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Student questions The Shirt's new design concept

◆ Original design rejected for mixing football, religion

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
 Associate News Editor

When many students, alumni and fans don the 2000 "Shirt" for this football season, Notre Dame senior Neil Fitzpatrick will decline to follow suit.

The Shirt, which is designed by a student and sold in various campus venues, is an organization run by students. The popular piece of apparel is a tribute to the football team and worn as a sign of solidarity by the student body at the first home football game.

For Fitzpatrick, his ordeal with The Shirt began in the spring of 2000 when he submitted a design to The Shirt committee. What followed led to much frustration for Fitzpatrick and made him question the extent to which students run the committee — or if the University's administration was calling the shots in the end.

"The design I submitted had the football players in a group holding up their helmets at the base of the Dome with the words 'Proudly in the heavens gleams thy gold and blue,'" said Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick was notified that his design had been selected as the 2000 Shirt.

Peggy Hnatusko, assistant director of Student Activities programs, said that although

students are responsible for selecting the design of The Shirt, it has to go through various University offices to make sure that it meets University and NCAA regulations. It was during this process that objections to Fitzpatrick's design were encountered.

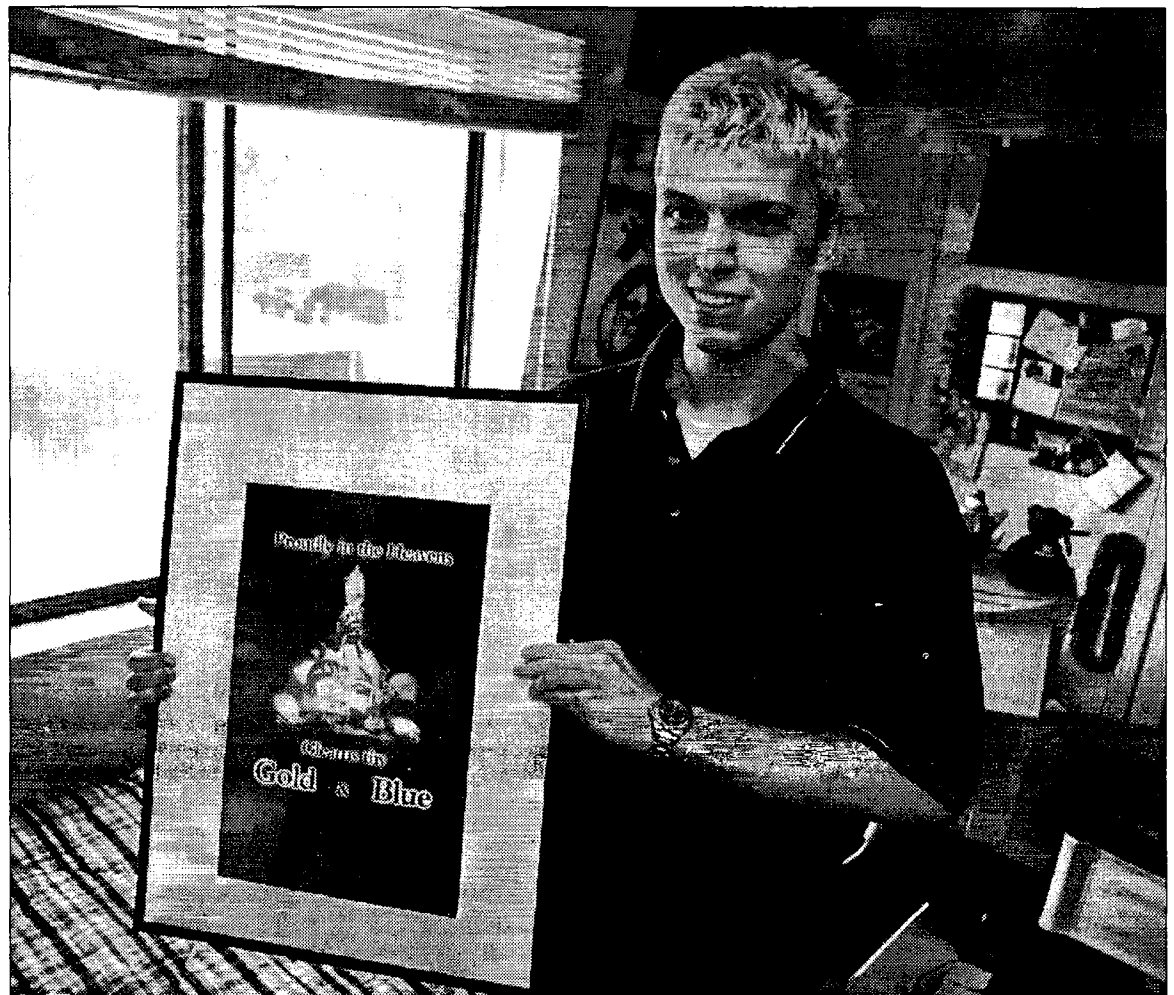
"I was told that my design violated the University's policy of mixing football and religion," said Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick was then directed to Father William Beauchamp, who at that time was executive vice president of the University. Beauchamp said he was asked to look over the design although he normally did not view the designs.

"There is not a specific policy regarding the mixture of religion and football, but someone had questions about his design and I did make suggestions to Neil that the University was concerned about the design because it had the statue of the Holy Mother Mary in it," said Beauchamp. "We are very sensitive with the use of University religious symbols and wanted to be sure the use of any symbols in the design were in keeping with the appropriate use of that symbol."

Fitzpatrick detailed his conversation with Beauchamp.

"I wanted to meet with him to show him the design and ask what changes I needed to make for it to be acceptable," said Fitzpatrick. "We agreed that I would enlarge the Dome to make it a silhouette so that no details of Mary were visible



PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

Senior Neil Fitzpatrick displays his original concept for The Shirt. The design originally won the design contest, but the University decided to change it.

and that would be acceptable. I know I repeated myself a few times as to the changes that were agreed upon."

Fitzpatrick said he was puzzled that the University would

object to his use of the Dome with the football players since on the 2000 football media guide the football players are before the Dome in a design similar to his original design

for The Shirt.

"I was frustrated because the school is inherently Catholic and known for football so it was frustrating not to be able

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New rectors bring unique experiences to halls

Editor's Note: This is the second of two stories about the new rectors and rectress on Notre Dame's campus.

By NATE PHILLIPS
 News Writer

This year, as the infectious feeling of anticipation and optimism about the new year spreads throughout campus, perhaps no one is looking forward to the school year more than new "freshmen" rectors Father John Steele of Morrissey Manor and Sister Anne Dougherty of Howard Hall.

The two say they are eager for the experiences the next year will offer.

Dougherty came to Howard Hall after serving for 11 years in an AIDS ministry in Tampa, Fla. She also served as a mental health counselor in Tampa's St.



Dougherty

Joseph's hospital.

Dougherty comes to Notre Dame with much experience in the educational aspect of ministry, including working with the campus ministry at the University of Tampa.

Despite her experiences in Florida, Dougherty had a strong desire to work at a Catholic school, especially at Notre Dame.

"I've always loved Notre Dame," she said. "Being an Irish-Catholic, it's in my blood."

Dougherty came across a job opening advertisement for a rector position at Notre Dame in the National Catholic Reporter and she said it seemed like a great idea. Even though she enjoyed her work at the University of Tampa and with the AIDS ministry, she was anxious to experience a campus with a strong religious foundation.

"It's nice to get back into an academic field at a Catholic college," Dougherty said.

In addition to the academic environment, Dougherty will enjoy being with the students.

"I am looking forward to living in a community with students," she said. "I really want to be a companion to the girls. It's really exciting."

Dougherty describes herself as both flexible and understanding.

"It is easy for me to go with the flow. I find it to be very liberating," she said.

She also loves examining different perspectives, including those that do not necessarily mesh with her views.

"I love new ideas and new thoughts," she said. "I don't mind challenges because I think that I can learn from people."

Although Dougherty gained wisdom from the wide range of experiences in her life, she hopes that she can continue to learn while at Notre Dame.

"I think I can learn from the students, and hopefully I can share with them my experiences as well," she said.

Dougherty is focused on establishing more service projects through the dorm.

"As a dorm, we want to focus more on sponsoring social work and fund-rais-

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Board, alumni help interns explore law

By BRIGID SWEENEY
 News Writer

With the help of the Notre Dame Law Association Board and the generosity of alumni, eight Notre Dame law students turned internships with public interest law firms across the country into a possibility for future law school summer programs.

"A few years ago, students came to the Board asking for more public interest work consistent with Notre Dame's mission statement," said Paul Mattingly, chairperson of the Notre Dame Alumni-Funded Summer Stipend Committee. "There weren't many resources available, especially to students trying to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Except acceptance

College. As a highschool student I would think about that word and what it meant for hours. I had spent my whole life going to school, studying, preparing for the opportunity to attain something more — the path to knowledge. This is not knowledge in the form of memorizing facts and rhetoric, but a knowledge centered on experiences, a quest to redefine and question all that I am and all that others may or may not be.



Kiflin Turner

Copy Editor

I could not wait to enter into a level of truly meaningful conversation about things that really matter, finally leaving behind the one-dimensional, materialistic clones of the high school world and moving on to people who actually had personality, interests, and most of all, substance.

What I found was a little more than disappointing. I learned one of my first lessons on the ways of the real world — people and ideals are pretty much the same wherever you go, with nothing changing except the scenery surrounding us all.

As a freshman last year, I recalled my first few days of classes and how I thought to myself how the students here were more superficial than my high school peers. I unearthed here in my newfound perceived playground of free and unlimited thought that many were so engrossed with the idea of becoming more like the next person until eventually their own self became lost in a muddled world of pointless transformation.

And now, a year later as a sophomore, not much has changed, except maybe a new fad or a new type of hairstyle. To actually believe that clothes make the person along with the wallet inside the designer jeans is sad.

We are all beautiful, and we all naturally belong, for we were all created by the same Spirit. We all have a voice, not intended to drown in confusion among thoughtless chatter. To recognize this voice as the most important distinguishing factor and to break free of the fear that entangles both weak and strong is discovering freedom itself.

It is a tragedy to witness those who wear masks to conceal reality. I once believed that college was all about acceptance. Now I'm not so sure. I am now inclined to think that it is mostly accepting that we must twist and contort our bodies to fit this mold of a predetermined ideal of a worthy person. The hypnotic repetition, the sound of an army of footsteps, all marching to the same destination towards a fabricated mirage is disheartening to see.

Not everyone at this University fits the bleak description from above and many are here to actually experience the unfamiliar, the challenging, and even the frightening aspects of life. I heard somewhere along the way that everyday you should do something that scares you. It works.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." — Henry David Thoreau

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ Fundraiser: "Coach's Car Wash," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gold Field parking lot, west of Eck Baseball Stadium.	♦ Book Signing: "Monk's Reflections, A View from the Dome" with author University President Edward Malloy, 4 to 6 p.m., Hammes Bookstore.	♦ Film: "Rear Window," 9 p.m., Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum.	♦ Art: "Ramiro Rodriguez Exhibition," all day, 230 McKenna Hall.
♦ Lecture: "Vulnerability of International Migrants," 4 p.m., Hesburgh Center for International Studies.		♦ Breakfast: "McIntosh for Governor Breakfast," 9 a.m., Stapleton Lounge, Saint Mary's.	♦ Mass: Spanish Mass (La misa en espanol), 1:30 p.m., Keenan/Stanford Chapel.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Duke, NACS forge compromise with Varsity

DURHAM, N.C.

Students can now expect more textbooks at advertised discount rates thanks to a compromise made earlier this month between the National Association of College Stores, Inc., and the Varsity Group Inc. — the parent company of VarsityBooks.com.

The settlement agrees that Varsity, one of the nation's largest online textbook retailers, will no longer advertise discounts as high as 40 percent unless 10 percent of the books it sells are actually being sold at that discounted rate. In addition, 10 percent of the sold books at the maximum discount must be books currently in use by college professors.

"It has always been our belief that their claims have been misleading," said Laura Nakoneczny, director of



public relations for NACS. "Instead of being told you can buy at a 40 percent discount, you'll actually understand in advance what kind of things you're buying."

This brings to a close a nine-month legal dispute between Varsity and the

NACS — an association of 3,000 college bookstores, including Duke University stores and the Book Exchange in Durham. The NACS contended that Varsity made false and misleading advertisements about the discounts that online retailer offered.

A Washington court dismissed one of the two allegations last fall, and Varsity representatives insist that the settlement of the second will have little effect on the company's goal of providing affordable textbooks for students.

"This suit and settlement will have no overall effect on business," said Varsity spokesman Sam Heitner.

The current agreement contains no admission of guilt or liability by Varsity, but NACS members are declaring the settlement a victory.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

School policy angers gay activists

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Jubilant quickly turned to anger and frustration among gay student activists at Texas A&M University after A&M president Ray Bowen did an about-face and rescinded a new clause in the 2000-2001 student rules that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. New rules were posted Aug. 15 on the student rules Web site, listing sexual orientation as one of the protected categories covered by anti-discrimination policy. But gay students had little time to savor their victory — within 24 hours, the sexual orientation clause was removed and the previous wording, which does not list protected groups, was reinserted. "[Administrators] have made no attempt to explain what happened," said Jordan Davis, president of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Aggies (GLBTA) and a junior English major. "We wanted a commitment in writing because all we have now is the slaveowner's word that he won't beat the slave, and, just as slaves don't trust the master, we don't trust the university."

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

USF responds to racism allegations

TAMPA, Fla.

