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SEA HAWKERS LINEMEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET

The Seattle Sea Hawks Booster Club has extended an invitation to all Seahawks Alumni to attend their Linemen of the Year Awards Banquet on March 28 at the Doubletree Southcenter.

The annual banquet, which will be hosted this year by **Steve Raible** (1976-81), honors the Seahawks' Offensive and Defensive Players of the

Year as well as the Most Improved Player.

The Seahawks will contribute half the ticket price for any alumni and their guest. Alumni would pay \$14 each, for the dinner and banquet.

Anyone interested in attending should contact **Paul Johns** in the Seahawks Community Outreach Department (425) 827-9777 by Tuesday, March 24.

ALUMNI AT ALL 16 GAMES IN '97

In 1997, the Seahawks implemented an Alumni ticket plan.

Twenty tickets were given to alumni for each home game. Alumni were able to treat their families to a game in the Kingdome to be a part of the growing excitement.

Two former players also traveled on the team's chartered airplane to each regular season road game and stayed in the team's hotel. Contact Darrell Irvin for more information.

Additionally, four former members of the Seahawks signed autographs in the Tailgate Party before each home game. Contact Sandy Gregory for more information.

SEAHAWKS FINISH 1997 AT 8-8

The Seahawks finished strong in 1997 by winning their final two games and ending the season with an even 8-8 record.

Head Coach **Dennis Erickson** wrapped up his third campaign by defeating the San Francisco 49ers, 38-9, in the Kingdome. Overall, **Erickson's** Seahawks ended the season ranking third in total offense and eighth in total defense.

Offensively, the Seahawks were led by quarterback **Warren Moon** who established himself as the starter when **John Friesz** broke his wrist in the opening game. En route to breaking the Seahawks' single season passing mark with 3,678 yards, **Moon** moved into third on the NFL's all-time list with 47,465 yards.

Among a multitude of season highlights was **Moon's** 409 yards and five touchdowns in a 45-34, come-from-behind victory over the Oakland Raiders on October 26. In addition to being named AFC Offensive Player of the Week for that performance, Moon won the honor after passing for 295 yards at San Diego on November 9, as well.

The defense was led by free safety **Darryl Williams** and defensive end **Michael Sinclair**, who both earned trips to the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl.

Linebacker **Chad Brown** finished with a team-high 104 tackles.

REACHING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

If you would like to share exciting news with your former teammates and friends, please contact the Seahawks Community Outreach department by phone, email or fax.

The enclosed questionnaire can also be mailed or faxed back before April 20.

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RUEBEN MAYES: MAKING THE GRADES

By Steve Wright

Assistant Director of Public Relations

The decision to return to the football field for Rueben Mayes was an easy one to make. The choice to return for his students can be described as anything but easy.

In 1992, Mayes returned to football to play one-plus seasons with the Seattle Seahawks following a one-year retirement. Unhappy with his situation with the New Orleans Saints, Mayes chose to retire in 1991.

That led him to ponder his life-after-football career, a point in time which can cause uneasiness if not pure fear for a former Heisman Trophy candidate. The stock market intrigued him. Health care looked promising. But, destiny called him.

"WE WANT THEM TO BE GIVERS IN THE COMMUNITY."

Rueben Mayes, Seahawks Alumni

The day he finally walked away from the game for good, Mayes felt satisfied with his accomplishments. He was a consensus NFL rookie of the year in 1986 and appeared in two Pro Bowls.

"I am so appreciative for the opportunity to play football for as long as I did," Mayes says in his low-key approach. But, pain in both Achilles' Tendons and a reconstructed knee would not allow him to play any longer. "My body just said, 'that's it.'"

With degrees in sociology and business from Washington State, the first step off the football field seemed to lead toward health care. It's not quite health care, but Mayes is now caring for more than he ever dreamed.

"I saw these kids needing an opportunity to achieve and yearning for a positive influence," Mayes says of the students who have returned to school for one last chance.

As Vice President at CRISTA, a Christian based ministry which currently runs two schools in King County, Mayes spends most of his time in fund raising efforts and community development. He has also served as the interim principal at the Urban Academies, until eventually handing the lead position over to a full-time dean.

A last gasp effort to give students aged 14-19 an opportunity to receive an education, the Urban Academies take at-risk youngsters from local public schools. The education they receive is more than reading or doing algebra, it's a way of life.

"Our goal is for the kids to become better members of society," Mayes said. "We want to allow them an opportunity to develop their future. So far, we think we have a grasp on how to do this.

"I talk with the kids and get their heads up," Mayes told the Seattle Times during his most recent tenure as principal. "I try to show them how to meet people." A professional greeting—a hand shake and a look directly into an adult's eyes—portrays a confident individual.

