### **IRISH HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM**

Tyrone Willingham, head football coach at Stanford University the past seven seasons and a veteran of 25 seasons of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, is in his first year as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame.

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

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

The '01 Cardinal went 6-2 in Pac-10 play, good for a three-way tie for second place. It marked only the second time in 50 years a Stanford team won nine regular-season games, as three Cardinal players won first-team All-America honors for the first time since 1973. Stanford led the Pac-10 in '01 in scoring (37.1 per game), total offense (451.5 yards per game), rushing offense (201 yards per game) and rushing defense (109.6 yards per game). The Cardinal finished 17-7 in Pac-10 action from '99 through '01.

"For the last seven years, Tyrone led the program with the highest academic profile in all of major college football, and over that time he won two conference coach-of-the-year awards and took his teams to four bowl games," said Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White when Willingham was introduced on Jan. 1, 2002, as the new Irish coach.

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

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

In the 2001 NCAA Graduation Rate Report issued last fall, Stanford recorded an



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83 percent football graduation rate, good for fourth in the nation among Division I institutions, based on football student-athletes who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 (allowing six years for graduation). In other recent NCAA reports involving football, Stanford ranked second in 2000 (83 percent) and fourth in '99 (81). Stanford and Notre Dame historically rank among the national leaders annually in all the major categories, including all student-athletes, football players, plus male, female and African-American student-athletes.

In 1999, Willingham led the Cardinal to an 8-4 overall record, a 7-1 mark in conference play, the first Pac-10 championship for Stanford since 1971 and Stanford's first Rose Bowl appearance since January 1, 1972. He was a finalist for national-coachof-the-year honors and was named the American Football Coaches Association Region 5 Coach of the Year.

He led the Cardinal to consecutive bowl games in his first two seasons ('95 Liberty, '96 Sun) at Stanford, becoming only the third Stanford football coach to accomplish that feat (Walsh was one of the other two, in '77 and '78). Willingham also became the first coach since Walsh to have back-to-back winning seasons in his first two years at Stanford. He is the only coach in school history to guide Stanford to four bowl game appearances.

Willingham's seven-year record stands

at 44-36-1 overall and 32-24 in Pacific-10 play. His first Cardinal team went 7-4-1 in '95 en route to earning a berth in the Liberty Bowl, while his second team in 1996 finished 7-5 after beating Michigan State 38-0 in the Sun Bowl.

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

In his first season as the Cardinal head coach, Willingham turned a 3-7-1 team in '94 into a 7-4-1 bowl team in 1995. Prior to the '95 season, Stanford had been picked to finish last in the Pac-10. But, after the Cardinal's fourth-place league finish, conference coaches voted Willingham their 1995 Pac-10 Coach of the Year. It was the first time a Cardinal head coach had been selected for that honor since Walsh in 1977. Willingham also was selected the National Coach of the Year by the Black Coaches Association in 1995 and '96.

Willingham, a finalist for national-coach-of-the-year honors in '95, began his career by going 4-0-1 in his first five games, marking the best Stanford start in 44 years (the 1951 team won its first five games).

### IRISH HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM

He is no stranger to Notre Dame football, thanks to a 3-2 record versus the Irish over the past five seasons. His teams also faced Notre Dame eight other times during his tenures as an assistant at Stanford, Michigan State and Rice. He has made six Notre Dame Stadium appearances as a coach (the '90 Cardinal team for which he served as an assistant knocked off the Irish 36-31 when Notre Dame was ranked number one in the country), in addition to his appearances against Notre Dame from his playing days at Michigan State. Playing against the Irish as a senior in '76, he carried three times for 37 yards, had two kickoff returns for 24 yards and two punt returns for 27 yards in the 24-6 Notre Dame victory.

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

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

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

In 1992, the Vikings finished 11-5 and won the NFC Central Division championship. Willingham's top pupil that season, Terry Allen, set a club record by rushing for 1,201 yards. In 1993, Minnesota finished 9-7 and earned a wildcard playoff berth. The Vikings won the division title again in '94 and earned another playoff berth with a 10-6 record.

While at Stanford (1989-91), Willingham was part of Green's staff that helped turn the program around. The Cardinal went from 3-8 in '89, to 8-4 in 1991. The '91 season culminated with a berth in the Aloha Bowl, Stanford's first post-season appearance in five seasons.

The '91 squad won its final seven regular-season games to finish 8-3 overall, 6-2 in the Pac-10. It was Stanford's best season in five years and first bowl appearance since

the 1986 Gator Bowl.

Willingham coached two of the top running backs in Stanford football history during his brief tenure as a Cardinal assistant: Glyn Milburn and Tommy Vardell. Vardell was a first-round NFL pick following the '91 campaign. Milburn is the fifth leading all-time rusher in Stanford history with 2,178 yards and he is second in the Cardinal record book in all-purpose running with a three-year total of 5,857 yards. Vardell, meanwhile, is sixth all-time at Stanford in rushing with 1,789 yards and first in touchdowns with 37.

Vardell in '91 set a Stanford single-season record for rushing (1,084 yards) and TDs (20) while being named the Academic All-American of the Year. Milburn, who set a Stanford record for all-purpose running in 1990 with Willingham as his coach (2,222 yards), went on to earn first-team All-America honors as an all-purpose player in 1992.

After graduating from Michigan State in 1977, Willingham continued with the Spartan program as a graduate assistant in '77 under head coach Darryl Rogers. In '78-79, Willingham was the defensive secondary coach at Central Michigan University (current Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White was a member of the Chippewa track coaching staff at that time), with those teams finishing 9-2 and 10-0-1, respectively.