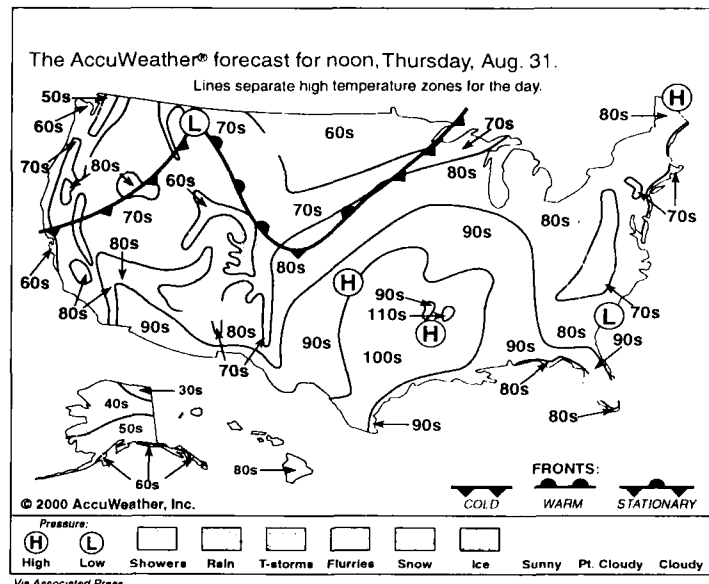
After six days of media coverage about allegations of racial discrimination on the women's basketball program, the University of South Florida released a statement defending itself for the first time Tuesday. USF has received criticism since former basketball player Dione Smith sued the university for racial discrimination. Tuesday's statement said USF discourages intolerance and will take action if an internal review shows any exists. It also said the Equal Opportunity Affairs office is reviewing an allegation brought by a former basketball player. But because she is still a student, the EOA could not release her name or comment on the complaint. "The University of South Florida embraces diversity and will not tolerate discrimination in any form," the statement read. "If there is evidence of wrongdoing, USF will take corrective action." According to Harry Battson, the associate vice president of public affairs, the statement was sent out to the university community via e-mails, faxes and the university Web site.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
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Thursday	94	70
Friday	89	68
Saturday	82	66
Sunday	83	65
Monday	81	62

NATIONAL WEATHER



Albuquerque	88	63	Denver	81	52	New York	81	72
Atlanta	86	75	Detroit	81	68	St. Louis	91	73
Boston	73	59	Los Angeles	68	64	San Francisco	61	55
Chicago	84	66	Miami	90	77	Seattle	61	55
Dallas	99	82	New Orleans	95	79	Wash DC	81	72

Renovations transform Fisher Hall's reputation

◆ University plans to renovate Pangborn next summer

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

It used to be said among residents of Fisher Hall that they had the best spirit but the worst dorm.

"Now we've got the best of both," said Fisher resident assistant Steve Doherty. "We went from being one of the dumpiest dorms on the campus to being one of the nicest."

Fisher underwent a full renovation this summer that included replacing carpet, windows, doors and floor tile, according to Deborah Murray, manager of maintenance and projects for Facilities Operations.

Many of the rooms in Fisher bore the remnants of a past renovation, when the walls between singles were partially knocked down to create doubles. During this summer's renovation, the remaining walls were removed — something Doherty says will dramatically increase the available floor space, as well as allow for more creativity in furniture arrangement.

Though Murray was unable to disclose how much the renovations cost, she estimated that their current budget would allow them to refurbish approximately two dorms every three years.

Next on the list for renovations is

Fisher's sister dorm, Pangborn. According to Murray, students and staff of the hall are beginning preliminary meetings to determine what elements need special attention.

"We usually try to get the rector, some of the staff and some of the students — usually those in hall government — and see what kind of things they would like," Murray said.

After Pangborn, Murray could only speculate which dorms would come next.

"We may just finish out South Quad and do Dillon and Alumni," she said, adding that dorms are reevaluated yearly to address any pressing concerns that may prompt Facilities to turn its attention to a different building.

Fisher Hall was not the only dorm involved in remodeling this summer, however.

"We actually had 14 buildings that still did not have sprinkler systems. After the fire at Seton Hall, the University took a serious look at that," said Murray.

Three students were killed and many were injured in the Jan. 19, fire in a freshman residence hall at Seton Hall — an incident that brought about increased fire safety awareness on college campuses across the country.

Six dorms have already been outfitted with sprinklers: Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Dillon, Howard, Lyons and Pangborn. Sprinklers will be added to two dorms over Christmas Break and the remaining will be completed next summer.

"We went from being one of the dumpiest dorms on the campus to being one of the nicest."

Steve Doherty
Fisher resident assistant

SMC alters judicial process

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Saint Mary's College students who violate school rules will face a new judicial process this fall.

In the past, the students charged with rules violations had the choice of being reviewed by the Student Judicial Board or the residence hall director.

Now, when a violation of a College regulation occurs, "the residence hall director determines if the case will be heard by the Student Judicial Board or herself," according to the Student Handbook.

"The hall directors will make the decision case by case. Most cases will go to J-Board," said Dana North, director of Residence Life.

Many reasons led the hall directors to ask Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs, for a procedure that would make more use of the judicial board.

"There was a high case load with candle violations and J-Board

was not being utilized," said Sara Scalzo, LeMans Hall director.

The school hopes that an increased use of the board will make students more conscientious.

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"We feel that students will learn more from sanctions given by their peers. People who have gone to J-Board have learned their lesson."

Sara Scalzo
LeMans Hall director

who have gone to J-Board have learned their lesson," said Scalzo, adding that she believes that the board members will make use of more creative sanctions that are appropriate for their fellow students.

Students have mixed feelings about going directly to the judicial board.

"As a student, I would prefer to have a choice," said junior Mary

Brennan. "Many of the miniscule problems can become very time consuming when you bring in J-Board."

Some students said they would rather meet with their director to discuss a violation.

"I feel that the school should give us the option," said junior Michelle Chandler. "A lot of people do not feel comfortable receiving sanctions from their peers."

"Initially, I wished that I had the option, but it helps regulate policy. It's a smart idea," said junior Kathleen Nickson.

The board hears cases every Tuesday and Wednesday as needed. It consists of five to six trained students as well as a non-voting administrative advisor, according to Scalzo.

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ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, August 31

- 5:30 p.m. Dillon Pep Rally, South Quad
- 7:00 p.m. One Night RecSports Volleyball Tournament, Stepan Courts
- 7:00 p.m. Africentric Spirituality - Freshmen Intro: Partner's Reception, Recker's Hospitality Room
- 9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:30 p.m. SUB Movie, "Gladiator", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Movie, "Erin Brockovich", DeBartolo 155*

Friday, September 1

- 4:00 p.m. Shamrock Classic Women's Volleyball Tournament: ND vs. Fairfield, Joyce Center
- 6:00 p.m. Football Pep Rally, Joyce Center
- 7:00 p.m. Voices of Faith Gospel Choir Welcome Social, 115 Crowley Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Tulsa, Alumni Field
- 8:00 p.m. SUB Movie, "Gladiator", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Movie, "Erin Brockovich", DeBartolo 155*
- 9:00 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Rear Window", Snite Museum*
- 10:00 p.m. SUB Loft Show featuring The Elms (high energy rock), LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*
- 10:30 p.m. SUB Movie, "Gladiator", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Movie, "Erin Brockovich", DeBartolo 155*

Saturday, September 2

- 7:00 p.m. Shamrock Classic, Women's Volleyball: ND vs. BYU, Joyce Center
- 8:00 p.m. SUB Movie, "Gladiator", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Movie, "Erin Brockovich", DeBartolo 155*
- 9:00 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Rear Window", Snite Museum*
- 10:30 p.m. SUB Movie, "Gladiator", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Movie, "Erin Brockovich", DeBartolo 155*

*Denotes admission charge for ND/SMC students.

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For up to date information, check out the ND calendar, Today @ ND at www.nd.edu or call Student Activities at 631-7308.

To add an event to further calendars, please e-mail the details about the activity to sao@nd.edu.

Service

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finance their education and do pro bono work at the same time."

In response, the Board proposed summer internships funded by sources determined by the law school. These benefactors, ranging from individuals to alumni groups, located jobs and housing accommodations for the students and also raised a \$3,000-\$4,000 stipend for each participant.

In addition to providing the interns with valuable hands-on experience, the opportunity also strengthened their commitment to public interest law.

Law student Kristina Campbell said that working with the Hamilton County Public Defender in Cincinnati reaffirmed her post-graduate plans.

"I really loved being in court every day and representing people who would not be able to afford an attorney otherwise," she said. "I also realized that it is possible to do public interest law as an alternative to working for a firm after graduation — you have to be willing to make some sacrifices to do so, but it is incredibly rewarding work."

Law student Kevin Barton, who worked for Multnomah County Legal Aid in Portland, Ore., was involved in numerous aspects of cases, including extensive legal research, writing on various legal issues and client correspondence.

"I quickly discovered the need for

more attorney advocates to assist in legal aid offices. Even with a relatively large staff, we were unable to take all the cases we would have liked," Barton said.

Both students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to take part in the project.

"I felt extremely privileged to work with competent, passionate attorneys who really believed in their work and who viewed it as their calling," Campbell said. "Had I not had this opportunity, I might have had to take a non-paying legal position and do something else, like waitressing to pay the bills. But because the Alumni Club of Cincinnati supported me, I was able to work full-time at the Public Defender and concentrate on my work

there."

"The opportunity was made possible by the generous network of ND alums — a network that stretches as far away as Oregon," Barton said. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to spend my summer at Legal Aid not only helping others but also continuing to learn more about the law."

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, Mattingly said that he hopes the program will grow in the future.

"We hope this becomes an institutional thing, like the CSC (Center for Social Concerns) summer service projects for undergrads," he said. "Half of the cities from this year have already renewed their participation for next summer, and we hope to expand to include more places and students. This program exemplifies the best Notre Dame has to offer — exceptional learning opportunities combined with the social service tradition."

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Kristina Campbell
law student

Shirt

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to use the Dome," he said.

Fitzpatrick redesigned The Shirt with the changes he had discussed with Beauchamp. However, Fitzpatrick said he was surprised when he found The Shirt in the bookstore that did not bear his design.

"In mid-April Neil and I spoke and I notified him that a University officer had not approved the changes and The Shirt committee had gone ahead with another design," said Hnatusko. At that point, the project was behind schedule. Normally, for The Shirt committee to reach its financial goal of \$200,000 it is in the bookstore in time for the Blue & Gold game with production beginning on The Shirt in mid to late March, said Hnatusko.

"This year, it was just the week of the Blue and Gold game that everything was signed and sealed for The Shirt," she said.

Hnatusko said that she was not told whom the University officer was who had rendered the decision and was not given a reason why Fitzpatrick's redesign was not approved.

"Perhaps it was that the design had not been modified enough, but that's just an assumption," said

Hnatusko.

Beauchamp maintained that it had nothing to do with the rejection of the re-design.

"I gave my opinion to Neil regarding changes I thought should be made. But it was my opinion — nothing more, nothing less," said Beauchamp. "From that point on, I was not involved."

Fitzpatrick said he "felt pretty duped" at that point, especially since The Shirt he saw in the bookstore was a design close to his own but with a change of words that read "Send a Volley Cheer on High."

"I went in to talk to Peggy in Student Activities

and she was adamant that it was their own design," said Fitzpatrick.

Hnatusko said when The Shirt committee found out they needed a different design, they devised the new slogan and sought student artists to conceptualize a design to match the slogan. When that failed, the committee used a graphic design by a University staff member that was from a poster. Fitzpatrick disagreed.

"I think it is pretty obvious where the inspiration for their design came from, but the design is just different enough that they can get away with thinking it is their own design," he said. "[Student Activities] did want me to come in and get the money awarded for the design to compensate for the hours and work I put in but I haven't accepted the money."

Fitzpatrick said The Shirt project seems to be less student-run than most would think.

"I think it is pretty obvious where the inspiration for their design came from, but the design is different enough that they can get away with thinking it is their own design."

Neil Fitzpatrick
senior

have overall control," he said. "It makes it an inefficient project."

Fitzpatrick said he will not buy The Shirt this year.

"No one who knows me has bought The Shirt yet and it still bugs me every time I see someone wearing the shirt," he said. "I had gotten good feedback about the design and felt it was pretty good so I guess this is an opportunity lost."

According to Emerson, which Big 5 Firm is "setting the performance standard?"

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Rebels release British captives: Leone rebel faction on Wednesday released five British soldiers held captive in the country's jungle interior since last week, officials said. The troops were "in British hands and on their way towards Freetown," said Lt. Cmdr. Tony Cramp, the British forces spokesman. Six others were still believed held by the small rebel faction, known as the West Side Boys, and their status was not immediately clear. "We are delighted with this development but obviously our thoughts and concerns still remain with those being held," Cramp said. "Talks are continuing and we hope for early release of the remainder."

God may rule Jerusalem: Israelis and Palestinians who have spent months wrangling over which side should control Jerusalem's holy sites are turning their attention to an idea floated after Camp David's failure: put God in charge. The proposal to declare God the sovereign over Jerusalem shrines is still tentative, but it has the potential to help defuse the most emotional dispute in the Mideast peace talks. It has won the guarded endorsement of Jerusalem's hawkish Israeli mayor and a top Palestinian official — marking the first time the two sides have found any common ground on how to share the city.

COLOMBIA



President Bill Clinton and Colombian President Andres Pastrana held a joint press conference in the garden of the Case de Huespedes in Cartagena, Colombia. Clinton delivered a \$1.3 billion plan to support "Plan Colombia." AFP Photo

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Texas loses Medicaid ruling: With his sweeping rulings, William Wayne Justice forced Texas to desegregate its schools, reform its prisons and educate undocumented immigrant children. Now the liberal federal judge known for his soft-spoken style and fierce commitment to the U.S. Constitution is taking on the state's Medicaid program. Justice, 80, ruled this month that Texas has not lived up to a 1996 agreement to make major changes in its Medicaid system.

