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WRC allowed to retain club status

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On the condition that it remove all information about abortion from its offices, the Women's Resource Center can keep its doors open this year.

Last spring, the Center's future was in jeopardy after an investigation by the Office of Student Activities — and an article in the publication *Right Reason* — revealed the Center displayed pamphlets about abortion.

Those allegations left the Center's officers with a tough decision to make: either close the center and lose status as a recognized group, or abide by du Lac and remove any information about abortion.

"Not everyone may agree with the decision, but we decided that keeping the center open without the pamphlets would better serve the students than closing the center in protest," sophomore Marnie Brown, co-chairwoman of the WRC. "It's really a double-edged sword, but God knows this University needs a women's resource center."

The group decided to accept provisions made by Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities, and accept a two year probationary period during which the center will undergo periodic inspections, Bowen said.

By having information about abortion available, the group violated a portion of du Lac — Notre Dame's student handbook — which prohibits student organizations and their members from encouraging or participating in activities contrary to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

"As a student-run organization, we have to promote the ideals and values of the University," Bowen said. "We will not have any information on abortion or offer referrals."

But Bowen said she feels the information on abortions formerly present in the WRC was not "blatantly promoting it."

The center has always provided information on pregnancy and related topics, she said.

Bowen expressed frustration with the limits placed by the University on student organizations although she acknowledged that she knew Cassidy was "just following the rules."

"Young adults should be able to come to the center and get the information they want," she said. "The Office of Student Activities is the higher power though."



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Students visit the Women's Resource Center table at Activities Night, held Tuesday. The WRC had its club status renewed for this year.

BOG discusses plans for year

By ERIN GIBBONS
News Writer

More technology updates, a Saint Mary's College pride day and a newsletter for parents topped the agenda at the semester's first Board of Governance meeting.

Joel Cooper, director of the Information Technology Department, told BOG the department is in the early stages of turning the current 24-hour study lounge in the basement of the Cushwa-Leighton Library into a 24-hour computer lab that would be for the sole use of the student body.

The computer lab in the basement of LeMans would still be open, but used more for teaching classes. With two big labs, students

would have a space to work on papers, group projects or a quick e-mail between classes without the worry of disrupting a class.

In conjunction with the construction the new all-hours student computer lab, Information Technology is looking into purchasing new administrative software. The new software would allow students in the class of 2002 to register for classes online or check on the status of a financial aid application. That technology would ideally be ready by the time that class is in its final year.

"Since we are representatives of the College, we all need to stay current on campus issues such as Information Technology changes," said student body president Sarah Siefert.

Other activities planned for the upcoming year include a Saint Mary's College Pride Day planned for Oct. 6, the anniversary of the inauguration of College president Marilou Eldred.

'I SEE THIS AS A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR SAINT MARY'S WOMEN TO REFLECT ON THE QUALITY OF THEIR EDUCATION AND THE SPIRIT OF THE COLLEGE.'

CAROLYN KELLEY
SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT

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More diversity creates and revives minority groups

By M. SHANNON RYAN
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Whether meeting friends in the dining hall or a professor after class, chances are that at Saint Mary's College you will be met by a white face.

At an institution with less than five ethnic minority members on faculty and a student body that is almost 90 percent Caucasian, lack of diversity has been a high-lighted concern of the College.

This semester, students have rededicated themselves to creating a compassionate and supportive atmosphere for students of a minority background.

A Multicultural Student Union is in the making. Meanwhile, La Fuerza, an organization devoted

to the concerns of Latin women, is rejuvenating itself and Sisters of Nefertiti, a group for African-American women, is continuing its mission.

"I think that this is a group effort," said Maria Oropeza, director of Multicultural Affairs. "It's part of the changing force on campus. There are also changes in the students themselves and they want their voices to be heard."

Lately, improvements have been made concerning enrollment. Though overall enrollment has been dropping — with the exception of this fall — minority enrollment has seen steady increases in the past four years, according to the office of Multicultural Affairs.



Also, students attending from a wider variety of states than in the past will add to the changing face of the College.

With help from this year's boosted enrollment, a 25 percent increase from last year's freshman class, leaders of the organizations said they plan on more easily executing their missions and re-committing Saint Mary's as a caring environment for all women.

Multicultural Student Union

Although it is not yet in existence, students initiated the idea of a Multicultural Student Union by creating a constitution and preparing to work through the proper channels to get club recognition by the end of the fall semester.

As a senior, Melony Smith said she could have benefited from a program like this when she entered with the mostly homogenous Class of 1999. She has completed three years of the Saint Mary's experience, but she said that as an African-American student, her experience was different than most.

"When I came in, I felt pretty much overwhelmed," said Smith, who helped initiate the idea of MSU. "I didn't feel like I

had a support system in place and I had to struggle with that."

Part of the MSU's preliminary mission is helping minority freshmen receive a holistic experience and showing them that they do have an identity at Saint Mary's.

Its primary goal is to establish itself as a governing, policy-making body, Smith said. Some tentative plans include building ties within the minority college community and the South Bend community.

The group will also involve students in mentoring programs, internships, leadership conferences and professional workshops. Another goal is to con-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Hoop Dreams

Over the summer, I sat within inches of sweat and muscle, history and inspiration.

M. Shannon Ryan
Saint Mary's Editor

As a member of the press covering the WNBA's Cleveland Rockers, I had to remind myself to remain unbiased and to concentrate on the execution of the plays and the stats. But not even the stodgiest sports analyst could watch these athletes bleed, convert no-look, behind-the-back passes and perfect three-pointers, without feeling a tingle.

Not only were the games electric, the fans frenzied and the players intense, but I, along with at least 8,000 Cleveland fans each game, witnessed the history of sports evolving.

A little over 100 years ago, the first women's intercollegiate basketball game ended with Stanford sneaking past Berkeley with a final score of 2-1.

Despite success in later years at the Olympic and collegiate levels, the sports world still considered professional women's basketball a joke.

However, the days of faltering women's athletics seem to be being buried with the denial to vote and work.

Luckily for aspiring female athletes, sports fans and the whole world in general, the WNBA is successfully rooting itself in the field of athletics.

Who knows how many ways Cynthia Cooper, Houston Comet star and two-time MVP, would out-dribble, out-rebound and out-shoot those pioneers who scored a combined 3 points in 1896.

Progress can be seen on any game night in Gund Arena, where Rockers fans put Cavs fans to shame — maybe because the Rockers had the collective skill to win the eastern conference championship.

Even the face of the fan is changing into a diverse crowd — no more images of a beer-bellied man clutching a remote control.

I saw little girls wave signs and beg for Susie McConnell Serio's autograph and little boys scream for Janice Braxton. Teenage males rooted equally as loud as mothers for Eva Nemcova, while grandparents vehemently booed Rebecca Lobo and Lisa Leslie.

My family is perfect proof of the fan diversity.

My mom lost it when the Rockers lost in the semi-finals; my 6-year-old niece has a Michelle Edwards poster hanging on her bedroom wall; my sports-inept sister now keeps an eye on ESPN; and my 19-year-old football player brother watches the games — even when part-time model Lisa Leslie is not on the court.

Women seem to be en route to conquering not only the fans, but the world of sports as well — one of the final frontiers for equality.

With the effort, stamina, talent and desire in which these women play, it only takes one game to become hooked. Many people have told me they'd never go "watch girls play." After I took some of these people to games, they now call me up just to chat about Cooper or Swoopes.

Finally, the phrase "tom boy" is phasing itself out.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Strike affects telephone, Internet communications

AMES, Iowa

For many Iowa State students, the strike between U.S. West and the Communication Workers of America [CWA] came at a very inopportune time.

A customer service representative at U.S. West who asked that his name not be released said even if the technicians returned to work this week, it would be at least a month before they would be caught up to all the work that needs to be done.

As of Aug. 16, 32,000 members of the CWA went on strike after not accepting a proposed contract from U.S. West.

The strike is affecting telephone service in the 14 states that U.S. West represents. And for many students in Ames, getting new service has come to an abrupt halt.

Justin Hoffman, a junior in advertising, said he called to have service re-established after he moved. However,



he was told that a technician would not be able to get him connected until Oct. 1.

"This is unbelievable that it will take just over a month to get someone from U.S. West to come out to my house and most likely just flick a switch," Hoffman said.

When Hoffman was able to provide U.S. West with the old number and name of the person who used to pay for the service, he was informed that he would have his line activated on Monday.

According to a press release from U.S. West, automated installation that does not require a field visit is occurring at a rate approaching pre-strike levels. The press release further states, however, that "delays are being experienced largely where the dispatch of technicians is required."

For many ISU students, the importance of telephone service is compounded by the need for access to the Internet.

Nick Healey, a sophomore in computer science, said he does not think that U.S. West is helping him get the service he needs to do well in his courses.

"I read somewhere that Iowa State is the eighth most-connected university in the nation," Healey said. "Right now I am not connected, because I cannot get telephone service from U.S. West. I am a computer science major, and because of that the majority of the information I need for my courses is on the Internet."

■ SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Former athletes file harassment suit

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Two former Syracuse University tennis players have filed a multi-million dollar sexual harassment suit against SU and its athletic department. Senior Dacia Kornechuk and 1998 graduate Kirsten Ericson maintain that SU women's varsity tennis coach Jesse Dwire sexually harassed them — both physically and verbally — throughout their tennis careers at SU. The \$754 million dollar lawsuit alleges that Dwire: gave team members inappropriate, full-body massages; instigated sexual discussions with team members including an instructional conversation with Ericson about how to give "good oral sex;" made sexist comments to team members on a regular basis; used stretching exercises that allowed him to press his genitals against Kornechuk's thighs and genitals to intimidate her. The suit states that Dwire, who has been the varsity tennis coach since 1978, has been sexually harassing SU tennis players for 19 years.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Tuition not to increase with credit hours

TAMPA, Fla.

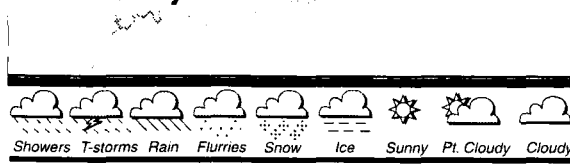
State university undergraduates can breathe a sigh of relief after temporarily dodging a punitive proviso that called for a 50 percent increase in student tuition for each credit exceeding a 138-credit limit. Typically, a bachelor's degree requires 120 credits for completion. But the penalty is not dead yet. Although the 1998-99 school year will pass without enactment of the penalty, it may return next year. The legislation was approved in 1996 but was omitted from the general appropriations act for the school year of 1998-99 due to a senate oversight. According to Debi Galley, director for policy analysis for the state university system, the proviso was not written into the appropriations act, and after its passage, the bill was unable to be amended. However, Galley is uncertain about the future status and implementation of the proviso. "It was a senate initiative, a senate appropriation, and not everyone agreed to it," she said. "The governor's office has appeared neutral on this issue. It has always been the senate's issue."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Wednesday	74	55
Thursday	74	54
Friday	76	52
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Sunday	79	62



■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Athlete arrested for speeding, drugs

TUCSON, Ariz.

Donnell Harris, a senior center on the University of Arizona's men's basketball team, was arrested by university police early Sunday morning for two warrants — one stemming from a drug violation — after being stopped for a traffic offense. Police stopped Harris for "weaving" at 12:05 a.m., said Sgt. Gene Taitano, a university police spokesman. Taitano said Harris showed no signs of impairment and was cooperative during the traffic stop, but a check revealed warrants from the Casa Grande Department of Public Safety for speeding and possession of marijuana. Taitano did not know the details concerning the warrants and referred those questions to the Casa Grande DPS. Harris was taken to the Pima County Jail and later released by Pre-Trial Services, Taitano said. The 6-foot-11-inch, 203-pound Harris, who was a reserve center for the Wildcats, met with coaches and athletic department officials Monday to discuss the incident.

■ UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

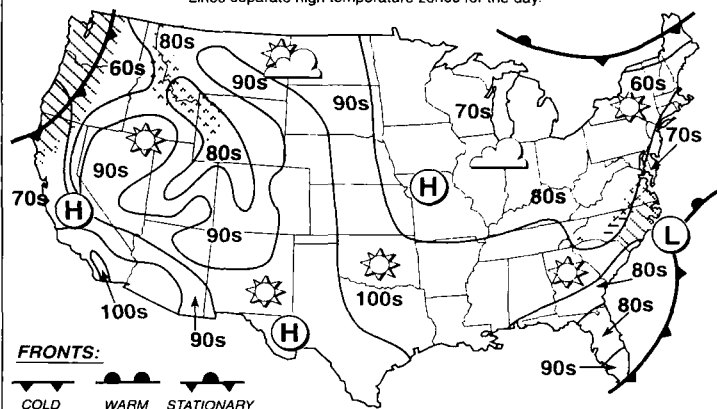
Utah president aims for funding, esteem

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah

When he was supposed to present the list of the University of Utah's requests for new funding next year, President J. Bernard Machen handed regents a blank sheet of paper. Machen said he did not agree with the system that allows people not involved in the University to decide where every dollar in new money goes. Machen asked the board to allocate funds without a particular list from the University of where the money would be spent. He is hoping that the University will be considered one of the "public ivies" which include schools like the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Virginia. "I would like to see the University recognized in the nation for the level of education that is received, as a part of the prestigious public educational institutions," he said. Normal procedure has been that lawmakers allocate funds based upon reports given each year to the board from the school. Then they decide what new programs should be funded.

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, September 2, 1998
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



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Boise	98	60	Hartford	79	57	Miami	93	77
Boston	76	62	Helena	94	54	New York	82	66
Concord	97	65	Las Vegas	100	78	Seattle	82	60
Denver	85	58	Lincoln	89	63	Topeka	88	64

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Pro women's success ends reign of an all boys club

By LISA MAXBAUER
Women's News Editor

Picture Madison Square Garden swarming with adolescent girls, each small frame proudly wearing an oversized jersey of the official Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) New York Liberty team.

In time, these girls will grow to fit the shirt's dimensions, while the heart they wear on their sleeve is already larger than life.

This is the face of the next generation of athletes and dreamers. Since the birth of the WNBA in 1997, new opportunities, role-models and levels of athleticism have been introduced to the nation's youth. And it has all been accomplished with the competitive pace of a thirty-second shot clock.

Although maintaining the success of the league has been as intense as defending a full court press, the WNBA teams continue to build a solid American following.

"They now have the opportunity to play basketball at the highest level at home," WNBA special advisor Lynn Barry said in a website interview. "They are anxious to showcase their talents to the American public."

