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Freshmen elect reps to class council

By JASON McFARLEY
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The Class of 2004 made its initial venture into Notre Dame student government last week, holding elections for freshman class representatives in each of the University's 27 residence halls.

Although the process is not over for the dozen or so students who will square off in run-off elections today, the contests proved a worthwhile experience for the council members whose positions are decided.

"I enjoy student government and thought it would be a good way to meet people in my dorm," said Tai Romero, the Walsh Hall winner. Romero, of Baton Rouge, La., said she has aspirations of advancing in student government and thought the freshman class

council might provide a solid start.

For Matt Heibel, his election as freshman representative from Keenan Hall came as both a surprise and an honor.

"I really didn't participate in student government in high school, but since I want to be a government major, I thought I should get involved in some kind of government," said Heibel, 17, of San Diego.

"It's certainly an honor being elected by your peers," he added.

Badin Hall representative Keri Oxley, 19, said she intends to use her position on the council to "meet campus leaders and make a positive difference in the freshman class."

Oxley, a native of Freemont, Ohio, said she is excited about the

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GALA holds first local reunion

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

Over the last six years, there has been a lot of talk about gays at Notre Dame.

But in all that time, the group which some consider the leader in the fight to extend gay rights on Notre Dame's campus has not gathered here. That changed this weekend, when the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GALA-ND/SMC) held its first ever national meeting in South Bend.

GALA, which is not affiliated with either Notre Dame or Saint Mary's, had not come together at the place which binds all its members since the summer of 1994, when the group began. Past meetings have taken place in Chicago, New York and San Francisco, but meeting at Notre Dame

was different.

"People have mixed feelings," said John Blandford, chair of GALA. "They still have very strong ties, but they have mixed feelings about those ties."

For some gay alumni, this was the first return to a campus where they felt ostracized as undergraduates.

"It was a spooky experience," said Tom O'Neil, who has not been to Notre Dame since the late '70s. "It's like the prodigal son comes home, except that I had to forgive the school."

Blandford said that meeting at Notre Dame was a good thing for the group to do, and it helped some old wounds to heal.

"It was sort of a cathartic experience to come back and feel a part of the University again," he said.

Turnout was good, according

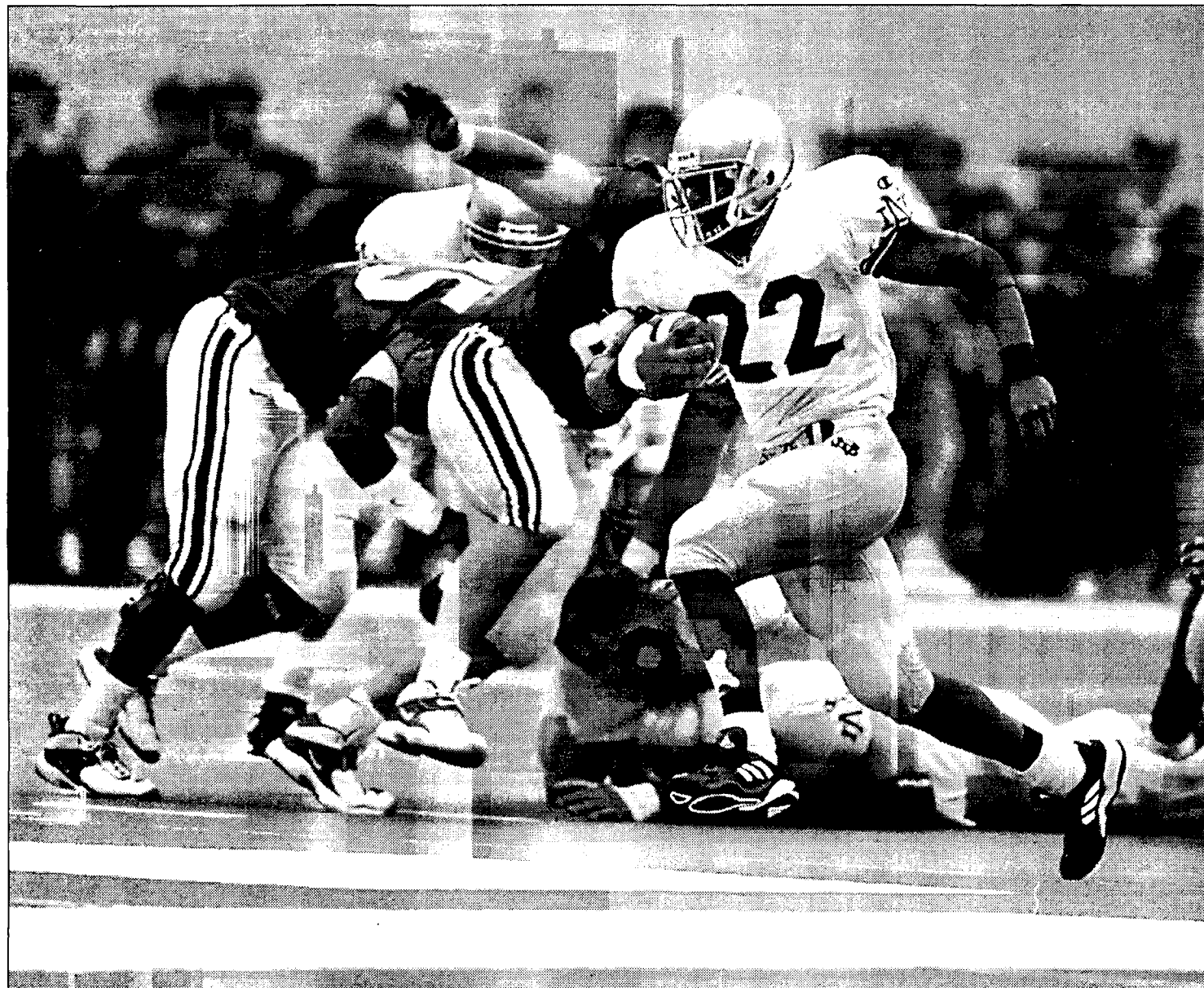
to Blandford, who said that 50 people registered for the entire weekend of events. One hundred and two showed up for the Saturday night banquet.

Saturday morning, there was a panel discussion about anti-gay bias at Notre Dame and across the nation. The Gender Studies department sponsored the talk, which featured alumni, current students and talk show pioneer Phil Donahue, a 1957 alumnus who has been supportive of GALA for years.

"The thought was to evaluate progress at Notre Dame, as relative to the progress nationwide," Blandford said. He said that there has been improvement in treatment of homosexual students. "The general climate is much better among the students than it was in the past."

That night, at the banquet, GALA presented Donahue with its Tom Dooley Award.

LONE RUNNER



Julius Jones (above) received little help from his teammates in Saturday's 27-21 loss to Michigan States. Jones rushed for 126 yards while his teammates totaled only 26 yards. See the Irish Insider for additional details of Saturday's game against the Spartans.

ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

STUDENT SENATE

Senate calls emergency meeting

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Although page 136 of the telephone directory lists Brian Clemency's address as 262 Zahm Hall, he came before the Student Senate Sunday night to appeal the Judicial Council's decision that disqualified him from running for off-campus senator.

The senate unanimously turned down Clemency's appeal.

"The constitution states that a senator must reside in the constituency that he or she represents, but does not say that he or she must only reside in this constituency," said Clemency, who said he also lives at his uncle's house in Granger, Ind.

"It does not prohibit an individual from residing in two places. Nor does it say that some one who lives on campus is not eligible to run from off-campus," he said.

Despite Clemency's argument, Judicial Council president Tony Wagner and vice president John Batters concluded that because Clemency had his mail sent to Zahm and slept most nights on campus, he could not run to represent the off-campus population.

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INSIDE COLUMN

All in the family

Last week, alumnus Jim Arkedis wrote a letter to the editor of The Observer criticizing the paper for what he sees as flaunting its independent status. In his letter, published on Friday, Arkedis complained, "Recent articles harshly criticize the administration and are not relevant to the majority of the campus." Arkedis was, of course, speaking "primarily of the 'gay rights' issue, as he put it. He said The Observer overstepped its bounds as an independent paper because these articles address an issue that affects only a small part of the Notre Dame community.



Erin LaRuffa

Associate
News Editor

Arkedis told his readers to "do the math." However, he failed to point out that The Observer covers many issues that affect only part of the Notre Dame family. For example, the same day that Arkedis' letter ran, there was a news story on the accounting department. Most Notre Dame students are not accounting majors, but those who are accounting majors are part of the Notre Dame community and deserve coverage in the paper. The Observer has also done stories on students who participate in ACE or ROTC. There was a feature story on the first female member of the Irish Guard. Most Notre Dame students are unaffected by ACE, ROTC and the Irish Guard. But students in each group are part of the larger Notre Dame community, and therefore, their stories are relevant to the entire community. Similarly, gay students and student journalists are two other groups which are part of the Notre Dame community. As a paper serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, The Observer should write articles on issues involving and affecting different students at the two schools. Instead, we at The Observer should attempt to reflect the entire community. We must cover as much news as we can. A single article could never encompass all of, or even a majority of, the student body. Many articles are needed to reflect the many diverse interests on our campus. In other words, as much as possible, we must cover all news that affects students, even if it's just a few students. But it's not up to The Observer staff to determine what you care about and write articles only on issues that EVERY student cares about. Our job is to report the news objectively so that, hopefully, members of the community are informed about issues affecting them and others surrounding them.

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

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Exhibit: "Ramiro Rodriguez Exhibition", all day, 230 McKenna Hall.	◆ Lecture: "Ethics in Advertising: The Perspective of the Church", 7 p.m., Jordan Auditorium.	◆ Job fair: "Post Graduate Service Fair", 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Stepan Center.	◆ Lecture: "Science as Art and Imagery", 4 p.m., Snite Museum of Art.
◆ Workshop: "Summer Internship Workshop, 12 p.m., 131 Decio.	◆ Dance: Swing Lessons, 8:30 p.m., 301 Rockne, \$4/lesson, \$30/semester	◆ Meeting: "Interfaith Christian Night Prayer", 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., Morrissey Chapel.	◆ Event: "Acoustic Cafe", 9 p.m., LaFortune.
◆ Movie: "Conversation", 7p.m., Snite Museum.			◆ Movie: "The Godfather", 10:30 p.m., Snite Museum of Art.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Universities snub Napster ban request

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. In a broad rebuke to attorneys representing the artists Metallica and Dr. Dre, four prominent universities rejected the request to ban Napster access on their campuses. The Boston Globe reported Thursday that Harvard University is expected to respond similarly next week. MIT, Stanford University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina all declined to restrict access to the music-sharing service in letters sent to Howard King, the attorney representing Dr. Dre and Metallica. The four universities were the first to respond to the attorney's request for a Napster ban on college campuses.

"Stanford offers its faculty, students and staff connections for digital online communications, online services and network access."

William Abrams
Stanford attorney

In similarly argued letters, the universities claimed that as Internet service providers (ISP), their networks acted simply as conduits of information, and they had no legal responsibility for the misuse of their systems.

"Stanford has no involvement in the alleged infringement described in your letter," wrote William Abrams, an attorney representing Stanford. "Stanford offers its faculty, students and staff connections for digital online communications, online services and network access." Furthermore, the Universities argued that blocking access to Napster was inconsistent with their commitment to the freedom of information. Letters from officials at both Stanford and MIT said they did not approve of copyright infringement, and would refuse to ban Napster. The recent controversy concerning Napster has been a major issue on campuses around the nation.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Study shows sex may extend life

SYRACUSE, N.Y. New research suggests that sex may actually keep your heart healthy, increase your immunity to disease and might even make you physically stronger. Scientists recently studied 51 men between the ages of 20 and 47. Of that group, the men who had sex 16 or more times per month had stronger hearts and lower average blood pressure than guys of the same fitness level and age group who had sex eight times or fewer per month. Sexual intercourse, including foreplay, can burn up to 180 calories an hour. Their theory: By giving guys a way to manage day-to-day difficulties and reducing stress, it also helped them stay in better shape by providing them with one more source of aerobic activity — namely sex. "I don't know where I would be without sex," said Todd Mytkowicz, a senior computer science major at Syracuse University. "I definitely feel that it's made improvements in many parts of my life."

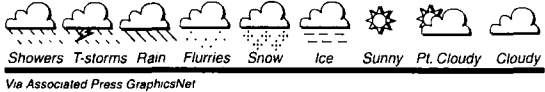
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Bonfire leaders cope with loss

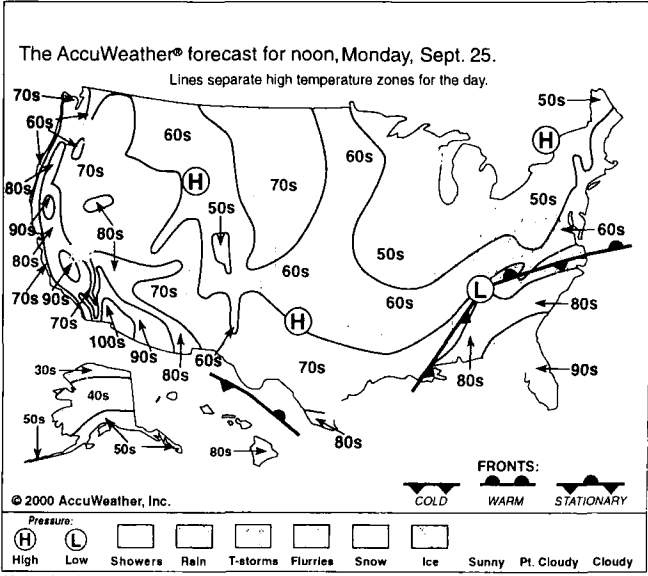
COLLEGE STATION, Texas The first round of tests for the fall semester has come, but some Texas A&M University students must pass a test in a subject far more difficult than calculus or accounting. This time last year, the leaders of the Aggie Bonfire were busy preparing cut sites, giving safety training courses and otherwise preparing for the two-month-long process of constructing the largest bonfire in America. There is a disturbing void where students once sat sharpening axes and painting pots. And, when the time comes for blazing music to arouse the slumbering members of the Fowler, Hughes and Keathley Complex (FHK), there will be an awkward silence. "Sometimes I wake up and think that everything is still the same, that nothing ever happened," said Gran Potter, a crew chief and sophomore business major. "But then something, a picture or a song, will bring it all back. It just feels strange. I still have my pot, and I'm never going to get rid of it. It's just sitting there on a shelf."

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Baltimore	74	47	Memphis	80	62	Sacramento	61	48
Boston	70	49	Milwaukee	50	43	St. Louis	71	58
Chicago	68	48	New York	70	49	Tampa	88	68
Houston	83	48	Philadelphia	75	48	Washington DC	75	49

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's graduates return as professors

By CYD APELLIDO and
STEPHANIE PATKA
News Writers

Sitting in the lecture halls and classrooms, few students envision themselves on the other side of the podium in that very room.

The percentage of faculty that have made that jump, however, is striking. Out of the 1736 faculty at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, 312 received degrees from one of the institutions.

"It's an honor to be back here at Saint Mary's and it's like going back to family," said biology professor Lisa Rania, who majored in English and art history at the College.

After four years at Marquette and Saint Mary's, Rania officially became a Saint Mary's Belle in 1994. She worked as a lab instructor in Saint Mary's in 1995 and finally became a full-time biology professor on campus in 1999.

"At first, it was intimidating to be working with colleagues who were actually my former teachers. However, [biology] Professor [Barbara] Flynn helped me to adjust to the

teaching environment. I love teaching and it's rewarding to get an opportunity to work with other professors who were former Saint Mary's graduates," Rania said.

As a reason for returning to their alma mater, many of the alumni professors said they believe in the mission of the institutions they graduated from and now teach at.

"I believe in what Notre Dame stands for and I wanted to be a part of it. The students do more than get an education. They are taught their responsibility for the betterment of society as a whole," said professor Steven Batill, who received three degrees from the University.

"The University allows the professors to continue to embark on new frontiers. This way, they are continually learning."

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professor

The small class sizes at Saint Mary's is something the alumni appreciate about being a faculty member at the College.

"Saint Mary's still holds true to the tradition of having a small teacher-student ratio.

Although there have been some renovation and technological changes in the school, Saint Mary's still maintains an accessible faculty where the teachers get a chance to interact with their students on a one-on-one basis," said Flynn, who graduated from the College in 1976.

"It's rewarding to go back and teach at Saint Mary's.



DOROTHY GARDER/The Observer

Constance Biegel (above), a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, is now a visiting instructor of chemistry and physics at Saint Mary's. Biegel said she enjoys teaching at Saint Mary's because it allows her to focus on teaching, rather than research.

It's a great feeling to see students improve and progress in their studies. For me, it's also surprising because I am teaching some of my friends' daughters," Flynn said.

Some of the professors have more practical reasons for returning to teach where they received their undergraduate degrees.

"I am planning to go to graduate school in the very near future," says Bridget Green, a 1999 Notre Dame graduate and professor of Spanish. "A position became available to work in the International Studies office and it seemed like the right choice at the time. Besides, it also allows me to be able to teach a class in Spanish which not only helps the students, but me as well."

Green graduated with a degree in Spanish and philosophy and a master's degree in

Spanish literature.

"This is a wonderful University academically," she said. "You can get a lot out of it as a student and as teacher as well."

Aside from those faculty who graduated from the institution they are teaching at, there are numerous faculty who crossed U.S. 31 after graduation.

Constance Biegel, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate is another addition to the Saint Mary's teaching community.

"I like teaching at SMC because it is a four-year institution allowing me to focus on teaching rather than trying to juggle teaching and research at the same time," said Biegel.

William Svemoe, a history professor at Saint Mary's, first earned a masters degree and Ph.D. in history from Notre Dame. He explained that being at Saint Mary's gave

him an opportunity to experience college life.

"I committed to school everyday as an undergraduate student in the University of California and that did not give me a chance to immerse myself in the college scene. Here at Saint Mary's, students get a chance get a chance to participate in many activities taking place on campus. If I have to go to college all over again, I would definitely choose a small private institution like Saint Mary's College," he said.

Svemoe explained that teaching at a women's college is not a big change from a co-ed institution like Notre Dame.

"It doesn't feel any different teaching in a women's college; in fact, I am privileged to get an opportunity to work in a classroom full of great students," he said.

"With AmeriCorps, I saw beyond my neighborhood for the first time."



After graduating from college, Josh Borus joined AmeriCorps to help the youngest members of his community—and he discovered a whole new world. As a teacher's aide in a low-income neighborhood near his home in Boston, Josh worked with students well beyond the regular school hours and provided support they often didn't get at home. "If you see a problem, you have a responsibility to do something about it," Josh says. "AmeriCorps gave me that chance."



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Council

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opportunity to serve her class. "I'm interested in listening to ideas from others' on campus and incorporating them into student government," she said.

But some representatives will move into their council positions with less defined agendas.

"A lot of people are talking about their plans and ideas, but I'm just not sure yet. I don't know what to expect," Romero said.

That's one reason why in the first few months after the council is formed it will receive direction from more experienced student governors.

Each year the Student Senate appoints a sophomore student advisor to guide the newly-elected council throughout its first year of existence. This year Brian Moscona, a freshman representative from Stanford Hall a year ago, will fill that role.

"I'll be there to explain how the system works and to give them ideas about what they can do as a council. Basically, I'm just there to help them make their council effective," said Moscona, who also serves as sophomore class president.

Moscona said he will attend the freshman council's weekly

meetings, give them a tour of the student government offices in the LaFortune Student Center and introduce council members to the faculty and student leaders with whom they'll be working. Moscona said he also plans to make the freshmen familiar with handling required paperwork, operating the treasury and getting events approved.

The sophomore class council will also serve as a supportive body for the freshmen, according to Moscona.

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Tai Romero
Walsh Hall representative

Once all freshman council positions are determined, Moscona said members will have a busy few months ahead of them. Next week, the 27 representa-

tive will elect four executive officers — a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer — from among them. Then, they'll have to organize their class concession stand for the Nov. 11 Boston College football game.

Moscona also said he'll encourage the council to devise a class T-shirt for sale at the concession stand.

"We want to encourage them to do all that they can. But ultimately we want them to take control and be leaders of their class," Moscona said.

And that's the purpose of the council, according to Heibel.

"It's great to get together with people who want to do the same thing as you — be student leaders," he said.

Notre Dame Freshman Class Council Election Results

Alumni Hall ♦ *No information available*
Badin Hall ♦ *Keri Oxley*
Breen-Phillips Hall ♦ *Primary election today*
Carroll Hall ♦ *Adam Krenn*
Cavanaugh Hall ♦ *Jessica Lebowitz*
Dillon Hall ♦ *No information available*
Farley Hall ♦ *Colleen Bell*
Fisher Hall ♦ *Run-off election today, Greg Celio and Nick Williams*
Howard Hall ♦ *Lauren Beck*
Keenan Hall ♦ *Matt Heibel*
Keough Hall ♦ *Run-off election today, Al Peetz and Luke Slonkosky*
Knott Hall ♦ *Jeffrey Newcamp*
Lewis Hall ♦ *Stephanie Rochel*
Lyons Hall ♦ *Primary election Tuesday*
McGlenn Hall ♦ *Rebecca Williams*
Morrissey Hall ♦ *Jason King*
O'Neill Hall ♦ *No information available*
Pangborn Hall ♦ *Beth Guzowski*
Pasquerilla East Hall ♦ *No information available*
Pasquerilla West Hall ♦ *Carmen Roman*
Seigfried Hall ♦ *Run-off election today, Rob Keller and Derek Schmitt*
Sorin Hall ♦ *Pat Hallahan*
St. Edward's Hall ♦ *Stephen Garcia*
Stanford Hall ♦ *Run-off election today, Kevin Conley and Phuc Nguyen*
Walsh Hall ♦ *Tai Romero*
Welsh Family Hall ♦ *Jazmin Garcia*
Zahm Hall ♦ *Run-off election today, Pat McGarry and Dan Maguire*

Senate

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Clemency said he was using the Granger address "for the purpose of the election" and therefore Wagner concluded Clemency could not claim off-campus residency. The senate unanimously sided with Judicial Council and said that because Clemency has a room in Zahm Hall, reasonably, he could not run for off-campus senator.

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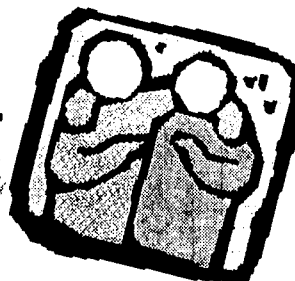


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The Dooley Award was formally conferred to Mr. Donahue on Saturday, September 23 at GALA-ND/SMC's *Reunion 2000* Banquet at South Bend's Union Station.

Reunion 2000 is the first official gathering of GALA-ND/SMC members in South Bend since 1994. GALA has no official affiliation with—and receives no support from—the University of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's College. Our strength and support come from our membership and our numbers.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Former Peru spy chief flees bribery scandal: Peru's ousted spy chief fled Sunday to Panama, triggering opposition demands that President Alberto Fujimori's government explain how the former top aide eluded arrest and prosecution over a bribery scandal at home. Though Fujimori faced opposition anger, the escape of Vladimiro Montesinos could resolve for him the potentially dangerous question of what to do with his former aide, who it was feared could rally his powerful allies in the military to his side if prosecuted. Montesinos' pre-dawn flight, made in secrecy, came after Latin American countries, backed by the United States, urged Panama to take him in despite its earlier refusal — apparently to smoothe Peru's way out of its political crisis.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gas prices stay high: Gasoline prices remained steady over the past two weeks, with no immediate impact from President Clinton's decision to tap 30 million barrels of oil from emergency stockpiles, an analyst said Sunday. The Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide found that the average price of all grades, plus taxes, was \$1.62 per gallon Friday. It was a tenth of a cent per gallon lower than prices the survey found two weeks ago, but 28 cents per gallon higher than for the same period a year ago. Analyst Trilby Lundberg said that prices likely wouldn't drop to 1999 levels any time soon.

Two arrested in postgame brawl: A Florida youth football game ended in a brawl with more than 100 parents, coaches and teenage players shouting and shoving one another and throwing punches after an overtime touchdown won the game. Police on Sunday were still debating who started Saturday's melee between the teams of 14- and 15-year-olds from Port Orange and Winter Springs.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Judge will hear abortion case: A Marion County judge hears final arguments this week from attorneys for the Indiana Attorney General's office and two abortion clinics seeking to overturn Indiana's abortion law. The clinics want the courts to overturn the state's current abortion law, which permits Medicaid funding of abortions only if the woman's life is in danger or she is a victim of rape or incest. Lawyers for the Clinic for Women in Indianapolis and Women's Pavilion in South Bend say the law violates Indiana's Constitution because it discriminates against pregnant women.

YUGOSLAVIA



Protesters run as Yugoslav police separate pro and anti-Milosevic rallies in Belgrade Sunday. Supporters of opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica took to the streets when they heard that he was winning. AFP Photo

The end may be near for Milosevic

◆ Challenger claims victory in election

Associated Press

BELGRADE — With the opposition claiming victory, Slobodan Milosevic was locked in a bitter election race Sunday that could spell the end of his 13 years in power, after Yugoslavs turned out in large numbers in chaotic voting.

Hours after polls closed, it appeared the best that Milosevic could hope for was to head into a runoff Oct. 8 against his strongest challenger, Vojislav Kostunica.

Kostunica's supporters claimed he had won outright and — after a day when vote monitors reported widespread irregularities — accused Milosevic of trying to manipulate the vote count to force a runoff.

"There is no doubt that we overwhelmingly won on all levels," said opposition campaign manager Zoran Djindjic. "Milosevic has to seriously understand the judgment of history, and he shouldn't gamble any longer. He has to recognize the defeat. It seems, this is the end of his career."

Sensing a dramatic turn, huge crowds of opposition supporters streamed into

the streets of downtown Belgrade late Sunday to await official results. Helmed riot police carrying shields and armed with tear gas launchers cordoned off the group but later withdrew after a concert by Milosevic's supporters ended.

Similar gatherings were reported in Nis, Novi Sad, Cacak and several other towns in Yugoslavia's main republic Serbia. There were no immediate reports of clashes.

Early Monday, the state election commission suspended the official count for the night without announcing any results. Kostunica's supporters said they would offer proof

that their candidate had won the election, while political parties issued differing figures they said were based on their poll watchers' reports.

Cedomir Jovanovic, spokesman of Kostunica's Democratic Opposition of Serbia, said that based on returns from 45 percent of 10,000 polling stations, Kostunica was leading with 57 percent to 33 percent for Milosevic. Three other candidates are in the race.

Milosevic's Socialist Party claimed the president was leading Kostunica by about 46.87 percent to 38.6 percent based on returns from 754 polling stations.

VENEZUELA

OPEC faces challenges at summit

Associated Press

CARACAS — "Venezuela Promotes Global Harmony," trumpets the two-story banner draped in front of the Caracas theater where OPEC leaders are holding their first summit in 25 years this week.

But the police and bomb-sniffing dogs in the banner's shadow and the global clamor over oil prices suggest otherwise.

President Clinton's efforts to push down oil prices drew clashing reactions from leaders of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, who find themselves under immense pressure to boost production. What had been billed as a feel-good summit on long-term OPEC strategy has become a wild card that will gauge the 11-nation cartel's efforts at solidarity.

"We are not going to allow ourselves to be pushed into [releasing] more oil than the market needs," OPEC

Secretary General Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria insisted Sunday. "The last time we did that, the prices went down to \$10 a barrel ... and nobody was sorry for us."

Venezuela, which holds the rotating OPEC presidency, insists the cartel is unified — and that no production decisions will be made during the summit, which runs Tuesday through Thursday. That issue will come up at an OPEC meeting in Vienna in November, members say.

Market Watch 9/22

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DELL COMPUTER (DELL)	-5.27	-1.99	35.94
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.33	-0.81	60.31
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Monica Lewinsky to appear on British TV

Associated Press

LONDON
Monica Lewinsky, whose affair with President Clinton made her a celebrity in the United States, will be reporting on American culture for a British television network, her publicist said Sunday.

The former White House intern has agreed to host six 4-minute segments dubbed "Postcards from Monica" for Britain's Channel 5, according to Juli Nadler, Lewinsky's spokeswoman.

Nadler said the segments would be a "lighthearted look at American pop culture for British viewers." She declined to say how much Lewinsky

would be paid.

Though the segments will air in November, Lewinsky won't be reporting on the United States' major event of that month — the presidential election.

"Monica's agreement with ITN, Channel 5, stipulates what has always been her position — that she refuses to make any public comment on any political issues, including the U.S. elections," Nadler said.

Clinton's affair with Lewinsky led to his impeachment trial last year in the Senate. He was acquitted.

Since the scandal, Lewinsky has written a book and has started her own line of handbags.

LIECHTENSTEIN

Banks abolish nameless accounts

◆ Bankers of tiny nation hope to fend off critics

Associated Press

VADUZ

Liechtenstein's bankers said Thursday they have formally approved the abolition of anonymous accounts, fulfilling a commitment they made two months ago under pressure to clamp down on money laundering.

The decision, which goes into effect Oct. 1, was made at a special general meeting of the Liechtenstein Bankers Association, which stressed that bank customer secrecy is otherwise intact.

Beginning next month, banks will require lawyers and other intermediaries to disclose the names of the depositors they represent. The banks then will check out the identities themselves.

They also will check the identities of existing anonymous account holders. "The banks hope to complete the work by the end of 2001 at the latest," their association said in a statement.

The Alpine principality of 32,000 people has been in the international spotlight over the past year following the publication of allegations that it is a favored location for organized criminals and drug traffickers to launder money.

In June, it was placed on a blacklist of nations accused of failing to cooperate in the fight against the concealment of illegally earned funds. The government has pushed through a

package of measures to tighten the law.

"With the new policy, the bankers association is acting decisively to counter the criticism against Liechtenstein with concrete measures," the bankers' association said. Sanctions for failing to comply would include exclusion from the group.

The bankers have said that some clients, such as founda-

tions, may refuse to disclose their identity and decide to withdraw their funds.

The "Know Your Customer" requirement has been applied in neighboring Switzerland over the past decade to halt foreign potentates and criminals from using so-called numbered accounts to hide ill-gotten gains.

An estimated one-third of Liechtenstein bank deposits are placed by intermediaries.

SPOTLIGHT ON LIECHTENSTEIN

Perched in the Alps between Switzerland and Austria, this tiny principality has attracted billions of dollars in wealth from foreign investors. But outsiders allege Liechtenstein is an international money laundering haven, forcing authorities here into an unprecedented clampdown against white collar crime.

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Area: 62 sq. miles

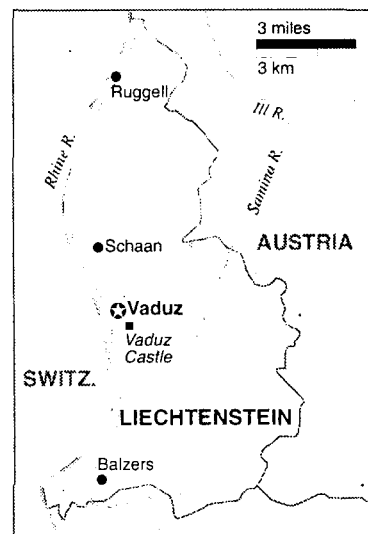
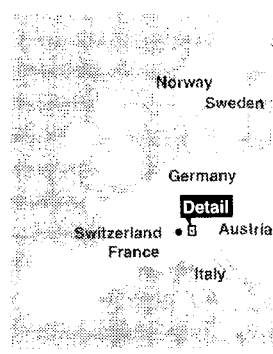
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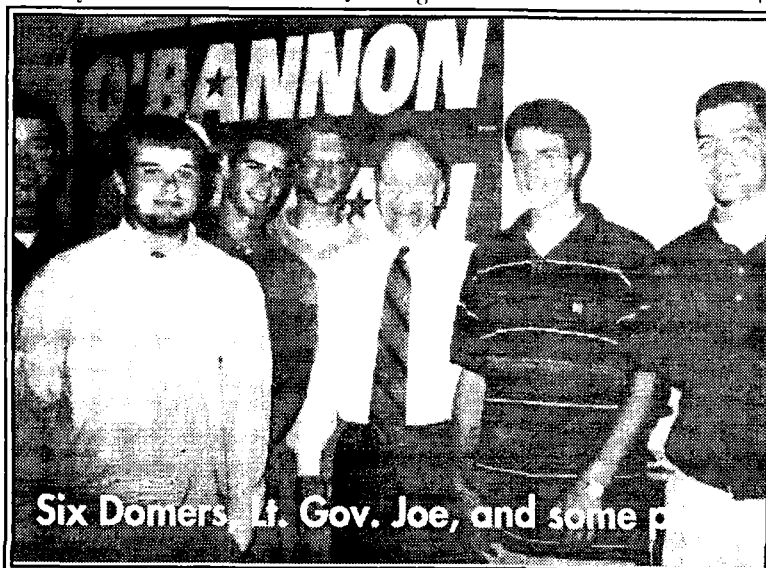


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Clinton, Lazio reach soft money ban agreement

◆ Candidates make history with ad ban pledge

Associated Press

NEW YORK

It's a historic development in the nation's most-watched Senate race: Hillary Rodham Clinton and her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, have banned soft-money ads from their campaigns.

On Sunday, as both sides jostled to take credit, watchdog groups cheered — but also expressed skepticism.

"We've never had two candidates agree not to spend money that they could have had," said Larry Makinson of the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington, D.C. "I'm surprised. And like the campaigns themselves, I'm a little wary that it will stick."

The two campaigns reached a deal late Saturday that prohibits the political parties endorsing them from airing TV and radio ads boosting their candidates or attacking their opponents. That applies to the Republican and Conservative parties on his side and the Democratic, Liberal and Working Families parties on her side.

Violations will be punished reciprocally: If one side buys \$100,000 worth of air time, the other side can do the same.

The agreement does not ban direct mail or get-out-the-vote efforts.

Matt Keller, deputy legislative director of Common Cause, a watchdog group in Washington, said it would be the first major campaign in which both leading candidates signed such a pledge.

"The best thing about it is that it shows they're trying to address soft money; the worst thing is, we think it's more politics than actual reform," said Rachel Leon, executive director of Common Cause-NY. "If the candidates wanted to show they're serious

about this, they would both pledge to pass a soft-money ban when they're elected."

Lazio said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that the voluntary agreement between the two campaigns showed "we can lead without a law being in place."

Soft money refers to unlimited funds collected by political parties. While hard money contributions, limited to \$2,000 per donor, can be used for ads that advocate voting for or against a candidate, soft money can only be used to advocate an issue, boost a candidate or attack a candidate, rather than stating, "Vote for so-and-so."

Should soft money be banned, Lazio could have an advantage. The latest federal filings showed his

campaign had more hard money than hers — \$10.2 million to \$7.1 million.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who made campaign finance reform his top issue in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, praised it as a "bold agreement" on soft money.

"The New York race would have been one of the most soft money controlled elections in the history of Senate elections," McCain said, "but these two candidates have taken a risk that can only benefit the future of our democracy."

"We've never had two candidates agree not to spend money that they could have had."

Larry Makinson
Center for Responsive Politics

Gore denies knowledge of tape

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

Vice President Al Gore declared Sunday that he doesn't know how his campaign ended up with a bootleg videotape of George W. Bush rehearsing for next month's debates.

But, he told reporters, "If somebody in the Bush campaign keeps sending confidential internal data to us, we'll keep turning it over to the FBI."

That comment, in a conference call with reporters, came as the two camps traded new accusations over the mysterious package — and whether there is a Gore spy in Bush's campaign.

Bush operatives seized upon the Gore campaign's suspension of a junior staffer in the matter to hurl new accusations at Gore's Nashville, Tenn.-based operation.

"The more the FBI inquires, the more nervous they're getting in Nashville," said Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer.

The Gore staffer, Michael Doyne, 28, was suspended after he acknowledged boasting of a "mole" planted in Bush's campaign.

Doyne now insists the "mole" was a product of his imagination and Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said campaign officials do not believe there is any such Democratic spy.

But Fleischer said Doyne's suspension "raises questions on whether others in the Gore campaign have information" obtained through political espionage.

"It defies credibility," Fleischer said of the whole incident.

GOP running mate Dick Cheney said there's cause for concern. "There seems to be a little bit of smoke there. Whether or not there's a fire, I don't know," he said on ABC's "This Week."

On Sept. 13, a package including the tape arrived at the Washington office of former Rep. Thomas Downey of New York, who had been helping Gore prepare for the debates. It had an Austin postmark.

Gore told reporters that Doyne "has signed a sworn affidavit that he has no knowledge whatsoever of any so-called mole or Gore sympathizer within the George Bush presidential campaign. That's all I know about it."

As to the tape, "I don't know who sent it," Gore said. "I've read the reports that the FBI has identified a Bush campaign official as the person responsible but I have no knowledge other than that."

Bush campaign officials have denied strongly that anyone involved in debate preparations sent the tape to Gore's campaign.

However, they have not ruled out the possibility that a junior staffer may have stumbled upon a copy of the tape and passed it on, or that a security lapse may have allowed the tape to be copied outside campaign headquarters.

FBI agents were in Austin on Friday interviewing staffers with direct access to debate preparation material.

Both candidates stayed close to home Sunday — Gore in Washington, Bush in Austin — while the race was conducted by conference calls laying out the coming week.

Handling his own phone work, Gore promised a "detailed book" — 74 pages, an aide said — on how he would modernize and expand Medicare.

"Medicare faces insolvency unless we act now. I want to make a rock-solid commitment to Medicare," Gore said. "The other side treats the surplus as a piggybank for a tax cut."

Bush, just back from a two-day trip to Florida, was leaving Monday on a three-day trip to Oregon, Washington state and California during which he will promote his education plans.

Timed to coincide the trip is a new Republican National Committee ad suggesting the nation is in the grips of an "education recession."

Citing low test scores, particularly on math and science, the ad implies that part of the blame rests with the Clinton-Gore administration. It also praises Bush's record as governor of Texas.

Bush's camp also welcomed new weekend polls suggesting he had reclaimed some of his losses to Gore. It also confirmed reports of sharply reduced advertising in Illinois, a key battleground state, but denied that was because the campaign felt Gore's lead there had become unassailable.



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Citizens blame US law in ambassador fracas

Associated Press

JERUSALEM
In a country where rule-breaking has always been the rule, the American penchant for laws and regulations has long been the butt of jokes — but no one's laughing now that the U.S. ambassador's security clearance has been suspended for sloppy handling of sensitive materials.

Israelis sympathized with Martin Indyk — admired here for his dedication to peace-making — and scorned an unforgiving American bureaucracy.

"The mishap that is liable to dash his career could only have happened in America," wrote columnist Nahum Barnea in Sunday's Yediot Ahronot. He blamed the suspension on "American stiffness."

Indyk's indiscretion involved the use of an unclassified, government-owned laptop computer to prepare classified memorandums about discussions with foreign leaders, said a source outside the State Department who is familiar with the investigation.

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Nahum Barnea
columnist

"I regret that my trying to do the best possible job under very difficult conditions has led to the temporary suspension of my security clearances," Indyk said in a statement.

Eitan Haber, who has been Indyk's friend since the heady days of the peace process's launching in 1993 — President Clinton had just hired Indyk as an adviser, and Haber was a senior aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin — said the ambassador was guilty only of enthusiasm for his job.

"He took his work home with him," Haber told Israel TV. "We all do."

The same laws in Israel are universally honored in the breach, Haber said.

"If the laws were applied, the truth is, myself and virtually every Cabinet minister would all be sitting next to Ariele Deri," a former interior minister jailed recently for bribe-taking.

Israelis pride themselves on rule-breaking — according to their national myth, it's how the small state survived surrounded by their Arab enemies.

California mulls car seat laws

Associated Press

WEST SACRAMENTO

Rare is the day Victoria Williams' two children, ages 1 and 2, don't try to wriggle out of their car seats.

"I'll be driving down the highway and have to pull over because they are totally out of their seats," Williams says. "They hate those things."

Given their disdain for the straps and hard plastic, Anthony and Brandon won't appreciate the effects of a bill awaiting Gov. Gray Davis' signature that, if signed, would require they be strapped into booster seats until age 6 or until they reach 60 pounds.

If Davis signs the legislation, California will be the first state to institute such a booster seat rule. A similar law passed earlier this year in Washington is expected to go into effect shortly after California would begin in January 2002.

Similar legislation has been discussed in Idaho, Texas and Colorado. In New York, a bill to require booster seats until age 7 was sunk by the state Senate.

Sen. Jackie Speier, a Daly City Democrat whose husband died in a car crash, sponsored the California bill, contending that standard seat belts are designed for adults and fail to protect young children.

A small child can slip out of a standard seat belt in a collision and be thrown from the vehicle, or receive serious

internal injuries or cuts from the belt falling in the wrong place, she said.

Child safety seats — typically costing \$30 to \$100 — raise a child so the lap belt fits over the pelvis and the shoulder strap fits across the chest.

California currently requires the seats for children up to age 4 or 40 pounds.

Speier aides say they are "cautiously optimistic" the governor will sign the bill. Davis has not said whether he will sign it or not. He rejected

a proposal last year to legislate booster seats for children up to age 7 because the bill lacked a weight limit.

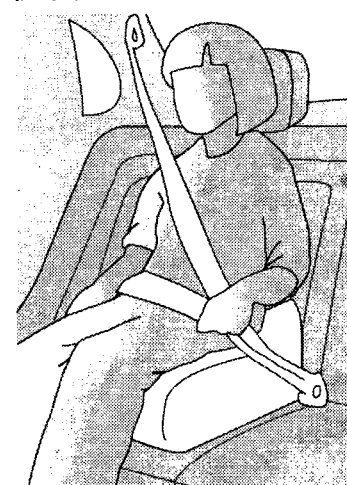
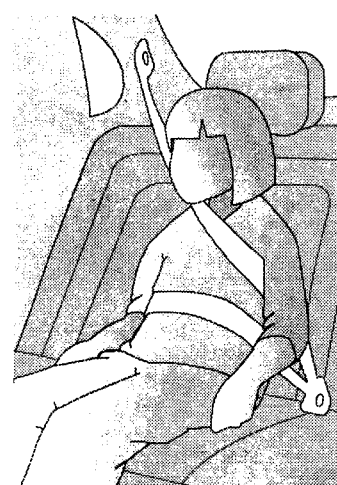
In addition to increasing the age required for booster seats, the new bill would double the fine to \$100 for first-time violators. Subsequent infractions would be \$250. Part of the money collected from the fines would remain in the communities for use in child passenger safety education programs that would loan or offer discounts on booster seats.

Boosting child safety

California could be the first state to require that children in cars use booster seats — a hard foam piece that lifts a child at least six inches off the seat — until they are 6 years old or weigh 60 pounds.

Without a booster seat

With a booster seat



Booster seats for children weighing between 40 pounds and 60 pounds require both a lap and shoulder belt to meet government safety requirements for head and neck injury protection.

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Questioning Knight's reputation

Two weeks ago, Indiana University fired head basketball coach Bob Knight. Three national championships (including the undefeated 1976 team), 11 Big Ten titles and 763 career wins ensure Knight's place among the game's greatest coaches, but, perhaps unfairly, they will not be why he's remembered.

Scott Blaszak

The Early Essays

Controversy plagued Knight's 29-year reign at Indiana, and as a result of his teams' lack of success over the last decade, his acrimonious behavior became even more magnified.

I, myself, have always liked Knight. As college basketball grows more and more dominated by the highlight reel, with showy, egotistical athletes stripping control and respect away from lax coaches, Knight's hard, no-nonsense instruction and disciplined, unselfish system remain a refreshing throwback.

And it's not like everything you hear about him is factual. Sure, there was a thrown chair and that whole deal down in Puerto Rico, but the media has done wonders to blow Coach Knight's temper out of proportion. Don't believe me? Below is a list of Knight's most outlandish career lowlights. Not all of them are true. See if you can decipher the veritable incidences from the erroneous rumors I found rocketing across the Internet. Answers are given at the end.

Here we go:

1. 1975-76: Upset over two turnovers, Knight jerks sophomore Jim Wisman by

his jersey into his seat.

2. 1979: Knight is convicted and sentenced to six months in jail for striking a Puerto Rican policeman while serving as the U.S. basketball coach at the Pan American Games. In 1987, Puerto Rico ceases efforts to extradite him.

3. 1980: Knight is banned from continental Africa for attempting to bring back Nigerian slaves for insertion into his injury-depleted front court in exchange for molasses.

4. 1981: In Philadelphia for the Final Four, Knight involves himself in a shoving match with an LSU fan, who alleges that Knight stuffed him in a garbage can.

5. 1984-85: Knight hurls chair across Assembly Hall in a game against Purdue. For this he is ejected and suspended one game by the Big Ten. He later apologizes.

