



## Kicking off another season



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The beginning of college football season is less than a month away. And the Football Writers Association of America is gearing up for another big year.

The first addition to the FWAA programs this season is a regular-season college football poll, which will debut on Sept. 30.

The FWAA's preseason poll to be released on Aug. 16 will serve as a preview of the regular season poll, which will feature 16 FWAA voters who will vote exclusively in the association's poll. The mechanics of the poll are explained elsewhere in this issue of *The Fifth Down*.

The FWAA print directory will be out in late August and will have a different look this season. Members will be listed in alphabetical order instead of by state. Hopefully, this will help you locate a member if you don't know where he or she lives. The team pages have been expanded. FWAA members will be able to access the directory on-line. It will be updated with changes.

And speaking of on-line, [www.fwaac.com](http://www.fwaac.com) is bigger and better than ever. For those of you who have forgotten your password to the members' side, remember you can access it with **rosebowl** (username) and **pasadena** (password). In order not to slight the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, you also will be able to access the members' side of the website by typing in **fiestabowl** and **tempe**. All the letters are lowercase and the bowl names are one word.

We encourage you to send your comments to FWAA president Kelly Whiteside at [kwhiteside@usatoday](mailto:kwhiteside@usatoday). Other officers and board members are listed on Page 2 of *The Fifth Down*. Here are some other key people to query or send information to in the FWAA:

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Here's to a great year of college football!

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# President's column



**KELLY  
 WHITESIDE**

Now that the start of the football season is almost here, it's certainly not too early to discuss the race for the national championship. With that in mind, we introduce the Grantland Rice Super 16 poll.

The concept has been discussed during the last few years by Steve Richardson and Cody Monk and Ted Gangi of HiTEX! Enterprises, FWAA's online and marketing partner. But now we want your feedback on our proposal, on what works and what doesn't work for you.

We will begin the poll Sept. 30. Sixteen FWAA members who cover the sport nationally would vote each Sunday, ending with the Bowl Championship Series title game. The final No. 1 team would receive the Grantland Rice Trophy, which has been awarded to the FWAA's national champion since 1954.

Of course, there's plenty of debate over the current BCS system, even its two polls, the Associated Press Poll and the Coaches' Poll. The ballots of the voters who participate in those two polls are mostly anonymous. Ours wouldn't be. We will post the ballots on our website, and each voter's affiliated medium also will have the option of publishing their voter's ballot as well. This will be an improvement over the existing two polls because our voters will be held accountable.

So why now and why 16 teams? Since the BCS will be around for the

near future, and since the formula has been tinkered with every season, we would hope that the Grantland Rice Super 16 Poll would be considered for inclusion in the 2003 BCS formula. This will add another human element to the equation. Also, if the NCAA ever decides to move to a playoff system in Division I-A, there probably would be a 16 team-format, as the playoff systems in the other divisions already have.

This poll will also have more credibility because the 16 voters chosen will be writers who attend national games every weekend. Many voters in the AP poll and of course the coaches in their poll only get to see the individual teams they cover or coach. We will have a balanced geographic representation among the voters, which will further ensure we are adequately covering the national scene in our poll.

Now it's your turn. What do you think? Please e-mail your thoughts to us at [KWhiteside@usatoday.com](mailto:KWhiteside@usatoday.com) and [tigerfwaa@aol.com](mailto:tigerfwaa@aol.com).

Another thought before the first kickoff: Now is the time to be vigilant about the issues that mean most to us. With games seemingly on every night of the week and of course prime time TV Saturday games, our deadline pressures have increased. We need to communicate to sports information directors the increased necessity of speed during the post-game. We need quicker locker room or press conference availability and quicker postgame stats.

Also, it's not too early to be thinking about plans for the Fiesta Bowl, the site of the national championship game on Jan. 3. Hard to believe it's only a few months away. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

# Grantland Rice Super 16 Poll Q&A

## Why 16 teams?

The traditional coaches and writers polls now rank 25 teams when, in fact, the BCS formula, which determines the premier bowl matchups — including the so-called national title game — only ranks 15. To have the Grantland Rice Poll be considered for participation in the BCS formula, there is no need to rank more than 16 teams. Also, if the NCAA moves to a playoff system in Division I-A, the likely number of playoff teams — as it is in Divisions I-AA, II and III — will be 16.

## Do we need another poll?

Because the BCS committee has stated publicly that it will be de-emphasizing its various computer rankings, it will need another element for judgment in its formula. The FWAA would provide this option with the Grantland Rice Poll.

## There already is a writers poll. Why do we need another?

Yes, the Associated Press poll is voted on by various media — most of it writers. However, many of the voters are from small markets and all of the voters can choose to remain anonymous. The Grantland Rice Poll will bring together an elite group of voters who will take more time to vote and, thus, be able to fully consider the results of all of the games played each week.

## What makes the Grantland Rice Poll credible?

The pollsters will be an elite group of national media chosen from the 1,000-member Football Writers Association of America. All pollsters will be media who cover the game from a true national perspective for some of the largest media entities in the country.

## What makes this poll different?

Since college football's polls have been published, the rankings of the individual voters — media and coaches — have been almost completely anonymous. The Grantland Rice Poll will change that. Aside from ranking just 16 teams, each of the 16 voters has agreed to have individual rankings published each week — both in print and online — thereby accepting accountability for the rankings.

## Why not release rankings each week?

After the preseason poll is released, the Grantland Rice Poll will not be released again until the week before the first BCS rankings are released. This will help eliminate the possibility that a lower-ranked team is unable to rise above teams ranked above it in the preseason poll. Waiting until a few weeks into the season will allow voters to give a more accurate ranking of the nation's top teams.

## What is the Grantland Rice Trophy?

The FWAA began awarding its national championship trophy in 1954. It has a far deeper tradition than even the BCS Championship Trophy (formerly the Sears Trophy). In the past, the FWAA's national championship has been chosen by a select committee of FWAA members. With the Grantland Rice Poll, that will change and the trophy will be awarded to the school that leads the poll after the season is completed.

## THE VOTERS

Four FWAA members from each of four regions — East, South, Midwest, West — have been chosen to vote in the Grantland Rice Super 16 Poll.

In addition to voting, each pollster will provide a short synopsis detailing his/her vote. The rankings of each voter will be made public, along with the complete poll, on the FWAA's website, [www.footballwriters.com](http://www.footballwriters.com). The pollsters will also select a weekly "Team of the Week" based on the previous week's games.

- Shelly Anderson, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
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Seth Marler  
 K, Tulane

## 2002 OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

The following players are considered the top candidates for the 2002 Outland Trophy, which is presented by the Football Writers Association of America to the top interior lineman in college football each season.

The winner of the 2002 Outland Trophy will be announced Dec. 12 on the ESPN College Football Awards Show from Orlando, Fla. Three finalists will be selected by the FWAA All-America Committee in late November and will appear on the show. The winner of the 2002 Outland Trophy will receive his trophy during a banquet on Jan. 9 in Omaha, Neb.

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 Josh Babin, DT, Western Michigan  
 Tyler Brayton, DT, Colorado  
 Enoch DeMar, OG, Indiana  
 Robbie Doane, OT, Texas  
 Derrick Dockery, OG, Texas  
 Darnell Dockett, DT, Florida State  
 Nat Dorsey, OT, Georgia Tech  
 Jeff Faine, C, Notre Dame  
 Josh Gardner, OT, Cincinnati  
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 Adam Goldberg, OT, Wyoming  
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 Sherko Haji-Rasouli, OG, Miami, Fla.  
 Kwame Harris, OT, Stanford  
 Tommie Harris, DT, Oklahoma  
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 Al Johnson, C, Wisconsin  
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 Cody Johnson, C, Nevada  
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 Kenny King, DT, Alabama  
 Dan Klecko, DL, Temple  
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 Matt Martinez, C, Idaho  
 Nate McPeck, OT, Marshall  
 Rodney Michael, C, Fresno State  
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 Lance Nimmo, OT, West Virginia  
 Joe Olivo, NT, New Mexico State



Bryant McKinnie of national champion Miami (Fla.) won the Outland Trophy in 2001.

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 Rex Richards, OG, Texas Tech  
 Brian Rimpf, OT, East Carolina  
 Derrick Roche, OG, Washington St.  
 Brett Romberg, C, Miami, Fla.  
 Nick Romeo, C, Syracuse  
 Mike Saffer, OT, UCLA  
 Walter Sampson, NG, La.-Lafayette  
 Steve Sciuлло, OT, Marshall  
 Ian Scott, DT, Florida  
 Garrett Smith, DT, Utah  
 Eric Steinbach, OG, Iowa  
 Jon Stinchcomb, OL, Georgia  
 David Upchurch, NT, West Virginia  
 Matt Walters, DT, Miami, Fla.  
 Ty Warren, DL, Texas A&M  
 Brandon Westbrook, OT, Mid. Tenn.  
 Todd Wike, OG, Maryland  
 Brett Williams, OT, Florida State

# Earl Luebker, former FWAA president

*Editor's note: The following is reprinted from the Tacoma News Tribune. Earl Luebker died on April 13.*

**By Dave Boling**

*Tacoma News Tribune*

As late as Friday afternoon, Earl Luebker was still crafting stories and entertaining his audience.