USDA focuses on food safety: The government says its overburdened inspectors spend too much time on jobs that processors could do themselves, such as checking scales and monitoring the water content of meat products, and wants to focus more on stopping harmful bacteria. The Agriculture Department, which has 7,500 inspectors, is responsible for regulating a number of consumer protection rules that officials say have little or nothing to do with food safety. The department is considering allowing inspectors to spend less time doing tests to enforce those rules. "We're trying to make sure that our resources are devoted to food safety. That's our first priority," said Phil Derfler, associate deputy administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

U.S. provides aid to abolish drugs

Associated Press

CARTAGENA
In a country beset by decades of violence, President Clinton delivered a \$1.3 billion U.S. package Wednesday which he said would help Colombia defeat its drug traffickers without getting the United States into a Vietnam-like quagmire.

"We will not get into a shooting war" with Colombian guerrillas, he said, standing alongside Colombian President Andres Pastrana, both in short sleeves in the sweltering heat of this Caribbean port city.

Pastrana stressed that Colombia has no intention of drawing the United States into its military conflict.

"As long as Andres Pastrana is president, we

will not have a foreign military intervention in Colombia," he said.

There were reminders, during Clinton's half-day visit to Cartagena, of the fear and violence that bleeds this Andean nation. Police said they discovered and deactivated a 4.4-pound bomb found five blocks from a neighborhood Clinton planned to tour.

Officials said the bomb was intended to spread rebel pamphlets and would have been unlikely to cause harm. A U.S. Secret Service official, Terry Samway, insisted that only materials for explosives were found, not a bomb.

In an unusual display of bipartisan support, Clinton was accompanied by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and 10 other members of Congress. Hastert was instrumental in pushing the aid package through

Congress, despite misgivings by some who feared the United States would get drawn into the guerrilla conflict and help an army long criticized for human rights abuses.

Clinton was also accompanied by Attorney General Janet Reno, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Barry McCaffrey, Clinton's chief drug policy adviser — part of a delegation of 35. Daughter Chelsea also came along.

"Why are we here today?" Hastert said. "Not only do we share a great heritage of democracy, but we also share a great burden" — the threat drugs pose both to countries that produce drugs and those that consume them.

"In our nation, over 14,000 young people, children, lose their life every year to either drug use or drug violence, and it hap-

pens in our wealthiest communities and the street corners of our most devastated inner cities," Hastert said.

The U.S. assistance is part of Pastrana's \$7.5 billion "Plan Colombia," designed to end decades of civil war, fight drug trafficking, strengthen the judicial system and revive an economy in the doldrums.

Pastrana called the U.S. assistance "a recognition that the menace of illegal drugs is truly international and therefore requires a concerted global response."

Clinton praised the Colombian leader, who is foundering in opinion polls, and urged the Colombian public to "be patient with him" as he struggles to find a lasting solution to a guerrilla war that feeds off the drug trade.

Court convicts Neo-Nazis of murder

Associated Press

HALLE, Germany
A German court convicted three neo-Nazis of beating an African immigrant to death and handed down tough prison sentences Wednesday in an attempt to signal that a "long chain of attacks" on foreigners here must stop.

The state court sentenced Enrico Hilprecht, 24, to the maximum of life in prison. His two 16-year-old co-defendants, Christian Richter and Frank Miethbauer, were each given sentences of nine years — one year less than the maximum allowed for

juveniles.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called the decision "a suitable verdict for a heinous crime."

The case offered a glimpse into Germany's violent skinhead scene: Fueled by beer and illegal racist rock music, it directs rage at foreigners and often revolves around the decaying communist-era housing developments that dot the country's east.

It was in a park in the eastern city of Dessau that the three men brutally beat and kicked 39-year-old Alberto Adriano in the head on June 11. Adriano died three days later, leaving behind a wife and three children.

Reading the verdict Wednesday, Judge Albrecht Hennig said the court concluded that the three defendants killed Adriano solely because of his skin color. He said none of the three cared whether Adriano would survive the beating.

"It was the latest in the long chain of attacks to which we must put an end," Hennig said.

"Animals show mercy to opponents lying on the ground, but rightist extremists apparently do not," he said. "They are pitiless, without mercy."

The defendants looked stone-faced as the verdict and sentences were read.

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ers," said Dougherty.

The women of Howard Hall embraced her immediately, according to Dougherty, and helped her feel welcome and at home.

"The girls are upbeat, motivated and caring," she said. "There is a real sense of community here at Howard."

Steele, the new rector of Morrissey, has a similar background of community experience in South Bend and in Hispanic ministry. He worked for four years at St. Steven's parish, a predominantly Hispanic church in South Bend.

He also helped inmates receive a Graduate Equivalency Degree at a prison in Virginia. Steele is excited to be involved with an educational institution again, and says that his strong ties with the Holy Cross community strongly influenced his decision to come to Notre Dame.

"They have always been a big part of my life," he said.

Steele also is a big sports fan and plans on being at most of the football and basketball games.

Steele, who enjoys spending time outdoors and hiking, plans on organizing a spring break camping trip at some point in the near future.

"I am really excited to work with young people," he said. "The guys are really tight-knit at Morrissey."

STUDENT SENATE

Group looks to accomplish 'great things'

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

From establishing a Grab 'N' Go site at DeBartolo to expanding the DART (Direct Access Registration by Telephone) system online, the Student Senate set several goals for the year at their first meeting Wednesday night.



Norton

"I think we can accomplish great things," said student body vice president Brooke Norton. "We just need to get the groups together, be efficient and get things done."

Norton also told the senators to remember they are representatives of their dorms and should make an effort to talk to the students.

"We need to be a cohesive team working to represent each dorm," she said. "We should not just worry about the number of accomplishments we have, but the quality. It would be great to do a

lot of things, but more important is quality and execution."

Each of the seven committees offered a report of their agendas for the year. The committee on diversity hopes to distribute a survey to find out the general feeling on campus about diversity issues, said Brendan Dowdall, Dillon Hall senator. Dowdall also said the committee will look into the international students' orientation and why ethnic background is questioned on teacher course evaluations (TCEs).

"It should not matter what race a person is," Dowdall said. "And because there may not be a large number of minorities in a class, a teacher could immediately identify who filled out that particular TCE."

The committee on residence life set five major goals for the year, according to Zahm senator Ryan Becker. The committee hopes to work on Lafortune improvements, as well as security issues such as parking, lights and phones around the lakes. Becker also said the committee will look into maintenance issues like clocks in O'Shaughnessy Hall, handicap accessibility and

sprinkler systems. Finally the committee will deal with dining hall and Joyce Center issues, he added.

The committee on academic affairs hopes to establish online DARTing and have out-of-class requirements included in the DART book, said Kathleen Bufalino, Farley Hall senator. The committee also hopes to examine requirements for students studying abroad, tutoring for upperclassmen and faculty mentoring.

The committee on University affairs will examine centralized tutoring, the quality of Cincinnati Bell Long Distance's Broadwing, Health Services and the surplus of the Generations Campaign, said Welsh Family Hall senator Bethany Barker.

Kelly Bush, Howard Hall senator, said the committee on ethics is hoping to work on revamping the election process because of violations that occurred last year.

Margaret Clarke, Lyons senator, said the committee on gender issues will address 24-hour space issues as well as creating a packet for freshmen about various issues ranging from sexual

assault to eating disorders.

Audra Hagan, Pasquerilla West senator, said the committee on oversight has set their agenda for the year and has already made outside contacts.

"We're looking to do some constitutional updates," Hagan added.

Overall Norton is optimistic and hopes this senate will make a tangible difference in campus life.

"I hope this year we can help the University and be a voice for the students," she said.

In other senate news:

♦Veronica Kessenich was nominated to be executive cabinet representative to the student senate from Saint Mary's.

♦Student body president Brian O'Donoghue informed the senate that the Rector's Fund is now in operation because it received final approval from the Financial Management Board.

♦O'Donoghue also urged senators to attend a forum to discuss concerns about the football ticket distribution at 5 p.m. in the Foster Room.

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Prof: Internet collapse is plausible

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Growing fears over a sudden collapse of the Internet is not just an uncertain question, but it is a plausible event that could lead to mass communication failure, said associate professor of physics, Albert-Laszlo Barabasi.

Barabasi describes the World Wide Web, or the Internet, as a complex scale-free network that has multiple nodes, or places where links to other sites are initiated.

"The World Wide Web is a very complex network where the nodes are the World-Wide documents and the links are the URL links," said Barabasi.

Barabasi found that on average, two random Web sites are only 19

clicks away. For the average Internet user, clicking 19 times is still tedious and time consuming. Thus nodes or search engines such as Yahoo and Lycos become the high-traffic hubs for most Internet users.

"A node is linked with higher probability to a node that already has a large number of connections," said Barabasi.

Because of these highly frequented sites, Barabasi believes that if targeted by hackers, these sites could cause other links to shut down, and thus lead to a massive domino effect in the breakdown of Internet correspondence.

In addition, the Internet is continually growing and, in effect, making a possible situation increasingly worse in the event of worldwide disconnection.

"Real networks are not static, they

are always expanding," said Barabasi.

"If a node breaks down, you can find another route; there are lots of other paths to take."

An occasional failure of a random node is not what is potentially harmful, said Barabasi. "You never break the system — you deflate it."

Instead, it is when highly frequented nodes are targeted that low survivability occurs, Barabasi said. Considered the "Achilles heel of the Internet," high traffic sites are the weaknesses of the Web, Barabasi said.

Barabasi based his conclusions on the idea of "complex systems made of many non-identical nodes connected by diverse links."

To understand the concept and behavior of complex networks, Barabasi said the "need to understand the topography of networks" are fundamental in relating and observing the frequency of links made between other sites, and pinpointing particularly busy sites that may be easy targets.

"You never break the system — you deflate it."

Albert-Laszlo Barabasi
physics professor

SMC group plans campus reinvention

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Saint Mary's campus will be "totally reinvented," according to Jed Adey, member of the Planning Committee, who met with Saint Mary's Board of Governance regarding new construction plans.

"We are about eight months into the process now," said Adey.

A new dining hall will be one of the features of the new construction.

"There will be much higher quality food, more efficiency and just a better place," Adey said. "The food will be prepared in front of you, rather than taken from the back room and placed in a steam tray."

In addition to the new dining hall, there will be an outside picnic area, terraces, courtyards and a fountain central to campus.

"The bookstore will be larger with extended hours and will also have a general book area with a Barnes & Noble atmosphere," said Adey.

There are also plans for a new lounge with a capacity to hold up to 400, a new lecture hall and a copy shop, as well as a cafe and cyber cafe.

"The idea is to create a more welcoming, inviting environment that encompasses modern design without losing Saint Mary's tradition," he said.

Adey and other members will be meeting later today to discuss funding. The construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2001.

Other issues the Board addressed included the Senior Formal, which is planned to have a "Mystery Location" and freshmen elections to be held in mid-September.

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ND prof takes reins of coaching accreditation council

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

Notre Dame professor F. Clark Power, who has conducted research for 25 years in the areas of moral development and democratic education, will now oversee sport organizations as they become accredited coaching education programs by the newly estab-

lished National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE).

"There have been concerns about coaches because they are constantly working with kids; they have the opportunity to do both harm and good," said Power, an elected board member of the NCACE.

As the number of kids participating in adult-organized sport programs increase,

Power is aware of the effect coaches have on the development of a child's psychological, moral and social being. Unlike teachers, who must be certified to instruct in a classroom, most coaches have few established standards to follow while directing kids on the field.

Although there are no specific or mandatory requirements established by NCACE, a program trying to become accredited must present its organization's plan and meet standards agreed upon by a national council of coaches.

A NCACE "seal of approval," according to Power, will give credibility and support to training programs committed to assisting kids through sports.

"There is a temptation to do anything you can do to win. But to win in the right way, a program creates ways to help children develop," said Power.

Power brings his experience and expertise as associate director of the Center for Sport, Character and Culture

at Notre Dame to the NCACE board position. The center, whose mission is to "create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice," encourages sports as an important

key in character development.

"The center is trying to promote coaching for the whole person throughout the country," said Power, who sees NCACE as another way to contribute to the center's broader effort. The center, which was created last year, encourages

athletes to excel in all areas of life and fosters service learning and community outreach.

"Notre Dame has an image of being committed to the athletes and their moral character," said Power.

A Notre Dame faculty member since 1982, Power views Notre Dame's involvement with NCACE as a great opportunity for the University to join with sports psychologists, social scientists and other specialists to exercise leadership in preparing coaches through training and education.

Power, who is chair of the Program of Liberal Studies and concurrent professor of psychology, is also a faculty fellow of the Institute for Educational Initiatives, which strives through its programs to improve the education of disadvantaged youths.

The Villanova University graduate earned his master's degree in systematic theology from Washington Theological Union and his doctoral degree in human development from Harvard University.

"There is a temptation to do anything you can to win. But to win in the right way, a program creates ways to help children develop."

F. Clark Power
National Council for Coaching Accreditation of Coaching Education board member

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Keeping local reporters honest

As a service to Observer readers, I have appointed myself to monitor the daily paper in Riverbend and to correct misinformation. This column is about some recent items.

