwin Academic Center

Above Right: In addition to computers at Irwin, the football complex has its own conveniently located computer lab

Right: Irwin computer lab

ACADEMIC SERVICES



The goal of each sports program within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Illinois is to strive for success. The DIA has taken a comprehensive approach to the success of the student-athlete. The Douglas C. Roberts Illini CHAMPS/Life Skills program is designed to assist our student-athletes in their overall development.

Sponsored by the NCAA, the Douglas C. Roberts Illini CHAMPS/Life Skills program is comprised of five programming commitment areas viewed as critical to personal growth and development. The commitment areas are: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, service to campus and surrounding communities and career development.

This comprehensive balance of academic excellence, athletic achievement and personal well-being is stressed daily by the staff and coaches. Inevitably, a student-athlete's playing days will end, but with the assistance of the Illini CHAMPS/Life Skills program, each Fighting Illini student-athlete will be fully prepared for the career and personal challenges that lie ahead.

Presentations and workshops are offered throughout the year on topics from the commitment areas. In addition, coaches can request workshops from the Illini CHAMPS/Life Skills menu of programming. These workshops are tailored to the particular needs of the team making the request.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Among the elements stressed by the Academic Services staff to assure student-athlete success are counseling and tutorial services, a monitoring program and state-of-the-art computer labs. The Irwin Academic Center, the former Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity house, opened as a center to consolidate academic services for student-athletes.

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE: Athletically, the University of Illinois has long supported a broad-based sports program. Its coaching staff and facilities are among the nation's best. The UI's support units included excellent staffs for recruiting, equipment, facilities maintenance, fund raising, publicity and promotions. Its sports medicine staff not only assists student athletes in strength training and conditioning, but also in personal health maintenance. Workshops are also provided in the areas of focus and concentration to improve their sports performance, preparing for life after sport, and player-agent relations.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: As important as the U of I's commitment is to the student-athlete's performance in the classroom and on the field, it also considers the individual's spiritual and emotional needs. Fighting Illini student-athletes are afforded the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops during their collegiate experience, helping them enhance their collegiate experience and their future following athletics. Among the seminars offered are those in financial planning, time and stress management, sexual harassment, and drug/alcohol education. The DIA also sponsors a Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), which is made up of representatives from all 19 Fighting Illini intercollegiate athletic teams.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT: Through the Illini CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, workshops are provided to help prepare the students for their careers following graduation. Topics include resume writing, internships, grad school,

finding a major, interviewing, preparing for a career fair, and dressing for success. Student-athletes are also provided the opportunity to mock interview, complete a resume review, and can take part in job shadowing in careers of their choice. A Student-Athlete Resume Portfolio is published each year and sent to hundreds of companies nationwide interested in hiring Fighting Illini student-athletes.

The strong relationships built within the vast Illinois alumni networking system provide excellent opportunities for all student-athletes, whether for summer jobs, internships or in career placement after graduation. Each year an Illini Career Networking Night is held to give student-athletes the chance to meet individuals working in careers they have an interest in. Former Illini take part in this event and are encouraged to assist with our career programming, which allows current student-athletes to benefit from their predecessors' experiences.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE AND MAJORS

Illinois offers over 150 majors to incoming students in nine different colleges

College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences

Agribusiness, Farm and Financial Management
Consumer and Textile Marketing
International, Resource and Consumer Economics
Agricultural Engineering
Agricultural Engineering Sciences
Technical Systems Management
Animal Sciences
Crop Sciences
Food Science and Human Nutrition
Human Development and Family Studies
Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education
Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Horticulture

College of Applied Life Studies

Community Health
Kinesiology
Recreation, Sport and Tourism
Speech and Hearing Science
Teacher Education Minor in Physical Education

Institute of Aviation

Aviation Human Factors Curriculum
Professional Pilot Curriculum

College of Business

Core Curriculum
Accountancy
Business Administration
Economics
Finance

College of Communications

Advertising
Journalism
Media Studies

College of Education

Education General
Early Childhood Education
Preparatory to Elementary School Teaching
Preparatory for Learning and Behavior Specialists in Special Education
Non-teaching minor in Instructional Applications of Computers
Teacher Education Minor in Secondary School Teaching

College of Engineering

Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
Agricultural Engineering
Bioengineering
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Mechanics
Engineering Physics
General Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering

College of Fine and Applied Arts (16)

Architecture
Foundation Program for All Art and Design Majors
Art Education
Crafts
Graphic Design
History of Art
Industrial Design
Painting
Photography
Sculpture
Dance
Landscape Architecture
Music
Music Education
Theatre
Urban and Regional Planning

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (95)

Actuarial Science
African Studies
Afro-American Studies
Animal Biology
Anthropology
Art History
Asian American Studies
Astronomy
Atmospheric Sciences
Biochemistry
Bioengineering
Biology
Biophysics
Business
Caribbean Studies
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Chemistry
Cinema Studies
Classical Archaeology
Classical Civilization
Classics
Comparative and World Literature
Computer Science
Dentistry
Earth Science
East Asian Languages and Cultures
Economics
Engineering (LAS)
English
English as an International Language
Entomology
Environmental Studies
Finance
Foreign Languages
French
Gender and Women's Studies
General Science
Geography

Geology
German
Gerontology
Greek
Health Information Management
Health Programs
Hebrew
History of Art
Individual Plans of Study (IPS)
Integrative Biology
Interdisciplinary Studies Major
International Studies
Italian
Jewish Culture
Latin
Latin American Studies
Latina/Latino Studies
Law
Life Sciences
Linguistics
Mathematics
Mathematics and Computer Science
Medical Laboratory Sciences
Medicine
Molecular and Integrative Physiology
Music
Nursing
Nutrition and Medical Dietetics
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy

Philosophy
Physical Science
Physical Therapy
Physics
Physiology
Plant Biology
Political Science
Portuguese
Preprofessional Programs
Psychology
Religious Studies
Rhetoric
Russian
Russian and East European Studies
Russian Language and Literature
Scandinavian
Science and Technology in Society
Social Studies
Sociology
South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Spanish
Speech Communication
Statistics
Statistics and Computer Science
Veterinary Medicine

ILLINOIS PRODUCES THE ALL-AROUND STUDENT-ATHLETE

Josh Whitman (lettered 1997-2000)

The goal of the University of Illinois athletic department is to develop the all-around student-athlete in every individual that joins the Fighting Illini family. In each sport, there are numerous examples of athletes who have shown excellence in their given sport while putting themselves in position to have a successful post-collegiate career.

One of football's great examples is former Illini tight end Josh Whitman. Whitman was a four-year starter, an NFL tight end and one of the most academically decorated athletes to attend the University of Illinois. Whitman joined the Illinois team in 1997 and immediately made an impact, playing in all 11 games and starting four. He finished his career with a total of 52 receptions and seven touchdowns (which is the second most by an Illinois tight end in school history). He earned All-Big Ten honors in his final season in 2000.

After graduation, he signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills and went on to spend four years in the NFL with the Bills, San Diego Chargers, Seattle Seahawks and Miami Dolphins.

Whitman graduated from Illinois in Dec. of 2000, needing only three-and-a-half years to get a degree in Illinois' nationally ranked finance department. He finished with a 3.99 GPA, was a two-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American and as a senior delivered the the NCAA Scholar-Athlete Award speech at the College Football Hall of Fame Banquet in New York. He served on the Illinois Athletic Advisory Board and was chosen as the University's "Elite Eight," which represents the school in the recruiting process of high school academicians.

After completing his NFL career, Whitman returned to Illinois in the spring of 2005 and began working for the athletic department, while pursuing a degree at the University's Law School. He has been heavily involved in the Memorial Stadium renovation project. For two straight summers, Whitman has clerked with two of the nation's leading sports law firms. He worked for Foley and Lardner, LLP in Milwaukee in 2006, whose major client is Major League Baseball. This past summer, he worked for Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C., primary outside counsel for the National Football League. He also recently wrote an autobiographical book on his time in the NFL, titled "Not For Long."



ACADEMIC SERVICES



IRWIN ACADEMIC CENTER GETS NEEDED EXPANSION

This fall, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics completed the expansion of the Irwin Academic Services Center. With the great continued support from the Irwin Family Foundation, this project will assist student-athletes in many academic areas. The \$4.6 million expansion of the Irwin Center adds 11,400 square feet, allowing more opportunities for the student-athletes to achieve their academic goals. Student resource areas comprised of a presentation room, a new general study area, individual tutoring and study rooms, and a computer lab allow this all to happen. Student-athletes now have more access to computers; better environments to meet with tutors with less distraction and the opportunity to have more space to concentrate on their academic endeavors.

THREE ILLINI EARN ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

Illinois starting linebacker, J Leman, starting center Ryan McDonald and running back Rashard Mendenhall were named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District 5 Football Team. Leman is a two-year honoree, while McDonald and Mendenhall garnered accolades for the first time. Leman, a graduate school student, has over a 3.60 in his master's program. McDonald is an aerospace engineering major with a 3.81 GPA, and Mendenhall has posted a 3.20 in general studies.



ILLINI TEAMS EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM IN 2006-07

- Thirteen of 19 Illinois athletic teams recorded over a 3.0 GPA in 2006-07
- Women's basketball's Lori Bjork and distance runner Jason Bill were both named *ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans* and 14 Illini athletes earned Academic All-District honors
- Thirty-one (31) student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in 2006-07.
- Two sports, women's golf and women's cross country earned a perfect 1.000 in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR).
- 124 student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2005-06.
- Over 54 percent of all student-athletes earned over a 3.0 GPA in the spring, while 48 percent posted a 3.0 or better in the fall.

CAREER PLANNING CHECKLIST

FRESHMAN: Orientation / Adaptation

- Successfully complete First Year Student-Athlete Meetings Course
- Explore campus activities and student organizations
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Visit the Career Center to learn about its services
- Attend life skills career development workshops
- Develop your professional and networking skills

SOPHOMORE: Self-Assessment / Exploration

- Evaluate your strengths, skills, values and interests
- Discuss career ideas with counselors, faculty, family & friends
- Update your resume
- Attend Illini Career Networking Night
- Gain career-related experience: an internship, a summer job
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Attend workshops and seminars to enhance your personal and career goals
- Look for opportunities to develop leadership skills in and out of your athletic career
- Work with the life skills coordinator and your academic counselor if you are unsure about your major or career choice
- Develop professional skills

JUNIOR: Decision Making / Goal Setting

- Work with your academic counselor and the life skills coordinator to develop career goals and strategy
- Fulfill academic requirements needed for graduation and your career field
- Maintain a strong grade point average
- Research your career field to determine which qualifications you must develop
- Attend Career Center and Life Skills workshops: resume writing, interview skills, job search strategies, and research occupations and companies
- Acquire hands-on experience: internships, clinical or field experience
- Take advantage of volunteer opportunities through HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Attend the Illini Career Networking Night
- Attend campus Job Fairs
- Work with the life skills coordinator to update your resume and for assistance with career planning
- If you are considering grad school, register for necessary exams (GRE, MCAT, GMAT, LSAT, etc.)
- Develop strong relationships with faculty, counselors, administrators and professionals in your field of interest.
- Work with life skills coordinator to secure a summer job in chosen field
- Test your career choice to ensure its right for you

SENIOR & FIFTH YEAR: Job Search / Implementation

- Update resume and create a cover letter
- Register for on-campus interviewing with Career Center
- Continue to attend Career Center and Life Skills workshops and seminars
- Continue to participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- If attending grad school, register for post-graduate exams
- If eligible for awards or post-graduate scholarships, work with the life skills coordinator to complete application process
- Continue to pursue leadership roles on campus
- Utilize the Career Center, life skills coordinator for support and resources in your job search process

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ILLINOIS GRADUATES!

- ❖ IN THE LAST DECADE, AN AVERAGE OF 17 FOOTBALL PLAYERS HAVE GRADUATED EACH YEAR
- ❖ ILLINOIS' STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE IS 88 PERCENT
- ❖ DURING THE MOST RECENT ACADEMIC TRACKING PERIOD, 378 ILLINOIS STUDENT-ATHLETES EXHAUSTED THEIR ELIGIBILITY AND 90 PERCENT OF THOSE ATHLETES GRADUATED



"The day I graduated from the University of Illinois is one I will always remember. As I have traveled, I have come to appreciate more and more the people who influenced me. I truly appreciate all that I was able to be a part of that made the experience so special. I cannot think of anything done in association with the name of Illinois that was not done to the finest level of excellence. It is the model for what I strive to become and hope to instill into the players that I coach."

– Dustin Ward '03,
offensive coordinator, DePauw University



"I am very proud to have graduated from the University of Illinois, one of the most prestigious schools in the country. It is something my family is very proud of. At Illinois, I was surrounded by so many great people. I enjoyed my time there and the past few years have helped me mature as a man and have laid the foundation for years to come."

– E.B. Halsey '07,
former Illini running back

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Abdullah, Muhammad	Davis, Jason	Jackson, Marc	Moore, Brandon	Shafer, Dominic
Abdullah, Shariff	Dean, Michael	Jackson, Bobby	Moorehead, Aaron	Sicinski, Lee
Adams, Kyle	Diehl, David	Johnson, Kirk	Morton, Christian	Simmons, JJ
Adams, Neil	Fitts, Steven	Jones, Kendrick	Moss, Scott	Sinclair, Matthew
Adeyemo, Ade	Franklin, Robert	Jordan, Taman	Mourans, Edgar	Singleton, Bobie
Allan, Christopher	Frazier, Kieron	Julian, Anthony	Nawrocki, Nolan	Strong, Derrick
Babcock, Patrick "Bucky"	Gal, Joseph	Kautter, Brett	Nicastro, Charles	Strong, Manuel
Ball, Alan	Garrett, Eric	Keely, Tyler	Norwell, Christopher	Sullivan, Marques
Bardwell, Roy	Gawelek, Michael	Kittner, Kurt	O'Brien, Mike	Taylor, Winston
Beutjer, Jon	Gockman, John	Kleckner, Kyle	O'Donnell, Martin	Tesdall, Seth
Bevis, Joseph	Gomez, Michael	Koch, Brian	Ogata, Bradford	Thomas, Pierre
Bloodworth, James	Gray, Zach	Kornfeld, Mark	Pankey, Nicholas	Thornhill, Anthony
Boyd, Arthur	Grzelakowski, Brian	Kulaga, John	Pashos, Tony	Tischer, Joshua
Boyer, Brett	Guenther, Eric	Labonte, James	Payne, Franklin	Truttlng, Bryan
Brasic, Timothy	Halsey, EB	Leman, Jeremy "J"	Pazan, Christopher	Tubbs, Jeffrey "JJ"
Brosnan, Brian	Hanton, Jamie	Lenti, Frank Jr.	Peterson, Brent	Wakefield, Fred
Bubin, Sean	Harvey, Rausell "Rocky"	Lewis, Greg	Perry, Jemari	Ward, Dustin
Buckner, Kambium	Havard, Steven	Lewis, Ivery	Piazza, Nicholas	Whitman, Joshua
Burk, Andrew	Hickman, Roy	Long, Mondrian	Pleas, Asim	Wilk, Adam
Butkus, Luke	Hilderbrand, David	Long, Robert	Preston, Raymond "Duke"	Williams, Travis
Carlton, Matt	Hodel, Nathan	Maddox, Matthew	Rackers, Neil	Willis, Lenny
Clark, Danny	Hood, Estus	Malczyk, Michael	Ries, Chris	Young, Michael
Clark, Jamaal	Hood, Marcus	Maloney, Michael	Rogers, John	Young, Walter
Connor, Rameel	Hodges, Aaron	Matha, Ryan	Rouse, Tyler	
Cooper, James	Hodges, Brian	McClellan, Anthony	Ryan, James	
Cracciuoiu, Mike	Hoffman, Christopher	McGoey, Eric	Schnettgoecke, Kyle	
Cutter, Daniel	Hurd, Anthony	McGoey, Mark	Schumacher, Gerald	
Davis, Carey	Imeokparia, Michael	Minnes, Matthew	Scott, Brian	

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KRISTIN KANE
ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Kristin Kane enters her fifth year as an academic counselor for football, and her seventh overall at Illinois.

Kane monitors the progress of defensive team members and assists student-athletes in course scheduling, time management, study skills, degree attainment and career development. She also meets regularly with at-risk students to monitor their academic progress, talks with prospective student-athletes on recruiting visits and oversees the team study table program.

Kane has been a part of Illinois' Department of Academic Services since 1999. From 1998-2000, she also worked for the Department of Kinesiology on campus.

She holds bachelor of arts degrees in sociology and physical education from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where she played four seasons of college basketball. She earned a Master of Science degree in kinesiology from Illinois in 2001.



ANNIE RYMER WHITE
ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Annie Rymer White is in her first year as an academic counselor for football after joining the team in March of 2007. White returns to Illinois after working for three years in the academic services department as a graduate assistant and intern, then spending two years at Cincinnati.

A native of nearby Tolono, Ill., and a pitcher on the inaugural Fighting Illini softball team, White works with selected players in time management, study skills, course scheduling and degree attainment. She also meets regularly with student-athletes under her supervision to monitor their academic progress. In addition, she coordinates the tutor program for all Illinois student-athletes.

During her previous stint with the Orange and Blue, White also worked closely with at-risk student-athletes and the tutor program, as well as coordinating Illinois' acclaimed CHAMPS/Life Skills classes for first-year student-athletes.

White holds two degrees from Illinois, graduating with high honors in 2001 with a bachelor of science in kinesiology and an emphasis in sport psychology. She then earned a master of science in leisure studies with an emphasis in sport management in 2004. White was married in July, and she and her husband, Kelly, live in Urbana.



CARLA SUBER
LEARNING SPECIALIST

Carla Suber enters her second year with the Illinois football program as a learning specialist, where she provides additional support for student-athletes as they transition from high school to college. Suber concentrates on helping

these student-athletes learn strategies and skills, including time management and study skills, that help them become more successful in and outside the classroom.

Suber previously held a similar role at Temple University, working with football, men's and women's basketball, lacrosse and softball. Prior to her time at Temple, she worked at the Center for Sport Psychology in Philadelphia, where she served as an evaluator and presenter to coaches and student-athletes on topics including diversity and healthy competition.

She has also worked as a mobile therapist and behavior specialist consultant at Wordsworth Academy in Philadelphia and as a community program coordinator at Synterra, Ltd., in Philadelphia.

Suber earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Florida A&M in 1992, and a master of science in education, focusing on secondary English education in 1995 from the University of Pennsylvania. She also earned a Master of Education in counseling psychology from Temple in 2000.

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Top Left: Washington Redskins starting wide receiver Brandon Lloyd recorded 12 100-yard games in his three-year college career.

Above: Dave Diehl begins his fifth year as a starting offensive guard for the New York Giants after breaking into the lineup as a rookie.

Top Right: Tampa Bay Super Bowl Champion defensive end Simeon Rice holds every Illinois quarterback sack record;

Right: Arizona Cardinals placekicker Neil Rackers went to his first Pro Bowl following his record-breaking 2005 season.

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“ILLINOIS FOOTBALL MEANS A LOT TO ME AND IT DEFINITELY WAS A GREAT STEPPINGSTONE TO MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER. NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO OR WHAT’S HAPPENED TO YOU, WHEN YOU GO BACK TO CHAMPAIGN YOU ARE ALWAYS FAMILY.”

- Walter Young, wide receiver, Pittsburgh Steelers



Top Left: Philadelphia Eagle wide receiver Greg Lewis caught a touchdown pass from Donovan McNabb in the 2005 Super Bowl;

Top Right: Receiver Walter Young was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in 2003, but spent the 2004-06 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Alan Ball	CB	Dallas Cowboys	Christian Morton	DB	Carolina Panthers
Danny Clark	LB	Houston Texans	Tony Pashos	OL	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jameel Cook	FB	Houston Texans	Duke Preston	OL	Buffalo Bills
Carey Davis	FB	Pittsburgh Steelers	Neil Rackers	K	Arizona Cardinals
Jason Davis	FB	Philadelphia Eagles	Simeon Rice	DL	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Dave Diehl	OL	New York Giants	Pierre Thomas	RB	New Orleans Saints
Kelvin Hayden	DB	Indianapolis Colts	Fred Wakefield	OL/TE	Oakland Raiders
Nathan Hodel	LS	Arizona Cardinals	Steve Weatherford	P	New Orleans Saints
Greg Lewis	WR	Philadelphia Eagles	Eugene Wilson	DB	New England Patriots
Brandon Lloyd	WR	Washington Redskins	Walter Young	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
Matt Maddox	OL	New York Giants			
Brandon Moore	OL	New York Jets			
Aaron Moorehead	WR	Indianapolis Colts			

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Below: Former Illinois walk-on Nathan Hodel now begins year seven with the Arizona Cardinals.



Top Left: New England Patriot safety Eugene Wilson won his second Super Bowl ring in 2005.

Above: A 47-game starter at offensive tackle for the Illini, Tony Pashos spent three seasons with Baltimore before signing a monstrous free-agent deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Left: Offensive lineman Duke Preston was named to the All-Rookie Team in 2005 and has worked his way into the Buffalo Bills' starting lineup.

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“THERE IS NO WAY I WOULD BE HERE WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. I FELT I HAD THE TALENT, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY I WAS GIVEN AT ILLINOIS TO PLAY IN FRONT OF A NATIONAL STAGE WAS INVALUABLE. MY ILLINOIS TEAMMATES WERE AND CONTINUE TO BE MY BEST FRIENDS.”

- Aaron Moorehead, wide receiver,
Indianapolis Colts



Top Left: A second-round draft pick, Kelvin Hayden scored on an interception to lead the Indianapolis Colts to a Super Bowl win in 2007.

Top Right: Former All-Big Ten linebacker Danny Clark begins his eighth year in the league with a new team, the Houston Texans.

Right: Wide Receiver Aaron Moorehead begins year five with the Indianapolis Colts.



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Top Left: First-year NFL punter Steve Weatherford averaged 43.8 yards per punt with the New Orleans Saints.

Top Right: Jameel Cook begins his seventh year in the league after signing with the Houston Texans for the 2006 season.