6. 1986-87: Incensed by his power forward's failure to provide weakside help in a home game versus Valparaiso, Knight shoots sophomore Dugan Thomas seven times in the chest with a vintage WWII revolver that once belonged to Knight's hero, George Patton. He later apologizes.

7. 1988: During an NBC interview with Connie Chung, when asked how he manages stress, Knight says, "I think that if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it."

8. 1989: Five minutes into the follow-up interview, Connie Chung asks Knight about his policy of banning women reporters from his locker room before and after games. Outraged that a woman is asking this question, Knight stuffs Connie Chung in a garbage can.

9. 1993-94: During a timeout on the

road at Michigan State, Knight unintentionally head butts Indiana freshman Sherron Wilkerson.

10. 1994-95: Unhappy with the pre-game analysis at a home game vs. Carnegie Mellon, Knight intentionally head butts ESPN commentator Dick Vitale, who had attacked I.U.'s non-conference schedule for being "cupcake city."

11. March 2000: A videotape surfaces supporting Neil Reed's 1997 allegation that Knight choked him during a practice. Reports of other incidents emerge, one in which Knight threw a vase at a university secretary, and another in which Knight, disguised as the most cunning of all animals, offered the forbidden quince to an unassuming Eve.

12. Sept. 7, 2000: Knight grabs Indiana student by the arm and lectures him about manners after the student greets him with, "Hey, Knight."

13. Sept. 8, 2000: On a fishing trip in Canada, Knight misconstrues sarcasm in his guide's small talk, ties him up with fishing line and uses him for the better part of the evening as an anchor. The guide had simply said, "What a nice night."

Thanks for playing. Here are the answers.

1. T; 2. T; 3. F; 4. T; 5. T; 6. F; 7. T; 8. F; 9. T; 10. F; 11. mostly T; 12. T; 13. F.

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A free press can of course be good or bad, but, most certainly, without freedom it will never be anything but bad ... Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worse."

Albert Camus
author



Jumping into ND social scene, gender relations

Among the misfortunes that befell me in my "summer from hell" that I didn't mention in my last column was the ending of a six-month relationship with my girlfriend. My friend Amy describes the reason for our breakup as "overkill": we had a long-distance relationship in which we couldn't stand being apart, but it didn't really work well when we were close, either. I eventually got over it, though, and rubbed my hands with eager anticipation over the prospect of joining the Notre Dame social scene for the first time as an unattached guy.

God, am I disappointed.

The ND social scene, I soon figured out, consists predominantly of getting plastered and "hooking up." Now, although I have a solid idea, I'm not quite sure what the latter means, chiefly because I haven't managed to achieve it yet. This sticks me in the embarrassing position of having to — gulp! — ask people for advice.

What normally happens is that I try to solicit suggestions from someone rational (read as: "sober"), and invariably, I'm interrupted by a guy who has apparently consumed his own weight in Natty Light.

"Duuuuude," he thoughtfully begins, "just compliment her shoes and you're in, maaaaan." As I write, "Compliment shoes," in a pocket notebook, someone else with a blood alcohol content of somewhere around 0.7 offers a dissenting opinion: "No way, maaaaan, say you like her hair, duuuuude." And these two gentlemen argue amongst themselves until they nearly come to blows, but soon realize that if they do engage in fisticuffs, they'll have to put down their beers. So they just agree to disagree and then toast to their renewed friendship.

It took me almost 15 minutes to realize that even the best advice in this area is inherently useless and that I have no choice but to swallow my fears and just talk to women. Sounds easy, and for many guys it is, but I have a rather chronic and acute condition of "foot-in-mouth syndrome." Men the world over recognize this as the occasional action of saying or doing something remarkably and irrevocably stupid in the presence of a female. For me, it seems, it's not a question of if, but of when and how severe. Add this to a recent bout of acne the likes of which I haven't experienced since I was 14 (since cleared up, thanks to approximately six gallons of Noxzema), and I can sometimes feel like a raging geyser of uncoolness.

It's just as well, anyway, because I find the whole concept of hook-ups repugnant and a cheap substitute for a meaningful and truly satisfying relationship. A cynic would attest here that I only feel comfortable saying that because I'm not getting any, which is partially true. A hookup would be infinitely better than the giant sack of jack-squat I have now, but I'd much rather have some kind of lasting bond.

Fat chance.

All one has to do to discover the pitiful state of gender relations in the bubble is look at the polls and message boards on ndtoday.com, check out Tyler Whately's cartoon on Sept. 13, which equates dating at ND to prehistoric mating rituals or listen to angry guys lob chauvinistic slurs like "ice queens" to rationalize their own strikeouts.

But I'm extending the blame too far if I impugn my environment for my dismal results. After all, Monk Malloy isn't the one supplying me tips ("Duuuuude, say you like her chastity, maaaaan"). The clearest reason of why I'm having no luck is because, well, I'm not very good at any of this.

Analyzing my failures is an easy task. When I see a female that renders me absolutely thunderstruck, I realize that she is attractive, and assume that she is intelligent and charming — and therefore wholly uninterested in a doofus like me whose best pickup line is, "Wanna look at my ... column?" (It's not as successful as you might think). And if I do manage to survive the small talk without blowing it, I freeze up when it comes time to ask for the all-important phone number. This is because asking for her digits is practically an overt statement that I find her attractive, so instead of summoning some charm and bravado, I usually cram my foot in my mouth, whether it wants in or not.

Over the years, a lot of people have compared me to D-Bob from Rudy. He found somebody here, so I guess that's reason to be optimistic. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm gonna grab my notebook and my Noxzema and head out on the scene. By the way ... nice shoes. And I love what you've done with your hair.

Mike Marchand is an off-campus senior English major and a Cancer who enjoys candlelit dinners and long walks on the beach. He would like to thank Amy, Megan, Noelle and M.B. for their continued support. He also wants to remind any females who are somewhat interested in dating him that he has an unoccupied ticket in the seventh row to see "Weird Al" Yankovic at the Morris Center on Oct. 1. His e-mail address is Marchand.3@nd.edu.

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Former editor defends
journalistic freedom

Alumnus criticizes
bias, policy

As a former Observer editorial board member, I may not be the right person to respond to The Observer independence issue. Nevertheless, I write to address 1. the importance of maintaining The Observer's independent status; and 2. the misconception that The Observer has abused its independent status in recent years.

First, I do not think that anyone can deny the importance of an independent newspaper in a community to promote knowledge and discussion about salient issues. As Observer Editor in Chief Mike Connolly explained at the recent Student Senate meeting, in order for the ND community to believe the news reported about the administration, The Observer must have the independence to question that same administration. Take away the independent status of the paper and you take away its credibility and its worth to the community.

Secondly, it is a complete misconception to state that The Observer has abused its independent status by reporting on the gay rights issues in the past years, especially when that criticism stems from the argument that gay rights issues affect too small a percentage of the community to merit significant news space. If the relevancy of news articles was decided based on numbers, progress would never occur. Just because a minority of the community feels the direct effects of the gay rights issues does not mean it is not a salient issue that all people should have an opportunity to read about. The Observer editorial board does not create the news; it reports the news as it happens. Doing so does not abuse its independent status or cloud its objective view.

In a time when criticism of media sensationalism is abundant, let us not be too quick to judge any publication that reports on controversial issues. As the threat of the loss of its independent status looms closer, I challenge the student body to express to the administration the importance of maintaining this independent status. Have faith in your current editorial board that they will continue to report the issues that affect daily life on campus. And when they fail to do so, cherish the freedom to take your complaints directly to the student editors making their own independent decisions.

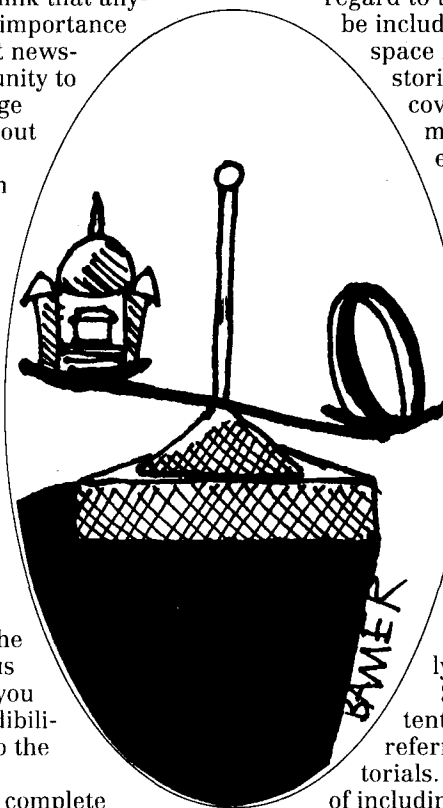
In regard to the possibility of the University revoking the independent status of The Observer, I would like to make several points.

First, no newspaper is unbiased. Many do a good job at rooting out bias, but complete neutrality is impossible due to the unavoidable reality that a newspaper has only so much space to print news. Even without regard to the slant of the stories that will be included, the fact that there is limited space forces editors to decide which stories and topics will be extensively covered, and which will be covered minimally or not at all. A perfect example is the disproportionate amount of coverage GLND/SMC and similar organizations have received from The Observer over the past few years. The question is not whether the newspaper is to have a bias. The question is who will control the bias. The University has apparently decided that it has had enough and that it would rather be in charge. If they fund the paper, then they have every right to do that. If the University doesn't fund the paper, then The Observer will just have to alter their production and distribution if they wish to continue to exist independently.

Secondly, The Observer is consistently and unabashedly biased. I am referring to the news articles and editorials. The Observer does a decent job of including all sides of issues in the "letters to the editor." But with regard to issues dealing with Catholic teachings, The Observer often crosses the line into Protestantism. I am not a holier-than-thou Catholic, either. I am an agnostic, but it doesn't take faith to recognize heresy, just a correctly reasoning mind. It is a natural, human reaction for the editors to be suspicious and critical of the University for revoking their independence. But for Mr. Connolly to imply that The Observer is somehow necessarily unbiased simply because it is independent is disingenuous at best.

Thirdly, to claim that "journalistic credibility" would be damaged might be taking yourselves a bit too seriously. The Observer is a campus newspaper. It is a tool to inform students of campus events and issues. It's not the Washington Post. Most people read the sports, the cartoons and maybe the editorials. In my four years at ND I never had a friend say to me anything remotely resembling, "Hey, did you see that article about the Student Senate's resolution on the University Board of Directors' resolution on on-campus meetings of non-University sponsored organizations? How gripping!"

Ask yourself this before criticizing the University: why should any institution willfully perpetuate a publication that is consistently critical of its policies; moreover, in this case, why should an institution with a formal Catholic affiliation perpetuate a publication that often espouses opinions that are in direct conflict with papal dictates and Church doctrine?



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St. Ed's embraces class and dignity

By RYAN MOODIE
Scene Writer

Nestled in a small niche of campus and not quite on any quad, St. Edward's Hall literally sits in the shadow of the dome. Named in honor of St. Edward King of England, Father Sorin's patron saint, St. Ed's is the oldest dorm on campus, constructed in 1882. Nearly a century after it opened its doors to students, the dorm nearly closed them forever.

Twenty years ago, in 1980, the entire fourth floor and much of the wing was gutted by fire. University officials had to decide whether to remodel the dorm or demolish it in favor of a newer building. In honor of St. Edward's Hall's long history, the University rebuilt the dorm in which Knute Rockne received his first communion.

Today, St. Edward's Hall boasts a community of just over 170 men. Father David Scheidler, the rector in his sixth year at St. Ed's, believes that the small size is St. Ed's greatest strength.

"It's a great size for getting to know everybody," he said, "and while we may not have the size or numbers of some of the other dorms, the heart the guys put into living here means we definitely make our mark."

The character and community of St. Ed's is a quality that each resident considers to be a defining quality of why he chooses to live there. From the seniors down to the freshmen, each person is a part of a close-knit identity, this extends even to the University cleaning staff.

Debbie Clark and Larry Corkins are as much a part of the daily life of Stedmen as video games and class. Sections and floors will often times go out of their way to make sure that a mess is not left after a football game for Debbie and Larry.

Both of them are friends and, indeed, almost family to many of the men of St. Ed's. Debbie likes the idea that she is the hall mother. "I have 170 some-

thing sons here — the sons I never had," she said.

"I feel more like their big brother," Larry chimed in. Both agree that their favorite part of working where they do is that each resident who they meet has a different story. They love to take their breaks talking to different Stedmen from various parts of the country. Each person, they say, and each room has a whole different background and a unique personality.

This sentiment is echoed on each floor of St. Edward's Hall. Mike Garofola, a junior on the third floor and captain of the dorm's football team, believes that the greatest part about the building known as St. Edward's Hall is that there isn't a cookie cutter atmosphere.

"Each room has its own character," he said, "and not just every room. Every section and every floor is the same way."

In fact, one will not find many duplicate rooms in St. Ed's. Each floor has differing ceiling heights; the second floor has the highest at 13 feet while the first floor has the lowest at around 9 1/2.

The large room size plays a factor in choice of many Stedmen in their decision to continually live in St. Ed's. Sophomore transfer Corey Tri was nicely surprised by this.

"The rooms are a lot bigger than I expected," he said. (A funny comment considering Corey is in the smallest room in the dorm, a first floor double.)

Because of the ample room size and height, lofts have become a mainstay in the majority of the rooms. Over time, they have evolved from being a simple means of raising a bed to work of art, played out 10 feet above the floor; the largest such being a six man bed system which dominates the ceiling of a fourth floor room.

In addition to beds, now televisions, stereos, dressers, desks and old luggage are held in suspended animation while leaving every inch of floor space available to deep couches and luxurious recliners.

Lofts also make space available for large dorm gatherings, an event for which third and fourth floor freshmen quads are known.

Come home football weekends, loud music and large groups are a common sight on the upper floors of St. Ed's.

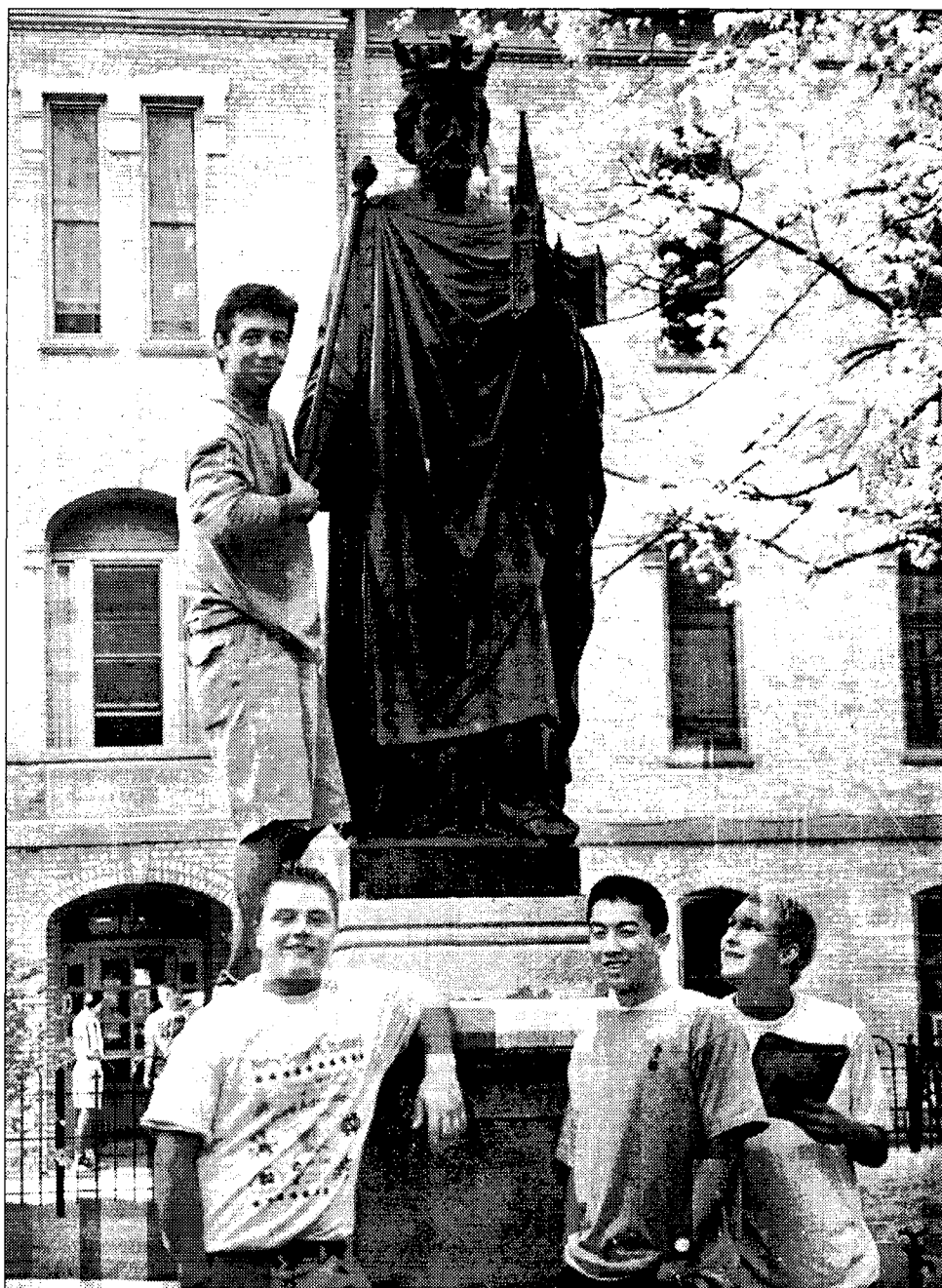
"You'll not find a group of guys who know how to have fun and party like the guys here," said Garofola.

In addition to the atmosphere, St. Ed's is also a dorm of tradition. The third floor RA, Judson Penton said, "It's relaxed here. We don't have to live up to an image. We're just laid back, classy gentlemen."

In truth, the traditions at St. Ed's are about class and dignity. Co-presidents Amir Tahmassebi, Adam Russ, and Derrick Bravo have planned to expand the traditional celebration of Founder's Day.

"We're named in honor of Father Sorin's patron saint, so we like to celebrate Founder's Week."

This year, in addition to the all-dorm formal mass, St. Ed's



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

Residents of St. Edward's Hall pose with their dorm's namesake, St. Edward of England.

will be hosting its SYR and planning other activities around it.

The dorm also has the distinction of being the first dorm to wear kilts to a pep rally, which has become a common sight. Father Scheidler claims it was a brainstorm from watching Braveheart a week before the dorm pep rally three years ago. So, St. Ed's donned green and yellow kilts, and the

whole dorm marched into the pep rally behind its bagpipe player.

Traditions old and new at St. Ed's all reflect the inherent class of Notre Dame's oldest and perhaps most historic dorm. Freshman Adel Hanash summed up the St. Ed's experience for each resident saying, "There is nothing more I could ask for in a dorm. Awesome people and awesome rooms."

What Would Jesus Do — in college?

This is not an easy question to answer. And there is probably no way

to tell for sure where Jesus would go to college. But we can try to figure it out. I don't imagine that Jesus was very snooty, so I don't think he would have gone to an Ivy



Scott Little

just a little

League school.

There are probably some community colleges that could really use his help to improve their curriculum or increase funding. I am sure people would want to give money to the college where Jesus attended. I don't think he would want to bring this kind of attention to himself, he might have to change his name to Jesse, so as not to upset the natural order of things.

So would Jesus attend a school where he was most needed, or would he go to school where he was most loved? I think it would be hard

to resist going to a university where they had a big mural of me on their library, and a statue of me in the center of campus.

So yes, Jesus would probably go to Notre Dame. And he would live in Knott Hall. I can definitely see him sporting one of those flashy orange T-shirts.

As for sports, I don't think he would be on the football team. He probably wouldn't have enough quacks. He might be in dorm ultimate. And for sure he would try out for Troop ND. Maybe he would work on getting the reputation of "Dancing Jesus".

As for his clothes, I don't think he would fall into the Abercrombie groove. Of course he would wear a robe around everywhere. No, he would probably have a lot of hippie clothing and he would always wear sandals.

Most people would probably say that Jesus would major in Theology, but I see him more as a Finance major. Jesus could be the next wiz of Wall Street. I don't know what kind of grades he would get, probably Bs. He seems like a very social guy, and I can't picture him with his head always buried in a book.

We could definitely use Jesus

in the cafeteria. Everybody always loves when we have croissants, but we hardly ever have them. He could turn the bread into croissants every day!

What other kind of things would Jesus do as a student? Would he help his buddies get good grades? Would he bring more sunny days here? The possibilities are endless. Jesus on campus would make everyone's life better in one way or another.

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Notre Dame at Michigan State



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Sophomore tailback Julius Jones gets stuffed up the middle by Michigan State's defense Saturday in Notre Dame's 27-21 loss. The Irish ran the ball on 15-consecutive first downs. Jones led the Irish in rushing with 126 net yards on 26 carries. Jones was responsible for all but 23 of Notre Dame's rushing yards.

Irish falter in final minutes to Spartans, 27-21

By TIM CASEY
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EAST LANSING, Mich.

As he headed down the metal steps of the press conference trailer adjacent to the visitors' locker room at Spartan Stadium, after Notre Dame's 27-21 loss to Michigan state, Irish head coach Bob Davie looked confused and exhausted.

He then made his way through a herd of reporters before seeing a familiar face.

T.J. Duckett.

Duckett and Davie, forever linked through the infamous Sports Illustrated away from the crowd towards the field, stood side-by-side and placed their arms around each other's shoulders. For a few minutes, Duckett, the rising star and Davie, the veteran oft-criticized coach, talked. About what, only they know.

Flashback an hour earlier to one play and the tone of that conversation would have been completely different.

With less than two minutes remaining and the Irish ahead 21-20, Michigan State was down to its final hurrah. On 4th and 10 from their own 32, freshman quarterback Jeff Smoker dropped back. With linebacker Anthony Denman and cornerback Brock Williams (among five Irish players) coming on a full blitz, Smoker looked to his right and fired a completion to Herb Haygood on a slant pattern.

One play with less than 2 minutes remaining determines fourth consecutive loss to Michigan State

Haygood beat Tony Driver in man coverage and when safety Ron Israel slipped, the junior flanker ran free into the end-zone.

Moments later, for the fourth-straight season, Michigan State beat Notre Dame, 27-21.

"We were talking about how we're going to try to run the clock out," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said.

Added Davie: "You replay that (4th and 10) just over and over and over. And you just wish you could do it again. You wish you could call something again."

Did that one play define the entire game? Of course not. But a stop would have given Notre Dame a realistic chance at a BCS bowl. Now? Irish fans are once again debating who the next head coach will be. Blame Davie, the campus cliché, may be stronger than ever.