For these students, who have come from broken homes, abuse, drug and alcohol problems, the process of learning confidence along with proper manners, is often lost. Mayes and his teachers attempt to restore that.

"We're trying to instill in them, along with knowledge, some life skills. We want them to be givers in the community, rather than always taking. We want them to work with others and to invest in others."

A fully accredited high school education is received at the Academies. After graduation, Mayes' students are encouraged to continue on to college, where the school promises to help pay the bill, if a number of criteria are met. In return, Mayes simply asks promptness, sincerity and passing grades. Oh, and \$180 a year, for accountability purposes.

Rueben Mayes once returned to enjoy success on the football field after a brief retirement. His job now is to help ensure a meaningful life to students who are running out of chances.

THE '98 OPPONENTS

In 1998, the Seahawks will host the AFC West Division the **Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Oakland Raiders, and San Diego Chargers** as they have since the 1978 season. In addition, the **Tennessee Oilers, Indianapolis Colts, Arizona Cardinals** and **Washington Redskins** will play in the Kingdome.

Seattle will travel to take on all four AFC West Division cities as well as the **Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys** and **Philadelphia Eagles**.

The NFL Draft is scheduled to take place on April 18-19 with the Seahawks choosing 15th in the first round.

ALUMNI IN SUPER BOWL XXXII

Congratulations to the following Seahawks alumni who reached the Super Bowl this year in San Diego, California:

George Dyer (1983-91) Denver Broncos
Derek Loville (1990-91) Denver Broncos
Dedrick Dodge (1991-92) Denver Broncos
Eugene Robinson (1985-95) Green Bay Packers

GOLF TEAM FINISHES 2ND

A foursome of Seahawks alumni finished with a 13 over-par to take second place in Elgin-Syferd's miniature, indoor golf tournament on November 7, 1997.

Shelton Robinson (1982-85), **Randall Morris** (1984-88), **Melvin Jenkins** (1987-90) and **Darrell Irvin** (1983) made up the alumni group which shot a combined 233 to end the day ahead of all but 1 of the 75 teams.

The Milk Fund was the beneficiary of the event. More than \$25,000 was raised.

COACHING IN WASHINGTON

Six alumni are coaching high school football in the state of Washington:

John Yarno (1977-82) Redmond High School
Ron Howard (1976-78) Rainer Beach High School
Art Kuehn (1976-82) Cedarcrest High School
Sam Merriman (1983-87) Ingelmoor High School
Melvin Jenkins (1987-90) Issaquah High School
Ken Geddes (1976-78) Lake Washington High

GOLD'S GYM MEMBERSHIP

Gold's Gym of Bellevue and Renton have offered to extend their Seahawks memberships to all alumni.

If you are interested in a Gold's membership and live in the area or are planning on visiting, please contact Sandy Gregory.

COACHING STAFF ADDITIONS

The Seattle Seahawks coaching staff added six new members for the 1998 season.

Wide receivers coach **Milt Jackson** joins the team from the New York Giants. Assistant head coach/special teams **Pete Rodriguez** comes to Seattle after NFL stops in Washington, Arizona and Los Angeles (Raiders).

Linebackers coach **Jim Johnson** joins the Seahawks from the Indianapolis Colts where he was the defensive coordinator.

Running backs coach **Tim Lappano** enters his first NFL season after serving most recently as the offensive coordinator at Purdue. Offensive assistant **Eric Yarber** also enters his first NFL season having worked with Dennis Erickson's staff last summer as an intern coach for the Seahawks. **Bill Meyers** joins the staff as assistant offensive line coach from the Oakland Raiders.

INTRODUCING THE 1997 ALUMNI TRAVELING TEAM

As mentioned on page one, two alumni were invited to travel with the team for each regular season road game in 1997.

Date	Game	Alumni	Alumni
September 14	Indianapolis	Tony Benjamin	Hugh McKinnis
September 28	Kansas City	Robert Hardy	Shelton Robinson
October 19	St. Louis	Joe Tofflemire	
November 2	Denver	Mike Allen	Steve Myer
November 9	San Diego	Darrell Irvin	Eddie McMillan
November 16	New Orleans	Paul Johns	Kerry Justin
December 7	Baltimore	Melvin Jenkins	Randall Morris
December 14	Oakland	Art Kuehn	John Yarno

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: FROM DARRELL IRVIN

By Darrell Irvin

Seahawks Alumni President

Nineteen ninety-seven was a great year for Greater Seattle, the Seahawks and the Alumni. The alumni started the year with a strong contribution to the campaign effort, speaking at rallies and traveling on the Seahawks' Community RV across the state giving support to the "Our Team Works" campaign for a new football stadium.

Appearances included stops at schools restaurants, television and radio stations, and even local union rallies. The alumni were there to help with the stadium cause and keep our team in Seattle.