Above: A former defensive tackle at Illinois, Brandon Moore made the move to offensive line with the New York Jets.

Right: Fred Wakefield played six seasons with the Arizona Cardinals before moving on to the Oakland Raiders.

ILLINOIS PRO TIMING DAY



On most days during the fall, scouts can be seen patrolling the sidelines of the practice fields. Each March, scouts representing every NFL organization assemble on the U of I campus to evaluate the outgoing class. With the additional opportunity to work out in front of scouts, many players increase their chances of playing in the league on Sunday. Players are usually asked to run the 40-yard dash, shuttle drills and position-specific workouts, as well as work in the weight room.



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ILLINOIS HISTORY IN THE NFL

(Includes former Fighting Illini who played during the regular season of the National Football League, The American Football League, 1960-69, or the All-American Conference, 1946-51, all of which evolved into the current NFL.)

Ron Acks, LB-Atlanta Falcons (1968-71); New England Patriots (1972-73); Green Bay Packers (1974-76)
 Alex Agase, G-Los Angeles Dons (AAC) (1947); Chicago Rockets (AAC) (1947); Cleveland Browns (AAC) (1948-51)
 Mel Agee, DT-Indianapolis Colts (1991-1992); Atlanta Falcons (1992-95)
 Derek Allen, OL-New York Giants (1995)
 Kelvin Atkins, LB-Chicago Bears (1983)
 John Bauer, G-New York Giants (1954)
 Mike Bellamy, WR-Indianapolis Colts (1992)
 George Bernhardt, G-Brooklyn Dodgers (AAC) (1946-48); Chicago Rockets (AAC) (1948)
 Gilbert Berry, B-Chicago Cardinals (1935)
 Marv Berschet, G-Washington Redskins (1954-55)
 Les Bingaman, G-Detroit Lions (1948-54)
 Ken Blackman, OL-Cincinnati Bengals (1996-98)
 Wayne Bock, T-Chicago Cardinals (1957)
 Chuck Boerio, LB-Green Bay Packers (1952)
 Cap Boso, TE-St. Louis Cardinals (1986); Chicago Bears (1987-91)
 Ed Brady, LB-Los Angeles Rams (1984-86); Cincinnati Bengals (1986-91); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1992-95)
 Earl Britton, B-Frankford (PA) Yellowjackets (1927); Dayton Triangles (1927-28); Chicago Cardinals (1929)
 Mitchell Brookins, WR-Buffalo Bills (1984-86); San Diego Chargers (1988)
 Al Brosky, DB-Chicago Cardinals (1954)
 Bill Brown, FB-Chicago Bears (1961); Minnesota Vikings (1962-74)
 Chris Brown, OL-Seattle Seahawks (1998)
 Darrick Brownlow, LB-Dallas Cowboys (1991); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1992-93); Dallas Cowboys (1994); Washington Redskins (1995-96); Chicago Bears (1997)
 Sean Bubin, OL-Detroit Lions (2004); Minnesota Vikings (2005); New England Patriots (2006)
 Lloyd Burdick, T-Chicago Bears (1931-32); Cincinnati Reds (1933)
 *Dick Butkus, LB-Chicago Bears (1965-73)
 Luke Butkus, C-San Diego Chargers (2002); Houston Texans (2004)
 Darryl Byrd, LB-Los Angeles Raiders (1983-84)
 J. C. Caroline, DB-Chicago Bears (1956-65)
Danny Clark, LB-Jacksonville Jaguars (2000-03); Oakland Raiders (2004-05); New Orleans Saints (2006); Houston Texans (2007-)
 David Cook, B-Chicago Cardinals (1934-36); Brooklyn Dodgers (1936)
Jameel Cook, FB-Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2001-05); Houston Texans (2006-)
 John Counts, RB-New York Giants (1962-63)
 Matt Cushing, TE-Pittsburgh Steelers (1998-2004)
 John Crangle, B-Chicago Cardinals (1923)
 James Crawford, G-Chicago Bears (1925)
 Russell Daugherty, B-Frankford (PA) Yellowjackets (1927)
Carey Davis, FB-Atlanta Falcons (2004-05); Pittsburgh Steelers (2006-)
Jason Davis, FB-Philadelphia Eagles (2006-)
 Scott Davis, DE-Los Angeles Raiders (1988-1991, 1994)
 Mark Dennis, OT-Miami Dolphins (1987-94); Cincinnati Bengals (1994); Carolina Panthers (1995-96)
 John Depler, C-Hammond (IN) Pros (1921); Dayton (OH) Triangles (1929); Orange (NJ) Tornados (1929)
Dave Diehl, OL-New York Giants (2003-)
 Doug Dieken, OT-Cleveland Browns (1971-84)
 Ken Dilger, TE-Indianapolis Colts (1995-2001); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2002-04)
 George Donnelly, DB-San Francisco 49ers (1966-67)
 Paul Douglass, DB-New York Giants (1953)
 Ty Douthard, RB-Cincinnati Bengals (1997)
 Clarence Drayer, T-Dayton (OH) Triangles (1925)
 Tony Eason, QB-New England Patriots (1983-89); New York Jets (1989-90)
 David Edwards, DB-Pittsburgh Steelers (1985-88)
 Greg Engel, C-San Diego Chargers (1994-98); Detroit Lions (1999-2000)
 Ron Ferrari, LB-San Francisco 49ers (1982-86)



Fullback Jason Davis spent his rookie season, 2006, with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Moe Gardner, NT-Atlanta Falcons (1991-96)
 Jeff George, QB-Indianapolis Colts (1990-93); Atlanta Falcons (1994-96); Oakland Raiders (1997-98); Minnesota Vikings (1999); Washington Redskins (2000-01)
 John Gillen, LB-St. Louis Cardinals (1981-83)
 Louis Gordon, T-Chicago Cardinals (1930-31, 32-35); Brooklyn Dodgers (1931); Green Bay Packers (1936-37); Chicago Bears (1938)
 Jim Grabowski, FB-Green Bay Packers (1966-70); Chicago Bears (1971)
 Garland Grange, E-Chicago Bears (1925, 28-34)
 *Harold "Red" Grange, B-Chicago Bears (1925, 1928-34); New York Yankees (1926-27)
 African Grant, DB-Washington Redskins (1988); Miami Dolphins (1989-90)
 Chris Green, DB-Miami Dolphins (1991-1994); Buffalo Bills (1995)
 Don Greenwood, RB-Cleveland Browns (1946-47)
 Donald Griffin, B-Chicago Rockets (AAC) (1946)
 Howard Griffith, RB-Buffalo Bills (1991); San Diego Chargers (1992); L.A. Rams (1993-94); Carolina Panthers (1995-96); Denver Broncos (1997-2001)
 Rich Grimmett, OT-Dallas Cowboys (1980-81)
 *George Halas, E-Decatur/Chicago Staleys (player/coach) (1920-21); Chicago Bears (player/coach) (1922-29); Coach only (1933-42, 46-55, 58-67)
 Michael Hall, DB- Washington Redskins (2004)
 Raymond Hall, T-New York Yankees (1927)
 Don Hansen, LB-Minnesota Vikings (1966-67); Atlanta Falcons (1969-76); New Orleans Saints (1976); Seattle Seahawks (1976); Green Bay Packers (1977)
 Dave Harbour, C-Washington Redskins (1988-89)
 Kevin Hardy, LB-Jacksonville Jaguars (1996-2001); Dallas Cowboys (2002); Cincinnati Bengals (2003-04)
 Antoine Harris, RB-San Diego Chargers (2003)
 Frank Hartley, TE-Cleveland Browns (1994-95)
 Baltimore Ravens (1996)
Kelvin Hayden, DB-Indianapolis Colts (2005-)
 Tom Hicks, LB-Chicago Bears (1976-81)
Nathan Hodel, T-Arizona Cardinals (2001-)
 Robert Holcombe, RB-St. Louis Rams (1998-2001); Tennessee Titans (2002-04)
 John Holeccek, LB-Buffalo Bills (1995-2000); San Diego Chargers (2001); Atlanta Falcons (2002)
 Brad Hopkins, OT-Tennessee Titans (1993-2005)
 Dana Howard, LB-St. Louis Rams (1995); Chicago Bears (1996-97)
 Burt Ingwersen, T-Chicago Staleys/Bears (1920-21)
 Bobby Jackson, DB-Green Bay Packers (2003)
 Trenton Jackson, FL-Philadelphia Eagles (1966);

Washington Redskins (1967)
 John Janata, OT-Chicago Bears (1983-84)
 Filmel Johnson, DB-Buffalo Bills (1994-95)
 Garrett Johnson, DL-New England (1999-2001); Denver Broncos (2002)
 Johnny Johnson, QB-Detroit Lions (1996)
 Mike Johnson, DT-Houston Oilers (1984-85)
 Nathan Johnson, T-New York Yankees (AAC) (1946-47, 50); Chicago Rockets (AAC) (1948); Chicago Hornets (AAC) (1949)
 Rich Johnson, FB-Houston Oilers (AFL) (1969)
 Henry Jones, DB-Buffalo Bills (1991-2001); Atlanta Falcons (2002)
 Keith Jones, RB-Atlanta Falcons (1989-1992)
 Jim Juriga, OG-Denver Broncos (1986-91)
 John Karras, B-Chicago Cardinals (1952)
 Michael Kasap, T-Baltimore Colts (AAC) (1947); Buffalo Bills (AAC) (1947)
 Charles Kassel, E-Chicago Bears (1927); Frankford (PA) Yellowjackets (1927-28); Chicago Cardinals (1929-33)
 Edward Kawal, C-Chicago Bears (1931-36); Washington Redskins (1937)
 Kurt Kittner, QB-Atlanta Falcons (2002-03); Chicago Bears (2005)
 Anthony Klimek, E-Chicago Cardinals (1951-52)
 Oscar Knop, B-Hammond Pros (1922-23); Chicago Bears (1923-27)
 Frank Knox, G-Detroit Lions (1935)
 William Kovacs, T-Hammond Pros (1923)
 Reynold Kraft, E-Minneapolis Marines (1922)
 Joe Krakoski, DB-Washington Redskins (1961); Oakland Raiders (AFL) (1963-66)
 Rich Kreitling, WR-Cleveland Browns (1959-63); Chicago Bears (1964)
 Ralph Lanum, B-Decatur/Chicago Staleys/Bears (1920-24)
 Lou Levanti, G-Pittsburgh Steelers (1951-52)
Greg Lewis, WR-Philadelphia Eagles (2003-)
 Adam Lingner, C-Kansas City Chiefs (1983-86); New England Patriots (1986); Buffalo Bills (1986-95)
Brandon Lloyd, WR-San Francisco 49ers (2003-05); Washington Redskins (2006-)
 Lynn Lynch, G-Chicago Cardinals (1951)
 J.P. Machado, OL-New York Jets (1999-2003)
 Achille Maggiori, B-Buffalo Bills (AAC) (1948); Detroit Lions (1949); Baltimore Colts (1950)
 Mike Malczyk, LS-New York Giants (2002)
 Jeff Markland, FB-Pittsburgh Steelers (1988)
 Mike Martin, WR-Cincinnati Bengals (1983-89)
 Larry McCarren, C-Green Bay Packers (1973-85)
 James McCarthy, E-Chicago Cardinals (1944); Pittsburgh Steelers (1944); Brooklyn Dodgers (AAC) (1946-47); Chicago Rockets (AAC)

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(1948); Chicago Hornets (AAC) (1949)
 Walter McIlwain, B-Racine Legion (1926)
 Ernie McMillan, OT-St. Louis Cardinals (1961-74);
 Green Bay Packers (1975)
 James McMillen, G-Milwaukee Badgers (1923); Cleveland Indians
 (1923, 31); Chicago Bears (1924-28, 30-31, 35)
 Terry Miller, LB-Detroit Lions (1970); St. Louis Cardinals (1971-76)
 *Bobby Mitchell, RB-WR-Cleveland Browns
 (1958-61); Washington Redskins (1962-68)
Brandon Moore, OL-New York Jets (2002-)
Aaron Moorehead, WR-Indianapolis Colts (2003-)
 G. Max Morris, E-Chicago Rockets (AAC) (1948);
 Brooklyn Dodgers (AAC) (1948)
Christian Morton, CB-Atlanta Falcons (2004);
Washington Redskins (2005); Carolina Panthers (2006-)
 Perry Moss, QB-Green Bay Packers (1948)
 Vern Mullen, B-Canton Bulldogs (1923); Chicago Bears (1924-27);
 Chicago Cardinals (1927); Pottsville Maroons (1927)
 Bob Naponic, QB-Houston Oilers (1970)
 Everett Nelson, T-Chicago Bears (1929)
 *Ray Nitschke, LB-Green Bay Packers (1958-72)
 Tim Norman, G-Chicago Bears (1983)
 Ed O'Bradovich, DE-Chicago Bears (1962-71)
 Tommy O'Connell, QB-Chicago Bears (1953); Cleveland Browns
 (1956-57); Buffalo Bills (AFL) (1960-61)
 Vince Osby, LB-San Diego Chargers (1984-85)
 Willie Osley, DB-New England Patriots (1974); Kansas City Chiefs
 (1974-76); New Orleans Saints (1976)
 Isaiah Owens, E-Chicago Rockets (AAC) (1948)
Tony Pashos, OL-Baltimore Ravens (2003-06); Jacksonville
Jaguars (2007-)
 Paul Patterson, B-Chicago Hornets (AAC) (1949)
 Walter Pearce, B-Decatur/Chicago Staleys/Bears (1920-22);
 Kenosha Maroons (1924); Providence (R.I.) Steamrollers (1925)
 Preston Pearson, RB-Baltimore Colts (1967-69);
 Pittsburgh Steelers (1970-74); Dallas Cowboys (1975-80)
 Peter Perez, G-Chicago Bears (1945)
 Lonnie Perrin, RB-Denver Broncos (1976-78);
 Washington Redskins (1979); Chicago Bears (1979)
 Ross Petty, G-Decatur Staleys (1920)
 Mike Piel, DE-Los Angeles Rams (1988-1993)
 Bert Piggott, B-Los Angeles Dons (AAC) (1947)
 Cyril Pinder, RB-Philadelphia Eagles (1968-70);
 Chicago Bears (1971-72); Dallas Cowboys (1973)
 Paul Podmajerski, G-Chicago Bears (1944)
 Eli Popa, DB-Chicago Cardinals (1952)
Duke Preston, OL-Buffalo Bills (2005-)
 Sam Price, RB-Miami Dolphins (AFL) (1966-68)
Neil Rackers, K-Cincinnati Bengals (2000-02);
Arizona Cardinals (2003-)
 Ray Redziniak, OL-Cincinnati Bengals (2001-02)
Simeon Rice, DE-Arizona Cardinals (1996-2000);



After two seasons with Atlanta, fullback Carey Davis played 2006 with Pittsburgh.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2001-)
 Harry Richman, G-Chicago Bears (1929)
 Cliff Roberts, T-Oakland Raiders (AFL) (1961)
 Bob Robertson, C-Houston Oilers (AFL) (1968)
 Jeff Ruffin, DT-St. Louis Rams (2004)
 E. T. Rundquist, T-Chicago Cardinals (1922)
 Joe Rutgens, DT-Washington Redskins (1961-69)
 John "Rocky" Ryan, WR-DB-Philadelphia Eagles
 (1956-58); Chicago Bears (1958)
 Julius Rykovich, B-Buffalo Bills (AAC) (1947-48); Chicago Rockets
 (AAC) (1948); Chicago Bears (1949-51)
 Greg Schumacher, DE-Los Angeles Rams (1967-68)
 Hubbard Shoemaker, G-Decatur/Chicago Staleys (1920-21)
 Mike Scully, OG-Washington Redskins (1988)
 Ryan Schau, OL-Philadelphia Eagles (1999-2001);
 Houston Texans (2002); St. Louis Rams (2004)
 Tom Schau, OL-Green Bay Packers (2000-01); Buffalo Bills (2002)
 Herbert Siegert, G-Washington Redskins (1949-51)

Wayne Siegert, G-New York Yankees (1951)
 Russell Smith, G-Chicago Cardinals (1920, 23-25);
 Chicago Staleys (1921)
 Revie Sorey, OG-Chicago Bears (1975-83)
 Jack Squirek, LB-Los Angeles Raiders (1982-86);
 Miami Dolphins (1986); San Diego Chargers (1987)
 Dennis Stallings, LB-Tennessee Titans (1997-99)
 Marshall Starks, DB-St. Louis Cardinals (NFL)
 (1962-63); New York Jets (AFL) (1964-66)
 Edward Sternaman, B-Decatur/Chicago Staleys/Bears
 (1920-21, 23-30)
 Joseph Sternaman, B-Chicago Bears (1922-23, 27-30)
 Don Stevens, RB-Philadelphia Eagles (1952, 54)
 Peter Stinchcomb, B-Chicago Staleys/Bears (1921-22);
 Columbus Tigers (1923); Louisville Colonels (1926)
 Jerry Strum, C-Denver Broncos (AFL) (1961-66);
 New Orleans Saints (1967-70); Houston Oilers
 (1971); Philadelphia Eagles (1972)
 Scott Studwell, LB-Minnesota Vikings (1977-90)
 Steven Succi, B-Los Angeles Rams (1946);
 Boston Yanks (1947); Detroit Lions (1947-48)
 Gerry Sullivan, OT-Cleveland Browns (1974-81)
 John Sullivan, LB-New York Jets (1979)
 Marques Sullivan, OL-Buffalo Bills (2001-03)
 Archie Sutton, OT-Minnesota Vikings (1965-67)
 Craig Swoope, DB-Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 (1986-87); Indianapolis Colts (1987-89)
 Mike Taliaferro, QB-New York Jets (AFL) (1964-67);
 Boston Patriots (AFL-NFL) (1968-70); Buffalo Bills (1972)
 Keith Taylor, DB-Indianapolis Colts (1988-91); New Orleans Saints
 (1992-1993); Washington Redskins (1994-96)
 Guy Teafatiller, DT-Minnesota Vikings (1987)
 Calvin Thomas, FB-Chicago Bears (1982-88);
 Denver Broncos (1988)
 Bruce Thornton, DT-Dallas Cowboys (1979-80, 82)
 Don Thorp, DT-New Orleans Saints (1984);
 Indianapolis Colts (1988); Miami Dolphins (1989)
 Jack Trudeau, QB-Indianapolis Colts (1986-1993);
 New York Jets (1994); Carolina Panthers (1995)
 Bob Trumpy, TE-Cincinnati Bengals (1968-77)
 Scott Turner, DB-Washington Redskins (1995-97); San Diego
 Chargers (1998-2001); Denver Broncos (2003-04)
 Chuck Ulrich, T-Chicago Cardinals (1954-58)
 Darryl Usher, WR-New England Patriots (1988);
 Cleveland Browns/Phoenix Cardinals (1989)
Fred Wakefield, DE/OL-Arizona Cardinals (2001-06);
Oakland Raiders (2007-)
 Stan Wallace, DB-Chicago Bears (1954, 56-58)
 Trayvon Waller, DB-New Orleans Saints (2001)
 Laurie Walquist, B-Chicago Bears (1922-31)
 Jimmy Warren, DB-San Diego Chargers (AFL) (1964-65); Miami
 Dolphins (AFL) (1966-69); Oakland Raiders (1970-77)
Steve Weatherford, P-New Orleans Saints (2006-)
 Mike Wells, QB-Minnesota Vikings (1973-76);
 Cincinnati Bengals (1977)
 Joe Wendryhoski, C-Los Angeles Rams (1964-66);
 New Orleans Saints (1967-68)
 Josh Whitman, TE-San Diego Chargers (2001-02);
 Miami Dolphins (2003)
 *David Williams, WR-Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1986);
 Los Angeles Raiders (1987)
 Oliver Williams, WR-Chicago Bears (1983);
 Indianapolis Colts (1985-86)
 Dave Wilson, QB-New Orleans Saints (1981-89)
Eugene Wilson, FS-New England Patriots (2003-)
 Abe Woodson, DB-San Francisco 49ers (1958-64);
 St. Louis Cardinals (1965-66)
 John Wright Sr., WR-Atlanta Falcons (1968); Detroit Lions (1969)
 Claude "Buddy" Young, RB-N.Y. Yankees (AAC-NFL) (1947-51);
 Dallas Texans (1952); Baltimore Colts (1953-55)
 Michael Young, LB-Arizona Cardinals (2001-04)
Walter Young, WR-Carolina Panthers (2003);
Pittsburgh Steelers (2004-)

Current players in bold.

