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■ STUDENT SENATE

Consensus building takes priority

By GWENDOLYN NORGLÉ
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate must build consensus amongst its members before presenting issues to the administration and members of Campus Life Council (CLC), according to Stu-



Cassidy

dent Body President Jonathan Patrick.

In a discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Student Senate, Patrick presented his views of what these roles are: the Senate is an organization that advises and makes decisions about the allocation of funds.

"We're the only truly representative student body organization on campus," Patrick said.

With this in mind, he asked, "What do we want to accom-

plish this year as a Senate?"

"We're not as 'empowered' a body as the CLC," Patrick explained. "We need to utilize our voices a lot better than we have in the past."

One way for the Senate to do that, he said, is to "better formulate our arguments and opinions before presenting them."

Student Union Board Manager Katie Lawler also encouraged Senate unity and initiative to increase its presence on campus.

"We have here a student leader from every major organization on campus. We could be the most creative organization on campus. What we need to ask ourselves is 'Do we want to just be advisors all year?' We would be so much more effective as students," Lawler said, "if we came (to CLC) with one voice."

Director of Student Activities Joe Cassidy agreed. He told the

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■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Abortion law spurns questions

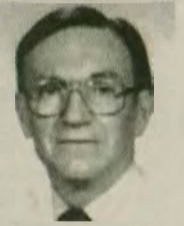
By MARY KATE MORTON
Associate News Editor

Indiana Pro-Choicers are on the edges of their seats these days, and it looks like they will stay that way for a while. The pro-choice movement and abortion clinics statewide are waiting with baited breath on a local state law that will require women to wait 18 hours after their first consultation before having an abortion.

The US District Court of Indianapolis has enjoined the law because questions arose over its constitutionality. As a result, the law will remain in court until the end of October, at which time there will be a hearing as to whether or not it upholds the Constitution.

The law, scheduled to go into effect on September 1, was successfully blocked by the legal efforts of a group of seven abortion clinics and one doctor, under the auspice that the law really set out to prevent women from getting abortions. Many clinics are rejoicing over the injunction, hoping that it may ultimately lead to a reversal of the law; according to Barbara Maze, of the Muncie, IN, Planned Parenthood, the injunction is a crucial first step. "Until the court makes a final decision, the law cannot go into effect. This is a positive step."

In addition to the 18 hour waiting period, the new law



Kommers

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Mayo: Holtz's recovery looking good



The Observer/David Murphy

The prognosis is good for Coach Lou Holtz, pictured above with the team. Holtz is currently recovering from Tuesday's spinal cord surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

Head coach's condition upgraded to good; will remain hospitalized through the weekend

By DAVE TYLER
News Editor

Lou Holtz's convalescence at the Mayo Clinic continued Tuesday as the Notre Dame coach moved out of the intensive care unit and into a regular hospital room.

While the 58 year-old Holtz won't be back on the sidelines any time soon, doctors said his recovery from surgery to relieve compression of his spinal cord was proceeding normally. Clinic officials still expect Holtz to remain hospitalized through the weekend.

"Mr. Holtz is progressing satisfactorily," said Michael O'Hara, spokesman for the Mayo Clinic. "He is up and walking and his spirits are normal for a patient who has had major surgery."

Doctors at the Rochester, Mn, clinic have called the operation a success and upgraded Holtz's condition to good.

By all accounts the procedure went according to plan. Over the course of the four and one-half hour operation, two surgeons removed a disc from between Holtz's fifth and six cervical vertebrae and inserted a bone graft in its place. No complications or problems were reported, and Holtz is expected to make a full recovery. No paralysis or permanent damaged resulted.

The success of the operation presented a stark contrast to the confusion that surrounded the

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SMC reveals its own share of alcohol problems

Editor's note: This is the fourth of a five-part series examining the use of alcohol on our campuses.

By PATTI CARSON
Saint Mary's Editor

"It's a reward. I work hard all week so I can go out for a drink or two on the weekend."

"It relaxes me."

"I like the way it tastes."

That's why Saint Mary's women drink, or so they said when asked in an informal Observer poll of 100 Saint Mary's students.

Of those surveyed, 60 percent of the students responded that they drink one to two nights per week. Twenty-six percent drink three or more nights during the week, and 14 percent of those polled do not drink alcohol at all.

Sixty-two percent of those questioned have gotten sick at least once due to consumption of alcohol; the remaining 38 percent have never experienced alcohol-related sickness.

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Under the Dome & Under the Influence



In addition, the poll showed that 49 percent of Saint Mary's students own a fake I.D., whereas 51 percent do not.

Last year, Susan Vance, associate professor of business administration and economics at Saint Mary's, took her own detailed alcohol survey of Saint Mary's students. Vance's interest in the subject inspired her to work for a fellowship from the Center for Academic Innovation, with which she conducted her survey.

The statistics Vance found surprising were those associated with "second hand drinking," or "the consequences of other students' drinking." Her survey showed that 22 percent of students said other students' drinking interferes with studying.

Twenty percent said it (second hand drinking) prevents them from enjoying events like football games and concerts; 19 percent felt it "messed up their physical living space." Eleven percent said that others' drinking makes them feel unsafe.

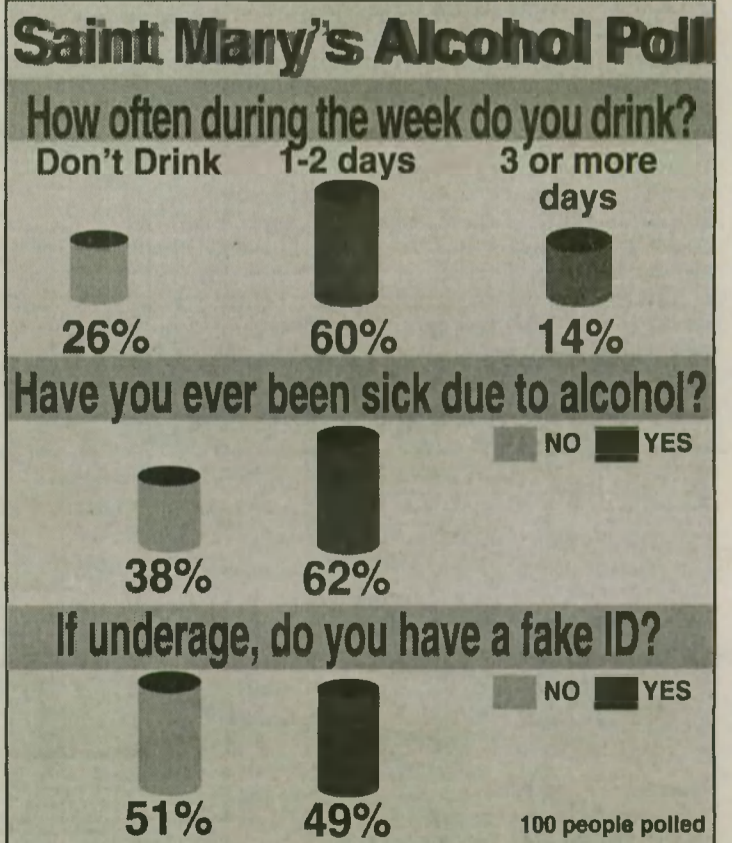
But not everyone on the SMC campus drinks. In fact, Vance found that 20 percent of the students she surveyed said they would prefer not to have alcohol at parties; another 20 percent indicated they would like to live in an alcohol free/drug free residence hall.

"But you've got to translate those percentages into real numbers," Vance said. "That twenty percent is really 300 students. My point is this: That is a huge number of students who consider themselves abstainers or nondrinkers."

Vance indicated that these people should know that they, too, have a voice on the SMC campus.

"It's important to empower

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INSIDE COLUMN

A kinder, gentler campus

Don't call me Emily Post, and please don't confuse me with Miss Manners, but it is time to get on my high horse and preach about etiquette.

Allow me to begin with one of my biggest pet peeves: elevator etiquette.

Working at The Observer and being as lazy as I am, I take the elevator quite a lot. I cannot muster the energy for that three story climb to the office, so I ride the elevator. First of all, the elevator in LaFortune has to be one of the slowest around. A person in decent shape could run up and down the stairs three or four times before the elevator makes its ascent from the first to the third floor.

When it finally does arrive, I climb in and prepare for my journey down. I would be reminded of the Aerosmith song "Love in an Elevator" except for the fact that I am usually in the elevator alone. But when the elevator does finally make it to the first floor and I attempt to make my exit, I am confronted with ignorance and a lack of courtesy. I cannot make my exit because I am run over by overeager lift riders barging in before I can get out of the elevator.

This is not proper. The correct way to handle the situation is to allow all passengers exiting to leave the elevator before making your entrance. Normally this is no big deal, but there are times when the problem becomes magnified, particularly in LaFortune. Often there are large speakers, food trays, etc. which are going up and down the elevator. When the operators of these dollies attempt to enter the elevator before I am able to exit, I may be crushed against the padded walls (done when large items are being moved) or simply trapped.

The correct *modus operandi* in this case is to exit and then hold in the appropriate button so the doors do not close, and the dolly operator may enter with minimal difficulty. This is the courteous and polite thing to do.

Etiquette lesson number two: pedestrian travel.

Oftentimes I am confronted with another headache around campus. Just when I thought road traffic on the streets around campus was bad, I have to deal with even worse traffic congestion; packed hallways and busy sidewalks.

One of the biggest problems I have had in my ventures about campus is hallway hang ups. I am cruising down the hallway until the person in front of me stops, for reasons too mysterious for print. Usually this person feels obligated to have an impromptu conversation and force traffic to pile up behind, or worse; to stop, turn around and run into you, then act surprised that anyone was there.

Proper etiquette in this case is a bit different, but it is similar to proper highway etiquette (which few know as well). In the case of a conversation, for instance, the right way to act is to wait for a let-up in traffic and then locate the conversation in an inconspicuous, out-of-the-way place (stairwells do not qualify). For a turn around occurrence, simply implement a U-turn, swing wide, and mesh into the traffic headed in the opposite direction.

Now you know how to proceed in a polite manner. Go forth and spread kindness and think before you act.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

100 Rwandans massacred

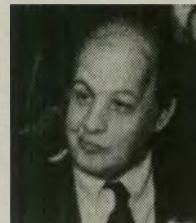
KIGALI, Rwanda

Soldiers massacred more than 100 men, women and children during a hunt through three villages for attackers who killed a fellow soldier, a U.N. official said Wednesday. Human rights and military observers went to the villages in northwestern Rwanda, and said they were still trying to determine the exact circumstances of the deaths. The slayings apparently took place over a 10-hour period Monday evening and early Tuesday after an army patrol was ambushed near the border town of Gisenyi, said a U.N. statement. It said an army lieutenant was killed. Residents of neighboring towns said the soldiers then swept through the villages of Kinama, Kanama and Kayove. The villages are about 10 miles south of Gisenyi, just across the border from refugee camps in Zaire. Most of the victims were shot in the head and their bodies were found inside and outside their homes, said Lee Woodyear, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. Another 14 people survived with wounds that appeared to have been made with machetes and clubs. "We consider it a massacre," Woodyear said. But Maj. Wilson Rutayisire, an army spokesman in Kigali, said most of the victims were slain accidentally during firefights between soldiers and gunmen who were hiding out in the villages. The top U.N. official in Rwanda, Shaharyar Khan, said the United Nations would investigate and press for appropriate punishment. He called the deaths "a serious setback to efforts to convince refugees to return to Rwanda."

James Brady mildly injured in fall

WASHINGTON

James Brady, the former White House press secretary wounded in an assassination attempt on President Reagan, injured his leg and lost some teeth in a fall from his wheelchair. As a result of the fall in a hotel room Monday night, Brady missed an anti-violence symposium in New York, where he and his wife were scheduled to speak about gun control. "He took a spill and hurt himself," said Jamie Shor, spokeswoman for the Washington-based Center to Prevent Handgun Violence. "He did hurt his leg and he knocked out a couple of teeth." Brady was treated at a hospital in New York and returned to his home in Washington on Tuesday, Shor said. Brady was shot in the head in the 1981 assassination attempt on Reagan outside a Washington hotel. Brady's wife, Sarah, is chairwoman of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, and Brady is a member of the group's board of trustees.

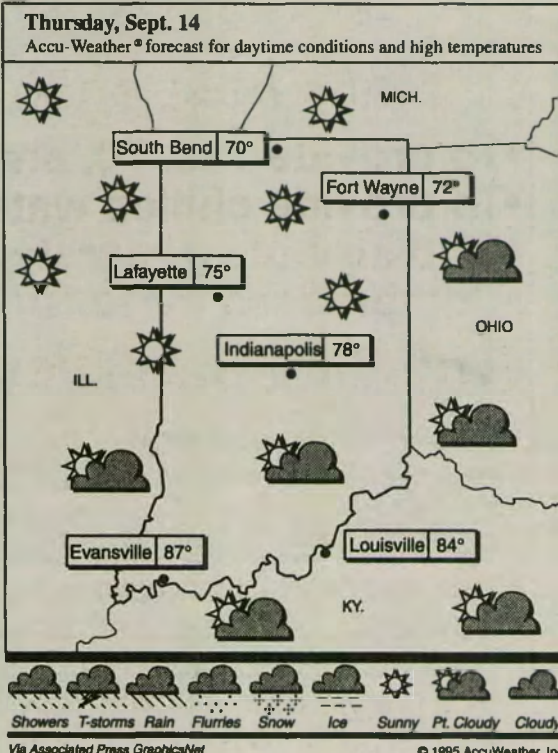


Heat yields pathetic Pumpkin Crop

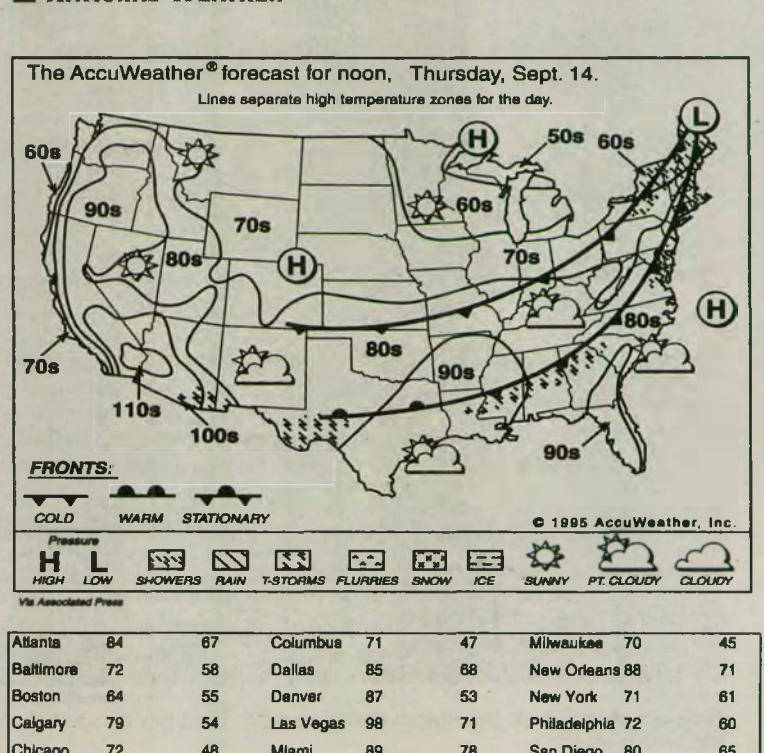
SEYMOUR, Ind.

The summer's unseasonably warm weather is causing a potential pumpkin problem for this fall: The orange gourds are scarce already, more than a month before Halloween and long before Thanksgiving. The result could mean fewer jack-o-lanterns for the carving and probably higher prices for pumpkins and seasonal breads and pies, growers and industry experts said. In southern and central Indiana, farmers report their pumpkins are maturing early — if at all — with the ripening process spurred on by oppressive heat and humidity during much of August. The problem isn't confined to Indiana, either. The International Pumpkin Association, based in California, said it's heard from pumpkin farmers across the country with big problems this year. The heat is affecting the giant pumpkins, too; a farmer in New York had a 975-pound pumpkin burst. He was pretty disappointed. The record for pumpkins is 990 pounds, but the World Pumpkin Confederation lists its record at 836 pounds.

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Banned books of 1995

Book	Reason
<i>A Thousand Acres</i> by Jane Smiley	Has no literary value
<i>The Little Mermaid</i> by Hans Christian Anderson	Pornographic and satanic pictures
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> by Laura Ingalls	Derogatory to Native Americans
<i>The Complete Fairy Tales of Brothers Grimm</i> by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm	Negative Portrayal of women and the Jewish
<i>The Chocolate War</i> by Robert Cormier	Recurring themes of rape, masturbation, violence and degrading treatment of women
<i>I Know What the Caged Bird Sings</i> by Maya Angelou	Pornographic; encouraged premarital sex and homosexuality
<i>Bridge of Terabithia</i> by Katherine Paterson	Racial slurs
<i>Private Parts</i> by Howard Stern	Obscene
<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain	Racial slurs
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee	It is a "filthy, trashy novel"

Various communities around the nation banned these books for the stated reasons.

Love handles are a health hazard

BOSTON

Being even a little bit plump is bad for your health, a major new study of American women found. Health experts have long recognized the hazards of true obesity, but the new research from Harvard Medical School suggests that even love handles are a bad thing. Indeed, within reason, it appears that thinner is always better. Federal weight guidelines, which have been criticized as too liberal, say women over age 35 who are 5-foot-5 can safely weigh between 126 and 162 pounds. But the new research suggests that anything over 119 is too much. In fact, at middle age, the average American woman — 5-foot-5, between 150 and 160 pounds — runs a 30 percent higher risk of death than that of someone her height who weighs less than 120. The lowest death rate is among women who are at least 15 percent below the average weight for people their height. Harvard cautioned that the new data should not encourage people to abandon common sense and become anorexic thin. The researchers estimate that weight is to blame for one-quarter of all deaths among middle-aged women.

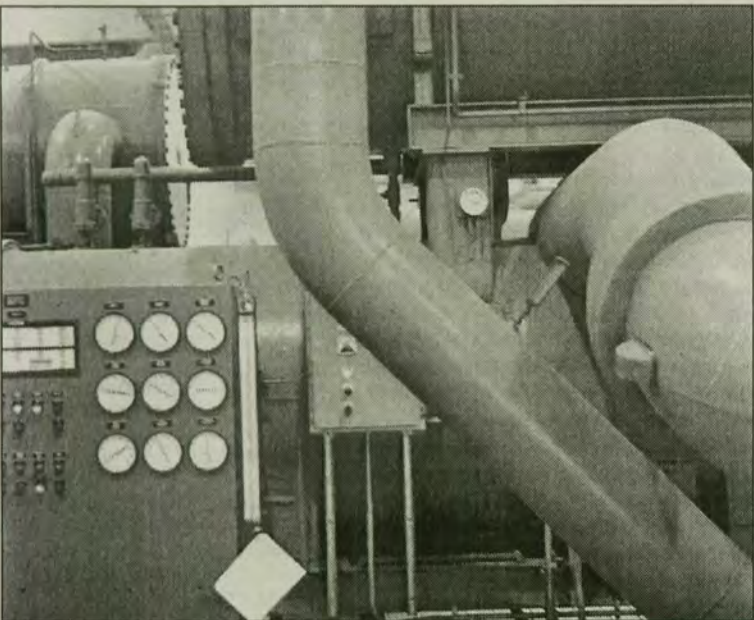
Human fat found in dumpster

RIVERSIDE, Calif.