Saturday provided enough subplots for any good debate. First, the revolving quarterback duo of Gary Godsey and Matt LoVecchio. Thirteen days after Arnaz Battle suffered a broken left navicular bone in his left wrist, Godsey completed

only 4-of-15 passes for 20 yards. And two series after he threw an interception midway through the third quarter, LoVecchio came in and completed a 42-yard toss to Javin Hunter near the goal line.

On Sunday, Davie claimed the position was open for competition.

"I think the way Matt LoVecchio finished the game; not so much that he performed at such a high level, but just with our offense, you feel like you could get back in the flow a little bit," Davie said. "He may have a bit of an advantage heading into this week."

Let the controversy begin. And it starts with the predictability of a stagnant offense. Against Michigan State, Julius Jones carried 26 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns, proving once again his value to the team. But take away Jones's 56-yard run in the first quarter, 20-yard run in the second quarter and LoVecchio's completion to Hunter and the Irish gained just 94 yards on the remaining 48 plays. Until LoVecchio's pass, the Irish ran the ball on 15 consecutive first downs.

"We tried the last two weeks to play it in a box to a degree, try not to make mistakes on offense," Davie said. "I think it was the right plan. But for us to move forward, I think we've got to open it up a little bit more in a way that our staff is comfortable. I don't know if we necessarily have to throw it a lot more but we have to do different things."

What they do not have to change is the defense. For the fourth straight game, the unit kept the Irish hopes alive. They sacked Smoker six times, picked off a pass (Anthony Weaver) and recovered a fumble (Darrell Campbell) in the fourth quarter and gave the offense good field position. Despite yielding 141 rushing yards to Duckett, the unit limited the Spartans to just 3.3 average yards per carry and Smoker completed 12-of-24 passes for 181 yards.

But mention the 2000 Michigan State game, and fair or not, they will be remembered for one 68-yard play.

Two weeks after questioning themselves for playing in a soft zone on 3rd and 10 in the overtime against Nebraska, the staff decided an all-out blitz would faze the true freshman quarterback. Plus, it was the same defense called on the forced fumble.

The only difference was the result.

"I was thinking it was going to be a happy bus trip home," defensive end Anthony Weaver said. "This is like a bad nightmare."



player of the game

T.J. Duckett

The sophomore tailback gained 142 of Michigan State's 229 rushing yards and made two catches to lead the Spartan offensive arsenal.

quote of the game

"One play doesn't ever mean a game. That's the bottom line."

Greg Mattison
Irish defensive coordinator

stat of the game

97 return yards by Irish special teams

Notre Dame's special teams, which have carried the offense in past games returned only 97 yards in 18 plays.

report card

- C-** **quarterbacks:** Godsey showed his limitations. When he's not accurate, the Irish struggle. LoVecchio was not much better. And he's a true freshman.
- B-** **running backs:** With Battle out, Jones is the only "gamebreaker" on offense. But despite two long gains, he only managed 50 yards on the other 24 carries. He is the running attack.
- C** **receivers:** Hunter ran a nice route on the 46-yard reception and came back to an underthrown ball. Where were the tight ends?
- C** **offensive line:** Jones gained the bulk of his yards outside the tackles. The line deserves some of the blame for the offensive woes.
- A-** **defensive line:** Weaver played arguably the best game of his career. Roberts had his fourth sack in as many games. Smoker was pressured all day.
- A-** **linebackers:** Denman, the team's leading tackler in 2000, had a sack and continued his dominance. Harrison and Boiman are third and fourth on the team in tackles.
- B-** **defensive backs:** Despite the obvious mistake on 4th and 10, Driver played well. Walton seems comfortable. Smoker completed only half of his pass attempts.
- C** **special teams:** Missed field goal, mental mistake by Givens at the end, no significant yardage on kick returns. Far different than last two weeks.
- C-** **coaching:** Run on first down, minimal or no gain on second, third and long, punt. The game plan is very predictable. Full blitz on 4th and 10 was the wrong call.

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overall: Even if the Irish won, this game exposed many weaknesses. The offense is Jones and who? Can't rely on defense and special teams to win games.

adding up the numbers

number of passes thrown to Notre Dame tight ends.

0

3

number of Irish quarterbacks used against the Spartans (Godsey, LoVecchio and Givens)

Yards gained by Haygood on the final MSU touchdown.

68

15

number of rushes on first down before LoVecchio's completion to Givens.

number of carries by Irish running backs not named Julius Jones.

2

6

number of sacks by the Irish defense.

consecutive losses to MSU, the most since Miami (1983-87) and Air Force (1982-85).

4

8

consecutive losses away from Notre Dame Stadium, including the 1999 Gator Bowl.

INSIGHT



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Notre Dame's Ryan Roberts (95) sacks Michigan State's quarterback Jeff Smoker for his fourth sack in four games. Smoker was sacked six times by Notre Dame's defense.

Defense can't win games singlehandedly

EAST LANSING, MICH.

Supporters and critics alike of Irish football have an easy time getting away with blaming Notre Dame's defense for many of the mistakes leading to the team's loss Saturday to Michigan State.

The evidence is glaring enough to make fans wince:

Case 1: The defense's inability to blitz the Spartans effectively when it counted.

With a 21-20 edge and 1:48 left on the fourth-quarter clock, the Irish let Spartan freshman quarterback Jeff Smoker connect with Herb Haygood who rushed 68 yards untouched for the winning score. Irish free safety Tony Driver missed his coverage and was a good four feet away from Haygood when the wide receiver blew by him. Strong safety Ron Israel should have played deeper on such a key play and was forced to engage in a fruitless chase down the field as Haygood flew into the end zone.

Case 2: On a key MSU 3-10 drive in the second quarter, inside linebacker Anthony Denman made a huge play, virtually ensuring a Spartan punt by sacking Smoker, but a late hit by outside linebacker Rocky Boiman kept MSU's drive alive.

What should have been Notre Dame's ball turned into a 50-yard Spartan field goal.

Case 3: Repeated mistackles by the Irish throughout the game handed

the Spartans extra yards that kept their drives going.

Spartan tailback T.J. Duckett gave the Irish trouble all day, dragging tacklers for yards before he was finally brought down. Small plays added up to big things for MSU in the end.

But as easy as it is to point out the defense's failures Saturday, it is even easier to credit them for putting Notre Dame in the position they are in — a team with two wins over ranked teams and two near-misses; a team that has risen to the challenges of the nation's toughest schedule and injured key players.

The truth is the Notre Dame defense deserves much more than its team has given it. It has played over its head and is responsible for keeping Notre Dame in every single game it has entered until the final seconds. The defense has worn its heart on its sleeve since the opening kickoff against Texas A&M, pouring every ounce of energy into their job and leaving it all on the field.

Case 1: Despite three pass interference calls against the Aggies, the defense stepped it up when the game was on the line, making key goal line stands when the score was close and swinging momentum the way of the Irish.

Case 2: The defensive line refused to be intimidated when No. 1 Nebraska came to town, limiting the Cornhusker offense to 274 yards, nearly half the gain Nebraska has made this season against other opponents. The defense compensated for quarterback Arnaz Battle's 3-15 passing record and the offense's 180 yards rushing.

Case 3: The defense kept Heisman-candidate Drew Brees in check with

one interception returned for a touchdown and one less pass completion than his Irish counterpart. The defense turned what could have been an aerial disaster into a running game that they could control.

Case 4: Ryan Roberts' entrance into the starting line-up as a replacement for injured captain Grant Irons has been nothing but a positive for the defense. Roberts' tenacity lands him as the only Irish defender to tally a quarterback sack in each game this season. While losing a key player on offense has proven to be a headache, the defense has not missed a beat with Roberts on the field.

Sure, the defense has had its less than stellar moments — they have missed tackles, blown coverage and cost the Irish yards with penalties caused by mental mistakes. But they have pulled a lackluster offense through a tough four-week stretch that would be a whole lot worse had the defense matched the performance of the offense.

The next time someone wants to criticize the Notre Dame defense, he or she should remember that it is that very same defense that has Notre Dame fans holding the Irish to the high standards they are. It is that defense that, unlike last year, has the Irish believing they are not beat before they step out onto the field. And it is that same defense that time and again has turned heart-breaking possibilities into heart-stopping plays that have proven key for Irish success.

It is fine to be critical. Just make sure to be fair.

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Kerry Smith

Sports Editor

Irish need to answer quarterback question

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

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The Notre Dame football team is in the middle of an identity crisis.

A quarterback crisis, to be more specific. Against Michigan State, Bob Davie seemed to blindly draw names out of a hat and throw the (un)lucky selectee in to lead the Irish offense, or lack thereof. In the second half, Notre Dame used three quarterbacks — Gary Godsey, Matt LoVecchio and David Givens — in an alternating fashion that left fans playing "Guess who?"

"We had planned coming in that if we got bogged down we'd go with Matt, and we were bogged down," Davie said to explain his decision.

Not even a veteran quarterback, which the Irish lack, could play up to his potential when he doesn't know if he'll be in the game to take the next snap. While it may have been necessary to replace Godsey, who finished the game 4-for-15 in pass attempts with one interception, the Irish needed a little more continuity. They couldn't develop that when LoVecchio played the first and second downs, then lost his spot to Godsey on each third down.

Davie's rationale for putting LoVecchio in was that the true freshman could run the option better than Godsey. His reason for pulling him out on third down was that Godsey was supposedly a better passer. Yet it was LoVecchio who completed the 43-yard pass to Javin Hunter, good for more than twice as many yards as all Godsey's completions put together.

Even worse, the quarterbacks lost any chance of gaining confidence with Notre Dame's offensive game plan that is as cautious as someone trying to walk through a minefield and as predictable as the mailman. Against the Spartans, the Irish ran the ball 15 consecutive times on first down at one point. On almost every series, the Irish sent tail-

back Julius Jones to run the ball up the middle on first and second downs, leaving the quarterback of the moment to attempt third-and-long more often than not.

"Not only did we not throw it on first down, we didn't have great productivity on first down, which led to those third-and-longs," Davie said. "We got in way too many third-and-long situations. ... Looking back, we maybe should have tried to create more big plays offensively. You know, do some things maybe on first down to try to loosen them up."

That's a good realization, but it came a day too late. Even Davie admitted that something has to give.

"We really have to evaluate the quarterback situation," Davie said in a press conference Sunday. "That's no secret because it's putting the handcuffs on us a little bit right now with the big guy back there; that doesn't create many things running the ball."

Heading into an open date, the quarterback race is wide open between Godsey, LoVecchio and freshmen Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark.

"We're just going to battle and do what's best for the team," Godsey said.

The Irish are hoping the implausible will happen — that Battle will be back sooner than expected. Davie said Saturday that Battle is ahead of schedule in his recovery, but clarified that he is still out indefinitely, leaving Davie with tough decisions to make.

"The first thing is that if Arnaz is out the rest of the season, then we probably do have to get two freshmen quarterbacks ready," Davie said. "If we think Arnaz may be back at some point, we're better off to give every rep to that one freshman."

Regardless of what the decision is, Davie needs to make it in a hurry. The Irish need an offense, one the coaches have enough confidence in to call aggressive plays, and they need it in a hurry.



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Notre Dame quarterback Gary Godsey (14) looks to hand the ball off to an Irish running back. Godsey split time with freshman Matt LoVecchio at quarterback Saturday.

scoring summary & stats

AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	3-0	1,743
2	Florida State	4-0	1,732
3	Florida	4-0	1,603
4	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,491
5	Kansas State	4-0	1,484
6	Washington	3-0	1,426
7	Clemson	4-0	1,223
8	USC	3-0	1,181
9	Michigan	3-1	1,160
10	Miami (Fla.)	2-1	1,079
11	Tennessee	2-1	1,043
12	Ohio State	4-0	995
13	Texas	2-1	747
14	Oklahoma	3-0	740
15	UCLA	3-1	727
16	TCU	3-0	640
17	Wisconsin	3-1	594
18	Michigan State	3-0	583
19	Auburn	4-0	545
20	Oregon	3-1	457
21	So. Mississippi	2-1	418
22	Purdue	3-1	414
23	South Carolina	4-0	291
24	Illinois	3-1	268
25	Georgia	2-1	199

other teams receiving votes: NOTRE DAME 172, Air Force 22, No. Carolina St. 17, Mississippi 15, Pittsburgh 15, Arizona St. 13, Arkansas 13, East Carolina 7.

scoring

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Michigan State	0	10	10	7	27
Notre Dame	7	0	0	14	21
team statistics					
MSU ND					
first downs					
19 8					
rushes-yards					
50-167 37-149					
passing yards					
181 63					
comp-att-int					
12-24-1 5-16-1					
punt returns-yds					
2-22 2-13					
kickoff returns-yds					
4-79 5-84					
punts-avg. yards					
5-39.8 6-44.0					
fumbles-lost					
3-1 0-0					
penalties-yards					
8-72 6-50					
time of possession					
34:17 25:43					
individual statistics					
passing					
MSU — Smoker 12-24-1-181					
ND — Godsey 4-15-1-20, LoVecchio 1-1-0-43					
rushing					
MSU — Duckett 26-141, McCoy 2-21, Moss 4-11, Dortch 2-9, Flowers 1-9, Smoker 15-(-24)					
ND — Jones 26-126, LoVecchio 4-21, Getherall 2-6, Givens 1-2, Fisher 1-(-1), Lopienski 1-(-1), Godsey 2-(-1)					
receiving					
MSU — Haygood 3-92, Baker 2-28, Richardson 2-26, Duckett 2-12, Waters 1-17, Wilson 1-10, Flowers 1-(-4)					
ND — Hunter 2-57, Givens 1-8, Murray 1-6, Jones 1-(-8)					
Leading tacklers					
MSU — Shaw 11, Wright 7, Thornhill 6, Guess 5, Bryan 4, Saylor 4					
ND — Driver 11, Denman 9, Williams 8, Walton 5, Harrison 5, Legree 5, Weaver 4, Roberts 4, Israel 4, Earl 4, Boiman 3					

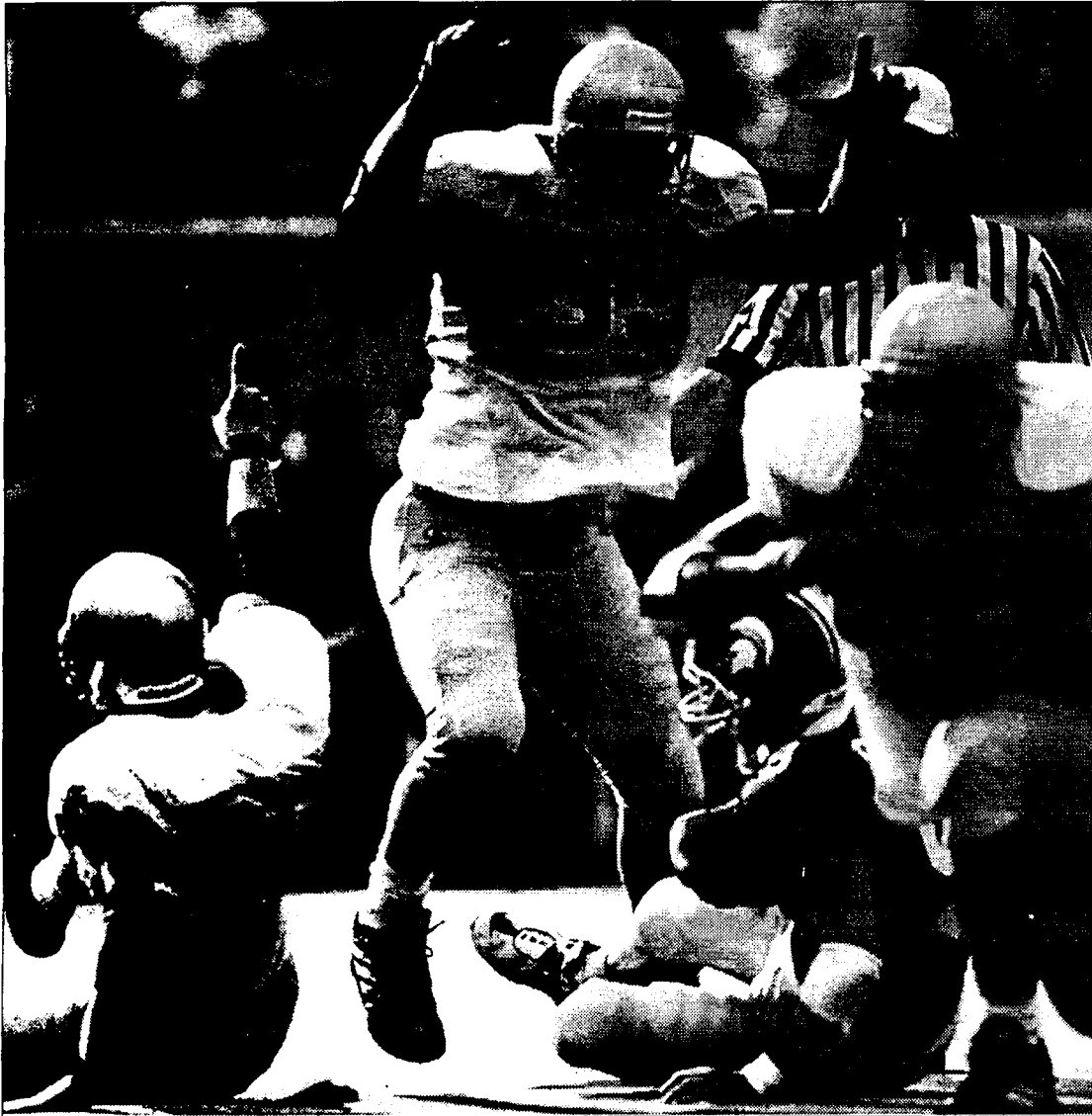
scoring summary

1st
ND - 6:09
Murray 6-yd. pass from Godsey
Setta kick, 7-0
2nd
MSU - 7:53
Duckett 6-yd. run
Schaefer kick, 7-7
MSU - 1:29
Schaefer 50-yd. FG, 10-7
3rd
MSU - 5:42
Schaefer 36-yd. FG, 17-6
MSU - 2:23
Wilson 10-yd. pass from Smoker
Schaefer kick, 20-7
4th
ND - 14:38
Jones 2-yd. run
Setta kick, 20-14
ND - 7:59
Jones 2-yd. run
Setta kick, 21-20
ND - 1:58
Haygood 68-yd. pass from Smoker
Schaefer kick, 27-21

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	3-0	1,455
2	Florida State	4-0	1,424
3	Florida	4-0	1,346
4	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,274
5	Kansas State	4-0	1,233
6	Washington	3-0	1,135
7	USC	3-0	989
8	Clemson	4-0	973
9	Michigan	3-1	964
10	Ohio State	4-0	939
11	Tennessee	2-1	818
12	Miami (Fla.)	2-1	774
13	Texas	2-1	639
14	Wisconsin	3-1	610
15	Michigan State	3-0	609
16	Oklahoma	3-0	552
17	UCLA	3-1	541
18	TCU	3-0	509
19	Purdue	3-1	424
20	Auburn	4-0	387
21	So. Mississippi	2-1	356
22	Illinois	3-1	229
23	South Carolina	4-0	218
24	Georgia	2-1	217
25	Oregon	3-1	183

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Defensive tackle B.J. Scott (93) celebrates after sacking Michigan State's Jeff Smoker. The Irish had a season-high six sacks Saturday.



Quarterback Matt LoVecchio hands the ball off to tailback Julius Jones. Jones carried the ball on 26 of Notre Dame's rushing plays.

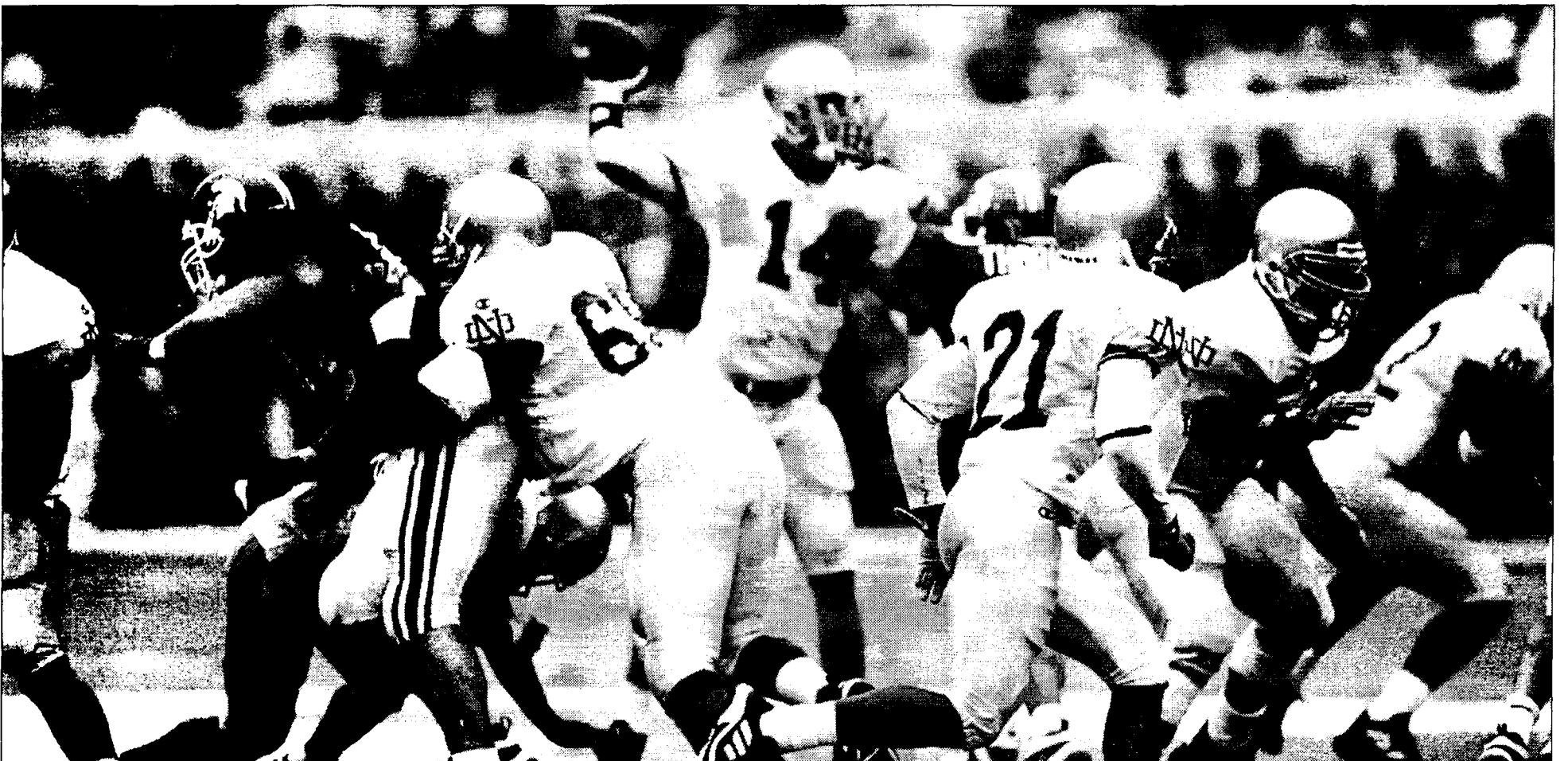
SPARTAN UPRISING

The Irish faced an uphill battle Saturday as they fell to the Spartans of Michigan State 27-21 on the road. Notre Dame scored early in the first quarter, but Michigan State's offense took control midway through the game with a 20-7 lead. The Irish rallied late, but could not hang on to a one-point lead when the Spartans scored the winning touchdown with 1:48 remaining in the fourth quarter. The loss is Notre Dame's fourth consecutive to Michigan State.