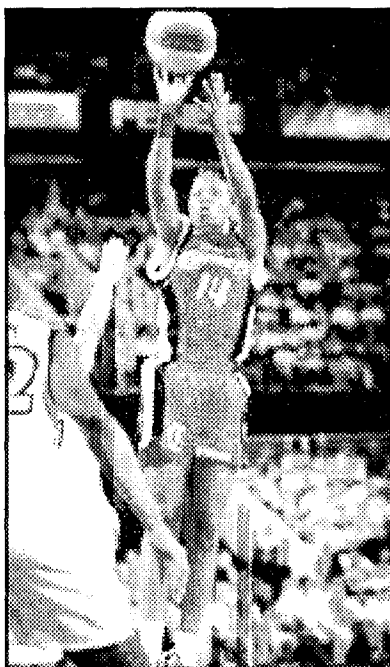
Despite the growing popularity, questions regarding the validity of professional female sports have not entirely disappeared. Still, others misunderstand the discrepancies between the WNBA and its promoter, the infamous NBA. There are key differences that have made the WNBA's popularity grow since its inaugural season one year ago.

Gaining Exposure

For the WNBA to win the approval of the American sports fan, it required the right exposure, and lots of it. With the influential backing of the NBA, this sister league emerged with a strong voice, a voice which sounds like none heard before in professional basketball.

With its uniqueness, it chose to do things differently. They rewrote the rules of

the game "to blend ... the best elements from college and professional" competition, said one member of the WNBA Board of Governors. Even the ball has changed to the cream-and-orange-striped design, which is supposedly easier to follow on a television screen.



Two time WNBA MVP Cynthia Cooper launches a jump shot. Cooper leads the league with 22.7 points a game for the Houston Comets.

Photo courtesy of wnba.com

The WNBA runs a summer schedule competing with fewer professional sports. The games are covered on three national network television stations, ESPN, NBC Sports and Lifetime.

"By choosing to play in the summer months, we were able to avoid already crowded winter television lineups and secure unprecedented broadcasting arrangements," WNBA president Val Ackerman said.

The WNBA also gains high profile exposure from its numerous advertising and marketing supporters. Lady Foot Locker, Coca-Cola, American Express and General Motors are just a few members of the WNBA's sponsorship line-up. The league is also committed to raising public awareness about Breast Cancer.

Drawing a Crowd

Aided by the teamwork of numerous sponsors, enthusiasm for women's professional basketball spread rapidly, packing arenas nationwide. Last year the average attendance for one of the WNBA's eight team match-ups was 9,669. Twelve months, and two expansion teams later, the crowds are swelling. This summer, the rookie Washington Mystics franchise slammed the existing attendance record of 13,795, held by the New York Liberty, when 20,674 fans showed up to see some girls play ball.

Reasonable ticket prices allow herds of summer campers and families to witness the games in person. The WNBA is also where many junior high and high school

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How do you perceive the WNBA?



"I've watched it. I think it is great for women, especially as role models for young female athletes showing that they could have a career in basketball, even to the professional level."

Derek Van Daniker
Sophomore, Knott Hall

"I've seen games flipping through the channels. The one thing that sticks out in my mind is how different the ball is. What's up with the ball, it's all messed up."

Ashley Uebelhoer
Sophomore, Le Mans Hall



"It makes sense. A lot of the girls from my high school are good basketball players. Women should have the same opportunities as men."

Mike Kronk
Freshman, Alumni Hall



"It's a good thing women are finally playing pro ball. It won't be as big as NBA because there isn't as much hype. People think men's games are more exciting. It just hasn't caught on yet."

Abby Ross
Freshman, Pasquerilla East



"I've never really watched a game. I'm not against it, I just haven't really paid attention."

Chris Ortiz
N.D. Graduate Student



"I watch New York and Houston. It was really cool to see it in the summer because there weren't any other games on. There should be more fan support."

James Montoya
Sophomore, Stanford Hall



Fast pace extends far beyond court

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Susie McConnell Serio rarely calls a timeout — even in the off season.

Like most WNBA players, McConnell Serio won't be found putting on the green, lounging pool-side or stumbling into scandals after her outstanding season with the eastern conference champion Cleveland Rockers. Instead the 5-foot-5 point guard and WNBA Newcomer of the Year can best be tracked down busy with her children on the playground or coaching in a high school gymnasium.

After taking off six years from her job on the professional courts, in which time she had four children, McConnell Serio rallied back to her usual physical perfection.

A smart, scrappy player, McConnell Serio somehow managed to pack a 48-hour routine into just one day to achieve success.

"It was a long journey," said the 1988 Penn State grad in a website interview. "When I started training, my skills were pretty rusty. I was out of shape and I was slower. I fought through nagging injuries and trying to find time with four kids to work out."

Owner of a national Olympic Bronze and a Gold medal for the U.S. team, she finished the season, which ended in the semifinal playoffs, with 8.6 points per game and tied for second in the league with 6.4 assists per game.

With her husband and her kids cheering her on, McConnell Serio

defined her hectic summer schedule as a fantasy.

"Pete [her husband] encouraged me, he supported me, and he's the one who has had the crazy summer," she said. "I've been able to fulfill a dream."

Awarded for her sportsmanship this season, this modern Renaissance woman is also a spokesperson for Blue Cross and Blue Shield and a motivational speaker for community service.

"I have to say," said WNBA president Val Ackerman while presenting McConnell Serio with her award, "as a working mom myself ... how much I personally admire the way that Susie has — so artfully and effortlessly, and I know it's not effortless, but she makes it look that way — been able to juggle the responsibilities of being a professional athlete with the even more difficult job of being a parent."

Besides a three-month season, many of the pros hold down one or two other jobs and devote chunks of their time to volunteerism, such as the WNBA's mission of raising awareness about breast cancer.

Detroit Shock coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline is no exception. She keeps up a pace that is just as fast as her team sprints up and down the court.

Besides coaching the 1998 expan-

sion Shock, Lieberman-Cline also serves as the team's general manager, a sports marketing company owner, a color analyst for ESPN and a full-time parent with her husband

who commutes to his job from Detroit.

Lynette Woodward, the first female Harlem Globetrotter, Olympic gold medalist and now 6-foot center for the Shock, also works as a New York City stockbroker.

Even though her daily planner may be booked solid, Lieberman-Cline knows the struggle in women's athletics is fading

out. From the gloomy days of unsupported and subsequently buckling leagues to the popularity of the WNBA, legendary Lieberman-Cline knows what the game can be at its worst and at its best for professional women.

At the age of 18, she became the youngest basketball player in history to win an Olympic medal (1976, Montreal). At age 38, she played in a Phoenix Mercury jersey for her final season — the WNBA's inaugural season.

Woodard has also been a revolutionist in the liveliest years of women's basketball.

Coming out of the University of Kansas as a national phenom,

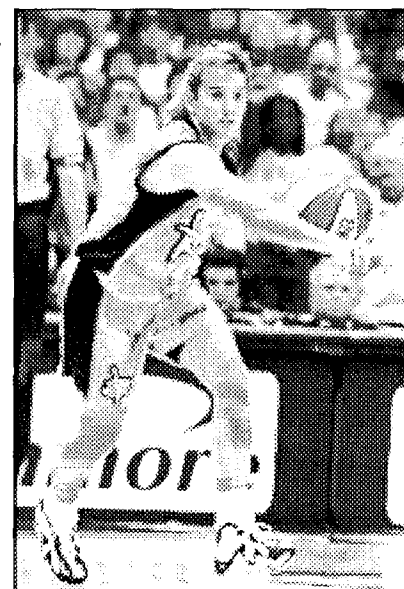


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Cleveland Rockers' star Susie McConnell Serio.

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■ SECURITY BEAT

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

10:05 a.m. A contractor reported the theft of a generator taken from the roof of the Joyce Center.

3:30 p.m. A Knott Hall resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

5:30 p.m. Security transported a Keough Hall resident to the University Health Center for treatment of a laceration.

11:05 p.m. Security discovered a vehicle had been broken into while parked at the Hesburgh Center. The vehicle was locked and there were several items taken.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

1:20 a.m. Security cited an O'Neill Hall student at the Hesburgh Library for minor consuming alcohol.

4:06 p.m. A Siegfried Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

8:30 p.m. Security transported a Zahn Hall resident to St. Joseph hospital for treatment of a sports injury.

9:50 p.m. Three O'Neill Hall residents were cited for possession and transportation of alcohol in a public area on campus, minor in possession of alcohol and for purchasing alcohol for a minor.

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level teams gather for inspiration in the off-season. A select few even earn the privilege of playing on the professional hardwood during WNBA half-times.

The WNBA draws a varied crowd, but many famed celebrities have been spotted in the stands such as Donald Trump, Rosie O'Donnell, Tyra Banks, Gregory Hines, Gabriel Reece and Steven King.

Talent Sells Tickets

Advertising assists the success of the WNBA, but skill keeps the fans loyal during season number two. The abilities of these female athletes sold and resold over one million tickets after the first year of play.

The WNBA currently has ten competitive franchises, with an eleventh in the works. The Eastern Conference roster is made up of the Charlotte Sting, Cleveland Rockers, New York Liberty and newcomers the Washington Mystics and Detroit Shock. An equally impressive lineup starts off the West with the Houston Comets, Los Angeles Sparks, Phoenix Mercury, Sacramento Monarchs and Utah Starzz.

The inaugural season champions were the Houston Comets over New York with a score of 65-51. Last night culminated the second WNBA championship series. The three game series was tied at 1-1 when Houston stole a repeat defeat over Phoenix 80-71. The finals were broadcasted in 20 languages, by

33 international television stations in 148 counties.

Leaders of the Pack

As in all competitive sports, the best of the best will emerge. By earning the WNBA's most valuable player award for the first two seasons, Houston's Cynthia Cooper has become the face of women's professional basketball. At the age of 35, hers is the face of experience as she leads the league with an average of 22.7 points a game. The fans love "Coop."

The Sparks' Lisa Leslie is the leading rebounder for the WNBA pulling down over ten boards a game. Ticha Penicheiro averages 7.5 assists each day she comes out to play aiding her team, the Monarchs.

Teresa Weatherspoon's speed earned her 1998 Defensive Player of the Year, inspiring New York fans to wear "T-Spoon" T-shirts. By The Comets' coach Van Chancellor, was honored with consecutive Coach of the Year recognition. And the Rookie of the Year belonged to the Sting with the impressions made by Tracy Reid.

Weatherspoon, Leslie, Penicheiro, Cooper and Reid are a sampling of the many athletes and role models behind the recent success of women's professional basketball. As their skills continue to be showcased in cities around the nation, the next generation of ball players will not be limited to wondering "if I could be like Mike", but now also, "if I could be like Coop."

Information from www.wnba.com contributed to this article.

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Woodard's only career options were on the other side of the globe, where she played seven seasons between teams in Japan and Italy.

"After finishing playing basketball in college I realized the only options to play further were overseas," Woodard said. "That meant you had to leave your family and friends behind, expensive telephone bills and loneliness."

Her official welcome back, after a four-year hiatus, came when she played for the Rockers in the first WNBA season.

"It was awesome to finally play the game you love, with heart and soul, at the WNBA level on national television all across America," she said. "It was really neat to take it all in last year and I had a true appreciation, especially considering the early struggles that women's basketball had to fight through."

A boss of former court opponents and teammates,

Lieberman-Cline has applied her relentless work ethic on the hard floors to the sidelines and demands as much from her players.

"I love playing the game of basketball and I hope that my desire, passion and commitment to the game shows because it's a lot simpler at 25 when you don't have a family and television deals and businesses," she said. "I love the professionalism of the women in this league. If you don't want to play for me, it's your job, so leave. I'll give these women every opportunity to succeed. If they don't want to be here, there are plenty of women who'd like to get their paycheck."

Not so many male players would, though.

Despite the players' balancing acts, their salaries are a fraction of those of NBA stars.

If Michael Jordan were "Michelle," he would not be pondering a \$33 million contract. Instead he'd be part of an entire league earning a combined salary one-eleventh of his actual going price.

Even though the American

Basketball League, the WNBA's competitor, pays better, the WNBA gives female players a name. Many stars like the New York Liberty's Teresa Weatherspoon and the Washington Mystics' Nikki McCray switch from the ABL, despite the smaller salary.

"The fancy cars, all the money, that's not what it's like here," McConnell Serio said. "The season is short, but that will grow and with that, so will the salaries."

And with the growth of the league, it will be a little easier for women to laugh at those who don't believe in the survival of the WNBA.

"They always told me I can't," stated Woodard. "When you do something different and the rest of the world doesn't see it, and you're the only one in the world that can see it, you take a lot of heat," Woodard said. "They call you a fanatic, but you have to hold onto that and it's easy to do because it's coming from inside."

Information from www.wnba.com/rockers contributed to this report.

The Whole World wants to know...

Pachanga '98

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Reno begins search for truth

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno has begun an investigation to determine whether Harold Ickes, a former top White House aide, committed perjury before a Senate committee, it was disclosed yesterday. Reno notified a special federal panel of judges that she had begun a 90-day investigation of Ickes — an inquiry that could lead to the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of campaign finance abuses in 1996. Republicans have been demanding such a sweeping probe. Reno's announcement came on the eve of a briefing she is scheduled to give leaders of the House and Senate Judiciary committees on Wednesday.



Problems found at nuke plant

LONDON

A Scottish nuclear plant found leaking two years ago and now slated to close still has many chronic safety problems, according to a report released yesterday. Investigators found no immediate public danger but argued that "considerable effort, time and resources" were needed to make the Dounreay plant on the sparsely inhabited northern coast of Scotland safe. The report listed 143 recommendations, including the need to improve handling of radioactive waste. A three-month audit by Britain's Health and Safety Executive, which monitors civilian nuclear sites, and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency began June 1 after an accident in which a power cable was sliced by a digger, cutting off power for 16 hours. In the report, investigators heaped criticism on the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, which runs the plant.

British, Irish plan crackdown

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

The British and Irish governments unveiled plans Tuesday for a joint crackdown on a band of IRA dissidents who engineered the deadliest bombing in three decades in Northern Ireland. The plans are almost certain to be approved in emergency parliamentary sessions this week. Also, in a carefully worded statement tied to Thursday's visit by President Clinton, Sinn Féin party leader Gerry Adams proclaimed that "the violence we have seen must be for all of us now a thing of the past, over, done with and gone." The statement represented a significant rhetorical shift for his IRA-allied party and was welcomed by the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern as well as by Clinton.

■ CONGO

Troops block rebel safe passage



AFP Photo

Congolese politicians and commanders arrived at the Mataldi airport last week. The port town was recaptured from rebels by Angolan forces during the struggle against a rebel challenge to Democratic Republic of Congo's President Laurent Kabila.