There's no law against losing unsightly fat, but prosecutors took offense when someone left two pounds of it in a restaurant trash bin. Stuart Ebert, a hospital employee, was charged Monday with illegally disposing of medical waste. Prosecutors said the waste included human fat scraps from liposuction surgery. Prosecutors allege he tossed the waste in the trash behind a Palm Desert hamburger restaurant on June 20. A former nurse on vacation from Northern California was in the restaurant when she noticed a man remove a big trash bag with medical waste markings from a car and throw it the garbage. She jotted down a license number. Investigators found 30 pounds of bloody gauze, tubes, latex gloves and slices of fatty tissue in the bag. Ebert told authorities that he threw away an ordinary bag of trash and that it came from a plastic surgeon. He could get up to three years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.

■ CLOSER LOOK AT... THE POWER PLANT

Plant renovations to cause scheduled outages



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Close to half of the university's required power is generated at the on-campus plant.

By KELLY BROOKS
News Writer

Ever wonder what life at Notre Dame would be like without hot showers, heaters, air conditioning (if you live on Mod Quad), or electricity?

You may take these basic amenities for granted, but thirty seven men and women work hard at maintaining the power plant at the north end of campus which provides these essentials.

The original power plant was located behind the administration building. It has since been moved twice as the campus has expanded. The current plant was built in 1932 directly across the street from the fire department and adjacent to Stepan field.

The power plant burns fuel throughout five boilers which convert such fuels as coal, gas, and oil to steam. The steam, along with hot water, is channeled through an underground network of tunnels to every building on campus, providing them with heat on those cold South Bend days.

The cooling system works in a similar manner. There are five chillers from which the cold water and air are circulated to the pipes and air conditioners on campus.

The power plant generates 13.7 megawatts at

peak capacity. Interestingly enough, notes Director of Utilities John De Lee, this peak often occurs during the first week of school. A lot of machines, such as refrigerators, "get put on line, then the surge dies down. It's also possible that students leave on more lights." This year the campus used 16.5 megawatts as students settled in late August.

How can a power plant put out more megawatts than its capacity will allow? Notre Dame buys electrical power from Indiana & Michigan Electric. Only forty two to forty three percent of the power used on campus is generated at Notre Dame.

Like much of the rest of campus, the power plant is also undergoing renovation and upgrading. They are in the process of upgrading their transformers to two and a half times their current capacity. The 34,000 volt breaker system is being replaced by a 138,000 volt system.

All the work means more reliable power for students; unfortunately this is accompanied by a small inconvenience. As the conversion gets underway, the power plant will be forced to schedule power outages at specific sites across campus.

Plant expands, grows with university

Plant emerges, adds duties to accompany expansions

By KIM SMITH
News Writer

At the north end of campus stands the present power plant; however, this plant is not the first to grace this campus.

In the early days of Notre Dame history, the only buildings on campus were the Dome, Sorin and Walsh Halls, no additional space was required.

The former power plant was located directly behind the main building, where the Health Services Center presently sits.

In the 1890s, the old railroad used to ship ice out of St. Mary and St. Joseph lakes, as well as coal in from Chicago to use for heating.

As Notre Dame started to grow, the new buildings brought with them the need for a larger and more productive heating plant.

By 1932, the plant was built on its present site.

In 1952 the plant decided to produce its own electricity; for 12 years the power plant generated its own power.

Then in the 1960s the Hesburgh Library, and Flanner and Grace towers were built and the power plant began to co-generate its power with private utility companies.

During this time, several additions were made to the present power building.

Brother Borromeo ran the power plant for 42 years; following his death in 1979, the present Director of Utilities, John De Lee, assumed control.

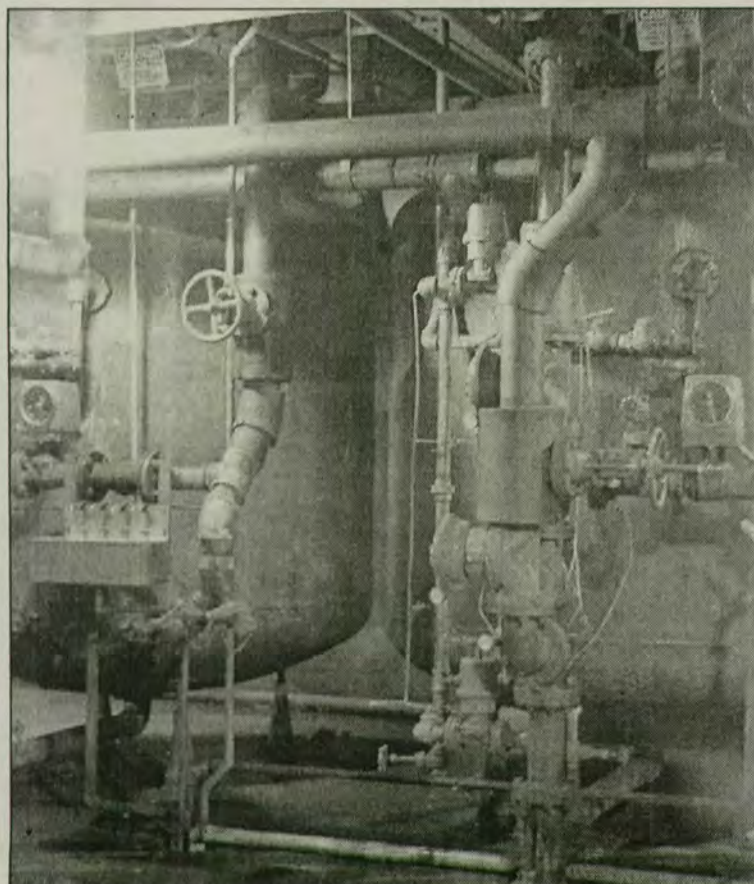
Since 1932, a total of nine expansions have been made to the plant, including the addition of a chiller plant, which is responsible for the air conditioning in both the Mod Quad and DeBartolo classrooms.

The power plant provides electrical distribution for the entire campus, as well as all the heat and hot water which we all appreciate.



The Observer/Katie Kroener

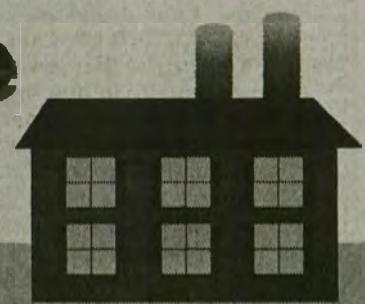
Two power plant workers double-check gauge readings to ensure their accuracy.



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Five boilers produce the steam that is used to heat the campus during the winter months.

The Notre Dame Power Plant



Primary Responsibilities:

- To provide 125, 70, and 10 p.s.i. of steam
- To provide chilled water for A/C
- To distribute generated and purchased electricity
- Compressed air for pneumatic controls

The Vital Statistics:

- Primary fuel used: coal
- Water tower capacity: 500,000 gallons
- Air Conditioning chillers operated from April to October
- Electric power purchased: 138,000 volts
- Electric power distributed from substation: 4,160 volts
- Two generators produced 1000 kilowatts each at 80% of capacity
- Peak capacity for generators is 13.7 megawatts
- 16.5 megawatts of power produced in August, the peak month.
- 42% of power used at Notre Dame is produced here

Abortion

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waiting period, the new law would require women to be given counseling about options other than abortion and about the risks entailed in various abortion procedures.

Opponents of the law cite its "mean-spiritedness" as a primary reason for their argument. Maze and Sue Errington, also of Muncie Planned Parenthood, feel that the law will financially hurt some women seeking abortions.

A major part of the argument against the constitutionality of the law stems from the lack of abortion services in Indiana. There are only five cities in Indiana that offer these services, causing women to travel all over the state. The clinics believe this puts unnecessary hardship on poorer women and on women from rural areas who do not have easy access to the bigger cities.

On the other side of the fence, the supporters of the law believe that the new statutes are exactly what the state needs to help women make informed decisions. Sue Barr, secretary of Abortion Alternatives In Muncie (AAIM), stated that AAIM aims to provide client with information on the risks and dangers of abortion. In the end, AAIM does think the woman has to make the final decision.

Local law professors believe that opponents of the law face an uphill battle in proving that it is unconstitutional.

Notre Dame Professor of Law and Government Donald Kommers stated that the counseling accompanying the waiting pe-

riod negates the question of constitutionality.

"You cannot say that a law is unconstitutional unless it provides an undue burden on the women. In this case, the counseling and waiting appear to be so that the woman can make a more genuine, informed choice. That, I don't think, would be undue burden," Kommers stated.

The counseling aspect of the law is the key to its legitimacy, according to Kommers. If the law called only for a waiting period, it could be argued that the law is merely a means to stop abortion altogether. However, with the addition of the counseling, the 18 hour wait appears to confirm the legality of the law, said Kommers.

Other local professors agree with Kommers and believe that the temporary restraining order may not hold up in a longer court entanglement.

"The fact that a temporary restraining order was issued does not mean a whole lot," said Daniel Conkle, a constitutional law professor at Indiana University.

What it does mean is that the next set of court hearings will be more in-depth. Most likely, the Indiana law will be likened to similar ones around the nation. Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Dakota, North Dakota, Mississippi and Utah all have bills requiring waiting periods, which have been upheld in federal court battles.

The District Court will reconvene in late October to hear more information about the case before rendering a final decision.

The Ball State Daily News and the Associated Press contributed to this article.

Alcohol

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these students and tell them they don't have to put up with other people's binge drinking," she stated, adding that they should no longer be a "silent minority."

In many cases, a night of drinking amounts to harmless fun; however, she asserted that there are occasions when the results can have much more serious consequences.

"The thing that floors me is that you can have a kid who is responsible 365 days of the year and who doesn't normally binge drink, but just one night when he or she does choose to drink, if that person makes a bad decision, he or she can face life and death consequences. All it takes is one night of bad decision making," she added.

Vance doesn't think students can afford to be cavalier anymore. She said that this "right of passage attitude" has to go.

When Vance conducted her survey, she felt students were up to date on alcohol education.

She said students generally know what is risky about alcohol and what is not.

"We're dealing with some of the nation's brightest students on our campuses at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. They know the risks of drinking in their heads, but sometimes those risks don't translate into their actions," she said.

At the beginning of this article, students indicated that they drink because it loosens their inhibitions. But the question Vance poses is this: Are those reasons sufficient enough to offset the risks?

Senate

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Senate that it needs "a standing front."

"The CLC is seeing students argue," he said. Since campus media, like The Observer, present dissenting opinions of Senate members in its next-day coverage of the Student Senate and Hall Presidents' Council meetings, it is all the more important, he said, for the Senate "to formulate an opinion" before presenting it to the CLC.

This step is important, according to Kate McShane, Mod Quad senator. "We need to establish ourselves as liaisons between the student body and the administration," she said.

The Residential Network Computing Task Force Update was given by committee members Tom Matzzie and Student Body Vice President Dennis McCarthy.

The committee, which is ex-

amining computing programs and services and discussing the possibility of residence halls going on-line, will report to the Assistant Provost in charge of computing with its research.

It will focus on topics including hardware, printing, support training, ethics and security, and software services.

After listening to questions by the Senate's members, McCarthy encouraged more input and told the Senate that he and committee member Matzzie would relay the Senate's concerns. "We're the students who represent the rest of the student body," he said.

"These people have our (the students) best intentions in mind," Matzzie told the Senate.

During the Officer Reports, Lawler announced tickets are on sale for the Greg Louganis talk, which will be held Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Stepan Center.

In his closing remarks, Patrick urged Senate members to be more "pro-active" rather than "reactive" as to what's happening on campus.

The Observer

is now accepting applications for the following paid position:

Associate Accent Editor

Please submit one page personal statement to Krista Nannery in 314 LaFortune by 2 p.m. 9/22. Journalism experience required!

Holtz

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coach's sudden decision to have surgery. Monday, Dr. Jim Moriarity, university physician, announced the delicacy of Holtz's situation demanded attention.

"Coach Holtz had been advised by the physicians that this

condition is imminently dangerous," and that it required "an immediate operation to avoid spinal cord damage and possible paralysis," he said.

During the Monday press conference it was revealed that doctors had settled on 16 possible diagnoses for Holtz, 15 being fatal. Holtz had the 16th case.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

CINEMA AT THE SNITE

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Lunches

Have you ever had a question about the basics of the Catholic faith but you just weren't sure who to ask? Ever thought maybe everybody else knows but you?

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Geyer to deliver 'Red Smith' Inflation in check, Fed finds activity on rise

Special to The Observer

Syndicated columnist and author Georgie Anne Geyer will deliver the Red Smith Lecture in Journalism September 20 at the University of Notre Dame.

Geyer, who is also a senior fellow at the Annenberg Washington Program in Communications Policy Studies of Northwestern University, will speak at 7:30 P.M. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The title of her lecture, which is open to the public, is "Who Killed the Foreign Correspondent?"

The Red Smith Lectureship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company, honors the 1927 Notre Dame graduate who became one of America's most



Geyer

revered sportswriters. Administered by the Department of the American Studies, the lectureship advances the teaching of writing and journalism and recognizes journalists who exemplify the profession's highest standards. The lectureship was established in 1983, a year after Smith's death.

Geyer's column for Universal Press Syndicate appears three times each week in more than 120 newspapers across the United States, as well as in Latin America, Russia, and the Middle East. She is also a regular participant on the PBS program, "Washington Week in Review."

Although based in Washington, D.C., Geyer travels widely and frequently to do the research and writing for her columns, magazine articles and books. She has interviewed numerous world leaders and served as a questioner in debates involving presidential candidates.

Geyer is the author of several books, including her autobiography, "Buying the Night Flight" (1983), and the acclaimed biography of Fidel Castro, "Guerilla Prince" (1991). Her most recent book is "Waiting for Winter to End," a study of the Central Asian republics, and she is currently completing "Americans No More: The Death of Citizenship in America."

A native of Chicago and formerly a correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, Geyer has earned a place in the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame, among many other awards. She has also received honorary degrees from some 20 institutions, including Northwestern University and Saint Mary's College.

In an effort to promote high journalistic standards, The Coca-Cola Company, the world's leading commercial beverage company, supports the visit of the Red Smith Lecturer to Notre Dame and also underwrites publishing and distributing the lecture. The publication will be sent to several thousand journalists and educators in the United States and abroad.

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By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Big declines in the cost of gasoline and airline tickets held consumer price inflation to a tiny 0.1 percent last month while the economy showed fresh signs of perking up.

The good news on inflation, disclosed in the Labor Department's Consumer Price report, came Wednesday as the Federal Reserve released its latest national survey of economic conditions.

The Fed survey, compiled from reports from the Fed's 12 regional banks, said construction activity was strengthening in many parts of the country. The Chicago and St. Louis districts noted strong home sales and Cleveland, Atlanta and San Francisco reported a rebound in nonresidential construction.

The central bank also noted that a steep slide in manufacturing appeared to be bottoming out and it blamed reports of weakness in retail sales and farming on temporary weather factors.

Many analysts said the Fed's economic survey, which will be used by policy-makers when they meet Sept. 26, would persuade the Fed to leave interest rates unchanged despite the fact that investors have pushed stocks to new highs on a belief that further rate cuts are in store.

On Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record high for the second straight day, gaining 18.31 to finish at 4,765.52.

"Fed officials have the economy right about where they want it," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc. in Lexington, Mass. "Why would they want to

loosen when the economy is doing perfectly well right now?"

Robert Dederick, economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, said the central bank had to be pleased with reports showing inflationary pressures abating in response to this spring's economic slowdown.

That slowdown was engineered by the Fed, which through 1994 was boosting interest rates in an effort to slow economic growth enough to keep inflation in check without triggering a recession.

After posting some worrisome increases at the start of the year, consumer prices have barely budged in the past three months. The price moderation translates into a 2.9 percent annual rate of increase through the first eight months of this year, hardly different from the 2.7 percent increase turned in over the last two years.

"This is more evidence that the Fed's soft landing has done exactly what it was supposed to do, which was rein in inflationary pressures," Dederick said.

Economists believe recent signs show the economy is rebounding to growth of around 2.5 percent for the second half of this year, compared to an anemic 1.1 percent rate in the April-June quarter.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Wednesday's inflation report was "consistent with what we've been seeing ... a remarkable period of time — you've had solid growth, you've had low inflation."

Economists noted recent published comments by Fed officials to the effect that they are satisfied with the current pace of economic activity and not as worried about a recession as they were.

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Thakur: French nuclear tests 'violate' treaty

By JIM KELLY
News Writer

For two democratic countries to revoke their respective ambassadors is rare, according to Professor Ramesh Thakur. However, France's renewed nuclear testing in the South Pacific prompted this unusual situation between France and Australia.

In a speech entitled, "Last Bangs Before a Comprehensive Test Ban?: French Nuclear Tests in the South Pacific," Thakur, head of the Peace Research Centre at Australian National University in Canberra, Australia, provided insight into the history of French nuclear testing in the South Pacific, as well as information on the ramifications of this procedure and the international response to the recent testing.

Thakur made clear through the course of his speech his scorn for the French decision to resume testing.

France's history concerning nuclear testing dates back to its first test in 1960, which Thakur described as "ironic," given that

this test itself broke the moratorium on nuclear testing established at the time.

Last week, in a campaign supported by French President Jacques Chirac, France detonated its first in a new series of eight tests to be carried out in the city of Mururoa in the French Polynesia.

This move, according to Thakur, distinguishes France as "the only power to violate the South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone," an agreement to stop nuclear testing in this area, effective since 1986.

He went on to say that this move also represents the "first substantial reversal in nuclear disarmament since the end of the Cold War."

The government of France justifies its actions by noting the necessity of developing and testing the safety of an independent French nuclear deterrent.

The French also contend that the testings, carried out within French territory, are French business.

Thakur, however, is pessimistic about France's actions, stating that they are motivated

by "national prestige and status."

Thakur also feels that other factors need to be considered, especially the possible environmental effects of nuclear testing and the sentiment of the indigenous peoples of the South Pacific.

While Thakur admitted that "there is no conclusive evidence of health or environmental damage" resulting from the nuclear testing, he noted that no comprehensive examination of the site has been permitted.

Furthermore, he pointed out that there have been cases in the past in which "what was once thought safe really isn't."

The worst case scenario, states Thakur, is that radiation leakage into the biosphere could occur within five years, contaminating the food chain and causing other harmful effects.

