

Dick Weiss will receive McGrane Award in Atlanta

The FWAA will kick off the 2013 season in style with President Chris Dufresne of the *Los Angeles Times* presenting the Bert McGrane Award to Dick Weiss on Aug. 28 at the Omni Hotel in downtown Atlanta. The presentation will take place during enshrinement of the College Football Hall of Fame's 2012 Class.

Weiss, longtime college sports writer for the *New York Daily News*, is the 40th winner of the award, which is symbolic of the organization's Hall of Fame.



Dick Weiss

Weiss was the association's president in 2004 and is expected to cover his 29th national championship football game in early January in Pasadena. Weiss' name and biography will be listed with the 39 other Bert McGrane winners when the new College Football Hall of Fame opens in Atlanta in the fall of 2014. The FWAA began awarding the McGrane Award in 1974.

"I feel humbled and honored to receive this award from the Football Writers Association," Weiss said. "So many of the past recipients — Furman Bisher of the *Atlanta Constitution*, Paul Zimmerman of the *Los Angeles Times*, Edwin Pope of the *Miami Herald*, Blackie Sherrod of the *Dallas Morning News*, Maury White of the *Des Moines Register* and Dick Herbert of the *Raleigh*



Bert McGrane (left) is shown at his retirement party from the *Des Moines Register* in 1964 after a 41-year career at the paper. *Photo courtesy of the Bert McGrane Family.*

News & Observer — were giants in our profession who gave college football a bigger than life feeling with their writing every Saturday afternoon in the fall. They made us want to read the Sunday papers.

"Recent recipients like Steve Richardson, Mark Blaudschun, Tony Barnhart and Dave Sittler have carried on the same tradition," Weiss added. "I am pleased to be in their company."

Weiss has covered college sports for the *New York Daily News* since 1993 and before that held a similar post for about 10 years at the *Philadelphia Daily News*. He graduated from Temple in 1969 and then worked at the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Trenton Times* before moving to the *Philadelphia Daily News*.



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President's column



CHRIS DUFRESNE

From your President's desk: As summer ends it's easy to get, as we internet surfers say in California, "bummed out."

As a kid I remember dreading the start of school by staring at the wall clock while watching the Jerry Lewis Telethon over the not-long-enough Labor Day Weekend.

Thank God and Bear Bryant for college football, which almost makes it worth watching 31 August sunsets disappear helplessly over Chino Hills.

There is nothing like the sights, smells and sounds of a new season, and this year certainly marks a season of dramatic change.

I could show off and recite all the details of conference realignment but instead recommend that you "Google" a summation story written by Yahoo! word wizard Pat Forde, an FWAA member in good (or at least decent) standing.

"You're forgiven if you've lost track of all the announced changes," Forde writes. "...The new geography will take some getting used to."

Funny, they said the same thing about Krakatoa.

We know this is the last year of the BCS, the last year of double hosting and the only time the Rose Bowl will celebrate its 100th anniversary game before hosting the last BCS title game on Jan. 6.

It will also be an exciting season for the FWAA.

The new media directories will be issued in mid-to-late August. I think most of you would agree the directories are one of the great perks of FWAA membership.

Our goal was to spread the FWAA gospel all summer. I personally set up FWAA lemonade stands at media days for the Mountain West and Pac 12 conferences.

I understand the concern some writers have about having to pay for membership out of their own pocket. Many media com-

panies that used to cover membership fees, including mine, do not any longer.

I would argue the directory alone is worth the money. I would tell you the membership fee has been a deductible item on my income tax return for years.

There are also many other perks and benefits associated with membership that will easily cover the fees cost. Please refer to the FWAA website for more information.

It will be my honor to travel to Atlanta in late August to present the Bert McGrane Award to Dick Weiss during Hall of Fame Week. I will then stick around for the Alabama-Virginia Tech game.

The watch lists for the Outland and Nagurski awards went out on July 11. Once the season nears, and then starts, there are several important dates to note.

Our regular season kicks off Aug. 26 with the release of the Grantland Rice Preseason Poll. On Nov. 11 the recipient for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Merit Award will be announced in Fort Worth.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy finalists will be announced Nov. 21 in Dallas followed by the Outland Trophy finalists announcement Nov. 25 on ESPN.

Circle Dec. 8 as the day the Rose Bowl All-Century Team, in conjunction with the FWAA, will be announced in Pasadena. The month also includes the naming of this year's Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year (Dec. 16) and the FWAA All-America Team (Dec. 18). Ceremony season concludes Jan. 9 with the Outland Trophy Banquet in Omaha.