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KINSHASA

Government-allied troops were blocking rebel fighters yesterday from seeking safe passage out of western Congo, where a recent government offensive has largely purged insurgent forces.

In the capital, Kinshasa, Congo's government put about 50 war prisoners it says were from Uganda and Rwanda on display before reporters Tuesday in an effort to prove those countries are masterminding the rebellion.

In South Africa, meanwhile, where heads of state were gathering for the Nonaligned Movement summit in the city of Durban, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops.

Deputy South African President Thabo Mbeki told SABC radio he was "confident" the parties would reach an agreement on a cease-fire.

But peace talks, at least until now, have gone nowhere.

The rebels still control several key cities in eastern Congo and have vowed to press on with their fight to topple President Laurent Kabila.

An unspecified number of rebels trying to flee from near Songololo, a town about 150 miles southwest of Kinshasa, were denied passage. They are "effectively considered prisoners of war," Deputy Interior Minister Faustin Munene said on state radio.

"They will not be given safe passage until all Rwanda and Uganda forces withdraw from the east," he said.

Kabila accuses neighboring Rwanda and Uganda of orchestrating the rebel

campaign in Congo's monthlong civil war. Kabila's government, meanwhile, has received military help from Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia.

Rwanda denies it has troops in Congo but says it may intervene to protect its interests. Uganda says it has troops in Congo as part of a border defense agreement.

A Ugandan military spokesman said Tuesday his country's army will keep troops in eastern Congo to fight Ugandan rebels there.

"We cannot pull out of Congo now," said Capt. Shaban Bantariza.

The war prisoners put on display Tuesday wore plain khaki clothing provided by the Congolese government and showed no military or national markings. The government said they were from Uganda and Rwanda.

■ MARKET WATCH

Dow rebounds, but experts warn that it isn't over yet

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NEW YORK

Wall Street roared back Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average surging 288.36 points in a dramatic turnaround that recouped more than half of Monday's losses.

Investors brushed off concerns that the booming times were over on Wall Street, and threw money back into stocks, many enticed by the cheap deals available from the recent sharp declines.

"We saw major carnage in the market Monday," said Alfred Goldman, director of market analysis at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in

St. Louis. "But we wore out the sellers and now the buyers are coming back."

The Dow rose 288.36 to 7,827.43 in its second-biggest point gain ever, cutting into Monday's 512-point loss. With Tuesday's gain, the Dow was just 81 points below the level at the end of last year, 7,908.25. But it still was 16.2 percent below its record of 9,337.97 set on July 17.

Broader indicators also rose Tuesday, including the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index, which rallied a record 75.84 points following a record plunge of 140.43 points on Monday.

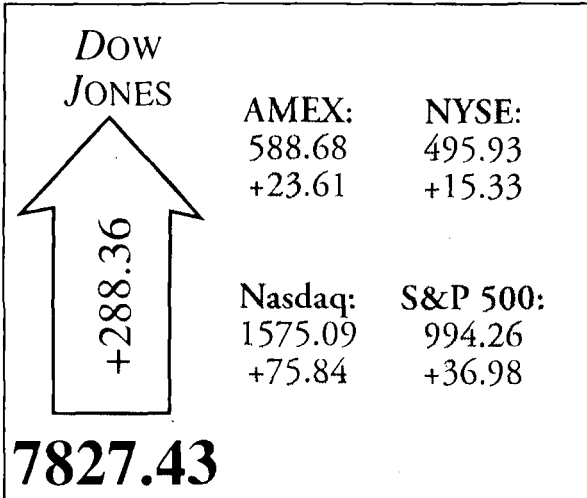
New York Stock Exchange volume

totalled a record 1.204 billion shares as of 4 p.m., up from 914.77 million in the previous session. Total U.S. stock market volume was 2.756 billion, the second busiest day ever.

Despite Tuesday's strong rally, analysts warned that the gains may be temporary and predicted the market will turn even lower in coming weeks before making a true recovery.

Calling it a "bear trap," many said it's likely that Tuesday's rebound may only lead to bigger losses until the market hits a satisfactory low.

"We have not hit the bottom yet," said Alan Ackerman, senior vice president at Fahnestock & Co.



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Political variables impact Chile

By MAGGY TINUCCI
News Writer

In post-authoritarian ruled Chile, social cleavages such as class, religion and urban or rural residence have less impact on coalition and party identification than political variables, according to Scott Mainwaring of the department of Government and International Studies for the Kellogg Institute.

Last night, Mainwaring highlighted five political variables that have had a

significant impact on coalition identification in Chile since 1989. They include: the country's economic situation at the time of elections, the basis of government performance in the recent past, the opinion of the current Christian Democratic president, the opinion of conservative opposition, and the variance that exists between the center left and the conservative right.

A deliberate downplay of class distinction on the part of party elites was

necessary to be able to defeat the dictator in the early 1980's and has been successful in reshaping the political party system, he said. The current system includes two liberal parties and two conservative parties.

With the governmental changes, the Socialist party underwent profound change from a party that emphasized class distinction to an emphasis on accepting democracy and maintaining economic policy — a decision on the part of party elites that

Mainwaring said led to an avoidance of class discourse.

This political crafting of the parties has proved that only in so far as parties highlight the differences of class do they make a difference in party identification, he said.

With the de-emphasis on class in post 1989 Chile, social cleavages have all but disappeared as a factor, Mainwaring said.

The military regime has also helped to reshape the party system in Chile.

BOG

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"I see this as a day of celebration for Saint Mary's women to get together and reflect on the quality of their education and the spirit of the College," sophomore class president Carolyn Kelley said.

The Student Activities Board has planned several multicultural events, including a showing of the movie "Selena" on Sept. 27 in Carrol Auditorium.

Students should bring their SAB frequent attendance cards to SAB events throughout the semester, SAB coordinator Janet Horvath said.

BOG also discussed the creation of a letter that would be written by BOG to the parents of Saint Mary's students.

"A lot of times there is confusion about breaks and different activities, such as Junior Moms Weekend. This letter might help clear some of those up," a BOG member said.

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nect ethnic alumnae with current students for advice and job opportunities.

"We'd like to strengthen our alumnae connections," Smith said. "We want to encourage them to come back to campus and speak about their lives as professionals, discuss issues they face at work, or help set up internships and other opportunities."

Smith said that she knows that changing the College face will not be an overnight job, but it is a realistic one.

"I do not want anyone to be disillusioned," Smith said. "It's going to take more than my last year here, but maybe within the next few years, or next ten years at least, [the College] can really bare down."

If that is a success, Smith said, other freshmen will not have to wonder where a Baptist church is or feel like they are alone at Saint Mary's, like she did.

"Right now, the best route is to create environment where minorities can flourish," Smith said. "Even if they are more heavily recruited, it's not worth it if they don't feel nurtured and welcome here."

La Fuerza

Since 1991, La Fuerza has been listed as a club. However, without officers or commitment, the organization faltered.

With 21 Hispanic students in the freshman class — and with a Hispanic community that makes up the College's largest minority group — La Fuerza has a new initiative, a new dedication and planned meetings.

Already this semester, the group — whose name means "force" or "strength" — held a fundraiser selling Spanish foods and drinks and 50/50 raffle tickets.

La Fuerza president Rocio Rodriguez said that a goal of the club is to connect Saint Mary's students with South Bend's Hispanic community.

"South Bend has one of the highest rates of Hispanics, but they are not targeted so much for help," said junior Rodriguez. "We want to be able to help them out, show young kids that there is a chance for them."

La Fuerza is planning on working through La Casa de Amistad and with one area high school.

The group is also aiming at strengthening the bond of Latin women at Saint Mary's. Included in this year's activities are camping, dancing and a trip to Chicago.

Through the multiple events, Rodriguez said, La Fuerza hopes to educate Saint Mary's students about the culture.

"We want to let others know it's okay to be you," Rodriguez said. "Let others ask you questions, without being offended. They'll learn their history through food, music, movies ..."

Sisters of Nefertiti

Sisters of Nefertiti is described as an organization to support and learn about African-American women and culture — but its leaders stress that the group is open to all races in order to create a truly diverse community.

"A number of student [members in the organization] are from outside the African-American race," said Tysus Jackson, president of Sisters of Nefertiti. "To be multicultural, we need everyone."

"Besides promoting the culture, we really work together," Jackson continued. "For 30 minutes, we might just talk about what's on our minds or what's been happening to us personally."

Sisters of Nefertiti also dedicates itself to bringing culture to the campus. Talent shows, poetry readings, lectures, movies and essay contests have been sponsored by the organization.

"It's really hard to not hear your music or to see a movie [about one's culture]," Jackson said. "We're going to try to continue promoting the culture on campus. That way, it's a lot easier [for people on campus] to understand the plight of minorities."

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MBA program expands beyond confines of South Bend

By LOUBEL CRUZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's Executive MBA distance learning program will expand to a second site in Indianapolis for the 1998-99 academic year using a state-of-

the-art videoconferencing system.

Developed in 1995, the distance learning program at Notre Dame is the first of its kind in higher education and was recognized by the U.S. Distance Learning Association

as the country's best in 1996.

"The information age is upon us, and business and technology have grown. We are serving those students who wish to earn an MBA from Notre Dame but cannot come here," said Arnold Ludwig, assistant dean

for Executive Education in the College of Business Administration. "We are essentially taking the distance out of learning."

The University's Executive MBA Program and Ameritech have joined together, forming a partnership to expand the distance learning program. This will give business professionals in Indianapolis the opportunity to earn a Notre Dame MBA at Ameritech's downtown offices without leaving their jobs or the city.

Other program sites include the Carrier Corporation's offices in Indianapolis, Ameritech's corporate headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates, and Owens-Illinois Inc. in Toledo, Ohio.

"The ongoing partnership with Notre Dame is one that Ameritech values immensely," said Robert Koch, videoconferencing product specialist at Ameritech. "This particular project not only allows us to offer Indianapolis-area professionals access to one of the most sought after executive MBA programs in the country, but also confirms our commitment to our customers and to our partners."

The program operates on technology that allows for real-time interaction between students at the sites and on-campus faculty and students. The system is based upon two-way audio and compressed digital video that links two classrooms in the Naimoli Building of the

College of Business Administration complex to specially equipped rooms at the four sites.

The two classrooms in the Naimoli Building are equipped with a variety of tracking and document cameras, video monitors, push-to-talk and wireless microphones, VCRs and personal computers networked to the Internet and World Wide Web.

"Two key factors to our success are the ease of use of the system and feeling it imparts to our distance students; it makes them feel like they are right here on campus with us," said Ludwig.

Ten to 12 students are at each site, and classes "meet" every other Friday and Saturday, making it possible for both on and off-campus students to maintain full-time employment. Notre Dame business professors in the distance learning program are Executive MBA faculty who have been trained in the use of the videoconferencing system.

A facilitator represents Notre Dame at the remote sites during all class sessions to handle all administrative issues and jobs.

"Our goal is to serve both the educational and convenience needs of our students and corporate partners," said Ludwig. "Offering the Executive MBA Program through distance learning allows the students and their employers access to a high quality education while also saving them the time and expense of travel."

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Pieces of history on display in library

By MICHAEL FLANNERY
News Writer

A quick jaunt through the lobby of the Hesburgh Library reveals two new display cases full of yellow bricks, wooden planks and century-old window frames that flank the entrance to the bookshelves.

The artifacts are part of a display about the history of the Main Building at Notre Dame. The display encompasses the entire history of the building, from the original designs of architect W. J. Edbrooke to photographs of the current renovation that has closed the building until next fall.

In the spring, George Rugg, a curator at the library, approached Archives Curator of Exhibits Nancy Hanson about

creating a display of artifacts and photographs. Hanson then began to collect the display's artifacts and photographs with another library curator.

They spent two months looking at historic items from the Main Building, deciding which ones would not be used after the renovation was complete. They then collected and catalogued them. By the middle of July, the display was put together.

Hanson is also working with others to develop a Notre Dame exhibit for the Northern Indiana Center of History in South Bend.

The exhibit, scheduled to open in July 1999, will run for three years and focus on a different aspect of Notre Dame life each year.

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Traffic patterns will change for football game

Special to The Observer

A one-way traffic pattern on streets approaching Notre Dame will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, 30 minutes earlier than usual in anticipation of early traffic arriving for the season-opening football game against the University of Michigan. Local law enforcement officials are urging fans to allow extra time when traveling to the stadium.

The game-day traffic pattern will make most streets surrounding the University one-way toward campus before the game and one-way from campus for about one hour after the game.

Notre Dame has added some 4,000 general admission parking spaces to the large lot one-half mile north of campus at Juniper and Pendle Roads, according to Philip Johnson, assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Police. With more than 10,000 new spaces now available at that location, parking areas at Holy Cross College no longer will be used. In another change, Green Field, a grass lot at the corner of Notre Dame and Angela Blvd., has been designated as a reserved area.

"Our plan to provide adequate parking for the additional fans (brought on by stadium expansion) worked well last

season, with more than enough parking spaces available," Johnson said. "After the first game, traffic flow improved considerably. We will continue to work with area law enforcement agencies and traffic officials to continue the smooth flow of traffic on game day. Still, fans should plan to allow extra travel time to and from the stadium especially for the Michigan game."

Since parking on the south side of campus is limited, Johnson said fans are urged to use the parking areas at Juniper and Pendle.

"I can't stress enough that fans should plan to park north of campus, as there is very lim-

ited public parking on the south end of campus," he said.

TRANSPORTO will provide bus transportation to and from campus and the Pendle Road parking area. Transportation for people with disabilities will be available along the same route. Buses also will provide shuttle service from Saint Mary's, Town and Country Shopping Center and motels north of campus along State Road 933 (formerly U.S. 33). For more information on shuttle service, call (219) 233-2131.

General admission costs \$7, including transportation to and from the parking lots.

Motorists are urged to use

the following routes:

- From the Indiana Toll Road, use exits 72, 77 or 83. From exit 72, follow signs north to Brick/Cleveland Road, then drive east to Juniper and south to general admission parking.

- From exit 77, proceed north (left) on State Road 933 (formerly U.S. 33) to Cleveland Road, then east to Juniper and south to general admission parking. Do not turn south (right) on S.R. 933 from exit 77.

- From exit 83, follow State Road 23 west to Cleveland Road, then west to Juniper and south to general admission parking, and south to general admission parking.

Bradley to deliver first lecture tonight

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

Former Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) will deliver a public lecture tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The senator will deliver this lecture as the first installment of a six part series this fall entitled "Six New American Realities."