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LoVecchio finds an opening to carry the ball. The freshman made his first collegiate quarterback appearance, rushing for 21 yards.



Sophomore quarterback Gary Godsey attempts to move the Irish upfield with a pass. Godsey shared quarterbacking duties with freshman Matt LoVecchio. The Irish quarterbacks ended the day with five completions on 16 attempts. The Spartans intercepted Godsey once.

It's an indian summer for fall TV

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press Television Writer

NEW YORK
It's late September. The air is crisper, footballs are flying and after months of reruns, television viewers are finally rewarded with new shows and returning favorites.

Well, at least two out of the three are true this year.

Fall is arriving a little late in TV land. And between the Olympics, baseball and presidential debates, television executives are wondering if viewers will have much of a chance this season to settle into old habits and create new ones.

"All the planets are aligned to make us run for the Pepto-

Bismol and the Tums," said Preston Beckman, executive vice president of strategic programming at Fox.

At the urging of ABC, CBS and Fox, Nielsen Media Research pushed the official starting date of the new TV season back two weeks to Oct. 2. Since NBC is dominating prime-time now with the Olympics, their rivals felt it would give NBC an unfair head start for ratings bragging rights for the season.

With no meaningful incentive to compete against the Olympics, most networks have held back their new material. The exceptions are the mini-networks (UPN, the WB and Pax TV), which have rolled out some new shows to entice bored channel surfers.

Then, just when the networks were ready to get rolling on Oct. 2, the first presidential debate was scheduled for Oct. 3 and the vice presidential debate for two nights later.

Some quick shuffling ensued: NBC's prized Thursday night lineup pushed back its season premieres to Oct. 12. The CBS hit, "Judging Amy," was delayed for a week, and so was ABC's new sitcom starring Geena Davis.

Fox has chosen not to cover the debates. But since it is broadcasting baseball playoffs and the World Series, some of its most popular programs won't appear with new episodes until November, including "The X-

Files." "The Simpsons" and "Malcolm in the Middle."

NBC is also covering the baseball playoffs, which has prevented "Providence" from starting until Oct. 20 and "Frasier" until Oct. 24.

Viewers may not be that confused about NBC's schedule, since it is able to promote its programs relentlessly during the Olympics. Its rivals don't have that luxury. Fox, for instance, is buying more billboard space and radio ads because it can't count on many viewers during the Olympics weeks, Beckman said.

But in this post-"Survivor" era, the fall TV premiere season — an institution as old as television itself — may be becoming an anachronism anyway.

"More and more, the networks are moving toward a year-round program development strategy," said Bob Flood, senior vice president at the advertising firm Optimedia International.

Take the two TV sensations of the past year: "Survivor" was a summer series, starting in late May and climaxing in August. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" debuted in August 1999 and didn't join ABC's regular schedule until the following January.

Midseason can often be a launching pad for hits, such as "Providence" and "Malcolm in the Middle." Networks are more apt to try new shows at any point in the year now.



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NBC's 'Providence' will not air its new season until late October due to the Olympics.



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Will Niles and Daphne begin a much anticipated romance this season on 'Frasier'? Viewers will have to wait a little longer to find out.

Some producers of new programs actually prefer to start anytime but the fall, since it's easier in autumn for their shows to get lost in the avalanche of new things and be overlooked by viewers.

Still, Beckman isn't ready to give up the old way of doing things.

Even though the odds of a new fall series becoming a hit are long, they are historically better than shows that start at other times of the year, he said. Broadcasters tend to save for midseason programs that they didn't think were quite good enough for the fall schedule, he said.

"There's a cycle to the seasons and the viewers still look to the

networks in September for new material, just like cars are introduced at a certain time," Beckman said. "It's the time of the year when people are used to seeing the goods that the networks have. They are sensitive to it. They're attuned to it."

With summer over and the nights getting longer, people naturally gravitate to spending more time in front of the tube.

The television business is built around the announcement of a new fall schedule each spring, and the resulting rush of advertisers to buy commercial time. Even though networks are slowly becoming more cognizant of keeping their audiences happy throughout the year, that structure isn't likely to change.

Things to do this week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>~ "The Conversation," Directed by Francis Ford Coppola, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 7 p.m.</p> <p>~ "Guys and Dolls" Auditions, Pasquerilla East 1st Floor, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Latin American Film Series: "La ley Herodes," Hesburgh Center for International Studies, 7 p.m.</p> <p>~ "Guys and Dolls" Auditions, Pasquerilla East 1st Floor, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Post Graduate Service Fair, sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, Stepan Center, 6 p.m.</p> <p>~ Cafecito Con Leche, with Ray Blanco, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, admission \$3-10, Hesburgh Library Auditorium, 8 p.m.</p> <p>~ Acousticafe: LaFortune Student Center, 9 p.m.-midnight.</p>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<p>~ "Timecode," directed by Mike Figgis, admission: \$2, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 6:30, p.m.</p> <p>~ The Language of Awareness: Steve Stockdale, Debartolo Hall, room 129, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Domer Run 2000: \$6 in advance, \$7 day of the race, Stepan Center, 11 a.m.</p> <p>~ Irishpalooza, featuring: Clark, Stillwell, Wafflehouse, The Retreads, and DJ Quantum, North Quad, 5 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Sophomore Class Mass, presided by Fr. Hesburgh, Holy Cross Hill, 4 p.m.</p> <p>~ Ying Quartet, \$3-10, Annenbert Auditorium, 2 p.m.</p>	

CROSS COUNTRY

ND men and women dominate invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Associate Sports Editor

The Irish swept the top prizes at Friday's National Catholic Cross Country Invitational, winning the team and individual races for both the men and women.

A trio of Notre Dame juniors finished one-two-three in the varsity men's race. Luke Watson ran with classmates Marc Striowski and Pat Conway during the first several miles of the race, then pulled out ahead to pick up the title in a five-mile time of 24 minutes, 56 seconds. Striowski finished a nose ahead of Conway, both crossing the line in 25:19.

"One, two, three went very well," Notre Dame men's cross country coach Joe Piane said. "All three of them are very capable of running very well. I'm especially pleased with the improvement Pat Conway has made."

Freshmen David Albers and Brian Kerwin rounded out Notre Dame's top five, placing 19th and 21st overall.

The Irish totaled 43 points on the day, easily outdistancing the nearest competitor Loyola (Chicago), which scored 103. It was the sixth straight time Notre Dame came away with the championship, despite losing two of its top three runners from a year ago.

"We ran as a group which was the most important thing," Watson said. "We were actually hoping to score a little bit lower, but a couple guys didn't have their best days."

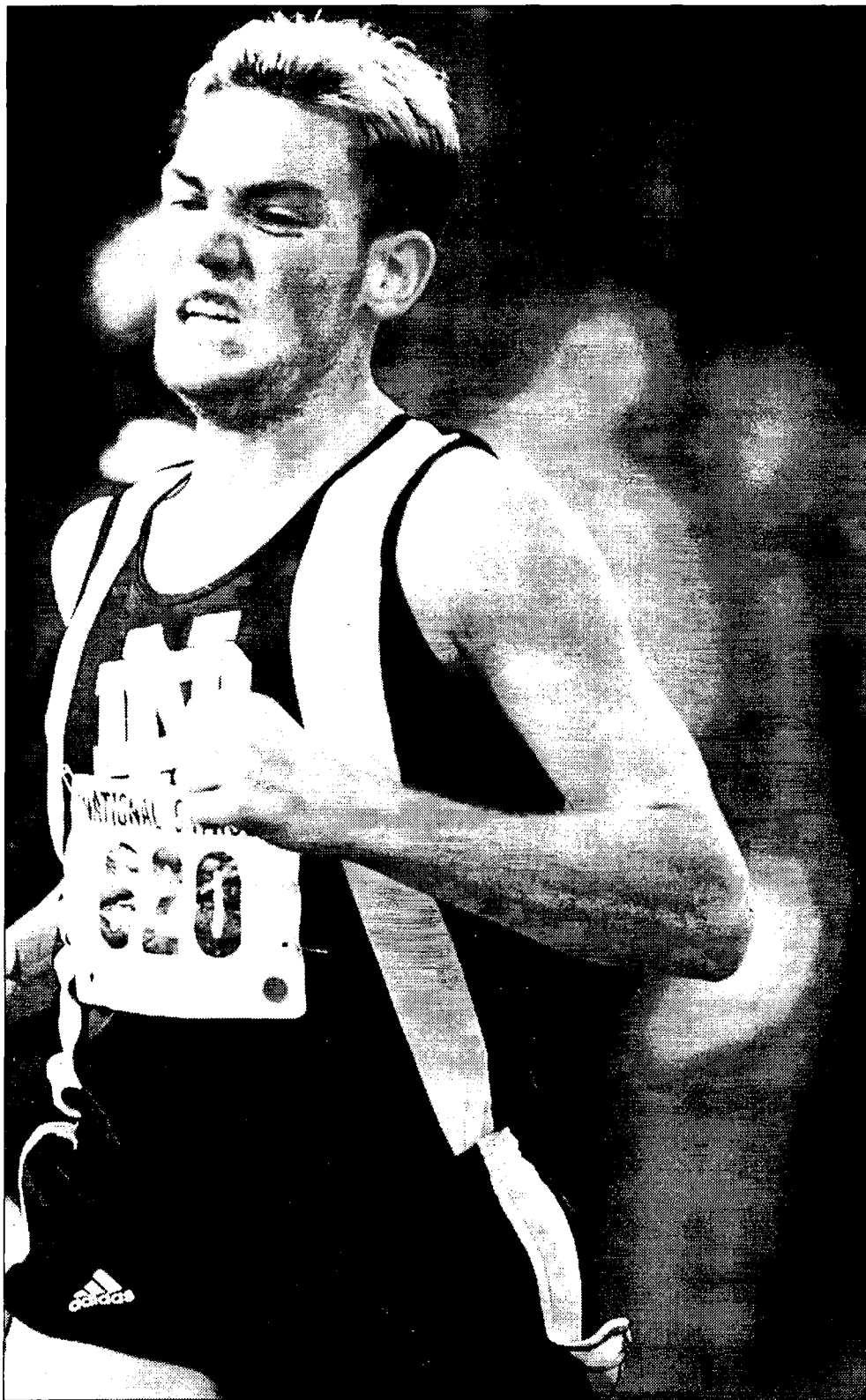
The women faced a slightly tougher task in winning their sixth consecutive championship, as they were missing their top runner Jen Handley, but managed to edge Loyola 32 to 37.

"Coming in, I didn't know if we could beat Loyola without Jen [Handley] in there," women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said. "Our kids competed well. It was like a boxing match between us and Loyola."

Freshman Megan Johnson picked up the slack in Handley's absence, winning the 5,000-meter race in a time of 18 minutes, eight seconds.

"We just tried to stay in a pack, work well together and push each other," Johnson said. "We wanted to win the race, and that was our goal."

Senior Chrissy Kuenster finished fifth overall for the Irish, freshman Rachel Endress took seventh, junior Hilary Burn placed ninth and sophomore Muffy Schmidt wound up 10th.



DUFFY ARNOULT/The Observer

Freshman David Albers nears the finish line during Friday's National Catholic Cross Country Invitation. Albers finished fourth for the Irish and 19th overall.

Overtime

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The Belles will be able to look at this weekend's game as a job well done, having spent the week after Wednesday's loss to Manchester working on their shooting.

"Now that we have our second conference win, I feel like this has given the team more confidence in our abilities," lone senior Laura Paulen said.

The Belles were confident enough in their ability to win that they put Tia Kapphahn in at forward at the beginning of overtime play, while freshman backup Laura Metzger saw her first action in the net. Metzger went in at forward in the second half of the loss to DePauw.

"I was glad to see Laura get in," Artnak said. "She played keeper in overtime."

Although their scoring output was low, the Belles were still happy with their offensive effort.

"We had an incredibly high number of shots against Adrian," Muth said. "We just attacked their goal from the start of the game and couldn't get any of our shots to fall, unfortunately."

Saint Mary's came out of the Adrian game feeling that they had avenged the 1-0 loss to Manchester earlier in the week.

"There was an all-around sense of relief after this game," Muth said. "We were in a slump and our confidence was suffering coming in to this game. This victory really lifted our spirits and gave us a positive outlook going into one of our toughest games of the season as we play Calvin on Tuesday."

The Belles pulled themselves out of their scoring slump by leaning on each other for support.

"The whole team really came together for this game," Muth said. "I was really proud of our intensity. Everyone played their hearts out. It was a team effort."

Muth and Paulen want to see the team use this rediscovered confidence and teamwork to attack the rest of the season and make it successful.

"We want to beat every team regardless of past experiences or present rankings," Paulen said. "We played with skill and aggressiveness the entire 90-plus minutes. We had to drive to get to every ball first and take it to the net. That was the difference. We played together as a team, trusting in each other's abilities and heart. [We won] because we were united in showing the other team that we had the ability and talent to win."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame escapes with 2-1 overtime win

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Notre Dame narrowly escaped being knocked from the top spot Sunday in a competitive 2-1 win against the West Virginia Mountaineers.

All week long, the Mountaineers had been eager to topple the Irish from their pedestal. A brilliant effort saw them nearly do just that, as the Irish had to rely on an overtime goal from freshman Amanda Guertin to eke past the Mountaineers.

Anticipating a hostile reception from the notoriously boisterous Mountaineer fans, Waldrum cautioned his team on the importance of not looking past a West Virginia that had everything to gain and nothing to lose.

"We knew West Virginia would be a tough team to break down," Waldrum said. "We also had some concern of fatigue after a tough stretch of games and travel we've experienced over the last two weeks."

Fatigue never seemed to be a factor, but the voracious Mountaineer defense was. West Virginia packed the box with as many as six defenders at a time in an attempt to keep the score close.

"It's frustrating when that [packing the box] happens," Waldrum said. "It's a style I wouldn't play. I don't think it does anything for the game."

Despite several early chances to break the game

open, the Irish led just 1-0 at halftime. Sophomore Nancy Mikacenic crossed the ball from the right flank to freshman sensation Amy Warner who zipped a low one-timer home from there for the only goal of the half.

Waldrum lamented opportunities missed. "We had several chances to break it open," he said. "We just weren't sharp when we needed to be."

Notre Dame's dullness nearly cost them dearly. Just over 11 minutes into the second half, junior defender Lindsey Jones brought down a Mountaineer forward in the box. West Virginia junior Katie Barnes buried the ensuing penalty kick to tie the game.

With the once impossible thought of an Irish loss about to become a reality, freshman Amanda Guertin maneuvered down the center of the field, evading the clutches of several Mountaineers, before drilling a low shot just inside the left post for the game winner.

While relieved at the victory, Waldrum was brutally honest in assessing his team's performance.

"I told them it was some of the worst soccer we played all year," Waldrum said. "We need to get used to getting everybody's best effort."

The Irish will need to do just that. Sitting atop the rankings, the Irish have become everybody's target, the team to beat. "It comes with the territory," Waldrum said.

NFL

Chrebet shuts up Keyshawn

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The flashlight was brighter than the star.

Wayne Chrebet upstaged former teammate Keyshawn Johnson on Sunday, catching an 18-yard touchdown pass from running back Curtis Martin with 52 seconds remaining to give the New York Jets a 21-17 victory.

Wayne Chrebet had the last laugh Sunday, catching the game-winning touchdown. Johnson was a frequent critic of Chrebet when both were with the Jets and even wrote about it in the book "Just Give Me the Damn Ball." Johnson disrespected Chrebet again in the week leading to the game matching 3-0 teams.

The Buccaneers receiver also likened his former teammate to a flashlight and himself to a star. Chrebet didn't respond before the game, and he said the winning catch wasn't a message for Johnson, either.

"It's not about that, guys. You're losing sight of what's important here," Chrebet said.

"The New York Jets are 4-0. We haven't been in this situation, I don't know, ever. This is a big 180. We used to lose games like this. I think that's so important. I can stand up here and say things and point fingers, but I'm bigger than that."

It was certainly poetic justice that Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet should catch the winning touchdown pass after all the talking that former teammate and Bucs wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson did throughout the week.

For Keyshawn (one catch, one yard), maybe next week

he'll do a little less talking and a little more preparation to get ready for their game against the Redskins.

Ravens 37, Bengals 0

Coming off a game in which their offense sputtered and the defense was manhandled, the Baltimore Ravens were looking for a turnaround.

Hello, Cincinnati!

Baltimore's Tony Banks threw a pair of touchdown passes in Sunday's victory. Rookie Jamal Lewis ran for 116 yards and a touchdown to back a dominating effort by the Baltimore defense, and the Ravens forced four turnovers in a rout of the hapless Bengals.

Tony Banks threw two touchdown passes for the Ravens (3-1), who were intent on bouncing back from a 19-6 defeat in Miami last week.

"We needed this for our confidence. We needed this, period," said defensive tackle Rob Burnett, who knocked Cincinnati quarterback Akili Smith out of the game in the second quarter. "It's very gratifying to be able to throw a goose egg, especially after what happened last week."

The Bengals (0-3) proved to be the perfect cure. Cincinnati, which had only 4 yards rushing, has been outscored 74-7 this year.

Cincinnati coach Bruce Coslet, obviously frustrated over the defeat, summed up his feelings in 10 seconds. "I'm going to be short," he said. "You saw the game. Congratulations to the Ravens. They played a heck of a football game and we didn't play very well at all. I'll just leave it at that. Thanks."

Rams 41, Falcons 20

Kurt Warner did it again, this time to the Atlanta Falcons.

Isaac Bruce had a pair of TD receptions for the Rams on Sunday. Warner threw four touchdown passes, including two to Torry Holt of 85 and 80 yards, and the unbeaten St. Louis Rams beat the Atlanta Falcons and scored 30 or more points for an NFL-record 10th consecutive regular-season game.

Warner also threw a pair of TD passes to Isaac Bruce of 14 and 66 yards as the Rams (4-0) increased their scoring average to 40 points.

Warner has already had huge games this season against San Francisco (41-24), Seattle (37-34) and Denver (41-36), throwing for 1,221 yards and six TDs.

"We know that we can score whenever we get the ball," Warner said.

It was the 12th time in 19 games that Warner has thrown for more than 300 yards. He completed 12 of 19 passes for 336 yards and an interception.

"We didn't get a lot of shots, but we took advantage of them when we did get them," Warner said of his scoring passes to Holt. "He did a great job. We gave him some chances one-on-one and he took care of the rest."

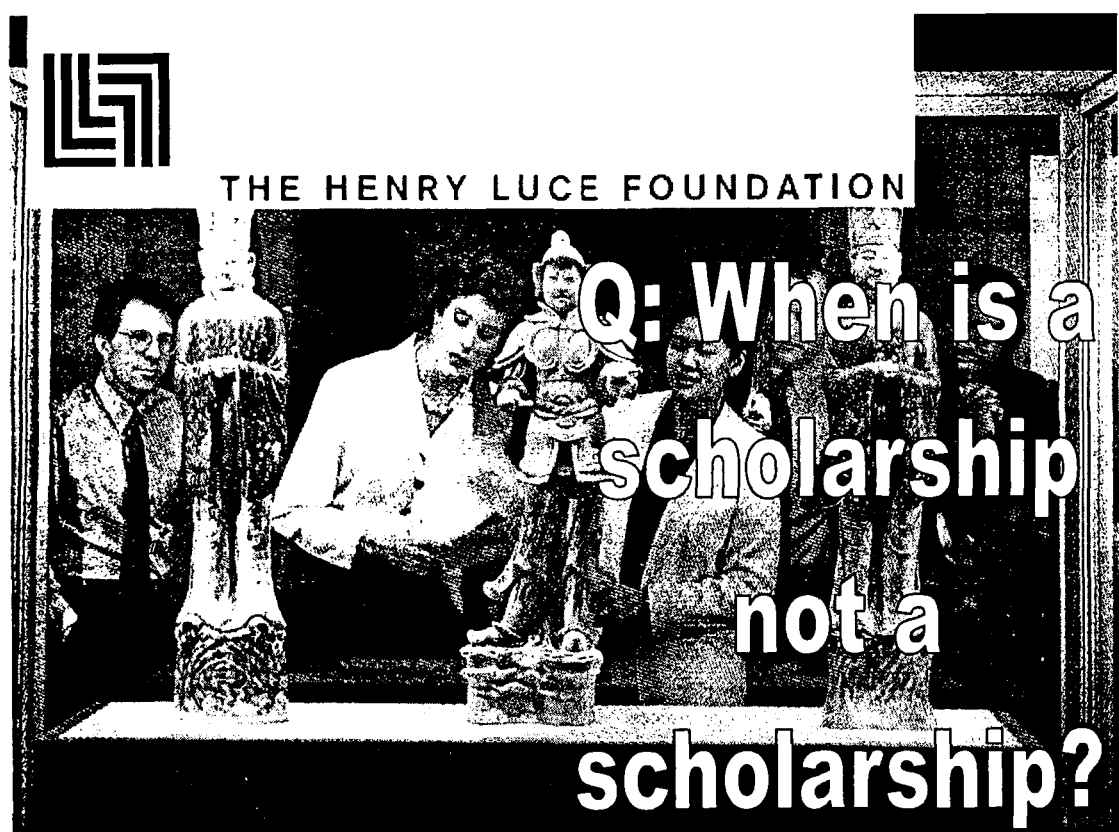
The Rams, averaging 400.3 yards through the air and 506 total yards, wound up with 395 total yards against the Falcons (2-2).