You can find a full listing of the 2013-14 FWAA awards calendar on Page 6.

As the season nears, we at FWAA will continue to be vigilant in monitoring player access and press box issues that seem to be cropping up more and more each fall. We as FWAA members deserve the right to do our jobs in a safe, professional workplace. We don't deserve to be seated behind a post while the booster in front of us marvels at his fantastic sight lines. We should not fear, after games, making the trek from the press box to the parking lot.

Do not hesitate to make me, or Steve, aware of any situation and we will do our best to get them resolved.

FWAA President Joe Doyle will Be Long Remembered

This story by FWAA member Eric Hansen was reprinted from the May 10, 2013 editions of the South Bend Tribune. Doyle was the FWAA's President in 1979.

By Eric Hansen

South Bend Tribune

SOUTH BEND — Their last attempt at a conversation ended without any actual words being exchanged.

Ara Parseghian just trusted that long-time friend Joe Doyle would be better the next day, even though the 92-year-old *South Bend Tribune* sports editor emeritus was confined to the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Joe always bounced back. That's who he was, a man who led with his heart when it came to adversity and rarely, if ever, measured his words when it came to his bold points of view.

His weakened condition, driven by a bout with pneumonia, kept the two friends from reminiscing in May about their morning talks over coffee decades ago at Milt's Grill, about politics or golf, about what kind of Notre Dame football team Brian Kelly was concocting for the fall of 2013.

Nor did they get to tell each other good bye.

Joe Arthur Doyle died peacefully in his hospital bed, surrounded by family. He already had penned his obituary years earlier, but never approached a day in his life as if he'd ever have to actually put it to use.

"We always kidded each other about our ages," said Parseghian, who hits 90 himself later in May.

Kidding was a staple of Doyle's personality, and he wasn't afraid to poke fun at himself — or an unsuspecting ND football coach. In one of his first encounters with Kelly, Doyle cornered the coach after a press conference, put his arm on Kelly's shoulder in a fatherly sort of way and then uttered to Kelly, "Knute Rockne was funnier than you."

Rockne was actually one of the few Irish head coaches Doyle didn't have a chance to cover during his long and impacting career. He was growing up in rural Wisconsin, attending school in a one-room school house, during the latter part of Rockne's historic run.

Doyle joined the *Tribune* in 1949 after graduating magna cum laude from Notre Dame in 1949 at the age of 28. He was named sports editor in 1951 and held that title until he retired from the *Tribune* in 1981.

A long military career, with a beginning that preceded his *Tribune* days, ended up overlapping them, with Doyle serving as a colonel in the Air Force reserve.

"There really were weekends when Joe would hustle off his stories after a Notre Dame football game and then be the navigator on a plane taking troops and/or supplies into or out of Vietnam the following day," wrote Bill Moor, the man who followed and added to the Doyle legacy as Doyle's successor as sports editor.

"While Notre Dame fans were living and dying with the Irish again by reading his accounts in the Sunday paper, at that same moment Joe himself may have been dodging anti-aircraft fire halfway around the world. But chances are he would be back in time to have coffee with Ara Parseghian at Milt's Grill early Monday morning."

"We made a deal early," Doyle said back in 1981. "Ara wouldn't tell me how to write and I wouldn't tell him how to coach."

Parseghian's favorite memory of their early-morning get-togethers was when a man who had obviously been out drinking all night sat in Doyle's spot at the table before Doyle had arrived.

When Doyle pulled up at the table, Parseghian and his friend started talking as if the man wasn't there.

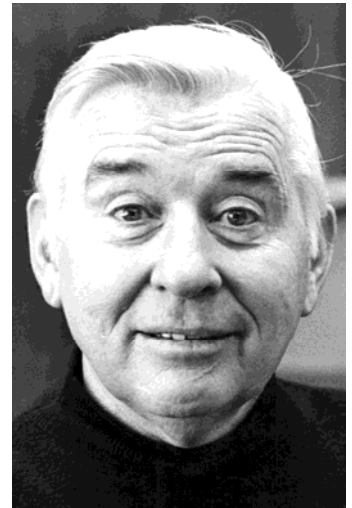
"He tried to jump into the conversation," Parseghian recalled of the stranger. "He eventually got frustrated that I wouldn't talk to him and just decided to leave."

Doyle would later form a bond with another legendary Irish coach, Lou Holtz.

"There are certain people in the world who are icons in their profession," Holtz said Friday night. "Joe Doyle falls into that category of writers."

"Guys like Jim Murray (Los Angeles), Furman Bisher (Atlanta), Sid Hartman (Minneapolis) and Joe Doyle. They all did a tremendous job. They were guys you trusted to inform people. Whether the story was good or bad, they treated it the same."

