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The Super Fan

Whether it be at home or away, senior Sharon Bui hasn't missed a game this year. She gives advice on better ways to enjoy football.

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ND asks for lawsuit dismissal

◆ English professor alleges University of age discrimination

By JASON McFARLEY
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In a five-page response that challenges professor Thomas Jemieli's standing to sue Notre Dame for age discrimination, the University has asked that a judge dismiss the case.

The response, filed Nov. 20 in U.S. District Court in South Bend, answers a complaint by 67-year-old Jemieli who alleged in an Oct. 30 suit that Notre Dame for the past nine years has fostered "a culture of discrimination against older professors in its English Department."

The suit claims that University officials have paid Jemieli less than younger professors, mistreated him both publicly and in private and forced him to retire three years earlier than he intended.

Administrators have refused to remedy the discrimination, despite Jemieli's calling the issues to the attention of deans and English Department heads throughout the 1990s, the suit alleges.

The suit seeks unspecified punitive and compensatory damages.

In its response last week from University attorney Jill Bodensteiner, Notre Dame denied allegations that it employed unfair practices and created a hostile work environment.

Some of Jemieli's claims are barred by Indiana statutes of limitations, according to Notre Dame's answer, because the professor failed to "seek relief in a timely manner."

Jemieli also failed to meet requirements of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, according to the answer.

"The idea that there's a pattern of discrimination ... as our filings indicate, that hasn't happened," University spokesman Dennis Moore said Thursday.

Jemieli could not be reached for comment Thursday.

The professor has worked at the University for more than 30 years.

Not since former assistant football coach Joe Moore's dismissal has the University faced a high-profile age-bias suit. A federal court in 1998 awarded him more than \$100,000 after determining that he was fired in 1996 because of his age.

In the summer of 1998, the school settled out of court a gender-bias suit with Beth Kern. The former accounting professor alleged sex discrimination factored into the University's

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No job, now service?



AMANDA GRECCO/The Observer

For Jeffrey Steedle, a senior electrical engineering major, his summer research and design job at the University of Central Florida reinforced his decision to do service upon graduation. He is applying to half a dozen teaching programs, and aims to teach science, math or computers next year.

◆ Less job options and changing career priorities follow terrorist attacks

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

One of the advantages of attending Notre Dame, until recently, has been the availability of high-paying jobs upon graduation. But with the Sept. 11 events and the current economic recession, more seniors may be pursuing service opportunities following their graduation than in past years.

Andrea Shappell, director of senior transition programs at the Center for Social Concerns, predicts that approximately 10 percent of the graduating seniors will be active in a wide range of public service and social justice activities next year.

"Usually about 190 graduating seniors do a year or two of service after graduation, and that's been consistent even though the economy's been good. I don't have any hard stats, because most programs including ACE

aren't accepting applications until January and February," said Shappell.

"Sept. 11 brought volunteering back into the forefront of my mind," said senior accounting and film and television major Melissa Rauch. Rauch was offered her dream job at NBC, early in the semester, and signed up to work with NBC.

But after becoming involved in Foodshare, a community service project designed to minimize the wasting of food, Rauch had a realization that she wanted to do more than two hours of service a week.

"I signed the offer but then I had this realization that I hadn't done enough," said Rauch. "I had good intentions to do service when I first came here to Notre Dame, but then I got busy with other things. Now I'm questioning what was important and I was worried that the same thing would happen when I started my career in Manhattan. I thought I needed to set aside time to do this one thing."

Rauch admits that she was thankful that NBC allowed her to defer her job commitment for a year.

"I had these feeling that I needed to do service, but I was worried that NBC

might not be agreeable and I was afraid of risking my dream job."

For Jeremy Bauer, a senior environmental geosciences major, Sept. 11 reinforced his decision to join the Peace Corps.

"That [Sept. 11] kinda reaffirmed my commitment to service," he said. "I feel especially right now we need ambassadors to promote good will and solidarity. But I've wanted to do international service since doing a sophomore summer service project. I feel now's a great time because it's harder to do these kinds of things once you're settled down with a job."

Bauer was accepted to the Peace Corps recently and will be in Ecuador next year teaching resource management and water sanitation.

Colleen Gilg, a senior government major, will also be involved in service abroad next year and had been planning on doing service even before this year. Gilg is interested in international and human rights law and hopes to go to Latin America next year to gain experience that will help her in the future.

INSIDE COLUMN

A tribute to the managers

What were you doing last night? Chances are you were probably out exercising your right to a social life. Or, for you unlucky ones, you were studying for that miserable Friday morning exam.

Not the managers. They likely spent around 10 hours of their time helping the football team prepare for its last game of the season against Purdue.

They likely shivered their way through the last practice of the week, then went immediately over to the Stadium to paint the helmets and get everything — yes, everything — ready to travel to West Lafayette.

How do I know all this? I was one of them. (And I'm psychic ... but that's another story for another Inside Column.)

I think it's about time that our managers got some recognition for their hard work and dedication to the athletic teams of this outstanding university. They spend countless hours of their time doing their best to make our teams' practices and games go as smoothly as possible. Often these managers go overlooked because their names are not announced on a regular basis at the games, and their presence in the game programs is almost an afterthought.

The work the managers do for our athletic program is far-reaching, from the miniscule — picking out coaches' favorite flavors of gum and cola — to the major — making travel reservations for away games.

I'm sure you all remember the parties on our campus on football weekends.

Managers don't. On home football weekends, they are in the Stadium on Friday nights, preparing the helmets, the uniforms, the cleats, the pads, etc., sometimes until the sun rises on Saturday — only to return several hours before kickoff, when they prepare the field goal nets, the kicking tees, the footballs, the first down markers, etc. Often the managers return home several hours after the game so tired from the past 36 hours they just go to sleep until Sunday afternoon.

Think your weekly schedule is rough?

Try having three classes a day, then practice until dinnertime or later, then hitting the books for the rest of the night.

True, this schedule applies for a lot of athletes as well as managers, but there is one difference between managers and athletes.

Recognition.

When I was in the organization, I wouldn't have traded the experiences I had for anything in this world. Yes, the days were arduous, and yes, I did come close to injuring football players — twice — but I still think it is a valuable experience for those who endure.

That experience is precisely why the managers stick with it: well, that and the free clothes.

Anyway, as our football season comes to a close and our beloved managers go their separate ways off to the many sports teams, I wanted to wish my fellow juniors good luck.

So, to Lindsay, Lauren, Molly, Jim, Ellen, Kelly, Dave, Moody, Toby, Ned, Andy, Dawn, Jessi, Nat, Elise, Shannon, