

Player Spotlight: Greg Micheli

Year: Jr

Position: QB

Jersey #: 13

Hometown/Highschool: Upper Sandusky OH/ Upper Sandusky High School

Major/ Minor: Double majoring in Physics and Math, and minoring in Business.

GPA: 3.84

Activities: Society of Physics Students, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Raider Buddy Program

Athletic Honors/ Accomplishments: Highschool: Football– 2003 Div IV Defensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All State, 2004 Div IV Offensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All State. Basketball— 1st Team All-District in 03,04,and 05, Member of 2005 Div II State Championship Team.

College— 2006 Stagg Bowl MVP, 2007 1st Team All Conference, 1st Team All American, 1st Team Academic All Conference and All American.

Why did you chose Mount Union? “ The amazing success of the program is what ultimately lead me to chose Mount, but the school has a great academic program and a small comfortable at-mostphere.”

What other schools were you considering? Ashland, Case Western, Northwestern, Columbia

So far, what are two of your favorite memories? “The Stagg Bowl victories are most memorable to me, and all of the people whom I have come into contact with while I’ve been here.”

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? “Working somewhere in the field of medical physics, biomedical engineering, or health physics. Hopefully somewhere close to home, perhaps married and thinking about children. “

On the Program: "The greatest characteristic of Mount Union football is the players and coaches and their competitiveness. I came to Mount Union knowing that my chances of playing were much smaller than at other schools because of the competition with the many great players that we have. However, I knew that if I was able to earn time on the field it would give me the best chance to be successful and be apart of a championship football team. It is having this competitive nature every day at practice and on gameday that enables Mount Union football to achieve and maintain such a high level of success."



2007 Statistics

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G	
Greg Micheli	15	193.72	238-327-6	72.8	3515	34	78	234.3	
RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Greg Micheli	15	107	603	115	488	4.6	4	44	32.5

Garcon Has Typical Saturday At Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Game



Mount Union senior wide receiver Pierre Garcon looked his same old self when he played in the 2nd annual Texas vs. The Nation All Star game in El Paso, Texas on February 2. Pierre was the starting

● wide receiver for The Nation team and tied for the team
● lead with 3 catches for 23 yards. He was playing against
● some big time talent from some of the top schools in Division I, including defensive backs from the Big 12 and SEC. On special teams, Garcon recorded a 62 yard punt return for a touchdown, which was one of only two scores for The Nation squad on the day.

Pierre is currently in training for the NFL combine to be held in Indianapolis starting February 23. He was one of only 300 collegiate players invited to participate. Garcon has high hopes of being selected in the NFL Draft in April

To view Pierre's punt return from the game, go to www.YouTube.com search **“Pierre Garcon Punt Return”**.

Safran Honored By National Football Foundation with Post Graduate Scholarship

Senior All-American center Eric Safran is one of 15 players nationwide to receive the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Post Graduate Scholarship. Eric was chosen from a total of 148 candidates nation wide from all divisions of football.

To be nominated by your school, the player must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility, have a grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

Safran and the other 14 winners were honored on December 4, 2007 in New York City at an awards dinner. Several other awards were given out at the dinner, including the induction of college football legends into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Eric will be graduating this Spring with a degree in Business Administration. "Upon graduation my plan is to enter the workforce. My area of study is Business Administration with a concentration in Quantitative Analysis. Currently I am looking for full-time employment." said Safran. "I plan on working towards my MBA within the next three to four years. The majority of the MBA programs require a few years of experience before entering."

"Mount Union College has provided me with an atmosphere that promotes growth as a student, person and athlete. My personal growth has come through learning humility and how to maintain poise through times of adversity."

Eric's Individual achievements while at Mount Union.

- 2007 Team Captain
- 3 year starter at Center
- Made 45 consecutive starts
- 2006 1st Team All Conference
- 2006 1st Team Academic All Conference
- 2006 1st Team All American
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- 2007 Academic All American



16 RAIDERS Honored for Academic Excellence on 2007 Fall Semester Dean's List

Sixteen members of the Mount Union Football Team had their name's posted on the Dean's list for the fall semester of 2007. To make the Dean's list, one must achieve at least a 3.55 GPA for the semester and must not have a grade lower than a B in any single class. Here are the names of the men who were honored:

- **Derek Blanchard (Sr. OL/#75)**
- **Caleb Jones (Sr. DE/#99)**
- **Chris Kappas (Sr. DB/#3)**
- **Jay Carpenter (So. P #18)**
- **Caleb Crawl (So. OL #70)**
- **Jon Andrews (Sr. DL #92)**
- **Drew McClain (So. DB #32)**
- **Andrew Hinesman (Sr. OL #69)**
- **Matt Kostelnik (Sr. DB #9)**
- **Adam Olverholser (Fr. LB)**
- **Ben Russell (Fr. P)**
- **Justin Wray (Sr. RB/#23)**
- **Pat Nicholson (Sr. DL/#94)**
- **Greg Micheli (Jr. QB/#13)**
- **Brandon Stokey (Jr. Wr #86)**
- **Scott Thomas (So. RB #7)**



Mount Union Fleet of Coaches Update

- **Erik Raeburn ('93)** has been named the head football coach at Wabash College. Raeburn served as the head football coach at Coe College in Iowa for the last eight seasons where he compiled a record of 57-26.
- **Jeremy McElroy ('00)** is now the new head football coach at Lisbon High School. He comes from Kettering Fairmont High School where he was an assistant coach.
- **Eric Brock ('97)** is the new head football coach at New Comerstown High School. He was formerly an assistant coach at Waynedale High School.
- **Jay Sawvel ('93)** moved from Southern Illinois University to Northern Illinois University following head coach Jerry Kill.
- **Ron Lynn** was recently hired as the Defensive Coordinator at Stanford.



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