"Joe was always fair. He wanted the home team to do well, but he was always fair with his story. He and Ara were so close. Every time I dealt with him he was always



Joe Doyle

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Outland Trophy Watch List

Florida State, USC, Stanford and Tennessee combined to put 13 players on the 2013 Outland Trophy Watch List announced by the Football Writers Association of America.

One lone, but important member of the FWAAs 2012 All-America Team — Texas A&M senior offensive tackle Jake Matthews — also appears on the Watch List for the 2013 Outland Trophy, which is awarded to the best interior lineman in college



Matthews
football.

A year ago, Matthews was on the same Aggie line that included 2012 Outland Trophy Winner Luke Joeckel, the No. 2 pick overall in

the 2013 NFL Draft now prepping to play for the Jacksonville Jaguars. Joeckel, also an offensive tackle, was A&M's first Outland finalist.

Florida State and Stanford have never had an Outland Trophy winner in the 67-year history of the award. USC has had one winner, and Tennessee has had two interior linemen claim the prestigious bronze trophy. The Aggies could have two straight winners after being shut out in the first 66 years of the award, which is the third oldest in major-college football.

The Outland Trophy winner is chosen from three finalists who are members of the FWAAs All-America Team. The FWAAs All-America Committee, after voting input from the entire membership, selects the 26-man team and eventually the three Outland finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot,

select the winner. Only interior linemen on offense or defense are eligible for the award; ends are not eligible.

The list will be trimmed to six or seven semifinalists on Nov. 20. Five days later three finalists will be named. The winner of the 68th Outland Trophy, named after the late John Outland, an All-America lineman at Penn at the turn of the 20th Century, will be announced on *College Football Awards* on Dec. 12 from the Disney Boardwalk in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The Outland Trophy presentation banquet, sponsored by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee, will be on Jan. 9, 2014, in Omaha, Neb. This year, North Carolina State center Jim Ritcher, the 1979 Outland Trophy winner, will be honored in Omaha.

Defensive Tackles

Aaron Donald, Pittsburgh
Anthony Johnson, LSU
Calvin Barnett, Oklahoma State
Chucky Hunter, TCU
Daniel McCullers, Tennessee
DaQuan Jones, Penn State
Deandre Coleman, California
Dominique Easley, Florida
Kelcy Quarles, South Carolina
Kerry Hyder, Texas Tech
Leonard Williams, USC
Louis Nix III, Notre Dame
Nikita Whitlock, Wake Forest
Ra'Shede Hageman, Minnesota
Roosevelt Nix, Kent State
Ryan Carrethers, Arkansas State
Timmy Jernigan, Florida State
Will Sutton, Arizona State
Eathyn Manumaleuna, BYU

Centers

Andrew Miller, Virginia Tech
BJ Finney, Kansas State
Brandon Vitabile, Northwestern
Bryan Stork, Florida State
Gabe Ikard, Oklahoma

Hroniss Grasu, Oregon
Isaac Seumalo, Oregon State
Travis Swanson, Arkansas
Tyler Larsen, Utah State
Weston Richburg, Colorado State
Zac Kerin, Toledo

Guards

A.J. Cann, South Carolina
Andrew Norwell, Ohio State
Anthony Steen, Alabama
Antwan Lowery, Rutgers
Austen Bujnoch, Cincinnati
Brandon Linder, Miami, Fla.
Chris Burnette, Georgia
Cyril Richardson, Baylor
David Yankey, Stanford
Gabe Jackson, Mississippi State
John Martinez, USC
John Urschel, Penn State
Kevin Danser, Stanford
Mason Walters, Texas
Spencer Long, Nebraska
Tre' Jackson, Florida State
Trey Hopkins, Texas
Will Simmons, East Carolina
Xavier Su'a-Filo, UCLA

Laken Tomlinson, Duke.

Offensive Tackles

Antonio Richardson, Tennessee
Austin Wentworth, Fresno State
Brandon Thomas, Clemson
Cameron Erving, Florida State
Cameron Fleming, Stanford
Charles Leno, Boise State
Cornelius Lucas, Kansas State
Cyrus Kouandjio, Alabama
Eric Lefeld, Cincinnati
Ja'Wuan James, Tennessee
Jack Mewhort, Ohio State
Jake Matthews, Texas A&M
James Hurst, North Carolina
Jeremiah Sirles, Nebraska
Kaleb Johnson, Rutgers
Kevin Graf, USC
La'el Collins, LSU
Le'Raven Clark, Texas Tech
Morgan Moses, Virginia
Ryan Groy, Wisconsin
Taylor Lewan, Michigan
Tyler Johnstone, Oregon
Wesley Johnson, Vanderbilt
Zack Martin, Notre Dame

Bronko Nagurski Watch List

South Carolina's junior end Jadeveon Clowney, the lone returning Bronko Nagurski Finalist from last season, heads the award's 2013 Watch List of more than 80 players announced by the Football Writers Association of America.