When the NCAA assessed a two-scholarship penalty against the football program last year, a local sports scribe wrote that "it's only logical to assume" Coach Davie will end his stated plan to issue one walk-on football grant-in-aid per year. The writer stated that the NCAA penalty would therefore hurt only a deserving young athlete instead of the football program. (Granted, this wasn't as bad as their prior story stating we were losing five grants, but, it was a slam nevertheless.) I sent an e-mail to the editor of the local paper protesting the unfairness of this prediction. I told him I knew Coach Davie to be a man of his word. I confidently predicted that Bob would honor this pledge. I asked the editor if his reporter would apologize to Coach Davie. He said he would "look into this." Since the editor must have forgotten, I thought Notre Dame fans might like the final score of this integrity test: Coach Davie — 1; local paper — 0.

While most fans are going to be keying on Arnaz Battle, Tony Fisher, Jabari Holloway, Grant Irons, et. al., I'm going to keep an eye out for linebacker Anthony Brannam, end Joe Recendez and cornerback Dwayne Francis, who are the three most recent players to whom Coach Davie has awarded a football grant-in-aid. I'm also going to keep an eye out to see if the local paper prints an apology to Davie.

Speaking of walk-on's, I was pleased to bump into former walk-on stars Brendan

O'Connor and Jonathan Hebert recently. They may have been able to go to someplace like West Muncie Teachers' College and majored in recess, but instead they'll be wrapping up mechanical engineering degrees this year, after submitting themselves as football cannon fodder for three years. Hebert made some impressive special teams and defensive contributions, while O'Connor was an inspirational team member. I have no doubt about the success they will achieve in their lives.

When I heard that Molly Kinder would be trying out for the Irish Guard in 1999, I went to watch the tryouts. She looked pretty good, but fell short of making the squad. Not long after, I happened to see her (at 6-foot-3, with a pretty smile and bright red hair, she's hard to miss!) and told her I thought she looked good in her tryout.

I was very impressed with the attitude she showed. She said she loved the experience. She went out of her way to compliment how the regular members of the Guard helped and encouraged her. I am pleased that Molly made the squad this year. She's going to be a great addition.

Molly got some ink for her trailblazing accomplishment. Unfortunately, the reporter for the local paper brought some of her own baggage into the story. The Guard corps is described as "shrouded in secrecy." Huh? The tryouts are in public, none of the members wear masks, all of their names are readily available, and everybody can see them a mile away. We're not talking CIA here.

Anyway, this reporter couldn't credit Molly for this accomplishment without throwing in a shot at this "secret" organization. The reporter stated, "Two former guards who are living outside South Bend had heard about her selection but had 'no comment.'" Anonymous out-of-town sources with "no comment" — now there's an item which needed to be in this story! An editor once said to me, "This story needs more substance. Get me some quotes." If I brought back a

"no comment" from an uncredited source, he would have had me selling apples.

A couple days ago, the local paper assured us that hoopster Jere Macura was indeed back in school. The reporter stated, "Some guessed, that wouldn't happen." Just who was it who "guessed" this wouldn't happen? Yep. The local reporter, hypothesizing, based upon his own "logical assumptions," with no information from any source. This week, Jere told his friends, "I came back because I love Notre Dame."

Reporters are supposed to write stories, not make them up. It's a shame this rule didn't make the local style book.

Among the Notre Dame students back on campus were a couple tall guys named Murphy and Heilman. Both put fortune (three million dollars or more?) and fame on hold, so they could be part of the college experience a little longer. Troy and Aaron showed character and guts. Whaddaya bet that the first time Troy scores fewer than 20 points or sprains an ankle, the local paper will have a story headline like "Murphy should have left."

Tennessee has recruited a dorm room invader (stopped before he could commit the rape he appeared bent upon); Florida State continues to fill up the police blotters in Tallahassee; Cincinnati basketball is still looking for its first degree earner since the 1980s; even Joe Paterno has sold his soul to a felon. Notre Dame, meanwhile, stands accused, by a national swimsuit magazine, of having high standards and a tough schedule. And, it's too much to ask our local key pounders to say something in our defense.

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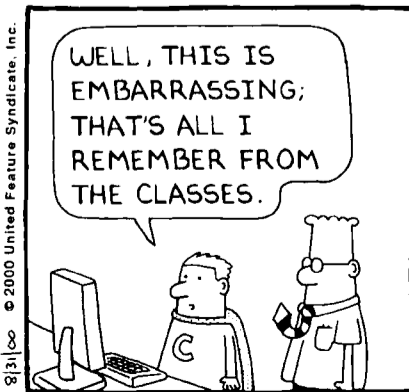
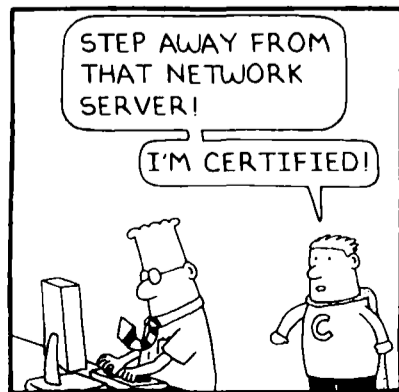
Cappy Gagnon, '66, can't wait to see Molly Kinder come through the tunnel before the Irish knock off Texas A&M. His column appears every other Thursday.



Cappy Gagnon

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Journalism is the last refuge of the vaguely talented."

Walter Lippmann
writer

GUEST COLUMN

Life imitating "Survivor"

DURHAM, N.C.

"Survivor" is over, and this week will be the first Wednesday in quite a while that millions of Americans won't find themselves marooned around their television sets to watch the newest episode. It's kind of sad, really.

For months, much of the American public had followed the saga, "leaving behind their jobs, their loved ones and all contact with civilization," to exist on that island with those people and to share in their joy and pain.

Kevin Pride

The Chronicle

Yes, the "ultimate human experiment" is finally over. The jury sounded off and voted for the "fat gay guy," Richard Hatch (also dubbed "Machiabelly"), who drove away in a new auto with a cool million. And in the wake of this conclusion, a voyeuristic nation is left behind in the throws of Survivor withdrawal.

Sort of. After all, most of the castaways are being smothered by opportunities for public appearances and commercial endorsements, with a seemingly countless number of rumors and speculation abounding regarding "who" is doing "what" for "whom." Here's just a small sample: A recent episode of VH1's *The List* featuring Gervase, Colleen, Greg and Joel taking part in a panel to decide the best "desert island albums" of all time, with fellow castaway Jenna mediating the panel discussion and host Jeff Probst appearing to read the final winners. Richard, Gervase, Jenna and Sue are scheduled to appear on *Hollywood Squares* next month. Ramona was a judge in last Friday's *Miss Teen USA Pageant*, and runner-up Kelly will guest-host an episode of *Talk Soup*. Rumor has it that Sue is negotiating some kind of an endorsement with the World Wrestling Federation. And just when you think there couldn't be a better castaway/commercial deal tag team, it's reported that Rudy, the old fart who "doesn't know what MTV means," is being considered to appear in a Bud Light commercial.

Such stretching of time, of each castaway's "15 minutes of fame," will assure the continued presence of "Survivor" in public discourse, which is, of course, a boon for host-network CBS. What they might not have anticipated was the immense cultural impact that "Survivor" had on the nation. Legions of fans dressed up in tropical garb every Wednesday for "Survivor" parties. The show's interweaving, and often forced, plot lines became the primary topic of conversation around the water coolers, coffee shops and break rooms of America. One starving artist took enterprise and painted "tribal art" depicting infamous scenes from the show, selling the works on eBay (the best, perhaps, being "Rudy applies lotion to gay Rich," a tiny five-by-seven-inch painting that drew a final bid of \$530). And a one-man band, named "Thirty-Nine Days," (the total time spent by the castaway on the island) emerged, recording ridiculous, though admittedly funny, songs about "Survivor" episodes and posting them on mp3.com — the band has made more than a thousand dollars to date on four songs.

Which raises an essential question: Why? What is it about stranding 16 strangers on a desert island, watching them work simultaneously for and against one another and ultimately tearing each other to shreds that is so entertaining?

Well, it probably has something to do with conflict and the depressingly sad presence of it in everyday life. Archetypal conflicts, the same ones that lurk constantly here on the mainland, emerged almost instantly on the island: old vs. young, men vs. women, corporate vs. blue-collar, gay vs. straight, mental prowess vs. physical ability, your lifestyle vs. my lifestyle and so on.

In the end, the real struggle wasn't so much surviving the unpredictable terrain of island life. Rather, it was surviving the unpredictable social climate that exists among human beings and is the product of human nature — the very same struggle that routinely aggrieves and scourges just about everyone, every day. The only difference is that their struggles took place on national television and boy did it reassure millions of Americans every week that humans will still be humans, even on a desert island.

After all, isn't it reassuring to know that, even far-removed from civilization, people will still hurt one another, will still connive and deceive, all for the sake of greed? Apparently so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Announcing forum on ticket distribution

Since the last official "Football Ticket Camp-Out" in the fall of 1998, the administration of the University of Notre Dame sought to change the mechanism by which students receive their football tickets. In the wake of this decision, the administration appealed for student input. The outcome of this action was a collaboration between Student Government, the Class Councils and the administration. Following the 1999 event, which occurred within Notre Dame Stadium, students expressed discontent with the new "Football Ticket Camp-Out" system. Consequently, a commission was formed with administration officials and the Student Union. The subsequent outcome of this commission work came to a fruition with the Aug. 21 ticket distribution that occurred at Stepan Center.

On the night of Aug. 21, some students arrived at Stepan Center perplexed and distraught with the new system. Areas of concern were far-reaching. For example, the dissemination of information for off-campus students appeared not to be readily available and the lottery for line placement was not explained adequately. Furthermore, the time element for picking up tickets was not as clear as it could have been. Each of these areas of concern was expressed that night to members of the Student Union.

Accordingly, in order for the Student Union to better voice the opinion of students in the future, the Student Union will hold a forum concerning

the recent and past events surrounding football ticket distribution. The forum will occur this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Foster Room on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center. We invite each and every student to attend and offer input as to how to improve the ticket distribution system.

In some minds ticket distribution failed to run as smoothly as it could have. However, we would like to remember those individuals who tried to ensure the success of the event for their hard work. Specifically, we thank the members of the Notre Dame Security Police, Student Activities, the Notre Dame Ushers, the Ticketing Office and the planning commission. Finally, we thank you, the Notre Dame Student Body. Ticket distribution in the wake of the administration's 1998 decision is an ongoing project to find the best possible solution for all those involved. We need and want your opinion; it is invaluable in order to make ticket distribution acceptable to everyone. Therefore, we again invite you to the forum tonight to help us in our quest to find the appropriate solution.

Brian P. O'Donoghue
Student Body President
Brooke E. Norton
Student Body Vice-President
August 30, 2000



New guard breaks tradition

Upon hearing news of the admittance of a female into the Irish Guard, I first felt disbelief. I wondered how someone, in this case Dr. Kenneth Dye, Director of University Bands, could break a tradition that had existed since the Irish Guard's inception in 1949. At its inception, the image of the Irish Guard was created and whether or not some individuals choose to accept it, only certain people fit into this image.

The Irish Guard is one of the most visible and beloved traditions at Notre Dame. I still do not understand why Dr. Dye would choose to end this tradition, especially at the University of Notre Dame, a university so steeped in tradition that it is a vital part of the university's existence and consequently, is one of the most important aspects of the university to Notre Dame alumni and fans. Was Dr. Dye's reason to be "politically correct?" or to try to "fit in" better with some of the idiotic ideas floating about in our society? These are hardly reasons to end a 50-year, time-honored tradition. I am sure there are some people who disagree with me and feel this was a good decision because it "promotes equality." They are wrong. Although men and women should be treated as equals in our society, this decision does not "promote equality" and therefore has nothing to do with the matter. Ending this tradition and forever defaming the image of the Irish Guard was the wrong decision.

I do not feel sorry for the young lady selected to the Irish Guard or Dr. Dye for any scrutiny or criticism they may receive because they willingly broke a tradition and put themselves in this position. I do feel somewhat sorry for the other members of the Irish Guard because they will now find it difficult to continue their own traditions with a female among them and will likely receive unjustified scrutiny if they should exclude her from any activity.

In conclusion, Dr. Dye does a fine job with the music and marching portion of being Director of University Bands. However, he quickly needs to realize that traditions at Notre Dame should not be broken because they are so vital to the University's rich heritage and are held sacred in the hearts of all Notre Dame alumni and fans. Dr. Dye's decision is absolutely astonishing and horrific and causes feelings of anger and nausea to arise in myself and every Notre Dame alumnus and fan to which I have spoken about this incident. Hopefully, Dr. Dye regrets his decision and soon understands how truly wrong his decision was for the University of Notre Dame, the Notre Dame Marching Band and the Irish Guard.

Anthony Farina
Class of '99
August 30, 2000

MOVIE REVIEW

Comedic 'Kings' live up to their name

By **MATT CACCAMO**
Scene Movie Critic

Since his first theatrical release in 1986 with "She's Gotta Have It," Spike Lee has been challenging audiences and critics with his experimental style and contemporary themes. His newest film, "The Original Kings of Comedy," presents movie critics with the ultimate conundrum: how to review a comedy show.

Perhaps more so than movies themselves, comedy is the most subjective area of arts and entertainment. A single joke, let alone two straight hours of them, is received with varying degrees of enjoyment and laughter, depending on the audience.

With "Kings of Comedy," Lee gives us two distinct forms. This isn't simply a movie about a comedy show; it is both a movie and a comedy show at the same time. Technically speaking, the film is a documentary of a two-night event in Charlotte featuring four "kings" of black comedy: Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer, and Bernie Mac.