Bill Bradley

Bradley served in the U.S. Senate from 1979-1997 and was active in the areas of tax reform, international trade, pension reform, and improved race relations, according to a Notre Dame news release. Since leaving the Senate, Bradley has lectured at Stanford University and the University of Maryland, served as chair of the National Civic League and the Advertising Council's Advisory Committee on Public Issues.

He has also acted as an essayist for the CBS Evening News and served as senior advisor and vice chair of the International Council at J.P. Morgan and Co.

Having graduated with honors in American history in 1965 from Princeton University, Bradley received a Rhodes

scholarship to Oxford University where he earned a graduate degree with his studies in politics, philosophy and economics. He then served 11 years in the Air Force Reserve from 1967 to 1978.

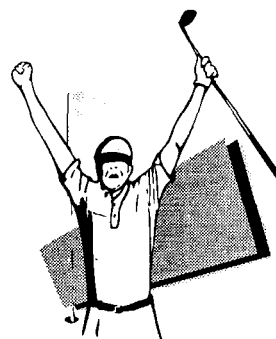
While at Princeton, Bradley was a three-time basketball All-American. He was a member of the 1964 Olympic basketball team and won a gold medal at the Tokyo games. After returning from Oxford in 1967, Bradley played for the New York Knicks for 10 years.

Bradley has written about his experiences with the Knicks in his book "Life on the Run," which was published in 1976. He is also the author of "The Fair Tax," a 1982 book that helped popularize ideas which led to the Tax Reform Act of 1986. "Time Present, Time Past" is Bradley's most recent work. Published in 1996, it is a memoir based upon his experiences as a senator.

This semester Bradley is also conducting a one-credit course entitled "Problems, Policy and Leadership." Only 34 students chosen by lottery can attend the course, which is assisted by John Ross, a professor of government and international studies.

Bradley's five other lectures at Notre Dame are scheduled for Sept. 14, Oct. 2, Oct. 27 or 28, Nov. 9 and Nov. 30.

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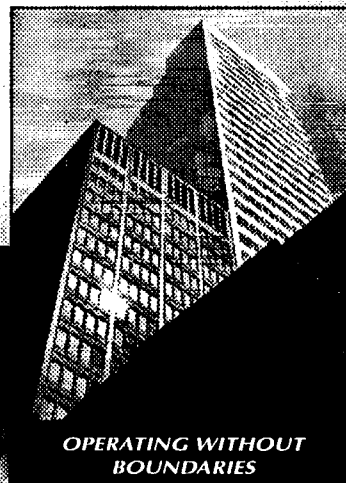
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The May Crowning

So it happened. With a little bit of effort, she was up. After the first words, the strange reminder of an instrument of torture led the way. Chances are you saw her, if you were not studying for you finals as you should have been, but out on the Quad on that Friday of Study Days.

Gabriel Martinez

You do look a lot better with your mouth open in amazement, let me tell you.

She didn't care that her children had forgotten their brains somewhere between DeBartolo and the Library. She smiled as she rocked back and forth, and sideways. Like a mom when you bring her the burned toast on her birthday, a friend said, she was happy that we cared enough to be there, to talk to her, to make our love for her public.

"The First Joyous Mystery is the Annunciation ..." The day she became His mother. "The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery is the Death of our Lord Jesus ..." The day she became our mother, when He was hanging from that instrument of torture that is ours to bear and ours to worship. "The Fifth Glorious Mystery is the Crowning of Our Lady ..." The day she became our Queen.

That was the first day of the Month of May, the Month of Mary. Some of us, some of you, students like you, who party and laugh and tease and do all the good things people your age are supposed to do, decided that the First of May was a good day to speak their love. And they

found a life-size statue of a 15 year old, pregnant virgin, took her on their shoulders, and prayed the full 15 mysteries of the Rosary. They were not ashamed, manly men and womanly women, of their love for a girl who said yes.

This time they did not look for a quiet hour in a solitary chapel, as they usually do. She chose for them a gorgeous day, when everybody would be looking, and let them take her on a tour of the campus of her University. I think it was of them that someone said: "I have struck root among the glorious people, in the portion of my God, His heritage; and my abode is in the full assembly of Saints."

None of you joined in, but she could see you wanted to. She could see you were fighting your shame, your self-consciousness, your what-will-they-think-of-me thoughts. What will they think of you? They'll think you are crazy, that you are a religious freak, certifiably mad. Isn't that great? Crazy for Christ, what a great thing to be! If madness is the way to happiness, go crazy!

Then it was the time for the excuses. "I've got to study." I have said it before, and I'll say it again: the most religious time of the year is not Easter, not Christmastime, not Lent. The most religious time of the year is exam time. Just as a sailor facing a storm, or a quarterback facing a thousand tons of raw meat coming at him, or a senior executive facing a mob of demanding consumers, a student in times of tests is the most religious of people. Why? Not only because we turn to the Lady when things are going wrong. We turn to God and to His mother when we haven't the faintest idea

how to study for Bio or Econ or Philo, or how to meet payroll. Because it is then that we feel the need for God, when we feel vulnerable, powerless, and at the mercy of a professor who tests you on something you were not told you were supposed to know, and then gives a 'B' as the highest grade in the class.

Then we realize that "we are not as strong as we think we are," and that to live and breathe and pass Calculus we need the help of her who felt most help-

less, and through her, of her Father, Son and Spouse. The Litany found us between the famed Golden Dome and the place where Someone calls all peoples to Himself. Have you noticed that Our Lady on the Dome is a perfect theological statement? She's up there, much higher than us human beings. But it is possible for us

to get up there. To do it, you have to follow firm, inflexible, dogmatic, and absolute rules: the laws of physics. You can't just think happy thoughts, but there are thousands of ways to get up there. Take a helicopter or a ladder or a trampoline, but keep in mind the intolerant laws of physics. Even if you do get up on the Dome, however, you will be way below the sun that gives you life.

Our Lady in Heaven is much higher than us. She's spotless. To get up where she is, we have to follow firm, inflexible, dogmatic and absolute rules: the Law of God — and after our real life begins, undergo Purgatory. But there are thousands of ways to attain salvation. Live littleness as a way to holiness; travel half the world to convert half a nation; write (almost) all there is to know about God; or

listen to and forgive people's sins for 18 hours a day, every day, year after year. Or, if you wish, be a humble and obedient housewife of indomitable courage and endless forbearance. Live the Commandments of the One True God, and be holy. But even if you attain perfect holiness, even if, like the Lady, you are perfect, you are still a creature. So, just like the Lady on the Dome, you will be infinitely lower than her Creator.

Ah, the Lady! That sweet young lass of 15 or so, who had decided that her body was not hers to give to another, but God's alone.

The perfect beauty who bore humankind's greatest gift. The strong-willed woman who, over the objections of her Son, made Him make a party perfect. The sweet young lass of 48 or so who cried her eyes out at the foot of the Cross. The reigning beauty of all Creation, with a heart bigger than our failings.

She is the woman whose praises they sang, for whom they processed, and to whom they prayed. Somebody once asked a holy man why should we pray the Rosary. The holy man's answer was, "The Lady likes it when her children say nice things to her." I know my mom likes it when I say something nice to her. It is the surest way to get something out of my dad.

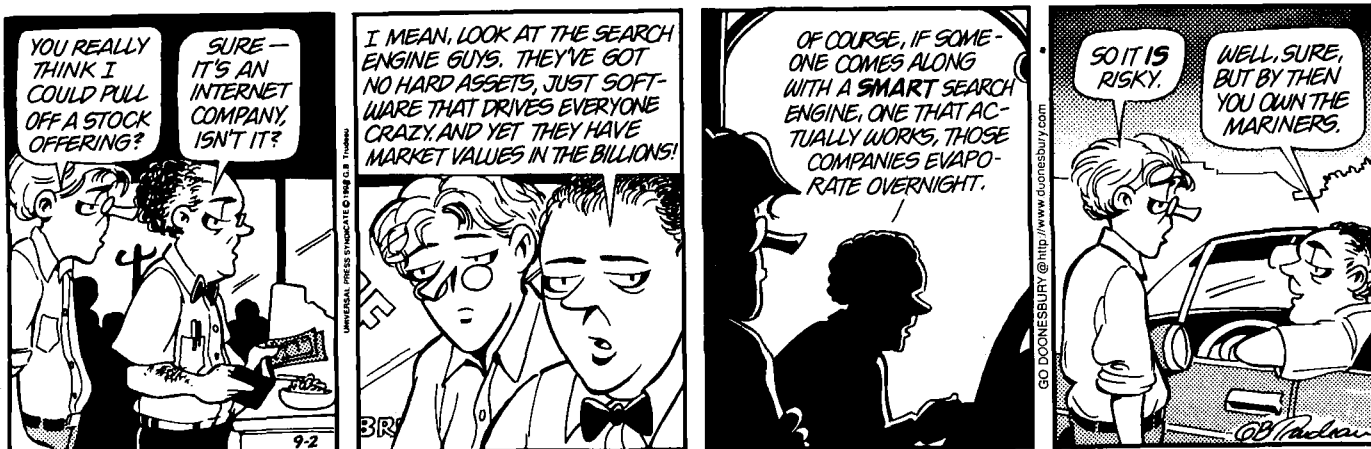
But on that warm Friday afternoon I discovered another reason. We should pray the Rosary in public so that smartest bunch of people in the world, the students of the great University of Notre Dame, may find something that is truly exciting and truly amazing.

Gabriel Martinez is a graduate student in the department of economics. His column appears every other Wednesday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'If Presidents don't do it to their wives, they do it to the country.'

— Mel Brooks

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apathy at Notre Dame needs to end

We spend more time grappling about the lack of social space, analyzing the architectural planning behind South Dining Hall, mourning the death of a South Bend bar than we spend empowering ourselves as students to address issues of human concern. We take pride in our commitment to community service, our strength as a spiritual community, yet we fail to take advantage of our collective voice by advocating justice. We close our eyes to the outside world and self-absorb in this sick little microcosm of self-promotion and superficiality that we call Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is in dire need of a political makeover. Civil Disobedience, are you kidding? Isn't that crowd surfing at the football games even though we are warned against it. College Democrats who are really Republicans. College Republicans who are really fascists. Diversity? You mean having the option of flex 14 or the traditional 21 meal plan. Protests? Oh, like gee, Michigan sucks.

Last night, as I humbly stood upon the stoop of North Dining Hall passing out leaflets in the hopes of finding at least a hint of political empathy, I was embraced by pure apathy and ignorance. Perhaps, sweatshops are not the most engaging issue at Notre Dame. But when the most common response to my effort to garner a glimmer of social awareness of a simple human rights issue was "Oh, sweatshops, yeah, well Guess jeans are too crotchety anyway," I became slightly disheartened.

I am not pleading for your support, your compassion, or pity, only urging you to raise your voice. Contest my effort, but don't ignore it. As a member of this Notre Dame community it is your obligation to uphold a level of social consciousness as you interact with this community and with the global community. As an educated American, you must implement the tools you have acquired to better our society. I am not asking you to push a political agenda, join PETA, or support my cause. However, I do implore you to be aware. Whether Guess Jeans are crotchety or not, take three seconds to read a flier and understand the issues facing our world.

We are students. Why are we not then activists? Boycott. Rally. Sit-in. Speak-out. Organize. Protest. Collectively we have the power to change our campus, our country, our world. Yet why do we find ourselves so content swooning over J. Crew catalogues and visiting the tanning salons while we brag about our University's commitment to service. Perhaps it is self-service.

We have disciplined our minds. Now we must search compassionately to find the words of our hearts.

Julie Hodek
Sophomore, Farley Hall
September 1, 1998

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Intellectual pursuits need not stand in the way of faith

I shuddered as I read Sean Vinck's "Catholics need to hold on to the core of the faith." Mr. Vinck is upset by the modern Church's casualness and suggests we counter its wayward casualness with a strong dose of "intellectual docility."

As a newcomer to ND, I'm floored that anyone at this fine University could possibly encourage "intellectual docility."

Doesn't that directly oppose everything about a university education? If the core of Catholicism for Mr. Vinck involves such intellectual sheepishness, I'm afraid I subscribe to a very different religion.

Tom Butler
September 1, 1998

■ GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Alcohol Abuse at George Washington U.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The University planned to hold a Welcome Week event Friday at the Zei Club — a downtown dance club that draws a significant GW crowd most weekends. GW advertised shuttle service from campus to the club, which would have admitted all GW students ages 18 and older for free and served alcohol to those over 21.

But something happened on the way to the Zei Club.

Late last week, GW administrators sent word that because several freshmen were sent to the hospital in their first days at GW to be treated for excessive alcohol use, it would be inappropriate for the University to sponsor a "club night." Welcome Week planners put together a night at X and O coffeehouse in Dupont Circle instead, and because GW bought out the cafe for the evening, alcohol was not served.

By canceling "club night," the University protected itself from the kind of publicity generated at several other colleges last year when a mix of alcohol, students and irresponsible drinking ended in death and serious injury.

GW made the right decision when it pulled its sponsorship of Friday's Zei Club event. After several freshmen were hospitalized for excessive drinking in the first three days of school, it would have been unwise for the University to put its name on an event at which freshmen and alcohol could have mixed.

But students will drink themselves into a dangerous stupor even if the University does not sponsor alcohol-related events. Last week, freshmen were required to attend a meeting on alcohol use, where administrators spoke about the dangers of binge drinking. Events like that are a step in the right direction.

It is ridiculous to think GW students will not touch a drop of alcohol until they are 21. Alcohol is part of the college experience. But when it is handled irresponsibly, problems arise — assault, rape, hospitalization, encounters with law enforcement officers.

Students often boast about the amount of alcohol they had the night before, or the wild time they had stumbling through the city on their way home. But few students mention what it is like to wake up in a hospital with a tube down their throat, having their stomachs pumped.

If GW is serious about changing students' attitudes toward reckless drinking, those are the types of lessons it must teach. Canceling an event at a club will protect the University legally, but administrators must now look for ways to teach students to drink responsibly.

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■ UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

It's not just football anymore: Stadium advertising infiltrates gameday spirit

LINCOLN, Neb.

Adidas, Coca-Cola and Fairbury hot dogs.

Amigos, Valentinos and other cafes.

Turkeys ride trophies on big screens called Huskervision.

Unfinished skyboxes loom over the day.

During the past few years, we haven't known whether we bought tickets to the football game or to its commercials.

But we have known the NU Athletic Department is as much a national marketing powerhouse as it is a sports powerhouse.

It's annoying at times, especially last fall when some fans cheered louder for the Hot Dog Fan of the Game than a well-earned touchdown.

Yet this solid marketing offense foots the bill for under-appreciated sports programs that can't sell high-end tickets like football does.