Clowney

One of the players on the list most likely will receive the Bronko Nagurski Trophy that is awarded annually to the nation's best defensive player by the FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club. Every NCAA Division I Bowl Subdivision Conference and several independents are represented on the list, which is pretty evenly divided among linemen, linebackers and backs.

Players may be added or deleted from the Bronko Nagurski Watch List during the season. The FWAA will choose a Defensive Player of the Week throughout the 2013 sea-

son. If that player is not on the Watch List, he automatically will be added. The FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club will announce five finalists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy on Nov. 21.

The 2013 Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner will be chosen from five finalists who are part of the 2013 FWAA All-America Defensive Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the association's entire membership, selects the All-America Team and eventually the Bronko Nagurski finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner, the best defensive player in America.

The annual Bronko Nagurski Trophy Banquet will be on Dec. 9 at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte. Besides the 2013 winner announcement, the banquet will also celebrate the recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Legends Award, which is sponsored by the CTC and Florida East Coast Railway. Georgia Tech's Randy Rhino, a member of the FWAA's 1972 All-America team, will be honored.

Linebackers

Adrian Hubbard, Alabama
 C.J. Mosley, Alabama
 Carl Bradford, Arizona State
 Bryce Hager, Baylor
 Kevin Pierre-Louis, Boston College
 Khalil Mack, Buffalo
 Kyle Van Noy, BYU
 Greg Blair, Cincinnati
 Yawin Smallwood, Connecticut
 Jonathan Brown, Illinois
 James Morris, Iowa
 Christian Jones, Florida State
 Chris Borland, Wisconsin
 Andrew Jackson, Western Kentucky
 Max Bullough, Michigan State
 Ryan Shazier, Ohio State
 Shaun Lewis, Oklahoma State
 Denzel Nkemdiche, Ole Miss
 Shayne Skov, Stanford
 Trent Murphy, Stanford
 A.J. Johnson, Tennessee
 Jordan Hicks, Texas
 Shawn Jackson, Tulsa
 Eric Kendricks, UCLA
 Anthony Barr, UCLA
 Hayes Pullard, USC
 Jack Tyler, Virginia Tech

Backs

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Alabama
 Deion Belue, Alabama
 Ross Cockrell, Duke
 Loucheiz Purifoy, Florida
 Lamarcus Joyner, Florida State
 Damian Swann, Georgia
 Craig Loston, LSU
 Ty Zimmerman, Kansas State
 Hakeem Smith, Louisville
 Darqueze Dennard, Michigan State
 Nickoe Whitley, Mississippi State
 Tre Boston, North Carolina
 Bradley Roby, Ohio State
 Christian Bryant, Ohio State
 Aaron Colvin, Oklahoma
 Justin Gilbert, Oklahoma State
 Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, Oregon
 Terrance Mitchell, Oregon
 Ricardo Allen, Purdue
 Bene Benwikere, San Jose State
 Ed Reynolds, Stanford
 Jason Verrett, TCU
 Quandre Diggs, Texas
 Marco Nelson, Tulsa
 Andre Hal, Vanderbilt
 Antone Exum, Virginia Tech

Linemen

Will Sutton, Arizona State
 Chris Smith, Arkansas
 Demarcus Lawrence, Boise State
 Dominique Easley, Florida
 Timmy Jernigan, Florida State
 Jeremiah Attaochu, Georgia Tech
 Roosevelt Nix, Kent State
 Anthony Johnson, LSU
 Marcus Rush, Michigan State
 Ra'Shede Hageman, Minnesota
 Kareem Martin, North Carolina
 Tyler Scott, Northwestern
 Stephon Tuitt, Notre Dame
 Louis Nix III, Notre Dame
 Calvin Barnett, Oklahoma State
 Scott Crichton, Oregon State
 Deion Barnes, Penn State
 Aaron Donald, Pittsburgh
 Jadeveon Clowney, South Carolina
 Ben Gardner, Stanford
 Devonte Fields, TCU
 Daniel McCullers, Tennessee
 Jackson Jeffcoat, Texas
 Kerry Hyder, Texas Tech
 Morgan Breslin, USC
 Leonard Williams, USC
 Aaron Lynch, USC
 Nikita Whitlock, Wake Forest

FWAA, Orbitz partner on new member benefit

The FWAA has added a partnership with Orbitz for Business (OrbitzForBusiness.net) as its newest member benefit.