"They're the world champs," Falcons linebacker Keith Brooking said. "You can't make mistakes like we made."

The Rams defense, which was ranked 30th — next to last — in the NFL coming into the game, pitched in with eight sacks — three by right end Grant Wistrom — two interceptions and two fumble recoveries, including a 94-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown by safety Keith Lyle. The fumble by Jamal Anderson gave him five this season, and he has lost a league-high three.

Once again, Atlanta had difficulty trying to find a way to stop the Rams offense.

Kurt Warner continued his unbelievable play this year with four touchdown passes — including three long TDs (66, 85 and 80 yards). The Falcons, meanwhile, were victimized by turnovers. They were in this game early but Chris Chandler threw two interceptions — which is uncharacteristic for him — and Atlanta also fumbled twice. One fumble was returned 97 yards by Rams safety Keith Lyle for a touchdown.

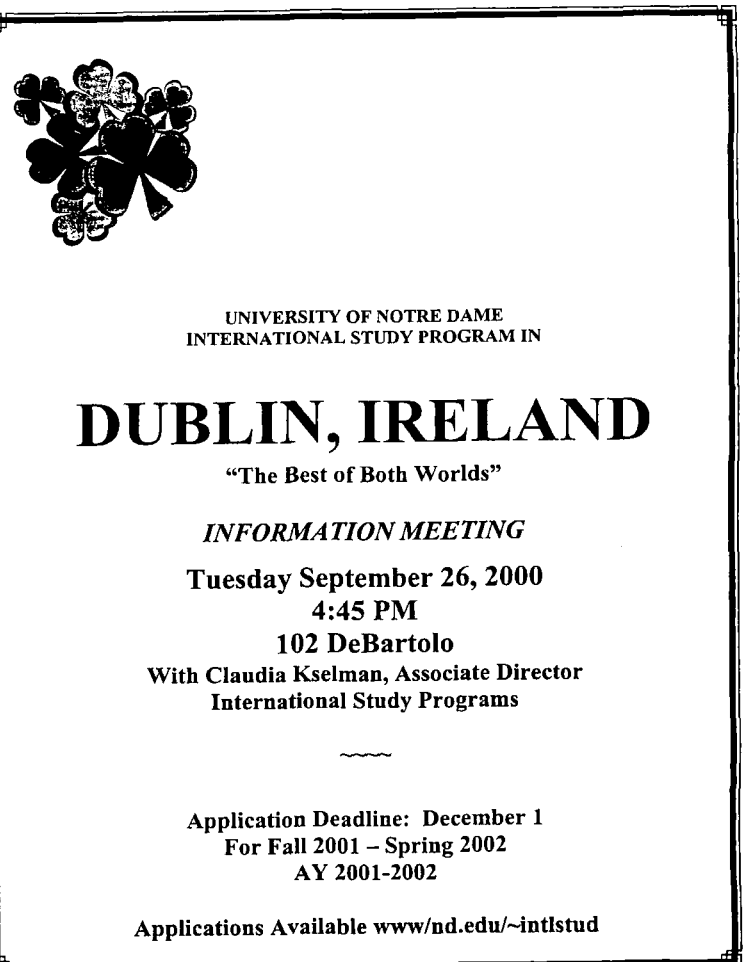


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WOMEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Remembering Clary, Whirlwinds win 21-6

By KATIE DeMENT, CHRIS FEDERICO and ELIZABETH HOHN
Sports Writers

The Welsh Whirlwinds were playing for much more than a victory Thursday night in their 21-6 win against the Lewis Chicks.

"We did what we had to do to win on Thursday," Welsh quarterback Katie Rak said. "Wednesday night we received news about Brionne Clary, one of our friends, passing away, so some of us didn't sleep very well and our minds were not all there. We wore ribbons on our sleeves in her memory and we dedicated the game to Brionne."

Clary would be happy with her teams efforts.

After Vanessa Lichon kicked off the Welsh scoring with a touchdown, the Whirlwind defense shut the Chicks offense.

The strong defensive effort was no surprise to the Rak who said "defense has always been the anchor of the team."

Lewis captain Katherine Harcourt admits being "shell shocked by the skills of Welsh."

Harcourt and Amber Azevedo intercepted numerous Whirlwind passes, giving the Chicks a confidence boost. Harcourt attributes the team's liveliness to "a lot of the freshmen who are new and enthusiastic."

Jen Grubb, former Notre Dame soccer player, now shows her Welsh spirit on the interhall team. Grubb's strength and athletic ability were clearly noticeable as she executed rocketing throws and speed.

"Throw her in the mix and people don't know who to key in on," said Rak.

Both teams did exceptionally

well, yet both captains believe there is

much room for improvement. Harcourt said, "Hopefully when the receivers and the quarterback start connecting things will start to happen."

Rak admits to "having some missed opportunities in offense, missed passes but also having a few good plays."

Cavanaugh 20, Pangborn 0

Cavanaugh brought its chaotic, high-flying offense to Stepan field Thursday. Led by the strong arm of quarterback Lynn Olszowy, the Chaos blanked the Pangborn Phoxes 20-0.

Both teams had trouble getting started offensively in the first half.

There was no score until late in the half when Cavanaugh got the ball on their second possession from their own 33-yard line.

Quarterback Lynn Olszowy found her target on a 20-yard passing play, and then scrambled for another 20-yards on a quarterback draw. They pounded the ball into the endzone with an option pitch to tailback Meghan Myers. The attempted two-point conversion failed.

Pangborn got the ball back with 1:17 to play in the half, but was unable to manage a drive.

After a couple of three-and-out series to open the second half, Pangborn started out again from its own 18-yard line; however, Melissa Kalas was intercepted by Cavanaugh defender Julie Baron. This would be all Cavanaugh would need to get started in the second half.

From Pangborn's 10-yard line, Olszowy hit wide receiver Melissa Marcotte for the touch-

down. The Chaos would also convert the two-point conversion on a pass from Olszowy to Marcotte to bring the score to 14-0.

Pangborn got the ball back and moved successfully down the field before they turned the ball over on downs.

Once again, Olszowy found her favorite target Marcotte, this time for a 40-yard touchdown pass to give each her second touchdown of the game.

Cavanaugh missed the conversion on the last play of the game.

In the second half, Lynn Olszowy was red-hot going 4-7 with two touchdowns. After the game, she praised her teammates saying, "Our squad has a great mix of individual athleticism and team enthusiasm."

Marcotte gave credit to her team's defense saying, "It is the defense that anchors our team by playing so well and giving our offense such great field position to work with."

Howard 13, Lyons 0

Thursday night, Stepan field hosted fierce competition between two South Quad women's interhall football teams, as Howard shut out Lyons 13-0.

The Lyons squad came out fired up, but in the end, its efforts were no match for Howard. The Lyons defense was strong, with several key plays by freshman Marie Kochert.

The Howard squad was led by junior quarterback Jill Veselik, who ended the 0-0 deadlock in the first half. Her interception and run gave her the perfect position to complete a pass to freshman Elizabeth Klimek in the end zone for the game's first touchdown.

The Lyons offense responded aggressively. Sophomore quarterback Sarah Jenkins and freshman receiver Roxie Trevino paired up to lead their team down the field. They didn't get far enough though, with the score still 6-0 as the first half came to a close.

Just as the second half was starting, the game was abruptly stopped, as the lights over Stepan field clicked off, causing a 15-minute game delay.

Both teams huddled up and tried to stay warm during the unanticipated

intermission before charging onto the field for more action.

Howard came up with another touchdown, with Veselik finding senior receiver Vanessa Nero in the endzone this time. The Ducks then converted for the extra point, putting them ahead 13-0.

Lyons refused to give up, rebounding with several long pass attempts. First, Jenkins found freshman Allison Shenk almost 25 yards downfield. This momentum was spoiled by another Veselik interception, but then regained when a Howard fumble turned the ball back over to the Lyons offense.

Jenkins completed another pass, this time to senior captain Lisa Thomas, but one more attempt to propel the offense with a long ball was foiled by a Klimek interception. The Lyons turnovers throughout the game frustrated the team.

Trevino said, "For the most part I thought we improved, but it just seemed when we needed a key play, we lost the ball."

Time expired with Howard victorious, and Veselik was pleased with her squad. "We have a young team," she said. "But they stepped up and did a good job."

Unbeaten

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"I give their goalie a lot of credit," Waldrum said. "She made some great saves out there."

Warner almost put the Irish on the board with a breakaway goal in the seventh minute. The freshman dribbled to the left of Brown and fired the ball toward the lower left corner of the goal, but it was saved by a Pittsburgh defender.

Senior Meotis Erikson nearly scored Notre Dame's second goal in the 55th minute, but her shot clanged off the middle of the crossbar.

"Their defense was tough to handle," Warner said. "It seemed like we'd beat one defender, and another would be there. We had trouble getting a clear shot off, and when we did, we didn't make it count."

"We've faced this kind of defense before this season and I know we're going to face it again," Waldrum said. "Our kids have to understand that for the remaining part of the season, teams are going to play this way. We just have to learn how to handle it."

The Irish defense has only given up one goal in the past 408 minutes of play — a penalty kick by West Virginia during the Irish's 2-1 overtime win on Friday — but Waldrum wasn't satisfied with the win.

"I think we might have played some of the poorest soccer this season," said Waldrum. "There's a sense that the team has some mental fatigue."

Waldrum said he plans to give the team a few days off this week before they host Seton Hall on Friday.

"It really becomes two seasons — one to get into the playoffs and then the six games after that," Waldrum said. "We've got to stay sharp and keep our focus so we get into the second half of the season in good shape."

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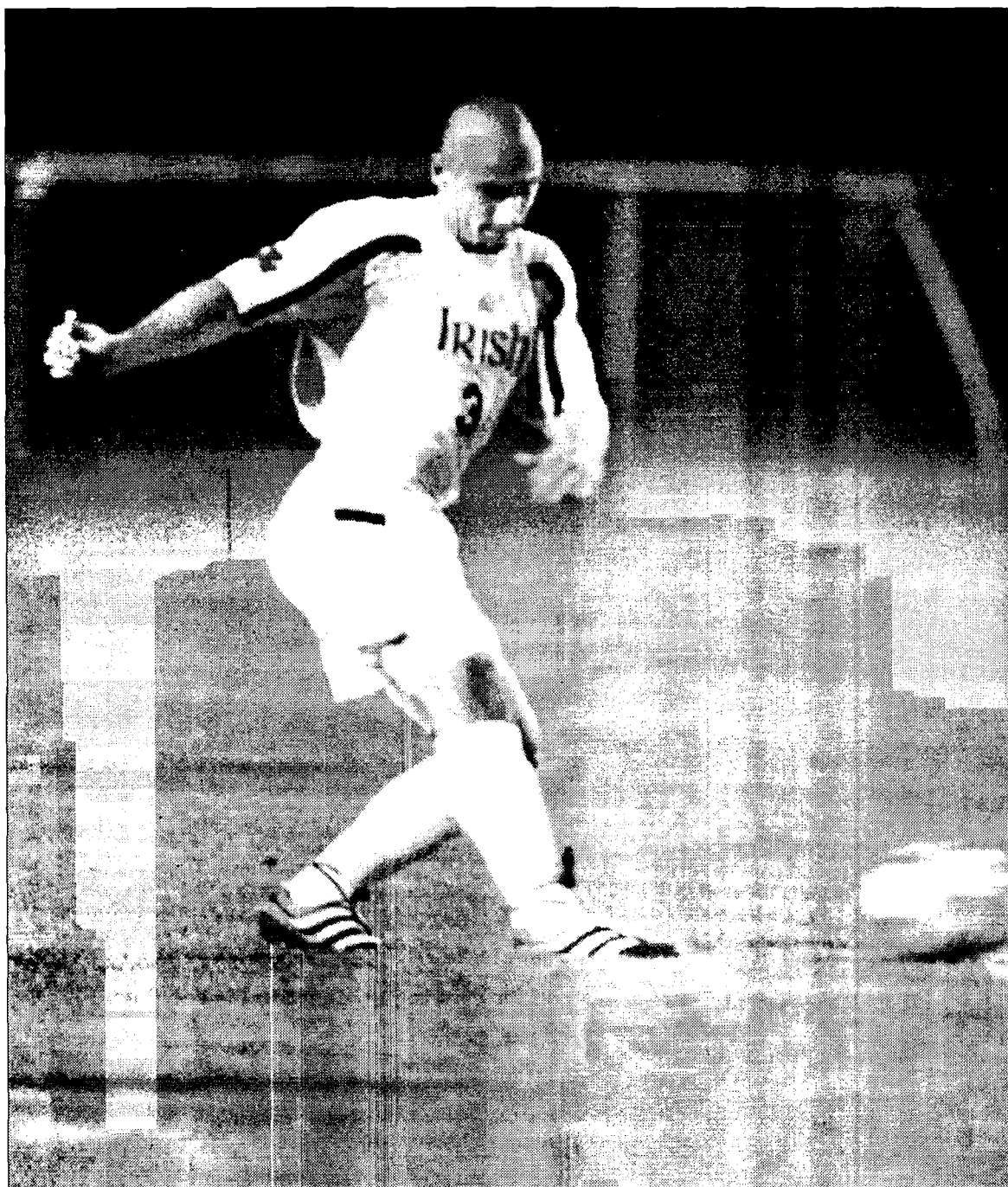
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall to Pirates and Huskies during Big East matches



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Senior co-captain Stephen Maio passes the ball during a game last week against non-conference foe Cleveland State. After this weekend's matches, the Irish are 3-4-1.



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Assistant Sports Editor

Coming into back to back Big East contests against Seton Hall and Connecticut, Notre Dame men's soccer coach predicted, "I think we have a good enough team to go 2-0 this weekend, but both teams are strong enough to beat us as well."

Apple's analysis proved eerily correct as the Irish fell 1-0 in each game despite playing well in both.

Hosting No. 2-ranked Connecticut on Sunday, the Irish (3-4-1, 1-3 in conference) kept the game even until the game's 80th minute, when Connecticut's Darin Lewis scored on a header. The goal followed a drive by Edwin Rivera that drew Irish goalkeeper Greg Tait away from the goal before Rivera passed off to a diving Lewis.

"He got it out on the outside, he got it past a couple of our defenders," said Tait. "Because he brought it in so close to the goal I had to concentrate on him."

Connecticut took the game only after the Irish squandered various opportunities to take the lead. At 35:09 into the game, sophomore forward Erich Braun stole the ball from the Huskies' Brent Rahim and broke away downfield.

One-on-one with the defender, Braun shot the ball to the right of the goal, narrowly missing the game's first score. Despite the miss, Apple still has confidence in last year's leading goal-scorer, who is still not at 100 percent after returning from a hamstring injury.

"I still think he's quick," said Apple. "He's putting a little pressure on himself to score the goals. They're going to come. He's a great goal scorer and if he relaxes and just tells himself he's a

great goal scorer, when he gets one he's going to get 20."

The Irish missed another chance at 64:57 as freshman Chad Riley's penalty shot was blocked by a defender.

Despite finding defeat within the jaws of victory, the Irish remain positive regarding their play against the nation's No. 2 team. "We definitely proved to ourselves that we're a good team," said Tait. "We can hold our own against any team as long as we don't beat each other."

Friday night's game matched the Irish up against another Big East rival as the Pirates of Seton Hall traveled to Alumni Field. Despite doubling the Pirates in shots taken by a 18-9 margin, the Irish failed to put the ball in the net and dropped the game 1-0.

Seton Hall scored its only goal 19:31 into the contest, as freshman forward Ingo Dittel scored his first career goal. Dittel stole the ball

at midfield and ran past two defenders before putting the ball past Tait.

"He brought it across the right side, cut across the middle and got a shot on goal," said Tait.

As they did on Sunday, the Irish were successful in creating shots, but were unable to convert. Braun took six shots — nearly making three — while senior midfielders Dustin Pridmore and Griffin Howard each took four.

"Against Seton Hall I felt that we created some great opportunities," observed Apple. "I thought we needed to do a better job of putting our chances on goal to make their keeper make a save. We had a lot of chances, we just hit them wide or high."

The Irish have a week of practice to regroup from their losses before hosting another Big East rival as the Panthers of Pittsburgh come to Alumni Field Friday at 7:30.

"We had a lot of chances, we just hit them wide or high."

Chris Apple
Irish head coach

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today. I think I used it all up this week. [Beilik] played well. Every game was close, but I couldn't quite get my momentum going."

The two women may meet again in the spring when Wake Forest comes to South Bend Feb. 10.

Not to be outdone by the success of Dasso, the rest of the Irish women also played well this weekend in the Maryland Invitational tournament.

The tournament was highlighted by the impressive play of Notre Dame freshmen Caylan Leslie, Emily Neighbours and Alicia Salas who all advanced to the finals of their flights.

Caylan Leslie and Emily Neighbours both won their finals on Sunday in straight sets, along with junior Berica Day. Salas played well but lost in the final.

"We really had a great weekend," said Louderback. "All three of our freshmen played really well."

Leslie, who is the sixth-highest ranked freshman in the country, began her collegiate career quite well with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Maryland's Delila

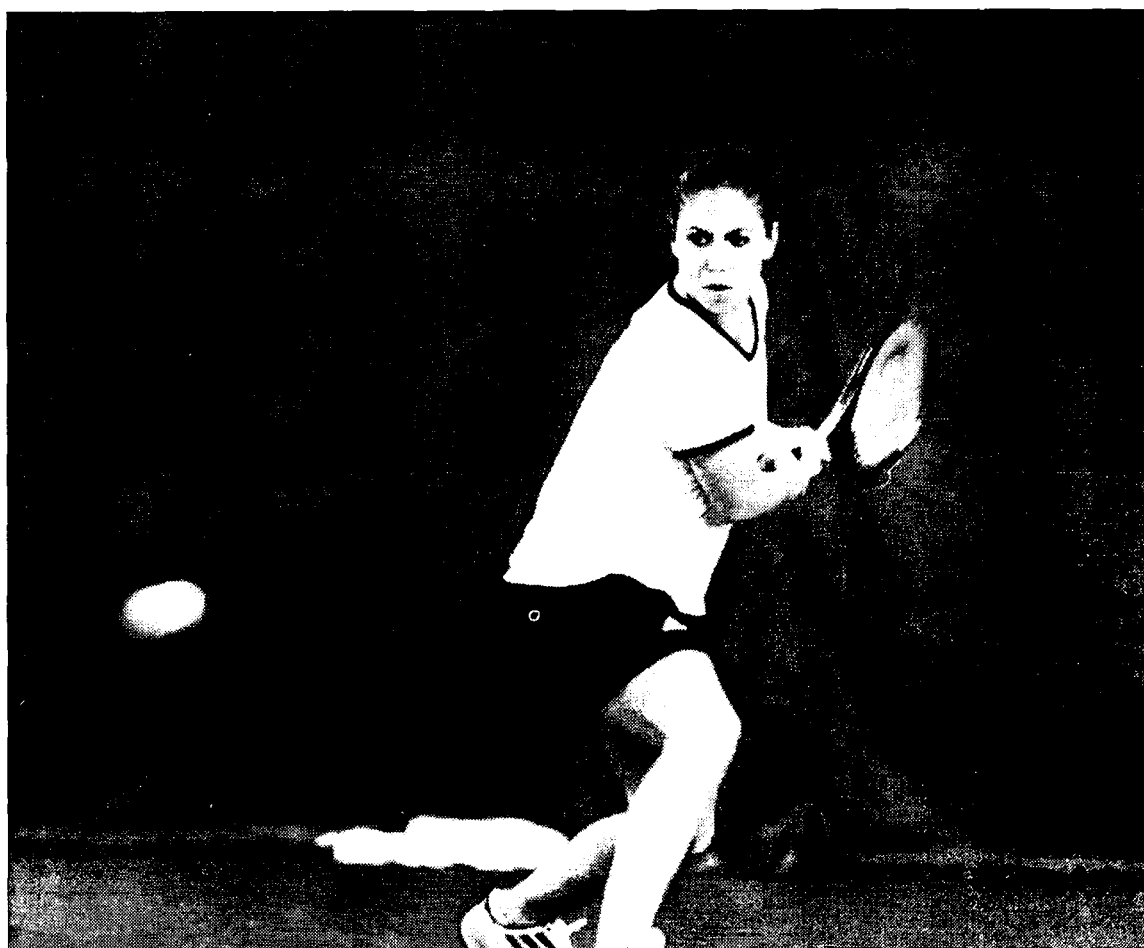
Causevic in the finals. Leslie, who did not drop a set in the tournament, looked very impressive as she took on Causevic, who eliminated junior Irish tennis player Lindsay Green in a hard fought three-set match in the semi-finals.

Neighbours and Salas also began their careers on a high note. Neighbours beat Syracuse's Katie Thompson 6-1, 6-2 in Sunday's final and also finished the tournament without losing a set.

After winning two three-set matches on her way to the final, Notre Dame's Salas fell 6-2, 6-4 to William & Mary's Nina Kamp.

The Irish, who are led by 11-year head coach Louderback, look to be picking up right where they left off last year, which they ended with a 23-7 record. Louderback, last season's Big East Coach of the Year, has recruited a solid freshman class and believes that the combination of the freshmen and junior players such as Lindsay Green and Nina Vaughan will be a big factor in how well the Irish do for the remainder of the fall and in the spring.

Next weekend the Irish will stay in South Bend to play in the Eck classic Friday through Sunday.



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Senior Michelle Dasso prepares to return a shot in a match last year. Dasso battled stomach pain to reach the finals at the Maryland Invitational Sunday.



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Irish, Spartans share similarities

I don't know why I never thought about it before today.

The similarities, I mean. Between the Michigan State and Notre Dame football teams. On Saturday, when the Irish took the lead early, the Spartans responded with 20 unanswered. Notre Dame came back to take a one-point lead, and then MSU scored the winning touchdown with less than two minutes left. I didn't see how alike these two teams are.



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They both came into this season with high expectations for junior quarterbacks who had seen limited action in their first two years. But neither Arnaz Battle nor Ryan Van Dyke would take a single snap in Spartan Stadium.

As a result, both offenses relied on their sophomore tailbacks — the Irish on Julius Jones, Michigan State on T.J. Duckett — to keep their defenses from completely deciding the game.

Both defenses still came pretty close.

In fact, the main reason Notre Dame led 21-20 late in the fourth quarter was because of a defense that was once again overplayed but never overmatched.