What reaction has this

French move sparked among the people who populate the South Pacific?

"Widespread and deep-seated anger at France" among the overwhelming majority of the population, according to Thakur.

The Pacific Ocean is one major reason for this solidarity.

"A fundamental point to understanding this strength of sentiment is that the Pacific Ocean, as the main means of linking small territories, creates an idea of unity. Seas don't separate—they unite," said Thakur.

Anti-nuclear sentiment is not limited to people of the South Pacific, however. In fact, even within the country of France, 60 percent of the population is opposed to the testing, Thakur pointed out.

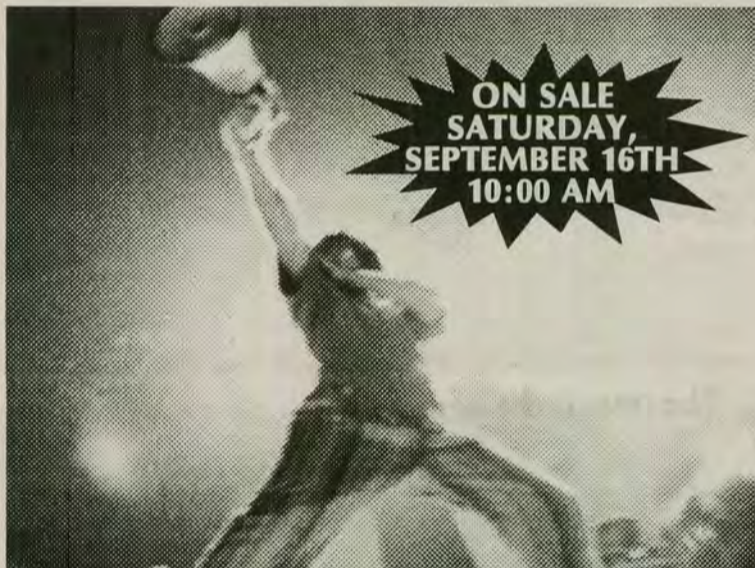
Although many attempts are being made by the countries of the South Pacific to halt France's plans, Thakur is

doubtful that they will have much effect due to their lack of political and economic leverage.

The greatest possibility of success, he feels, would come with the introduction of a resolution to the General Assembly of the United Nations; many are currently being drafted by separate countries.

Said Thakur, "Ideally, all testing will be banished," leading to the "upgraded security of all states."

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Rocket-propelled grenade hits U.S. Embassy

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press

MOSCOW

A masked attacker fired a rocket-propelled grenade that pierced the thick brick wall of the U.S. Embassy and exploded in an empty office Wednesday. No one was injured in the daring mid-afternoon attack that came at a time of rising anti-American sentiment.

There was no claim of responsibility, and officials said there was no clear link to growing Russian criticism of NATO airstrikes on Bosnian Serbs. Russian and U.S. spokesmen insisted the attack was an isolated incident.

"It's the act of a lone maniac," said a senior Russian security official at the scene, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The grenade was fired at 4:25 p.m. from the opposite side of the busy Garden Ring road, crossing 12 lanes of rush-hour traffic.

It punched through the facade of the mustard-and-white 10-story building on the sixth floor, sending thick smoke swirling. The blast broke two windows and gouged out brick

and plaster, leaving a hole and scorching the wall.

There were no reports of arrests, but the Interfax news agency quoted security officials as saying they had a composite sketch of the attacker, a tall, young man in jeans.

Embassy spokesman Richard Hoagland called the attack "an isolated act" and said it "will have no impact on the Russian-American relations."

In Washington, the State Department said President Clinton was briefed on the attack, which came just a day after the Kremlin accused NATO of genocide against the Bosnian Serbs, Russia's historic allies.

It also came on the eve of a visit to Moscow by Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott, charged with trying to heal the widening rift between Washington and Moscow.

Hoagland said the grenade exploded inside a large photocopying machine, which absorbed most of the shock. The small room was empty at the time, he said.

"There were no warning calls," Hoagland said. "As of now, no one has claimed responsibility."

A spent grenade launcher, a

Grenade attack



black ski mask and a glove were found across the ring road, Hoagland said. Police said the launcher was lying inside an archway leading to a tree-covered courtyard that may

have been the escape route. Some Russian media reports said the attacker escaped in a waiting car.

Glass, shrapnel and what looked like the rocket-propelled

grenade's tail littered the pavement outside the embassy.

"Most likely it was an anti-tank grenade," said Moscow Civil Defense commander Col. Ivan Chigogidze.

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NOTRE DAME, THE CROSS, AND HOPE

We live in a world where there is suffering and hope.

Suffering is real. Some suffering is the result of oppression and selfishness and people are at fault. It is remediable. Some suffering is nobody's fault and it remains a mystery.

Perhaps nothing causes us to re-assess our values and goals, our faith and our education, more than a sudden disappointment, the sudden death of a loved one, a long struggle with illness or the experience of discrimination.

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Experiences like these present us with a choice: To simply be a person of anger and resignation or to be a person with hope to bring.

We live in a world where there are both kinds of suffering. We live and study at a place devoted to, in various ways, entering into this world with remedies and with hope.

Notre Dame is called to be a place where people do learn that there is suffering in this world which is the result of sin and injustice. Notre Dame is called to be a place where the sources of this kind of suffering are continually exposed. More than that, Notre Dame is to be a place where we commit ourselves to try to be part of the solution, whether that be as a businessperson, a teacher, a scientist, a social worker, a politician, or a priest. Notre Dame is a place of reason, where people are called to use reason, out of faith in God, to remedy suffering that is remediable.

Notre Dame is also called to be a place where people learn that there is suffering in this world which is a mystery. But, instead of throwing up our hands in resignation, we are called to enter into this world with compassion and with hope. Notre Dame is a place of faith where people are called to enter into this world with hope to bring, a hope based on the cross and the resurrection of Christ.

The cross is the sign that God suffers with those who suffer unjustly or inexplicably. But, the cross also leads to the resurrection, the great sign that somehow suffering will not have the last word, God will. The cross is the sign of hope.

Today, Thursday, is the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross and tomorrow, Friday, is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (calls to mind the pain of Mary, the mother of God, her son's suffering, especially his execution). These are important feast days for Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters and for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

May these Feast days remind us that suffering is real. Let us recommit ourselves to entering into this reality with faith and reason, with compassion and with remedies. Most of all, let us enter into this world with hope to bring.

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Marian apparitions explored

By AMY SIEGEL
News Writer

An insightful look at the apparitions of the Blessed Mother and their impact on the Catholic Church, past and present, was presented last night in a lecture entitled "The Blessed Mother and the Signs of the Times" by R. Scott Appleby, associate professor of history and director of the Charles and Margaret Hall Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism.

The lecture was the latest in a series sponsored by Notre Dame's Campus Ministry.

Appleby began the speech by surveying the history of Marian apparitions during the past two centuries. He emphasized that interpretations of Mary's appearance have taken a serious apocalyptic and eschatological tone in their depiction of the world's current problems. Appleby linked the increasingly apocalyptic devotion to Mary to a certain understanding that the moral order of society has broken down and there is a pervading sense that the Church itself is coming unraveled.

Apparitions of Mary, Appleby was careful to point out, are different from reports of weeping icons or moving statues. Apparitions are the real presence of someone or some object not normally within the range of view of the seer; they include some form of communication between the seer and the presence, according to Appleby.

With that clarification, Appleby explained how Marian apparitions have altered over the past two centuries. The most important change is that apparitions of the Blessed Mother were once only of local import, but presently they have adopted global significance. Apparitions of today also occur with a regularity that has made them public events. Appleby stated that masses of pilgrims can go to a certain place at a prescribed time to witness the apparition of the Virgin or witness the chosen visionaries who are able to see Mary.

"When Mary appears, it is a dramatic inbreaking of the supernatural into this world," said Appleby.

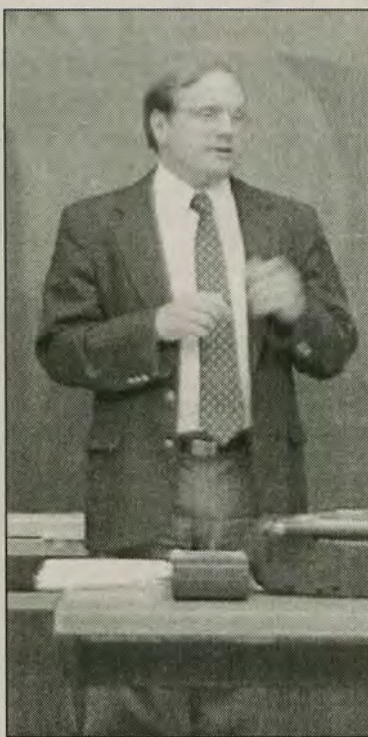
He stressed that to the American Catholic, Mary has been especially important in years of crisis, especially during World War II. Catholics in America proclaimed Christ and Mary had sided with the Allies, giving the conflict a supernatural aspect.

The threat of expanding communism was also halted due to the efforts of Mary, as she inspired individuals to form local groups that rapidly grew into national organizations, such as The Blue Army. This created a swell in post-war Catholic pride, commented Ap-

pleby.

Appleby also detailed the papal views of apparitions of Mary from the past two centuries. As noted by Appleby, Pope John Paul II views Mary as clearly present in the Church's mission. She is the source of traditional piety, a model of feminine devotion to God, and, in her apocalyptic mode, she recalls the demands of morality. It would clearly be a mistake to trivialize the role of Mary, Appleby concluded.

The current renewed interest in Marian apparitions began in 1985 as the events at Medjorgie inspired many to focus once again on an apocalyptic Mary and her diagnosis of society. This lecture was a part of the continuing series entitled "The Blessed Mother Lectures," sponsored by Campus Ministry. The series began in 1990 when Dolores Tanco-Stauder became convinced that the Notre Dame student body was undereducated about the work of Mary on Earth. The lectures rely on resources available on campus in the form of professors and clergy to inform and increase student awareness of the significance of Mary to Catholics and all people.



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Appleby' (above) spoke about the impact of Marian apparitions on the Catholic Church.

The Blessed Mother series will continue next month when the Rev. Nicholas Ayo lectures Oct. 9 in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Merryman discusses 'faith journey'

By NIKI PAUCA
News Writer

The laughter that came from Stapleton Lounge Wednesday afternoon was not due to a comedian. It was the reaction to Professor Mary Ann Merryman's opening statement of her lecture: "There's No Such Thing As Happenstance."

An opinionated lecture on her "faith journey," and its impact on her life, career, and influence at Saint Mary's was the subject of discussion.

Her experience with unexpected occurrences led to the assertion that all things happen for a reason.

"I believe what often appears as happenstance is really the hand of God. The events in my life had a purpose," Merryman said.

Merryman has been a member of the Saint Mary's community for over eighteen years. Initially, she served as chief accountant for the Holy Cross Church Services, followed by a position as a part-

time professor before becoming a full-time professor of accounting twelve years ago.

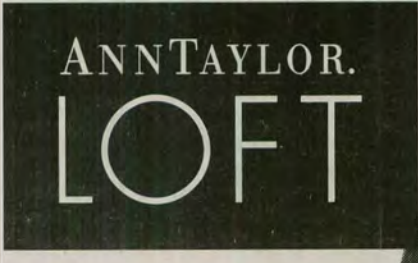
A firm believer in things working out the way they are supposed to, Merryman encourages and supports her students when things do not go according to plan.

"She's an all around confidence builder," said senior accounting major Tracy Kledaisch. "She puts a quote on the board every day that just lifts us up," she added.

Even when her father passed away two years ago, Merryman retained her faith. There's no such thing as happenstance, even when one can't find a clear reason, according to Merryman.

"Faith holds a bridge from one world to the next," Merryman said. "The faith (my father) implanted in me is important," she said.

The Center for Spirituality Fall Lecture Series continues next Wednesday with Patt Crowley, speaking on grace in the workplace in Stapleton Lounge at 12:15 p.m.



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Pop culture's heroes and has-beens: Mortal Kombat vs Mary Worth

I've been feeling a little under the weather lately, what with the New York Times denying Notre Dame a top ten ranking in any department, and Coach Holtz having spinal problems, and the team playing so badly against inferior opponents and all. I mean, I know we don't have a wife-beater depth chart, like Nebraska. Still, it's not much consolation. I've been wheezing lately. I feel ill. Unwell.

I can't put my finger on it, but there are a number of things that have been bothering me, little irritations that cause earthworm-size veins to bulge in my forehead and big wavy anxiety lines to appear over my head, like D a g w o o d Bumstead when he wakes up late. I thought I might share a few with you.

Josh Ozersky



firmly my feelings. Exhibit A, for example, is a picture of Trent Reznor, lead singer for Nine Inch Nails. Glowering in the shadows, but stripped of his trademark squirming bugs and creepy pig-head machines, this Jewish nerd looks about as threatening as the Notary Public he was no doubt meant to be. Now I see that the Red Hot Chili Peppers are putting on makeup and wailing about death and suffering too. I guess someone must have forgotten to separate the brown M&Ms out of their backstage candy dishes. Or perhaps someone sent them brunette groupies when they had ordered strawberry blondes.

Why, when I was a boy they knew how to make videos. Great men like Dee Snider and Kevin DuBrow pranced their way across soundstages in spandex leotards, and we were rewarded with the sight of repressive principals and hypocritical parents being blasted into walls by their booming guitar chords. Oh, and their outrageous antics! In one video, Eddy Grant fell into a floor that turned out to be made of water — in slow motion! In another, a TV set broke in half. Ah, to see Corey Hart once again — does he still wear his sunglasses at night, I wonder?

A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

You would think that Paramount would have known better. Mortal Kombat has been made into a movie — a PG-13 movie! Now, I ask you: if ever there was a call for an X-rating, wouldn't you think it would be for Mortal Kombat? I have it on the best authority that not a single one of that game's beloved "fatalities" has made it to the silver screen. Here, one would hope, one would finally get to see the fireballs, disembowelings, and bloody

beheadings America's youth have given their carpal tunnels to learn to administer come alive. But no such luck. The Philistines are upon thee, Scorpion — your harpoon will impale no victims onscreen.

GENIUS UNREWARDED

But while rock music and video game/movie tie-ins may be stumbling in the dark, connoisseurs of pop culture need not despair. The forgotten masterpiece of American comic strips is now being carried by the South Bend Tribune, and another, equally sublime, classic has not been restored to its former glory. Yes, Mary Worth and Nancy are now available daily.

I know, I know, you don't think much of these features. Mary Worth, you say, is banal and crude, indistinguishable to you from such trailer-park pap as Rex Morgan, M.D. and Apartment 3-D. And Nancy is only a shadow of its former self. But hark! You have missed the point entirely about Mary Worth. And Nancy's hideous modernization project has been abandoned, and its stylized line returned to Bushmillerian purity.

Have you ever read Mary Worth? Each strip has just two boxes, carrying a real-time conversation. A ten-minute conversation thus takes at least a month to express; this comic is not written for people who are going anywhere. But aside from its geological time-scale, each Mary Worth functions as a miniature one-act absurdist play, its frame-one non-sequiter setting up a meaningless expression of dismay on frame two. In today's, for example, a wife (whose headband keeps the reader from mistaking her for Mary Worth herself) tells

her banged-and-bespectacled hubby, "Lots of luck, Pete! You just signed aboard the 'Billy Boy!'" "I promise you'll be proud of me!" he mockingly replies. Frame one curtain. "You may seal your promise with a kiss, sir!" frame two begins, the wife puckering up. "Now who's that?" the husband says, looking dismayed by the "buzz! buzz!" lighting bolts come from off-frame. Curtain. Rest assured, tomorrow's Mary Worth will not reveal anything about today's mystery. Rather, it will be its own allegory, challenging the postmodern mind to piece together its multiple meanings.

And what of Nancy? Since Ernie Bushmiller's death, Nancy had become little different from Curtis, Jeffy, P.J., Calvin, and the rest of comics' brat pack. Gone were the "eyelines" leading from Nancy to a cupcake, or Aunt Fritzi Ritz' 40s hairdo and pin-up glamour. But heaven

has turned back the clock, and Nancy has returned to its almost Japanese level of iconic expressiveness. Just today, I saw Rollo look into the dress-up box, and, my hand to God, a big black exclamation mark appeared over his head. And the payoffs! You couldn't invent them if you tried. Nancy is beyond mere funniness, much as Mary Worth has gone beyond mere drama. They have transcended genre, to make contact with the infinite.

Well, there you are. They don't call me the Stephen Hawking of Viewpoint columnists for nothing. Send some mail, already.

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YOU CALL THIS A VIDEO?

I realize some of my older readers may not share my anxiety about this, but I made a conscientious effort to watch the MTV music awards, and I am convinced: today's music is just awful. Frank Sinatra was right. It is for cretinous goons. This year's bands are so mediocre, I just don't know what to say about them. Hootie and the Blowfish? This is what people think is an exciting band? So lame is their droning, tedious hit that they were forced to rely upon sports celebrities to liven the video up, the way dying sitcoms do when they get desperate. TLC, White Zombie, The Cranberries: I think all these bands are as boring as Chinese algebra, and they dress foolishly too. If there were any new bands of merit coming out, I ask you, why would people be flocking to see middle-aged alternative bands like the Violent Femmes?

A visit to the poster store only con-

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are not weak if we make proper use of those means which the God of Nature has placed in our power... The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

—Patrick Henry

■ GOD 'N LIFE

Persona of life should be true sense of self

Actors.

Lovers of old movies — those made before most of us were born — know who the real actors were: the Barrymores (no, not Drew, her grandfather John and his siblings Lionel and Ethel), James Stewart, Greta Garbo, Charlie Chaplin. What we see today on the big screen are shadows of that "Golden Age".

Still, we are all actors. Students must "act" a certain way in class, though they "act" totally different when they are with their friends. We must "act our age". A normally shy person might have to act boldly to make it across campus on a football Saturday. Even if he'd rather be studying for exams, the student body president has to act concerned when faced with complaints from the undergrads who elected him.

How do we act before God? In truth, we can't "act" with God. The All-knowing sees us stripped of all pretenses, knows our vices and virtues down to the extra cookie we ate before bed a week ago. Yet, He doesn't hold this against us. He just asks us to be honest.

If we get into the habit of "acting" a certain way all the time, we will begin to believe that's what we real-



Julie Ferraro

ly are. If we act independent, with an "I don't need anybody" attitude, when the time comes that we do need someone — either to help with homework or just to talk — we may be caught short.

The marvelous thing about a community like we have here on campus is that we all depend on one another. A one-on-one class wouldn't be very interesting, the same student and professor each week. A roomful of thinking and breathing sophomores, however, can challenge themselves, each other and even the instructor with their differing viewpoints.

We mustn't be afraid to appear vulnerable, to make mistakes. No one is perfect, and it is by "screwing up" that we learn. If we can laugh at ourselves — the same way God must chuckle at some of the crazy

things we do — then we will be healthier mentally, physically and spiritually. And we will have more friends than we can count, because trusting that someone won't "pull an act" on us is the basis for the truest relationships.