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ILLINI IN THE SUPER BOWL

Ed Brady, Cincinnati - XXIII
 Bill Brown, Minnesota - IV, VIII, IX
 Darryl Byrd, L.A. Raiders - XVIII
 Jameel Cook, Tampa Bay - XXXVII
 Ken Dilger, Tampa Bay - XXXVII
 Tony Eason, New England - XX
 Greg Engel, San Diego - XXIX
 Jim Grabowski, Green Bay - I, II
 Howard Griffith, Denver - XXXII, XXXIII
 Henry Jones, Buffalo - XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII
 Jim Juriga, Denver - XXIV
 Kelvin Hayden, Indianapolis - XLI
 Robert Holcombe, St. Louis - XXXIV, XXXVI
 Brad Hopkins, Tennessee - XXXIV
 Greg Lewis, Philadelphia - XXXIX
 Adam Lingner, Buffalo - XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII
 Aaron Moorehead, Indianapolis - XLI
 Ray Nitschke, Green Bay - I, II
 Preston Pearson, Baltimore - III; Pittsburgh - IX; Dallas - X, XII, XIII
 Simeon Rice, Tampa Bay - XXXVII
 Jack Squirek, L.A. Raiders - XVIII
 Calvin Thomas, Chicago - XX
 Eugene Wilson, New England - XXXVIII, XXXIX
 Walter Young, Carolina - XXXVIII, XL

ILLINI COACHES IN SUPER BOWLS

Bob Gambold, Denver - XII
 Harry Hiestand, Chicago - XLI
 Denny Marcin, New York Giants - XXXV
 Dwain Painter, San Diego - XXIX
 Sean Payton, New York Giants - XXXVII
 Chuck Studley, San Francisco - XVI; Miami - XIX
 Ron Turner, Chicago - XLI
 Mike White, St. Louis - XXXIV
 Kirby Wilson, Tampa Bay - XXXVII

ILLINI IN THE NFL DRAFT

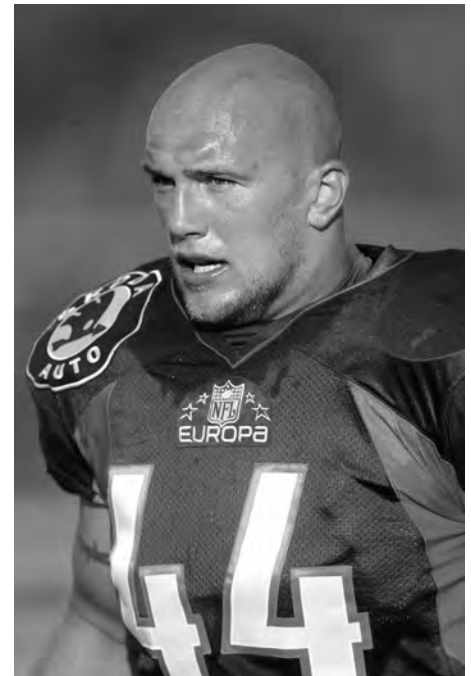
YEAR	NAME, POSITION, TEAM (round, pick if available)
1937 NFL	Elvin Sayre, C, Detroit (8th, 77)
1939 NFL	Jim McDonald, C, Detroit (20th, 187)
1940 NFL	Mel Brewer, G, Green Bay (15th) Jim Reeder, T, Green Bay (20th)
1941 NFL	Tom Riggs, T, Washington (21st, 195)
1943 NFL	Eddie McGovern, B, Chicago Cardinals (26th, 244)
1944 NFL	Tony Butkovich, B, Cleveland (1st, 11) Alex Agase, G, Green Bay (8th, 71) John Genis, T, Brooklyn (14th, 133) Don Griffin, B, Green Bay (14th, 137) Ray Grierson, E, Brooklyn (26th, 265) Les Joop, T, Detroit (9th, 82)
1945 NFL	Mike Kasap, T, Detroit (12th, 115) Ray Florek, B, Cleveland (26th, 268)
1946 NFL	Mac Wenskunas, C, Chicago Cardinals (2nd, 11) Julius Rykovich, B, Chicago Bears (2nd, 14) Chick Maggioni, B, Washington (11th, 99) Frank Bauman, E, Chicago Bears (12th, 104) Stan Sprague, E, Washington (14th, 129) Tom Gallagher, B, Chicago Bears (19th, 174) Butch Kolens, G, New York Giants (27th, 255) Art Dufelmeier, B, Chicago Cardinals (9th, 70) Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, B, Chicago Bears (9th, 75) Russ Steger, B, LA Rams (11th, 93) Lou Levanti, C, LA Rams (23rd, 213) Jack Pierce, B, Chicago Bears (30th, 285) Bob Prymuski, G, LA Rams (32nd, 299)
1947 NFL	Buddy Young, B, NY Yankees (special selection) Bill Huber, E, Cleveland (11th, 88) Mac Wenskunas, C, Chicago Rockets (18th, 136) Bill Franks, T, Chicago Rockets (25th, 170) Les Bingaman, T, Detroit (3rd, 15)
1948 NFL	Bob Cunz, T, Green Bay (8th, 61) Russ Steger, B, Detroit (13th, 107) Perry Moss, B, Green Bay (13th, 111) Lou Agase, T, Green Bay (15th, 131) Les Bingaman, T, Brooklyn (5th, 27)
1948 AAFC	Lou Agase, T, Chicago Rockets (14th, 82) Russ Steger, B, Cleveland (17th, 113) Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, B, Cleveland (21st, 145) Ike Owen, E, Chicago Rockets (24th, 162) Lou Levanti, C, Baltimore (25th, 171) Sam Zatkoff, E, Baltimore (26th, 179) Perry Moss, B, San Francisco (27th, 190) Herb Siegert, G, San Francisco (29th, 206)
1949 NFL	Al Mastrangeli, C, Green Bay (13th, 123) Lyle Button, T, Philadelphia (13th, 131) Tony Klimek, E, Chicago Cardinals (14th, 140) Herb Siegert, G, Washington (18th, 178) Walt Kersulis, E, LA Rams (23rd, 227) Bob Prymuski, T, Baltimore (8th, 57) Al Mastrangeli, C, NY Yankees (9th, 64) Walt Kersulis, E, Cleveland (14th, 108) Murney Lazier, B, Baltimore (20th, 147)
1949 AAFC	Lyle Button, T, Washington (14th, 175) Walt Kersulis, E, Pittsburgh (23rd, 294) Johnny Karras, B, Detroit (28th, 356) Russ Steger, B, Detroit (29th, 369)
1951 NFL	Lynn Lynch, G, Chicago Cardinals (5th, 51) Dick Raklovits, G, Detroit, (8th, 91) Wayne Siegert, T, Detroit (13th, 153) Paul Douglass, B, NY Giants (13th, 158) Chuck Brown, G, Chicago Bears (18th, 216) Al Tate, T, San Francisco (20th, 234) Al Brosky, B, LA Rams (27th, 324)
1952 NFL	Johnny Karras, B, Chicago Cardinals (2nd, 16) Chuck Ulrich, T, Philadelphia (4th, 41) Marv Berschet, T, Washington (16th, 187) Herb Neathery, B, Cleveland (16th, 189) Tommy O'Connell, QB, Chicago Bears (18th, 212) Chuck Boerio, C, Green Bay (20th, 231) Dick Jenkins, T, Washington (21st, 247) Joe Vernasco, E, Cleveland (26th, 312) Don Stevens, B, Philadelphia (30th, 353)
1953 NFL	Rex Smith, E, Philadelphia (5th) Pete Bachouros, B, Philadelphia (19th)
1954 NFL	Stan Wallace, B, Chicago Bears (1st, 6) John Bauer, G, Cleveland (1st, 12)

ALL-TIME ILLINOIS NFL/AFL FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS



Jeff George (right) became the first overall No. 1 pick at Illinois in the NFL draft when the Indianapolis Colts selected him in 1990.

Year	Player	Pos	Team	Pick
1944	Tony Butkovich	RB	Los Angeles Rams	11
1954	Stan Wallace	DB	Chicago Bears	6
1954	John Bauer	G	Cleveland Browns	12
1959	Rich Kreitling	WR	Cleveland Browns	11
1961	Joe Rutgens	DT	L.A. Raiders, AFL	4
	Joe Rutgens	DT	Washington Redskins	3
1965	Dick Butkus	LB	Chicago Bears	3
1965	George Donnelly	DB	San Francisco 49ers	13
1966	Jim Grabowski	FB	Green Bay Packers	9
	Jim Grabowski	FB	Miami Dolphins, AFL	1
1981	Dave Wilson	QB	New Orleans Saints	1
			supplemental draft	
1983	Tony Eason	QB	New England Patriots	15
1988	Scott Davis	DE	Los Angeles Raiders	25
1990	Jeff George	QB	Indianapolis Colts	1
1991	Henry Jones	DB	Buffalo Bills	26
1992	Brad Hopkins	OT	Houston Oilers	13
1996	Kevin Hardy	LB	Jacksonville Jaguars	2
	Simeon Rice	LB	Arizona Cardinals	3



Former Illinois cornerback Christian Morton was on the Carolina Panther roster for 2006, while linebacker Matt Sinclair led NFL Europa's Frankfurt Galaxy to the 2007 World Bowl.

Rocky Ryan, E, Philadelphia (2nd, 21)	Bruce Dollahan, T, San Francisco (23rd, 270)
Ken Miller, B, Chicago Bears (14th, 162)	Ron Nietupski, T, Cleveland (29th, 346)
Jim Baughman, G, Cleveland (21st, 252)	Bill Burrell, LB, Chicago Cardinals (5th, 50)
Claude Talieferro, B, Baltimore (29th, 341)	1960 NFL Bill Burrell, LB, Buffalo (round N/A)
1955 NFL Dick Miller, T, Detroit (25th, 300)	1960 AFL DeJustice Coleman, HB, Houston
Bob Gongala, B, San Francisco (30th, 356)	John Gremer, G, Houston
1956 NFL J.C. Caroline, B, Chicago Bears (7th, 82)	1961 NFL Joe Rutgens, T, Washington (1st, 3)
Em Lindback, QB, LA Rams (12th, 144)	Bill Brown, B, Chicago Bears (2nd, 20)
Mickey Bates, B, LA Rams (29th, 348)	Joe Krakoski, B, Washington (6th, 72)
1957 NFL Abe Woodson, B, San Francisco (2nd, 15)	Marshall Starks, HB, St. Louis (8th, 106)
Wayne Bock, T, Chicago Cardinals (5th, 58)	Tony Parrilli, G, San Francisco (11th, 149)
Percy Oliver, G, Green Bay (20th, 231)	Ernie McMillan, E, St. Louis (13th 176)
1958 NFL Gary Francis, E, Pittsburgh (24th, 282)	Larry Lavery, T, Philadelphia (17th, 238)
Ray Nitschke, B, Green Bay (3rd, 36)	1961 AFL Joe Rutgens, T, Oakland (1st, 4)
Bobby Mitchell, B, Cleveland (7th, 84)	Cliff Roberts, T, LA Chargers (6th)
Carl Johnson, T, Green Bay (10th, 110)	Bill Brown, B, NY Titans (6th)
Rod Hanson, E, Washington (24th, 282)	Ernie McMillan, T, Boston (10th)
1959 NFL Rich Kreitling, E, Cleveland (1st, 11)	Joe Wendryhoski, T, NY Titans (13th)
Jack Delveaux, B, NY Giants (9th, 107)	Joe Krakoski, HB, Oakland (18th)
Darrell DeDecker, T, Chicago Cardinals (18th, 207)	Darrell DeDecker, C, Boston (23rd)

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- 1962 NFL Ed O'Bradovich, E, Chicago Bears (7th, 91)
Charles Dickerson, T, Cleveland (9th, 123)
Gary Brown, B, San Francisco (18th, 246)
- 1962 AFL Johnny Counts, HB, NY Titans (24th)
Charles Dickerson, T, Boston (28th)
Tony Parrilli, G, Buffalo (33rd)
- 1963 NFL Mike Taliaferro, QB, NY Giants (10th, 138)
Thurman Walter, E, Green Bay (17th, 238)
- 1963 AFL Mike Taliaferro, QB, NY Titans (28th)
- 1965 NFL Dick Butkus, LB, Chicago Bears (1st, 3)
George Donnelly, B, San Francisco (1st, 13)
Archie Sutton, T, Minnesota (2nd, 15)
Gregg Schumacher, E, San Francisco (13th, 170)
Dave Powless, G, NY Giants (17th, 225)
- 1965 AFL Dick Butkus, LB, Denver (2nd)
George Donnelly, DB, Denver (4th)
Bill Minor, LB, Oakland (11th)
Dave Powless, G, Kansas City (15th)
- 1966 NFL Jim Grabowski, FB, Green Bay (1st, 9)
Don Hansen, LB, Minnesota (3rd, 42)
Ron Acks, DE, Minnesota (4th, 57)
Sam Price, HB, NY Giants (16th, 240)
Gary Eickman, T, NY Giants (17th, 254)
Kai Anderson, C, NY Giants (18th, 268)
Dale Greco, DT, Minnesota (18th, 270)
- 1966 AFL Jim Grabowski, FB, Miami (1st, 1)
Don Hansen, LB, Miami (7th)
Sam Price, HB, Miami (11th)
Ed Russell, T, Buffalo (16th)
Ron Acks, DB, NY Jets (16th)
Gary Eickman, DE, Denver (17th)
- 1966 AFL Kai Anderson, C, Miami (11th), redshirt
- 1967 NFL Bruce Sullivan, DB, Washington (10th, 250)
- 1968 NFL Cyril Pinder, RB, Philadelphia (2nd, 39)
John Wright, WR, Detroit (2nd, 53)
Terry Miller, LB, Detroit (8th, 202)
Bob Robertson, C, Houston (9th, 224)
Ken Kmieciak, DB, Dallas (9th, 241)

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- 1969 Rich Johnson, RB, Houston (3rd, 78)
Tony Pleviak, DE, Atlanta (5th, 127)
Bob Naponic, QB, Houston (10th, 256)
- 1971 Doug Dieken, T, Cleveland (6th, 142)
- 1973 Mike Wells, QB, Minnesota (4th, 80)
Tab Bennett, LB, San Diego (9th, 214)
Willie Osley, DB, Kansas City (10th, 251)
Larry Allen, LB, Green Bay (10th, 255)
Larry McCarren, C, Green Bay (12th, 308)
- 1974 Gerry Sullivan, C-T, Cleveland (7th, 171)
Octavus Morgan, LB, Pittsburgh (16th, 412)
- 1975 Revie Sorey, G, Chicago (5th, 110)
Tom Hicks, LB, Chicago (6th, 151)
Mark Peterson, DE, Kansas City (16th, 396)
- 1976 Lonnie Perrin, RB, Denver (5th, 139)
Stu Levenick, T, Baltimore (9th, 258)
Doug Kleber, T, Cleveland (10th, 271)
Joe Smalzer, TE, Cleveland (14th, 381)
- 1977 Scott Studwell, LB, Minnesota (9th, 250)
Dan Beaver, K, Minnesota (10th, 278)
Rich Grimmett, T, Seattle (9th, 231)
- 1978 Darwin Tucker, DB, LA Rams (4th, 99)
- 1979 John Sullivan, LB, Chicago (6th, 147)
Bruce Thornton, DT, Dallas (8th, 219)
Lawrence McCullough, WR, Washington (9th, 241)
- 1980 John Gillen, LB, St. Louis (5th, 116)
- 1981 Mike Sherrod, TE, St. Louis (11th, 281)
- 1982 Dave Wilson, QB, New Orleans
(1st, in 1981 supplemental draft)
Jack Squirek, LB, Oakland (2nd, 35)
Ron Ferrari, LB, San Francisco (7th, 195)
Kelvin Atkins, LB, Tampa Bay (8th, 212)
- 1983 Tony Eason, QB, New England (1st, 15)
Mike Bass, K, New England (6th, 155)
Mike Martin, WR, Cincinnati (8th, 221)
Adam Lingner, C, Kansas City (9th, 231)
Oliver Williams, WR, Chicago (12th, 313)
- 1984 Mitchell Brookins, WR, Buffalo (4th, 95)
Dwight Beverly, RB, Indianapolis (6th, 147)
Don Thorp, DT, New Orleans (6th, 156)



Former Illini defensive end Derrick Strong spent the 2007 spring playing with the NFL Europa's Rhein Fire.

- Ed Brady, LB, LA Rams (8th, 215)
- Mike Johnson, DE, Houston (9th, 227)
- Bob Stowe, T, Indianapolis (11th, 290)
- Mark Butkus, DT, Chicago (11th, 298)
- Moe Bias, LB, LA Rams (12th, 328)
- Mike Weingrad, LB, Miami (12th, 333)
- 1985 Mike Heaven, DB, Tampa Bay (4th, 92)
Chris Babyar, G, Buffalo (10th, 253)
John Ayres, DB, Atlanta (11th, 284)
- 1986 Jack Trudeau, QB, Indianapolis (2nd, 47)
David Williams, WR, Chicago (3rd, 82)
Craig Swoope, DB, Tampa Bay (4th, 83)
Jim Juriga, T, Denver (4th, 104)
Thomas Rooks, RB, Minnesota (6th, 147)
Chris White, K, Indianapolis (7th, 172)
Cap Boso, TE, Pittsburgh (8th, 207)
Bob Sebring, LB, Houston (9th, 225)
Guy Teafatiller, DT, Buffalo (10th, 251)
- 1987 Mark Dennis, OT, Miami (8th, 212)
Jerry Reese, TE, Atlanta (10th, 264)
- 1988 Scott Davis, DE, LA Raiders (1st, 25)
Mike Piel, DT, LA Rams (3rd, 82)
Keith Taylor, DB, New Orleans (5th, 134)
Darryl Usher, WR, New England (7th, 181)
Bobby Dawson, DB, Pittsburgh (11th, 295)
- 1989 Keith Jones, RB, Atlanta (3rd, 62)
- 1990 Jeff George, QB, Indianapolis (1st, 1)
Mike Bellamy, WR, Philadelphia (2nd, 50)
- 1991 Henry Jones, DB, Buffalo (1st, 26)
Moe Gardner, NT, Atlanta (4th, 87)
Darrick Brownlow, LB, Dallas (5th, 132)
Mel Agee, DT, Indianapolis (6th, 152)
Chris Green, DB, Miami (7th, 191)
Howard Griffith, RB, Indianapolis (9th, 236)
- 1992 Elbert Turner, WR, Houston (7th, 189)
Kameno Bell, RB, Miami (12th, 328)
Tim Simpson, G, Cleveland (12th, 329)
- 1993 Brad Hopkins, T, Houston (1st, 13)
- 1994 Filmel Johnson, DB, Buffalo (7th, 221)
- 1995 Ken Dilger, TE, Indianapolis (2nd, 48)
John Holecek, LB, Buffalo (5th, 144)
Dana Howard, LB, Dallas (5th, 168)
Scott Turner, DB, Washington (7th, 226)
- 1996 Kevin Hardy, LB, Jacksonville (1st, 2)
Simeon Rice, LB, Arizona (1st, 3)
Ken Blackman, OL, Cincinnati (3rd, 69)
- 1997 Dennis Stallings, LB, Houston (6th, 181)
- 1998 Robert Holcombe, RB, St. Louis (2nd, 37th)
- 1999 J.P. Machado, OL, N.Y. Jets (6th, 197)
- 2000 Neil Rackers, PK, Cincinnati (6th, 169)
Danny Clark, LB, Jacksonville (7th, 245)
Marques Sullivan, OT, Buffalo (5th, 144)
Jameel Cook, FB, Tampa Bay (6th, 174)
- 2002 Kurt Kittner, QB, Atlanta (5th, 158)
- 2003 Eugene Wilson, CB, New England (2nd, 36)
Brandon Lloyd, WR, San Francisco (4th, 124)
David Diehl, G, NY Giants (5th, 160)
Tony Pashos, OT, Baltimore (5th, 173)
Walter Young, WR, Carolina (7th, 226)
- 2004 Sean Babin, OL, Jacksonville (5th, 159)
Christian Morton, CB, New England (7th, 233)
- 2005 Kelvin Hayden, CB, Indianapolis (2nd, 60)
Duke Preston, OL, Buffalo (4th, 122)
- 2007 Alan Ball, CB, Dallas (7th, 237)

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ALL-TIME ILLINI ON NFL ROSTERS



ST. LOUIS/ARIZONA CARDINALS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1943		26th	Eddie McGovern	B
1946		2nd	Mac Wenskunas	C
1947		7th	Art Dufelmeier	B
1949		14th	Tony Klimek	E
1951		5th	Lynn Lynch	G
1952		2nd	Johnny Karras	B
1957		5th	Waytne Bock	T
1959		18th	Darrell DeDecker	T
1960		5th	Bill Burrell	LB
1961		6th	Marshall Starks	HB
1961		13th	Ernie McMillan	E
1981	116	5th	John Gillen	LB
1981	281	11th	Mike Sherrod	TE
1996	3	1st	Simeon Rice	LB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Russell Smith	G	1920, 23-25
E.T. Rundquist	T	1922
John Crangle	B	1923
Vern Mullen	B	1927
Earl Britton	B	1929
Charles Kassel	E	1929-33
Louis Gordon	T	1930-31, 32-35
David Cook	B	1934-36
Gilbert Berry	B	1935
James McCarthy	E	1944
Lynn Lynch	G	1951
Anthony Klimek	E	1951-52
John Karras	B	1952
Eli Popa	DB	1952
Al Brosky	DB	1954
Chuck Ulrich	T	1954-58
Wayne Bock	T	1957
Ernie McMillan	OT	1961-74
Marshall Starks	DB	1962-63
Abe Woodson	DB	1965-66
Terry Miller	LB	1971-76
John Gillen	LB	1981-83
Cap Boso	TE	1986
Daryl Usher	WR	1989
Simeon Rice	LB	1996-2000
Nathan Hodel	LS	2001-
Fred Wakefield	DE	2001-06
Michael Young	LB	2001-04
Neil Rackers	PK	2003-



ATLANTA FALCONS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1969	127	5th	Tony Pleviak	DE
1985	284	11th	John Ayres	DB
1987	264	10th	Jerry Reese	TE
1989	62	3rd	Keith Jones	RB
1991	87	4th	Moe Gardner	NT
2002	158	5th	Kurt Kittner	QB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
John Wright Sr.	WR	1968
Ron Acks	LB	1968-71
Don Hansen	LB	1969-76
Keith Jones	RB	1989-92
Moe Gardner	NT	1991-96
Mel Agee	DT	1992-95
Jeff George	QB	1994-96
John Holecek	LB	2002
Henry Jones	DB	2002
Kurt Kittner	QB	2002-03
Carey Davis	FB	2004-05
Christian Morton	CB	2004



BALTIMORE RAVENS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
2003	173	5th	Tony Pashos	T

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Tony Pashos	OL	2003-06

BOSTON YANKS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Steven Susic	B	1947

BROOKLYN DODGERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1944		14th	John Genis	T
1944		26th	Ray Grierson	E
1948	27	5th	Les Bingaman	T

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Louis Gordon	T	1931
David Cook	B	1936
George Bernhardt	G	1946-48
James McCarthy	E	1946-47
Max Morris	E	1948



BUFFALO BILLS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1960			Bill Burrell	LB
1962		33rd	Tony Parrill	G
1966		16th	Ed Russell	T
1984	95	4th	Mitchell Brookins	WR
1985	253	10th	Chris Babayar	G
1991	26	1st	Henry Jones	DB
1994	221	7th	Filmell Johnson	DB
1995	144	5th	John Holecek	LB
2001	144	5th	Marques Sullivan	OL
2005	122	4th	Duke Preston	OL