From 1980-82, Willingham was the defensive secondary and special teams coach at Michigan State University under head coach Muddy Waters. He moved to North Carolina State University for three seasons (1983-85), where he again coached special teams and the defensive secondary under head coach Tom Reed.

Prior to accepting the position as running backs coach at Stanford under Green, Willingham coached receivers and special teams at Rice University from 1986-88.

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



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

A walk-on in both football and baseball at Michigan State, Willingham went on to earn three letters in each sport. As a quarterback and flanker in football, he was named the team's most inspirational player in 1976. In 1977, Willingham was awarded the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor as the outstanding scholar-athlete in the league. In baseball, he received the sportsmanship award in 1975 and was an all-Big Ten selection in '77.

Born Lionel Tyrone Willingham on Dec. 30, 1953, in Kinston, N.C. (he graduated from Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville, N.C.), Willingham earned his degree in physical education with a minor in health education from Michigan State. He and his wife, Kim, have three children: Cassidy (born 1/10/84), Kelsey (born 5/9/88) and Nathaniel (born 7/9/90).

THE TYRONE WILLINGHAM FILE

Stanford (8-4, Rose Bowl)

Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl)

Totals as Head Coach — 44-36-1 (.549) in seven seasons

Stanford (5-6)



Tyrone Willingham and his wife Kim have three children: Cassidy, Kelsey and Nathaniel.



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#### School/Team **Assignment** 1977 Michigan State (7-3-1) Graduate Assistant Central Michigan (9-2) 1978 Secondary Central Michigan (10-0-1) 1979 Secondary 1980 Michigan State Secondary, Special Teams 1981 Michigan State Secondary, Special Teams 1982 Michigan State Secondary, Special Teams 1983 North Carolina State Secondary, Special Teams North Carolina State 1984 Secondary, Special Teams 1985 North Carolina State Secondary, Special Teams 1986 Receivers, Special Teams Rice 1987 Rice Receivers, Special Teams 1988 Rice Receivers, Special Teams 1989 Stanford **Running Backs** 1990 Stanford **Running Backs** 1991 Stanford (8-4, Aloha Bowl) Running Backs Minnesota Vikings (11-5, NFC Central champ) 1992 **Running Backs** 1993 Minnesota Vikings (9-7, wild-card playoffs) **Running Backs** 1994 Minnesota Vikings (10-6, NFC Central champ) Running Backs 1995 Stanford (7-4-1, Liberty Bowl) Head Coach 1996 Stanford (7-5, Sun Bowl) Head Coach Stanford (5-6) Head Coach 1997 1998 Stanford (3-8) Head Coach

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## ASSISTANT COACH BILL DIEDRICK

After serving as Stanford's offensive coordinator the past four seasons, Bill Diedrick enters his first season as Notre Dame's offensive coordinator and auarterbacks coach. A veteran coach of over 30 years, Diedrick brings a high powered offensive attack and plenty of past success to the Irish system.

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

Diedrick's offense rewrote the Stanford record books in '99 as it set school records for points in a season with 409, breaking the old record of 366 set over 50 years ago in 1949. The Cardinal also broke the record for total offense in a season with 5,138 yards, besting the old record of 4,919 set in 1969. The Cardinal put 30 or more points on the scoreboard nine times in 1999, and 40 or more on five occasions. Stanford also produced the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and Biletnikoff Award winner in wide receiver Troy Walters, as well as first-team all-Pac-10 quarterback Todd Husak. The Cardinal finished the regular season ranked among the top 10 in the nation in scoring offense (sixth at 37.2 points per game), total offense (fifth at 467.09 yards) and passing offense (10th at 313.5 yards a game).

In his first season at Stanford in 1998, Diedrick's offense became the second most

**School/Team** 

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prolific passing attack in school history. Under his tutelage, the Cardinal threw for 3,516 yards, while Husak became only the third quarterback in school history to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season when he totaled 3,092.

Before coming to Stanford, Diedrick served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Washington in 1994 and '95 and the quarterbacks coach in '96 and '97.

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

Diedrick also developed two of the top young quarterbacks in college football in Damon and Brock Huard. Damon became Washington's all-time leader in passing and total yards, while Brock set records in '96 as the top freshman quarterback in Washington history, and in 1997, he ranked seventh in the nation in passing efficiency.

Prior to his appointment at Washington, Diedrick coached in the Canadian Football League with the Edmonton Eskimos (1991-92), where he was the offensive coordinator. He also coached quarterbacks, receivers and running backs during his two-year stint with the Eskimos. Diedrick's '91 team won the Western Division championship, while scoring 671 points and accumulating over 8,000 yards in total offense.

Diedrick's first tour of duty in the Pac-10 was as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Washington State from 1989-90. There, he coached Drew Bledsoe, the eventual No. 1 pick of the

<u>Assignment</u>



1990 National Football League draft. Diedrick's 1989 Cougars offense led the Pac-10 and was 10th nationally in total offense, while Bledsoe was the nation's toprated quarterback in passing efficiency.

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

From 1984-85, Diedrick was the assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Montana State. His offenses broke 36 school records, eight league records and six NCAA 1-AA playoff records while his quarterback earned Big Sky Player of the Year honors. In 1984, Montana State won the NCAA Division 1-AA national championship.

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

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

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

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



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Washington (9-3, Holiday Bowl)

Washington (8-4, Aloha Bowl)

Stanford (8-4, Rose Bowl)

Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl)

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Kent Baer is in his first season as the defensive coordinator at Notre Dame after serving the past seven seasons under Tyrone Willingham at Stanford, including the last three as defensive coordinator. Baer, who also coached the linebackers while at Stanford, came to Stanford in '95 after serving as a defensive coordinator for 12 seasons at Arizona State. California and Utah State.