A person may want to be like Tom Cruise or Julia Roberts, which is okay. We just have to remember that what we see in the movies is acting, and life is real. We have more "bad hair days" than good ol' Tom would ever admit. And we have to worry about digging a couple bucks from the dorm sofa to spend on lunch — something Julia hasn't done in years.

So, when you wake up tomorrow morning and take a peek in the mirror (I know I don't dare more than a peek) take a second to decide if the day will be spent acting or being real.

Julie Ferraro is the secretary of the Freimann Life Science Center.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Explaining alcoholism's vicious circle

Dear Editor:

I read Cristiane Likely's column in The Observer and found the points you make concerning campus life to be extremely relevant. You stated that you don't have the answer to how someone can become a slave to the "brown bottle."

That secret I would like to share with you using some of the notes I took three years ago when a friend of mine was going through treatment at hospital near where I used to live.

First of all, the human brain is a wonderful instrument. It's very complex, as are the means it uses to process information.

An alcoholic is considered to be genetically "predisposed" to the "disease," that is, the alcoholic's body processes alcohol differently than do "normal" people and is therefore more prone to addiction. The only cure for the "disease" is abstinence because there is no known way of changing the physiology to process alcohol differently, be it through medication (adding a stimulus) or surgery (removing something harmful).

Early in life, most everyone (but not everyone) goes to a wedding or a party of some sort and experiments with alcohol — experiences feelings of euphoria, a "mood swing" if you will. From feelings of euphoria they will eventually sober and go back to feeling normal. An alcoholic will eventually learn to abuse that mood swing by drinking irresponsibly.

A normal person may overindulge as well, but the alcoholic will eventually get into trouble with family, friends, etc. and will experience feelings of pain because of their drinking. At first, just as when euphoric, they will go back to "normal" on their own.

But eventually, they find themselves drinking to get back to "normal," and a lot of problems begin developing in their lives. When other things go wrong, finances, relationships, you name it, they end up drinking to feel normal or good again. And when things are relatively good they drink to feel better.

The brain is a wonderful pharmacy. It creates any drug we need. It produces its own valium, its own heroin, and the chemicals in alcohol but in just the right amounts so as to ameliorate pain, and help you deal with an emotional crisis. (It won't give you an overdose.) But when an alcoholic (or a heroin user) uses an outside drug the body shuts off production.

When you feel sad about something or upset, you get back to normal without reaching for the bottle. Your brain can handle it, but the human being is so complex that an alcoholic

will do whatever it takes to get that drink to get back to "normal."

It's a vicious circle involving denial, excuses, lying, and a number of other poor behaviors. People and circumstances are blamed. "If you didn't nag me I wouldn't drink." "It's all the boss's fault." Occasions to drink are looked forward to by the alcoholic — Friday night, football weekends, etc. as the desires of the physical body are transmitted to the psychological consciousness.

This is what the term "chemical dependency" means, and there's no simple way out of it. An alcoholic may drink a six pack per night or only one beer per week. They may drink one beer every two weeks. They can only control it temporarily — sooner or later it goes out of control.

One beer becomes a six pack. One shot becomes a whole fifth. Total abstinence allows the body to eventually go back to taking care of itself, producing its own brain chemicals in the proper quantity allowing the individual to work out the glitches, put an end to their bad habits and be happy again.

To get someone to quit drinking, as you may know, is a major battle. No intellectual argument like this will suffice.



RICHARD HUNT Senior Off-campus

CHRISTIANE '95

■ CONCERT REVIEW

Quartet of concerts



By ALEX AGUIRRE
Music Critic

Surprisingly, there were a number of decent bands out on tour this past summer. It's good to have R.E.M. back on tour. Lollapalooza had one of its best lineups since its inception and LIVE made the most of what they have to offer. I spent the summer in Minneapolis, which historically has offered a thriving music scene. Bands like the Replacements, Babes in Toyland, Soul Asylum and Polara, just to name a few, have all grown up in Minneapolis' eclectic music scene.

Fortunately I was able to attend a few shows. Here's what I thought.

I wasn't too thrilled to witness the new and improved (approved) Juliana Hatfield. However, I was offered free tickets and decided that it wouldn't be a bad opportunity to experience the historic First Avenue. Rather than attend the all ages show I decided I would rub shoulders with the yuppies and attempt to act proper. Well I guess that was a mistake.

After a strong opening act of Triple Fast Action I easily made my way to the front, within earshot of the former Blake Baby. I repeatedly requested an old

Blake Babies number and was repeatedly denied. A few adventurous yuppies tried their hand at moshing and crowd surfing only to be quickly quelled by the over qualified bouncers. I decided to give it a shot.

My attempt was maliciously halted by an undercover bouncer anxious to test his abundance of testosterone and muscle. He politely escorted me out, in a headlock. Oh well, I wasn't too disappointed as the show was just dragging on as Hatfield played her boring and filtered version of power pop. The chords were well rehearsed and each song sounded like a choir girl tactfully singing her praises at mass, a very politically correct performance. Quite a contrast from the critically acclaimed Blake Babies of old, whose incoherent sets and innocent lyrics played off Hatfield's quivery voice to provide an amusingly captivating brand of college rock. Formerly referred to as the queen of indie music, Hatfield is now just another run of the mill Alternative Rock Star. It's too bad.

It was quite appropriate to endure the powerful film, "Kids" a few days before witnessing the California punk band, Pennywise. A gathering for the teenage rebels of suburbia en masse, I was quite amused, scared and disgusted.

As the brave kids lit up cigarette after cigarette I noticed their uniform dress of stussy t-shirts, baggy jeans and long hair. Even members of the band sported the carefully arranged outfits. These quasi-punk bands like Pennywise, Green Day and the Offspring make a mockery of punk's original intent. Born on the streets of London, Punk was meant to represent an obnoxious rejection of popular culture. But hey this is America, where counter-culture movements equate big business. Perhaps Dead Heads and American Punks alike should

join forces for one grand gathering of corporate counter-culture, like another Woodstock or something.

The summer took a dramatic turn for the best as I was able to catch Silkworm at the 7th Street entry, an adjoining closet of First Avenue. I first saw this band at a subterranean party held here, in the glorious city of South Bend. Once again, Silkworm blew me away with an honest, brutal and truly captivating performance. Perfect melodies juxtaposed with roaring guitars and unforgivable vocals. Silkworm offers a vigorous lo-fi sound which lacks the contrived and predictable element of today's alternative heartbreakers.

I was equally impressed with Dave Grohl's new band, the Foo Fighters. Excuse the inevitable comparison but the Foo Fighters seemed to have picked up where Nirvana left off. Their music doesn't dwell on the Seattle sound, but appears to have elevated the conventional metal structures to a higher plateau where metal, punk and melody can exist harmoniously. This is due in large part to the former member of the short lived band, Sunny Day Real Estate who make up the other half of the Foo Fighters.

Sunny Day Real Estate offered us only one gem, "Diary" which is perhaps one of the best albums since "Smells like Teen Spirit." The precision in musical arrangements from Sunny Day, combined with the raw energy of Nirvana complement each other nicely forming a band to be reckoned with.

In Hatfield and Pennywise I witnessed wasted potential. In Silkworm I witnessed indie rock at its finest. In the Foo Fighters I witnessed what was and what could have been.

Alex Aguirre's music reviews appear every Thursday in Accent.

The Tea Party

the edges of twilight

EMI Records

★★★★★

out of five

Following two years of touring, Windsor, Ontario's The Tea Party have released *The Edges of Twilight*, the follow up to their successful debut *Splendor Solis*. It is obvious from the first track that this relatively young trio has been influenced heavily by the sounds of the world that they experienced on tour. They incorporated many of these new sounds into this latest release.

Singer/guitarist Jeff Martin, bassist/keyboardist Stuart Chatwood, and drummer/percussionist Jeff Burrows have embarked on a musical journey around the globe with *The Edges of Twilight*.

"The Bazaar" brings with it images of Turkey or the Middle East through its use of harmonium and harp-guitar. "Correspondences" conjures images from all around the world with its soft, melodic tune. Completing the journey is "Coming Home," a song that symbolizes the sense of comfort found upon return with its soft acoustic melodies and serene vocals.

The Edges of Twilight is, in its entirety, a huge step for a band that has only released one album previous because it is so technically demanding. Martin, with

his haunting vocals that sound frighteningly familiar to the late Jim Morrison, has proven that he possesses incredible musical talent through his ability to learn and proficiently play instruments such as the hurdy gurdy and tabla while maintaining his skill on both acoustic and electric guitars.

Perhaps the best evidence of The Tea Party's advancement from their debut is found in the middle of *The Edges of Twilight* with "Sister Awake," a song that increases in intensity from its acoustic beginnings to its powerful conclusion. It combines a variety of instruments to emphasize the journey-like nature of this album.

With *The Edges of Twilight*, The Tea Party has proven that they are going to be a band of the future, prematurely reaching levels of musical genius that many bands never attain. In fact, only recently have masters Jimmy Page and Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin experimented and recorded with strange instruments similar to those used by Martin, Burrows, and Chatwood on *The Edges of Twilight*.

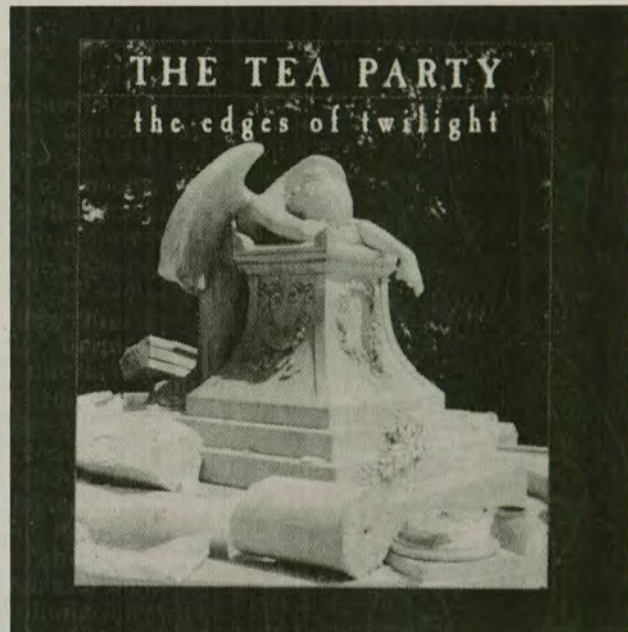
This is not to say that The Tea Party is even close to being as talented as Page and Plant, however, it does show that they are indeed on the right track with respect to the type of music they produce because they are able to successfully experiment with the obscure.

Although *The Edges of Twilight* is a fantastic album, it does have one shortcoming. Throughout the course of the album, Martin's vocals tend to become monotonous, regardless of the fact that the music varies immensely. The trance-like quality of Martin's voice eventually loses its appeal, and because of this, the lyrics also diminish in impact.

The Edges of Twilight, with its worldly sound, is an

unforgettable concoction of blues, rock, and global music that hypnotizes the listener throughout its length. The Tea Party has reached far beyond their expectations with their sophomore release. In doing so, they have created an album that should provide a welcome change from the garage oriented alterna-rock that overpowers today's radio waves.

-by Christian Stein, music critic



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■ CONCERT REVIEW

Freeeks of nature

Campus favorites George and the Freeeks mix originals and covers in Jazzman's show

By KEVIN DOLAN
Music Critic

Tuesday night saw one established campus favorite, George and the Freeeks, playing at Jazzman's, a campus favorite still waiting to happen. Despite a slow start, attendance wise, the Freeeks demonstrated the live appeal that has gotten them where they are now with a show featuring mostly originals and a judicious amount of cover tunes.

Lead guitarist Erik Goldschmidt took the band into the Dead's "Deal" to open the set, backed up by the acoustic attack of Doug McKenna and Mark Lang. Goldschmidt played a nice, subtle guitar solo that fit the atmosphere of the stage: seven musicians really can't jump around a lot a Jazzman's.

"Deal" led into "Gypsy Moths," a slower but still intense original that's daring enough to feature a key change in the refrain, often a lost art in today's punk-dominated scene. McKenna took over the mike for "Goodbye," giving the song a more emotional take than Goldschmidt's strong but sometimes unemotional vocals.

The Freeeks then strode into the realm of sludgemeisters Grand Funk Railroad with a cover of "Captain (Closer To My Home)." By this time, the band appeared to have gotten used to their cramped accommodations, and looked to be having fun. "Captain," however, despite the Freeeks' fresh take on it, remains a tough song to hear twenty years after its birth. By the end of it, they sounded more like the Dead again, a welcome change.

The looser sound of the Dead segued into, appropriately enough, "I Know You Rider," another Dead standard. Mark Lang stayed on the mike, providing another vocal complement (ragged) that fit the song well. Lang, McKenna and Goldschmidt broke into a three-part harmony, reminding the still-growing crowd why they came. Their strong harmonies justified the next tune, CSN's "Southern Cross." While some neophytes insisted on dancing energetically, it was an opportunity for most to light a reverent smoke and give the song its due. "Southern Cross" is dangerous territory even for the harmonically gifted, but it really didn't matter, because the Freeeks attacked it with the earnestness of songs before. A chord change in the refrain greatly altered the sound of song: whether or not that's an improvement is up to you.

When the Freeeks broke into "Beginnings," the mostly female and largely underage (it was an 18-and-over show) crowd got up and began to (gasp!) dance. Evidently



The members of George and the Freeeks take a break with their namesake, alligator George. The band's first CD, *Join Us for the Ride*, will appear in the next few months.

Photo courtesy of Erik Goldschmidt

figuring that eight songs into a set is time enough to sit on their hands, they bounced enthusiastically about Jazzman's spacious dance floor. The band appeared to be relieved at this development, and fed off the crowd's newfound energy to play their most rambunctious song yet. On a stage where the band could move, this song would gain quite a bit.

"Seabound Soul" introduced minor chords, a rarity, but still hopped along with the Freeeks' usual good humor. The song began to come apart when the band took solos, but a brief percussion solo tied everything together and also justified the bongo player's presence. When one can hear the bongos, it's a treat, but the crowd was spared that treat for most of the night. "Aeneas Song" was much tighter, featuring a catchy riff by Goldschmidt and a fine ending. Some line-dancers were spotted, but were quickly shamed back into their seats by more conscientious friends.

The first set ended with Phish's "Bouncing Around the Room." Although the band paid homage by pogoing happily, no one else seemed to get it, but when "American Music" started, the crowd responded wildly. If such a thing is possible, the Freeeks gave it a stronger reading than the original, with more tempo and spirit. The keyboard was amped way too loud, but no one seemed to care.

The second set echoed the first: a big acoustic sound and strong vocal harmony backed by one of the strongest rhythm sections on campus. "Don't Go" evoked the spirit of the Allman Brothers, and "Borderline" was a chance for the Freeeks to demonstrate their country chops. "Fell," as always, was well played, but it should be noted that "Deer in the Headlights" is not a pleasant image of a guy falling in love. The band opened it up on "Away," with as much energy as they had at

ten o'clock.

Last call was drawing near, so the band closed with "Empty Space," one of the strongest originals of the night, and threw in "Bertha" and "Take A Load Off" to wrap up. Both songs had a lot of "what'cha came for", and the show, overall, repeated the message George and the Freeeks have been sending, and just as simply: go see them. It's a solid live performance, even on a stage where they can hardly move. They don't play a flawless show, but it's a lead-pipe cinch you'll never be bored.

Kevin Dolan's music reviews appear every Thursday in Accent.



Lenny Kravitz

Circus

★★★★☆
out of five

Music has been so squeezed, drained, and copied over the years, that no artist seems to get by these days without borrowing from the past. As a result, the only measure left is whether or not the artist does it well. Two albums have recently been released by artists who are not only known for borrowing from past musicians, they are known for creating their own unique blend of music for today.

To Lenny Kravitz, heroes are not born, they earn it. On his latest LP, *Circus*, his passions still revolve around heroics, God, and women, supported by music based in psychedelia, funk, and folksy pop. Keeping his unspoken promise to release an album in every odd-numbered year, *Circus* fails to achieve the variety or the crisp touches contained on *Are You Gonna Go My Way* and *Mama Said*.

Luckily for us, Kravitz decided

Lenny and Love

Two bands squeeze the past for new anthems

to provide yet another anti-anthem for the 1990's. The first song on the album as well as the first single, "Rock and Roll is Dead" provides one of those magical thick riffs that you can't get enough of. For those of you who have heard that song and nothing else new from Lenny yet, guess what? It's the best track on the album.

Other tracks that shine include "Tunnel Vision," a hardcore smash which utilizes the type of guitar work usually reserved for old Red Hot Chili Peppers or Jane's Addiction. In the meantime, "Don't Go and Put a Bullet in Your Head" borrows from that old Sly Stone laid-back synthesized-beat style, lyrically as well as musically.

However, four out of the eleven tracks are blunt religious sermons, rock and gospel which contain good music and vocal touches but are boring beyond belief lyrically. Kravitz has never been known for his lyrics ("He came to fight in a battle/With no guns or money/But just his empty hands..."), but on those four tracks, he really falls flat.

Love Jones is a band who realize how to take their thoughts, desires, hopes, dreams, and most importantly, their influences and combine them all into good music. Their latest release, *Powerful Pain Relief*, is just what the title suggests.

Through party funk reminis-

cent of The Time in their heyday ("The Thing") as well as smooth coffee-sippin' lounge music ("Me"), Love Jones paint vignettes that are sonically pleasing to visualize and extra fun for lip synching.

Although most of their songs surround themes of loss, regret, or some other method of picking up the pieces, they are still giving off exciting vibes, and it sounds as if the gents in Love Jones wouldn't have it any other way. To Love Jones, anybody who just lives their life is a hero, and doesn't music sound better that way?

-by Rob Adams, music editor

Love Jones

Powerful Pain Relief

★★★★☆
out of five



Tracks Top 20

1. Alanis Morissette - Jagged Little Pill
2. Rusted Root - When I Woke
3. Bush - Sixteen Stone
4. Hootie and the Blowfish - Cracked Rear View
5. White Zombie - Astro-Creep: 2000 Songs
6. Better Than Ezra - Deluxe
7. Dangerous Minds Soundtrack
8. Freddy Jones Band - North Avenue
9. Silverchair - Frogstomp
10. Foo Fighters - Foo Fighters
11. Blues Traveler - Four
12. Phish - Live
13. St Show - Show
14. Styx - Greatest Hits
15. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony - E.1999 Eternal
16. Jock Jams - Jock Jams
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Stafford

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Trojans, Stafford had a stellar junior campaign, starting six games and playing in all contests. He had 18 catches for 254 yards, pulling in three touchdowns and averaging 14 yards a catch.

No, Stafford says, its none of these things. Rather, its a matter of the Irish making the best plays where they can.