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Michael Kasap	T	1947
Julius Rykovich	B	1947-48
Achille Maggiori	B	1948
Tommy O'Connell	QB	1960-61
Mike Taliaferro	QB	1972
Mitchell Brookins	WR	1984-86
Adam Lingner	C	1986-95
Henry Jones	DB	1991-2001
Filmell Johnson	DB	1994-96
Chris Green	DB	1995
John Holecek	LB	1995-2000
Marques Sullivan	OL	2001-03
Tom Schau	OL	2002
Duke Preston	OL	2005-

CANTON BULLDOGS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Vern Mullen	B	1923



CAROLINA PANTHERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
2003	226	7th	Walter Young	WR

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Jack Trudeau	QB	1995
Mark Dennis	OT	1995-96
Howard Griffith	RB	1995-96
Walter Young	WR	2003



CHICAGO BEARS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1946		2nd	Julie Rykovich	B
1946		12th	Frank Bauman	E
1946		19th	Tom Gallagher	B
1947		7th	Dike Eddelman	B
1947		28th	Jack Pierce	B
1951		18th	Chuck Brown	G
1952		18th	Tommy O'Connell	QB
1954	6	1st	Stan Wallace	B
1954		14th	Ken Miller	B
1956		7th	J.C. Caroline	B

1961		2nd	Bill Brown	B
1962		7th	Ed O'Bradovich	E
1965	3	1st	Dick Butkus	LB
1975	110	5th	Revie Sorey	G
1975	151	6th	Tom Hicks	LB
1979	147	6th	John Sullivan	LB
1983	313	12th	Oliver Williams	WR
1984	297	11th	Mark Butkus	DT
1986	82	3rd	David Williams	WR

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Joseph Sternaman	B	1922-23, 27-30
George Halas	E	1922-29
Laurie Walquist	B	1922-31
Oscar Knop	B	1923-27
James McMillen	G	1924-28, 30-31, 35
Vern Mullen	B	1924-27
James Crawford	G	1925
Garland Grange	E	1925, 28-34
Harold "Red" Grange	B	1925, 1928-34
Charles Kassel	E	1927
Everett Nelson	T	1929
Harry Richman	G	1929
Lloyd Burdick	T	1931-32
Edward Kawal	C	1931-36
Louis Gordon	T	1938
Paul Podmajerski	G	1944
Peter Perez	B	1945
Julius Rykovich	B	1949-51
Tommy O'Connell	QB	1953
Stan Wallace	DB	1954, 56-58
J.C. Caroline	DB	1956-65
John "Rocky" Ryan	WR/DB	1958
Bill Brown	FB	1961
Ed O'Bradovich	DE	1962-71
Rich Kreitling	WR	1964
Dick Butkus	LB	1965-73
Jim Grabowski	FB	1971
Cyril Pinder	RB	1971-72
Revie Sorey	OG	1975-83
Tom Hicks	LB	1976-81
Lonnie Perrin	RB	1979
Calvin Thomas	FB	1982-88
Kelvin Atkins	LB	1983
Tim Norman	G	1983
Oliver Williams	WR	1983
John Janata	OT	1983-84
Cap Boso	TE	1987-91
Dana Howard	LB	1996-1999
Antoineo Harris	RB	2005
Kurt Kittner	QB	2005

CHICAGO HORNETS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Nathan Johnson	T	1949
James McCarthy	E	1949
Paul Patterson	B	1949

CHICAGO ROCKETS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1947	136	18th	Mac Wenskunas	C
1947	170	25th	Bill Franks	T
1948	82	14th	Lou Agase	T
1948	162	24th	Ike Owen	E

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Donald Griffin	B	1946
Alex Agase	G	1947
George Bernhardt	G	1948
Nathan Johnson	T	1948
James McCarthy	E	1948
Max Morris	E	1948
Isaiah Owens	E	1948
Julius Rykovich	B	1948



CINCINNATI BENGALS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1983	221	8th	Mike Martin	WR
1996	69	3rd	Ken Blackman	OL
2000	139	6th	Neil Rackers	PK

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ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Bob Trumpy	TE	1968-77	
Mike Wells	QB	1977	
Mike Martin	WR	1983-89	
Ed Brady	LB	1986-91	
Mark Dennis	OT	1994	
Ken Blackman	OL	1996-2001	
Ty Douthard	RB	1997	
Neil Rackers	PK	2000-02	
Ray Redziniak	OL	2001-02	
Kevin Hardy	LB	2003-04	

CINCINNATI REDS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Lloyd Burdick	T	1933	



CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT CHOICES					
Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos	
1944	11	1st	Tony Butkovich	B	
1945		26th	Ray Florek	B	
1947	88	11th	Bill Huber	E	
1948	113	17th	Russ Steger	B	
1948	145	21st	Dike Eddelman	B	
1952		16th	Herb Neathery	B	
1952		26th	Joe Vernasco	E	
1954	12	1st	John Bauer	G	
1954		21st	Jim Baughman	G	
1954		29th	Claude Taliaferro	B	
1958		7th	Bobby Mitchell	B	
1959	11	1st	Rich Kreitling	E	
1959		29th	Ron Nietupski	T	
1949	108	14th	Walt Kersulis	E	
1962		9th	Charles Dickerson	T	
1971	142	6th	Doug Dieken	C-T	
1974	171	7th	Gerry Sullivan	C-T	
1976	271	10th	Doug Kleber	T	
1976	381	14th	Joe Smalzer	TE	
1992	329	12th	Tim Simpson	G	

ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Alex Agase	G	1948-51	
Tommy O'Connell	QB	1956-57	
Bobby Mitchell	RB	1958-61	
Rich Kreitling	WR	1959-63	
Doug Dieken	OT	1971-84	
Gerry Sullivan	OT	1974-81	
Daryl Usher	WR	1989	
Frank Hartley	TE	1994-96	

CLEVELAND INDIANS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
James McMillen	G	1923, 31	

CLEVELAND REDSKINS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Don Greenwood	RB	1946-47	

COLUMBUS TIGERS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Peter Stinchcomb	B	1923	

DALLAS TEXANS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Claude "Buddy" Young	RB	1952	



DALLAS COWBOYS DRAFT CHOICES					
Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos	
1968	241	9th	Ken Kmiec	DB	
1979	219	8th	Bruce Thornton	DT	
1991	132	5th	Darrick Brownlow	LB	
1995	168	5th	Dana Howard	LB	
2007	237	7th	Alan Ball	CB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Cyril Pinder	RB	1973	
Preston Pearson	RB	1975-80	
Bruce Thornton	DT	1979-80, 82	
Rich Grimett	OT	1980-81	
Darrick Brownlow	LB	1991-1994	
Kevin Hardy	LB	2002	

DAYTON TRIANGLES ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Clarence Drayer	T	1925	
Earl Britton	B	1927-28	
John Depler	C	1929	

DECATUR/CHICAGO STALEYS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
George Halas	E	1920-21	
Burt Ingwersen	T	1920-21	
Ralph Lanum	B	1920-24	
Walter Pearce	B	1920-22	
Ross Petty	G	1920	
Hubbard Shoemaker	G	1920-21	
Edward Sternaman	B	1920-21, 23-30	
Russell Smith	G	1921	
Peter Strinchcomb	B	1921-22	



DENVER BRONCOS DRAFT CHOICES					
Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos	
1965		2nd	Dick Butkus	LB	
1965		4th	George Donnelly	DB	
1966		17th	Gary Eickman	DE	
1976	139	5th	Lonnie Perrin	RB	
1986	104	4th	Jim Juriga	T	

ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Jerry Strum	C	1961-66	
Lonnie Perrin	RB	1976-78	
Jim Juriga	OG	1986-91	
Calvin Thomas	FB	1988	
Howard Griffith	RB	1997-2001	
Garrett Johnson	DL	2002	



DETROIT LIONS DRAFT CHOICES					
Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos	
1937		8th	Elvin Sayre	C	
1945		7th	Les Joop	T	
1945		10th	Mike Kasap	T	
1948		3rd	Les Bingaman	T	
1948		13th	Russ Steger	B	
1950		28th	Johnny Karras	B	
1950		29th	Russ Steger	B	
1951		8th	Dick Raklovits	G	
1951		13th	Wayne Siegert	T	
1955		25th	Dick Miller	T	
1968	53	2nd	John Wright Sr.	WR	
1968	202	8th	Terry Miller	LB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Frank Knox	G	1935	
Steven Susic	B	1947-48	
Les Bingaman	G	1948-54	
Achille Maggioli	B	1949	
John Wright Sr.	WR	1969	
Terry Miller	LB	1970	
Johnny Johnson	QB	1996	
Greg Engel	C	1999-2000	
Sean Bubin	OL	2004	

FRANKFORD (PA) YELLOWJACKETS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Earl Britton	B	1927	
Russell Daugherty	B	1927	
Charles Kassel	E	1927-28	



GREEN BAY PACKERS DRAFT CHOICES					
Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos	
1940		13th	Mel Brewer	G	
1940		18th	Jim Reeder	T	
1944		6th	Alex Agase	G	
1944		12th	Don Griffin	B	
1948		6th	Bob Cunz	T	
1948		11th	Perry Moss	B	
1948		13th	Lou Agase	T	
1952		20th	Chuck Boerlo	C	
1957		20th	Percy Oliver	G	
1958		3rd	Ray Nitschke	B	
1958		10th	Carl Johnson	T	
1963		17th	Thurman Walter	E	
1966	9	1st	Jim Grabowski	FB	
1973	253	10th	Larry Allen	LB	
1973	308	12th	Larry McCarren	C	

ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Louis Gordon	T	1936-37	
Perry Moss	QB	1948	
Chuck Boerlo	LB	1952	
Ray Nitschke	LB	1958-72	
Jim Grabowski	FB	1966-70	
Larry McCarren	C	1973-85	
Ron Acks	LB	1974-76	
Ernie McMillan	OT	1975	
Don Hansen	LB	1977	
Tom Schau	OL	2000-01	
Bobby Jackson	S	2002-03	

HAMMOND (IND) PROS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
John Depler	C	1921	
Oscar Knop	B	1922-23	
William Kovacsy	T	1923	



HOUSTON TEXANS ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Ryan Schau	OL	2002	
Terrell Washington	DE	2002	
Luke Butkus	C	2004	
Jameel Cook	FB	2006-	
Danny Clark	LB	2007-	



INDIANAPOLIS COLTS DRAFT CHOICES					
Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos	
1948	171	25th	Lou Levanti	C	
1948	179	26th	Sam Zatkoff	E	
1949	57	8th	Bob Prymski	T	
1949	147	20th	Murney Lazier	B	
1976	258	9th	Stu Levenick	T	
1984	147	6th	Dwight Beverly	RB	
1984	290	11th	Bob Stowe	T	
1986	47	2nd	Jack Trudeau	QB	
1986	172	7th	Chris White	K	
1990	1	1st	Jeff George	QB	
1991	152	6th	Mel Agee	DT	
1991	236	9th	Howard Griffith	RB	
1995	48	2nd	Ken Dilger	TE	
2005	60	2nd	Kelvin Hayden	CB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER			
Name	Pos	Years	
Michael Kasap	T	1947	
Achille Maggioli	B	1950	
Claude "Buddy" Young	RB	1953-55	
Preston Pearson	RB	1967-69	
Oliver Williams	WR	1985-86	
Jack Trudeau	QB	1986-93	
Craig Swoope	DB	1987-89	
Don Thorp	DT	1988	
Keith Taylor	DB	1988-91	
Jeff George	QB	1990-93	
Mel Agee	DT	1991-92	
Mike Bellamy	WR	1992	
Ken Dilger	TE	1995-2001	

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Aaron Moorehead	WR	2003-
Kelvin Hayden	DB	2005-



JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1996	2	1st	Kevin Hardy	LB
1999	245	7th	Danny Clark	LB
2004	159	5th	Sean Bubin	OL

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Kevin Hardy	LB	1996-2001
Danny Clark	LB	2000-2003



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1965		15th	Dave Powless	G
1973	251	10th	Willie Osley	DB
1983	231	9th	Adam Lingner	C

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Willie Osley	DB	1974-76
Adam Lingner	C	1983-86

KENOSHA MAROONS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Walter Pearce	B	1924

LOS ANGELES DONS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Alex Agase	G	1947
Bert Piggott	B	1947

LOUISVILLE COLONELS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Peter Stinchcomb	B	1926



MIAMI DOLPHINS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1966	1	1st	Jim Grabowski	FB
1966		7th	Don Hansen	LB
1966		11th	Sam Price	HB
1966		11th	Kai Anderson	C
1984	333	12th	Mike Weingrad	LB
1987	212	6th	Mark Dennis	OT
1991	191	7th	Chris Green	DB
1992	328	12th	Kameno Bell	RB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Sam Price	RB	1966-68
Jimmy Warren	DB	1966-69
Jack Squirek	LB	1986
Mark Dennis	OT	1987-94
Don Thorp	DT	1989
African Grant	DB	1989-90
Chris Green	DB	1991-94
Josh Whitman	TE	2003
Matt Sinclair	LB	2006

MILWAUKEE BADGERS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
James McMillen	G	1923

MINNEAPOLIS MARINES ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Reynold Kraft	E	1922



MINNESOTA VIKINGS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1966		3rd	Don Hansen	LB
1966		4th	Ron Acks	DE
1966		18th	Dale Greco	DT
1971	80	4th	Mike Wells	QB
1977	250	9th	Scott Studwell	LB
1977	278	10th	Dan Beaver	K
1986	147	6th	Thomas Rooks	RB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Bill Brown	FB	1962-74
Archie Sutton	OT	1965-67
Don Hansen	LB	1966-67
Mike Wells	QB	1973-76
Scott Studwell	LB	1977-90
Guy Teafatiller	DT	1987
Jeff George	QB	1999
Sean Bubin	OL	2005-



BOSTON/NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1961		23rd	Darrell DeDecker	C
1961		10th	Ernie McMillan	T
1962		28th	Charles Dickerson	T
1983	15	1st	Tony Eason	QB
1983	155	6th	Mike Bass	K
1988	181	7th	Darryl Usher	WR
2003	36	2nd	Eugene Wilson	CB
2004	233	7th	Christian Morton	DB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Mike Taliaferro	QB	1868-70
Ron Acks	LB	1972-73
Willie Osley	DB	1974
Tony Eason	QB	1983-89
Adam Ligner	C	1986
Darryl Usher	WR	1988
Garrett Johnson	DL	1999-2001
Eugene Wilson	FS	2003-
Sean Bubin	OL	2006-



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1982	1	1st	Dave Wilson	QB
1984	156	6th	Don Thorp	DT
1988	134	5th	Keith Taylor	DB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Jerry Strum	C	1967-70
Joe Wendryhoski	C	1967-68
Don Hansen	LB	1976
Willie Osley	DB	1976
Dave Wilson	QB	1981-89
Don Thorp	DT	1984
Keith Taylor	DB	1992-93
Trayvon Waller	DB	2001
Danny Clark	LB	2006
Steve Weatherford	P	2006-



NEW YORK GIANTS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1946		27th	Butch Kolens	G
1951		13th	Paul Douglas	B
1959		9th	Jack Delveaux	B
1963		10th	Mike Taliaferro	QB
1965		17th	Dave Powless	G
1966		16th	Sam Price	HB
1966		17th	Gary Eickman	T
1966		18th	Kai Anderson	C
2003	160	5th	David Diehl	G

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Paul Douglass	DB	1953
John Bauer	G	1954
John Counts	RB	1962-63
Derek Allen	OL	1995-96
Mike Malczyk	LS	2002
David Diehl	OL	2003-



NEW YORK JETS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1966		16th	Ron Acks	DB
1999	197	6th	J.P. Machado	OL

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Mike Taliaferro	QB	1964-67
Marshall Starks	DB	1964-66
John Sullivan	LB	1979
Tony Eason	QB	1989-90
Jack Trudeau	QB	1994
J.P. Machado	QB	1999-2003
Brandon Moore	OL	2002-

NEW YORK TITANS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1961		6th	Bill Brown	B
1961		13th	Joe Wendryhoski	T
1962		24th	Johnny Counts	HB
1963		28th	Mike Taliaferro	QB

NEW YORK YANKEES DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1947			Buddy Young	B
1949	64	9th	Al Mastrangeli	C

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Harold "Red" Grange	B	1926-27
Raymond Hall	T	1927
Nathan Johnson	T	1946-47, 50
Claude "Buddy" Young	RB	1947-51
Wayne Siegert	G	1951



LA/OAKLAND RAIDERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1961	4	1st	Joe Rutgens	T
1961		18th	Joe Krakoski	HB
1965		11th	Bill Minor	LB
1982	35	2nd	Jack Squirek	LB
1988	25	1st	Scott Davis	DE

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Cliff Roberts	T	1961
Joe Krakoski	DB	1963-66
Jimmy Warren	DB	1970-77
Jack Squirek	LB	1982-86
Darryl Byrd	LB	1983-84
David Williams	WR	1987
Scott Davis	DE	1988-91, 1994
Jeff George	QB	1997-98
Danny Clark	LB	2004-05
Fred Wakefield	OL	2007-

ORANGE (NJ) TORNADOS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
John Depler	C	1929



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1949		13th	Lyle Button	T
1952		4th	Chuck Ulrich	T
1952		30th	Don Stevens	B
1953		5th	Rex Smith	E

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1953	19th	Pete Bachouros	B
1954	2nd	Rocky Ryan	E
1961	17th	Larry Lavery	T
1968	39	2nd Cyril Pinder	RB
1990	50	2nd Mike Bellamy	WR

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Don Stevens	RB	1952-54
John "Rocky" Ryan	WR/DB	1956-58
Tranton Jackson	FL	1966
Cyril Pinder	RB	1968-70
Jerry Strum	C	1972
Ryan Schau	OL	1999-2001
Greg Lewis	WR	2003
Jason Davis	FB	2006



PITTSBURGH STEELERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1950	23rd	Walt Kersulis	E	
1957	24th	Gary Francis	E	
1974	412	16th Octavvus Morgan	LB	
1986	207	8th Cap Boso	TE	
1988	295	11th Bobby Dawson	DB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
James McCarthy	E	1944
Lou Levanti	G	1951-52
Preston Pearson	RB	1970-74
David Edwards	DB	1985-88
Jeff Markland	FB	1988
Matt Cushing	TE	1998-2004
Walter Young	WR	2004
Carey Davis	FB	2006

POTTSVILLE MAROONS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Vern Mullen	B	1927

PROVIDENCE STEAMROLLERS ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Walter Pearce	B	1925

RACINE LEGION ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Walter McIlwain	B	1926



LA/ST. LOUIS RAMS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1947	9th	Russ Steger	B	
1947	21st	Lou Levanti	C	
1949	23rd	Walt Kersulis	E	
1951	27th	Al Brosky	B	
1956	12th	Em Lindback	QB	
1956	29th	Mickey Bates	B	
1979	99	4th Darwin Tucker	DB	
1984	215	8th Ed Brady	LB	
1984	328	12th Moe Bias	LB	
1988	82	3rd Mike Piel	DT	
1998	37	2nd Robert Holcombe	RB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Steven Susic	B	1946
Joe Wendryhoski	C	1964-66
Greg Schumacher	DE	1967-68
Ed Brady	LB	1984-86
Mike Piel	DE	1988-93
Howard Griffith	RB	1994
Dana Howard	LB	1995
Robert Holcombe	RB	1998-2001
Ryan Schau	OL	2004
Jeff Ruffin	DT	2004



SAN DIEGO CHARGERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1961	6th	Cliff Roberts	T	
1973	214	9th Tab Bennett	LB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Jimmy Warren	DB	1964-65
Vince Osby	LB	1984-85
Jack Squirek	LB	1987
Mitchell Brookins	WR	1988
Greg Engel	C	1994-97
Scott Turner	DB	1998-2001
John Holecek	LB	2001
Josh Whitman	TE	2001-02
Luke Butkus	C	2002



SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1948	190	27th Perry Moss	B	
1948	206	29th Herb Siegert	G	
1951	20th	Al Tate	T	
1955	30th	Bob Gongala	B	
1957	2nd	Abe Woodson	B	
1959	23rd	Bruce Dollahan	T	
1961	11th	Tony Parrill	G	
1962	18th	Gary Brown	B	
1965	13	1st George Donnelly	B	
1965	13th	Gregg Schumacher	E	
1982	195	7th Ron Ferrari	LB	
2003	124	4th Brandon Lloyd	WR	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Abe Woodson	DB	1958-64
George Donnelly	DB	1966-67
Ron Ferrari	LB	1982-86
Brandon Lloyd	WR	2003-05



SEATTLE SEAHAWKS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1978	231	9th Rich Grimmett	T	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Don Hansen	LB	1976
Mike Gomez	TE	2006



TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1982	212	8th Kelvin Atkins	LB	
1985	92	4th Mike Heaven	DB	
1986	83	4th Craig Swoope	DB	
2001	174	6th Jameel Cook	FB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
David Williams	WR	1986
Craig Swoope	DB	1986-87
Darrick Brownlow	LB	1992-93
Ed Brady	LB	1992-96
Jameel Cook	FB	2001-05
Simeon Rice	DE	2001
Ken Dilger	TE	2002-04



HOUSTON/TENNESSEE TITANS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1960		DeJustice Coleman	HB	
1960		John Gremer	G	
1968	224	9th Bob Robertson	C	
1969	78	3rd Rich Johnson	RB	

1969	256	10th Bob Naponic	QB
1984	228	9th Mike Johnson	DE
1986	225	9th Bob Sebring	LB
1992	189	7th Elbert Turner	WR
1993	13	1st Brad Hopkins	T
1997	181	6th Dennis Stallings	LB

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Bob Robertson	C	1968
Rich Johnson	FB	1969
Bob Naponic	QB	1970
Jerry Strum	C	1971
Mike Johnson	DT	1984-85
Brad Hopkins	OT	1993-2005
Dennis Stallings	LB	1997-1999
Robert Holcombe	RB	2002-04



WASHINGTON REDSKINS DRAFT CHOICES

Year	Pick	Rd	Name	Pos
1941	19th	Tom Riggs	T	
1946	9th	Chick Maggoli	B	
1946	12th	Stan Sprague	E	
1949	18th	Herb Siegert	G	
1950	14th	Lyle Button	T	
1952	16th	Marv Berschet	T	
1952	21st	Dan Jenkins	T	
1958	24th	Rod Hanson	E	
1961	3	1st Joe Rutgens	T	
1967	250	10th Bruce Sullivan	DB	
1995	226	7th Scott Turner	DB	

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Name	Pos	Years
Edward Kawal	C	1937
Herbert Siegert	G	1949-51
Marv Berschet	G	1954-55
Joe Krakoski	DB	1961
Joe Rutgens	DT	1961-69
Bobby Mitchell	RB/WR	1962-68
Trenton Jackson	FL	1967
Lonnie Perrin	RB	1979
African Grant	DB	1988
Mike Scully	OG	1988
Dave Harbour	C	1988-89
Keith Taylor	DB	1994-96
Darrick Brownlow	LB	1995-96
Scott Turner	DB	1995-97
Jeff George	QB	1999-2001
Michael Hall	DB	2004
Christian Morton	DB	2005
Brandon Lloyd	WR	2006

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OFFICIAL VISIT

A visit to a campus by a prospective student-athlete paid for by the school and is set up by the recruiting coach and the prospective student-athlete.