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

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

Baer, who was the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at Arizona State for three seasons (1992-94) prior to coming to Stanford, is a 29-year veteran of the coaching ranks. He has coached at the University of California (1987-91), University of Idaho (1986), Utah State University

### **ASSISTANT COACH KENT BAER**

(1977-85) and with the Yokosuka Seahawks (a United States Navy team) from 1973-76.

Baer worked under head coach Bruce Snyder for 14 years; six at Utah State, five at California and three at Arizona State. His Sun Devil defense in 1992 allowed just 268.8 yards per game, and was ranked seventh in the nation. All-Americans Shante Carver, Craig Newsome and Brett Wallerstedt were all mainstays on Baer's Arizona State defense.

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

In his one season at Idaho, Baer was the defensive coordinator for a Vandals team that went 8-4 and earned a berth in the NCAA Division 1-AA playoffs. Another member of that staff, Bill Diedrick, rejoined Baer on both the Cardinal and Irish coaching staffs later.

At Utah State, Baer coached outside linebackers for six seasons (1977-82) before becoming the defensive coordinator and secondary coach for three years (1983-85). In two of his three years as defensive coordinator, the Aggies led the conference in total defense. Baer also brings an international coaching flavor to Stanford, having served as the head coach of the Yokosuka Seahawks (United States Navy) team in Japan for four years (1973-76) before returning to his alma mater of Utah State. While coaching in Japan, he was the athletic and recreation director for the entire United States Navy there, including the Seventh Fleet, with over 100 employees working under him.

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

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

A native of Logan, Utah, Baer was born May 2, 1951. He has three sons: Brian, who was a graduate assistant coach at Stanford, Aaron James (A.J.) and Steven Blake. Brian, who will receive his masters degree in engineering in June, and his wife Kristen, live in Palo Alto.

<u>Year</u>	School/Team	<u>Assignment</u>
1973	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1974	Yokosuka Seakawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1975	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1976	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1977	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1978	Utah State (7-4)	Outside Linebackers
1979	Utah State (9-2)	Outside Linebackers
1980	Utah State (6-5)	Outside Linebackers
1981	Utah State (5-5-1)	Outside Linebackers
1982	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1983	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1984	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1985	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1986	Idaho (8-4, NCAA I-AA playoffs)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1987	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1988	California (5-5-1)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1989	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1990	California (7-4-1, Copper Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1991	California (10-2, Citrus Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1992	Arizona State (6-5)	Defensive Coordinator/Inside LBs
1993	Arizona State (6-5)	Defensive Coordinator/Inside LBs
1994	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside LBs
1995	Stanford (7-4-1, Liberty Bowl)	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1996	Stanford (7-5, Sun Bowl)	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1997	Stanford	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1998	Stanford	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1999	Stanford (8-4, Rose Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2000	Stanford	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2001	Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

## **ASSISTANT COACH MIKE DENBROCK**

Mike Denbrock is in his first season coaching the offensive line at Notre Dame. He will join John McDonell in coaching the line, concentrating on the tackles and tight ends. Denbrock comes to South Bend after serving in the same capacity at Stanford during the 2001 season.

In '01, Denbrock helped lead the way for a Stanford rushing attack which ranked 23rd in the nation in 2001, averaging over 200 yards a game and scoring 27 touchdowns.

Before coming to Stanford, Denbrock was the assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and offensive and defensive line coach for the Buffalo Destroyers of the Arena Football League in both 1999 and 2000. In their second year in the league, Denbrock helped the Destroyers land a playoff berth in 2000. His '99 defense finished third in the league in both scoring and total defense.

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

At NCAA Division II Grand Valley State, Denbrock was the offensive coordinator and defensive coordinator at different times during his seven years (1992-98) in Allendale, Mich. He was the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers coach from 1992-95, then switched to the defensive side of the ball, where he was the coordinator and linebackers coach from '96-'98.

Denbrock's defense at Grand Valley State ranked among the nation's top 30 in total defense, scoring defense and rush defense from 1996-98. His '96 defense led the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference and was 11th nationally in scoring defense while also leading the conference in total defense. As the offensive coordinator, Denbrock's squad was first in the MIFC in both total and scoring offense from 1992-94.

In '95, his offense ranked eighth in the nation in scoring and 12th in total offense. Eight of his players earned first-team All-America honors during his seven-years at Grand Valley State. All told, Denbrock has coached nine first-team All-Americas and several others who have gone on to professional football, including four NFL players.

Following four seasons as a graduate assistant at both Michigan State ('88-'89) and Grand Valley State ('86-'87), Denbrock's first full-time coaching assignment came in 1990 and '91 as the tackles and tight ends coach at Illinois State, an NCAA Division 1-AA team.

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

Born Jan. 29, 1964, in Albion, Mich. Denbrock is engaged to Dianne Swanson with a July wedding set.