With an Orbitz for Business account, each FWAA member will be able to book and track travel and manage travel award accounts and items like flight credits and unused tickets. On top of that, many of the negotiated discounts are built in to



the system, so no more entering special codes to save a few bucks.

In the coming days, you will receive information on how to activate your account. And, the more members who use the service the more Orbitz can help the FWAA negotiate every day and special-event rates at hotels and with airlines and rental cars.

So, be on the lookout for more information coming to your inbox soon. Just note that if you have a current personal Orbitz account, you still will have to create an Orbitz for Business profile.

Doyle obituary (continued)

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upbeat and a great guy to be around. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing."

And Doyle had a way of keeping everyone around him upbeat, even by unconventional means sometimes.

"Joe was always bigger than life," *South Bend Tribune* columnist Al Lesar said. "He was the stereotype of what journalists used to be. He's part of *South Bend Tribune* lore.

"One story that was told to me sticks in my mind. It allegedly happened during Joe's hey-day, long before office etiquette discouraged such things.

"One night, *The Tribune* sports department was flooded with calls from people reporting high school results. Every person was frantic. Finally, Joe called out to everybody to finish the call they had and take their phone off the hook. When the last call ended, Joe reached into his desk and brought out several glasses, followed by a bot-

tle of some fine beverage; poured everyone a shot, then made a toast.

"After the gulp, 'OK, hang up your phones.' Talk about an old-time journalist."

Doyle carried old-time habits into his later years of writing. Joe Montana wasn't Montana on second reference, per journalism conventions. He was Joe on second, third and fourth reference.

There was a lot more to Joe Doyle than sports, though.

One of his passions was serving for six years as president of the Council for Retarded of St. Joseph County (now Logan). During Doyle's term, the council built the \$1.6 million Logan Center near Notre Dame and, at the same time, worked actively to require special education training in the public schools.

"I'm going to miss him," Parseghian said Friday night. So are the rest of us. In fact, we already do.

FWAA awards calendar

Mon., Aug. 26 — Grantland Rice Preseason Poll released

Mon., Nov. 11 — Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl Merit Award recipient announcement (Fort Worth, Texas)

Mon., Nov. 11 — All-America Ballots for Defensive Team and Offensive Linemen sent to membership.

Sun., Nov. 17 — FWAA All-America Team Conference Call; Defensive Team/Offensive Linemen

Mon., Nov. 18 — All-America Ballots for Offensive Skilled Players and Special teams sent to membership

Wed., Nov. 20 — Outland Trophy semifinalists announcement (Omaha, Neb.)

Thurs., Nov. 21 — Bronko Nagurski Trophy finalists announcement (Dallas, Tex.)

Sun., Nov. 24 — FWAA All-America Team Conference Call: Skilled Players and Special Teams Selections

Mon., Nov. 25 — Outland Trophy finalists announcement (ESPN)

Sun., Dec. 8 — Rose Bowl All-Century Team in conjunction with FWAA announcement (Pasadena, Calif.)

Mon., Dec. 9 — Eddie Robinson Coach of Year finalists announcement (Dallas)

Mon., Dec. 9 — Bronko Nagurski Trophy Banquet (Charlotte, N.C.)

Thurs., Dec. 12 — Outland Trophy winner announcement on ESPN's Football Awards (Lake Buena Vista, Fla.)

Mon., Dec. 16 — Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year winner announcement (Dallas, Texas)

Wed., Dec. 18 — FWAA All-America Team announcement (Dallas)

Fri., Dec. 20 — Discover Orange Bowl Courage Award recipient announcement (Dallas, Texas)

Wed., Jan. 1 — Rose Bowl Game (FWAA/Rose Bowl All Century Team) on field presentation (Pasadena, Calif.)

Fri., Jan. 3 — Discover Orange Bowl Courage Award on-field presentation (Miami Lakes, Fla.)

Fri., Jan. 3 — 2013 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Trophy Presentation/Reception (Newport Beach, Calif.)

Mon. Jan. 6 — 2013 FWAA Freshman All-America Team announcement (Newport Beach, Calif.)

Mon. Jan. 6 — 2014 Bert McGrane Award Winner announcement (Newport Beach, Calif.)

Tues., Jan. 7 — 2013 Grantland Rice National Championship Trophy presentation (Newport Beach, Calif.)

Thurs., Jan. 9 — Outland Trophy Banquet (Omaha, Neb.)