UNOFFICIAL VISIT

A visit to a campus by a prospective student-athlete at his own expense.

CONTACT PERIOD

A period when it is permissible for coaches to make in-person, off-campus recruiting visits.

QUIET PERIOD

A period when prospective student-athletes can make visits to a campus, but no in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations can be made.

EVALUATION PERIOD

A period when coaches can evaluate a student-athlete's academic qualifications and playing ability.

DEAD PERIOD

A period when no in-person, off-campus visits are permitted and unofficial and official visits are not allowed.

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT (NLI)

A financial aid agreement signed on the national signing day (first Wednesday in February); by signing a NLI, a prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the designated college or university for one academic year; both the student-athlete and his parent(s) sign this agreement.

OFFER

A letter in writing offering an athletically related grant-in-aid (or scholarship) before the initial signing day.

VERBAL COMMITMENT

When a player has given his "word" that he has decided to attend that school; this commitment is non-binding, but at the same time may force other schools to stop recruiting that player and begin to look elsewhere.

RECRUITING COACH

Typically coaches on a staff are split up into geographic areas that they recruit; this will more than likely be the person that the prospect has the most contact with during the recruiting process (see adjacent page).

RECRUITING COORDINATOR

The coach on staff that oversees all of the recruiting matters for that school.

NCAA QUALIFIER

A prospective student-athlete must do the following to become an NCAA qualifier: graduate from high school, complete the required 14 core courses, earn a minimum required grade-point average in your core courses, and earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade-point average and test score sliding scale. As a qualifier you can practice or compete for your college or university during your first year of college, receive an athletic scholarship during your first year of college, and play four seasons in your sport if you maintain your eligibility from year-to-year. See www.ncaaclearinghouse.com for more information.

ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING COODINATORS



BOBBI DUVAL
ASSOCIATE RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Bobbi Duval is in her third year as the associate recruiting coordinator for the Fighting Illini football team. She began her career as a graduate assistant in 2004, dealing with all aspects of football operations. Duval's responsibilities include recruiting prospective athletes on campus, coordinating recruiting visits, all recruiting mailings, organization of film and data entry and assisting with various aspects of recruiting.

Duval previously worked in the Operations office as a student intern in pursuit of her undergraduate degree in leisure studies. During her time as a student, she also served as a football manager in the equipment office and a Volunteer Illini Recruiter.

Duval earned a degree in leisure studies with a concentration in sport management from Illinois in the spring of 2004. A native of nearby Royal, Ill., Duval served as a summer intern at the Duke Energy Corporation in Charlotte, N.C., and as a sportswriter for *The Leader* in Ogden, Ill.



CASEY LUDWIG
ASSISTANT RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Casey Ludwig begins her second year as the assistant recruiting coordinator for the Illini, a position she gained valuable experience in as an undergrad recruiting assistant for two years. Ludwig's responsibilities include recruiting prospective athletes on campus, coordinating recruiting visits, all recruiting mailings, organization of film and data entry and assisting with various aspects of recruiting.

Ludwig has been a valuable member of the DIA since the summer of 2004 when she began working summer camps and administrative duties in the football office. She has had experience with team travel, marketing, clinics and other special events.

The Armstrong, Ill., native earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing from the University of Illinois in May of 2006.

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“THE COMBINATION OF A SUCCESSFUL, HIGH-ENERGY COACH LIKE RON ZOOK AND A FIRST-CLASS UNIVERSITY LIKE ILLINOIS PROVIDES AN EXCITING FUTURE FOR ILLINI FOOTBALL. MY DAUGHTER IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, SO I KNOW IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO GO TO SCHOOL AND GET A DEGREE THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES.”

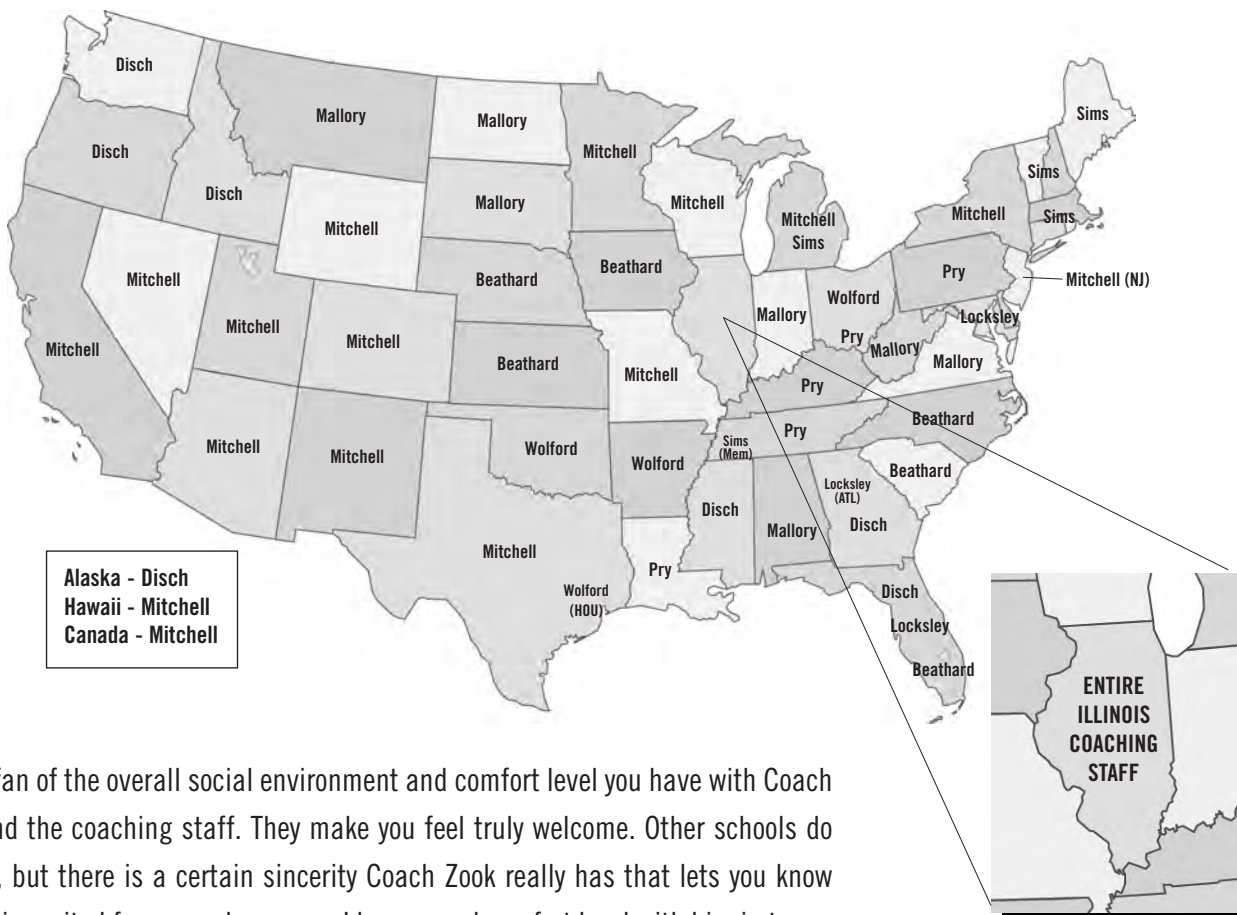
Bob Davie, ABC Analyst

THE 2007 RECRUITING CLASS ...

- ❖ #10 ESPN.com (#1 Big Ten)
- ❖ #13 Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report (#3 Big Ten)
- ❖ #15 Prep Star (#3 Big Ten)
- ❖ #17 Rivals.com (#3 Big Ten)
- ❖ #17 Lindy's (#3 Big Ten)
- ❖ #19 Athlon (#4 Big Ten)
- ❖ #20 Scout.com (#4 Big Ten)

“Coach Zook did an outstanding job in Chicago, coming right to the schools. I don't think any other coach has had the personal contact that he did. It really made a difference.”

Mike Holmes, Fenger High School, Chicago, IL



“I am a fan of the overall social environment and comfort level you have with Coach Zook and the coaching staff. They make you feel truly welcome. Other schools do as well, but there is a certain sincerity Coach Zook really has that lets you know that he is excited for me and my guys. I have a real comfort level with him in terms of looking after my guys and being up front with them and honest with them.”

Craig Jeffries, Dunbar HS, Washington DC

“... IT IS PROBABLY THE BEST PERFORMANCE I HAVE SEEN IN 20 YEARS. THEY'RE DOING WHAT EVERYBODY KNEW THEY WOULD. THEY'RE JUST GOING OUT WITH A REAL POSITIVE AND AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE.”

-Tom Lemming, national recruiting analyst

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“During the process and my visiting (Illinois), I got this gut feeling that this is where (Arrelious) is going to be, this is where it’s right for him. He was able to sit down, listen to what the coaches were saying to him, feel their honesty, feel that he knew that what he was being told prior to being recruited was how it was going to be when he got there. As time has gone on, everything the coaches said has come to be. The coaches are genuinely concerned about him succeeding academically, genuinely concerned about him being happy and they adamantly stand by the idea that playing time is earned by hard work.”

– Denise Benn, mother of freshman receiver Arrelious Benn



“Being at Illinois is a dream for Chris. I got him into sports to get him off the streets. With his rough background, I never thought he would go this far. It only took Chris one or two times of going to Champaign to know it was the place for him. He loved Coach Zook and Coach Mitchell. To me, Coach Zook was a sweetheart and very genuine. The whole atmosphere was very welcoming. ”

– Gwendolyn Parker, grandmother of sophomore receiver Chris “CJ” James



“Having growing up in Champaign, J always dreamed of playing for the University of Illinois. When the coaches offered him a scholarship, he took exactly 15 minutes to say yes. It has been a great decision for J and for our family. J is grateful for the coaches giving him a chance and for the opportunity to prove what he always believed in his heart. He has had a wonderful experience playing for the University of Illinois.”

– Happy Leman, father of senior linebacker J Leman



“Ryan had always said that Illinois was his dream school, partially because I played there and we had family connections. More importantly, though, he grew up going to Illini games and enjoyed the atmosphere on game day. You can’t find a better engineering school in the country, so with Ryan’s interest in that field, it made Illinois the overwhelming choice.”

– Phil McDonald, father of junior center Ryan McDonald

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"I'm impressed with the overall preparation the team has for each season. From weight training to game preparation to character training, I can't imagine any program doing a better job of making each individual a better player and a more quality person."

– *DaVita Mitchell, mother of senior safety Kevin Mitchell*



"I'm amazed at how much things have changed and stayed the same. Certainly the facilities have had major upgrades since I graduated in 1982, but the traditions are still the same and it's an amazing feeling knowing my son has been part of the same traditions."

– *Kim Lenti, mother of senior receiver Frank Lenti, Jr.*



"We were excited about direction the program was headed because of the quality players and people they were bringing in. Michael has family who went to Illinois, so we knew how strong it was academically. The chance to make a difference right away at school close to home was also very exciting."

– *Isy Hoomanawanui, father of sophomore tight end Michael Hoomanawanui*



"My wife, Debbie, and I both went to Illinois and I grew up in Champaign. It is hard to believe that we would take Doug to games when he was two and now he is the one out there playing. I hate to sound cliché, but this is a chance of a lifetime for us. We are having such a blast with this. People we don't even know will come up to us and talk about Doug."

– *Jim Pilcher, father of sophomore defensive end Doug Pilcher*

RESPECT AMONG HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

**Frank Lenti, Chicago Mt. Carmel High School**

“Coach Zook and Coach Mallory are making a championship effort in the Chicago area to bring quality student athletes to the University of Illinois football program. They are both very personable, passionate, professional, enthusiastic, and energetic. I always look forward to their visits to Chicago Mt. Carmel.”

Bill Mosel, Thornton Township High School

“Coach Zook and Coach Locksley do a great job of selling their vision for the future of Illinois football. The coaches do an excellent job of relating to the players and, more importantly, to their parents. They show our players their value to the University of Illinois and the Illinois football program. I enjoy their visit to Thornton Township every year.”

Todd Kuska, St. Rita High School

“Coach Mallory has done a great job with recruiting St. Rita High School. He has kept constant contact with us and stays up-to-date on information about our players. He is doing everything he can to get our players and players from the Chicago area down to the University of Illinois football program.”

Tom Stacy, Massillon Washington (OH) High School

“Coach Zook and Coach Mallory do an outstanding job. Coach Zook is very visible and has great communication skills. He spends a lot of time talking to me and our players, specifically Brian Gamble. Coach Zook is personable, yet at the same time he gets his point across. He is a hard worker and goes the whole nine yards when he is here.”

Gary Kornfeld, St. Louis University High School

“We always look forward to having Coach Mitchell and Coach Zook come to St. Louis University High School. We have the utmost respect for them. As football coaches, we have a great rapport with Coach Mitchell. I've known Reggie for several years and have followed him on all of his stops along the way. One thing you know with Coach Mitchell is that he will always shoot you straight.”

“We have gotten to know Coach Zook the past three years since he has been at Illinois. I think I can safely say that Coach Zook's visit is always a highlight with myself and our athletic director. We have followed him through his years in the NFL and his visit always gets our athletic director fired up for football. Every spring we look forward to having Ron and Reggie come here to St. Louis University.”

Ken Leonard, Sacred Heart Griffin High School

“Coach Zook and Coach Sims do a terrific job with recruiting our players. They are honest and do a thorough job. They both relate well to the players. Coach Sims is a straightforward and honest man. He coached our graduate Josh Norris at Illinois, and I know that Josh had the utmost respect for Coach Sims. Josh thought of Coach Sims as a great father, husband and coach. He provides a great example for players to follow.”

Bill McGregor, DeMatha Catholic (MD) High School

“I've known Coach Zook and Coach Locksley for many years and I always feel honored when they come to visit our school. Coach Zook is a guy who really cares about his players. He will go the extra mile to get them to do the right thing, such as making sure they are going to class and getting their work done. Coach Zook is a quality, hard-working coach who always wants the best for his players.”

“I've known Mike Locksley longer than I have known Coach Zook. I can say that any DeMatha player to go and play for Coach Locksley loves him. He is like a big brother to them. Several players have come back and told me some memorable advice that Coach Locksley gave them that meant a great deal to them and that they will always remember.”

Kevin Sullivan, Andrew Jackson (FL) High School

“I've known Coach Zook for many years, when he was at Florida recruiting and since he's been at Illinois. I always look forward to his visit. He is a down to earth guy with high energy. Coach Zook has a good heart and is a great person to be around.”

“Coach Disch and I have known each other for about 15 years. We competed against each other as high school football coaches. I have the utmost respect for him as a person. Players love him because with him you get what you get. He is a straightforward and honest person. I look forward to seeing my guys contribute to the Illinois football program.”

VOLUNTEER ILLINI RECRUITERS



Jill Belsley



Lindsey Berry



Kelly Bradley



Lauren Calderone



Christine Dahl



Jami Davis



Lindsay Dresser



Heather Duitsman



Christy Hanson



Jennifer Harris



Mike Konrad



Bridget Loehrsen



Linda
Mandolini-Trummel



Brendan Ori



Kari Parkinson



Charita Thurman



Kristina Tracey



Emily Ward



Heather Wiley



Warren Yancy

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ILLINI IN THE COMMUNITY

The University of Illinois football team, along with the rest of the student-athletes from Illinois' 19 sports, knows the importance of giving back to the community. Through a program called "Hometown Heroes," the Illini student-athletes have the opportunity to participate in many different community service activities. The program is organized through the Academic Services office and works with a number of groups in the Champaign-Urbana area. The following is a list of all the regular events at which you will find Illinois student-athletes:

CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME (NEW IN 2006-07!)

In 2006, the football team created three events geared toward the Cunningham Children's Home, which is located in Urbana. The home houses many children awaiting or returning from foster care. On three separate days, the squad hosted a Supply Drive at Memorial Stadium, which raised \$13,000 in money and goods from the community; hosted a Movie Night at the stadium on the big-screen; spent the day with the kids teaching the X's and O's of the game of football in a fun fest and finished with a pool party at the Home.

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-School program is a joint partnership with Champaign and Urbana Elementary and Middle Schools through their One-to-One Mentoring Program. Individual student-athletes or entire teams make regular visits to their assigned adopted school to read, play and interact with students.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Visits to after school programs at both Champaign and Urbana Elementary Schools are scheduled throughout the year.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Each year, Illini student-athletes, led by the women's tennis team, host a holiday party and provide presents for kids in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The kids play games and make crafts with student-athletes and receive their presents from Santa.

BOY SCOUTS

Student-athletes have been involved with local boy scouts in various ways ranging from speaking at meetings and Blue Gold Banquets, to hosting troops on campus visits.

CHALLENGER BASEBALL LEAGUE

Young people with various disabilities from the Challenger Baseball League attend various events and have the opportunity to meet Fighting Illini student-athletes.

CRISIS NURSERY

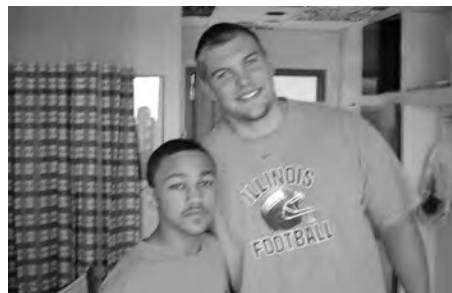
Each year, Illini student-athletes volunteer their time at the Crisis Nursery Holiday Shop assisting young shoppers in purchasing presents.

DCFS (DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES)

Fighting Illini student-athletes are given the opportunity to attend a holiday party to brighten up the holidays for kids who have been placed in foster homes within the C-U area.

DON MOYER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Students-athletes visit the local Boys and Girls Club to play games and talk with local kids who take part in their activities.



C-U AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Illini student-athletes participate each month in honoring middle school students who excel in the classroom, in athletics, and are actively involved in their church youth group.

DARE (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION) PROGRAM

Every year, student-athletes speak at graduation ceremonies in an effort to encourage youth to stay away from drugs and violence.



GET KIDS IN ACTION PROGRAM

Get Kids In Action is a student-athlete mentorship program designed to promote daily physical activity by school children through weekly classroom visits.

GIRL SCOUTS

Fighting Illini female student-athletes participated in the U Rock Conference this spring.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Illini student-athletes make regular trips to Carle Foundation Hospital to visit with kids in the Pediatric Oncology Center as well as on the pediatric floor. Student-athletes also take part in the Pediatric Oncology Holiday Party held each year.

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NURSING HOME VISITS

Illini student-athletes are given opportunities each semester to visit senior citizens in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. During these trips, student-athletes may play bingo, do crafts, play games or just visit with the residents.

READING ILLINI

This outreach program puts our student-athletes in a position where they can promote the importance of literacy to young people. Student-athletes work with elementary school students one-on-one or in small groups, reading books or playing word games in an effort to help children improve their reading skills and vocabulary.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Several teams and individual student-athletes raise money for the American Cancer Society by taking part in its annual Relay for Life.

SCHOOL VISITS (ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE)

Student-athletes make regular visits to schools in the Champaign-Urbana area to address a variety of topics such as the importance of staying in school, making good grades, staying away from drugs and alcohol, and treating others with respect. Visits can be made to individual classrooms, school groups, or all-school assemblies.

SPECIAL SPECTATORS

Fighting Illini student-athletes partner each year with the non-profit organization, Special Spectators, to bring children undergoing treatment in the Carle Hospital Oncology Center to a football game. Prior to the game, student-athletes from other sports visit with the kids at a tailgate party held in their honor.

STAY IN BOUNDS (CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM)

Illini student-athletes visit local schools to promote and teach citizenship through sports while encouraging students of the importance of good character and ethical conduct.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC) CANNED FOOD DRIVE (NEW IN 2006-07!)

During the 2007 spring sports festival, SAAC accepted canned goods from fans supporting that weekend's spring football game, men's tennis match and softball games. All the donated items were given to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank.

SAAC CAMPUS CLEAN UP

Every April, SAAC assigns each intercollegiate athletic team an area of campus to beautify. SAAC reps organize their teams in helping to do their part to spruce up our campus.

SAAC CLOTHING DRIVE

Each November, SAAC organizes a clothing drive and donates all clothing collected to a local shelter.

YMCA

Illini student-athletes have taken part in Free Friday Nights and the YMCA's Easter Egg Hunt and egg decorating party.



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The annual Football Family Fun Fest, which began in 1998, was created to strengthen the bond between the community of Champaign-Urbana and the Fighting Illini football team. The Fun Fest allows fans of all ages to enjoy a day with the Illini football squad. The players and coaches help children with football skills and visitors are taught how to use the same equipment that the Illini use in practice. People can even try on authentic Illinois football gear. Many of the players take time out to play alongside the children as well as posing for pictures and signing autographs. The events include: Throwing For Accuracy, 40-yard Dash, Football Obstacle Course, Field-Goal Kicking, Play-by-Play Radio Announcing and Route Running. For the younger children, the always enjoyable inflatable games are available.

