

# Sports

## The Stats Page

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Sports Editor

As I start off my first column there is something I want to clarify once and for all. It's a thing that has been plaguing since I arrived here in August. **YES I am the older brother of Sarah Lange, who graduated last year!!!** Now please don't ask me that again, because while it was kind of cool back in September, it has become more like listening to Ron Santo broadcast a Cub game on the radio (if you've never had the pleasure of such an experience consider yourself lucky).

As this is my first column I guess I should first tell you all a little about myself. I come here from St. Louis, Missouri (Go Cardinals, Blues and MIZZOU) and am 28 years old. Until I decided to matriculate

down here I spent the last five years working for a karaoke company back home. I was a soccer player for 3 years in college for two different schools. So, as you can see, what you have here is a sports editor who can understand the pressures and life of a student athlete, and I remember how much one has to sacrifice to make it as a student athlete and you all have my utmost respect. I would also like to say that I am honored to have been asked to take the position of sports editor. In high school I was Sports Editor for the school paper so I do have some experience at this thing. Anyways, let's get on to the topic for this week.

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

No. I'm not talking about Christmas. But the day **after**

the Superbowl is the time I start to get excited. This is because so many sports are either getting started for the year or are coming into the home stretches of their seasons. First of all next week is the beginning of spring training for Major and Minor League baseball and this means we have survived another winter of boredom. Since it is called "spring training", it can't be winter anymore. If you are trapped in a small college town, this time of year marks the start of collegiate baseball and softball, which is one of the finest ways you can spend a sunny spring Saturday afternoon. Along with this you have Speed Weeks going on down just to the south of us at Daytona, which culminates in the 50th running of the Daytona 500 next weekend.

It should be noted though that the month of February is not just for new beginnings however. College basketball is right in the heart of the conference season and by the end of the month we will be seeing teams punch their tickets to the Big Dance. Playoff runs are also the name of the game for those of us who are fans of the NHL or the NBA. As much as it pains me to admit it, I must confess the recent struggles of my beloved St. Louis Blues has made every game so much more important and exciting (and sometimes painful.) So rejoice sports fans, once the Superbowl ends it really starts getting good. So long for just a little while and remember "I am your Champion!"

## Students take in Super Bowl Upset in Coltrane



*Students and other members of the campus community watched the New York Giants' 17-14 upset of the New England Patriots in Coltrane Sunday night. The Super Bowl party featured food and prizes and was co-sponsored by CAB and Aramark.*

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