	<u>Year</u>	School/Team	<u>Assignment</u>
	1986	Grand Valley State (9-2)	Graduate Assistant (Tackles/Tight Ends)
	1987	Grand Valley State (7-4)	Graduate Assistant (Tackles/Tight Ends)
	1988	Michigan State (6-5-1, Gator Bowl)	Graduate Assistant (Quarterbacks/Receivers)
	1989	Michigan State (8-4, Aloha Bowl)	Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line)
	1990	Illinois State	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)
	1991	Illinois State	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)
	1992	Grand Valley State (8-3)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
	1993	Grand Valley State (6-3-2)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
	1994	Grand Valley State	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
			(8-4, NCAA Div. II playoffs)
	1995	Grand Valley State (8-3)	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks/Receivers
	1996	Grand Valley State (8-3)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
	1997	Grand Valley State (9-2)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
	1998	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
			(9-3, NCAA Div. II playoffs)
	1999	Buffalo Destroyers	Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coord./Lines
	2000	Buffalo Destroyers (Arena League playoffs)	Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coord./Lines
١	2001	Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl)	Offensive Line (tackles, tight ends)



## ASSISTANT COACH JOHN McDONELL



In 1994, Washington State finished the season with an 8-4 record, a win in the Alamo Bowl and a No. 24 final ranking. McDonell also was part of the Washington State team that went to the Copper Bowl in 1992, and defeated Utah 31-28. The Cougars led the Pac-10 in total offense, posted a 9-3 record and a No. 15 final ranking in '92. His running backs coach from 1994-1997 was current Irish running backs coach Buzz Preston.

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

All told, McDonell coached under Price for 17 seasons before heading to Palo Alto.

McDonell began his coaching career at Carroll College, his alma mater, right after graduating with a bachelor's degree in social science in 1981, before becoming the head coach at Scobey High School in Montana in 1982 and '83.

As a player at Carroll College (1977-80), McDonell was a four-year starter, team captain and received All-America recognition following his senior season. He was inducted into the Carroll College Hall of Fame in 1994.

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

Offensive line coach John McDonell enters his first season with the Irish after coaching the same position at Stanford in 2001. McDonell will concentrate on centers and guards with the Irish and will coach in conjunction with Mike Denbrock, who will work with the tackles and tight ends.

A long-time veteran of the Pacific-10 Conference, McDonell joined the Cardinal staff on Jan. 19, 2001. His impact was immediately felt as the Cardinal ranked 23rd nationally in rushing last season, averaging over 200 yards a game and scoring 27 touchdowns. In addition, McDonell coached first-team All-America selection Eric Heitmann.

Prior to his stint at Stanford, McDonell spent the previous 12 years coaching at Washington State University under head coach Mike Price. While with the Cougars, McDonell was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach (1994-00) the last seven years of his tenure. Before that, he coached the offensive line and tight ends from '89-93.

While at Washington State, McDonell was part of three bowl teams, one Pac-10 championship team and some of the greatest offenses in school history. In 1997, with McDonell as the offensive coordinator, the Cougars captured the Pac-10 title and earned a Rose Bowl berth. Washington State finished ninth in the nation that season with a 10-2 record, while McDonell's offense led the Pac-10 and was second nationally after averaging 502 yards in total offense per game. His offense also set conference records for most points scored and most yards gained in a season in '97.

<u>Year</u>	<u>School/Team</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1981	Carroll College	Offensive Line
1982	Scobey (Mont.) High School	Head Coach
1983	Scobey (Mont.) High School	Head Coach
1984	Weber State	Offensive Line
1985	Weber State	Offensive Line
1986	Weber State	Offensive Line
1987	Weber State	Offensive Line
	(10-3, NCAA I-AA semifinals)	
1988	Weber State	Offensive Line
1989	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1990	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1991	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1992	Washington State (9-3, Copper Bowl)	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1993	Washington State	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1994	Washington State (8-4, Alamo Bowl)	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1995	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1996	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1997	Washington State (10-2, Rose Bowl)	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1998	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
1999	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
2000	Washington State	Offensive Coord./Offensive Line
2001	Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl)	Offensive Line (centers, guards)

# **ASSISTANT COACH GREG MATTISON**

Greg Mattison is in his sixth year at Notre Dame, serving as the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the 2002 season. Mattison, who served as defensive coordinator the past five seasons, was retained by Irish first-year head coach Tyrone Willingham during the offseason.

Mattison has coached some of the best defenses in the nation the past five seasons. In 2001, the Notre Dame defense finished the year ranked 14th in the nation in total defense - including 10th in the country in pass defense and 22nd in scoring defense.

A native of Madison, Wis., Mattison was also influential in coaching All-American and potential first-round NFL draft pick Anthony Weaver the past four seasons. Weaver finished his impressive career with 154 tackles and 17 sacks.

After recording only 14 sacks in 1999, Mattison's defense rebounded to record 33 sacks during the 2000 season, including a team-high eight by Weaver. The 2000 pass defense also ranked 44th in the nation.

In 1998, Mattison's defense gave up only 16.4 points per game over its last nine regular-season outings - while not giving up a third quarter touchdown in any of its first nine games. In '97 under Mattison, the Notre Dame defense was ranked 24th in the

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country in pass efficiency defense at 107.77 points and was 31st in the country in scoring defense at 19.83 points per game.

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

Michigan's scoring defense in '96 ranked eighth nationally (15.2 points per game) and the Wolverines also ranked among the top teams in the nation in rushing defense (108.5 yards per game for 17th), pass efficiency defense (20th) and total defense (18th at 300.9). In '95, Michigan ranked 11th in total defense (286.3) and third in rushing defense (90.1).

He started his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Illinois in 1976 under Bob Blackman. He also served as an assistant at Cornell (defensive line in 1977 under Blackman), Northwestern (defensive line in 1978-80 under Rick Venturi), Western Michigan (defensive coordinator and linebackers in 1981-86 under Jack Harbaugh), Navy (defensive line in 1987-88 under Elliott Uzelac) and at Texas A&M (1989-91 under R.C. Slocum).

Coaching the Aggie defensive line in '91,

Defensive Coordinator, Inside Linebackers

Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line

Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line

Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line

Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line

<u>Assignment</u>



Texas A&M boasted the country's top-rated defensive unit (222.4 yards per game) as they won the Southwest Conference title and led the league in all four defensive categories. In '90, Texas A&M stood 19th in total defense and the Aggies were 13th in '89.