"On offense, you have to take what the defense gives you," Stafford says. "As its happened, the defenses we've played have given us chances to throw to Derrick, or the fullbacks, or the tight ends."

If he is frustrated with the state of affairs, Stafford isn't letting it show.

"As a receiver, your job is to block and catch," Stafford says. "I just want to be a part of this team, and if my job is blocking right now, then that's what I'll do."

Still, one has to think

Stafford's psyche must be smarting from the lack of involvement, but his confidence is still sound.

"I don't think about not getting any catches on a conscious level," Stafford says. "It doesn't bother me, but I'm sure unconsciously I'm thinking about it a little bit."

"The only time it will bother me is if we're unfortunate enough to lose a game," Stafford admits. "If we win, I'm part of the winning team and I'm fine. But if not I wonder if there was something I could have done to help us win."

Stafford believes he possesses the talent to help the Irish offensively, but right now the most important thing is keeping the team on a winning track.

"My goal for us now is to win every game, that's more important than the individual stats," Stafford says. "This week I'd like to give coach Holtz a big win while he's recuperating. I'd like to give him a touchdown, but if I don't get that, I'll be happy to block for a TD."

Vanderbilt admits SEC violations

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Vanderbilt has alerted the Southeastern Conference that it may have violated league rules on the number of coaches in a game.

Strength coach Chris Gaines assisted on the sidelines by signaling plays to the defensive unit on the field during the season opener with Alabama.



Gaines

"In the strictest interpretation of the rule, Chris had no business being out there on the field signaling plays into the game," said Vanderbilt athletics director Paul Hoolahan.

The SEC rule limits the number of coaches to the head coach and nine assistants.

Hoolahan said he learned of the possible violation from Vanderbilt compliance officer Beth DeBauche.

Coach Rod Dowhower said he was unaware that having Gaines signal plays was a possible violation, but said one of the assistants will be signaling from now on.

Vanderbilt next plays at Notre Dame on Saturday.

Globetrotters begin anew after rare loss

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria

With a .99989 winning percentage in their last 8,830 games, what's next for the Harlem Globetrotters?

Probably another long winning streak.

"The Globetrotters can't wait to get back out on the court to start a new streak," says Mannie Jackson, onetime player and now chairman and owner of the Harlem Globetrotters.

That mission begins tonight in Bratislava, Slovakia, when the Globetrotters continue to tour with the first team to beat them in 24 years.

The Globetrotters had their 8,829-game winning streak snapped Tuesday night in Vienna in a 91-85 loss against a team led by NBA great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 34 points in a competitive, unscripted contest.

It was the Globetrotters' first loss since Jan. 15, 1971, when they were beaten 100-99 by the New Jersey Reds.

The Globetrotters are touring Europe and are facing Abdul-Jabbar's team in an 11-game series.

They won the first two games of the tour — 91-90 in Zurich, Switzerland, on Friday and 58-52 in Halle, Germany, on Saturday.

"The guys are really upset about the loss," Globetrotter Reggie "Regulator" Phillips said.

"After being part of the team for over 300 straight wins, it is a strange feeling to lose a game. But I give credit to Kareem's team."

The usually slapstick Globetrotters used a few gags in the first two games of their Euro-

pean tour, then played a "straight, competitive game" Tuesday night, team spokesman Joyce Szymanski said.

"There was no confetti toss or any of that other stuff," she said.

"When the team gets back to the U.S., they'll go back to doing more of that. When Mannie played for the Globetrotters, that's the way they did it. They'd do some goofy exhibitions and some competitive games. That's what he wants to get back to."

Jackson, who played for the Globetrotters in the 1960s and bought the team last year, has decided to let the team play a number of competitive games with less of the tricks and showmanship that have made the Globetrotters internationally famous.

"We know as we continue to seek strong opponents there is always a chance we can lose," Jackson said. "But if it makes us a better basketball team, we must take the good with the bad."

"The great thing about this tour, though, is that every fan attending these games is seeing something special — great basketball and a great show."

Abdul-Jabbar, who is 48 years old and last played in the NBA in 1989, made 15 of 16 shots.

Bo Kimble, a former college star who played for a few years in the NBA, had 13 points and eight rebounds.

"The Globetrotters are a very good basketball team and define sportsmanship," Abdul-Jabbar said.

"They impressed the fans and they impressed our team with their poise in this loss."

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■ NBA

Players agree to labor deal

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

CHICAGO

The NBA is back in business. Well, almost.

Player representatives overwhelmingly approved a six-year contract Wednesday, then passed the ball to the owners, who are expected to give their approval later in the week. There may still be a few bumps, however.

The vote by player representatives was 25-2 in favor of the deal, with a three-quarters vote needed for approval. Boston and Sacramento cast the dissenting votes during a 35-minute meeting.

"We're all smiles today," said the Knicks' Charles Smith, a union vice president. "It was a long, tedious process. A long, long time waiting to get the season started."

Said Bulls player rep Steve Kerr: "I think the season will start on time. I guess it's not quite a done deal. There are a few things to iron out. I want to get to camp to play."

The vote clears the way to lift the lockout, which has been in place since July 1 and was the NBA's first job action. Training camps would open as scheduled Oct. 6 and the season would begin on time Nov. 3, if the owners approve the deal as expected.

"We will promptly submit the deal to the owners for ratification, and we hope to have their approval by Friday afternoon," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "We would be able to lift the lockout and resume normal operations on Monday, September 18."

There are still potential impediments, including one from Sacramento's Mitch Richmond.

Richmond, who attended Wednesday's meeting, has filed a charge with the National Labor Relations Board questioning whether players were coerced during their decertification vote in the past two weeks.

That vote was counted Tuesday and was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the union. A group led by Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing, both clients of agent David Falk, led the movement to decertify. They claimed players could get a better deal by dissolving the union and fighting the NBA in court.

David Odom, an attorney representing Richmond, said he expected to hear from the NLRB next week.

"We know there were players who voted in favor of not decertifying who were opposed to the collective bargaining agreement," he said. "But really they voted the way they did because they were afraid all or part of the season would be lost pursuant to threats of commissioners (David) Stern and Granik. That's illegal coercion and that's what Mitch's case is based on. We think it has merit."

Richmond said he was disappointed by the outcome.

"We (the dissidents) are going to discuss it later today and we'll see what happens," he said after the meeting. "... We wanted to see more guys here so they could hear their case."

Added union president Buck Williams: "Mitch is a dues-paying member and he should have his say. He may not have agreed but he voiced his concerns."

Williams said he didn't know if dissidents who wanted to decertify would continue their push. Jordan has said he would support what the majority voted for but he didn't want to

hear players complain later about the deal.

"We should tell very shortly whether they continue with their movement," Williams said.

Williams said the dissidents actually helped the players get a better deal because it forced them to back to the table.

Union officials and the league first reached an agreement June 21, and owners approved it. But the player representatives, under pressure from the Jordan-Ewing group, refused to take a vote when they met June 23, and instructed Gourdine to go back to the bargaining table.

On Aug. 8, the sides agreed to a new deal that was slightly more favorable to the players. The provisions to impose a luxury tax on teams exceeding the salary cap were eliminated. While some loopholes to the cap were closed, some were added.

"The dissident movement helped our cause tremendously. Even though it was unfortunate that we had to air our dirty laundry in public, they were really essential in getting the kind of agreement we wanted," Williams said.

"Michael and Patrick are fine men. It's unfortunate we couldn't be as united as the baseball players are and move together collectively," Williams said. "But outside of that, I thought it was very important at that stage of negotiations that those players were involved."

Union chief Simon Gourdine looked relieved but was a bit cautious.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Whitaker breaks record, then Brewers

By HARRY ATKINS
Associated Press

DETROIT

Lou Whitaker provided the dramatic ending to his special day Wednesday.

Whitaker's three-run homer in the ninth inning lifted Detroit to a 5-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers, extending the Tigers' winning streak to five games, matching a season-high.

It was the 13th loss in 15 games for the Brewers, whose chances for a wild-card berth in the AL playoffs are fading.

Whitaker and Alan Trammell were playing in their 1,915th game together, breaking the AL record of 1,914 held by George Brett and Frank White of the Kansas City Royals.

"What took place today we're very proud of," Whitaker said. "It's a milestone ..."

David Hulse homered and drove in all three Brewers' runs and Phil Nevin homered for Detroit.

"We're stinking the place up," Brewers manager Phil Garner said. "We can't get any-

thing going. The trend is that we get a couple of runs, then give them right back."

Mike Fetters (0-3), who had converted 21 of 24 save opportunities, gave up a leadoff single to Nevin in the ninth. John Flaherty sacrificed pinch runner Todd Steverson to second, then Chad Curtis walked and Whitaker hit the first pitch into the second deck in right field for his 14th homer of the season.

"I was very excited as I rounded the bases, but I didn't want to do anything to show it," Whitaker said.

"I smiled by myself, with my own way of being happy. That's the way I've always approached playing."

Trammell led the stampede from the dugout to congratulate Whitaker as he crossed the plate.

"I've seen that sweet swing many times," Trammell said. "He's been a special player."

Dwayne Henry (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory.

With two outs in the seventh, Hulse took a half swing on a 1-2 count from Brian Maxcy.

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■ NFL

Lloyd pledges to knock Marino out of game

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Greg Lloyd said he'll try to knock Dan Marino "into next week," giving the Miami Dolphins one more reason to circle Monday night on their calendar.

That's when Miami and Pittsburgh meet for an early-season showdown of unbeaten AFC title contenders.

In the Dolphins locker room Wednesday, Lloyd's pledge was viewed as amusing rather than inflammatory. Linebacker Bryan Cox wrapped his arms around Marino from behind and said, "Lloyd's going to get you."

Marino laughed. "I respect Greg for his style of play," Marino said. "He's an incredible player. I wouldn't expect him or the Steelers to play any other way than 100 mph. That's just part of the game."

Lloyd targeted Marino while saying the Steelers refuse to compromise their style of defense in the face of NFL rule changes expanding the protection of quarterbacks.

"I will try to knock (Marino) into next week," the All-Pro linebacker said. "If the officials want to call a penalty, so be it. Are we going to go after Marino? What do you think? We are not going to play passive defense."

Steelers coach Bill Cowher chuckled Wednesday when asked about Lloyd's comments. "Greg just wants to play the game hard," Cowher said.

Said Steelers linebacker Kevin Greene: "More power to Greg Lloyd."

But while Lloyd dislikes the NFL's latest attempt to protect the quarterback, Miami coach

Don Shula said the new rules had widespread support when approved. They make it illegal for a defensive player to use the crown of his helmet against a quarterback.

"The rules don't go into effect until they're voted on by the league membership," Shula said. "I don't remember anybody voted negatively against them."

"I think all teams were pretty much in favor of the things the league is trying to get done — not to take anything away from the nature of the game, but to make it as safe as possible and keep players in the game, rather than on the sidelines."

Cowher said Pittsburgh will continue to play as it has in the past. In the second half of Sunday's victory over Houston, the Steelers drew eight defensive penalties, including a roughing-the-passer call on Lloyd. Pittsburgh is tied for the NFL lead with 19 penalties.

During the exhibition season, Lloyd was fined \$12,000 for a hit on Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre.

"I'm sure the Steelers are going to come down here and play hard and tough," Shula said, "and hopefully within the rules."

Shula and his players say they respect the Steelers' aggressiveness. Even Cox, Miami's most irascible player, declined to take offense at Lloyd's remarks.

"What's wrong with that?" Cox said. "Greg is a good guy. He's an emotional guy. He's not talking about doing anything illegal."

"With all the talk about getting fined for hitting quarterbacks — and you see some guys pulling up when quarterbacks get out of the pocket — I look at it as like he's saying it's not going to affect his game."

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Braves clinch fourth NL title

Associated Press

DENVER

The Atlanta Braves became the first National League team to win four straight division titles, clinching the East on Wednesday with a 9-7 win over Colorado coupled with a loss by second-place Philadelphia.

Atlanta won NL West championships in 1991, 1992 and 1993. The Braves moved to the NL East last year, and were in second place behind Montreal when the strike ended the season in mid-August, and no division titles were officially awarded.

The Braves' clinching became complete when Philadelphia lost 5-4 in Montreal. At the time, Atlanta's charter flight from Denver was en route to Cincinnati, where the Braves play this weekend.

Oakland won five consecutive AL West titles from 1971-75.

With the addition of a wild-card spot in the playoffs, it has not been determined which team Atlanta will play when the opening best-of-5 round begins Oct. 3.

The Rockies, who lead the NL West by one game over Los Angeles, had their team-record six-game winning streak stopped. Dante Bichette hit three doubles for Colorado, including a two-run drive during a four-run rally in the ninth.

Fred McGriff hit a three-run homer and two doubles and Ryan Klesko drove in two runs with a pair of doubles. Jeff Blauser hit a solo home run and Marquis Grissom had three hits as the Braves ended their three-game losing streak. Ellis Burks homered for the Rockies.

Jason Schmidt (2-0) was the winner, taking over in the second inning after starting pitcher Kent Mercker hurt himself. Mercker bruised his left tricep fielding a bunt by Eric Young, aggravating a previous injury.

Burks was the first batter to

face Schmidt and he homered. After that, Schmidt allowed one more run and three hits.

The Braves struck for three runs in the second after David Justice drew a leadoff walk from Roger Bailey (7-6), who lost for the first time in six starts. Klesko hit a RBI double to right-center field and pinch-hitter Dwight Smith hit a blooper that fell out of Burks' glove in center for an RBI triple. Grissom followed with a single that made it 3-0.

Burks hit his 14th homer and Bailey hit an RBI single later in the second, closing Colorado to 3-2.

Justice walked with two outs in the third and scored on Klesko's double into the right-field corner.

Blauser hit his 12th homer leadoff to start the fourth. The

Braves added four runs in the sixth inning on Mark Lemke's RBI single off Joe Grahe and McGriff's 26th homer off Mike Munoz.

Andres Galarraga had an RBI single in the seventh off Atlanta reliever Brad Clontz. Jason Bates hit a two-run triple and Bichette hit a two-run double in the ninth off Mark Wohlers.

Notes: Bailey recorded his first RBI in the majors. ... Rockies outfielder Larry Walker returned to the starting lineup after leaving Tuesday's game with a bruised right shoulder. ... Smith's triple left him four shy of the Atlanta single-season record of 20 pinch-hits set by Chris Chambliss in 1986. ... Schmidt's single in the fourth was his first major league hit. ... Lemke extended his hitting streak to 12.

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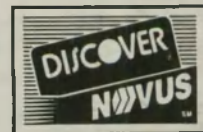


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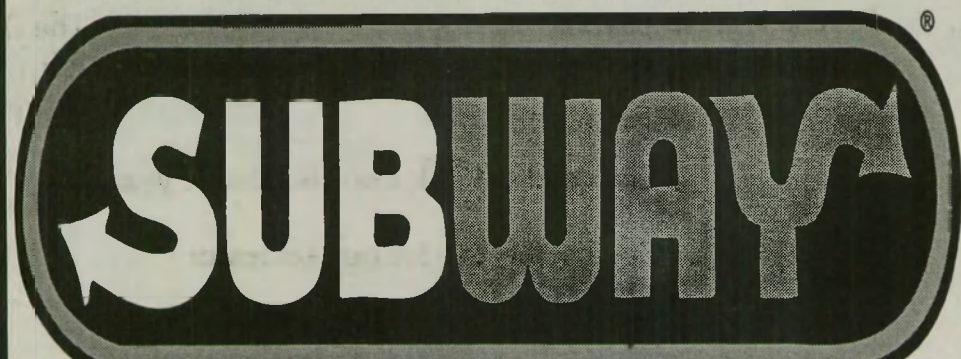
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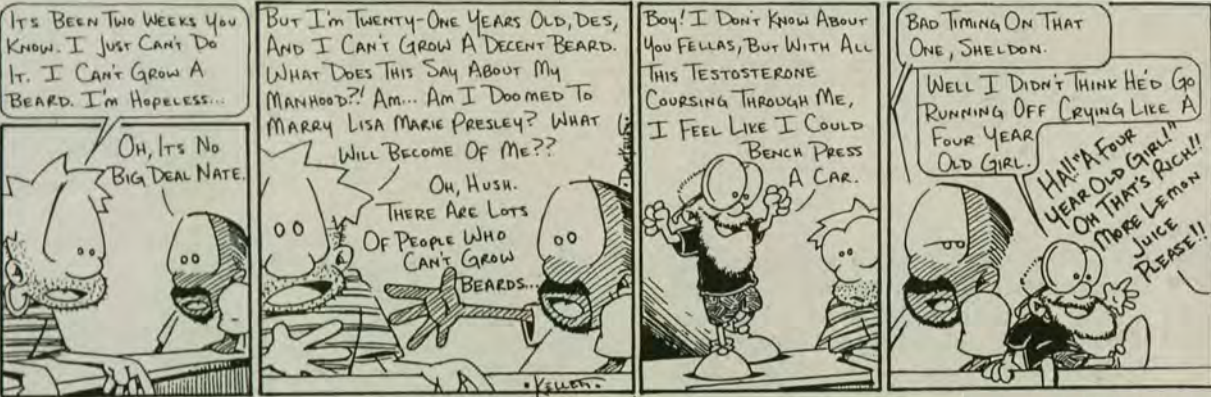
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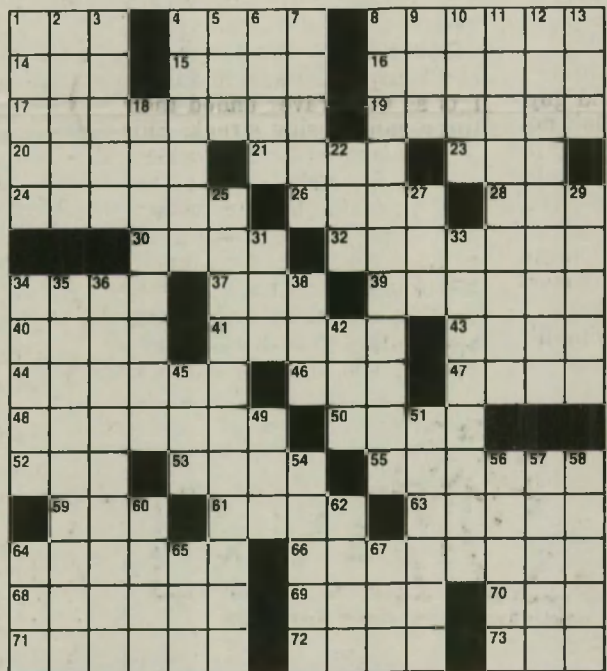
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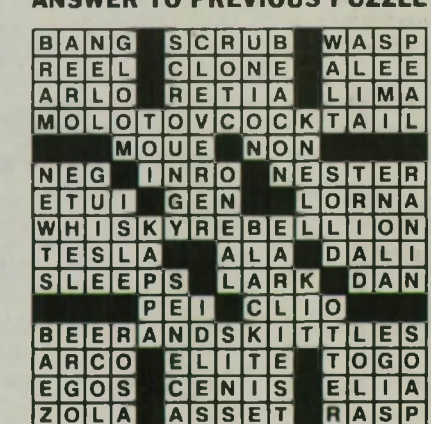
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■ INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Interhall battles commence Sunday

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

The long wait is finally over. The moment has arrived. After sweating it out on the practice fields for the last month, the men and women of Notre Dame are set to kick off the Interhall football season this Sunday.