BACK TO CAMP

The high point of the year for many of the guys was going back to (Cheney) Eastern Washington to revive old memories and see the latest talent of the Hawks. Many of the alumni are still talking about how great it was to go back and get that old feeling again. Of course, eating at Tawanka Commons was enough to get their memories flowing and meeting after practice at Showies downtown to tell old stories of seasons past-- was a blast.

By the way, Tom, the owner of Showies, still had some unpaid tabs to share from the past. There were some serious boo-ray games and dominoes at the dorms.

Being on the field and seeing seven-on-seven, pass rush and scrimmage drills, along with talking to the assistant coaches was a thrill. Being together and giving advice to the rookies and the young players was enjoyed by all.

Many guys brought families and really had an enjoyable trip. Some of the guys are already talking about this season's trip.

GOLF

The alumni made a home at Willows Run and Druids Glenn golf courses in '97. The courses were opened to the guys to play two free rounds a month and for our monthly meetings at Willows Run.

The meetings are on the **second Monday of**

every month. Please check for meeting time as it may change during the course of the year. It is presently set for 6:00 p.m. This was a great boost for us to have a place of our own and a huge thank you to owner Brian Patton and his staff for arranging this for the alumni.

CHARITIES

We had a good year and a lot of activity in support of local and state charities. Many alumni helped in the cause by giving their time and effort to benefit a spectrum of fund-raising and benefit events. Either at luncheons, dinner banquets or golf tournaments, the alumni throughout the country participated.

Steve Largent and Jim Zorn hooked up for one more completion at the Pete Gross House Luncheon. Art Kuehn drove to Cama, Washington, to attend a Head Start event for some kids and a teacher who needed support. Vic Minor organized the Central Area's Community Festival, an event to help the inner city raise support.

Richard Harris did the Bacon Bowl again for the nineteenth year along with Kerry Justin. Jacob Green continues to support the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. His efforts are unsurmountable and we are all truly appreciative.

There's too many alumni to mention who helped our community and gave support, but, here are a few kudos-- Randall Morris, Eddie McMillan, Kenny Easley, Curt Warner, Bob Newton, John Yarno, Sam McCullum, Manu Tuiasosopo, Ron Howard, Shelton Robinson, Joe Tofflemire, Robert Hardy, Michael Jackson, Sam Adkins, Charle Young, and Paul Johns.

FUTURE

Our activities were strong last year and the future looks bright. We are currently in the process of coordinating the Alumni Man of the Year event. This is a charity event to help raise funds for Communities in Schools (CIS). The Seahawks Academy is a major part of CIS. Scheduled for this spring, this will be the first major event to give public exposure to the alumni.

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NEWS 'N NOTES 'N NEWS 'N NOTES 'N N

Ken Geddes' (1976-78) daughter Meghan is in her first year on a basketball scholarship at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Meghan earned All-Kingco honors in basketball and soccer her senior year at Lake Washington High School.



Paul (1984-91) and **Stephanie Skansi** welcomed their second daughter, **Madison** on September 10, 1997. Taylor Skansi, the couple's first girl, was born on April 5, 1993.



On January 17, 1998, **Hugh McKinnis** (1976) was inducted into the Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Hall of Fame where he attended high school.



Mike Curtis (1976) and his wife live in Potomac, Maryland, where they have two boys playing lacrosse on college scholarships and a teenage daughter. Curtis is a commercial real estate agent and also the president of a film production company.



Bobby Joe (1986-88) and **Karen Edmonds** welcomed **Bobby Joe, III** on October 13, 1997. The young BJ weighed in at 9 pounds, 5 ounces.



Mike Jones' (1977) oldest of 13 children, **Kim Hampton**, is playing basketball for the New York Liberty of the WNBA.



Louis Bullard (1978-80) was named Regional Manager in Virginia and Washington, D.C. for Miller Brewing Company in January 1997. His new office is in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Dion Lambert (1994-95) is a teacher and assistant football coach at Kennedy High School in Granada Hills, California.



Bob Newton (1976-81) recently moved to Tustin, California, to work at Comerstone of Southern California (a chemical dependency treatment center).

Tommy and Anchylus Agee (1988) welcomed their first daughter, **Anglic Ivanna** on January 18, 1997. The Agee's have two sons, **Tyler** and **Torey**.



Roger (1982) and **Undine Carr's** oldest son, **John**, is coaching football at West Duachita High in Monroe, Louisiana.



Thanks to **Melvin Jenkins** (1987-90) for working with NFL Properties to create the new Seahawks Alumni Logo.



Jim Zorn (1976-84) was named QBs coach for the Detroit Lions after one season as a Seahawks offensive assistant coach. Zorn joined **Dave Brown** (1976-86) and **Paul Moyer** (1983-89) as the only Seahawks alumni to return and coach their former team. Brown finished his sixth season as a defensive assistant in 1997, and Moyer served as special assignments and defensive backs coach from 1990-1994.