Mattison has coached his share of players who have been selected in the National Football League draft including Sam Adams (first round, 1994), Mark Wheeler (third round, 1992), William Carr (seventh round, 1997), Terry Price (10th round, 1990) and Josh Williams. Also, former Irish nose guard Lance Legree signed as a free agent with the New York Giants after the 2000 season.

He has coached teams that have advanced to bowl games in 11 of the past 13 years - including appearances in the Hancock, Holiday and Cotton during his tenure at Texas A&M, followed by consecutive appearances in the Rose, Hall of Fame, Holiday, Alamo and Outback Bowls at Michigan and trips to the Independence, Gator and Fiesta Bowls by Notre Dame his first four years.

Mattison began his coaching career as head coach at Riverdale (Wis.) High School from 1971-73 and had the top-rated team in Wisconsin at Logan High School in LaCrosse, Wis., from 1974-75.

Born Gregory Richard Mattison on Nov. 15, 1949, Mattison earned his undergraduate degree from Wisconsin-LaCrosse in 1971 and earned a master's degree from Illinois in '76.

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

Mattison is married to the former Ann Busse and they have two children - Lisa, who is a junior at Notre Dame and a member of the softball team, and Bryan.

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1971	Riverdale (Wis.) High School	Head Coach
1972	Riverdale (Wis.) High School	Head Coach
1973	Riverdale (Wis.) High School	Head Coach
1974	Logan (Wis.) High School	Head Coach
1975	Logan (Wis.) High School	Head Coach
1976	Illinois	Graduate Assistant
1977	Cornell	Defensive Line
1978	Northwestern	Defensive Line
1979	Northwestern	Defensive Line
1980	Northwestern	Defensive Line
1981	Western Michigan (6-5)	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1982	Western Michigan (7-2-2)	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1983	Western Michigan (6-5)	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1984	Western Michigan	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1985	Western Michigan	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1986	Western Michigan	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
1987	Navy	Defensive Line
1988	Navy	Defensive Line
1989	Texas A&M (8-4, Hancock Bowl)	Defensive Line
1990	Texas A&M (9-3-1, Holiday Bowl)	Defensive Line
1991	Texas A&M (10-2, Cotton Bowl)	Defensive Line
1992	Michigan (9-0-3, Rose Bowl)	Defensive Line
1993	Michigan (8-4, Hall of Fame Bowl)	Defensive Line
1994	Michigan (8-4, Holiday Bowl)	Defensive Line
1995	Michigan (9-4, Alamo Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line
1996	Michigan (8-4, Outback Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line

Notre Dame (7-6, Independence Bowl)

Notre Dame (9-3, Gator Bowl)

Notre Dame (9-3, Fiesta Bowl)

Notre Dame

Notre Dame



# **ASSISTANT COACH TRENT MILES**



Trent Miles is in his first season coaching wide receivers at Notre Dame after serving in the same capacity at Stanford in 2001.

While at Stanford, Miles had the opportunity to coach some of the nation's finest receivers, including Luke Powell, whose 22.3-yard average per catch currently ranks first all-time in Stanford history and freshman Teyo Johnson, who was the 2001 Pacific-10 Co-Freshman of the Year.

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

Miles also brings with him 14 years of coaching experience on the collegiate level. He was the wide receivers coach at Fresno State for three years (1997-99), producing some of the greatest receivers in Bulldogs'

history. Two of his receivers in 1999, sophomores Rodney Wright and Charles Smith, combined to produce over 1,600 yards and 14 touchdowns on 120 receptions, earning Wright all-Western Athletic Conference honors in the process. Their production helped the Bulldogs to a share of the WAC championship and a berth in the EA Sports Las Vegas Bowl.

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

coach the wide receivers as a graduate assistant.

The Terre Haute, Ind., native then headed west to the University of Hawaii for two seasons (1995-96), where he spent a season each with the wide receivers and defensive backs.

Miles earlier had been a wide receiver at Indiana State (1982-86), where his 1983 and '84 squads each won nine games and advanced to the NCAA Division 1-AA playoffs. The 1984 Sycamores were ranked No. 1 in the nation for most of the season. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Indiana State in 1987.

Born July 29, 1963, in Terre Haute, Ind., Miles was an all-state selection as a wide receiver at the city's South Vigo High School, where he also played baseball. Miles is single and lives in South Bend.

<u>Year</u>	School/Team	<u>Assignment</u>
1987	Indiana State	Graduate Assistant (receivers, DBs)
1988	New Mexico	Graduate Assistant (receivers, LBs)
1989	New Mexico	Graduate Assistant (receivers, LBs)
1990	Oklahoma (8-3)	Graduate Assistant (wide receivers)
1991	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1992	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1993	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
1994	Northern Illinois	Defensive Backs
1995	Hawaii	Wide Receivers
1996	Hawaii	Defensive Backs
1997	Fresno State (6-6)	Wide Receivers
1998	Fresno State	Wide Receivers
1999	Fresno State (8-5, Las Vegas Bowl)	Wide Receivers
2000	Green Bay Packers (9-7)	Offensive Assistant/Quality Control
2001	Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl)	Wide Receivers

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## **ASSISTANT COACH BUZZ PRESTON**

Running backs and special teams coach Buzz Preston is in his first season at Notre Dame after previously serving the past three seasons as the running backs coach at Stanford University.