Michigan State held the ball for over 34 minutes and used that time to 21 more offensive plays than the Irish. Down 20-14 early in the fourth, the Irish forced quarterback Jeff Smoker into a

scramble, knocked the ball loose, and then recovered the fumble at the Spartan 12.

When the offense didn't convert on fourth-and-1 from the 3, the defense sucked it up and came back on the field. Anthony Weaver intercepted a screen pass, and returned it a few yards to the 2. This led to an Irish touchdown and a 21-20 lead that held up until MSU faced a fourth and ten in the game's final moments, still 68 yards from the end zone.

I think the next play is still on unwilling yet continual replay in the minds of both Irish players and fans.

That said, no blame should be put on the Notre Dame defense. You can bet the guys on the field when Herb Haygood broke off the biggest play of his career take full responsibility for what happened.

But that doesn't mean some analyst can sit there and say: "Man, that defense cost them the game." And I don't think many people have.

You can't blame the offense, either. Looking at only 212 yards of total offense, I think many more of us might want to. But that's too easy of an explanation.

The offensive line still opened up holes and Jones still took advantage of them, to the tune of 126 yards and two touchdowns, despite the fact that the defense knew the Irish would be hesitant to throw the ball with either of their two young quarterbacks.

When they did throw the ball, it usually wasn't a success. Sixty-three yards passing is pretty incriminating evidence.

Still, the No. 1 and 2 quarterbacks have just been thrust into those roles and don't boast much college experience between them. You can't expect them to go into the game and make like Drew Brees against anyone.

And when they did get a chance, the Notre Dame receivers, an underrated group, made plays. Just look at Javin Hunter setting up a score on a 43-yard pass by stopping his route and coming back behind the defender to make a catch at the two.

So where does a self-respecting Irish fan place the blame for the loss that dropped the team to 2-2?

The answer: nowhere.

This Notre Dame team looks different than it did a month ago, largely because of some key injuries. That's made winning football games harder than it would otherwise have been.

The defense misses Grant Irons, but you'd never know it by the way they play.

On the other side of the ball, the Irish have to find a way to get the offense running again. They have the ability — three incredible tailbacks, fearless and fast wide receivers, and some tight ends to whom the term "reliable" would be an understatement of huge proportions. But like a safe-cracker, they now have to find the right combination to make it all click.

The young quarterback needs to be given a strategy that will let him coordinate all these weapons to explode on opposing defenses.

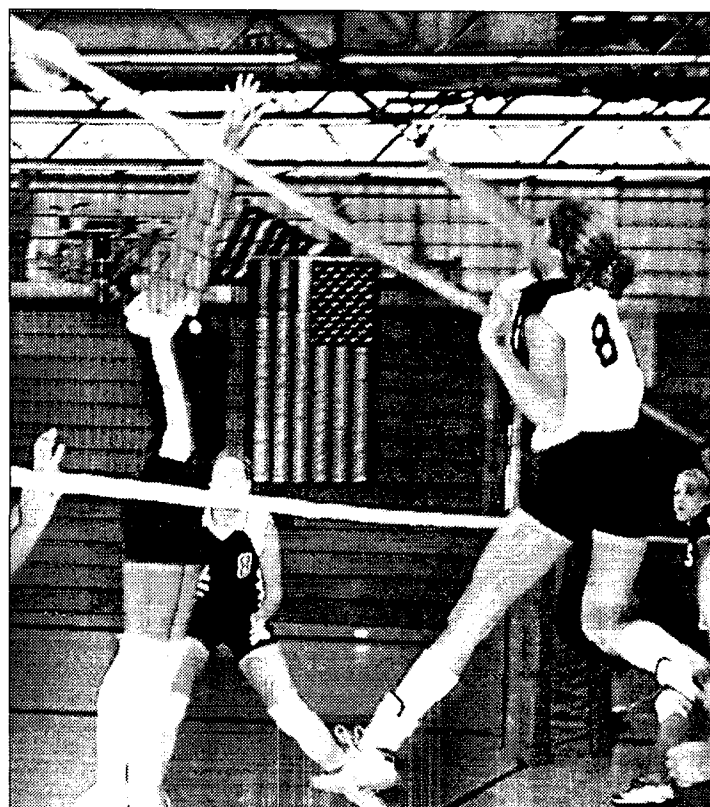
In a game with two similar teams, it could easily have been Notre Dame celebrating a comeback win and Michigan State dealing with its own problems.

Instead, the Irish lost a top 20 spot in the polls and Michigan State took one over.

But for two teams so much alike, it wouldn't be right for the Irish to let the Spartans hang out there alone for too long.

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VOLLEYBALL



DOROTHY CARDER/The Observer

Junior Jolie Lebeau came away with 10 solo blocks as the Belles recorded their first win Thursday night.

Belles finally earn season's first win

By CECILIA OLECK
Sports Writer

The bells of Saint Mary's are ringing loud and clear for the women's volleyball team, who ended a 10-game drought with a victory against Manchester College on Thursday night.

The Belles handed the Spartans a 10-15, 16-14, 15-17, 15-11, 15-9 defeat. Angela Meyers led the team with 30 kills and 25 digs.

Jolie LeBeau played a solid game at the net and came away with 10 solo blocks, two block assists, and 14 kills. Jaime Dineen racked up 56 assists, while Leigh Anne Matesich came up with 24 digs and contributed 20 points in the victory. Victoria Butcko also added 10 digs.

The win gives Saint Mary's a 1-10 record, but more importantly gives a much needed boost to the team's morale and reinforces their confidence that they can play more competitively with in their league. Outside hitter Matesich said that the difference in this game was that we communicated 100 percent better.

Coach Julie Schroder-Biek felt the deciding factor was that. "They maintained their focus throughout the match. They did not let the frustrations of the game distract them from their goals."

Schroder-Biek felt a great sense of pride in her players. "Manchester was the scrappiest team we played yet," she said. "Most teams fold with frustration when they have a great hit or a great tip and the other team just keeps getting a hand on it... I was very proud of how hard the team fought for that win."

The Belles are on the road at Olivet on Saturday and then return home for games against Alma and Albion on Sunday and Tuesday, respectively.

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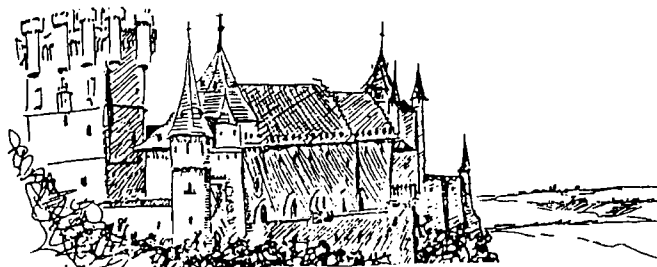
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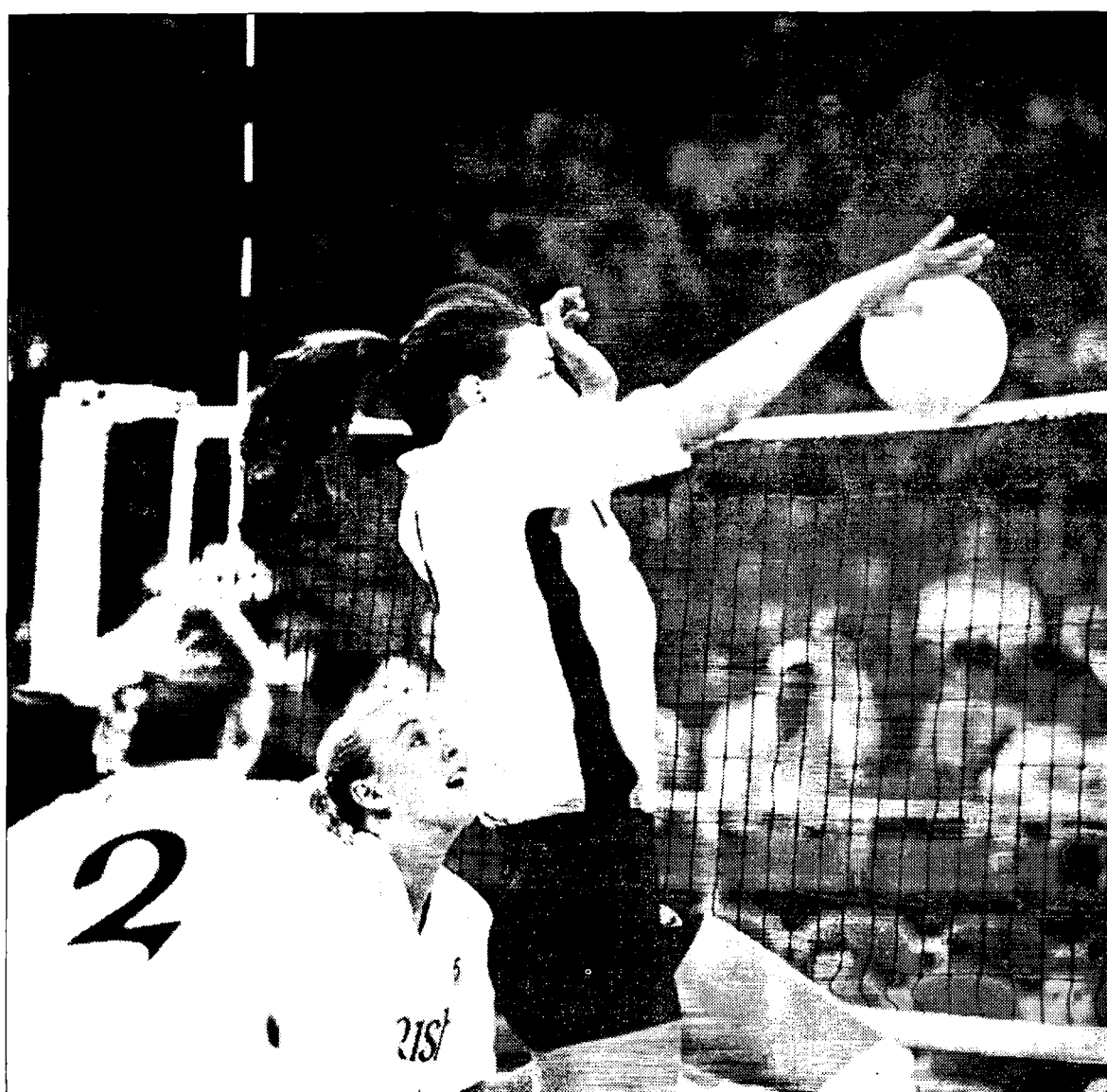
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VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame splits matches in Golden Dome tournament



Senior Christi Girton spikes the ball over the net during a match earlier this year. Saturday, Notre Dame beat Wyoming in their first match, but fell to No. 4 Colorado in the finals.

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Following Notre Dame volleyball's win over Wyoming and loss to No. 4 Colorado State this weekend, senior Christi Girton and junior Malinda Goralski were named to the Golden Dome all-tournament team.

The Irish defeated Wyoming in just three games (15-1, 15-5, 15-8), jumping ahead in game one before the Cowgirls had a chance to strike back. Goralski racked up 10 kills out of 12 attempts in the match for an impressive .833 hitting percentage and also added seven blocks. Girton had 10 kills and five digs to aid Notre Dame.

"I think we had our best passing weekend this year. Usually passing is what gives us the most problems but because we had good passing we were able to run a better offense," Girton said. "Our defense is better than it has been recently but we still have room to improve."

In its first loss in six games, Notre Dame fell (7-15, 7-15, 14-16) to fourth-ranked tour-

nament champion Colorado State. Up 14-10 in game three, the Irish fell apart as the Rams racked up five points in a row for the win. Girton led Notre Dame with 16 kills and 12 digs.

"It was kind of a disappointing end to what was a good weekend overall. Our main goal against Colorado State was to get one game, which we definitely could have done, so it kind of put a damper on the weekend. But our goal for the whole weekend was to win two of our three matches, which we did. So it was good but it was also bad because we know that we could have finished on a better note," Girton said.

No. 24 Notre Dame is coming off an upset over No. 22 Loyola Marymount 15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14 in which junior Kristy Kreher set a new school record with 32 kills in four games.

"We have trouble finishing games. We did that against UCLA and we did it against Nebraska when we should have been able to get a game, but we've been working on that and hopefully we'll be able to get it," Girton said.

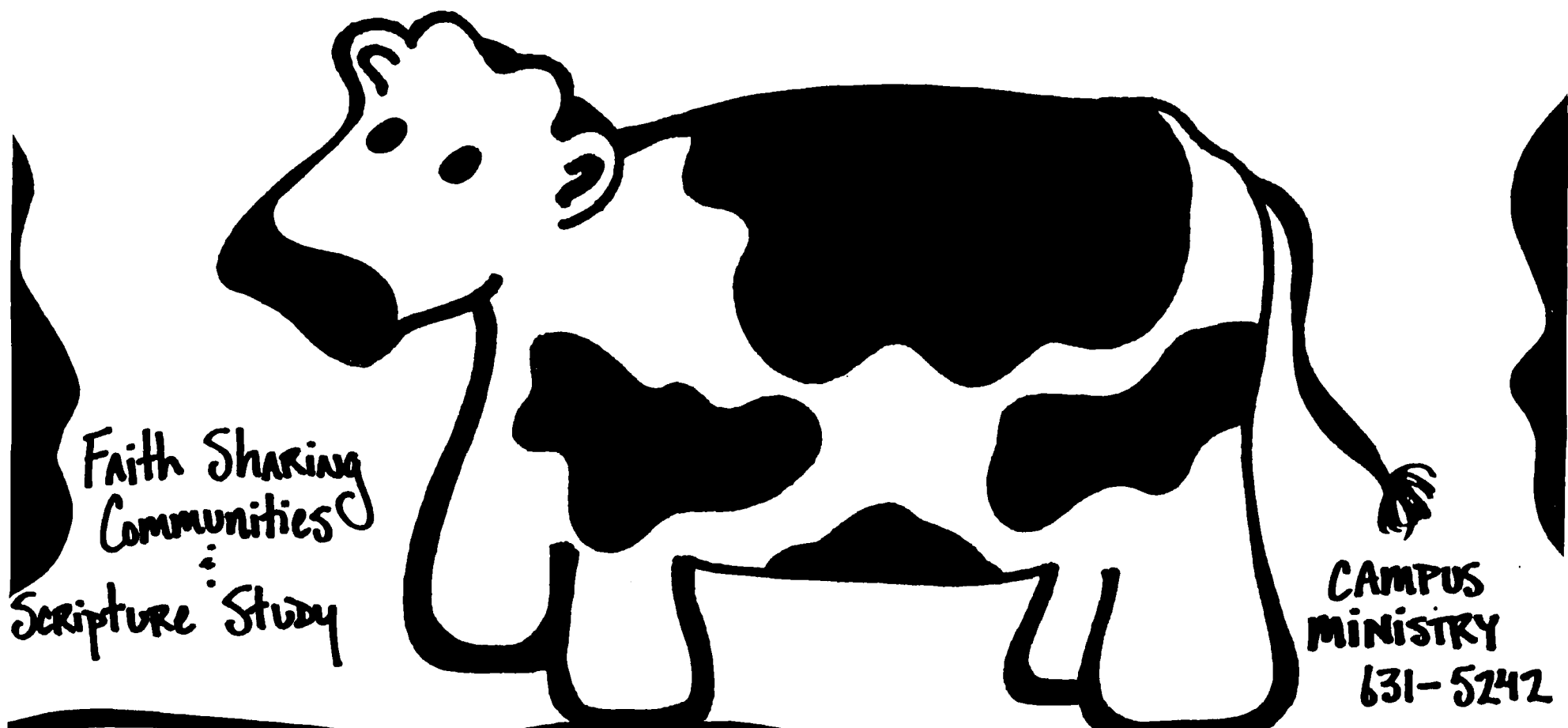
The Irish, now 9-4, will host Villanova on Friday as they begin Big East play.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish take 42 of 59 matches at Tom Fallon Invitational

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

If the Tom Fallon Invitational stood as a test for the Irish men's tennis team, then the squad earned a passing mark. After competing against William and Mary, Purdue, Baylor and Michigan during the weekend's competition, the Irish racked up 42 total victories out of a possible 59 in singles and doubles matches, proving that they will be a force to contend with during the 2000-2001 season despite the loss of key starters. "I'm very encouraged, and I'm pretty excited about our team," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "I think we have a chance to really do something this year, but it's the first step of a very long year, and it's a little premature to be jumping up and down at this point."

Juniors Aaron Talarico and Casey Smith stepped in at the top singles spots for the first

time in their Notre Dame careers, and were able to silence any critics who did not think they could handle the pressure. Talarico competed in the No. 1 singles position for three out of the four matches, upsetting 90th-ranked Trevor Spracklin of William and Mary by the score of 7-5, 6-2, while losing close matches against Purdue and Michigan. "Yeah, I was nervous [about playing No. 1]," Talarico said, "But I've worked hard and I deserved to be there. I just tried my best to keep my mentality intact, and it was a positive experience for me."

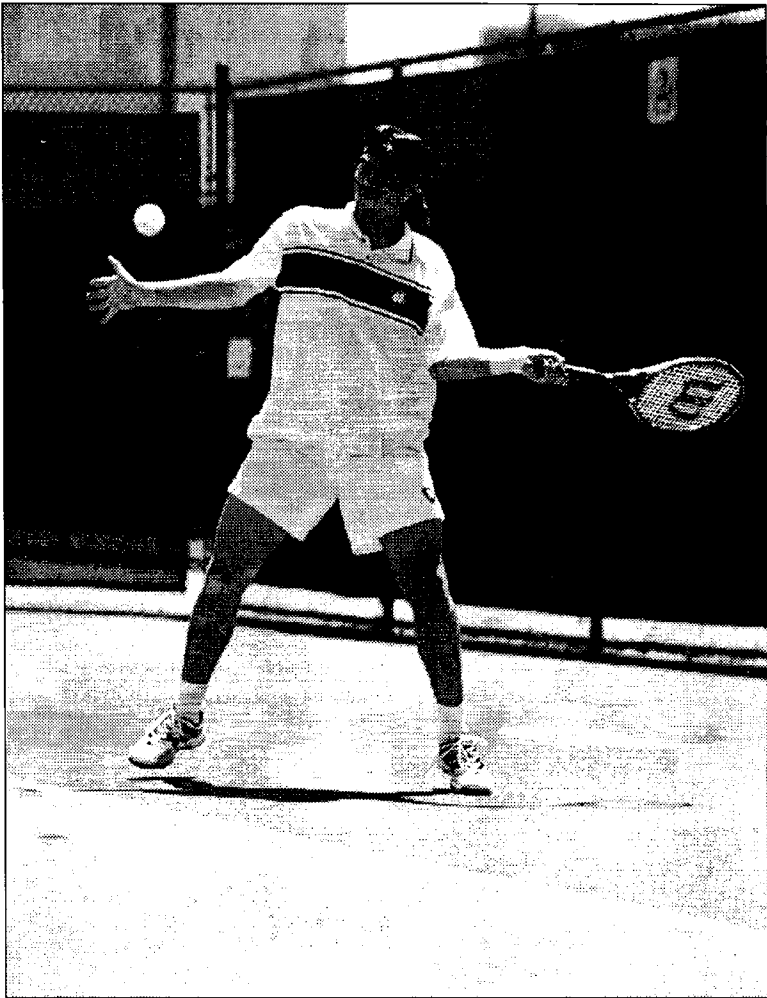
With Talarico sidelined because of an injury, Smith filled in at No. 1 against Baylor and pulled out a solid victory against Sean O'Connor 6-1, 7-6 (7-5). Smith recorded a 4-0 singles record over the weekend by also notching wins in the No. 2 singles position against William and Mary, Purdue, and Michigan. After playing in the top half of the lineup during all of his sopho-

more season, Smith was ready to compete at No. 1 and took it in stride. "I don't think it really matters what number you play," Smith said. "I've learned over the last two years not to be picky about where you play. The thing is, a point is a point. If I win I win, if I lose I lose, so you just need to go out and win wherever you play."

Smith also teamed together with freshman Luis Haddock-Morales in doubles to post a 4-0 mark, giving him a spotless record overall for the weekend's competitions. The 9th-ranked Irish doubles team of Talarico and Javier Taborga also made a successful debut in season-opening play. The duo eked out a win against William and Mary 9-8 (10-8) while defeating Purdue 8-5 to post a 2-0 record for the weekend. Despite their early success, the pairing knows they still have room to improve.

"Right now we are not playing as good as we want to," Taborga said. "We are trying to get to another level and we are doing things we not used to doing. For example, we are trying to be more aggressive and go up a lot more. If we want to stay top 10 we are going to have to be more aggressive. Right now we are not as solid as we want to be, but at the same time I think that the weapons we are working on are going to pay off during the season."

Taborga also pulled off a stunning victory in singles play, defeating 68th-ranked Mark Williams of Baylor by taking the third set tiebreaker, finishing the weekend with a 3-1 record in singles. Junior Andrew Laflin also recorded



JOE STARK/The Observer
Javier Taborga, shown above, and doubles partner Aaron Talarico posted a 2-0 record this weekend at the Tom Fallon Invitational.

Sunday's Results from the Tom Fallon Invitational

- Singles**
Henry Beam (UM) def. Aaron Talarico (ND) 6-4, 6-3
Casey Smith (ND) def. Ben Cox (UM) 5-6, 6-5, 1-0 (10-0)
Javier Taborga (ND) def. Danny McCain (UM) 6-2, 3-6, 1-0 (10-8)
Luis Haddock-Morales (ND) def. Anthony Jackson (UM) 6-2, 6-3
Matt Scott (ND) def. Chris Shaya (UM) 6-5, 6-1
Andrew Laflin (ND) def. Chris Rolf (UM) 6-4, 6-4
Seth McKinley (UM) def. Bryan Acken (ND) 6-1, 6-0
Beth Conant (UM) def. Chancey Martin (ND) 6-5, 4-6, 1-0 (10-8)
- Doubles**
Haddock-Morales/Smith (ND) def. Cox/Jackson (UM) 8-4
Malhame/Taborga (ND) def. McCain/Rolf (UM) 8-6
Jeremy Edelson/Shaya (UM) def. Raju/Scott (ND) 4-2, ret.

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Marion Jones had barely finished her victory lap when Maurice Greene joined her as an Olympic 100-meter champion.

Jones, who as a youngster wrote on a bedroom blackboard "I want to be an Olympic champion," got her wish on a chilly, windswept Saturday by winning the women's 100-meter final in 10.75 seconds.