Although these four comedians are best known from stand-up shows such as "Def Comedy Jam" and "Comic View," Lee gives them a new vitality on the big screen by avoiding the static camera and lack of style that these cable comedy shows rely on. Using several different camera angles and focusing a good portion of the film on the audience's reaction to the performers, Lee makes the movie audience feel like part of the show.

"Kings of Comedy" wonderfully illus-

trates the connection successful black comics have with their engaged audience. Many times in this film, the audience feels like whooping and hollering along with the live crowd in Charlotte.

Lee also successfully presents the backstage portion of comedy rarely seen on HBO or BET. Interspersed with sections of stand-up are small segments showing the off-stage interaction among the four entertainers. We see them doing a radio talk show, playing cards and, in the case of Cedric the Entertainer, giving us a backstage tour of his wardrobe and pre-performance rituals.

In fact, one of the funniest pieces of the film occurs in one of these off-

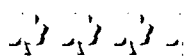
stage pieces: at the conclusion, when the four comics are discussing basketball on a playground court, Bernie Mac gives a hilarious impression of Phil Jackson yelling out instructions to Scottie Pippen, complete with Jackson's walk and talk. These short instances are priceless and serve to break up two straight hours of stand-up.

While it is difficult to rate the pure comic value of each performer, Cedric the Entertainer best captures the movie screen. All four discuss the differences between white and black America with relative ease; however, Cedric brings an energy and multi-talented approach to his performance that truly lives up to his nickname.

Steve Harvey plays the comfortable host of the show, making the most of the audience by doing impromptu comedy.

D.L. Hughley brings a certain spark to an

"The Original Kings of Comedy"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Spike Lee

Starring: Steve Harvey, Bernie Mac, D.L.

Hughley and Cedric the Entertainer



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

In Spike Lee's "The Kings of Comedy," stand-up comedians (from left) Bernie Mac, Cedric the Entertainer, D.L. Hughley and Steve Harvey deliver the laughs.

otherwise typical routine that discusses, among other overplayed topics, the black Jesus, why blacks don't bungee-jump and the relationships in a black family.

Finally, Bernie Mac splits from the other three by making his piece a running criticism of his own life. His self-deprecation hits home with the audience, who is all too familiar with the hilarious instances of the everyday life he speaks of.

Perhaps most important for all four men is that they make equal fun of whites and blacks, bringing a fairness and integrity to

an otherwise obscene, vulgar routine. The film, in large part, is an introduction of these comedians to a wider, mainstream American audience, making it all the more important for Lee to keep the film open to groups of varying race and age.

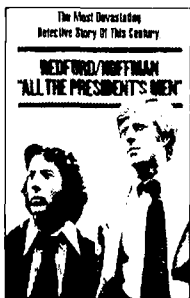
In "The Original Kings of Comedy," Lee has made a creative, new documentary that only helps the comics deliver their routines effectively. How well the actual jokes work must be left up to each individual viewer. From a filmmaking standpoint, Lee can only be praised.

WEEKEND RENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Five films comment on America's political climate

MATT CACCAMO ♦ Scene Movie Critic

As the Presidential campaign heats up this Fall, here are some rental suggestions for the best in political films.



All the President's Men (1976) ★★☆☆

Famous film version of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's investigative work on the Watergate break-in. Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman play their roles to perfection as young Washington Post reporters hungry enough to follow every lead in their pursuit of the truth. Director Alan Pakula succeeds in creating an interesting history lesson as well as a moving investigative drama.



Bob Roberts (1992) ★★☆☆

Tim Robbins directorial debut casts himself as a right-wing Senatorial candidate who knows how to manipulate the audience and, especially, the media. This sharp, scathing satire of American politics succeeds where "Wag the Dog" fails. The film, whose tagline reads "Vote now. Ask questions later," is most effective when it is relentlessly truthful about the role of fact and fiction in political campaigns.



JFK (1991) ★★☆☆

Absolutely riveting film about district attorney Jim Garrison and his gradual involvement (and eventual obsession) with finding the truth about President Kennedy's assassination. Full of startling scenes and bravura acting; as dramatic moviemaking goes, it's superb. Director Oliver Stone takes many liberties with the facts of the investigation, but undoubtedly reveals Kennedy's death to be a product of a mass conspiracy. Political themes and moral dilemmas abound in this Oscar-nominated picture.



An Ideal Husband (1999) ★★☆☆

This lighthearted yet politically savvy film strikes at the heart of political ethics — if it truly exists. A funny, romantic film set in late-19th century England which follows the rise, and possible fall, of a supposedly young, morally pure member of parliament. Good pick for those interested in politics, romance or just an entertaining, witty movie. Starring Rupert Everett, Minnie Drive, Cate Blanchett and Julianne Moore.



Primary Colors (1998) ★★☆☆

Dynamic adaptation of the political satire by Anonymous (Joe Klein) about a Southern governor's Presidential race. The film portrays John Travolta's Jack Scranton as both a true believer in people power and an insatiable womanizer who will do anything to cover his tracks (Sound familiar?). Travolta is extraordinarily good in a Bill Clinton-esque characterization and Elaine May's smart, funny and insightful screenplay sheds some light on behind-the-curtains politics.

MOVIE REVIEW

Jennifer Lopez enters a twisted 'Cell'

By V. VAN BUREN GILES
Scene Movie Critic

Simply put, "The Cell" is "The Silence of the Lambs" meets "The Lawnmower Man" during the most sadistic Trent Reznor music video you can imagine. To its credit, the film is as bizarre as it is creative and horrifying.

The story centers around a psychopathic killer named Carl Stargher who has invented a killing device modeled after a glass prison cell. The mechanism is fully automated and drowns its female victims after 40 hours.

Carl has committed numerous brutal murders of attractive young women throughout the country. After drowning them in the cell, Carl performs a masochistic post-mortem ritual and then dumps the bodies off highway overpasses.

Peter Novak is the FBI agent in charge of the investigation and will neither sleep nor listen to reason until he has apprehended the killer. Just as Novak is about to capture his suspect, Stargher falls into a comatose trance from which he will never wake.

The present dilemma for Special Agent Novak is that, before turning into a vegetable, Stargher captured his last victim and put her in the cell. Stargher is the only person who knows the girl's location, and he ain't talking.

The victim's only hope is child therapist Catharine Deane, who has mastered a form of therapy that takes place inside a person's mind.

Scientists have developed a parallel universe centered on a person's imagination. It is now up to Dr. Deane to infiltrate Stargher's mind and find out the missing girl's whereabouts.

This is where the film gets really interesting. As if Carl Stargher's mind was not vile enough in reality, the audience now gets to see his most intense and demonic thoughts.

Fortunately for Catharine, she comes in contact with a 7-year-old Carl Stargher. It is through this child's eyes that we discover the parenting tactics of Carl's father, who thoroughly believed in chastising his son with belts and steaming hot irons.

Catharine knows any progress at all will be made through the younger Carl. Unfortunately, Catharine must also deal with the grown-up, more monstrous Carl, who is twice as satanic and threatening in the parallel world, where normal rules of right and wrong don't exist.

Playing the role of Catharine Deane is Latin pin-up queen Jennifer Lopez ("Selena," "Out of Sight"). All in all, her heart-felt emotion for the little boy is expressed well.

Vince Vaughn ("Swingers," "Return to Paradise") does a good job playing a lukewarm FBI agent, but the real surprise performance in the film comes from Vincent D'Onofrio ("Full Metal Jacket," "Men In Black"), who plays bad guy Carl Stargher.

D'Onofrio shines as the nervous and deeply disturbed serial killer. The audience experiences his true acting prowess during every scene in the subconscious world, where Carl's most obscene and grotesque thoughts become real.

First-time film director Tarsem Singh has an impressive opener with "The Cell." Singh first won notoriety directing the R.E.M. music video "Losing My Religion," which won the coveted MTV Video of the Year award in 1991.

Credit should also be given to the production and makeup designers for transforming Carl into a memorable movie monster.

Though the film is somewhat predictable, the costumes and special effects are more than enough to leave a lasting impression on the audience. Check this film out for an in-depth journey through the mind of a madman.

"The Cell"



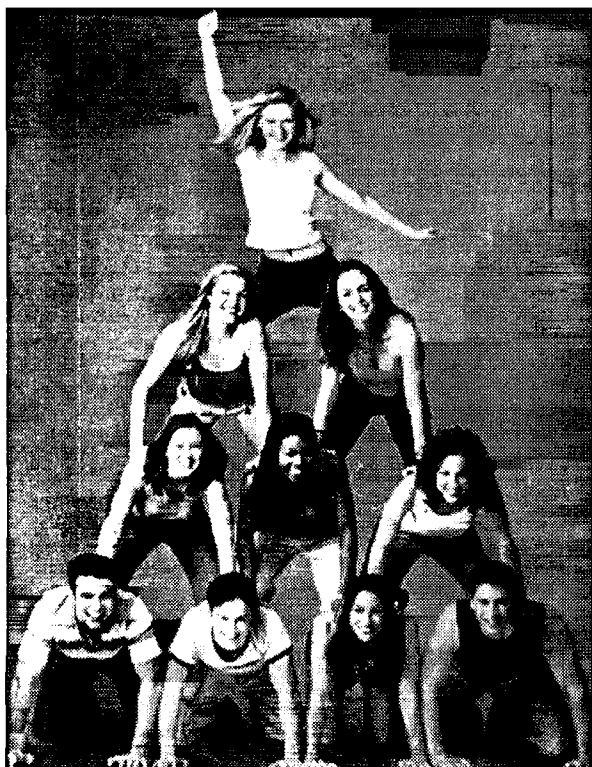
out of five shamrocks

Director: Tarsem Singh
Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Vince Vaughn and Vincent D'Onofrio



Vincent D'Onofrio and Jennifer Lopez star in "The Cell," a dark, disturbing sci-fi mystery that succeeds in creating a truly demented dreamscape.

BOX OFFICE



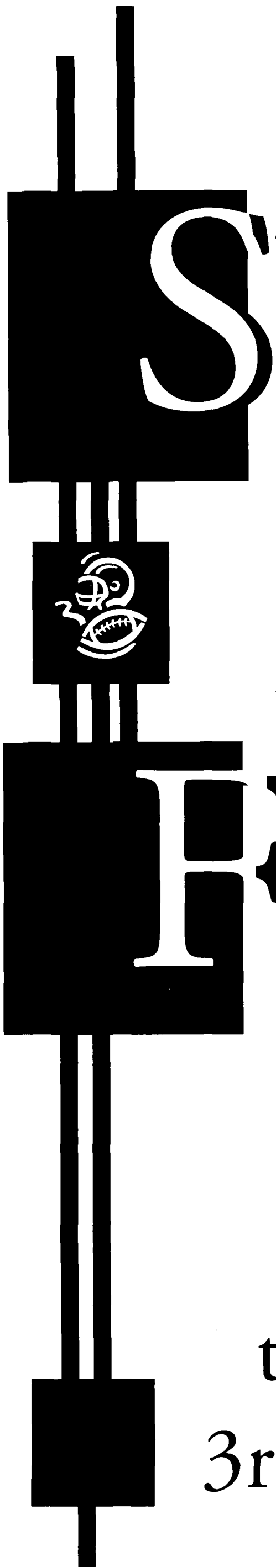
Teens still prove to be a powerhouse at the box office, with the cheerleading comedy "Bring it On" opening in the top spot with \$17 million. Wesley Snipes' thriller "The Art of War" shot into second with \$10.4 million. "The Cell" and "Kings of Comedy" slipped to third and fifth place respectively. The other newcomer, the mob comedy "The Crew," was a bit of a fizzle. Next week sees little challenge with the new "Highlander" movie and the romantic comedy "Whipped" entering the fray.

Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Top Ten Weekend of Aug. 25-27

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. Bring it On	\$ 17.4 million	\$ 17.4 million
2. The Art of War	\$ 10.4 million	\$ 10.4 million
3. The Cell	\$ 9.7 million	\$ 33.7 million
4. Space Cowboys	\$ 6.5 million	\$ 63.7 million
5. The Original Kings of Comedy	\$ 5.9 million	\$ 21.2 million
6. What Lies Beneath	\$ 4.6 million	\$ 130.9 million
7. The Replacements	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 30.8 million
8. The Crew	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 4.1 million
9. Nutty Professor 2	\$ 3.6 million	\$ 110.1 million
10. Autumn in New York	\$ 3.3 million	\$ 26.8 million

Source: Yahoo!



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NL

Clark homers, doubles in Cardinals victory over Marlins

Associated Press

MIAMI

Will Clark homered in the second inning and added an RBI double in the ninth, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a 4-2 win over the Florida Marlins. Jim Edmonds snapped an 0-for-21 streak with a single in the sixth and added another base hit leading off the ninth with the game tied at 2.

Clark followed with a double to right-center, scoring Edmonds from first for the go-ahead run. Clark moved to third on a sacrifice and scored on Ray Lankford's single off Antonio Alfonseca (4-6). Dave Veres pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 29 chances. Matt Morris (2-3) pitched the eighth for the win.

The Marlins took a 1-0 lead in the first. Andy Fox singled, moved to second on a walk to Cliff Floyd and scored on Preston Wilson's fielder's choice. Fox scored from second as the Cardinals tried to turn an inning-ending double play. St. Louis went ahead 2-1 with back-to-back home runs to lead off the second.

Clark hit his eighth of the season on a 2-0 pitch from Reid Cornelius. Craig Paquette followed two pitches later with his 10th. Cornelius kept the Cardinals quiet after the homers. He retired 15 of the next 18 batters before getting

pulled for a pinch hitter in the sixth inning. Cornelius allowed four hits in six innings en route to his eighth no-decision.

The Marlins tied the game in the sixth. Floyd led off with a double and scored on Mark Smith's broken-bat single to right field. Florida loaded the bases with two outs, but pinch-hitter Kevin Millar struck out looking.