Preston led the Cardinal to new heights in 2001 as for the first time in the history of the program, Stanford led the Pacific-10 in rushing at 201.0 yards per game. The Cardinal rushed for 2,211 total yards in '01 and 27 touchdowns. His '01 backfield of running back Brian Allen (2,117 career yards), running back Kerry Carter (1,515 yards) and fullback Casey Moore (613 yards) provided the Cardinal with the finest group in the Pac-10.

In its first season under Preston's direction, the Cardinal running game more than doubled its yardage output from the previous year. After rushing for 831 yards on 346 carries and averaging 2.4 yards a run in 1998, the Cardinal ground game amassed 1,690 yards on 480 carries and a 4.1 per carry average in '99.

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

Prior to his stay at UNLV, he was the running backs coach at Washington State University from 1994-97. During his four-year stint at Washington State, Preston was part of a coaching staff that guided the Cougars to the Pacific-10 Conference championship in 1997 and its first Rose Bowl appearance

in 67 years. The Cougars offense broke the Pac-10 record for most total yards in a single season. One of Preston's pupils, Mike Black, gained over 1,100 yards rushing and was named to the all-Pac-10 team. The Cougars finished 10-2 overall and ranked ninth in the nation.

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

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

After receiving a bachelor's degree in speech from Hawaii in 1982, and serving as a graduate assistant at Washington in 1983, Preston's first full-time coaching assignment came at Southern Illinois University where he coached receivers and the defensive backfield from 1984-86. During his



three seasons in Carbondale, Southern Illinois University's defense improved dramatically during Preston's tenure — from eighth to second in the conference — while nine of his players received all-conference recognition.

He was a graduate assistant at Hawaii in 1980 and '81 and a part-time coach with the Rainbows in '82. During his career, Preston has been a guest coach for the Toronto Argonauts, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Miami Dolphins.

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



#### **Year School/Team Assignment** 1980 Hawaii (8-3) Graduate Assistant 1981 Hawaii (9-2) Graduate Assistant 1982 Hawaii (6-5) Part-Time Assistant 1983 Washington (8-4, Aloha Bowl) Graduate Assistant 1984 Southern Illinois Wide Receivers 1985 Southern Illinois Wide Receivers 1986 Southern Illinois (7-4) **Defensive Backs** 1987 Special Teams/WRs/DBs Hawaii 1988 Hawaii (9-3) Special Teams/WRs/DBs Hawaii (9-3-1, Aloha Bowl) Special Teams/WRs/DBs 1989 1990 Hawaii (7-5) Special Teams/WRs/DBs Special Teams/WRs/DBs 1991 1992 Hawaii (11-2, Holiday Bowl) Special Teams/WRs/DBs Special Teams/WRs/DBs 1993 Hawaii (6-6) 1994 Washington State (8-4, Alamo Bowl) **Running Backs** 1995 Washington State **Running Backs** 1996 Washington State **Running Backs** 1997 Washington State (10-2, Rose Bowl) **Running Backs** 1998 Assist. Head Coach/Offensive Coord./QBs 1999 Stanford (8-4, Rose Bowl) Running Backs 2000 Stanford **Running Backs** 2001 Stanford (9-3, Seattle Bowl) **Running Backs**



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## **ASSISTANT COACH BOB SIMMONS**



Bob Simmons, who spent six years as the head football coach at Oklahoma State, joins Tyrone Willingham's staff as the linebackers coach for the 2002 season.

While at Oklahoma State, Simmons compiled an overall record of 30-38, as the Cowboys realized amazing success early in Simmons' tenure. During his third season, the Cowboys took that success to another level as Oklahoma State won six straight to open the campaign and finished the '97 season 8-4. The Cowboys were ranked in the nation's top 25 seven of the last eight weeks during the '97 season, finishing the year ranked 25th, and earning an Alamo Bowl appearance against Purdue. It was Oklahoma State's first postseason bowl appearance since 1988, as Simmons earned Big XII Conference Coach of the Year honors.

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

Simmons came to Stillwater, Okla., from the University of Colorado, where he spent seven seasons on Bill McCartney's staff. At Colorado, Simmons was part of a rebuilding process that elevated the Colorado program from a second-division Big Eight finisher to a college football power. While Simmons was on the Colorado staff, the Buffs had a record of 76-16-5 and appeared in six bowl games. Colorado won the national championship in 1990, and won Big Eight Conference championships in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Born June 13, 1948 in Livingston, Ala., Simmons is married to the former Linda Davidson and has three children – Brandon (27), Nathan (25) and Lelanna (19). Brandon and his wife Aisha also have two children BJ (5) and Ethan (3).

<u>Year</u>	<u>School/Team</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1976	Bowling Green (6-5)	Receivers
1977	Toledo	Outside Linebackers
1978	Toledo	Outside Linebackers
1979	Toledo (7-3-1)	Outside Linebackers
1980	West Virginia	Outside Linebackers
1981	West Virginia (9-3, Peach Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1982	West Virginia (9-3, Gator Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1983	West Virginia (9-3, Hall of Fame Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1984	West Virginia (8-4, Bluebonnet Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1985	West Virginia (7-3-1)	Outside Linebackers
1986	West Virginia	Outside Linebackers
1987	West Virginia (6-6, Sun Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1988	Colorado (8-4, Freedom Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1989	Colorado (11-1, Orange Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1990	Colorado (11-1, Orange Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1991	Colorado (8-3-1, Blockbuster Bowl)	Outside Linebackers
1992	Colorado (9-2-1, Fiesta Bowl)	Defensive Line
1993	Colorado (8-3-1, Aloha Bowl)	Defensive Line
1994	Colorado (11-1, Fiesta Bowl)	Defensive Line
1995	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
1996	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
1997	Oklahoma State (8-4, Alamo Bowl)	Head Coach
1998	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
1999	Oklahoma State	Head Coach
2000	Oklahoma State	Head Coach

## **ASSISTANT COACH TRENT WALTERS**

Trent Walters is in his first year coaching the Notre Dame secondary after serving the past eight seasons as a defensive assistant coach under Dennis Green for the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings.