John Harris (1978-85) is coaching at his alma mater Jackson High School in Miami, Florida.



Tommy Kane (1988-92) is now the Sports Coordinator at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.



Steve August's (1977-84) wife **Kellie** gave birth to a son, **Seth**, in December.



Paul Johns (1981-84) was recently named Assistant Director of Community Outreach for the Seahawks.



Johnnie Johnson (1989) is hosting a celebrity tennis tournament to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange County, California.



Keith Butler (1978-87) was named defensive coordinator at Arkansas State on March 10.

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Thanks to Steve Raible for collaborating with myself, along with the executive committee of CIS to help arrange this event. Steve has spent an enormous amount of time on this and similar projects. His unselfishness and eloquence are something to admire and we all give thanks to this gentleman.

IMPORTANT NOTE: APRIL'S MEETING

At our 6 p.m. meeting, April 13, at Willows Run Golf Course, we will discuss the election of officers. I have been serving as the Alumni President for the past year, and would consider continuing in that role.

It is **important** that you voice your opinion as to whether or how an election should occur. If we decide to hold elections, we will be taking nominations for the positions we decide are needed. I am proud that we are off to a great start, and encourage you to get involved to ensure we have a successful future!

Full participation from the alumni is essential and to those who can come from out of state, this will be well worth the trip. Working to grow the alumni into a strong, structured organization will benefit everyone.

Come to the meeting, play some golf and assist in "making us proud again (as Gary Wright once said)." A lot of effort in creating a stronger alumni has already been paved and with everyone's involvement and participation, we can have a super new year in '98.

HOME O' THE ALUMNI

Druids Glenn golf course in Kent and Willows Run golf course in Redmond, have generously opened their clubs to the Seahawks Alumni to play two free rounds each month in addition to providing the Association a site for its monthly meetings.

Willows Run has also opened its own Seahawks Alumni sports bar.

'97 AWARD WINNERS

Rick Tuten (1991-97) was named the Seahawks Man of the Year for his work in the community in 1997.

Winston Moss earned the Largent Award in 1997 as the player who best exemplifies the spirit, dedication, and integrity of the Seahawks.

The offensive and defensive linemen of the year, as well as the Seahawks' most improved player will be announced at the Sea Hawk's March 28 banquet at the Doubletree Southcenter.

SEAHAWKS ACADEMY

The **Seattle Seahawks Academy** is winding down its first year as an alternative school for 104 at-risk students who have had trouble in regular school settings.

Seahawks players, coaches, staff and alumni are all worked with these 7th and 8th graders at various Academy events.

One unique event was last year's Christmas party inside the Seahawks practice bubble. The students bused to Kirkland and enjoyed a lunch with many of the current players.

Craig "Goose" Givens, assistant video director, has developed a cinematography curriculum for the school. He is sharing his experience and knowledge with the students to broaden their education.

Other guest teachers from the Seahawks staff will assist the student's learning of computer systems.

If you are interested in sharing a skill or simply attending an Academy event, please contact **Paul Johns**.

FREE AGENCY WIZARDS: SEAHAWKS MAKE THEIR MARK

Last offseason, the new ownership of Paul Allen stunned the NFL world by signing key veteran free agents **Willie Williams**, **Chad Brown**, **Warren Moon**, **Bennie Blades** and **Dan Saleaumua**.

The winter of 1998 has been no different while the Seahawks continue to make a loud splash in the free agent market.

The Seahawks offensive line was shored-up when the team agreed with three-time Pro Bowl center **Kevin Glover** and Super Bowl champion right guard **Brian Habib**.

The team also addressed two other concerns with the signings of running back **Ricky Watters** and line-backer **Darrin Smith**, both from the Philadelphia Eagles.

Watters, who will take over as the full-time tailback, has proven to be a reliable and durable back, reaching the 1,000-yard plateau four-of-six seasons.

The Seahawks will enter the April 18-19 draft with the 15th selection in the first round.



ALUMNI DIRECTORY

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The Seahawks are always updating their alumni directory. Please complete the following questionnaire and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. All alumni will receive an updated directory. If you do not wish to be included in the directory, the Seahawks will keep your information confidential per your request. The information will not be included in the directory, but will remain on file for office use only.

NAME: _____

NICKNAME: _____ (first) _____ (middle) BIRTHDATE: _____ (last)

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

FAX #: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

WEDDING DATE: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES & BIRTHDATES: _____

GRAND CHILDREN'S NAMES & BIRTHDATES: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

DO YOU HAVE A CHARITY FOUNDATION? _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE SEAHAWKS ALUMNI FUNCTIONS?

PLEASE DO NOT PUT MY ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS IN THE DIRECTORY: _____

Please return this form before April 30, 1998.