It keeps extra cash floating around for the successful start to teams like women's soccer — teams we're not willing to see fall because we're unwilling to sell the rights to our stomachs during a four-hour stint on the weekends.

But we miss the days before logos on jerseys. We miss the days where you saw the game up close only if you had a seat on the 50-yard line. (We also miss the days when students could sit on the 50-yard line, but that's another column.)

Nationwide, commercialism at college sporting events has skyrocketed to the point where we can hardly pretend they are college games anymore.

On each gameday, we watch a pro-football training match wrapped in a bright and shining pack age, ready for mass consumption on a national level.

We — a captive audience — watch a battle between corporate advertisers. We watch a monster I-beam frame, soon to hold pricey skyboxes sold to corporate interests, go up at a near-mystical pace.

The word of the gameday is "corporate."

This high-dollar game isn't for the workaday-Joe fans anymore — the type who attend football games the day their baby is due and who ask to wear a Huskers T-shirt at their child's wedding.

And it's not for the elderly rain-or-snow-for-50-years fans, either. Saturday, we watched some elderly West Stadium fans struggle up steps to the stadium because of construction there.

Instead, it's played for the corporate dollars that finance the cushy level of pro-football training still ruled by tedious NCAA regulations.

If the college tradition is important to the integrity of football, then the sponsorship of collegiate sporting events needs to be balanced with the intent of the game. That used to be sportsmanship and honor, and the inscriptions on our Memorial Stadium prove that fact.

Now the purpose of each game seems to be to build a larger pseudo-corporation of athletic marketing.

If the Athletic Department can't check this desire for unlimited corporateties — a desire that soils the spirit of the game — another state entity should.

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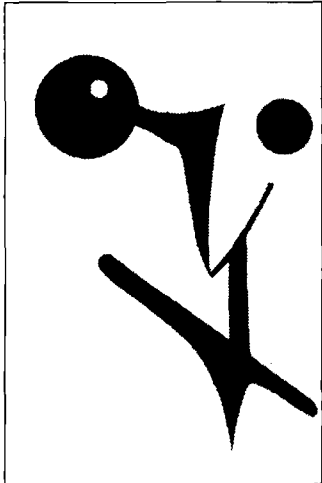
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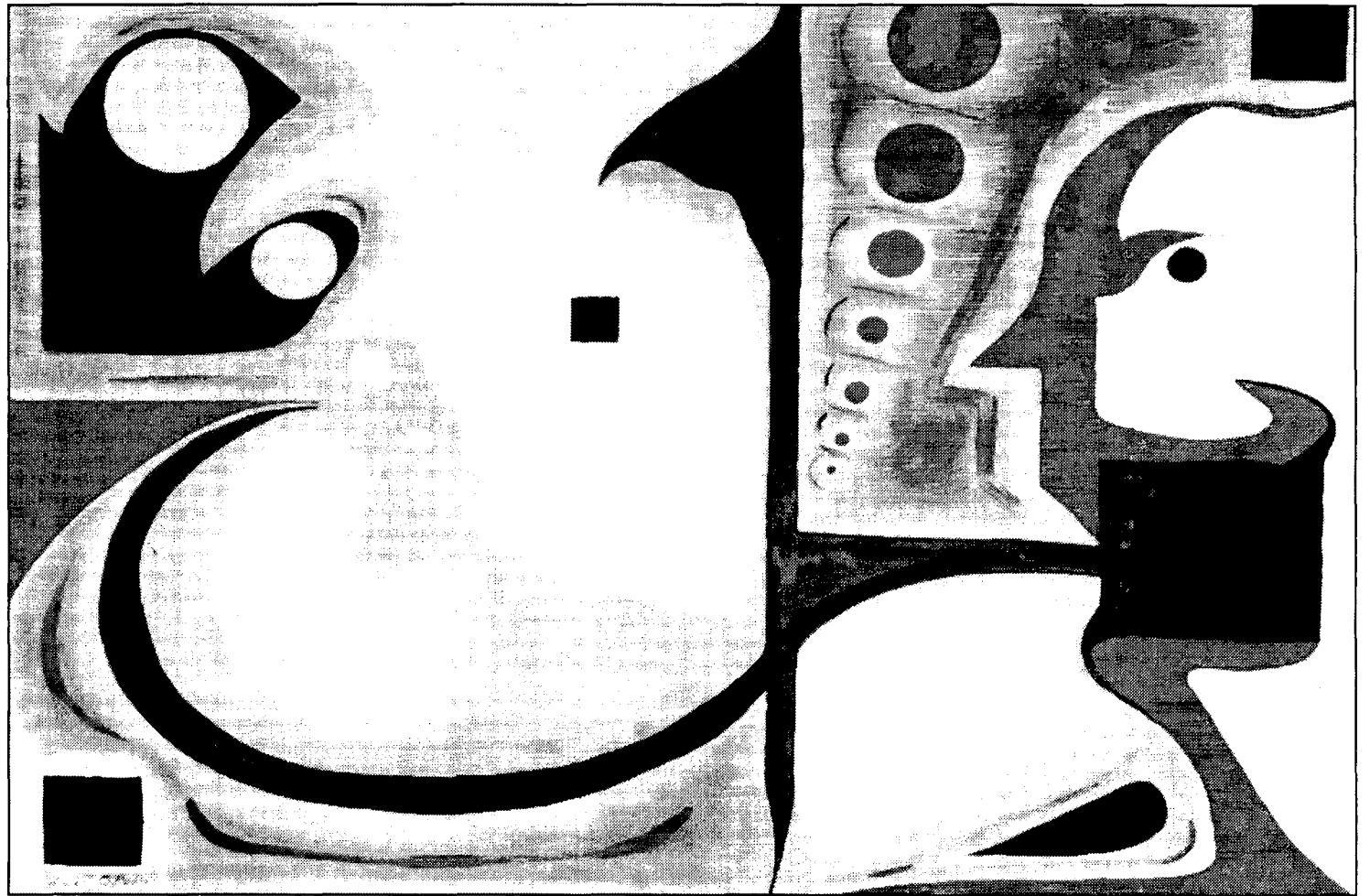
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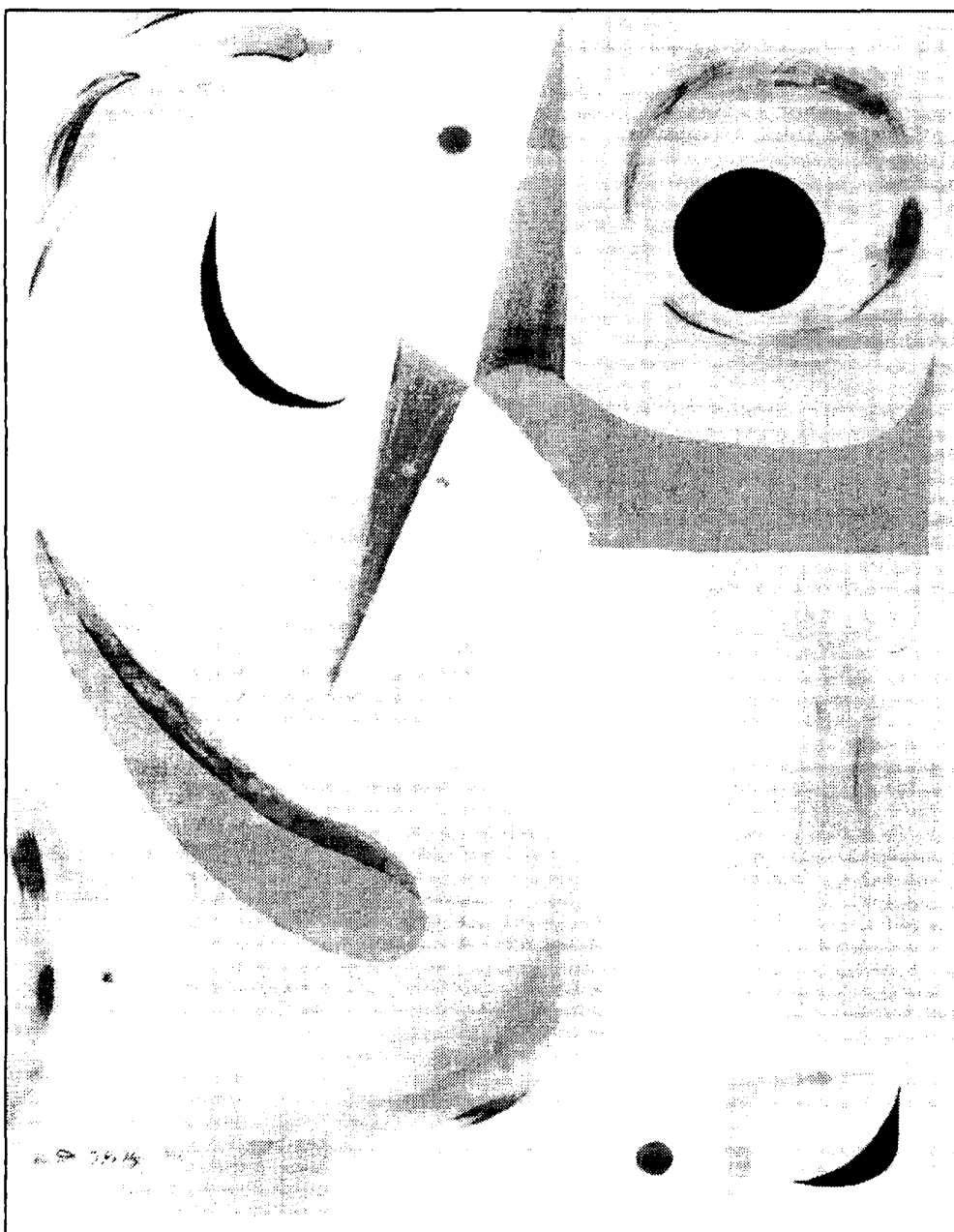
hunterism — postmodern art characterized by the use of a single line or shape to simultaneously define the contours of more than one person and/or object; certain elements in this style of art are abstract, figurative or both depending on the viewer's perspective.



Above: "Family in the Moonlight"
oil on canvas (30 x 40 inches)

Left: "Sleepwalking Through Life"
oil on canvas (40 x 30 inches)

Below: "Deep Dark Secrets"
oil on canvas (24 x 20 inches)



GENTICIST?

At Hunter O'Reilly, it's all in a day's work

Young artist to display work at Mishawaka bookstore

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

Hunter O'Reilly graduated cum laude from the University of California at Berkeley, holds a Masters of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in genetics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

In addition to these academic successes she is also an artist, whose work will be displayed in the South Bend area for the next month. The Barnes and Noble Cafe in Mishawaka, Indiana, will display six paintings from O'Reilly's "Abstract Faces Series" from September 1-30.

O'Reilly has never formally studied art, but became inspired to paint after a trip to Paris two years ago. Since her trip, she has filled six sketchbooks and displayed her paintings in both group and solo shows.

"[In Paris] I got to see the original paintings that you normally just see reproduced," she explained. "I always did drawing, but Paris inspired me and I thought oil painting would be a good medium for my ideas."

Before her experiences in Paris, O'Reilly's artistic experience had been limited to a few sketches and doodles.

"I always liked to draw and I always found myself doodling," she said. "But in the past couple of years I have done it more seriously. Now, when I look back at things — I did a cover for a literary journal when I was at the University of California, Berkeley — I realize that I did some of the same things there that I do in my paintings now."

Today, along with her work in the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, O'Reilly creates oil paintings in a style she describes as "hunterism," which is characterized by the

use of a single line or border to define more than one object in the painting.

"Certain elements of this style of art are abstract, figurative or both, depending on the viewer's perspective," said O'Reilly.

The young artist's "Abstract Faces Series," her largest series so far, clearly demonstrates this self-proclaimed artistic style.

"It's abstract and colorful, but it is figurative too," O'Reilly said. "Shapes make up both cellular forms and bodies. You can see things in it even though it is abstract."

O'Reilly cites Picasso, Kandinsky and Miro as her main influences and, although she has never taken classes on these artists, she has read and studied about them on her own. She also maintains that her work in science has directly affected

and artistic processes are more closely related than most people might believe.

Science requires a scientist to discover order in nature instead of trying to impose it, according to O'Reilly. Her art

she does get very involved in the projects she works on.

"I probably don't get enough sleep as I should," she joked. "But I just get so into the art and have such a passion for it. Once I get into it, I keep doing it for hours."

Her newfound passion for art has posed questions about where she will dedicate her efforts in the future.

"I am getting my Ph.D. because I've put so much time and energy into it," she emphasized. "But I want to keep doing the art. In the long run, I'm unsure about what I'll pursue. Pursuing genetics is definitely not a 9-5 job so it might be difficult to do both."

She has, however, considered options that might offer more time for her painting



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HUNTER O'REILLY

ed her art.

"As an artist, everything influences your art, but for me, a lot of the things and shapes I see in the lab under a microscope are reflected in my art," she said. "I see different patterns and shapes and I find them interesting."

O'Reilly said that she believes that the scientific

functions in a similar way, forcing the viewer to find order among the different shapes and forms.

Despite the similarities she sees between science and art, O'Reilly admits that balancing both her research and her painting can sometimes pose a challenge. Although she does not paint everyday,

and that would allow her to combine her interests in art and science. Teaching genetics, for example, might provide more flexibility in her schedule.

"I like teaching a lot and I've done it before, working as a TA or tutor," she explained. "Teaching might be some direction that would

allow more time for my art."

Getting involved with some sort of public education about genetics might allow her not only to dispel common misconceptions about genetics, but to incorporate her artistic skills in her study.

"I've thought about doing a book of genetics for the laymen," she said. "Maybe I could make it artistic as well."

No matter where she ends up, O'Reilly insists that she will always continue painting. "I've just developed such a passion for it."

O'Reilly is currently involved with a group of international artists called Renaissance 2001. More than 300 different artists from 30 different countries belong to the group, which formed over the Internet.

Membership into this group, which is free, has allowed O'Reilly to begin displaying her artwork not only throughout the United States, but also in other countries. Beginning Sept. 8, other paintings from her "Abstract Faces Series" will be on display at the Broadway Gallery and the Abraham Lubelski Gallery in New York City, and this past July she participated in a group show in Harrogate, England.

"I think it's really cool and I'd encourage young artists to look at their website," she said. "It's a unique way to get your artwork out there. This is more than people putting art up on the Internet. It's artists talking to each other and influencing each other from all over the world."

O'Reilly's artwork can also be seen on her own award-winning website at <http://members.spree.com/hunter/hunter.html>.