Walters coached the Vikings' outside linebackers from 1994-99 before switching to inside linebackers in 2000. In 2001, Walters served as a defensive assistant coach. During Walters' tenure with the Vikings, Minnesota posted a 77-51 (.601) record, making the playoffs six times over the past eight years.

In 2000, Walters helped former Stanford player Kailee Wong as he moved to the inside linebacker position for the first time in his career. Wong led the team in total tackles with 134, solo tackles at 93 and was tied for the team lead in interceptions with two. Walters also coached Dwayne Rudd that season, who finished fourth on the club in tackles with 91 and led the team in assisted tackles with 53.

In '98, Walters helped coach a Vikings defense that gave up only 296 points (sixth best in the NFL) and shut out opponents in 29 of a possible 73 quarters, including the playoffs.

The defense, led by strong-side linebacker Dixon Edwards, held opponents to under 20 points in five straight games (9/28-11/2) during the Vikings six-game winning streak in '97. Minnesota also held its opposition to 17-orfewer points in nine games in '96. The Vikings finished third in the NFL in third-down defense (33.2%), sixth in the league in sacks (43) and tied for seventh in takeaways (35) in '96.

In '95, the Vikings finished second in the league in takeaways (40), fourth in the NFL in run defense (83.1) and tied for fourth in the league in sacks (44). In '94, Minnesota led the NFL in run defense, holding opponents to the fewest rushing yards per game (68.1) in the league in 30 years. The Vikings also led the NFL in yards allowed per carry (3.1) and ranked fifth in total defense (296.4) in '94.

Before coaching in Minnesota, Walters served as defensive backs coach at Texas A&M from 1991-93. During his tenure in College Station, the Aggies led the Southwest Conference in total defense, rush defense, pass defense and scoring defense, becoming only the second school in NCAA history to lead its conference in all four categories three straight years. In '93, Texas A&M led the nation in pass defense, finished second in points allowed (10.8 per game) and third in total defense (247.6). In '91, they held opponents to the fewest yards per game in the nation. During the '91 season, Walters coached on the same staff as current Irish defensive line coach Greg Mattison and former Irish head coach Bob Davie.

Among Walters' pupils at Texas A&M were cornerbacks Kevin Smith, an '91 All-American who had a long career with the Dallas Cowboys, and Aaron Glenn, the '93 Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year, who was drafted by the Jets with the 12th overall pick in '94. Walters coached seven first-team all-SWC picks while at A&M.

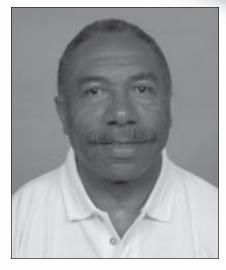
Before joining the Aggies, Walters guided the secondary for five years (1986-90) at Louisville, where he helped turn around the Cardinals program from 3-8 in '86 to 10-1-1 in '90. In his final season at Louisville, the team won a school-record 10 games, played its first postseason game (Fiesta Bowl) since '77 and captured its first bowl victory (34-7 over Alabama) since '70. One of Walters' star pupils with the Cardinals was Ray Buchanan who was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the 1991 Fiesta Bowl as a sophomore. He earned NFL All-Rookie honors with Indianapolis in '93, finished third in the league with eight interceptions in '94 and was named to the '98 Pro Bowl following his terrific season with the Atlanta Falcons.

Walters began his coaching career overseeing the freshmen and junior varsity team at his alma mater Indiana in '68. He coached defensive backs at Louisville in '72 before returning to Indiana to guide the Hoosiers secondary for eight years (1973-80). In three seasons (1981-83) as defensive backs coach at the University of Washington, Walters groomed future NFL players Vince Newsome, Ray Horton, Vince Albritton and Vestee Jackson.

In '84, Walters received his first pro coaching opportunity tutoring defensive backs at Cincinnati. He then guided the secondary for a season (1985) at the University of Pittsburgh.

In '66 and '67, Walters led the Canadian Football League in punt and kickoff return yardage while playing for an Edmonton team that was coached by former Vikings assistant Neill Armstrong.

A three-year letterman at Indiana, Walters led the Hoosiers in punt and kickoff returns as a senior in '65. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and biology and



his master's in physical education administration from Indiana. Walters is a member of the Sports Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn., where he attended Austin High School.

Walters and his wife Gail, also an Indiana as well as a University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work graduate, have two sons, Trent and Troy and a daughter, Vanessa. Trent is an advertising account manager for the Richards Group and has a son Brandon (3). Troy was an All-America wide receiver/punt returner and won the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's best wide receiver, while earning all-Pacific-10 academic team honors at Stanford under new Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham. Troy received both his bachelor's and master's from Stanford. Vanessa will graduate from the University of Washington Medical School in June and will do her residency in Jacksonville, Fla.