FOOTBALL FAMILY FUN FEST

“THIS IS AN EVENT THE PLAYERS LOOK FORWARD TO EACH YEAR. IT’S FUN TO WATCH ALL THE KIDS RUNNING AROUND IN ILLINOIS JERSEYS, HAVING FUN ON ALL THE EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE ABOUT AS MUCH FUN AS THE KIDS DO. WE KNOW WE ARE ROLE MODELS FOR CHILDREN AND THE FUN FEST IS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO GET TO KNOW THEM.”

- Former Illini fullback and current Philadelphia Eagle, Jason Davis



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50 DICK BUTKUS

1962-64 // LINEBACKER/CENTER

BORN: DECEMBER 9, 1942

NUMBER RETIRED SEPT. 20, 1986

Dick Butkus remains the standard to which all linebackers are compared. He played two All-America seasons in 1963 and 1964 before enjoying a Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears, where he was a six-time All-Pro selection. Butkus finished third in the 1964 Heisman Trophy voting and has college football's annual award for the outstanding collegiate linebacker named after him. He had his jersey, No. 50, retired at Illinois in 1986, joining Red Grange as the only two Illinois football players to have their numbers retired. Butkus helped lead the Fighting Illini to a 1964 Rose Bowl victory over Washington. He earned first-team All-Big Ten honors twice and was awarded the 1963 Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. Butkus finished his career with 374 tackles. His 145 stops in 1963 stood as the school record until 1976. He was named the 1964 Player of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

Butkus was named to the Big Ten Diamond Anniversary Team in 1970, The Sporting News College Coaches All-Time Team, the Walter Camp All-Century Team and the University of Illinois All-Century Team. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979 and to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983.



- "All I ever wanted to do was to play football. It was a human factor that got me to come here to Illinois. I'm very proud to be a former Illini. I'll always be an Illini."
— Dick Butkus
- "If every college football team had a linebacker like Dick Butkus of Illinois, all fullbacks would soon be three feet tall and sing soprano."
— Dan Jenkins, *Sports Illustrated*

- "Butkus didn't have bad games, just varying degrees of excellence."
— Bert Bertine, former sports editor, *Champaign-Urbana Courier*
- "All the greats have the natural physical talent. Dick was so strong and agile and possessed great quickness. His biggest attributes, however, were his instincts and his desire. No one wanted to play the game of football as much as Dick Butkus. He is the finest football player I have ever coached."
— Pete Elliott, former UI coach
- "Dick would not only tackle you, he would consume you. He never missed a tackle and you knew that any time you ran the ball that Butkus would be in on the tackle."
— Paul Hornung, *Hall of Famer*
- "What do I respect most about him? His guts . . . they put it to him hard and right away he comes back at them with a big play."
— Don Hansen, former UI teammate
- "He is a legend. I never thought any player could play as well as writers write that he can, but Butkus came as close as any player I've seen."
— Tommy Prothro, former UCLA coach
- "Dick Butkus remains the standard for defensive players to strive for."
— George Halas, former UI player and longtime owner and coach of the Chicago Bears
- "Our game plans were always to run at Illinois tackles . . . and AWAY from Butkus."
— Bump Elliott, former Michigan coach

BUTKUS' CAREER TACKLING STATISTICS

Year	Games	Tackles	Average
1962	7	97	13.9
1963	10	145	14.5
1964	9	132	14.7
Career	26	374	14.4

77 HAROLD "RED" GRANGE

1923-25 // HALFBACK

NUMBER RETIRED IN 1925

BORN: JUNE 13, 1903 // DIED: JANUARY 28, 1991

Harold E. "Red" Grange is one of football's all-time greats, and arguably the game's greatest all-time offensive player. He is a charter member of the Pro (1963) and College (1951) Football Halls of Fame. Grange's most memorable performance came on Oct. 18, 1924, when he scored four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes vs. Michigan in the Memorial Stadium dedication game. Later in the same game, he ran for a fifth touchdown and threw for a sixth. Nicknamed the "Wheaton Iceman" and "Galloping Ghost," he left Illinois to play pro football with the Chicago Bears under former Fighting Illini George Halas. He was an All-American in each of his three seasons with Illinois and won the 1924 Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player, the first recipient of the award. He was named to The Sporting News All-Time Team, the Big Ten Diamond Anniversary Team, the Walter Camp All-Century Team and the UI All-Century Team.

- "This man Red Grange of Illinois is three or four men and a horse rolled into one for football purposes. He is Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, Al Jolson, Paavo Nurmi and Man O' War."
— Damon Runyon, famed sportswriter

- "I played football the only way I know how. If you have the football and 11 guys are after you, if you're smart, you'll run. It was no big deal."
— Red Grange
- "They knew he was coming; they saw him start; he made no secret of his direction; he was in their midst, and he was gone!"
— excerpt from *Chicago Tribune* article after Illinois-Michigan game of 1924
- "A streak of fire, a breath of flame, cluding all who reach and clutch, A gray ghost thrown into the game that rival hands may never touch; A rubber bounding, blasting soul, whose destination is the goal."
— Grantland Rice, famed sportswriter
- "He ran with a rhythm I've never seen duplicated — the overall effect being one of orchestrated perfection. Generations to come will produce their great runners, but only Grange's name will be immortal. They can argue all they want about the greatest football player who ever lived. I was satisfied I had him when I had Red Grange. I will never have another Red Grange, but neither will anyone else."
— Bob Zuppke, former UI coach

GRANGE'S CAREER STATISTICS AT ILLINOIS

	Rushing			Passing			Total Offense					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Att	Com	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	PI	Yds	TD
1923	129	723	5.6	9	4	0	.444	36	0	138	759	12
1924	113	743	6.6	44	26	4	.591	433	2	157	1176	15
1925	146	605	4.1	29	10	7	.345	106	1	175	711	7
Career	388	2071	5.3	82	40	11	.488	575	3	470	2646	34

	Receiving			Int.	Punt Ret.	K.O. Ret	Scoring					
	No	Yds	TD				TD	Pts				
1923	10	178	1	17.8	3	140	15	212	1	7	12	72
1924	2	40	0	20.0	2	24	11	83	4	136	13	78
1925	2	35	1	17.5	6	83	22	191	10	310	6	36
Career	14	253	2	18.1	11	247	48	486	15	453	31	186

SOME OF GRANGE'S AWARDS

- 1924 Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award as Big Ten Most Valuable Player (First year of the award)
- 1924 Frank A. Toomey Trophy by the Veteran Athletes of Philadelphia for national player of the year (considered the Heisman Trophy of its time)
- 1951 Inducted as charter member into College Football Hall of Fame
- 1963 Inducted as charter member into National Football League Hall of Fame
- 1969 Football Writers Association of America All-Time All-America team (unanimous)
- 1989 Walter Camp All-Century Team
- 1990 Illinois All-Century Team



BUTKUS AWARD

Symbolic of the nation's top collegiate linebacker, the Butkus Award is named after former University of Illinois All-American linebacker Dick Butkus. It has been presented annually since 1985 to the nation's top collegiate linebacker by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando.

Considered the greatest linebacker in the history of football, Butkus was a two-time All-America selection in 1963 and 1964. He earned the Silver Football Award in 1963 as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player after leading the Illini to the Big Ten championship. Butkus moved on to a Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears, where he was a six-time All-Pro selection. Butkus finished third in the 1964 Heisman Trophy voting and had his number, 50, retired at Illinois in 1986 and his professional jersey, No. 51, retired in Chicago in 1994.

Butkus helped lead the Illini to a 1964 Rose Bowl victory over Washington and was a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection as a linebacker and center. He finished his Illinois career with 373 tackles and was the 1964 National Player of the Year, as selected by the American Football Coaches Association.

Butkus was selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979, the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1995.

In 1994 and 1995, the Butkus Award returned to its Orange and Blue roots with back-to-back Illini recipients in Dana Howard (1994) and Kevin Hardy (1995). Howard was the Big Ten's leading tackler and a three-time All-Big Ten selection. Hardy exploded onto the national scene as a senior, earning All-America honors in

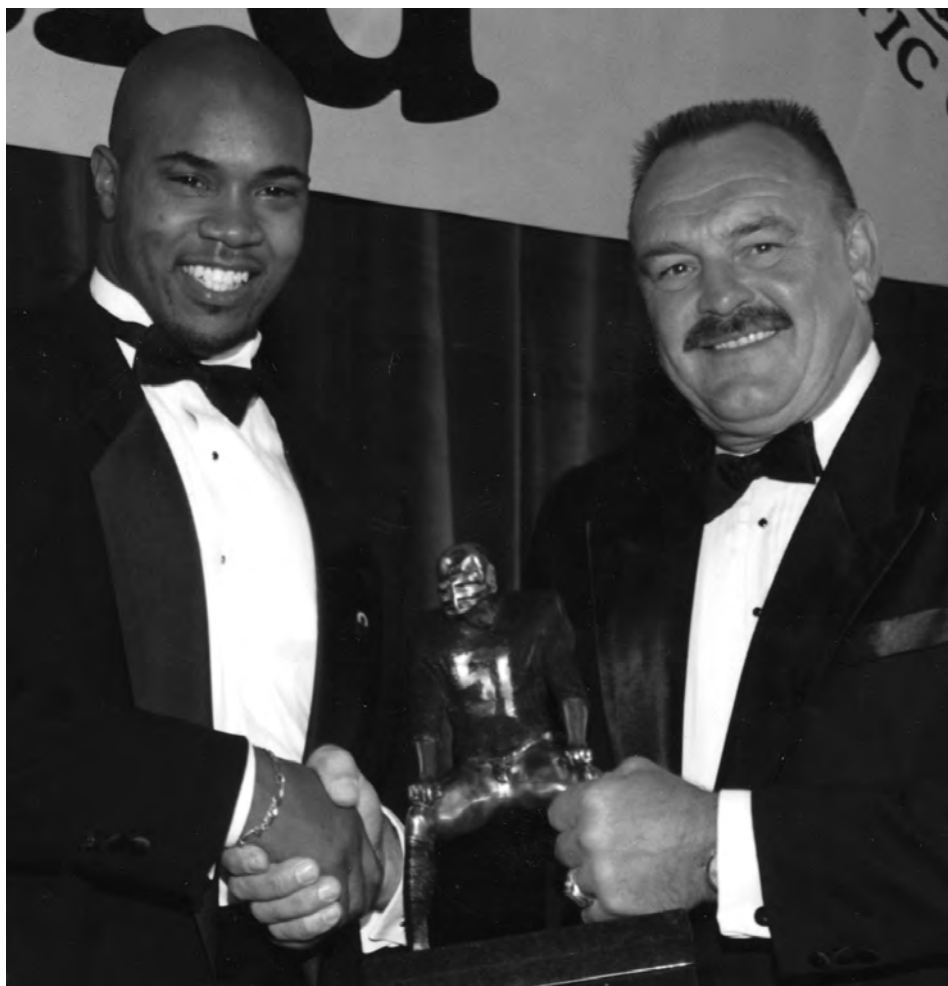


Dana Howard (above) and Kevin Hardy (below) won back-to-back Butkus Awards in 1994-95.

every major publication and All-Big Ten honors for the second consecutive season.

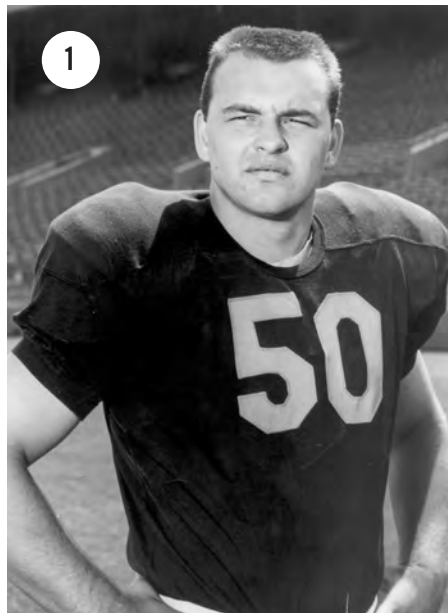
BUTKUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1985	Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma
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1987	Paul McGowan, Florida State
1988	Derrick Thomas, Alabama
1989	Percy Snow, Michigan State
1990	Alfred Williams, Colorado
1991	Erick Anderson, Michigan
1992	Marvin Jones, Florida State
1993	Trev Alberts, Nebraska
1994	Dana Howard, Illinois
1995	Kevin Hardy, Illinois
1996	Matt Russell, Colorado
1997	Andy Katzenmoyer, Ohio St.
1998	Chris Claiborne, USC
1999	LaVar Arrington, Penn State
2000	Dan Morgan, Miami
2001	Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma
2002	E.J. Henderson, Maryland
2003	Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma
2004	Derrick Johnson, Texas
2005	Paul Posluszny, Penn State
2006	Patrick Willis, Ole Miss



LINEBACKER U

1 - DICK BUTKUS, the greatest linebacker in college football history, earned consensus All-America honors in both 1963 and 1964. Butkus led Illinois to a Big Ten title and Rose Bowl victory in 1963 and was named the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Most Valuable Player that season. He finished third in the 1964 Heisman Trophy voting before being selected as the second pick in the 1965 NFL draft. Butkus went on to a seven-year Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears and was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983. His Illinois No. 50 jersey was retired in 1986, one of only two retired jerseys at Illinois. Butkus also is known as the namesake of the award given to the nation's top collegiate linebacker each year since 1985.



2 - SCOTT STUDWELL was named second-team All-America in 1976 and ranks 10th on Illinois' career tackles list with 342. He also holds the second-best single season for tackles, racking up 177 stops in 1976. Studwell was drafted in the ninth round by the Minnesota Vikings in 1977 and had a 14-year career with the Vikings. He was named to the Illinois All-Century team in 1990, and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1976 and a second-team pick in 1975.



3 - RAY NITSCHKE is a member of Illinois' All-Century Team chosen in 1990. He was selected to the United Press All-Big Ten second team in 1957 and was a third-round pick of the Green Bay Packers in the 1958 NFL draft. With the Packers, Nitschke won five NFL championships, four of those before the NFL-AFL merger created the Super Bowl. For his contributions to the professional game, Nitschke is enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



4 - DANA HOWARD was Illinois' first winner of the Butkus Award. Howard was a consensus All-America selection in 1994, setting the Big Ten record for career tackles with 595. He was named a first-team All-American in 1993 and was an honorable mention All-American selection in 1992. Howard, along with teammates John Holecsek, Kevin Hardy and Simeon Rice, gave Illinois the nickname "Linebacker U" in the mid-1990s. He was named to the All-Big Ten second team as a freshman, then was a first-team selection his next three years. Howard was taken in the fifth round of the 1995 NFL draft.

5 - KEVIN HARDY won the 1995 Butkus Award, following Dana Howard's win in 1994. It is the only time teammates have won the award in successive years. Hardy was named a consensus All-American and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors his junior and senior seasons. Hardy was chosen with the second overall pick in the 1996 NFL draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars, and was followed by teammate Simeon Rice at No. 3 overall. Hardy spent nine years in the NFL.



6 - JOHN HOLECEK was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1993 and a second-team honoree in 1994. Part of Illinois' foursome that gave the school the "Linebacker U" moniker in the mid-1990s, Holecsek had an eight-year NFL career after being drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the fifth round of the 1995 draft. Holecsek is fifth on the Illinois career tackles list with 436 and twice was named honorable mention All-America.

7 - BILL BURRELL was considered the nation's top defensive player in 1959, being named a consensus All-American and finishing fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting that season. He was a two-time All-America selection, a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection and received the Chicago Tribune's Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player in 1959. He was selected in both the NFL and AFL drafts in 1960.



8 - SIMEON RICE was a two-time All-American, earning first-team recognition in 1994 and 1995. He holds the Big Ten career record for sacks with 44.5, and also holds the Illinois career tackles for loss record with 69. Rice was drafted third overall by the Arizona Cardinals in 1996, one pick behind Illini teammate Kevin Hardy. He currently plays for Tampa Bay, where he won a Super Bowl in 2002. Rice was the *Football News* Player of the Year in 1995 and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in both 1994 and 1995.

RUNNING BACK TRADITION



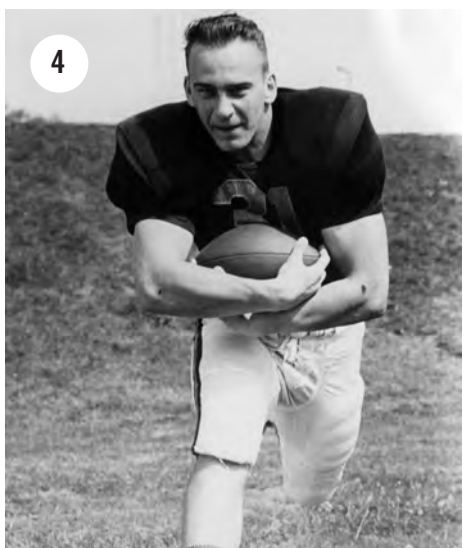
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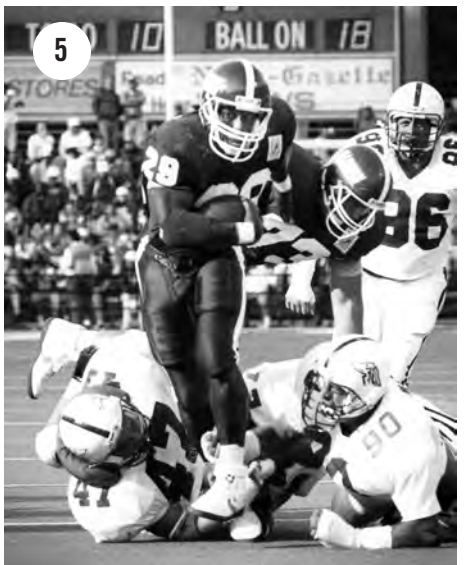
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1 - HAROLD "RED" GRANGE, "The Galloping Ghost" was Illinois' first 1,000-yard career rusher and still ranks 10th all-time in rushing yards with 2,071. Grange had a nine-year professional career and was a charter member of both the college and professional Halls of Fame. He is most remembered for his incredible game against Michigan on Oct. 18, 1924, in which he scored six touchdowns, including four on the ground in the first quarter. He is remembered as the greatest running back in history and was one of the great sports celebrities in the 20th century. His number "77" was immediately retired after his last college game and he took his worldwide popularity to the fledgling NFL, single-handedly lending credibility to the professional game.

2 - ANTOINEO HARRIS is second on Illinois' all-time rushing list with 2,985 yards and also holds the single-season record with 1,330 yards in 2002. He led the Illini in rushing from 2000-02, and was a catalyst for Illinois' run to the Sugar Bowl in 2001. Harris' four rushing touchdowns against Indiana on Oct. 26, 2002, is the second-most in a game in Illinois history, tying Red Grange.

3 - ROBERT HOLCOMBE is Illinois' career rushing leader with 4,105 yards and holds the single-game rushing record with 315 yards at Minnesota on Nov. 16, 1996. He was a second-round draft pick by the St. Louis Rams in 1998. Holcombe is second on the Illinois career touchdowns list and holds the second-, fifth- and ninth-best season yardage marks in Illini history. He led the Illini to a winning season in 1994 and a 30-0 victory over East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl.

4 - JIM GRABOWSKI ranks fourth on Illinois' all-time rushing list and his 1,258-yard season in 1965 is still No. 3 on the Illini list. He was the No. 9 overall pick by the Green Bay Packers in 1966 and played six years in the NFL. Grabowski has games ranking No. 3 and No. 10 on the Illinois single-game yardage list, with his 239-yard performance against Wisconsin on Nov. 14, 1964, ranking third all-time. His 24 rushing touchdowns rank fourth in Illini history and his 1,004-yard season in 1964 was Illinois' first 1,000-yard season in 11 years.

5 - HOWARD GRIFFITH is the most prolific scoring running back in Illinois history, holding the career, season and single-game touchdowns records. His eight rushing TDs against Southern Illinois on Sept. 22, 1990 remains the NCAA single-game record. He played eight years in the NFL, winning back-to-back Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos in 1997 and 1998. Griffith ranks sixth all-time on the Illinois rushing list with 2,485 yards, and posted two games of over 200 yards.

6 - BOBBY MITCHELL rushed for 1,109 yards in his three-year career at Illinois, 1955-57. While posting a brilliant career with the Illini, which included two-time All-Big Ten honors and All-America accolades in 1955, Mitchell made a bigger name for himself in professional football. He enjoyed an 11-year career, which got him inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He played both running back and receiver, never catching fewer than 58 passes in his six years with the Redskins, Mitchell amassed 7,954 yards receiving and 2,735 rushing.

7 - ROCKY HARVEY ranks fifth on Illinois' career rushing yardage list with 2,711 yards. He was instrumental in the Illini's 1999 win at Michigan, including a fourth-quarter scamper and dive into the end zone to seal Illinois' victory. Harvey is fifth in career attempts and had a 215-yard performance against Middle Tennessee State on Sept. 12, 1998, the fifth-best single-game rushing game. He also ranks 10th in career touchdowns with 20.

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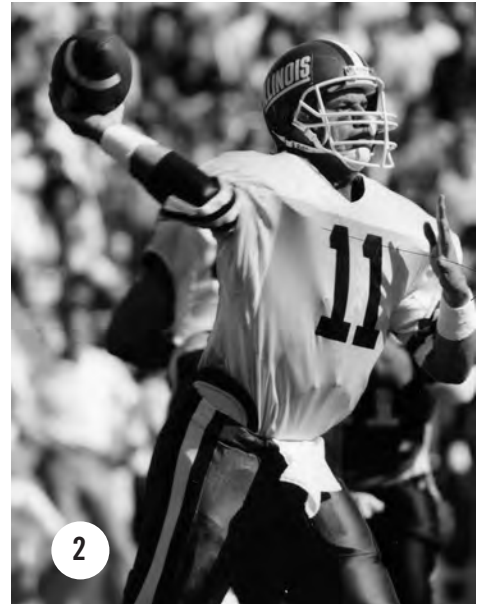
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1 - JACK TRUDEAU was a second-round draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1986 and played 10 years in the NFL. He holds the career yardage, and career and season completions records while starting three years at Illinois. He is the third-most efficient quarterback in Illinois history and led the Illini to a perfect Big Ten season in 1983, a berth in the 1984 Rose Bowl and a final No. 10 national ranking. Trudeau holds the record for second- and third-most completions in a game with 39 and 38, and threw for the third-most yardage in Illinois season history in 1985.