Braves 5, Reds 2

Tom Glavine pitched a three-hitter to become the NL's first 18-game winner. Andres Galarraga hit a two-run homer and the Atlanta Braves ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Braves held a closed-door meeting after batting practice and emerged from the clubhouse hardly looking like the team that lost five of its first six games on the homestand. The victory kept Atlanta tied with New York for first in the NL East. The Mets defeated Houston 1-0.

Glavine (18-6) won for the 11th time in 12 starts — including four in a row — as he closes in on the fifth 20-win season of his career. The left-hander retired the last 11 hitters for his third complete game of the season and 48th overall.

The Braves pounded Cincinnati starter Elmer

Dessens (6-5) for 12 hits and five runs in five innings. Chipper Jones had an RBI double in the first and Javy Lopez led off the second with his 22nd homer of the season, putting the Braves ahead for good. They put the game away in the fifth after Dessens retired the first two hitters.

B.J. Surhoff reached on an infield single and took an extra base when second baseman Pokey Reese threw the ball into the dugout.

Galarraga followed with his 25th homer, an opposite-field drive to the right-field bleachers. Cincinnati scored on Juan Castro's RBI single in the second and Dante Bichette's sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Otherwise, the Reds hardly touched Glavine, who retired the side in order five times. The Braves outhit Cincinnati 14-3. Former Atlanta closer Mark Wohlers made his first appearance at Turner Field

since he was dealt to Cincinnati in April 1999 with his career in shambles because of control problems. He pitched two scoreless innings and didn't walk anyone.

Mets 1, Astros 0

Rick Reed and two relievers combined on a three-hitter to make an early run stand up, and the New York Mets beat the Houston Astros to hold on to their share of the NL East lead.

New York, a major league-best 31-16 since the All-Star game, remained tied with Atlanta at 79-54. The Braves beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-2. Chris Holt (6-13) didn't allow much. But his wildness led to a first-inning run, and it was too much for the Astros to overcome as he dropped to 0-3 in four career appearances against the Mets.

Holt walked Benny Agbayani in the first and gave up a sin-

gle to Darryl Hamilton. Agbayani advanced when Edgardo Alfonzo bounced into a double play and came home when Holt bounced a wild pitch with Mike Piazza batting. New York only advanced one more runner past second, but it didn't matter because Mets pitchers allowed no one past second and only one runner past first.

Reed (9-4) gave up three hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked two. Turk Wendell pitched a 1-2-3 eighth, and Armando Benitez struck out the side in the ninth for his 36th save in 40 chances.

The Astros lost a 1-0 game for the first time since Aug. 23, 1996, to St. Louis. New York, tied with Atlanta since Monday night, improved to 26-15 in one-run games, while Houston dropped to 10-27, the worst in baseball. The Mets also played their fifth 1-0 game of the season, winning for the third time.

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NFL

Favre credits time off for healing injured elbow

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — For maybe the first time in his career, Brett Favre is showing a little patience — and it might save his season.

After nearly a month out of action because of tendinitis in his right elbow, Favre said Wednesday that the extended rest has improved his condition considerably. He missed the Green Bay Packers' final three preseason games and only returned to practice last week.

Favre threw several dozen passes during practice Wednesday and felt no significant pain. He expects to play in the Packers' regular-season opener Sunday against the New York Jets, though a final decision hasn't been made yet.

"There was no way I would have played this week if I hadn't rested," Favre said. "It was getting to the point where I couldn't even grip a football."

And even a month of rest might not be enough. When asked, the three-time MVP still didn't eliminate the slim possibility he might sit out Sunday.

Favre has started 125 consecutive games, a league record for his position.

"If I'm going to play Sunday, I'm going to cut it loose," said Favre, who wore a large ice wrap on his forearm and elbow.

Favre clearly has learned from his experiences in the last two years. Last season, he bulled ahead through a painful thumb injury that clearly affected his technique and decision-making.

He threw 23 interceptions as the Packers stumbled to an 8-8 record, but the experience left him wiser about his body's needs. This year, he and Green Bay's coaches are trying to modify the gambling, off-the-cuff playing style that made him a star by adding a little more common sense — both on the field and in the training room.

"Brett knows what we want him to do, and he's given us what we need," coach Mike Sherman said. "I also realize that Brett has a history of making something out of nothing. That's where we have to find the balance."

After taking Tuesday off, Favre threw about 50 passes on Wednesday, including several

long passes during a morning walkthrough.

"I just saw him throw the ball down there just about as well as he can throw it," Sherman said. "You know how sometimes you see that smoke that comes off the ball when he throws? I haven't seen that yet, but he's throwing hard."

Favre said he felt no significant pain in his elbow, even when he made a tricky cross-body throw — the one pass he said he was "afraid" of throwing.

"I was a little hesitant on some throws, just a little cautious," he said. "Every throw I had, it was thought out before throwing, as opposed to just letting it go."

The Packers listed Favre as probable for Sunday's game. Both publicly and privately, Green Bay's coaches expect him to play.

"If he doesn't [start Sunday], it will be a shock to me and a disappointment," Sherman said. "He's planning on playing. I don't see a reason why he won't."

Favre will test his arm more strenuously during Thursday's longer practice, but he doesn't anticipate any new problems beyond the vague soreness that occurs in most quarterbacks' arms.

Favre has managed to keep busy during his period of inactivity, and not just by eating more and gaining a few pounds.

After four weeks with tendinitis, Favre has become such an expert on the subject that he's already dispensing medical advice.

After sitting out the Packers'

34-33 preseason victory over the Cleveland Browns last Saturday, Favre spoke with Browns' quarterback Tim Couch, who was wearing a protective sleeve on his arm.

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Pasquerilla East, St. Edward's, Morrissey, Walsh, and Zahn

Monday-Friday, August 28-September 1

103 Hesburgh Library

Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #62 Sign-up

Thursday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.

Recker's

Africentric Spirituality Freshmen Intro Reception

Sunday, September 3, 1:00 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

RCIA: Info Sessions for Candidates and Sponsors

Sunday, September 3, 1:30 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Spanish Mass

Monday, September 4, 8:30 pm

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Acolyte Workshop

Monday, September 4, 10:00 pm

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Eucharistic Minister Workshop

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 pm

Siegfried Hall Chapel

Confirmation-Info Session for Candidates

Tuesday, September 5, 8:00 pm

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Confirmation-Info Session for Sponsors

Tuesday, September 5, 8:00 pm

LaFortune Ballroom

"Fiesta de Bienvenida"

Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 pm

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Lector Workshop

Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 pm

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, September 2 Mass

30 minutes after game

Rev. John A. Herman, c.s.c.

Sunday, September 3 Mass

8:00 a.m.

Rev. Nicholas R. Ayo, c.s.c.

10:00 a.m.

Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza

Bishop Galveston/Houston, TX

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

Stepan Center

Saturday, September 2 Mass

45 minutes after game

Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings

for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8

2nd Reading Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

We Are N.D.

By Fr. John Herman, CSC

In August of 1988, I ventured to Notre Dame for the first time to begin discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross in the Candidate Program at Moreau Seminary (the big, curved building on the other side of St. Joseph's Lake). Shortly after my arrival, my dad told me about a conversation that he had with our next door neighbor, Mr. Milton. Surprisingly, despite being a huge Michigan football fan and seemingly indifferent to Catholicism, Mr. Milton was incredibly positive about my coming to Notre Dame. He spoke glowingly to my dad about his one experience of Notre Dame.

Mr. Milton regularly followed the University of Michigan football team to their road games in the Midwest, many at other Big Ten schools and one special one at Notre Dame. He spoke of his surprise at being treated so well by Notre Dame students and fans, despite boldly dressing in all of his Michigan gear for the game. He was amazed that the students were so friendly and even helpful to "the enemy" and conducted themselves with such class. Mr. Milton saw a clear difference in the kind of reception that he received at Notre Dame compared with the other schools he had visited, and he could not have been any more impressed.

More than a decade of Notre Dame football has passed since then. On Saturday, the 2000 football season begins, and the long, storied tradition of Notre Dame football continues. Throughout the history of Notre Dame football, we have certainly had many more successes than failures and wins than losses, but we too have had our tough times like other schools. One of the best and most enduring things about Notre Dame football, however, win or lose, has been the Notre Dame student body. There exists a strong tradition of Notre Dame students supporting their team to the end with dedication, energy, and as my neighbor, Mr. Milton, told my dad, "class." Class? Is it class that made the Notre Dame students stand out for my neighbor or was there something more to it than that?

One of the unique and very telling things about Notre Dame football Saturdays is the announcement made during every game that there will be Mass in the Basilica thirty minutes after the game ends. At a football game? Where else would a similar announcement be made or heard? These announcements are a reminder, even in the midst of intense, hard-fought football games, that there is something more than football that makes Notre Dame and its students special. We who are a part of the Notre Dame family know that this post-game Mass is only the tip of the iceberg.

Any outsider looking more deeply would quickly learn there are dozens of Masses each Sunday, most in each of the residence halls - and they are well-attended by students. An outsider would also learn of the impressive number of students who seek to grow in their faith by participating in retreats, faith-sharing communities and the many other programs put on by Campus Ministry and who act on their faith by engaging in service opportunities coordinated by the Center for Social Concerns, both in South Bend and throughout the country and world during fall and spring breaks and summers. Is it possible that it wasn't class that made Notre Dame students seem special to Mr. Milton but maybe the faith in God underlying the way that they conducted themselves?

Football weekends could provide an excuse for completely cutting loose, suspending our values and conducting ourselves in ways contrary to what our faith and the Gospel call us. The majority of students show us that it is possible to have a great time on football Saturdays without forgetting who they are and without separating football from the other parts of their lives which they allow their faith to inform and influence. It's clear that there will always be people around looking for reasons to dislike or even hate Notre Dame. Unfortunately there are some students who seem to go out of their way to validate the negative perceptions that these folks have of Notre Dame by drinking excessively, by yelling offensive things, by wearing inappropriate or derogatory t-shirts and by mistreating our opponents and even our own team at times. That's not what it means to be N.D. and fortunately not what most students communicate.

Each home game here on our campus this season will attract thousands of visitors from around the country and the world. Many will be alums coming back to the campus that will always hold a special place in their hearts. Many will be subway alumni who are connected to Notre Dame simply through their deep love of our team. Many will be other Mr. Miltons, whether from Texas A&M, Nebraska or the other visiting universities, people who have never been here before and may never come again. At each game, the eyes of the world will be upon us, watching, taking in everything and going forth to tell others what they have found at Notre Dame. This is the same dynamic that has been in place since the days of Rockne and that has helped to make Notre Dame known for the special university that it is. Each football game provides us with an opportunity to live our faith by treating our visitors with hospitality, respect and dignity and with the opportunity to spread the message of who we are at Notre Dame. Joe DiMaggio, the late, Hall of Fame outfielder of the New York Yankees, once told reporters why he played so hard each and every game. He said, "There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first or last time. I owe him my best." Other Mr. Miltons will be here with us for the first or last time. We owe it to them to give our best, to uphold the illustrious traditions of the Notre Dame student body and, yes, to let the light of Jesus Christ shine through us - even on a football Saturday.

Runners

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be top recruit Todd Mobley, who placed 18 at the Foot Locker national cross country meet, and freshman Brian Kerwin, who won the New Jersey state cross country championship. In addition to Mobley and Kerwin, Piane hopes freshmen David Alber and Kevin Somak will make early impacts for the Irish.

The women lost four of their top seven seniors to graduation in All-American track runner Alison Klemmer and teammates Patty Rice, Nicole LaSelle and Erin Luby. They also lost their No. 1 runner, All-American JoAnna Deeter, midway through last season to an injury. In 1999, the Irish squeaked into the NCAA Championships with an at-large bid, but the youthful squad will be hard-pressed to repeat the feat.

In order to have a shot at a return to nationals, head coach Tim Connelly will need leadership and improvement from seniors such as Erin Olson, Chrissy Kuenster and Bridget O'Brien. All are runners who have shown potential during previous seasons, but none have attained the level of success Connelly believes they are capable of.

"If we can get some of our older kids to fulfill their potential, we could be pretty good," Connelly said. "We're pretty solid right now. I think until we actually line up and race, I'm still not sure what I'm seeing, though."

Juniors Hilary Burn and Ann McGrath have turned on the heat. Burn is back to competition after suffering from mononucleosis in 1999, while McGrath blazed a trail of improvement this summer.