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<u>Year</u>	<u>School/Team</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1968	Indiana (6-4)	Assistant Freshmen/Junior Varsity
1969	Indiana	Assistant Freshmen/Junior Varsity
1970	Indiana	Head Freshmen/Junior Varsity
1971	Indiana	Head Freshman/Junior Varsity
1972	Louisville (9-1)	Defensive Backs
1973	Indiana	Defensive Backs
1974	Indiana	Defensive Backs
1975	Indiana	Defensive Backs
1976	Indiana	Defensive Backs
1977	Indiana (5-5-1)	Defensive Backs
1978	Indiana	Defensive Backs
1979	Indiana (8-4, Holiday Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1980	Indiana (6-5)	Defensive Backs
1981	Washington (10-2, Rose Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1982	Washington (10-2, Aloha Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1983	Washington (8-4, Aloha Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1984	Cincinnati Bengals (8-8)	Defensive Backs
1985	Pittsburgh (5-5-1)	Defensive Backs
1986	Louisville	Defensive Backs
1987	Louisville	Defensive Backs
1988	Louisville (8-3)	Defensive Backs
1989	Louisville (6-5)	Defensive Backs
1990	Louisville (10-1-1, Fiesta Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1991	Texas A&M (10-2, Cotton Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1992	Texas A&M (12-1, Cotton Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1993	Texas A&M (10-2, Cotton Bowl)	Defensive Backs
1994	Minnesota Vikings	Outside Linebackers
	(10-6, NFC Central champion, NFC playoffs first round)	
1995	Minnesota Vikings (8-8)	Outside Linebackers
1996	Minnesota Vikings	Outside Linebackers
	(9-7, NFC playoffs first round)	
1997	Minnesota Vikings	Outside Linebackers
	(9-7, NFC playoffs second round)	
1998	Minnesota Vikings	Outside Linebackers
	(15-1, NFC Central champion, NFC championship game)	
1999	Minnesota Vikings	Outside Linebackers
	(10-6, NFC playoffs second round)	
2000	Minnesota Vikings	Inside Linebackers
	(11-5, NFC Central champion, NFC championship game)	
2001	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive Assistant

## **FOOTBALL STAFF**



#### BILL REAGAN

#### **Football Administrator**

Bill Reagan is in his second season as the football administrator for the Fighting Irish program. Before coming to Notre Dame, Reagan was the offensive coordinator for five seasons at Ashland (Ohio) University and before that was the head football coach for 10 years at St. Joseph's (Ind.) College.

Reagan assists in managing the administrative aspects of recruiting and is in charge of other assigned football operations. He serves as the liaison for the football office to a number of administrative offices in the athletic department and on campus.

In addition to serving as offensive coordinator at Ashland the last five years, he also coached the Eagle quatterbacks and receivers — and for four seasons (1995-98) worked as the Ashland strength and conditioning coach and compliance officer.

He helped Ashland to the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference co-championship in 1997 – as well as an NCAA Division II playoff berth that same season. The Eagles claimed league runnerup honors in '98 and '99, and the '97 Ashland team ranked as high as 12th in the national poll, as well as among the national leaders in total offense.

At St. Joseph's, he was a member of a charter group of coaches that helped create the MIFC, was influential in St. Joseph's increasing its full scholarship commitment from 22 to 35—and served on the American Football Coaches Association All-America selection committee

Originally from Lorain, Ohio, Reagan earned his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's in 1974 in health and physical education. He received a master's degree in physical education and health from Eastern Michigan in 1980.

Born Feb. 21, 1952, he and his wife Elizabeth are parents of three children — Courtney (a '98 Saint Mary's College graduate), Kevin (who just finished his football career at Butler University) and Patrick (a sophomore at St. Joseph's High School).



#### REX HOGAN

#### **Football Intern**

Rex Hogan is in his third year as the football intern at Notre Dame after serving as the business office intern in the Irish athletic department for two years. In his current role, Hogan assists the football office with a number of duties - many of which revolve around the recruiting process and parent relations.

As an intern in the busiess office, Hogan had responsbilities in a number of areas, including financial reports and analysis, home game management and team travel.

Hogan was an auditor for the Ford Motor Credit Company in Brentwood, Tenn., from 1995-98.

Born Aug. 12, 1972, Hogan is a 1995 graduate of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., with a degree in public relations.

He was a four-year member of the Austin Peay football team and was a two-time all-Ohio Valley Conference pick as a punter. He was named to the OVC academic honor roll all four years at the school.

Hogan is single and lives in South Bend.



#### DENNIS MOYNIHAN

#### **Graduate Assistant**

Dennis Moynihan is in his third year as a graduate assistant at Notre Dame. Moynihan works on all facets on the defensive side of the football and assists specifically with the defensive line.

During the 1997 season and again in '99, Moynihan served as the football recruiting intern at Notre Dame. While working with recruiting, he helped the Irish sign two top 10 recruiting classes.

Moynihan served as an assistant coach and defensive coordinator at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., during the 1998 season.

Moynihan began his career at his alma mater, the University of Connecticut. After three years as a member of the football team, he served as an undergraduate assistant coach in 1992. Upon graduation, Moynihan remained on the staff as an assistant coach working with the defensive secondary.

Born Sept. 8, 1971, Moynihan is a native of South Windsor, Conn., where he also captained both the football and lacrosse teams during his senior year.

Moynihan is single and resides in South Bend.



#### JOHN DEFILIPPO

#### **Graduate Assistant**

John DeFilippo is in his second season as a graduate assistant coach with the Notre Dame football team. At Notre Dame, DeFilippo helps with all aspects of the offense and coordinates the defensive scout team.

Before coming to Notre Dame, DeFilippo served as the quarterbacks coach and junior varsity offensive coordinator at Fordham in 2000.

A former four-year letterwinner as a quarterback at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., DeFilippo earned all-Atlantic 10 Conference academic honors four straight seasons and helped the team to the league title as a senior in 1999.

A 2000 James Madison graduate with a degree in speech communication with a concentration in public relations, he also served summer coaching internships in 1997 with the National Football League's Carolina Panthers and in '98 with the Indianapolis Colts.

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