When old friend and colleague Ted Pearson visited, Earl asked to have the head of his hospital bed elevated, because he wanted to "rise to a higher level of thought."

"That's Earl," Pearson said. "He never lost his wit."

Luebker, at age 78, died of leukemia Saturday afternoon.

For 37 years, Luebker was a sportswriter/sports editor at *The News Tribune*.

It's unlikely anybody here has gathered as many professional accolades, as he was named president of the Football Writers Association of America and also winner of the prestigious Jim Murray Award.

But those who knew him mostly think of Earl much the same way former Seattle Seahawks coach Jack Patera did when asked Saturday evening: "Earl was just a big, friendly guy. He was one of the truly nice people."

Although Earl didn't burden the reader with self-indulgent personal asides, readers came to know him through his purposeful columns.

He'd write of pros one day and preps the next; football, soccer, hoops, boxing, opinion, personality, humor ... nostalgia.

It was all delivered in a style that was clear and direct, insightful and wise. He relied on no tricks nor cosmetic rhetoric to divert the reader from the substance of his message.

Cynicism was yet to grow popular on sports pages, and Earl likewise spared his readers the sanctimony and sarcasm that sometimes serve as today's staple.

"He knew that sports has its glitches, but he took 'em, warts and all," Pearson said. "He liked to look at the brighter side of sports and people appreciated that."

Perhaps his outlook was brightened by the fact that he was one of the rare people who actually fully achieves his aspirations.

In his farewell column in the summer of 1986, Earl reflected on how his adolescent contemporaries held dreams that were worlds apart from their dreary reality in Depression-era Oklahoma.

"One kid wasn't all that ambitious; he dreamed only of becoming a sportswriter," he wrote.

As early as grade school, Earl would swing by the post office every day to pick up the *Daily Oklahoman* to absorb what he hoped would become his craft. Soon, he was serving as a "country correspondent" for the dailies in his area, filing reports on the efforts of the Prague (Okla.) High Red Devils.

After serving in the Army and graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Luebker hooked on with the *Tribune* in 1949. "I think he was the epitome of his era," said Marv Harshman, Hall of Fame coach and longtime friend of Luebker. "It was a time when most sportswriters were very positive. There were almost no negatives. No matter how bad the team was, he never put you down. He always found something good to say about the kids and how hard they were working."

Writers and sources were not separated by suspicions and cautious protocol in those days, either, which Harshman appreciated.

"For me, personally, he was a great friend to travel with," he said. "We used to have some good times together, going out and eating and socializing. He was such an enjoyable person. He was real down-homesy, being from Oklahoma. He had a lot of great stories."

Always did. Even after his retirement, he would frequently visit press boxes and go down the line, from friend to friend, telling tales and sharing scuttlebutt and speculation. He enjoyed his mock-gloating that he was no longer one of those still dodging the dangling sword of nightly deadlines.

But the fact that he visited the press box so often stood as proof of how dearly he still loved the camaraderie of the place and its nearness to the games and to those who played them.

Asked about his reputation as a speedy producer of clean copy on deadline, Earl always joked, "You can accomplish anything when you're not too proud."

That was baseless self-deprecation, of course. The man loved the written word and the impact it could have when appropriately applied.

"It has been said that being a sportswriter is akin to the priesthood, a vow of poverty must be taken," he wrote in 1986. "Fortunately, silence and chastity aren't among the vows.

"Sports used to be relatively simple. A game was played. Somebody won. Somebody lost. Now, if a writer doesn't understand economics, philosophy, psychology and the law, he's out of it. The game no longer is the thing."

An appreciation for the direct approach to his profession was best articulated when he outlined his two goals as a writer ... a brief anthem that should be co-opted by every journalism school in the country.

They were: To gain the confidence, trust and respect of his news sources. And to write with integrity and in a style that told what happened in a language sports fans and non-sports fans could understand. To write for the readers, not other writers.

Earl Luebker leaves behind his wife, Jill, and daughter, Anne.