In last year's title game at Notre Dame Stadium, Zahm came up short to Off Campus in a tight, hard fought contest. This year, Zahm, eager to advance one step further this time around, is considered the team to beat in the Gold division.

Quarterback Benji Hammond, defensive/offensive lineman Kevin McHugh, and defensive end Pat McDonough return to give Zahm the leadership and experience it will take to return to the playoffs.

"Going into the year, our goal is to win it all," said team captain Matt Bundick. "The defense has always been good, and the offense should help us get back there (the title game) again."

Winning the competitive Gold division will not be a cake walk. Carroll (3-1-1 last year), Fisher (2-3), and St. Ed's (1-2-1) will more than give Zahm a run for their money.

Although short on experience, Alumni, led by talented running back Matt Mammolenti, and Sorin, sparked by 1994 All-Star quar-

terback Jeff Faragher, should also compete for the division title.

It's anybody's guess as to who is the team to beat in the Blue division. Stanford (4-2 last season) and Flanner (3-3) are expected to challenge a talented Off Campus squad for the league title this year. However, perennial power Keenan (3-2) and Grace, last year's most improved team, should also battle for playoff spots.

"It should be a tough race again this year," said Keenan captain Rob Rolf. "We have a lot of questions and a lot of work to do, but team morale is positive and we have a lot of talent at the specialty positions."

Despite struggling last season, Morrissey (1-3) and Dillon (0-4) are confident that they will improve and wreck havoc in the wide-open Blue division.

On the women's side, defending champion Lyons appears to be every bit as strong as last year's dominating squad. Senior quarterback Julie Byrd and senior wideout Julie Layden return to give the preseason favorite the top passing duo in all of Interhall football.

Once again, Lyons will face plenty of competition from talented rivals in the Gold division. Pangborn, Walsh, and Howard, young and developing squads last season, will benefit from a year's worth of experi-



Senior Julie Byrd enters her fourth season as Lyon's signal caller.

ence and should challenge for the division title this time around.

Pangborn running back Trish Sorenson, Walsh tailback Erin Jackobice, and Howard quarterback Bridget Lustig are three of the top offensive players in the division, and each give their team the leadership and experience needed to overtake Lyons.

"Although we've had a few injuries, we are extremely quick on both sides of the ball," said Lustig. "Jenn Cobb (receiver) and Nicole Torrado (tailback) are really good and they'll come up big for us."

Remembering that Lyons was lightly regarded prior to last season, Badin (3-3 last year), Breen Phillips (3-4), and Cavanaugh (0-6) cannot be

ruled out of the picture in the competitive Gold division.

At this point in the year, coming up with the perfect welfare system would be easier than making sense out of the Blue division. Last season, Siegfried and Off Campus battled for the top spot all season long.

However, Siegfried lost several key seniors, including star quarterback Marce McNeill, and Off Campus, although the most talented team on paper, has only been practicing together for the last month.

"The defense looks really strong so far, and the offense will come together," said team captain Charo Gonzalez. "It's just a matter of playing together and committing ourselves to football."

Pasquerella East and Lewis both reached the playoffs last season and are expected to be even better this year. Lewis, led by their combination of tailback Amy Grenado and quarterback Liz Talarico, may be the most improved team in Interhall football.

"We've looked good in practice so far, and we are very enthusiastic heading into the year," said team captain Debbie Droll. "Togetherness and familiarity are some of our strengths, and that should help us reach our goal of making the playoffs."

Indeed, it's that time of year again.

■ FOOTBALL

Stafford content with limited role



The Observer/Mike Ruma

During last season's Blue and Gold game, Stafford caught five touchdown passes....

By MEGAN McGRATH
Sports Writer

Back in the old days of comedy, before Jim Carrey took over the world, there were comedy duos like Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, Martin and Lewis. They might not have been funny by our standards, but they had a formula in common: a straight man and a funny guy.

The funny guy got all the laughs and the lion's share of popularity, while the straight man worked hard for little more than appreciation.

If the Notre Dame receiving corps were a comedy team, Derrick Mayes would certainly be the star, while senior Charles Stafford would be the straight man.

In the first two games of the year, Stafford had just 16 offensive yards, those coming on a kick return. Not the numbers one would expect from last season's second-leading receiver.

"I'm happy to help the team in any way I can," Stafford says. "As long as the team is successful and winning games, I'm happy."

Kind words from the fifth-year flanker, who has been used as little more than a decoy this season. Why the lack of offensive action on Stafford's side of the field?

It's not for health reasons. Stafford was initially slowed with a shoulder injury earlier in the season, but he says now that the shoulder is no longer a factor.

"It's coming along just fine," he said. "It's not



The Observer/Mike Ruma

...but since then he hasn't caught a single pass.

a problem for me at all."

It's not the ghost of a dropped pass last season against USC. Despite that miscue against the

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'BIG BROTHER'

Shawn Wooden fills a leader's role with his solid play and experience

There are certain qualities in this life that just cannot be taught: resiliency, perseverance, dedication, the ability to overcome adversity and beat the odds.

Shawn Wooden does not need to learn these intangibles. He already embodies them.

However, this quiet determination that so much defines Wooden has been overshadowed by one fleeting moment on the gridiron. That may never change, but when that one play secured a victory over

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IRISH ON THE OFFENSIVE. . .

Irish big play may hurt Vandy aggression

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

For the Notre Dame offense, the key word is focus.

A lot has happened over the past week. A win over Purdue, a loss of a coach. It's enough to make anyone's head spin.

"A lot has happened since we walked off that football field in West Lafayette, but I think our role is to keep things in focus and concentrate on what each one of us can control," interim head coach Bob Davie said. "We'll be fine."

They will if they continue what they did against the Boilermakers a week ago. They piled up 502 total yards of offense and scored touchdowns on a fake reverse pass, a 30-yard screen pass and an explosive Randy Kinder run.

The big plays they cashed in on last week were the same ones that were missing for the better part of last year.

But it could have been a little easier because of Purdue's sieve they called a defense. You can bet the same won't happen with Vanderbilt.

The Commodores return ten starters to their defense, one that allowed just 327 yards to Alabama two weeks ago. But the Crimson Tide broke through with 23 fourth quarter points to negate a chance at the upset.

"They took Alabama to the fourth quarter," Davie said. "The players will be impressed when they see the film."

But they may be scared when they see them on the field.

The Commodores are a defense after Davie's own heart. They attack by blitzing, which may cause problems to the Irish. Ron Powlus was only sacked once by Purdue, despite the fact that Rick Kaczinski stepped in to start at center just before the game. Jeremy Akers, who started at left guard at the

beginning of the season, will be out for another three or four weeks.

Vanderbilt's defensive line carries the load, led by James Manley at defensive tackle and Jay Stallworth at defensive end. Both had 14 tackles against Alabama.

What the Tide probably best exposed by squeaking by the Commodores is that they are susceptible to the big play. 23 fourth quarter points proved that the quick strike could hurt.

Derrick Mayes could have a field day against a young Vanderbilt secondary, which consists of two sophomores and two juniors.

That is, if Powlus and offensive coordinator Dave Roberts don't have tunnel vision like they did against Northwestern. Emmett Mosley and Scott Sollmann got in the act against Purdue.

The word focus shouldn't be taken that literally.



The Observer/ Kevin Klau

Ron Powlus should have a big day if he gets protection from his line.

COMMODORES ON THE OFFENSIVE. . .

Irish hope to slow Purdue ground game

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Blitz. It's Bob Davie's defining word.

With Lou Holtz gone, maybe he'll do more of it. Vanderbilt coach Rod Dowhower thinks he will.

"I'm sure he might have some deep-seated things he wants to do that he hasn't been able to," Dowhower said. But don't count on it.

"Our personnel right now is not exactly what it was at Texas A&M to do these type of things," the defensive coordinator and interim coach said. "And the bottom line is I want to win football games and put these players in a situation to succeed."

That means not putting some of the members of the secondary in man-coverage situations, which has burned them in the past two games.

But this week's aerial assault from Vanderbilt should not be more than an afterthought.

The Commodores will look to junior running back Jermaine Johnson to carry the load.

"They're probably the quickest team we've played,"

Davie said. "They have good size and run a little bit better than what I thought."

With a beleaguered defensive line that has seen Darnell Autry and Mike Alstott each gain over 100 yards the past two weeks, Davie might be seeing Johnson in his sleep at night.

The junior averaged 7.1 yards a carry against Alabama two weeks ago, including a 75-yard burst for a touchdown.

But if the Irish linebackers can keep him under wraps, they might find themselves in the catbird seat.

Ronnie Gordon and Damian Allen split the time at quarterback against the Crimson Tide, both to no positive effect. Gordon was picked off twice; Allen saw three passes float into Alabama defenders' hands.

The Irish secondary seemed to come into its own against Purdue behind Shawn Wooden's two interceptions, but they were close to losing the game in the waning seconds.

Probably the biggest worry on the mind of Notre Dame coaches will be how they respond to coach Lou Holtz's absence. One big defensive play could rally the



The Observer/ Kevin Klau

The Irish secondary is coming off a three-pick performance.



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The Irish linebackers will be busy Saturday.

Key Matchup

Jermaine Johnson

VS. *By Mike Norbut*

Notre Dame Linebackers

Vanderbilt loves to run. In fact they make a living out of it.

The Irish have had problems in the past two games stopping running backs. Northwestern's Darnell Autry picked up 165 yards in the first week. Purdue's Mike Alstott ran up 118 last week.

Defending the ground game has been a problem for Notre Dame this year, mainly because of an undersized defensive line. The bulk of the tackling duties have

fallen on the shoulders of the linebacking core.

Led by Lyron Cobbins, the unit has been the strongest on the Irish defense, and they've shown the most depth. Freshmen Bobbie Howard and Kory Minor have both started a game this season, and should see considerable time on Saturday.

The speed of Bert Berry will be an effective tool in stopping Johnson, who can break one anytime he touches the ball.



Photo courtesy of Vanderbilt Sports Information

Johnson will be looking for holes in the line.

Irish eyes On ...

... JERMAINE JOHNSON



Photo courtesy of Vanderbilt Sports Information

This Saturday will bring back memories for Notre Dame alumni of the Gerry Faust era. In every game and every offensive play there was one agonizing and defining aspect, Allen Pincket. Or more appropriately, Allen Pincket up the middle.

Vanderbilt has been taking a page from Faust's coaching manual. Their problem is that they have no choice in the manner. Their quarterbacks threw for an embarrassing 42 percent completion rate last season and they are on fire this season at around 33 percent. They have no other choice than to hand the ball to Jermaine Johnson.

While it may be obvious, the Irish will sadly learn that it is also effective. Just ask Alabama. Johnson racked up 121 yards on 16 carries against the vaunted Crimson Tide defense.

"Jermaine Johnson legitimately runs 4.25 in the forty," Irish coach Dave Roberts stated. "He is said to be the fastest athlete in the Southeast Conference."

Johnson will be the only real backfield threat that the Commodores possess. In many cases they will line up in the one back set to widen the field for him. And if he breaks the line of scrimmage it is all over. Against Alabama he was able to break through on the second play of the game and 75 yards later they were up 7-0.

Considering how well the Irish bottled up Darnell Autry and the Purdue duo of Mike Alstott and Corey Rogers, there is reason for concern. The Irish haven't faced a true speed running back yet this season. Whenever Autry, Alstott or Rogers broke through the line of scrimmage they were able to tackle them off of pursuit. But even with the new speed in the Irish defense, will it be enough to corral a Raghib Ismail clone?

When the Commodores go to the air, Johnson is no longer a concern. Last season, he failed to catch a single pass. This season he only has one reception, resulting in a four yard loss.

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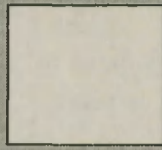
--Thomas Schlidt

The Breakdown

A position by position look at who holds the advantage



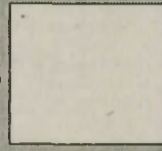
Quarterbacks



Ron Powlus is coming off a four touchdown performance against Purdue. Damian Allen and Ronnie Gordon combined for five interceptions.



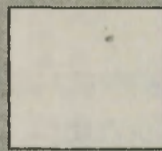
Running Backs



Jermaine Johnson is the fastest man in the SEC. But he doesn't have a counterpart. Randy Kinder and Autry Denson have Marc Edwards.



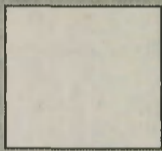
Receivers



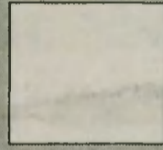
The Commodores are more comfortable as a running team. Five interceptions against Alabama can attest to that. Look for Derrick Mayes to perform.



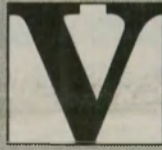
Offensive Line



With Mike Rosenthal getting some time and performing well, depth is added to the Irish front. Vandy's line is a good run-blocking team.



Defensive Line



James Manley and Jay Stallworth are Vandy's leading tacklers. The Irish can't say that about their undersized defensive line.



Linebackers



The most solid unit on the Irish defense, but they'll have their hands full chasing around Johnson. Vandy's 'backers are experienced.



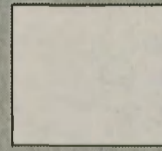
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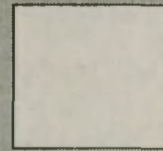
Much maligned in the past, the Notre Dame secondary collected three picks at Purdue. Vandy's unit is young but very experienced.



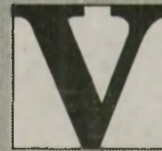
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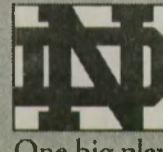
The return game is coming along for the Irish, but they have problems kicking field goals. The Commodores have a normal unit, not exceptional.



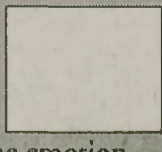
Coaching



Bob Davie is in his head coaching debut of sorts. Rod Dowhower almost beat Alabama, and he'll have his team ready for an upset.



Overall



One big play will give Notre Dame the emotion they need to win.

--Mike Norbut

Irish eyes On ...

... JAMES MANLEY

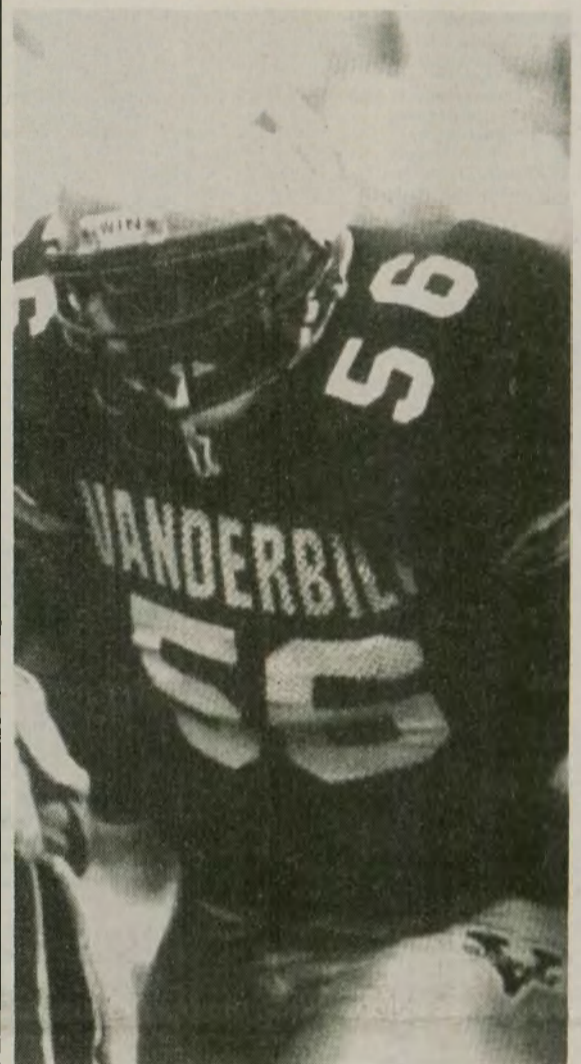


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Don't be mistaken by the black and gold uniforms. Purdue isn't back for a re-match, and sadly, neither is their inferior defense. While Purdue's potent offense carried their defense, Vanderbilt relies on defense to keep their boat afloat.

One of the pre-season goals for the Commodores was to install a more aggressive 4-3 defense that complimented their great size and speed. That's exactly what they did.

"They're probably the quickest team we'll play," Irish coach Bob Davie said. "They have good size and run a little bit better than what I had thought."

"They're a press and attack type defense. I look at the speed they have, and they're going to do different things."

Facing SEC rival Alabama two weeks ago, the defense showed tremendous play making ability and held a Commodore lead until the final minutes.

A lead that the defense was responsible for as they forced five Crimson Tide turnovers.

Of the five turnovers, four were interceptions.

The main reason for the defensive dominance has been the play of the Commodore defensive line, and in particular senior defensive tackle James Manley.

At 6-3 and 291 pounds, he is a human bulldozer. Size aside,

his scariest attribute is his 4.9 speed in the forty. This impressive contribution could provide a problem to the injured and young offensive line. As

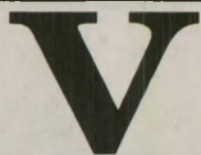
the right tackle, Manley will most likely go against both Ryan Leahy and Mike Doughty.

Manley also gives the Commodores some experience and consistency, having started 34 games in three years.

During his junior campaign Manley was third best among SEC interior linemen with 65 tackles, and ran through opposing offensive lines for a team high nine sacks. Three of those sacks came against SEC foe Florida.

As a sophomore in 1993, he collected a team defensive line best 65 tackles.

--Thomas Schlidt



COMMODORES



THE STATS . . .