2 - JEFF GEORGE was the overall No. 1 pick in the 1990 NFL Draft and is the Illini's most experienced professional player with a whopping 13 years in the NFL. George held the Illini record for most touchdown passes in a season for 10 years before being eclipsed by Kurt Kittner. He also has the second-most TD passes in one game, throwing five against Indiana on Nov. 18, 1989. He holds the second-most efficient single game in Illinois history and ranks sixth in career passing yardage after only two years at Illinois.

3 - KURT KITTNER is Illinois' second-most prolific passer in school history and holds the Illini's career touchdowns and career total offense records. He was named the NFL Europe World Bowl MVP after leading the Amsterdam Admirals to the title in 2005. Kittner started all four years at Illinois and finished second on the Illinois career completions list. He also led the Illini to 22 different records in a 63-21 MicronPC.com Bowl romp and captained Illinois to its first-ever BCS appearance in the 2002 Sugar Bowl.



4 - DAVE WILSON holds the single-game record for yardage, touchdowns, completions and attempts with his 43-for-69 game for 621 yards and six touchdowns against Ohio State on Nov. 8, 1980. He was chosen by the New Orleans Saints in the 1981 supplemental draft and played nine years with the Saints. Wilson still stands ninth in career yardage, touchdowns and completions, despite only playing one season at Illinois.

5 - TONY EASON was a first-round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1983 and in two short seasons led the Patriots to Super Bowl XX. He has the two most prolific passing seasons in Illinois history, throwing for 3,671 yards in 1982 and 3,360 yards in 1981. Eason topped 250 yards in 17 of 23 career games and holds three of the top 10 single-game yardage records, including the No. 2 mark of 479 yards. Eason played nine years in the NFL, seven with the Patriots and two with the New York Jets.



6 - JASON VERDUZCO led the Illini to three straight bowl games during his tenure as Illinois' starter, the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl, the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the 1992 Holiday Bowl. He ranks third on Illinois' career yardage list and holds the No. 3 game on the single-game yardage list, a 431-yard performance against Missouri on Sept. 14, 1991. He also threw for more than 250 yards in 11 career games, including six games in the 1991 season.



WIDE RECEIVER TRADITION



1 - DAVID WILLIAMS holds every Illinois receiving record, including career, season and single-game marks for receptions, touchdown receptions and yardage. Williams' 262 career catches are 93 more than the second-place receiver, and his 3,392 career yards are 809 yards more than second place. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005, and is the only player in Illinois history to total over 200 receiving yards in a single game. Williams caught 10 or more passes in nine different games and racked up more than 100 yards 16 different times. His three seasons rank first, fourth and eighth on Illinois' touchdown receptions list, and first, second and sixth in season yardage.

2 - WALTER YOUNG, who came to Illinois as a quarterback, ranks third on Illinois' career yardage and touchdown lists, and fifth on the Illini's career receptions list. Young became the perfect complement to Brandon Lloyd in 2001 and 2002, as Young caught 14 TDs and Lloyd grabbed 19. Young was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in 2003 and currently plays for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Young finished 2001 with 890 yards, eighth on the Illini season yardage list, including a six-reception, 178-yard performance in the Sugar Bowl.



3 - BRANDON LLOYD holds the records for the two seasons with the most touchdown receptions in Illinois history. A fourth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers, Lloyd ranks second on Illinois' career yardage list with 2,583 yards in three seasons. His eight receptions for 178 yards at California on Sept. 1, 2001, set the tone for Illinois' Big Ten championship and Sugar Bowl run that season. Lloyd ranks third on Illinois' career receptions list with 160, and his 12 catches against Northwestern on Nov. 22, 2001, rank third on Illinois' single-game receptions list.



4 - GREG LEWIS is eighth on Illinois' career yardage list and 10th on the career receptions list. Lewis finished his career with 1,456 yards and 12 touchdowns – including six scores in 2000, the eighth-most touchdown catches in a season. Lewis' three TDs against Middle Tennessee St. in 2000 are the most by an Illini in one game. His 12 career scores rank sixth all-time and he racked up 107 yards against Michigan on Sept. 23, 2000. He is currently a starting wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles and caught a touchdown in the 2005 Super Bowl.

5 - MIKE MARTIN ranks third on Illinois' career touchdowns list, fourth on the career yardage list and sixth on the career receptions list. He was selected in the NFL draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and played seven years in the league. Martin's 1,068-yard season in 1982 is the third-best single season in Illinois history, as are his 77 catches in 1982. He compiled eight 100-yard receiving games and caught 10 or more passes twice.

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1 - DAVID DIEHL was part of an offensive line unit that set the record for most total offense in a season with 5,356 yards, an average of 446.3 yards per game, in 2002. He also helped running back Antoino Harris set a single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards. Diehl was drafted in the fifth round by the New York Giants and started as a rookie. He was named to the 2002 All-Big Ten second team and was an Academic All-Big Ten selection.



2 - ALEX AGASE was one of three Illini named to the Camp Foundation All-Century team selected in 1990, joining Red Grange and Dick Butkus. Agase was a consensus All-American in 1946 after helping lead the Illini to a 45-14 Rose Bowl victory over UCLA. Agase played professionally for five years in the All-American Conference, which evolved into the NFL, and was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1963.



3 - BRAD HOPKINS finished his Illinois career starting 34 consecutive games from 1990-92. He was a first-round selection by the Houston Oilers, No. 13 overall, in the 1993 NFL draft, and retired after 13 years in the NFL. At one point during his career, Hopkins was the highest-paid offensive lineman in the NFL. He was part of three bowl teams as an Illini, making postseason trips to the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl, the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the 1992 Holiday Bowl. Hopkins was named to the All-Big Ten first team by both the coaches and media after the 1992 season, and was named honorable mention All-America by UPI and Football News.



4 - TONY PASHOS started every game of his career – 47 in all – the second-most in school history. He also was part of an offensive line unit that set the record for most total offense in a season with 5,356 yards, an average of 446.3 yards per game, in 2002. He also helped running back Antoino Harris set a single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards. Pashos was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the fifth round of the 2003 draft and remains with the team. He was named All-Big Ten first team in 2002.



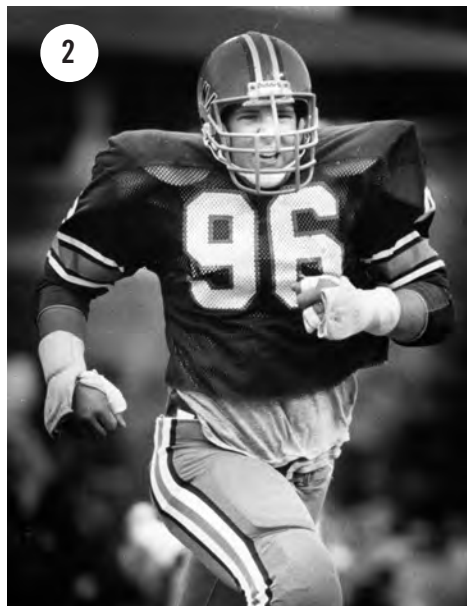
5 - MARQUES SULLIVAN was a third-team FWA All-American in 2000, as well as an honorable mention Football News All-American. He was a fifth-round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 2001 and has been in the league since. Sullivan started every game of his college career, making 45 consecutive appearances in the starting lineup, third-most in Illinois history. He also was named to the All-Big Ten second team in 2000.



DEFENSIVE LINE TRADITION



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1 - FRED WAKEFIELD ranks third on Illinois' career tackles for loss and quarterback sacks lists with 42 and 21, respectively. Wakefield signed with the Arizona Cardinals in 2001 and has been with the team since. He was named to the honorable mention All-America first-team and All-Big Ten in 2000, as well as Academic All-Big Ten. Wakefield was Illinois' Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 as well as a team captain.

2 - DON THORP started 20 games at defensive tackle in his career at Illinois, including all 12 in 1983, his senior season. He was named a first-team All-American in 1983, and was first-team All-Big Ten by both the coaches and the media. Thorp earned a spot on Illinois' All-Century team named in 1990 and won the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player in 1983. He also was named the Illinois Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year in 1984 before being drafted by the New Orleans Saints.

3 - MOE GARDNER was a two-time consensus All-American, earning the honor in both 1989 and 1990. He anchored a defensive squad that helped Illinois win nine games in 1989 and a share of the 1990 Big Ten title. Gardner was the only active player to be named to the Illinois All-Century team in 1990 and was drafted in the fourth round by the Atlanta Falcons in 1991. He played six years with the Falcons. Gardner racked up a then-record 57 tackles for loss, which is now second on Illinois' career list. He also ranks fifth on the all-time quarterback sacks list with 18 career sacks.

4 - MEL AGEE was an honorable mention All-America selection in 1990 and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1989 and 1990. Agee was a sixth round selection of the Indianapolis Colts in 1991 and played five years in the NFL. Agee was named Big Ten Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 29, 1990, and is seventh on Illinois' career quarterback sacks list with 15. He also ranks ninth on Illinois all-time tackles for loss list with 32 and tied teammate Moe Gardner for the team lead in 1990 with nine TFLs.

TIGHT END TRADITION

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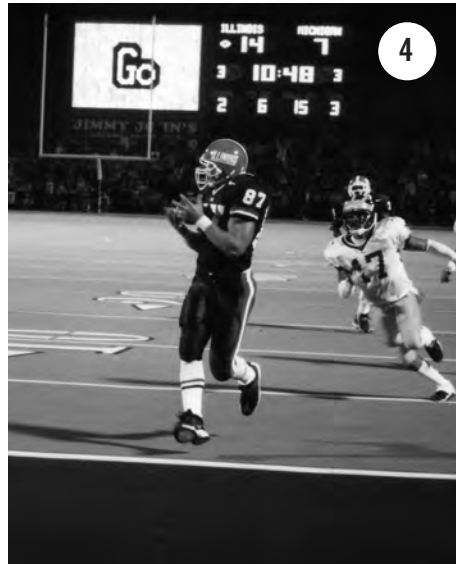
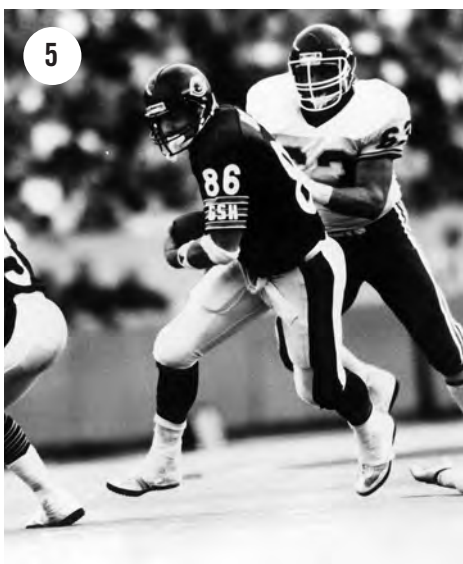
1 - KEN DILGER led the Illini in touchdown catches in 1994 with six, and was second on the team in both receptions (48) and receiving yardage (607) that year. Dilger, who was a second-round selection of the Indianapolis Colts in 1995, had a 10-year NFL career, playing seven for the Colts before finishing with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he won a Super Bowl ring in 2002. Dilger finished his career at Illinois with 1,073 yards and nine touchdowns, including a career-high 114-yard game at Minnesota on Nov. 5, 1994. He was named to the All-Big Ten first team in 1994 and was the Illinois offensive Player of the Year.

2 - TIM BREWSTER is the only tight end to appear on the Illinois career receptions top 10, as his 116 catches place him eighth. He racked up 154 yards at Wisconsin on Oct. 23, 1982, and his 64 catches in 1983 are the seventh-most in school history. Brewster helped lead the Illini to the 1984 Rose Bowl, where he caught five passes for 60 yards.

3 - MATT CUSHING started at tight end three consecutive seasons for Illinois from 1995-97, earning the 1995 Bruce Capel Award for the most courageous player on the squad. Cushing played for the Pittsburgh Steelers for seven years after signing with the squad as a free agent. He was third on the team in 1997 with 11.2 yards per catch, and finished his career with 709 yards and four TDs.

4 - JOSH WHITMAN finished second on the team in 2000 with four touchdowns, catching a touchdown in three consecutive games early in the season. Whitman played three years in the NFL after signing with the San Diego Chargers as a free agent in 2001. He played two years for the Chargers before finishing his career with Miami. Whitman played in every game of his Illinois career, appearing in 45 games over his four years. He also caught two touchdowns in four total receptions at Ohio State in 1999.

5 - CAP BOSO helped Illinois to a berth in the 1985 Peach Bowl, finishing second on the team with four touchdowns, third with 369 yards and fourth with 35 catches. Boso also caught a 1-yard TD pass in the Peach Bowl. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1986 and played for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1986 before playing the final five years of his career for the Chicago Bears. Another career highlight was a 10-catch game at Ohio State on Oct. 13, 1984.



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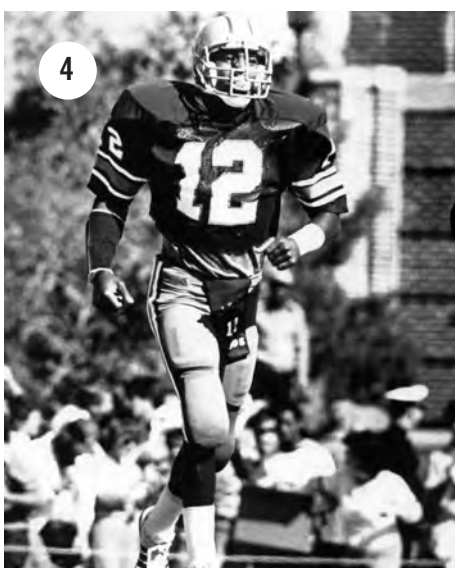
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1 - SCOTT TURNER parlayed one season as a starter at Illinois into a nine-year professional career. He was drafted in the seventh round of the 1995 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins. He played three years with the Redskins, four with the San Diego Chargers and two with the Denver Broncos.

2 - HENRY JONES ranks sixth on Illinois' career interceptions record list with 11, and has the ninth-best single-season passes broken up mark with 11. Jones was selected 26th overall by the Buffalo Bills in the first round of the 1991 NFL draft and played 12 years in the league, 11 with Buffalo. He was an All-Big Ten first team selection in 1989 and second-team in 1990. Jones played in three consecutive Super Bowls with the Bills from 1991-93.

3 - EUGENE WILSON was a 2002 *Playboy* All-America selection, and earned second-team All-America recognition by *Football News* in 2001. Wilson was an All-Big Ten first team selection in 2001 and a second-team pick in 2002. He is sixth on the Illinois career interceptions list with 11, and picked off three passes against Penn State on Nov. 10, 2001, the second-best single game in Illini history. Wilson was drafted in the second round of the 2003 NFL draft by New England and was part of the Patriots' Super Bowl XXXVIII and XXXIX championship teams. He holds the Illinois career passes broken up record with 60, breaking up an Illinois single-season-record 30 passes in 2001. Wilson currently plays for the Patriots.

4 - CRAIG SWOOPE ranks third on Illinois' career interception list with 13 and is sixth on Illinois all-time passes broken up record with 25. He was a fourth-round selection of Tampa Bay in the 1986 NFL draft and played five years in the league. Swoope was a second-team All-America selection his sophomore year of 1983 and was named first-team All-Big Ten that season. He also earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 1982, 1984 and 1985.

5 - AL BROSKY is the NCAA career leader in interceptions with 30, consecutive games with an interception (15) and most interceptions per game (1.07) in his career. His remarkable interception streak spanned parts of three seasons from 1950-52 and included a pick in a 16th game, the 1952 Rose Bowl. He grabbed 30 interceptions during his 28-game career at Illinois, leading the Illini to a three-year mark of 20-7-1. He was inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998.

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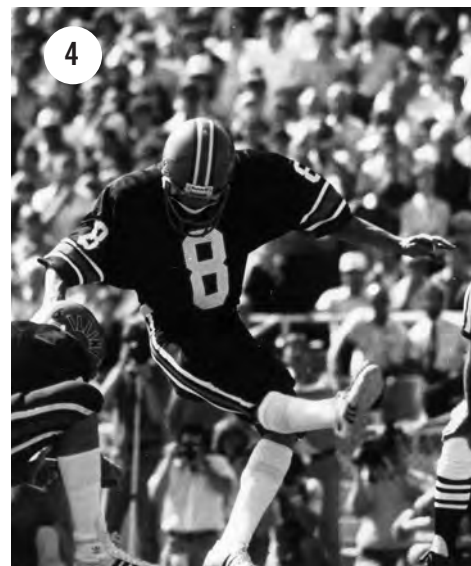
1 - DIKE EDDLEMAN holds the record for the longest punt in Illinois history, booming a kick 88 yards against Iowa on Nov. 6, 1948. He also hit an 86-yarder the next week against Ohio State. Eddleman finished with a 43.0-yard average in 1948, which was recently bested by Steve Weatherford's 44.5-yard mark in 2003. Eddleman ranks ninth on the career punting average list and has two of the top three single-game punting average marks in Illinois history.

2 - NATHAN HODEL is in his fifth year as the Arizona Cardinals' long-snapper after walking on the Illinois squad in 1997. Hodel earned a scholarship for the 2000-01 academic year at Illinois and signed with the Cardinals after completing his eligibility. He has racked up 15 tackles on special teams with the Cardinals, appearing in every game the last three seasons.

3 - NEIL RACKERS holds the single-season scoring record of 110 points set in 1999. He was the first Illinois kicker to score a touchdown and has the third-most field goals in a season with 20 in 1999. After walking on the team at Illinois in 1996, Rackers was drafted in the sixth round of the 2000 draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and currently plays for the Arizona Cardinals. He had two perfect seasons kicking PATs, going 44-44 in 1999 and 18-18 in 1996. He also holds the single-game PAT accuracy record, hitting all nine of his attempts in Illinois' 1999 MicronPC.com Bowl victory. Rackers had two record-breaking years with the Cardinals, which resulted in his first Pro-Bowl appearance in 2006.

4 - CHRIS WHITE is the career points scored leader at Illinois with 262. He has the third- and fifth-best scoring seasons in school history, and hit 33-33 extra points in 1984. He is third in career PAT accuracy with a .981 mark and has the most career field goals with 53. He also holds the season field goal record with 24 and once kicked five field goals in a game, the single-game record, against Wisconsin on Oct. 6, 1984. White accomplished all this after walking on the Illini team in 1983. He was an honorable mention All-American in 1984 and was named to the All-Big Ten first team in each of his three seasons.

5 - STEVE WEATHERFORD left Illinois in 2005 as the school record holder in career and single-season punting yardage. He was a two-time All-Big Ten selection and was a Ray Guy Award semifinalist in 2004 and 2005. During his career, Weatherford averaged 43.5 yards per punt and all three of his seasons as a starter rank among the school's top-5 (first in 2004, second in 2003 and fourth in 2005). He earned All-America honors by *Street and Smith* in 2005.



WALK-ON TRADITION



1 - HOWARD GRIFFITH is the most prolific scoring running back in Illinois history, holding the career, season and single-game touchdowns records. His eight rushing TDs against Southern Illinois on Sept. 22, 1990, is still the NCAA single-game record. He played eight years in the NFL, winning back-to-back Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos in 1997 and 1998, after walking on the Illinois team in 1987. Griffith ranks sixth all-time on the Illinois rushing list with 2,485 yards, and posted two games of over 200 yards.

2 - GREG LEWIS is eighth on Illinois' career yardage list and 10th on the career receptions list. Lewis finished his career with 1,456 yards and 12 touchdowns – including six scores in 2000, the eighth-most touchdown catches in a season. Lewis' three TDs against Middle Tennessee St. in 2000 are the most by an Illini in one game. His 12 career scores rank sixth all-time and he racked up 107 yards against Michigan on Sept. 23, 2000. He is currently a starting wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles and caught a touchdown in the 2005 Super Bowl.

3 - AARON MOOREHEAD caught 85 career passes for 1,293 yards and nine touchdowns in 44 career games after walking on the squad in 1999. He earned a scholarship for 2000 and had a career game that season against Iowa, catching four passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns. He signed with the Indianapolis Colts as a free agent in 2003 and remains with the team.

4 - BRAD HOPKINS finished his Illinois career starting 34 consecutive games from 1990-92. He was a first round selection by the Houston Oilers, No. 13 overall, in the 1993 NFL draft, and retired after 13 years in the NFL. At one point during his career, Hopkins was the highest-paid offensive lineman in the NFL. He was part of three bowl teams as an Illini, making postseason trips to the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl, the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the 1992 Holiday Bowl. Hopkins was named to the All-Big Ten first team by both the coaches and media after the 1992 season, and was named honorable mention All-America by UPI and *Football News*.

5 - NEIL RACKERS holds the single-season scoring record of 110 points set in 1999. He was the first Illinois kicker to score a touchdown and has the third-most field goals in a season with 20 in 1999. After walking on the team at Illinois in 1996, Rackers was drafted in the sixth round of the 2000 draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and currently plays for the Arizona Cardinals. He had two perfect seasons kicking PATs, going 44-44 in 1999 and 18-18 in 1996. He also holds the single-game PAT accuracy record, hitting all nine of his attempts in Illinois' 1999 MicronPC.com Bowl victory. Rackers had two record-breaking years with the Cardinals, which resulted in his first Pro-Bowl appearance in 2006.