About the artist:

Education: Ph.D. candidate at University of Wisconsin, Madison; M.S. in genetics from U of W, Madison; B.S. from University of California, Berkeley

Art Experience (Exhibitions): Studio Z (Madison, Wis.), CWWCA 11th Anniversary (Madison, Wis.), The Country Without Borders Renaissance 2001 Group Exhibition (New York, N.Y.), Post-Postcard III (San Francisco, Calif.), Renaissance 2001 Group Exhibition (Harrogate, England), Binary Code Renaissance 2001 Group Exhibition (New York, N.Y.), CWWCA 10th Anniversary Exhibition (Madison, Wis.)

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■ NFL

Mirer signs with Packers after release by Bears

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

Quarterback Rick Mirer agreed to contract terms with the Green Bay Packers on Tuesday evening and was due to join the team at practice Wednesday.

The Packers said Mirer would be a backup to starter Brett Favre. The other backup is Doug Pederson.

Mirer, the second overall pick out of Notre Dame in the 1993 draft, was released Sunday by the Chicago Bears.

He had signed a \$10 million, three-year contract with Chicago in February 1997 but couldn't hold the starting job and wouldn't agree on a pay cut to stay with the Bears.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Mirer starred with Seattle as a rookie before his career began a nosedive. By 1996, he was the league's lowest-rated passer. Then came the trade to the Bears.

With Chicago last season, he started three games and played in four others, passing for 420 yards and running for 78 yards and a touchdown.

The Packers also said center Mike Flanagan would be returning because his trade to the Carolina Panthers was canceled Tuesday after he failed a team physical.

Flanagan, 24, has had six operations since breaking his right leg in two places in his first exhibition game as a rookie in 1996. He was traded Monday to Carolina for a draft choice.

The 6-foot-5, 290-pound Flanagan was Green Bay's third-round draft pick out of UCLA in 1996. Flanagan spent the 1996 season on injured reserve and the 1997 season on the physical-ly unable to perform list. Flanagan played in all five of the Packers' exhibition games in 1998.



The Irish signalcaller from 1990-92, Rick Mirer will now ride the Packer's bench behind Brett Favre.

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— What's your least favorite emotion? — Itchy.

hi marie, i'll be home soon.

i just want to go home

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thepresident of the yanni fan club

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mentos?

tired, tired, tired, tired

Carolyn- I hope you recover from your bike rides

OK, for ANYONE who wanted to know about the mysterious "N" in the paper: no, it's not some new convention of grammar (as a few English majors suggested). Really, it's a computer malfunction. The layout program can't always read long dashes, so it subs in "N" characters. And at 4:30 a.m., it's pretty hard to catch them all.

So that's the big mystery. It's a phenomenon known only within: The Observer Twilight Zone.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Fox coverage set to follow the (HR) leader

Associated Press

NEW YORK Fox Sports and its cable networks may wind up the biggest winners in the dispute between major league baseball and ESPN.

Baseball and Fox announced Tuesday the network will televise all of Mark McGwire's games from Sept. 11-13 if he reaches 60 home runs. FX and the Fox Sports Net cable network will broadcast two games involving McGwire and Sammy Sosa next week.

ESPN will televise next Monday's opener of the two-game Cubs at Cardinals series next Monday, and FX will show the Cardinals-Cubs game the following day. Fox Sports Net will broadcast split national coverage of the Cardinals-Reds and Pirates-Cubs games on Sept. 10.

Fox will televise the Cardinals-Astros game on Sept. 12 as part of its Saturday package, and will show the St. Louis games on Sept. 11 and Sept. 13 if McGwire has 60 home runs.

Fox executive producer Ed Goren is still talking with baseball about showing Sosa's games on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12 if he has 60 homers.

"My head is about to explode as I think about all the scenarios," Goren said. "We will pull the trigger when they get to 60. But if one of them hits five home runs in the next four days, everything is out the window."

ESPN will likely show the Cardinals game next Wednesday and had offered to televise Tuesday's game at Busch Stadium. But baseball officials opted to put the game on FX, despite the fact that is available in about half as many homes as ESPN (37 million to 73

million).

"We are obviously disappointed with baseball's decision," ESPN spokesman Mike Soltys said.

Baseball's dispute with ESPN over the placement of Sunday night games in September may have played a role in the decision to put the game on FX. ESPN tried to move the last three Sunday night games of the season to ESPN2 to accommodate its new \$4.8 billion deal with the NFL.

Baseball balked at the move and gave the games back to the teams to sell locally. Both sides have threatened to sue for breach of contract.

But baseball officials say they made the decision solely because they moved the Sept. 12 Cardinals-Astros games from FX to Fox and owed FX an additional game.

"There is always a concern about the number of homes, but given the contractual obligations, we considered this the right thing to do," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said. ESPN has agreed with baseball to show live cut-ins to any of Sosa's or McGwire's at-bats once they tie the NL record of 56 homers. ESPN has the rights to cut-ins at any time except during a window for Fox or FX.

The home run chase has helped drive up baseball ratings this season. Sunday night's Braves-Cardinals game got a 5.0 rating, the highest ever in ESPN's eight years of showing games on Sunday nights. The previous high was a 4.5 for a Giants-Dodgers game on Sept. 29, 1991.

Fox averaged a 4.4 rating for its five Saturday afternoon games in August, its highest month of ratings ever.

McGwire breaks NL HR record

Associated Press

MIAMI

With two mighty cracks, Big Mac passed Hack. Mark McGwire homered twice, raising his season total to 57 and breaking Hack Wilson's 68-year-old NL record with an electrifying performance that led the St. Louis Cardinals over the Florida Marlins 7-1 Tuesday night.

McGwire homered against Livan Hernandez leading off the seventh inning, sending a 1-1 pitch an estimated 450 feet over the center-field wall.

Two innings later, McGwire hit the first pitch from Donn Pall to almost the same spot. This time the estimated distance was 472 feet.

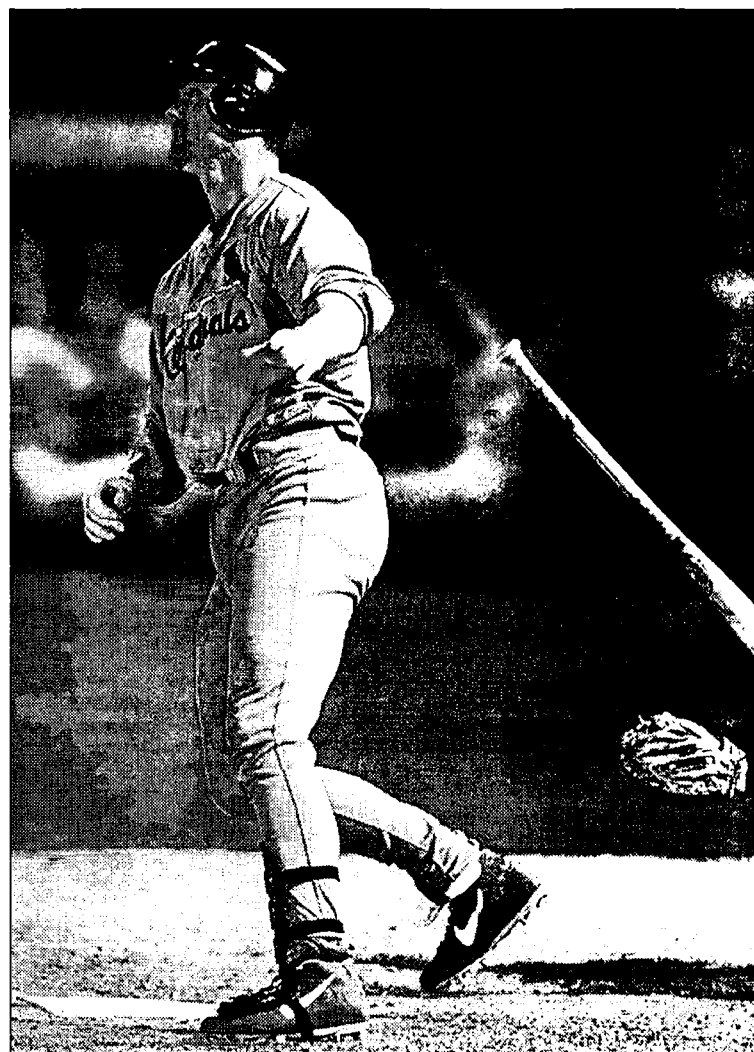
It was McGwire's seventh multihomer game this season and the 50th of his career, leaving him four short of Roger Maris' record with 24 games left. He began the night tied with Sammy Sosa at 55 homers in their race to break Maris' 37-year-old record.

No. 56 landed on a tarp beyond the wall, and several boys scrambled for the souvenir as the crowd of 37,014 gave McGwire a standing ovation. He touched the plate with a big grin and playfully punched teammate Ron Gant in the stomach before returning to the dugout.

When the cheers continued, McGwire responded with a curtain call before the next batter stepped to the plate.

With one out and none on in the ninth, more than a dozen youngsters gathered on the tarp in anticipation of a homer - and that's where McGwire hit it. There was another frenzied ovation and another curtain call.

Wilson's NL record of 56 homers was set in 1930 for the Chicago Cubs. He also had 190



McGwire's seventh multi-homerun game this season is good enough to break the NL record for homers.

RBI's that season, still the major league record. McGwire has driven in 121 runs.

Before his latest homers, McGwire was batting just .222 this season against the Marlins, who have the worst pitching staff in the league.

But McGwire hit a 545-footer, his longest of the season, against Hernandez in St. Louis on May 16. The Marlins' right-hander has allowed 31 homers this season — third-most in the NL.

McGwire flied out to center in the first, and the crowd booed playfully when he singled in the third. It was his 52nd single of the year.

As McGwire stepped to the

plate leading off the fifth, the scoreboard briefly displayed an erroneous message saying Sosa had hit his 56th homer. McGwire then grounded out to second.

Matt Morris (5-4) allowed one run in seven innings. Gant hit his 22nd homer and Ray Lankford hit his 25th for the Cardinals. St. Louis went ahead in the second on a two-out, two-run single by Delino DeShields. Placido Polanco's two-out RBI single made the score 3-0 in the third, and Gant homered with the bases empty in the fifth.

Hernandez singled home the only run for the Marlins, who lost, their fifth game straight.

■ WNBA

Comets blaze Phoenix for 2nd straight crown

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Two-time WNBA MVP Cynthia Cooper scored 23 points and Sheryl Swoopes led a late second-half charge as the Houston Comets beat the Phoenix Mercury 80-71 Tuesday night to win their second league championship.

Houston, which beat New York for the league's inaugural title last season, beat Phoenix in the best-of-3 series after dropping the opener on the road.

The Mercury led only once in the final game, but they cut Houston's lead to 62-61 with 7:40 to play. Swoopes made two free throws for a 64-61 lead and then she really put on a late show.

Over a 32-second span, Swoopes fed Janeth Arcain for a layup then blocked a shot that led to her own basket at the other end. The lead 68-61 and the Mercury never got closer than four points the rest of the way.

Tina Thompson had 16 points for Houston and

Swoopes scored 11 of her 16 points in the second half.

Michelle Griffiths led the Mercury with 24 points, while Jennifer Gillom had 20.

The Comets never trailed in the first half and withstood a mild Phoenix rally for a 32-26 halftime lead.

But the Mercury kept up the charge early in the second half when they tied the score twice and took their only lead of the game, 47-45, with 14:47 left on a basket by Griffiths.

Two free throws and a 3-pointer by Kim Perot gave the Comets a 50-47 lead and they never trailed again.

Cooper scored 13 first-half points, but she also picked up three fouls, including one with 24 seconds left in the half that gave Griffiths a three-point play.

The Comets took a 25-15 lead with 6:26 left in the half, aided by 10 first-half turnovers by the Mercury. Phoenix outscored the Comets 11-7 the rest of the half as Griffiths had five of her nine first-half points during that spurt.

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Week in review from an obscured view

The only person who could stop McGwire from breaking the record is Sosa. Sosa, the affable right fielder for everyone's favorite team, the

John Coppolella is a junior majoring in business management from Laguna Hills, California. His column appears every Wednesday in the sports section.

John Coppolella
Sports Columnist

Sosa's sights on Cubs not HRs

"Maybe after the year is over and we go to

"In my mind, about 16 percent of the time," he said doubling over at his locker. "It's 79 percent for Mark."

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Bocklage drilled home the first goal of the game at 11:38 of the first. Taking a pass from co-captain Phil Murphy that was almost intercepted by a Crusader defender, Bocklage got one past Valpo co-captain

and goalie Aaron Rhame from 20 yards out. Bocklage starts the season with two goals and an assist in his first game.

McKnight added his first of the season less than four minutes later on a play that developed off a Johnson possession at midfield. A dish-off and fine maneuvering by Ryan Cox brought the drive to the penalty box, where freshman Shane

Walton was able to pass to McKnight for the goal.

Walton, making his first start at Notre Dame, has had a productive preseason, scoring the Irish's only goal in the preseason game against Ohio State. He finished with two goals and two assists in the game.

"He's a very opportunistic player, a good goal scorer who

helped out our offense a lot," explained Johnson on the freshman phenom.

Walton scored his first collegiate goal with 49 seconds in the half, with an assist coming from Cox. The play gave the Irish a 3-0 halftime lead.

The second half got underway with the Crusaders hoping that backup goalie Mike Sernel would solidify their defense. But the Irish brought much of the same as Cox scored just six minutes into the half. Bocklage lofted a pass to Walton in the goal box, whose quick feed to the left setup Cox.

Looking to control the balls in the air up front to finish plays, the Irish also mastered using their heads in the midfield to start attacks. Senior defender Dave Cutler nailed a header in the midfield to redirect the ball Notre Dame's way. McKnight, who tallied a goal and an assist on the day, hit a breaking Bocklage who fired a shot that ricocheted off the inside of the right post for the team's fifth.

Notre Dame got its last goal

of the night with 24:47 left on a netter from Walton on a Cox assist, his second of the contest.

Velho's bid for a shutout was broken with just over 20 minutes left on the penalty shot goal by Daly. Ironically, the penalty came on a stellar save by Velho that deflected a Valpo shot off the top bar of the goal. The ball stayed in play, and attempting to clear the ball, the Irish fouled Daly in the box, setting up the ensuing play.

Despite the offensive headlines, the key to keeping the Irish on the attack was a healthy defense.

"We defended as a team," said Murphy. "Especially after the first 20 minutes, we played much more compact and did a better job of covering each other. We didn't have to defend individually."

The team hopes to use the excellent play defending and scoring to springboard their season, especially as Big East play starts this Saturday at Syracuse.

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Starting in last night's contest, sophomore Conor LaRose (right) played a part in the powerful defense that shutdown Valparaiso.