SCORE BY QUARTERS					PASSING					PUNTING						
	1	2	3	4	T	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	No	Avg	Bk	Lg
Vanderbilt	7	3	9	6	25	8	23	34.6	87	1	3	40	8	42.9	0	57
Opponents	7	3	0	23	33	5	16	31.3	9	0	2	9	5	21.2	0	26

RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	No	Avg	TD	Lg
Tomichek	5	28	5.6	0	11	5	18.5	0	25
Ware	3	50	16.7	0	40	2	0	0	25
Todd	2	17	8.5	0	9				
Baker	1	8	8.0	1	8				
Deese	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3				
Johnson	1	-4	-4.0	0	-4				

PUNT RETURNS					INTERCEPTIONS				
	No	Avg	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	
Chavous	4	3.3	0	7	1	45	0	45	
					1	36	0	36	
					1	19	0	19	
					1	2	0	2	

ALL-PURPOSE					SCORING						
	Rush	Rec	Ret	Tot	Avg	TD	2XP	1XP	FG	Saf	Pts
Johnson	114	-4	0	110	110.0	0	0	1-2	2	0	7
Deese	0	-3	106	103	103.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ware	0	50	0	50	50.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	6
Chavous	0	0	50	50	50.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	6
Tomichek	0	28	0	28	28.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	6
Todd	0	17	0	17	17.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	6
Baker	0	8	0	8	8.0	1	0	0-0	0	0	6

FIELD GOALS					
	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Tot
Yenner	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2

DEFENSE							
	T	A	Tot	FC	FR	PBU	Sac
Manley	5	9	14	0	0	0	0
Stallworth	5	9	14	1	0	0	1
Stuckey	9	4	13	0	0	0	0
M.A. Williams	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
Duncan	7	4	11	0	0	1	1
Boykin	5	6	11	0	0	0	0
B. DeGraffenreid	3	7	10	0	0	1	0
Schuckman	1	7	8	0	0	0	0
Vance	5	3	8	0	1	0	0
Jefcoat	3	2	5	0	0	0	1
Chavous	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
Hall3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
Batten	2	0	2	0	0	0	0

RUSHING						
	Yds/Gm	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Johnson	114.0	16	121	7.1	1	75
Deese	0.0	3	0	0.0	0	1
Morgan	-1.0	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1
Gordon	-1.0	3	-1	-0.3	0	11

THE STARS . . .

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Fred Vinson	DB	5-11	170	FR
2	Jamie Walkins	QB	6-3	195	FR
3	Ronnie Gordon	QB	6-1	193	JR
4	Ed DeMesa	WR	5-10	166	JR
4	Ed from table	QB	5-10	166	JR
5	Jermaine Johnson	RB	5-7	178	JR
6	Kenny Simon	WR	5-11	193	SR
7	Robert Sheffield	CB	6-0	186	SO
8	Rahim Batten	S	5-9	199	FR
9	Shawn Stuckey	LB	6-0	215	SO
10	Darweshi Miles	LB	6-0	230	FR
10	Alannah Myles	BV	5-8	125	SR
11	Jamail Carter	QB	6-2	190	FR
12	Duane Todd	WR	6-3	210	SO
13	Hi Lewis	QB	6-2	180	FR
13	Huey Lewis	VOC	6-0	175	RAD
14	The News	GR	24-0	700	125
14	Steve Yenner	K	5-11	173	SR
15	Matt Anderson	CB	5-11	186	SO
16	Jeremy Willis	QB	6-2	199	FR
17	Damian Allen	QB	6-2	184	SO
18	Fred Baker	WR	6-3	226	FR
19	Eric Vance	S	6-3	214	JR
20	Alvin Duke	WR	5-10	175	FR
21	Anthony Azama	WR	6-3	226	FR
22	DeReal Finklin	CB	5-9	183	JR
23	Tyrone Yarbrough	RB	5-10	177	SO
24	Bobby Jackson	WR	5-10	186	JR
25	Robert Simmons	WR	5-8	167	SO
25	Richard Simmons	FAT	5-3	180	OLD
26	Rosevelt Noble	S	5-10	191	FR
26	Chelsea Noble	HOT	5-8	125	FR
27	Antony Jordan	LB	6-3	216	SO
28	Corey Chavous	S	6-0	202	SO
29	Bill Marinangel	P	6-2	215	JR
30	Damien Charley	DB	5-9	175	FR
31	Domonick Koger	DB	5-9	175	FR
32	Marcus Forrest	RB	5-9	184	SO
33	Cliff Deese	RB	5-9	181	SR
33	Rick Dees	DJ	5-4	305	SR
33	Weekly Top40	MUS	N/A	N/A	N/A
34	Carlton Hall	LB	6-0	235	SO
35	Marcus A. Williams	S	6-0	197	SO
36	Bart Cason	RB	6-1	219	SO
37	Johnny Metoyer	DB	5-11	178	FR
38	Brett Speakman	K	5-11	170	FR
39	John Bradley	LB	6-0	222	FR
41	Paul Morgan	RB	5-11	221	SO
42	Jason Dunnivant	RB	6-1	239	FR
43	Marcus Lewis	CB	5-10	171	SO
44	Durego Lewis	RB	5-11	221	JR
45	Mark Jefcoat	LB	6-2	224	JR
46	Kirk Williams	LB	6-0	228	JR
46	Kirk Cameron	ACT	5-8	140	FR
47	Scott Cohen	P	6-1	190	FR
48	Royce Love	RB	6-0	240	SR
49	Jamie Duncan	LB	6-1	230	SO
50	Myron Murray	OL	6-3	280	FR
51	Jim Anguiano	C	6-2	268	FR
54	Darren Hale	K	5-11	161	SR
55	Bryan Josey	OT	6-5	285	SR
56	James Manley	DT	6-3	291	SR
57	Andy Overman	LB	6-1	215	SO
58	Ian Smith	DT	6-3	258	FR
59	Walter Pitts	DE	6-3	235	JR
60	Josh Whicker	OL	6-2	284	FR
63	Derrick May	OL	6-2	265	FR
65	Will Jacobs	OG	6-3	291	SO
66	Tim Storer	OG	6-2	263	JR
67	Mike Jones	OG	6-0	268	SO
70	Bill White	OT	6-3	278	JR
71	David Coppeans	OL	6-4	275	FR
72	Jason Hill	DE	6-3	246	SO
73	Brian Boykin	DE	6-3	270	JR
74	Robert Couch	OT	6-5	295	SR
75	Allen DeGraffenreid	OT	6-4	271	JR
77	Chad Wood	C	6-3	275	SO
79	Shawn Wilson	OL	6-3	274	FR
80	Sanford Ware	WR	5-9	178	SR
82	Marcus E. Williams	TE	6-4	244	SO
83	Jason Tomichek	TE	6-3	254	JR
84	O.J. Fleming	TE	6-3	227	FR
85	Teremy Banks	TE	6-4	220	FR
86	Troy Williams	WR	6-2	204	SO
87	Eric Wissman	TE	6-3	238	FR
88	Donald Pitre	WR	6-0	193	JR
89	Jay Stallworth	DE	6-2	265	SO
90	Clay Condrey	DL	6-4	255	FR
91	Byran DeGraffenreid	DT	6-4	259	SR
92	Alphonso Harvey	DL	6-3	280	FR
93	Jason Smith	DL	6-2	310	FR
95	Matt Schuckman	DT	6-4	260	JR
96	Kenny Christian	DE	6-2	240	FR
96	Crosby, Stills, Nash and	6-2	240	SR	
97	Glenn Young	DE	6-3	247	SO

THE STRATEGIST . . .



ROD DOWHWOWER

First season at Vanderbilt.
Career Record: 5-6-1
Against Opponent: 0-0
Highlights: Dowhower, a former NFL assistant, is in his inaugural year as coach of the Commodores. Previous college experience consists of a 5-5-1 mark at the helm of Stanford

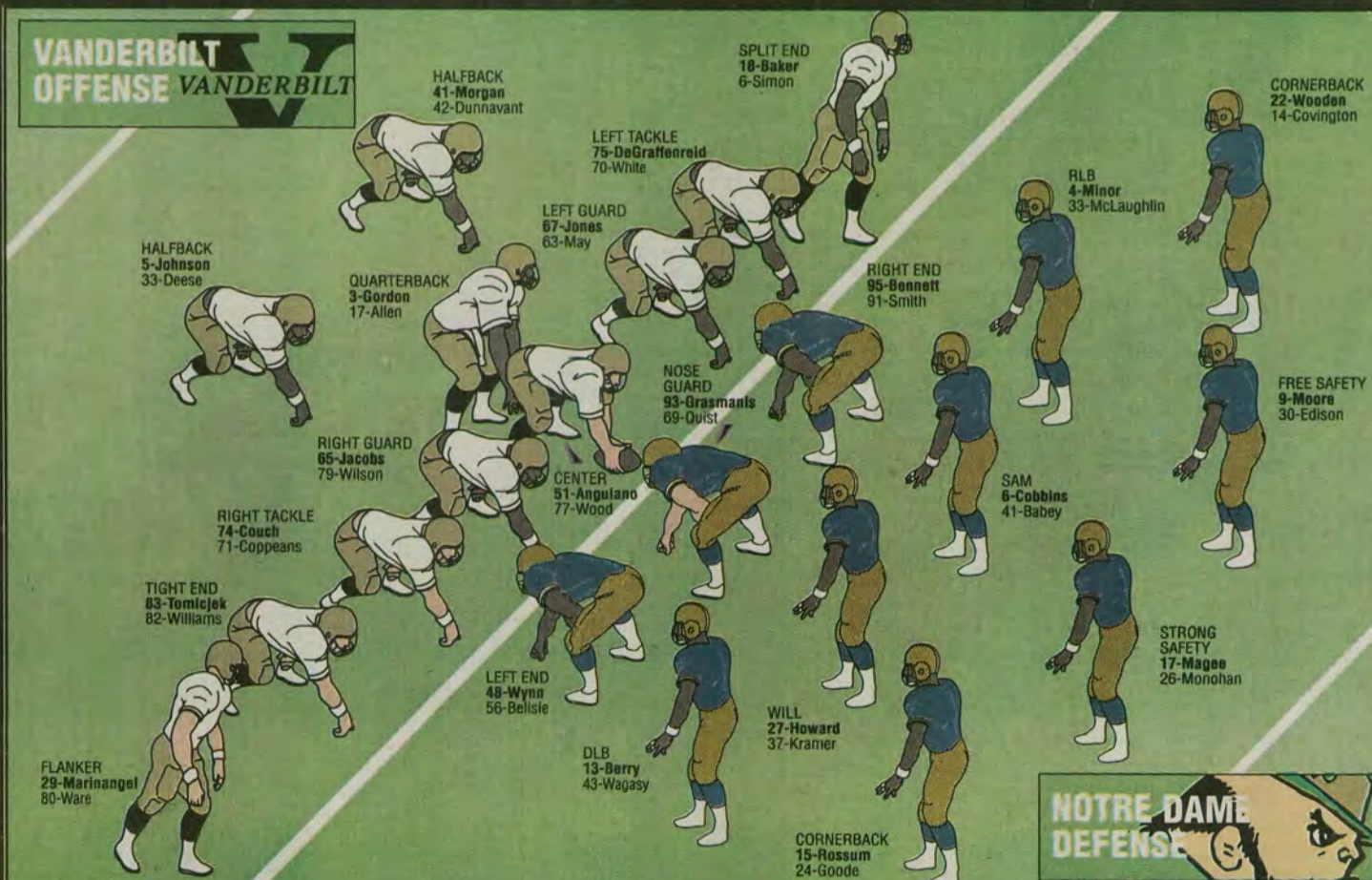
VANDERBILT

Sept. 2	ALABAMA L, 33-25
Sept. 16	at Notre Dame
Sept. 23	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
Sept. 30	ARKANSAS
Oct. 14	GEORGIA
Oct. 21	at South Carolina
Oct. 28	at Mississippi
Nov. 4	KENTUCKY
Nov. 11	LOUISIANA TECH
Nov. 18	at Florida
Nov. 25	at Tennessee

THE SITE . . .

NOTRE DAME STADIUM

Opened in 1930
 Capacity: 59,075
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 ND at home: 243-71-5





FIGHTING IRISH



THE STATS . . .

SCORE BY QUARTERS					PASSING					FIELD GOALS						
1	2	3	4	Tot	Comp	Att	Pct	Yda	TD	Int	Lg	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Tot
Notre Dame	0	23	14	13	50	34	51	66.7	427	4	2	51	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-2
Opponents	14	6	10	15	45											

TEAM STATS			RECEIVING			PUNTING					
ND	Opp		Rec	Yda	Avg	TD	Lg	No	Avg	Bk	Lg
First downs	46	40	15	179	11.9	1	22	7	45.3	0	58
Total yards	884	820	5	54	10.8	0	17	1	16.0	0	16
Total yards per game	442.0	410.0	3	87	29.0	1	51				
Total offensive plays	141	145	3	32	10.7	1	30				
Avg. yards per play	6.3	5.7	2	23	11.5	0	17				
Rushing yards	457	451	2	17	8.5	0	13				
Rushing yards per game	228.5	225.5	1	15	15.0	1	15				
Rushing plays	90	82	1	9	9.0	0	9				
Passing yards	427	369									
Passing yards per game	213.5	184.5									
Passes completed	34	32									
Passes attempted	51	63									
Passes intercepted	2	3									
Fumbles / Fumbles lost	3/2	1/1									
Penalties-Penalty yards	7-70	13-115									
Third down conversions	8-25	12-31									
Percentage	32	39									
Fourth down conversions	1-5	2-2									

RUSHING			SCORING							
Yda/Gm	No	Yda	TD	2XP	1XP	FG	Set	Pts		
Kinder	105.0	26	210	8.1	2	52	3	0	0	18
Denson	72.0	9	72	8.0	0	19	0	0	0	8
Farmer	45.0	19	90	4.7	1	22	1	0	0	6
Edwards	39.9	18	79	4.4	0	14	1	0	0	6
Stokes	7.5	3	15	5.0	0	11	1	0	0	6
Mayes	2.5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	0	0	6
Powlus	-9.5	12	-19	-1.6	0	3	1	0	0	6

NOTRE DAME

Sept. 2	NORTHWESTERN	L, 17-15
Sept. 9	at Purdue	W, 35-28
Sept. 16	VANDERBILT	
Sept. 23	TEXAS	
Sept. 30	at Ohio State	
Oct. 7	at Washington	
Oct. 14	Army (Giants Stad.)	
Oct. 21	USC	
Oct. 28	BOSTON COLLEGE	
Nov. 4	NAVY	
Nov. 18	at Air Force	

THE STRATEGIST . . .



LOU HOLTZ

Tenth season at Notre Dame.
Career Record: 200-90-7
Against Vanderbilt: 1-0
Highlights: Reached 200-win milestone last Saturday. Guided the Irish to the National Championship in 1988 and runner-up finishes in 1989 and 1993.

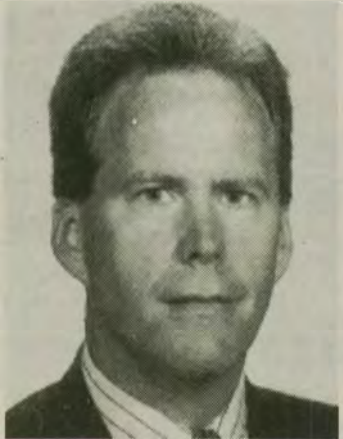
THE STARS . . .

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Derrick Mayes	WR	6-1	204	SR
2	Kinnon Tatum	LB	6-0	216	JR
3	Ron Powlus	QB	6-2	217	JR
4	Kory Minor	LB	6-2	225	FR
5	Emmett Mosley	WR	5-9	180	JR
6	Lyron Cobbins	LB	6-0	241	JR
7	Jarious Jackson	QB	6-2	215	FR
8	LaRon Moore	S	5-9	190	SR
9	Mike Perona	QB	6-1	190	JR
10	Tom Krug	QB	6-4	206	JR
11	Scott Cengia	K	5-9	179	SO
12	Mario Strayhorn	DB	6-2	205	FR
13	Bert Berry	LB	6-3	230	JR
14	John Bishop	CB	5-11	170	JR
15	Ivory Covington	CB	5-9	161	SO
16	Allen Rossum	CB	5-7	176	SO
17	Jerry Maloney	K	5-11	174	JR
18	Brian Magee	S	5-10	204	SR
19	Mark McKenna	QB	5-11	182	JR
20	Mark Monohan	WR	5-10	191	JR
21	Marcus Thome	RB	6-0	224	SR
22	Kevin Kopka	K	5-8	175	FR
23	Shannon Stephens	RB	5-10	175	FR
24	Shawn Wooden	CB	5-11	188	SR
25	Bill Gibbs	S	5-10	179	JR
26	Autry Denson	RB	5-10	175	FR
27	Ty Goode	CB	5-11	183	SO
28	Randy Kinder	RB	6-1	206	JR
29	Chris McCarthy	CB	5-11	184	SR
30	Bobbie Howard	LB	5-11	210	FR
31	Ken Barry	RB	6-0	214	SO
32	Roni Eniste	DB	6-0	180	JR
33	A'Jani Sanders	DB	5-11	175	FR
34	Jarvis Edison	S	6-4	213	SO
35	Robert Farmer	RB	5-10	208	JR
36	Clement Stokes	RB	6-0	203	SO
37	John McLaughlin	LB	6-4	222	SO
38	Jamie Spencer	RB	6-1	245	FR
39	Scott Palumbo	P	5-11	187	SR
40	Robert Phelps	CB	6-0	185	JR
41	Chris Wachtel	P	5-11	211	JR
42	Jeff Kramer	LB	6-2	218	SO
43	Jim Stokes	CB	6-0	185	JR
44	Benny Guillbeaux	DB	6-4	210	FR
45	Kevin Carretta	TE	6-1	230	SR
46	Joe Babey	LB	6-1	227	SO
47	Mike Frascogna	WR	5-8	164	SR
48	Bill Wagasy	LB	6-3	224	SR
49	Marc Edwards	RB	6-0	227	JR
50	Hunter Smith	P	6-3	195	FR
51	James Jackson	RB	5-10	205	FR
52	Bill Mitoulas	LB	6-1	217	SO
53	Renaudo Wynn	DE	6-3	260	SR
54	Joe Thomas	LB	6-3	205	FR
55	Alex Mueller	OL	6-6	260	FR
56	Lamont Bryant	DE	6-4	235	FR
57	Luke Pettigout	OG	6-6	282	SO
58	Shelton Jordan	LB	6-4	230	FR
59	Kurt Belsie	LB	6-2	220	SO
60	Rick Kaczinski	C	6-4	283	JR
61	Mike Burdorf	TE	6-0	205	JR
62	Matthew Kunz	S	6-0	209	SO
63	Sean Rogers	OT	5-10	280	JR
64	Mike McCullough	NG	6-2	298	SR
65	Matt Griesbach	OG	6-0	263	SO
66	Jeff Kilburg	OG	6-4	278	JR
67	John Wagner	OL	6-8	300	FR
68	David Quist	NG	6-8	281	SR
69	Tim Ridder	OL	6-7	280	FR
70	Jerry Wisne	OL	6-7	282	FR
71	Ryan Leahy	OG	6-4	288	SR
72	Mike Doughty	OT	6-7	291	JR
73	Chris Clevenger	OT	6-8	285	JR
74	Jeremy Akers	OG	6-5	288	SR
75	Dusty Zeigler	C	6-6	292	SR
76	Jon Spickelmer	C	6-2	285	SO
77	Mike Rosenthal	OL	6-7	290	FR
78	Maicolm Johnson	WR	6-4	206	SO
79	Charles Stafford	WR	5-9	187	SR
80	Bobby Brown	WR	6-3	175	FR
81	Scott Solimann	WR	5-8	160	JR
82	Dan McConnell	WR	5-8	181	SR
83	Antwon Jones	DL	6-4	237	FR
84	Jimmy Friday	LB	6-3	230	FR
85	Leon Wallace	TE	6-3	265	SR
86	Mike Denvir	TE	6-3	231	JR
87	John Cerasani	TE	6-4	245	FR
88	Ben Foss	DE	6-4	250	SR
89	Damell Smith	DE	6-5	277	JR
90	Paul Grasmann	NG	6-2	279	SR
91	Justin Orr	WR	6-0	190	JR
92	Corey Bennett	DE	6-1	228	SO
93	Corey Redder	LB	6-1	220	SO
94	Pete Chryplewicz	TE	6-5	257	SO
95	Cliff Stroud	DE	6-3	285	SR

THE STAND-INS . . .