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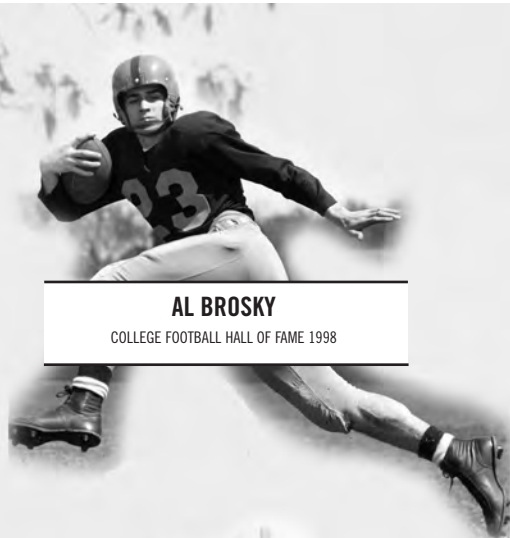
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JOHNNY KARRAS
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Halfback, 1951)



JOHN DEPLER
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CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Center, 1918)



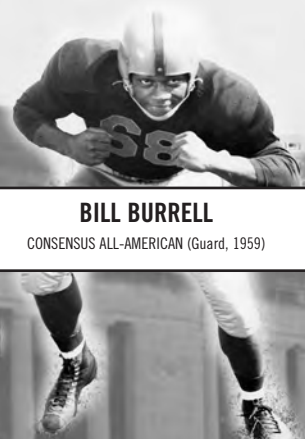
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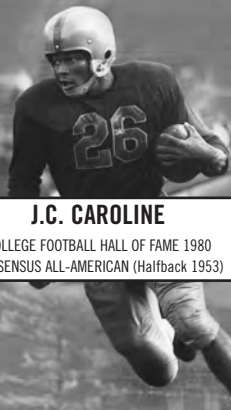
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CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (End, 1920)



BILL BURRELL
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Guard, 1959)



PETE ELLIOTT
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1993 (COACH)



J.C. CAROLINE
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1980
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Halfback 1953)



CLAUDE "BUDDY" YOUNG
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1968



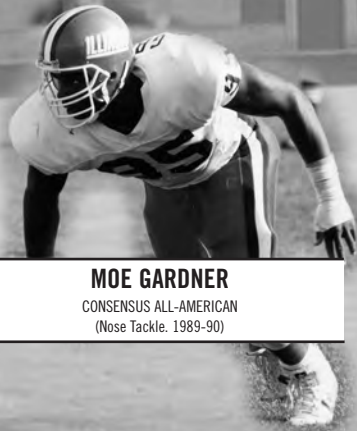
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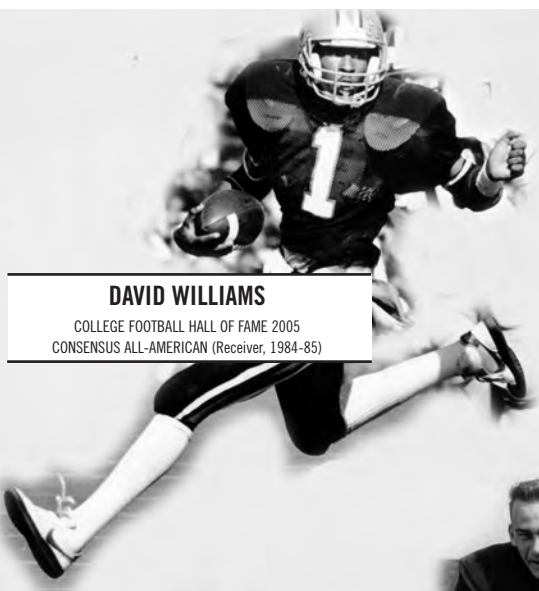


BERNIE SHIVELY
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1982
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Guard, 1926)



MOE GARDNER
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN
(Nose Tackle. 1989-90)

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DAVID WILLIAMS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2005
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Receiver, 1984-85)



JIM MCMILLEN

CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Guard, 1923)



DANA HOWARD

CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Linebacker, 1994)



JIM GRABOWSKI

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1995
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Fullback, 1965)



ED HALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1951



HAROLD E. "RED" GRANGE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1951
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Halfback, 1923,25)



GEORGE W. WOODRUFF

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1963



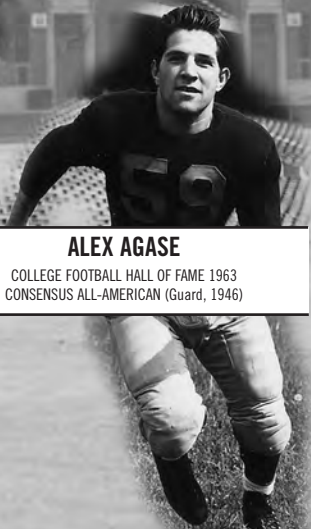
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CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (End, 1914)



RALPH "SLOUIE" CHAPMAN

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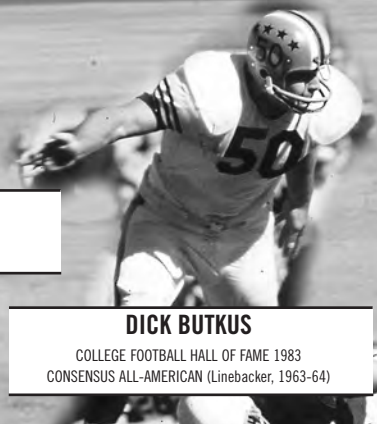
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1963
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Guard, 1946)



ROBERT ZUPPKE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1951



DICK BUTKUS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1983
CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN (Linebacker, 1963-64)

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1914

Possibly the most dominant team in Illinois football history was the 1914 squad. The squad was only Coach Robert Zuppke's second at Illinois and would be the first of four national championship teams he would lead in his 29 years at Illinois. The Fighting Illini defense shut out four of the season's seven opponents, yielding only 22 points the entire 1914 season. While the defense was stifling every team in its way, the offense racked up an incredible average of 32 points per game, including a 51-0 shellacking of Indiana on Oct. 10. This team was so good that no one scored a point against them until Oct. 31, the fifth game of the seven-game season. In fact, the closest game of the year, two weeks later, wasn't very close at all, a 21-7 home decision over Chicago. Leading the way for Zuppke's troops was right halfback Bart Macomber. He led the team in scoring, but wasn't even named to the all-conference team. Left guard Ralph Chapman was named to Walter Camp's first team All-America squad, while left halfback Harold Pogue, the team's second-leading scorer, was named to Camp's second team.



1919

The 1919 team was the only one of Coach Zuppke's national championship squads to lose a game. Wisconsin managed to defeat the Fighting Illini in Urbana in the third game of the season, 14-10, to temporarily knock Illinois out of the conference lead. However, Zuppke's men came back from the Wisconsin defeat with three consecutive wins to set up a showdown with the Buckeyes at Ohio Stadium on Nov. 22 to determine the conference champion. Illinois scored first on a first-quarter touchdown and never looked back. The Fighting Illini added a field goal before allowing a Buckeye touchdown and conversion. With the final score, 9-7, in Illinois' favor, the Illini won the conference title and were later named national champions. Right guard Clarence Applegran was named to Eckersall's second-team All-America squad, and left tackle Burt Ingwersen and center John Depler were both members of Walter Camp's second-team All-America squad.



1923

The 1923 season became a particularly special year in Illinois football history. Not only did Illinois and Coach Zuppke win their third national championship in 10 years, but Memorial Stadium was finally completed. It was unveiled for all to see at the homecoming contest, a victory vs. Chicago on Nov. 3. The 1923 season also meant the arrival of legendary halfback Red Grange, who was to become possibly the most storied college football player ever. Grange was named a Walter Camp All-American after scoring 72 points that season. After the win over Chicago, the Fighting Illini finished their undefeated season by shutting out their final three opponents en route to a tie for the conference crown with Michigan, whom Illinois didn't play. The defense was spectacular, as Illinois held its last five opponents scoreless and outscored its foes, 82-0, to finish the season. In addition to Grange, left guard James McMillen joined the Galloping Ghost on several award teams, including Eckersall's first-team All-America squad.



1927

In 1927, Zuppke produced his fourth undefeated team, going 7-0-1. Other than a tie with Iowa State, the 1927 Illinois club was literally unbeatable, yielding only 24 points the entire season, 12 of them coming at the hands of the Cyclones. Besides Iowa State, only Northwestern and Chicago were able to score a single point against this ferocious Illini team. Illinois' closest competition for the conference title was Minnesota, who finished 3-0-1 in conference play, but by virtue of not playing Illinois and its tie with Indiana, finished second behind 5-0 Illinois. Among those awarded postseason honors were guard Russell Crane and center Robert Reitsch, both of whom were members of Grantland Rice's All-America team.



1951

The 1951 squad posted a near-perfect 9-0-1 record on the season, grabbing a share of the national title. The team started off the season with seven straight wins, beating 20th-ranked Washington and No. 15 Michigan along the way. The Illini suffered its only non-win of the year against Ohio State when neither team managed to score in a 0-0 tie. Illinois capped the season with a 40-7 romping of Stanford in the 1952 Rose Bowl. Consensus All-American Johnny Karras led the team in rushing and Hall of Famer Al Brosky was a star in the defensive secondary.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS



1910
The 1910 Illinois team not only went undefeated with a 7-0 record, but did not allow a single point, outscoring opponents 89-0 for the season.



1915
The Illini defense allowed only 15 points in its five Big Ten games, remaining unbeaten on the year. However, two games ended in ties vs. Minnesota and Ohio State.



1918
In 1918, the Illini went unbeaten in the Big Ten with a 4-0 record, shutting out Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio State and Chicago.



1928
The 1928 team was 7-1 on the season, dropping its only game of the year, 3-0, to Michigan. The team, however, outscored opponents 145-16 on the season.



1946
The 1946 team finished the year 8-2 overall and earned its first Rose Bowl appearance, winning 45-14 over UCLA. Among its other victories were an upset of No. 8 Michigan.



1953
The 1953 team relied on its high-scoring offense, averaging 28.5 points in its 7-1-1 year. The Illini upset No. 3 Ohio State on their way to a 5-1 Big Ten slate.



1963
The 1963 team finished the year ranked third in the country with an 8-1-1 mark. It also won the 1964 Rose Bowl, 17-7, over Washington.



1983
1983 marked the only time in Big Ten history a team has beaten every league opponent in a season. The Illini went 9-0 in the Big Ten and 10-2 overall going to the '84 Rose Bowl.



1990
The 1990 team tied for first in the conference with a 6-2 record and went to the Hall of Fame Bowl.



2001
The 2001 squad earned the school a berth in the BCS with its 10-1 regular season mark. The team, which became the highest-scoring offense in school history, went to the Sugar Bowl.

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- ❖ RANKED NO. 1 FOR INNOVATIVE FOOTBALL SIGNING DAY COVERAGE
- ❖ OVER 16 MILLION VISITORS IN 2006-07
- ❖ RANKED 15TH NATIONALLY IN TOTAL PAGE VIEWS IN 2005-06
- ❖ RANKED 5TH IN ALL-ACCESS VIDEO/AUDIO SUBSCRIPTIONS

Illinois Athletics' presence on the World Wide Web began in 1995, and since then has grown to where internet sites have become an invaluable tool, not only for fans but also members of the news media and potential recruits to stay informed about the Orange and Blue. Coach Ron Zook recognized the website's importance from the beginning of his tenure at Illinois, and almost immediately, he and his staff embarked on an initiative which has resulted in expanded offerings with regard to Fighting Illini football.

Now, Illinois followers can see more video, audio and original content than ever before. In addition to the regular features of game notes, game stories and depth charts, the site now provides daily practice audio reports from Coach Zook, his staff and players, in addition to an expanded history and records section.

Fans also can watch, without subscription, each weekly press conference during the football season, featuring Zook as they preview the upcoming contest. Each day during the season, Illini football faithful will find new features to satisfy their appetites.

Potential Fighting Illini football recruits can now take advantage of "one-stop shopping" by going to the Recruiting Headquarters located on CoachRonZook.com. Athletes have direct access to online facility tours, important Illinois visit dates, academic, strength and athletic training information, Illinois admission forms, and material on the NCAA Clearinghouse and all of Illinois' strong football traditions.

PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN NOTICE.

The official Illini website has consistently been one of the most-accessed collegiate athletics websites in the nation. In 2006-07, Illinois had more than 16 million visitors to its pages, averaging nearly 1.4 million hits per month.

CoachRonZook.com provided special in-depth, wall-to-wall coverage of Illinois' highly successful Signing Day last Feb. 7, and, for the second year in a row, the site was among the top five nationally in terms of traffic on the CSTV Online network, which is comprised of more than 200 college athletic departments across the nation.

Here's what visitors to FightingIllini.com and CoachRonZook.com can look forward to seeing in 2007:

- Live coverage of all weekly and postgame press conferences
- Live game broadcasts
- Daily audio practice reports
- Virtual tours of Illinois athletic facilities
- Recruiting section for prospective student-athletes
- Practice video with the Illini assistant coaches
- Video, audio and written feature stories
- Live online chats
- Special extensive coverage of National Letter of Intent signing day
- Photo galleries and downloadable wallpaper, cursors and ringtones
- Latest news, game notes and depth charts
- History, traditions and records
- Summer camp information



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MEDIA ATTENTION



Illinois' Natural: Juice's offense powers Illini

By Bruce Hooley
Special to ESPN.com

Bubba, Tank or Hoss might have seemed more appropriate at the time, but grandma must have known something when she looked at that chubby newborn in November of 1987 and dubbed him, "Juice."

Freshman quarterback **Isiah Williams** credits her for the nickname that now suffices for his proper name, one that perfectly summarizes the sweet talent and nourishing future he portends for the long-suffering Illinois football program.

"I almost died when I was born," Williams said. "I was kind of big -- you know, big and juicy, I guess."

Kind of big? Try 13 pounds, 8 ounces big.

Given that, you know Williams' mother, Anita, must be the source of his ability to



Instant impact Illinois' Arrelious Benn making mark as early enrollee

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - It's nearly 1 p.m. and **Arrelious Benn** is curled up on an oversized leather couch in the Illinois players' lounge. VH1's *Flavor Of Love: Charm School* playing in the background as he tries to get some much-needed rest.

These days, it's the pursuit of a nap that has become the freshman wide receiver's biggest challenge.

On this day, he is out the door at 8 a.m. to attend three classes. Then he gets taped for practice, goes to special teams meetings followed by meetings with his position coach, works through a 2 1/2-hour practice, eats dinner, hits the



As one of the nation's top recruits, wide receiver Arrelious Benn chose Illinois over



Isiah Williams and everyone as Juice and football together since when both Chicago and Illinois last February, they would room together. Four games into the season, Williams won the role of Illinois' starting quarterback. By the time the season was around, James had paid the depth chart, starting Illinois' offense.



Ron Zook has struggled on the field in his first two seasons as Illinois coach, but he's making up for it in recruiting.

Recruiting: Big Ten football
Illinois emerges as a place to go
While U-M, OSU are having down years, Illini are attracting a number of high-quality athletes.
Dave Dye / The Detroit News

- Each season, the Illinois Athletic Public Relations office credentials over 250 media to each home contest.
- Among Illinois' regular media are the Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, Arlington Heights Daily Herald and the St. Louis Post Dispatch, with the Chicago area representing the third-largest media market in the United States, behind only New York and Los Angeles.
- In the Chicago area the University of Illinois dominates the print media when compared to the other area and Big Ten universities. Last year, the Illini had 332 stories written in the *Chicago Sun Times* and *Tribune*. The next closest University had just 234 stories written.
- Illinois' coverage on Chicago's seven major television stations in 2006-07 was astounding. In an 11-month period, the Illini were represented in 1,219 stories, which were seen by over 108 million viewers. The value of Illinois' coverage equaled over \$4.8 million.
- Coach Ron Zook's hiring press conference was carried live by ESPN News, and three local television stations.
- Illinois is covered on a daily basis by 14 regional and three national newspapers.



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BIG TEN NETWORK

THE BIG TEN IS NOT JUST A CONFERENCE, IT'S A CULTURE. AND THE BIG TEN NETWORK IS WHERE IT LIVES.



Big Ten Network President Mark Silverman (from left), Fox National Cable Sports Networks President Bob Thompson, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin announce official Big Ten Network headquarters location at the historic Montgomery Ward building in Chicago.

In June 2006, the Big Ten announced the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. Available to all cable and satellite providers nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV), the network will allow fans to see their home teams, regardless of where they live.

The Big Ten Network launches its inaugural season in August 2007 with football, men's and women's basketball, a nightly studio show, classics and coaches shows, along with more Olympic sporting events and exposure for women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network. In June 2007, the Big Ten announced that the Big Ten Network will become the first national network to commit to "event equality" for men's and women's sports on all network-controlled media within the first three years of launch. This dedication to "event equality" highlights the Big Ten's ongoing dedication to gender equity, which is aligned with the commitment of conference institutions to provide fairness for all female student-athletes.

The network is led by President Mark Silverman, a former Disney executive who came to the network after serving as the general manager and senior vice president of ABC Cable Networks Group since April of 2004, managing the company's equity in such channels as Lifetime Television, A&E Network and the History Channel, each of which recorded their best financial performance in 2005. Silverman was also responsible for developing and launching new cable channels, shows and other key initiatives.

Located in the historic Montgomery Ward building in Chicago, the Big Ten Network is the first national television network to call the largest city in the Midwest its home. The original section of the building was designated as a historic landmark in 2000 for its significant role in American retail history. The space includes two studios and three control rooms as well as a 20,000 square-foot office space.



DAVE REVSINE

In May, the Big Ten Network announced its first on-air hire, signing ESPN college sports expert Dave Revsine to be its lead studio host. Revsine joined ESPN in October of 1996 as an anchor for ESPNNews and filled a variety of roles for the network over the past 10 years. The Northwestern graduate has anchored SportsCenter, hosted ESPN Radio's College GameDay for the last six years and hosted ESPN

Radio's coverage of several BCS Championship games. He also hosted studio halftimes for basketball and co-hosted ESPN's coverage of the last two men's Final Fours.

PROGRAMMING

The programming on the Big Ten Network and alternative network-controlled platforms will include, but is not limited to:

- More than 35 football games each season
- More than 105 regular season men's basketball games
- A nightly studio show including segments from each campus
- Women's sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball
- More than 170 Olympic sporting events including baseball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, swimming, diving and more
- Classic games and historical footage from ESPN and ABC libraries
- Original campus programming produced by Big Ten member universities showcasing their academic excellence, talented students and award-winning programs
- Weekly coaches shows

ILLINI ON TV



Over the last few years, the Big Ten has reached a series of milestone media agreements to provide the conference with its greatest television exposure ever, including extensions with CBS (for basketball) and ABC/ESPN (for football, basketball and volleyball) and the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. The conference's new media agreements will result in the broadcast of more than 500 events nationally and regionally beginning with the 2007-08 academic year, compared to 300 events in the final year of the previous agreements.

- The Big Ten Conference boasts one of the best television packages in college football. Each week, league games can be seen nationally on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and The Big Ten Network.
- Over the last five seasons, 45 of Illinois' 58 games were broadcast on national or regional television.

ABC/ESPN

In June of 2006, the Big Ten signed a new 10-year national rights contract with ABC/ESPN. Big Ten action has been featured on ABC since 1966 and on ESPN since 1979, the network's first year. The new agreement, which begins during the 2007-08 season, includes up to 41 televised Big Ten football games – up to 17 on ABC and up to 25 on ESPN or ESPN2. In addition, all regional afternoon football games aired on ABC will be aired by ESPN/ESPN2 in outer-markets, making these games nationally available. Additionally, through ESPN's collection of new media outlets such as ESPN.com, Mobile ESPN, ESPN360 and ESPN VOD, fans will receive live events (including simulcasts), extended video highlights including in-progress games, features and more. Big Ten coverage will also be available on ESPN Classic and throughout the world through ESPN International.

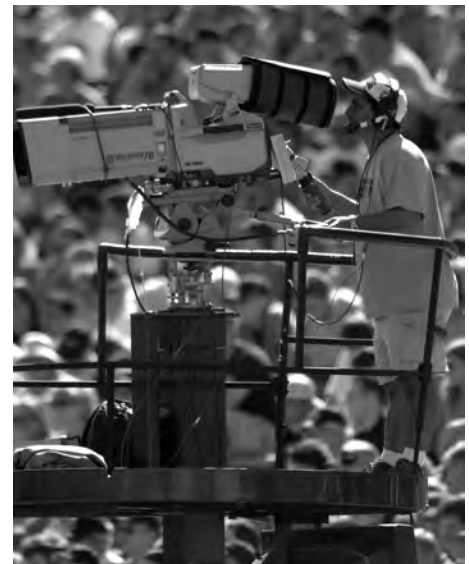
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Launching this August, the Big Ten Network is dedicated to covering the Big Ten Conference and its 11 member institutions. The Big Ten Network will provide unprecedented access to an extensive schedule of conference sports events and shows; original programs in academics, the arts and sciences; campus activities; and associated personalities. Sports programming will include live coverage of more major men's and women's events than ever before, along with news, highlights and analysis, all complemented by hours of university-produced campus programming. The network is available to all cable and satellite carriers and television distributors nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV). The Big Ten Network is a joint venture between subsidiaries of the Big Ten Conference and Fox Cable Networks.



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- The Big Ten Conference bowl alliances give the league a guarantee of seven bowl games each year, with the possibility of eight if two teams are selected for the Bowl Championship Series.
- The 2001 Big Ten Championship Illinois team made its first-ever appearance in the BCS at the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La.
- In 1999, the Illini broke 22 Illinois and Micronpc.com Bowl records in its 63-21 win over the University of Virginia in Miami, Fla.
- Illinois ranks third in the Big Ten in total number of conference titles won with 15.



Right: WR Brandon Lloyd entertains the press at the 2002 Sugar Bowl;

Below: QB Kurt Kittner celebrates a touchdown reception from Lloyd;

Below Right: The 2001 captains hoist the Big Ten Championship trophy following the season finale;

Middle: Lloyd scored two touchdowns at the Nokia Sugar Bowl;

Far Bottom: Illini captains battle the Virginia Cavaliers in a 1999 Micronpc.com Bowl kickoff event;

Bottom Right: Bourbon Street catches Illini Fever.