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before pulling a hamstring during the regular season matchup against LSU. Guilbeaux still produced, but in a reduced role: He played off the bench for the next two games before starting again in the Independence Bowl.

"Benny is a willing, try-hard guy," McMahon said. "The only time he gets into problems is when he gets into situations he hasn't seen, but those are becoming fewer and fewer."

At free safety, senior A'Jani Sanders will probably step into the starting position after holding off converted tailback Tony Driver during most of the

spring.

Sanders played in a reserve role for most of the '97 season before starting the final two regular season games. He recorded 58 tackles last season to push his career total up to 76. In the opening scrimmage of the spring, Sanders had an impressive performance, prompting Davie to wonder whether competition was a factor.

"No. 25 [Driver] lurking back there may have had something to do with it," Davie said. "When you have competition, you need to step up and compete. I thought A'Jani stepped up."

Driver has definitely made an impression on the coaching staff, as he continues to improve after his conversion

from tailback during the spring.

"Close your eyes and draw up a kid," McMahon said. "Then write a paragraph describing what kind of attitude you would want if you were a coach. You open your eyes and there's Tony Driver standing right in front of you."

Even if Driver doesn't get the chance to start, he will defi-

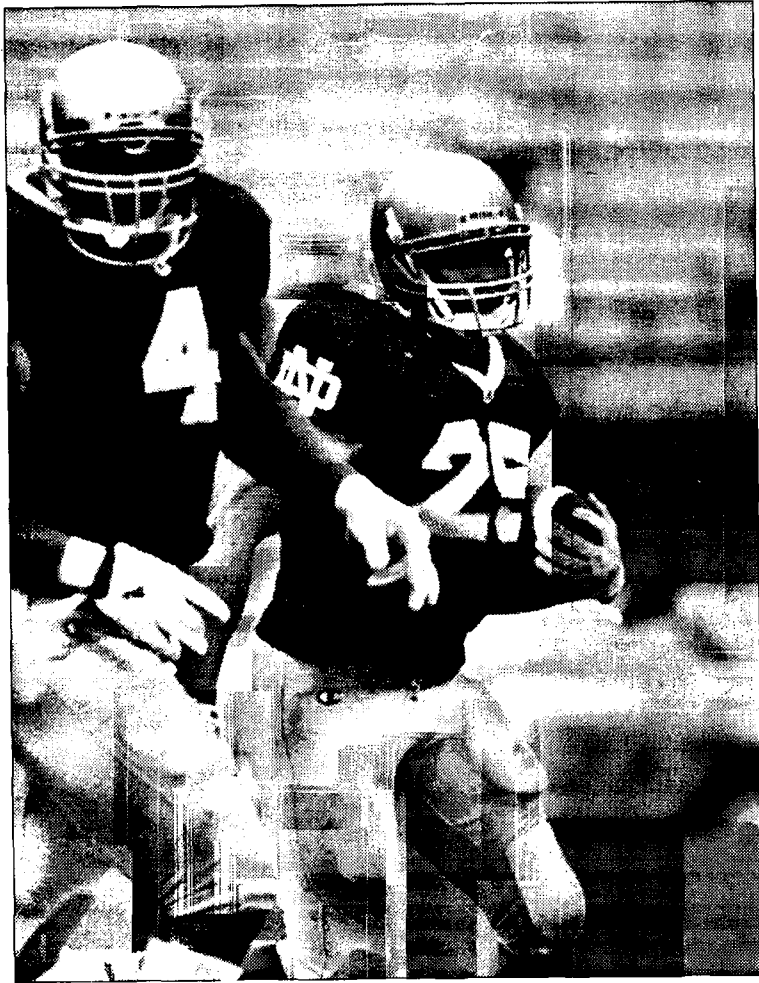
nately be on the field of play often during the season.

Along with Driver, plenty of names and faces will vie for starting positions this season. Justin Smith, Lee Lafayette and Deke Cooper will struggle to fend off strong freshman recruits like Clifford Jefferson and Donald Dykes.

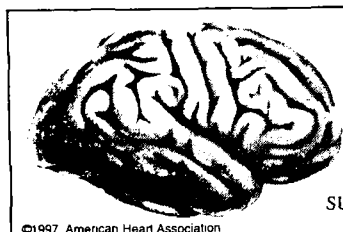
Still, the competition for positions indicates the glut of

talent in all four spots in the secondary. But Davie believes the tough schedule early will offer little room for error.

"We've got the safeties with experience, we've got some young corners, we do feel like we have some talent there. You look at the schedule and you understand why they have to jump up and mature pretty quickly."



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Team co-captain and linebacker Kory Minor (4) and safety Tony Driver (25) are keys to a monstrous Irish backfield.



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■ SAINT MARY'S VOLLEYBALL

Belles serve up win in first match of season

By GRETCHEN TRYBUS
Sports Writer

The Belles volleyball team looked quite different Tuesday night against Manchester College than it did a year ago.

Last year, the Belles struggled with their opponents and ultimately lost a hard-fought match.

But this year, the tables turned. The Belles' aggressive behavior on the court led to a 15-2, 16-14, 9-15, 15-4 win over Manchester.

That success can only build confidence for Saint Mary's, especially considering the team's young age. And Tuesday, everyone on the team got to hit the courts - even the three freshman members.

The strength of the team shone through in its serving, and that was key in last night's match. Mary Rodovich, Victoria Butcko and Brianna Canter all had two service aces and Angie

Meyers topped it all with a total of three.

The aggressive serves were the main element that brought the Belles to their victory.

Agnes Bill led scoring with 17 points. Meyers and Jane Ozbolt also made excellent contributions with 12 points each.

In addition to her high scoring, 21 digs from Bill, combined with Suzanne Martin's huge total of 51 assists, helped Saint Mary's come out on top.

If the team is able to keep up its aggression and energy, the possibilities are endless for a successful season.

"This was a good game to see where we are and where we are going," said head coach Jennie Joyce. "It was a good strong start to use as a stepping stone for making a great season."

The Belles are looking to build from their experience, starting this weekend at the Kalamazoo Invitational.



Photo courtesy of Saint Mary's Athletic Department
Agnes Bill led the team with 17 points and 21 digs against Manchester.

■ VOLLEYBALL

Treadwell tops Irish in victory

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

If only winning were always this easy.

The Notre Dame volleyball team made victory look like a cinch last night in the opening match of the season, overpowering at Valparaiso in three consecutive games 15-3, 15-4, and 15-5.

"I thought that the team played really well. Overall, it was a great opener for us," said eighth-year head coach Debbie Brown. "I was really pleased, but not surprised, with the play of Lindsay Treadwell, who led the team in almost every category and really provided good leadership for us."

Senior captain Treadwell played all three games, recording 11 kills, 10 digs and winding up with a hitting percentage of .563.

"Going into the match, the coaches told us to communicate and to have enthusiasm," said Treadwell. "We did both of those, so we fulfilled one of the steps toward becoming a better team."

"This match will help us because we know now that we can play together, we know we can beat people badly and we know that we're good," she added.

Two sophomores also played key roles in the victory: setter Denise Boylan and leftside hitter Christi Gorton. Boylan played in each game and had 30 assists, while Gorton tallied nine kills and 18 total attacks.

Although Notre Dame dominated all three games, perhaps the strongest game was the second.

The Irish played it nearly flawlessly, with only one error. Junior outside hitter Mandi Powell served 10



The Observer/Joe Stark
Snatching a victory from the Crusaders of Valparaiso, the Irish now look to its home tournament, the Shamrock Invitational.

straight points to lead the attack on the Crusaders.

In game one, sophomore Jo Jameyson keyed the attack, serving five consecutive points in the middle of the game.

Critical factors in the Irish triumph were the height of the Notre Dame team compared to Valparaiso's players, and the inability of Valpo to pass successfully. ND has eight players who are 6'1" or taller, while Valparaiso has just two.

Another key element in the win was that the Irish met their goal of hitting above .300 against all unranked opponents, hitting .352 last night.

This was the first match between the two teams in four years, and the first since Nona Richardson became the head coach for the Crusaders. Notre Dame posts a 13-3 all-time series lead against

Valpo.

Notre Dame got its first-game jitters out in this match, which should serve the team well as it moves into the season at full-tilt.

"I think the fact that everybody played is important because there may be times this weekend when we'll need everybody, and it's good to have that match experience under our belts," said Brown.

The Irish, ranked 16th nationally in the pre-season poll, will look to build confidence from last night's success heading into this weekend's tournament.

Notre Dame plays host to Georgia and 12th-ranked Colorado in the Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center. Last season, the Irish fell to Colorado in three straight games, but pulled out a victory over Georgia in four games.



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■ GOLF

U.S. Amateurs show expertise on the Irish links

Klee and Connell lead field in Notre Dame tournament

Special to The Observer

A pair of United States Amateur qualifiers - both Wisconsin natives - found themselves at the top of the leader boards Sunday at Notre Dame's annual campus championship golf tournament, following second-day action at Blackthorn Golf Club.

Junior Andrea Klee, from Appleton, Wis., captured the women's medalist honors with a two-round total of 158 on the par 72, 5,961-yard course. The Irish team captain fired an opening round 81 on Saturday before adding the best round of the women's tournament, 77, over Sunday's final 18 holes.

Klee is just the second different women's golfer to win the tournament since 1993, as 1998 graduate Katie King captured the past four campus titles (all at Blackthorn except for the '94 event, which was held at the Notre Dame Golf Course).

In the men's competition, junior Jeff Connell, of LaCrosse, Wis., continued his torrid play by firing rounds of 72 and 73 from the championship tees (7,105 yards), with the men's competition set to conclude with 36 holes on Sunday, Sept. 6 at Blackthorn.

Connell, the defending campus champion, is coming off a strong showing last week at the U.S. Amateur, where he missed advancing to match play by a single shot.

A total of 28 golfers will advance to the final two rounds of the men's competition, with the cutoff at 165. Sophomore Jeff Irish, of East Lansing, Mich., was included in the group of 28, after not finishing the final few holes of his second round due to a back injury (he shot an 83 in the first round).

Sunday's action also featured the first career hole-in-one for junior Beth Cooper, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who posted 87-81/168 over the weekend action. Cooper registered her ace on the 117-yard 16th hole, using a nine iron.

Other top finishers in the women's competition included junior Brigid Fisher, of Augusta, Ga., at 83-79/162 and sophomores Mary Klein, of Kokomo, Ind., and Becca Schloss, of Bloomsburg, Pa., who both posted round of 88-79/167. The team's only other

veteran, sophomore Danielle Villarosa, of Verona, N.J., finished ninth at 177 (89-88).

Six newcomers rounded out the 12-golfer women's field, led by freshmen Kristin McMurtrie (83-86/169; Calgary, Alberta) and Lauren Fuchs (86-90/176; Louisville, Ky.) and sophomore Shane Smith (91-88/179), a transfer from SMU and a native of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Senior co-captain Brad Hardin, of Martinsville, Ind., - who won the 1996 campus championship at Blackthorn - stands just two shots behind Connell with a 147 total, after posting rounds of 78 and a tournament-best 69.

Freshman Kyle Monfort, of Dublin, Ohio, whose summer highlights included shooting a nine-birdie, course-record round of 63 at his home course Muirfield Country Club, stands in third place (74-76/150) while fellow rookie Chris Whitten, of Rockford, Mich., used an even-par first round and 80 on Sunday to earn a share of fourth. Junior co-captain Todd Vernon, of Englewood, Colo., who won the 1997 Big East Conference tournament at Blackthorn

with rounds of 70 and 71, also is tied for fourth after matching rounds of 76.

Other top performers through two rounds include: junior Bo Plummer (77-76/153; Louisville, Ky.), sophomore Pat Schaffler (76-78/154; Dallas, Texas), freshman Steve Ratay (78-80/158; Arlington Heights, Ill.) and junior newcomer Mike Gehrke (81-77/158; Grosse Pointe, Mich.).

Returning starter Willie Kent of Asuncion, Paraguay - a senior who transferred to Notre Dame from St. Louis University last spring - is one of four golfers tied for 10th at 159, after rounds of 77 and 82.

Others who totaled 159 include sophomore John Dunham (81-78; Indianapolis, Ind.), junior Dan Bumpus (76-83; Brighton, Mich.) and freshman Brian McCabe (80-79; North Barrington, Ill.).

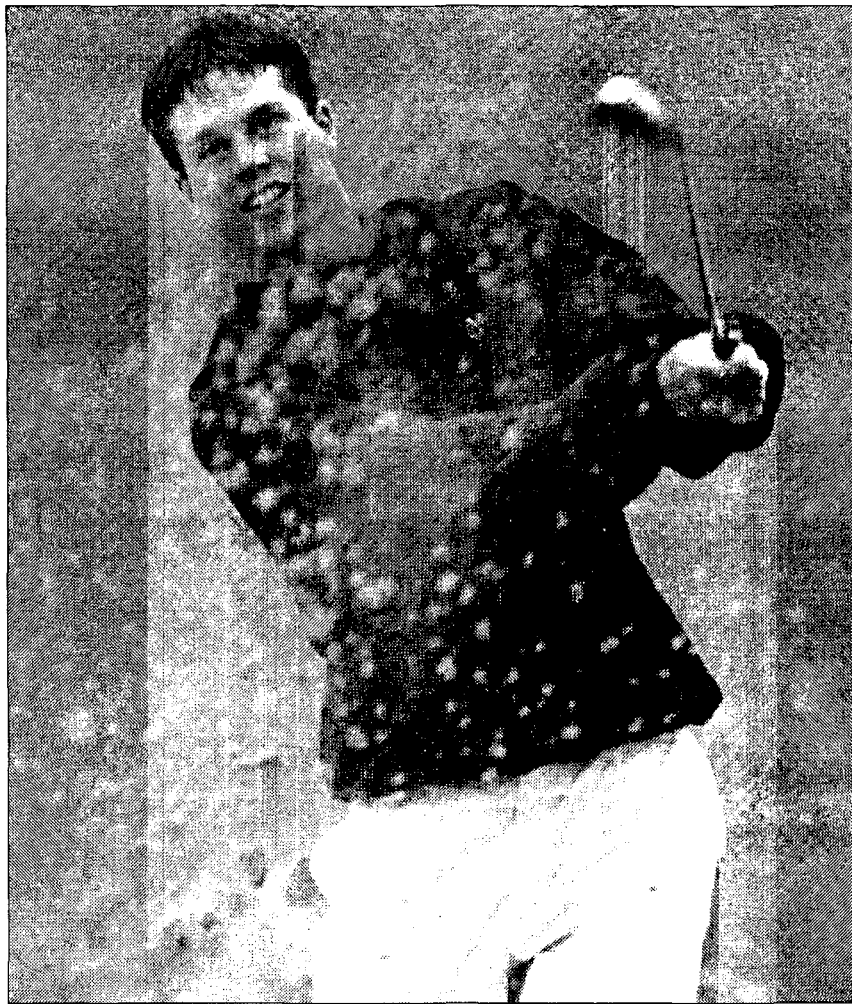


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Junior Jeff Connell is coming off of an impressive showing at the U.S. Amateur to lead the field in Notre Dame's annual campus championship.