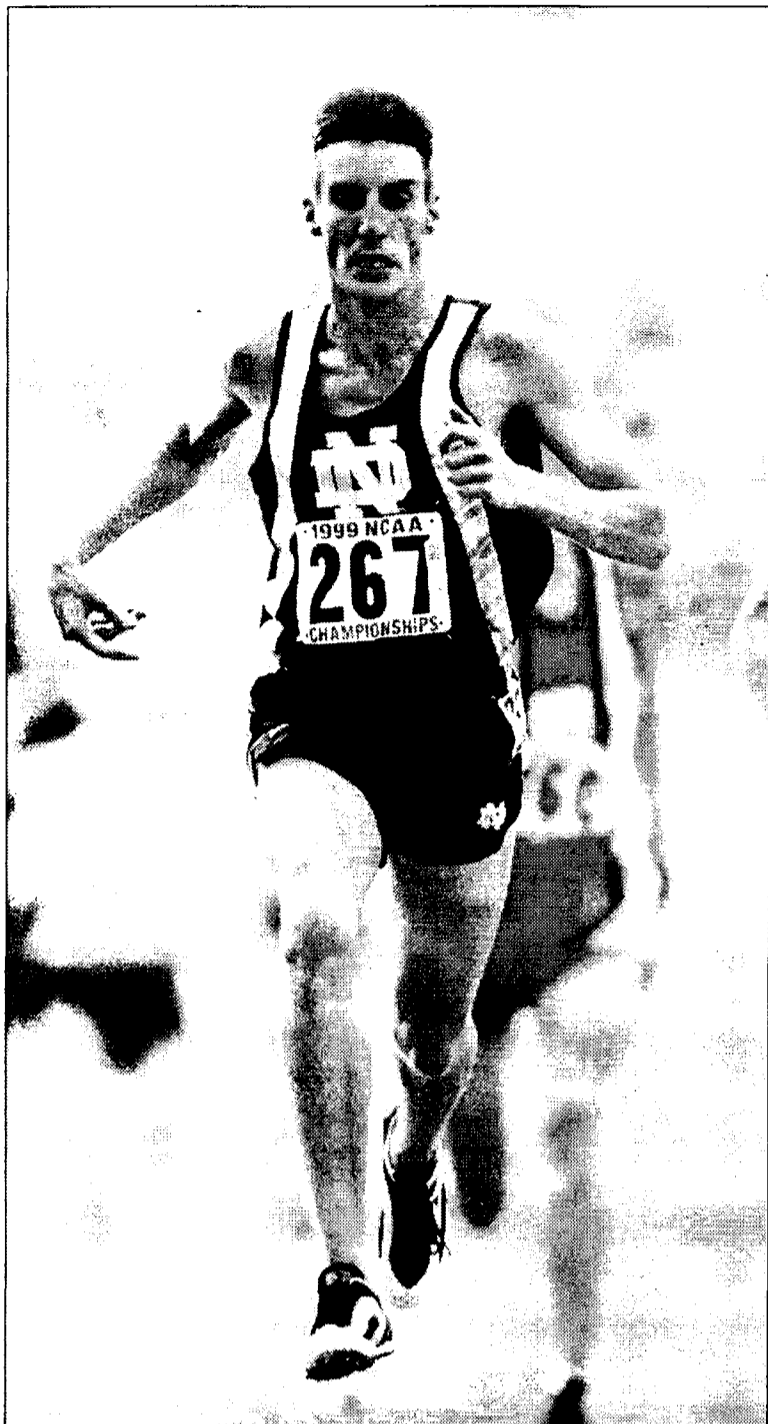
"She [McGrath] is probably the most improved kid we have on the team right now," Connelly said. "She had a great summer of training."

Sophomore Jen Handley stands out as Notre Dame's top returnee, and classmates Kari Eaton and Muffy Schmidt should also compete for spots in the starting seven.

"Jennifer Handley is probably our top returning runner," Connelly said. "She's a kid with just tons of potential. She's very fit."

At least three freshmen have impressed Connelly in early season workouts — Megan Johnson, Beth Androsky and Rachel Endress. Johnson was a track state champion in Washington in high school, while Androsky placed third in New Jersey's cross country championships and Endress took sixth in Illinois in cross country.

The Irish open their season with the Valparaiso Invitational Sept. 8.



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Junior Luke Watson races at last year's NCAA Championships. Watson returns as a solid number two runner behind senior captain Ryan Shay.

NFL

Flutie: groin muscle feels 90 percent

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. Quarterback Doug Flutie, who practiced in pads on Wednesday for the first time in almost a month, says his torn groin muscle feels "90 percent healthy."

Despite Flutie's faster-than-expected recovery, he won't play Sunday in the Buffalo Bills' season opener against the Tennessee Titans.

"He won't be ready for this game, but he's coming along fast," coach Wade Phillips said.

Flutie is itching to go and is just waiting for the go-ahead from the team's trainers and coaches.

"I feel good enough that I can contribute," said Flutie, who threw with the quarterbacks and took part in 7-on-7 drills with the scout team. As a precautionary measure, he did not participate in any team drills.

"It's definitely not 100 percent. If you want to put a percentage on it, it's somewhere around 90," he said. "Put it this way, I've played a lot of games a lot more hurt than I am right now."

Flutie added that he has no trouble moving laterally.

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Doug Flutie
Bills quarterback

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The 37-year-old quarterback

added that hasn't felt any pain while running the past 10 days.

"It's all in their hands. ... I think the thinking right now is to be safe," Flutie said of the decision to keep him on the sidelines. "You have to talk to the coaches and trainers as to when they think safe is."

Flutie, entering his third season with the Bills, was injured when he slipped on the St. John Fisher College turf on Aug. 3. Initially, he was expected to be out until mid-to-late September.

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Soccer

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ily at the end of that experience has reached a higher understanding."

The Legacy

Berticelli's influence reached far past the games and practices. He was a father figure to his players, seemingly affecting every person he encountered in a positive way.

In the season-ending loss to Rutgers last season, Pridmore suffered a broken nose. The injury required surgery, after which Pridmore was confined to a room in the infirmary.

"He came and sat there and talked with me for an hour, just seeing how I was doing, making sure everything was alright," said Pridmore of his late coach. "He told me if I needed anything just to call him at home. He sat there with me while I was alone in a lot of pain. He picked up my spirits and took my mind off of the pain I was in. It really helped me a great deal."

Berticelli had a unique ability to brighten a person's day with the simplest of gestures. "He was very good to me," said Detter. "I came to one of the football games and I was freezing, he let me wear his jacket."

The man they affectionately

called "Coach B" also was known for a wonderful sense of humor. "He was really a people person," said current co-captain Steve Maio. "He could make anybody laugh. Things never seemed as bad when he was around. He would always have something funny to say."

Perhaps Berticelli's most profound impact, however, was the standard he set within his soccer program. "The most crucial parts of the program: the integrity, the discipline, the honesty, the work ethic are things coach [Berticelli] instilled in this program and are so deeply ingrained in this program," said Apple. "We can take what he started and continue it and make it better. Hopefully, we'll be able to achieve higher heights than he was able to. But when we do, he's a huge part of it. He laid the groundwork."

Apple falls close to the tree

The decision to name Apple head coach was an easy one. Rather than being confined to a specialized set of tasks, Berticelli involved his assistant in all aspects of the program during their four years together.

"One of the greatest things Coach did for me was to give me the responsibilities that I would have as a head coach," said Apple. "I was involved in everything from recruiting to training the team to making disciplinary decisions. He was the best mentor I could have asked for because he gave me all the experiences before I was a head coach but was always there as kind of a lifeline."

The similarities between the two coaches have not gone unnoticed by the players. "Coach Apple was basically

"I lost a best friend, a mentor and somebody I worked with each day for four years."

Chris Apple
Men's soccer coach

what 'Coach B' taught him. Coach Berticelli would be very proud of Coach Apple for what he's accomplishing already."

While the legendary coach is gone, the Berticelli name is still very much present within the men's soccer program.

Last spring Nino Berticelli, Mike's son, was named goalkeepers coach after serving in a volunteer role during spring practices. Coach Apple is quite enthusiastic when speaking of his new assistant.

"Probably the best decision I've made so far was to hire Nino Berticelli," said Apple. "He did an unbelievable job last spring with the goalkeepers. He's continued to work diligently and intelligently. He's going to be one of the next great coaches in the country."

"I'm just really happy to be able to work with him, and in a small way to be a mentor to him the way his dad was a mentor to me and to continue the Berticelli legacy at the University of Notre Dame."

The young Berticelli is equally excited about his involvement in the Irish program. "To be here at Notre Dame now, there's no place I'd rather be," said Nino Berticelli. "First of all because this is my father's team."

Second, Chris was here with my dad. I don't feel there's anybody better to be with than Chris Apple right now.

Paying tribute

The soccer program is honoring Berticelli's memory in a variety of ways. Both the home and away uniforms have the words "Coach B" imprinted on the sleeves, honoring the fallen leader in an informal way that represents the close relationship he had with the players.

Before the team's home opener next Wednesday against Bradley, there will be a small tribute and a moment of silence. The event that will truly keep Berticelli's memory alive, however, is the Mike Berticelli Memorial Soccer Tournament, which will begin during the 2000-2001 season.

"We're bringing in a four-year commitment from some of the best soccer schools in the nation to come in and play in Mike's honor," said Apple.

As the young team — the majority of the players are freshmen and sophomores — takes the field this fall, they bring with them an extra advantage. The strength and closeness forged in facing adversity together only reinforces the team concept. The traditions passed down from a veteran coach to his understudy, and from a father to a son will be influential throughout this campaign.

The Irish truly feel that Berticelli's legend is with them each and every time they take the field. "The guys and I know that every time a ball bounces our way or something close comes out in the Irish's favor, we've got a little extra help," said Apple. "Coach is watching; he's making sure things are going well for us. I know he's got his eye on the program, no doubt about it."

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Irish tight end Jabari Holloway prepares to catch a pass during last year's game against Michigan State. Holloway, along with Dan O'Leary, Grant Irons and Anthony Denman will serve as captains for the football team this season.

Football

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nacle of college football — Notre Dame — you feel the pressure to win."

Sparks have been flying in past seasons as the once lustrous golden dome has been tarnished by several consecutive rusty campaigns.

The captains must now jump headlong into the flames and face not only their critics but questions concerning their coach's job stability as well.

"I think there's more pressure, definitely," Denman said. "Any time you lose like we have, that's unacceptable. It is our responsibility to turn this around."

Rather than run from those expectations and questions, the 2000 captains plan to tackle head on the skeptics that will be with them throughout the fall.

"We welcome the pressure," Irons said. "It motivates us, and it makes every game more exciting. There's a lot of negativity, a lot of doubters, but we can't focus on them. We know we're better than they think we are. We believe."

Having four captains is rare, as most times the honor is bestowed upon the team's singular outstanding leader, but Irons and Denman think the idea has merit and feel that each has something to contribute.

"We're four different personalities and I think we fit this team and mix well together," Irons said. "I like to lead by example and through my emotions. Dan O'Leary is kind

of like that too. Anthony and Jabari, they're a little quieter and they lead by example."

"I think we just have so many good leaders on this team," Denman said.

"Coach Davie thought it would be beneficial for all of us to get a chance."

Each of the captains is well aware that the only way to restore the program to respectability is to command respect on the gridiron, but each is also certain that a

winning attitude begins in the locker room. Irons is confident not only in this year's team but also in the captains' ability to get the most out of it.

"Without a doubt it's the best team I've been a part of," said the star defensive lineman. "We're fortunate to have this group of guys, and we know we have to set a good example for them. Attitude really is everything."

Facing high expectations and a schedule that ranks

among the nation's most difficult, the presence of these captains will be more impor-

tant than ever.

It's quite possible that the fate of Notre Dame's season could hinge on the squad's ability to rally during a time of adversity, be it a fourth quarter deficit or a tough loss.

In those instances it's up to the squad's senior leaders to lead the charge.

"This team can handle the adversity," Irons said. "I know myself and the other captains will stay positive and I know the younger guys will follow our lead. We're not planning on giving up ever."

Davie's big brother program has proved instrumental in developing positive, never quit, attitudes in the team's younger players.

The program pairs an experienced veteran with a new recruit and has already served as the basis for several burgeoning friendships.

"It's a great thing," said Irons. "It gives us the chance to help the younger guys ease in to college life, and it's a good way to set an example and show them what a positive attitude is."

After wandering in college football's barren desert for the better part of a decade, this year's captains corps is determined to lead the program back to the promised land. However, even if the Irish do ambush the Aggies, they'll still have to part the "red sea" to reach the land of college football's elite.