One down, four to go.
"It's been my dream for 19 years, and finally it's here," said a sobbing Jones, who hopes to win five gold medals in Sydney.

Her winning margin of 37-hundredths of a second over Ekaterini Thanou of Greece was the second biggest in Olympic 100-meter history.

Jones had just completed a joyous, playful lap around the Olympic Stadium, waving small U.S. and Belize flags, when Greene sped to his gold medal with a time of 9.87 seconds. Jones' mother was born in Belize.

Greene wrapped his head in his hands after crossing the finish line, then pulled off his red-white-and-blue shoes and held them high. He threw them into the crowd and draped himself in a U.S. flag.

"You work four years for something that's only going to last nine seconds. It's hard to do," Greene said. "I'm over-

joyed and overwhelmed and everything and just filled with joy."

Jones, wearing chrome-plated shoes so shiny they looked like mirrors, went sleeveless on a cool night on which wind swirled around the soldout 110,000-seat Olympic Stadium.

After a false start by Thanou, Jones made up an early deficit to Jamaica's Tanya Lawrence and sped past the field to win by a comfortable margin. Thanou won the silver medal in 11.12 seconds and Lawrence was third in 11.18.

The only bigger winning margin in an Olympic 100-meter final, either men's or women's, was Marjorie Jackson's win by .38 over Daphne Hasenjager in 1952.

Merlene Ottey of Jamaica, who has won seven Olympic medals, finished fourth — a hundredth of a second behind Lawrence. Ottey, 40, recently returned from a one-year drug suspension.

Jones' victory was the first step in her quest for five golds. Only one track athlete, the "Flying Finn" Paavo Nurmi, has won that many in one Olympics. He did it in Paris 76 years ago.

"It's nice to have the first one done. I don't know if it's going to be harder or easier [from now on]," she said. "I've seen a lot of Olympic Games, I've seen a lot of people cross the [finish] line and I was thinking about it."

"I was like, 'There's no way. I was going to cross that line and

be a cool cat. I'm going to run. I'm going to celebrate. Then when you cross that line and everything all of a sudden just hits you when you realize that you can be described as an Olympic champion, finally, it was very emotional."

Jones' husband, shot putter C.J. Hunter, was all smiles as his wife circled the track.

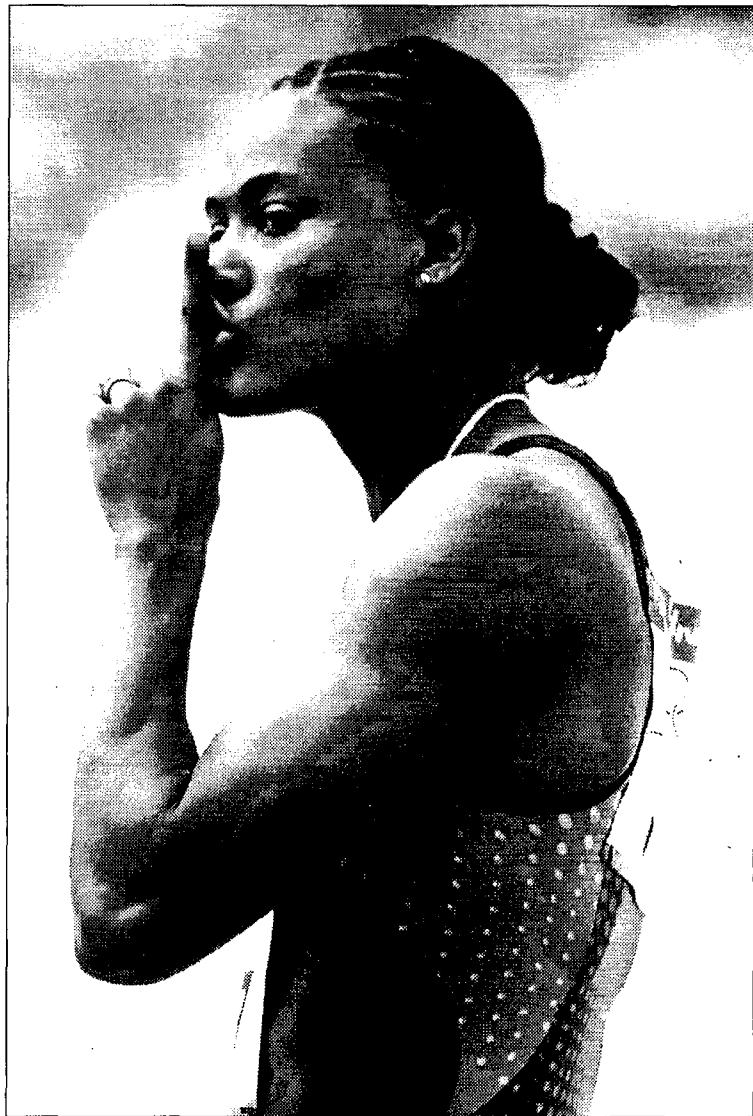
"I'm just very, very happy. That's what she likes is challenges," Hunter said. "I think this is the easiest of her events, but we're totally confident she can do anything."

In the men's 100, Greene defeated training partner and Sydney housemate Ato Boldon of Trinidad & Tobago, who took silver after getting the bronze medal in Atlanta. Boldon finished in 9.99 seconds. Obadele Thompson of Barbados was third in 10.04.

"I knew this was a race Maurice would have to give away for anybody else to have a chance," Boldon said. "Maurice just destroyed us out there, to be honest."

Greene failed to qualify for the 1996 Olympics and cried in the stands while watching the 100 final at the Atlanta Games. This time, he was all smiles as he crossed the finish line and thrust his fist in the air.

"I remember crying in Atlanta," Greene said. "I'm glad it's all over. I have a lot of pressure off me and now I have other things I want to accomplish."



KRT Photo

Marion Jones silenced her competition in the 100 meters, winning in a time of 10.75 seconds.

MEN'S SOCCER

U.S men's squad advances to first ever semifinals



KRT Photo

Japan's goalkeeper Seigo Narazaki punches away the ball as he's being put under pressure by USA's Pete Vagenas (left), Conor Casey (2nd from left) and Chris Albright (right) in their Olympic semifinals match.

Associated Press

ADELAIDE, Australia
Look out Sydney, here they come.

After edging Japan 5-4 in a sudden-death penalty shootout after two periods of overtime in Saturday's quarterfinals, the U.S. men's soccer team is Sydney-bound and hungry for that "Olympic feeling."

The U.S. men, who'd never before advanced out of the first round at an Olympic tournament, now go into a semifinal Tuesday against Spain, a 1-0 winner over Italy in another quarterfinal.

Josh Wolff scored the Americans' first goal to tie it 1-1, then earned a last-minute penalty kick, which Pete Vagenas put home, sending the game into overtime.

He then took the critical fourth kick in the shootout after Japan missed its fourth. Wolff gave the United States an edge for the first time, before leading the celebrations as the jubilant bench spilled onto the field when Sasha Victorine nailed the winner.

"We're pumped," said Wolff, who scored a goal,

had an assist and earned a penalty kick in the preliminaries as the United States won Group C at 1-0-2. "Me, I'm just excited about going to Sydney to be a part of the Olympics. It's going to be pretty wild. We're going for a medal and its going to be exciting."

Victorine, who came on as a substitute in overtime, put the fifth penalty kick just past the desperate dive of goalkeeper Seigo Narazaki. He said minute-for-minute, it was the greatest game of his career after he hadn't played a minute in the three preliminaries.

"Coming off the bench into a situation like that is amazing," Victorine said. "I don't know, it was just incredible to be able to come in and help the team like that."

While Wolff described the win as the defining moment in the team's history, Vagenas said the entire game was "surreal."

"I don't think it's sunk in — maybe when we leave to play in the semifinal it might hit me," he said.

After Victorine scored just inside the post to the bloodied Narazaki's left, the entire American squad sprinted onto the field as if

it had won the World Cup, tearing off shirts and pumping clenched fists in triumph.

Japan, which led twice, stood back bewildered, jaws dropped.

The Americans rallied twice, including Vagenas' penalty kick after a dubious call by Zimbabwean referee Felix Onias Tangawarima.

Wolff and Tomoyuki Sakai were vying for the ball when the American striker was barely pushed from behind and appeared to take a dive near the end line as the ball went out of bounds.

His performance convinced Tangawarima it was a foul.

Wolff defended the referee's decision, saying the penalty was warranted.

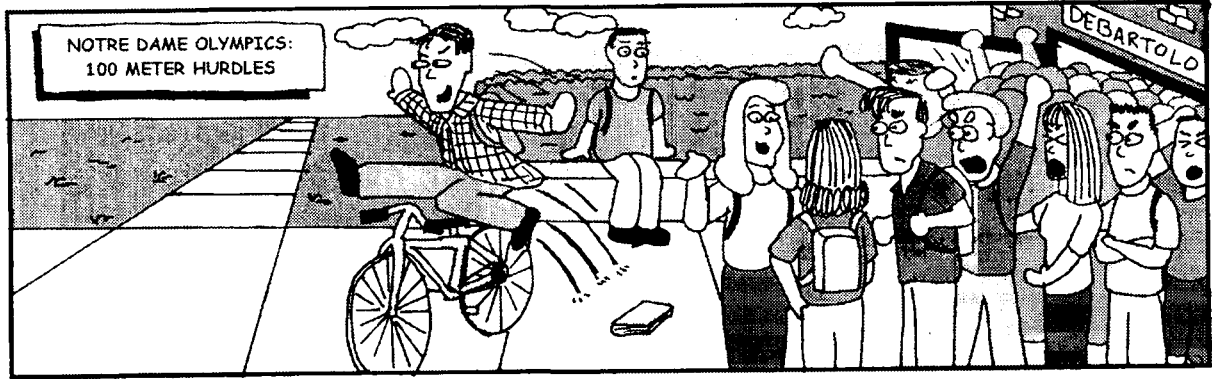
"I got myself in front, he clipped my feet and I was forced down," he said. "It was a good PK to give us a tie, and fortunately we won it on penalty kicks."

"I don't think we were dead at any point. We were down twice, but we kept up the spirit ... and deserved what we got," he said.

Philippe Troussier, head coach of the Japanese team, said he didn't want to dwell on refereeing decisions.

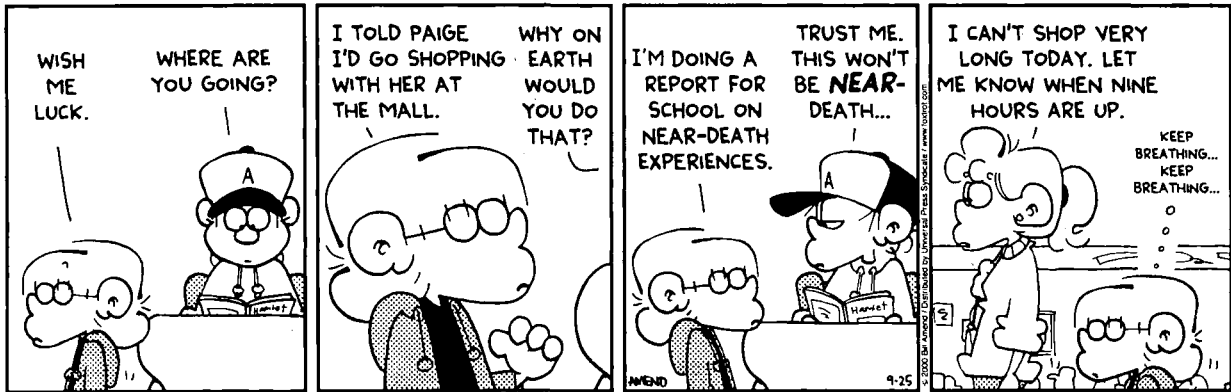
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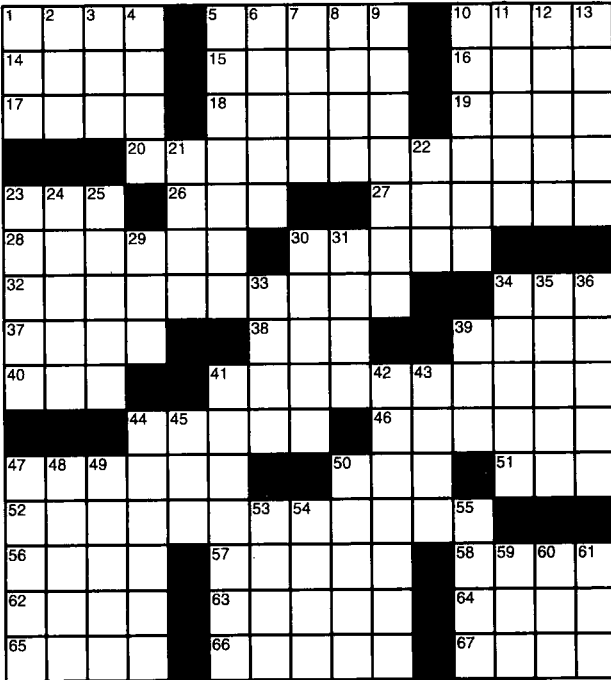
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hertz competitor
 - 5 Mature
 - 10 Play parts
 - 14 1/500 of the Indianapolis 500
 - 15 Wear away
 - 16 ___ cheese (salad topping)
 - 17 Animal skin
 - 18 Valley ___, Pa.
 - 19 Wild pig
 - 20 Where to get scared
 - 23 Org. with secrets
 - 26 "___ a small world..."
 - 27 Second of two
 - 28 Still rumbled, as a bed
 - 30 Wineglass features
 - 32 Where to get jarred
 - 34 Insane
 - 37 Child most likely to be spanked
 - 38 ___ de Janeiro
 - 39 Satisfy a hankering
 - 40 Hankering
 - 41 Where to get dizzy
 - 44 Hoity-toity sorts
 - 46 Debit's partner
 - 47 "Little ___ Annie"
 - 50 Decorated war pilot
 - 51 Place to recuperate
 - 52 Gentle alternative to 20-, 32- and 41-Across
 - 56 Shaking chill
 - 57 Computer operators
 - 58 Greasy
 - 62 Full house, e.g.
 - 63 Crème de la crème
 - 64 Quote as an example
 - 65 Bartenders tender them
 - 66 Echolocation
 - 67 Baby goats
- DOWN**
- 1 Piece of band equipment
 - 2 Compete
 - 3 Down with the flu
 - 4 Son of Adam and Eve
 - 5 Opponent in an argument
 - 6 Shackles
 - 7 Harbor
 - 8 Perimeter
 - 9 Christmas tree shedding
 - 10 Monastery heads
 - 11 Influence
 - 12 Hardly the prim sort
 - 13 More certain
 - 21 Campaign worker
 - 22 Boars Head product
 - 23 Small compartment
 - 24 Become accustomed (to)
 - 25 Jordan's capital
 - 29 Liable
 - 30 Leaves harbor
 - 31 Gait faster than a walk
 - 33 Test taker's dirty secret



Puzzle by Nancy Kavanaugh

- 34 Hotel cleaners
 - 35 Just clear of the ocean floor
 - 36 Atlanta-based airline
 - 39 "What ___ is" (1988 #1 country hit)
 - 41 Languages
 - 42 Plaintiff
 - 43 Carolina ___ (little songster)
 - 44 Rips to bits
 - 45 Opponent's vote
 - 47 University of Nebraska campus site
 - 48 Magnificent
 - 49 Wrinkly fruit
 - 50 Major blood carrier
 - 53 Nobel Peace Prize city
 - 54 Bridle strap
 - 55 Loading area
 - 59 Caesar's three
 - 60 Inc., in Britain
 - 61 "You bet!"
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Will Smith, Heather Locklear, Barbara Walters, Michael Douglas, Juliet Prowse

Happy Birthday: Let your creativity lead the way. You need an outlet to help you balance out your emotional ups and downs. Put your energy into the things you find most productive. You can achieve your dreams if you concentrate on what is necessary to complete the pertinent job efficiently. Your numbers: 13, 22, 27, 34, 39, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Domestic investments will be lucrative. Get involved in sports events that will use up some of your energy. Take time to listen to friends with problems. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Romantic encounters will develop at social functions involving friends and or relatives. Travel will be pleasurable but costly. Stick to your budget, or you won't have enough money put away for the festive season. ○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make plans to have friends over. You can also hold group meetings in your home. You may be interested in taking on a small part-time business of your own. Don't underestimate yourself. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be emotional today. You need to get out and do things that will make you feel better. Shopping may help swing your mood around, but don't overspend. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Superiors are not likely to see your situation the same way you do. Wait and get all the information before talking to your boss. Keep your secret findings to yourself. Be patient and everything

will turn out. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will impress new acquaintances with your intellectual conversation and obvious knowledge about your business. Socializing will lead to romantic encounters. ○○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have a problem with someone you live with if he or she doesn't like the changes you are making. Try to spend more time with family, not less. There are people counting on you. ○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be looking into travel possibilities. Going away for the festive season will be a great way to celebrate this year. Looking forward to a change of scenery and some relaxation will lift your spirits. ○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have to help an older relative today. Don't blow situations out of proportion. It is best to do what's necessary and be done with it. ○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your mate will be emotional if you haven't been spending enough time with him or her. All work and no play will lead to a lonely state of affairs. ○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is a great time to pick out a pet to keep you company. You should consider shuffling through some personal papers that need to be updated. You can make career changes if you want. ○○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will enjoy taking trips that will enhance your knowledge. Visits with friends or relatives are enjoyable. Romance will develop through educational groups you belong to. ○○○○

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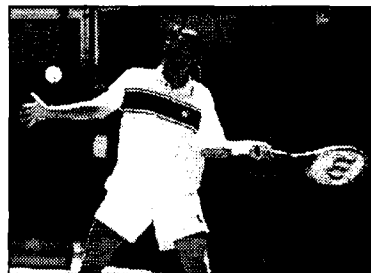
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 1 Irish beat Panthers to stay unbeaten

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Senior Anne Makinen scored the lone goal as the Notre Dame women's soccer team beat a defensive-oriented Pittsburgh squad 1-0 Sunday afternoon.

After this game, the No. 1-ranked Irish extend their record to 9-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big East, while the Panthers fall to 3-7 overall and 0-2 in the Big East.

Makinen's goal, her seventh of the season, came at 33:35. Freshman forward Amy Warner faked out one defender and passed the ball to the middle of the field, where it was partially deflected by a Pittsburgh defender. Makinen recovered the ball and blasted it into the upper left corner of the net.

Her goal was all the Irish would need for the win. Although Notre Dame outshot Pittsburgh 27-1, the Panthers often played with six defenders in the penalty box, making it difficult for the Irish to get a quality shot at the net.

"It's very difficult to break teams down when they pack 10 or 11 into their half of the field," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum.

Even after the Irish scored, the Panthers seemed reluctant to attack the Notre Dame defense. Notre Dame goalkeeper Liz Wagner never faced a serious scoring threat and was not credited with a single save.

"We always came out and tried to play," Waldrum said. "That's been my philosophy as a coach. Even once they got behind one, they still stayed packed in. It's a little bit frustrating."

The Irish had multiple scoring opportunities, but had difficulty putting the ball past Pittsburgh goalie Rachel Brown. Brown finished with 15 saves.



Freshman Amanda Guertin dribbles upfield during a game earlier this season. The Irish are ranked No. 1 for the first time since 1996.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles win 1-0 thriller

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Veteran-scorer Heather Muth put away the winning goal for the Belles on Saturday in a 1-0 overtime victory over the Adrian Bulldogs in a match that was just a little too close for comfort for the Belles.

The overtime goal was reminiscent of a similar Belles victory last year, when Muth scored with one minute left in sudden-death double overtime against the Bulldogs.

"Heather had most of our shots," Stephanie Artnak said. Artnak is now tied with Muth at the top of the Belles scoring list. "She had a bunch of breakaways. It was such sweet justice that she scored [the winning goal]."

Muth saved her team and coach some stress by completing her goal a little earlier than last year's shot. Five minutes into the first and final overtime, Muth dribbled to her left and took a shot from 20 feet out. The ball hooked right and found the upper right corner of the Adrian goal, slipping past Bulldogs' goalie Sarah Moulik, who also let Muth's game-winner by in the 1999 Belles win.

"[Muth] played forward this game," Artnak said. "She was the strongest player in the game."

Muth led the team in shooting as well as scoring, taking 10 of the team's 23 shots.

"I was just glad to be able to put the ball in the net," Muth said. "Everyone had plenty of shots on goal. If I hadn't put it in, I am confident another player on our team would have."

The Belles dominated the game, as goalie Tia Kappahn and her defensive corps allowed Adrian just 10 shots on goal.

"We had a lot of scoring chances that hit the crossbar or the posts," Artnak said. "They had a really good goalie. She was their strongest player by far."

Muth, who faced Moulik last year, thought Moulik had improved since the 1999 match.

"The goalie from Adrian was amazing," Muth said. "She was the best keeper we have faced all year. We had high shots, low shots, corner shots — but she got to them all. I was so frustrated, because no matter where I put the ball, she was right there. She made the game a challenge."

All in all, it was one of the best games of the season for the Belles, who have at times struggled to win despite dominating the game. The

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WOMEN'S

Dasso fights stomach pain but reaches finals

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

In its first tournament of the season, the women's tennis team headed to Maryland to compete in the Intercollegiate T. Rowe Price Clay Court Championships and the Maryland Invitational. The weekend was highlighted by the gusty play of senior Michelle Dasso in the Clay Court Championships.

The fifth-seeded Dasso — who advanced to the finals

despite pulling a stomach muscle early in the tournament — battled her way through the first two rounds by defeating 31st-ranked Janet Bergman from West Virginia and 44th-ranked Mira Radu from Mississippi, all in three set matches. Playing hurt and tired Dasso fought her way into the finals where she faced Wake Forest's second-seeded Bea Beilik.

"She pulled her stomach muscle in the second round and by the finals it really hurt her," said coach Jay Louderback.

"She lost almost all of her serve, which usually gets her some easy points."

Despite the pain, Dasso battled on but lost in two sets to Wake Forest's Beilik 6-1, 6-3. Beilik, who did not lose a game in the five matches played on the way to the finals, said, "I knew coming out that [Dasso] was going to run down a lot of balls so I was going to have to be patient. Luckily I was able to win some key points when I needed to and I think that was the difference today."

Dasso's appearance in the final marked the best ever showing for an Irish women's tennis player at a grand slam tournament.

"She is such a tough kid," said Louderback. "She makes every point a war and doesn't give up. She has worked really hard and to start off her senior season like this was great for her."

A tired and worn out Dasso said after the match, "I think my luck just kind of ran out

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