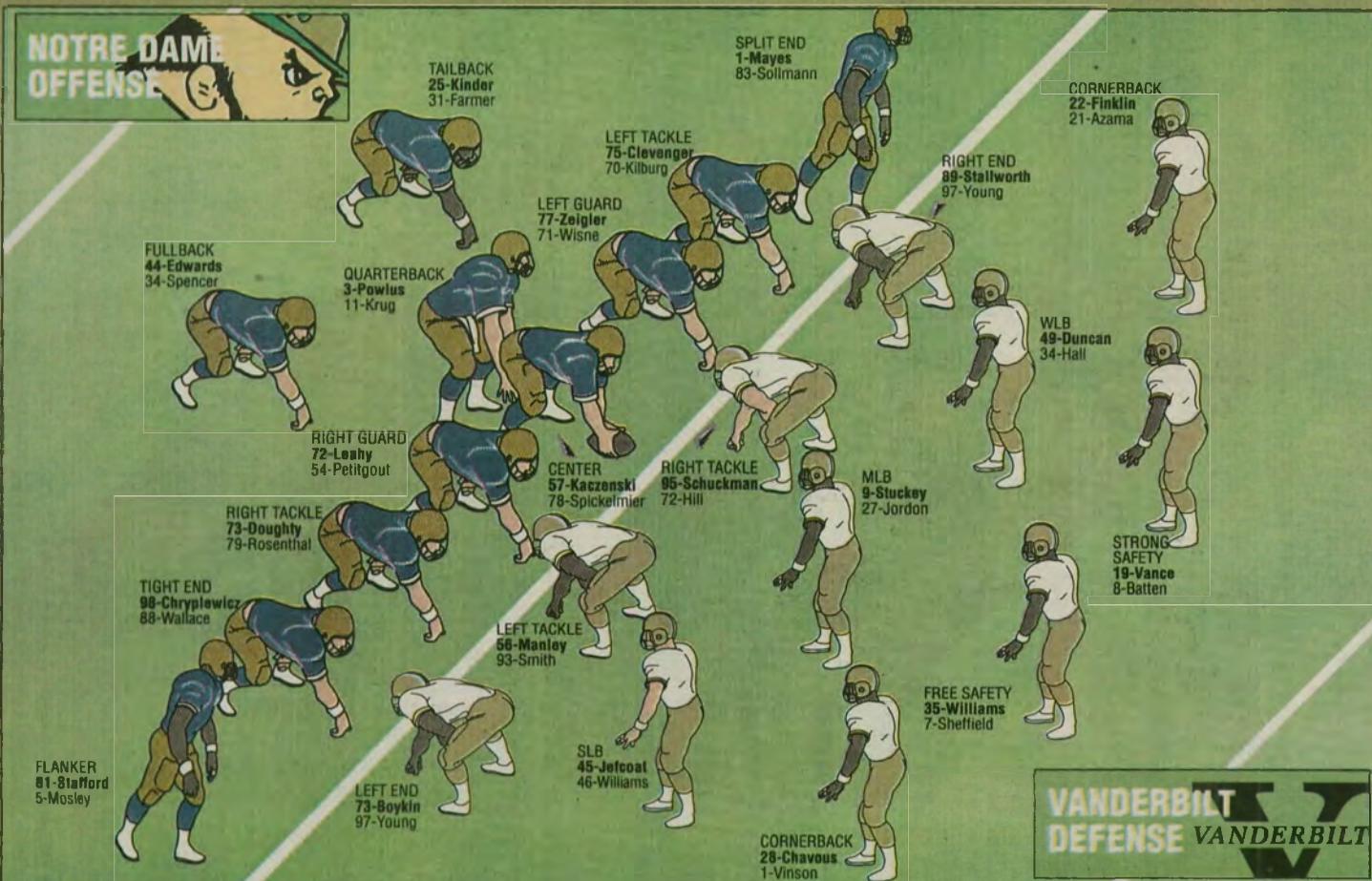
Bob Davie

The 40 year-old defensive coordinator will act as interim head coach during Holtz's absence. Davie, in his second year at ND, was the architect of Texas A&M's famous "Wrecking Crew" defense.



Dave Roberts

The current Irish offensive coordinator will assume total control of the offense until Holtz returns. A creative offensive mind, Roberts also excels in recruiting. Roberts coached NE La. until 1993.



Wooden

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Florida State. "That was just a great game and I was glad to be a part of it."

At the time, Wooden was a rather untested junior who was still learning the finer points of the defense. Now, he is a fifth-year senior who is regarded as one of the elder spokesmen of the squad. When interim coach Bob Davie talked about leadership in Lou Holtz's absence, Wooden's name was at the top of his list.

"I look at myself as almost like a big brother to a lot of the younger guys," the cornerback said. "We've been coaching on the field all along. That's what leadership is about. You have to teach them about being a player and a person. At the beginning of the season, that's what we, as seniors, talked about. We're going to help them deal with everything in college life."

It is somewhat ironic that Wooden is being looked at as one who must compensate for the loss of Holtz.

After his freshman year, Wooden learned that he had developed a back problem, in certain respects, similar to that of Holtz, that would require surgery on his spinal cord if he were to continue to play football.

For the first time, he was faced with major adversity. It was a decision that was not entered into lightly.

"They told me I wasn't going to be able to play without surgery and I was worried be-

cause I didn't want to have surgery. There's risk in any surgery, but especially in the spinal cord. It's pretty risky. I talked it over with my mom and I decided that I wanted to play because I wasn't ready to give up the game."

The surgery itself was perhaps the only thing as complicated as the decision to have it.

"I had an unstable back so they had to stabilize it. What they had to do was cut some bone from the back of my hips and they bone fused it with the spine. They put two metal plates with four screws and wires in my back. I was out for eight hours, in the hospital for half a week, and in the infirmary for a month."

A time like that can certainly weigh on one mentally just as much as physically. Adversity again.

Fortunately for Wooden, he had one of America's best motivational speakers right around the corner - Lou Holtz.

"He helped me through my back surgery," Wooden explained. "I was doubting myself and doubting whether I would ever play football again. He sat me down and told me I have to worry about the rest of my life. He said 'You my never play football again but you'll at least you can play with your grandchildren'. He put a perspective on life."

The emotional burden did not disappear after the surgery. As a matter of fact, it was just starting. Once again, adversity came into focus. First came the fact that returning to the gridiron was not a definite.

"After the surgery, the doctors gave me a 50/50 chance of

coming back to play," Wooden noted. "I was hoping for 80 or 90%. A lot of people helped me: my family, my friends, and the team. Just going out to practice and seeing the team just made a fire inside of me and want to play football more."

That being the case, extensive rehabilitation had to be undertaken. Combine the time necessary to rehabilitate a back with the time commitment of an engineer's workload and you have Wooden's situation.

"I would get up before my 8 o'clock class and go to the trainer. Then, after class, I'd go right back for my therapy and then I'd do my homework. It was a busy time."

And now, after having overcome all of that, Wooden's old companion of adversity has popped up again. This time in the form of Coach Holtz' situation.

"It is a tough time but the seniors will come together," said Holtz. "We'll have a team meeting where only the seniors talk. We just talk about going out knowing Coach Holtz isn't going to be there but that doesn't mean this is the time where the discipline on the team is gone. Things have to tighten up not loose."

Wooden's ascent to his present role of leader has been a gradual one.

Having defeated all the hard times Wooden has faced has surely been a reason to respect the Willow Grove, PA native. His vast improvement on the playing field is another.

"Shawn Wooden has improved tremendously over the past few years," said teammate



The Observer/Dave Murphy
Shawn Wooden runs back his first pass interception, which he got in the first half against Purdue last Saturday.

Charles Stafford, who goes against Wooden in practice every day. "If he hadn't had all those injuries, he wouldn't be here right now, he'd be in the pros."

If he continues to have three interceptions like he did last week (one was negated by a late-hit), he may end up there no matter what.

"That was a great day for the secondary," said Wooden. "We made some big plays. Hopefully, we can just spread it out."

If the secondary continues to play like it has thus far, that may be difficult. Wooden is confident though corrections can be made.

"We just need to stress fundamentals and tackle a lot better. There is no difference be-

tween Vanderbilt and Southern Cal. Every team we play, we're going to come prepared to play.

For Shawn Wooden, that preparation is a bit different this year.

"I basically came into this season wanting to have some fun and I have. I've taken a different approach: instead of worrying about assignments, you just go on and keep playing."

The fact that Wooden is still playing at all is highly commendable, but now the focus is winning for Holtz.

"We just have to get our mind on football and win games."

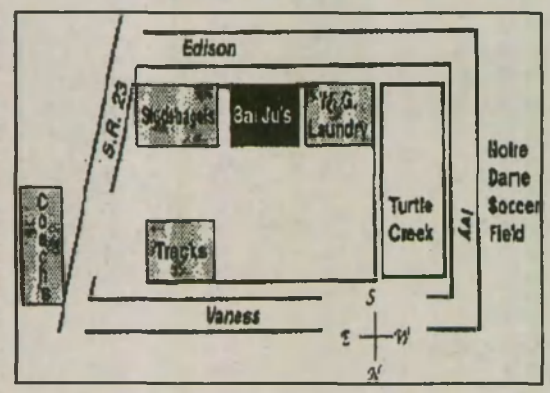
Nothing like a little spinal cord surgery to add a bit of adversity to the situation. It probably won't bother Shawn Wooden. He thrives on it.

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Crash Test Dummies

Unheralded by all but their peers, walk-ons toil in obscurity for self-fulfillment and a chance at glory

By TIM SEYMOUR

Pit bulls, get out there," screams a coach, and eleven players line up on the practice field in Purdue's favorite kick-return formation.

The players look around nervously, share some cautious laughter, and prepare themselves for imminent destruction.

Wham. Bert Berry comes barreling down the field with a full head of steam and drills a returner.

Wham. Brian Magee lays the lumber on another.

The process continues all over the field, returners sprawled like so many bowling pins, until the unlucky ballcarrier is laid to rest at his own 15 yard line.

"Pit bulls, get back out there," the coach screams again, and the terrifying process is repeated.

Cut to the fourth quarter of Saturday's win over the Boilermakers. Purdue has been chewing up yardage but is faced with a crucial passing situation, which the Irish counter with a dime package.

Reserve safety Mark Monohan reads the quarterback's eyes, judges the distance to the receiver, and starts to cheat in that direction, arriving just in time to snare the pass for his first career interception.

So goes the life of a walk-on. Endless drudgery and occasional glory.

Being a walk-on in Division I college football necessitates peculiar personality traits.

One must be somewhat masochistic, acting as a human tackling dummy that routinely gives up 5" and 100-pounds to

other players.

An identity crisis is also unavoidable. One week the walk-on may be Miami (OH), the next the University of Miami. Often the walk-on is Joe Average wide-receiver. Occasionally he plays Charlie Ward for a day.

But above all else, the walk-on needs an impregnable self-confidence and love for the game.

These characteristics existed long before Rudy, the world's most famous walk-on, made them popular, and will exist when he has been mercifully passed into the chronicles of history.

They certainly exist in Notre Dame's crop of walk-ons, many of whom have made major contributions for the Irish this season. Monohan, Scott Sollmann, and Kevin Carretta are all walk-ons who were awarded scholarships before the season, and all had a hand in the victory over Purdue.

These successes are the exception, however. The majority of Notre Dame's 12 or so walk-ons toil in day-to-day obscurity, with visions of playing time and touchdowns as real as sugar plum fairies.

"You have to give everything you've got just to earn a spot on the scout team," stated junior defensive end Mike Burgdorf.

"You certainly don't get many chances," said Monohan, who made the most of his. "I've been lucky to climb the depth chart in the spring when there aren't as many players."

With tangible rewards hard to discern, the question most



The Observer/Kevin Klau

Notre Dame's contingent of walk-ons face days of practice preparing their teammates to face the opposition, yet while they dress for home games, most will never see playing time.

often asked of walk-ons is 'Why do you do it?' The answers all revert to the same theme.

"I've been playing since the second grade," stated fifth-year senior receiver Mike Frascogna. "It would be inconceivable to pass up the opportunity to play here."

"You have to have a love of the game," added Dan McConnell, a senior receiver. "I was not ready to stop after high school, and still wanted to be a part of a team."

Becoming part of the team is easier said than done. Due to NCAA roster limitations, many walk-ons cannot join the squad until school begins, which places them giant steps behind their highly touted teammates.

"When I first joined, I walked out to where the team was gathered and then suddenly they split into two groups, and I just sort of stood there until I eventually spotted the linemen," said Burgdorf.

"At first you get thrown all over the field, then you begin to force a stalemate, and eventually you maybe make a play."

Making a play can come at a heavy price, though. Both Frascogna and McConnell recounted their not-so-fond memories of the 'pursuit' drill, where a runner takes a naked sweep and all eleven defenders must practice their angles of pursuit, eventually tagging the runner.

One day two years ago, a defensive coach in a particularly foul mood ordered that the drill commence full-contact, essentially pitting the lone walk-ons against the entire starting defense.

"It was one-on-eleven," noted McConnell. "That was the worst thirty seconds of my life."

"After we both came up with bloody noses, I think they realized that maybe that wasn't the

The Observer/Kevin Klau

(Left) Irish safety Mark Monohan, a former walk-on, made a crucial interception in the victory over Purdue.

(Right) Senior receiver Dan McConnell has been an Irish walk-on since his freshman year. His efforts on the scout teams have earned him some special teams assignments.

smartest thing, for liability reasons," concurred Frascogna.

Despite getting physically abused day-in and day-out, walk-ons adamantly insist that their effort pays off.

"I ran a reverse against Bryant Young (now with the San Francisco 49ers) in practice that he stopped," noted Frascogna. "It was satisfying to watch him run the same play in the game and murder someone."

While punishment in practice is the routine, the occasional pauper to prince story exists. Monohan's rise is a perfect illustration.

Three years of dogged, hard work paid off with a scholarship for the senior, which paid off for the Irish with his interception.

"I was so excited I didn't even know what to do," he said of his moment in the sun.

His fellow walk-ons did.

"When Mono made that interception, I just went nuts," said Burgdorf. "To see one of us do that was great."

And while most walk-ons will not achieve such public heroics, to a man they count themselves among the fortunate.

"Being announced for the last home game last year and running out in front of that crowd was incredible," said Frascogna.

"Going against some of the best athletes in the country, guys who will be in the pros, and being able to hold my own was a great sense of satisfaction," added McConnell.

"Knowing that this is something I did on my own was gratifying," concluded Burgdorf. "If I did this I can do anything; it gives you great confidence to know that you not only survived, but did a little bit better than survive."

Few would disagree.



JOCK STRIP

Heir apparent already in the wings

Crystal balls can tell you a lot of things. Like who's going to be the next Notre Dame head football coach.

Lou Holtz's condition is shocking and terrifying. It's also very real. The man's livelihood was in danger before he decided on the operation. He could have been paralyzed had he tried to run out on the field one too many times.

It's a terrible thing that the Irish coach had to have surgery. But put things in perspective. There were 16 initial diagnoses as to what the condition could have been. 15 of them were terminal. Luckily for everyone, Holtz had the 16th. Thank goodness for the luck of the Irish.

It's kind of a wake-up call. The coach is not going to be around forever. Not that we should plan on another coach immediately, just that we might start thinking about it.

Think no further. Bob Davie is the man.

The Texas-talking defensive genius fits the Irish football mold.

Everything about him is likeable. He's enthusiastic, he's aggressive, he's tough on the opposition.

He's even shown he's good



Mike Norbut
Sports Editor

with the media. And in a world that rotates around college football, especially Notre Dame, that's saying something.

Holtz's Tuesday press conference was hosted by Davie and offensive coordinator Dave Roberts this

week, much to everyone's appreciation. Davie's answers were to the point, exact and sincere.

He handled himself beautifully considering the amount of pressure that has suddenly been thrown upon him. It's tough to be coach of the Irish.

The twang, the smile, the intensity that his presence exudes... They all seem to fit rather well.

It's kind of nice when you have to look no further than the office next door to find your next football coach.

Because of unfortunate circumstances, Davie has his opportunity to prove his talents on the field.

Expect something different. Not to say that the Irish will suddenly come out in a run-and-shoot formation, but you never can tell.

One thing is for sure. You can bet the Irish will be ready to play. They'll find their you-know-whats in a sling if they aren't.

Maybe he'll blitz more.

AP TOP 25 AP			
TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1. Florida St. (33)	2-0-0	1514	1
2. Nebraska (20)	2-0-0	1481	2
3. Texas A&M (4)	1-0-0	1372	3
4. Florida (2)	2-0-0	1313	5
5. Auburn (2)	2-0-0	1302	6
6. Southern Cal	1-0-0	1217	7
7. Penn State	1-0-0	1155	4
8. Tennessee	2-0-0	1058	8
9. Colorado	2-0-0	1033	10
10. Ohio St.	1-0-0	1023	9
11. Michigan	3-0-0	957	11
12. UCLA	2-0-0	941	12
13. Alabama	2-0-0	762	13
14. Oklahoma	1-0-0	720	14
15. Texas	1-0-0	647	15
16. Virginia	2-1-0	637	16
17. Arizona	2-0-0	509	17
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GAMES OF INTEREST

#4 FLORIDA vs. #8 TENNESSEE
 This SEC showdown in the Swamp features two tremendous quarterbacks in UF's Danny Wuerffel and Peyton Manning. It also has SEC and national title implications.

#10 OHIO STATE vs. #18 WASHINGTON
 Tapes of this one will be hot commodities in the Irish film room. It will be a classic contest of OSU's size versus UW's speed. Buckeye Eddie George and Husky safety Lawyer Milloy will be going head-to-head in the Horseshoe.

#12 UCLA vs. #20 OREGON
 Major Rose Bowl ramifications in this one. The Bruins are out to exact some revenge on the Quack Attack. The Ducks are coming off a huge win over Illinois.

#25 NORTHWESTERN vs. MIAMI (OH)
 This is a huge test for the Wildcats, who see themselves in the Top-25 for the first time in three decades. The Redskins could be tough at home.

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