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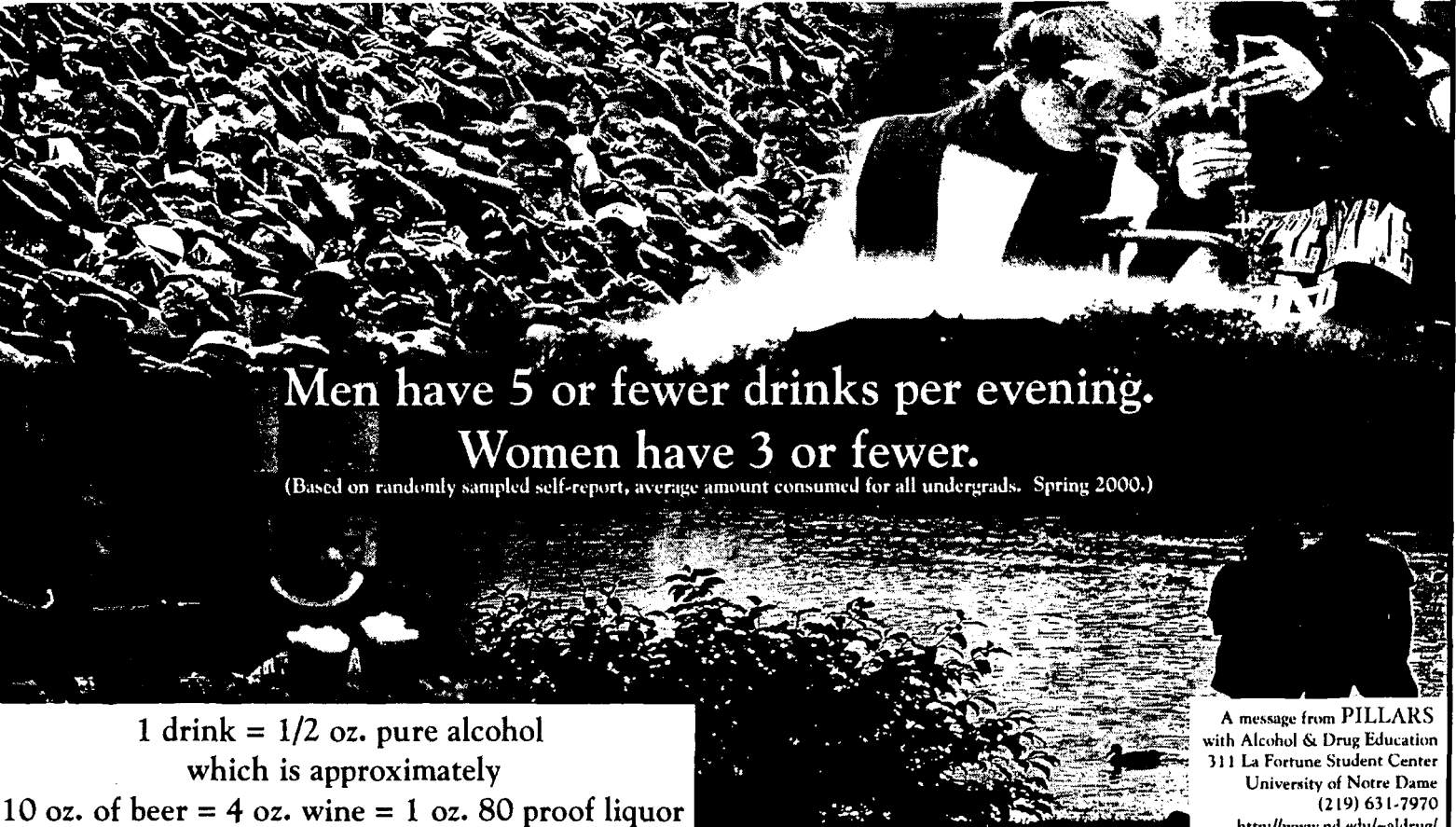
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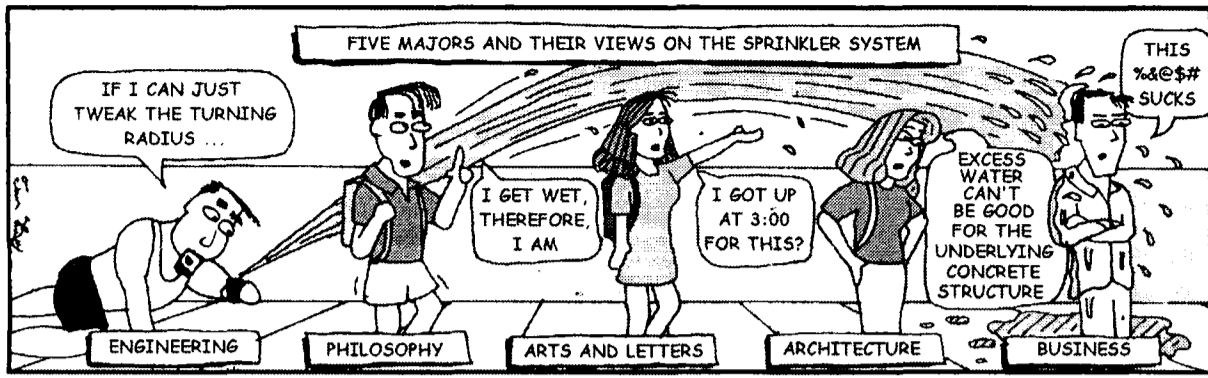
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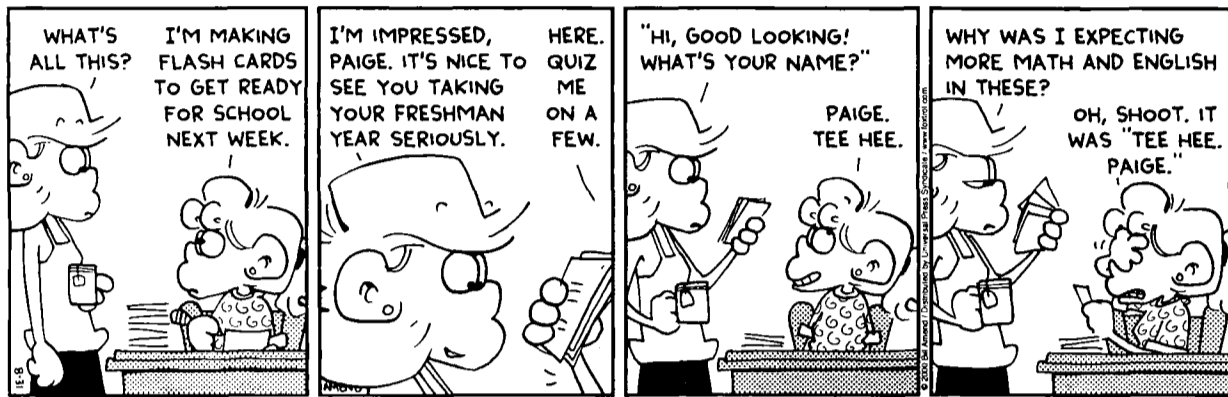
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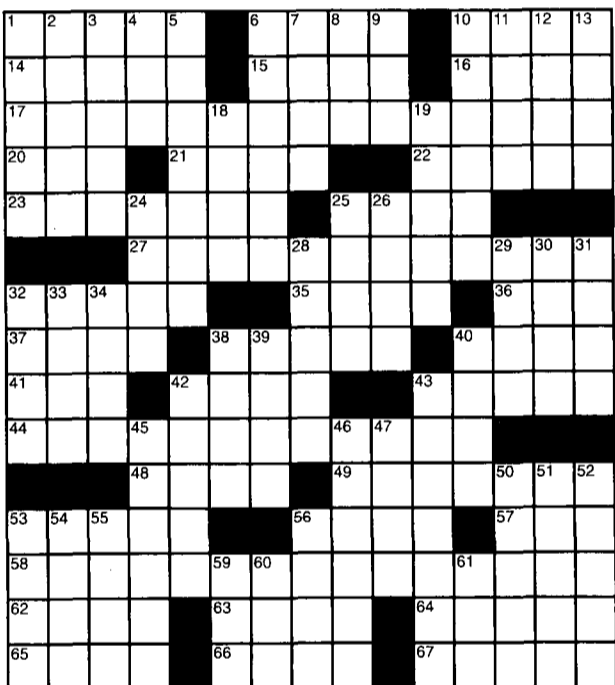


It's always a mystery why some clubs make it and others don't.

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- 1 Old Jewish scholars
 - 6 Accelerator suffix
 - 10 Like some museumgoers
 - 14 Low place
 - 15 Kosovo combatant
 - 16 Knock around
 - 17 Travels with Sinbad, in a way
 - 20 Certain colonist
 - 21 Shadow
 - 22 It may precede "mañana"
 - 23 Knead-y one?
 - 25 Become disenchanting
 - 27 The Beatles and the Dave Clark Five, in a way
 - 32 Like a slug
 - 35 Place for portraits
 - 36 8 pts.
 - 37 Sign to read
 - 38 Chopping firewood, e.g.
 - 40 ___ breve
 - 41 Like Bruckner's Symphony No. 7
 - 42 Increase sharply
 - 43 Super Bowl sight
 - 44 Identical, in a way
 - 48 Bore
 - 49 Duchamp's mustachioed Mona Lisa, e.g.
 - 53 Inverted "e"
 - 56 Statistics calculation
 - 57 Glaswegian's refusal
 - 58 Gold, frankincense and myrrh, in a way

- DOWN**
- 1 Black tea source
 - 2 Safari boss
 - 3 Prepares to cast
 - 4 Word before and after "in"
 - 5 Sonnet parts
 - 6 Vacation memento, maybe
 - 7 Tape recorder part
 - 8 Tolkien beast
 - 9 "ER" network
 - 10 Winner of two Triple Crowns
 - 11 Mythical fliers
 - 12 Mediator's skill
 - 13 Disco standard
 - 18 Lacking play
 - 19 Boorish sort
 - 24 Leave slack-jawed
 - 25 Old phone's lack
 - 26 Look like a wolf
 - 28 Cause of side discomfort?
 - 29 Wrinkly fruit
 - 30 Pilot's place?
 - 31 Prelude to a duel
 - 32 Be het up
 - 33 Hawks' former home



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- 34 Carnival weirdo
- 38 Nightclub of song
- 39 Reagan Cabinet member
- 40 "A New Life" director
- 42 Floral display
- 43 Barrio businesses
- 45 The Perfect Fool
- 46 Mythical dreamboat
- 47 Stationery store purchases
- 50 Conclude
- 51 "Mercure" composer
- 52 Intervening, in law
- 53 Lather
- 54 Blacken
- 55 Epitaph starter
- 56 Miracle workers of '69
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MEN'S SOCCER

Berticelli spirit lives on under Apple

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Dustin Pridmore was strolling across campus the cold day last Jan. 25 when a teammate delivered the news.

Justin Dettler sat at his best friend's house, watching the words slowly flash across the bottom of the screen as ESPN broke the story.

Chris Apple was opening the door after walking his dog when he found out.

Mike Berticelli, the head coach who led Notre Dame Soccer to three of Notre Dame's four NCAA tournament appearances, had passed away suddenly at age 48.

"My initial reaction was I just couldn't believe it," said Pridmore, currently a senior co-captain. "I'd never experienced anything like it. I was in pure shock. I didn't know what to do, it was just disbelief."

Dettler, now a freshman, had just recently committed to playing for the Irish after being recruited by Berticelli. "It was a big shock," said Dettler. "I only met him twice but it already felt like he was a part of my family."

Apple had served as an assistant coach under Berticelli for four seasons, with barely a day passing when the two men didn't see one another. Eight months later, the energetic 30-year-old succeeding his mentor is still emotional when talking about Berticelli.

"I lost a best friend, a mentor and somebody I worked with each day for four years," said Apple. "It took every ounce of courage and strength from the team and I to keep things going and learn things from it. It's one of those things where you ask why and there is no answer."

The support after the tragedy was overwhelming. Phone calls, letters, flowers, and e-mails poured into the soccer office from former players, community members, and many others that Berticelli touched during his 23-year coaching career, which also included stops at Thomas College in his native Maine, UNC-Greensboro and Old Dominion.

"For his funeral the Basilica was



The late Mike Berticelli works with children at a past summer camp. Berticelli coached the Irish from 1990 through his death last January.

standing room only," said Apple. "It was just an amazing outpouring of love honoring a great man."

The administration acted quickly in naming Apple the new head coach. For the young, team reacting to such tragedy, getting back to the game was anything but usual.

"It felt really weird, really odd to look over and not see him standing there and not hearing him saying anything," said Pridmore. "It was really different ... I always expected him to walk up eventually."

Gradually, however, the team adjusted. Apple feels that working through the tragedy brought the young men closer.

"Nothing was done alone throughout that entire time. And that's kind of carried over," said Apple. "I feel that this fall we're more together and working as one rather than a bunch of individuals than ever before."

"The whole family comes together to support one another and the entire fam-

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CROSS COUNTRY

Squads race to rebuild

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Thanks to graduation, the men's and women's cross country teams find themselves forced to replace more than half of the runners

who brought them twin trips to the 1999 NCAA Championships.



Shay

Head coach Joe Piane's men's team hopes to continue to ride the wave of success from last season. In 1999, Notre Dame captured its second Big East cross country championship in three years, finished as the runner-up at the District meet and raced its way to eighth place at the NCAA Championships.

That high-achieving team will be missing a few faces this fall, as Ryan Maxwell, Sean McManus, John Dudley and Mike Greiwe all graduated.

"We're a little thinner than we have been in the past," Piane said. "But there's a ton of potential."

However, the cream of the crop is back and ready to compete in 2000.

Senior Ryan Shay will have a bulls' eye target painted on his back after winning last year's Big East cross country championships and placing 12th in the NCAA cross country championships, followed by an impressive track season. He followed that up by placing 10th in the 10,000-meters this summer in the U.S. Olympic Trials, the top performance by a returning collegiate runner.

"He's one of the premiere runners in the country," Piane said.

After Shay, juniors Luke Watson, Marc Striowski and Pat Conway hope to set the pace for the Irish. Watson was the second Irish runner across the finish line throughout the 1999 season, while Striowski won the Valparaiso Invitational a year ago.

Senior Sean Zanderson and sophomore John Keane will also help the Irish. Keane is in his first season running cross country after playing soccer and running track in high school.

Filling out the Irish lineup will

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FOOTBALL

Quartet of captains set to lead Irish

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

While the forecast for Saturday's season opening tussle with the Texas A&M Aggies calls for sunny skies and smoldering temperatures, four men will be feeling an even more intense heat.

Newly-appointed varsity

football captains, linebacker Anthony Denman, defensive lineman Grant Irons and tight ends Jabari Holloway and Dan O'Leary have the hefty weight of a fallen program lying squarely upon their broad shoulders. It is their mission, their purpose as captains to raise that program back to its once lofty heights.

While being selected a cap-

tain of the Notre Dame football team is without question a fantastic honor, such an appointment also guarantees intense scrutiny and pressure.

"It's a dream come true," said Irons on being named a captain. "I couldn't ask for a better group of individuals to lead."

"Being named a captain shows that your teammates

respect you," Denman added. "But there's pressure that comes with that, too. They're counting on you to make plays."

Irons, too, acknowledged the pressure he and his teammates are faced with.

"I think it comes with the territory," he said. "Any time you play football at the pin-

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GLANCE



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Friday, 4 p.m.



vs. New Mexico
Friday, 9 p.m.



Volleyball
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Sept. 1-2



vs. Tulsa
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



vs. Texas A&M
Saturday, 12 p.m.



vs. Alma
Sept. 4, 4 p.m.



Cross Country
at Valparaiso Inv.
Sept. 9, TBA