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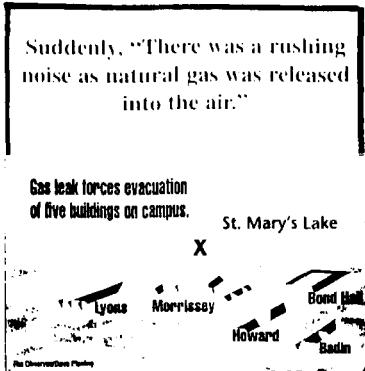
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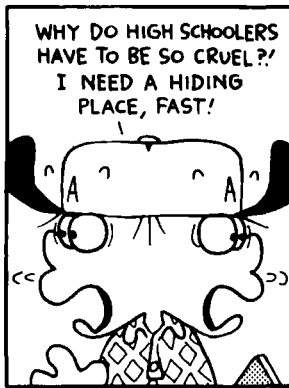
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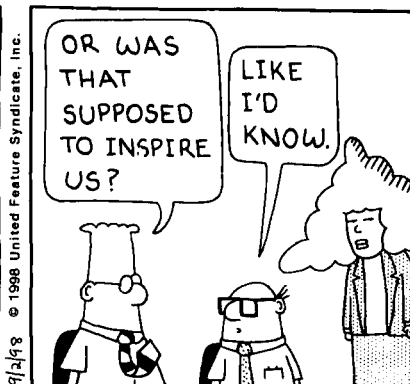
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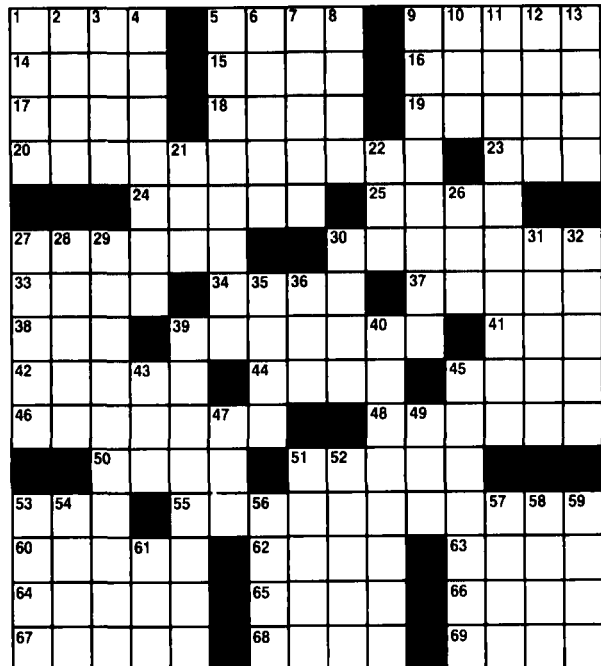
- 1 Regal showing
- 5 Arp's art
- 9 Kind of gun
- 14 Bahraini bigwig
- 15 Long-legged wader
- 16 Soft palate projection
- 17 Crucifix inscription
- 18 Grasslands
- 19 Quiche Lorraine ingredient
- 20 Like Richard I
- 23 Place for powder
- 24 Tony-winning actress Grimes
- 25 Do
- 27 Flamethrower fuel
- 30 Dinghy or wherry
- 33 "Put — on it!"
- 34 Anent

- 37 The end of one's rope, maybe
- 38 Joplin composition
- 39 Lloyd Webber's "— of Love"
- 41 Poisonous: Prefix
- 42 Give a shellacking
- 44 Additionally
- 45 With 66-Across, "Romeo Is Bleeding" star
- 46 Puffy people?
- 48 Kind of voyage
- 50 Hoopster Archibald
- 51 Leaf's breathing orifice
- 53 Cockpit abbr.
- 55 Like some schemes
- 60 Spacious

- 62 Humpbacked helper
- 63 Missile housing
- 64 Smart guys
- 65 — war bird (predatory flier)
- 66 See 45-Across
- 67 Not speaking to
- 68 Bushel and a peck
- 69 Undiluted

DOWN

- 1 Gardener's equipment
- 2 Former Atlanta arena
- 3 Joan of art
- 4 Pitch on paper
- 5 Sophie's "choice" and others
- 6 Perpendicular to the keel
- 7 Bedside book
- 8 Gal Fri.
- 9 Steam bath followers
- 10 She married Mickey, Artie and Frank
- 11 Like Chaplin's walk
- 12 Skin soother
- 13 Went off, in a way
- 21 Shakespearean prince
- 22 Author Umberto
- 26 Nigerian tribesman
- 27 They're always looking for deals
- 28 Burglar's bane
- 29 Like many a Rockwell kid



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- 30 Enormous birds of myth
- 31 Together
- 32 Ross Perot, e.g.
- 35 Places to get 9-Down
- 36 — Avian
- 39 February birthstone
- 40 Procrastinator's word
- 43 Dossier letters
- 45 Go-between
- 47 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
- 49 Doc bloc
- 51 "Love Story" author
- 52 Butchery selection
- 53 Composer Khachaturian
- 54 "Whatever — Wants" (1955 song)
- 56 What swish shots miss
- 57 Shade of green
- 58 Lamb's pen name
- 59 Word of warning
- 61 Former name of Universal Studios

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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Irish take win in first of season

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

You can't lose a game if you don't let up the goals.

With this game plan in mind, the Irish came out on top early in last night's contest against Valparaiso, cruising over the Crusaders by a final score of 6-1.

Valpo's only goal of the match — Notre Dame's first of the regular season — was the last one on the board, a Scott Daly penalty shot with 20:30 left that squeaked by Irish goalie Greg Velho.

A team also cannot win a game without scoring the goals, and the Irish hit the back of the Crusaders net often. Notre Dame scored six goals on 21 shots, securing their season-opening win.

The Irish started out slow, often losing possessions before they could get past the mid-field or missing unnecessary long passes, giving Valpo some early opportunities.

"We started out a bit nervous, knocking long balls," said senior co-captain Matt Johnson. "Our offensive and defensive shape were not as well as they could have been early on."

The tide turned with about 20 minutes left in the first half, as the Irish began hitting



The Observer/John Daily
Andrew Aris (back) recovered from a knee injury he suffered in Friday's exhibition match to start against Valparaiso.

the forwards in front of the goal and turning in quality scoring opportunities. Leading the way early on with scoring threats were sophomore Reggie McKnight and senior

Ben Bocklage.

Their early performances were only a preview of what was to come.

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■ A pair of U.S. Amateurs top the leaderboard in the Notre Dame campus championship tournament.

■ The volleyball team made winning look easy yesterday with its first victory over Valparaiso.



■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Second-ranked Irish begin with MSU win

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The second-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team opened the '98 campaign yesterday with a victory, defeating Michigan State 4-0 at Old College Field in East Lansing.

After practicing together as a unit since mid-August, the players were eager to take the field in a regular season game and get that first "W" under their belts.

Senior forward Monica Gerardo netted two goals for the Irish en route to the victory.

She opened the scoring with a goal at 13:23 and gave the Irish a 3-0 edge with another goal at 58:49.

Sophomore Meotis Erikson had the Irish's other first half goal when she put a Jenny Streiffer pass in the back of the net at 41:43. Erikson also had an assist on the night.

Amy Abner and Kim Shepela played well on the defensive end for MSU, but they couldn't deter the Irish from putting more on the board.

Anne Makinen, who assisted on Gerardo's first goal, put one past Spartan goalie Sara Kloosterman at 81:32 to seal the Irish's 4-0 win. Jen Grubb

had the assist.

The Irish defense successfully held off MSU's point leader, Gina Dawson, who tallied 18 points a year ago. LaKeysia Beene only had to stop three shots to record the shutout.

Conversely, Notre Dame got off 30 shots and enjoyed a 6-0 advantage in corner kicks. MSU's Kloosterman had 13 saves on the night.

The Irish are now 9-2 all time against Michigan State.

"This game is something to build upon," said MSU head coach Tom Saxton. "Our players were well aware of the Notre Dame's level and I definitely believe that there was more positive coming out of the game than negative. It is a good measuring stick for us."

It will be hard for most of Notre Dame's opponents to measure up to the talent level of the Irish.

"Year in and year out they are one of the premier programs in the nation and should be loaded once again this year," said Saxton.

West Virginia and Pittsburgh invade Alumni Field this weekend, but the Irish are prepared to meet the challenge and intend to send both their Big East opponents packing.

■ FOOTBALL

Preseason roster changes to strengthen backfield

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season, the Irish rallied to turn around a 1-4 start — one of the greatest midseason comebacks in school history.

A lion's share of the credit went to the secondary, which, along with the rest of the defense, kept the team in the games long enough for the offense to deal a knockout blow.

But this year, the secondary will have to move on without Allen Rossum, whose exploits on the special teams squad often overshadowed his swift-ness on defense.

The tandem of Rossum and Ivory Covington was fairly dependable last season, but their lack of stature did hamper their performance somewhat. But now, a more physical starting duo takes the field — Ty Goode and Deveron Harper.

Goode, a fifth-year veteran, proved his ability last year when he substituted for an injured Covington against Pittsburgh. He continued to be a valuable commodity for the rest of the season, highlighted by an interception during the West Virginia game to preserve the Irish upset.

"Ty Goode has become a better player," defensive back coach Tom McMahon said.

"Because it's his fifth year, we want to make sure Ty gets every opportunity."

Harper, who was converted from free safety after last season, also has the ability to make a name for himself on the other end of the secondary. The junior from Orangeburg, S.C., has already been ranked 10th nationally among cornerbacks in Lindy's '98 preseason football guide.

Harper moved into the starting lineup last season, starting eight of the last nine games. Despite the move to cornerback, he feels that he will still perform well against the run.

"That's definitely going to be a strength of mine," Harper said. "At free safety, you're the last line of defense, so you have to come up and fill the alleys. At corner, you're coming from a different angle, but it's the same thing. Our corners have to come up and hit people."

Both players will have to fend off Brock Williams, who ranks as the top backup at cornerback behind Goode and Harper. A good mix between physical play and pass coverage ability, the sophomore has considerable potential.

And despite his relative lack of experience, Williams has left a good impression on head coach Bob Davie.

"First of all, [Williams is] a

real good athlete who can change direction, and he's a natural corner," Davie said. "He's got a long way to go, but what he brings you is some spark and some personality."

SAFETY

With the safeties, experience

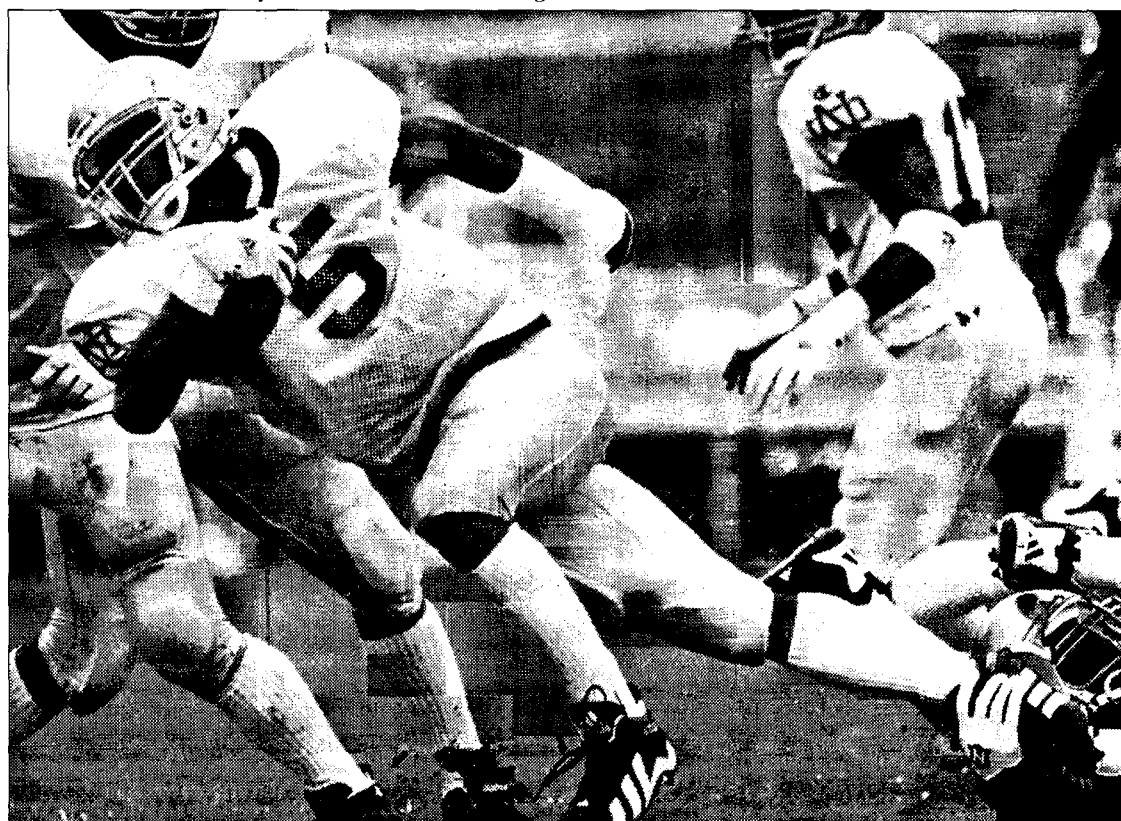
is the name of the game. Five of six players have at least one monogram letter, and three have played at least two years.

The most experienced player at the position is senior Benny Guilbeaux, who has left his critics little doubt of his abilities. Entering the '98 season,

Guilbeaux leads the team with eight interceptions, and is second in tackles with 135 — just behind team co-captain Kory Minor.

Last season, he started the first ten games of the season

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Safety AJani Sanders looks to take the Irish defense forward against Michigan this Saturday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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September 5, 2:30 p.m.
vs West Virginia
September 4, 7:30 p.m.
at Syracuse
September 5, 7 p.m.



vs Georgia
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Cross Country
vs Loyola, Purdue, Butler
September 12, 11 a.m.



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at Kalamazoo Invitational
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