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To mark the 100th anniversary of legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice's timeless lead, "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky," a sports journalist and educator is honoring his poetic style throughout the 2024 football season. Using advanced AI technology, game stories will be reimagined in Rice's distinctive prose, capturing the spirit and drama of Notre Dame football in a manner reminiscent of the iconic writer.

The creative idea to pay tribute to Rice and the Four Horsemen comes from Dr. Len Clark, who has pioneered the use of emerging media tools in covering Notre Dame athletics. Known for blending tradition with technology in sports coverage, Dr. Clark envisioned using AI to resurrect Rice's signature writing style, giving new life to the legendary sportswriter's voice for a modern generation of fans.

"Grantland Rice's words have endured for a century, becoming woven into the fabric of Notre Dame football lore," said Dr. Clark. "By leveraging AI, we can honor his legacy while offering fans the chance to experience game coverage through his legendary prose. My goal is to showcase the unique connection between Notre Dame's history and its present through this project."

Rice's iconic opening line, penned on October 18, 1924, following Notre Dame's 13-7 victory over Army, immortalized the Four Horsemen and set a new standard for sports writing that still resonates today. His vivid prose transformed athletic achievements into epic narratives, blending the action on the field with the mythology of the sport. As a program steeped in tradition, Notre Dame will evoke that same grandeur in every game story this season.

These reimagined game summaries are sponsored by the National Sports Media Association (NSMA) and will be published on *Michiana Life*, part of the Great News media network – www.greatnews.life.

"We're thrilled to partner with Dr. Len Clark on this visionary project. Grantland Rice was the first inductee into the National Sports Media Association (then the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association) Hall of Fame in 1962. Now, 62 years later, it's exciting to see Dr. Clark paying homage to Rice's enduring style," said Dave Goren, executive director of the NSMA.

Chris Mahlmann, founder of Great News Life, added, "The launch of *Michiana Life* this year presents a unique opportunity to celebrate Notre Dame's profound influence on the region. Len's ability to use modern technology to tell stories that honor tradition makes this an ideal partnership."

By using AI trained in the nuances of Rice's writing, each Notre Dame football game story will be transformed into a narrative that echoes his poetic style. Fans can look forward to reading about touchdowns, tackles, and triumphs as if they were penned by Rice himself, blending historical reverence with cutting-edge technology.

"My goal with this project is to also look at the potential of AI as a tool to enhance one's coverage and storytelling ability. I am transparent in using the technology," said Dr. Clark.

Dr. Clark has also written a Notre Dame historical fiction book, titled "Teddy and The Gipper: A Notre Dame Friendship" to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the famous game in 1924. Information about the book is available at www.teddyandthegipper.com

For more information, to request a review copy, or to arrange an interview with Dr. Len Clark, please contact him using the information provided above.



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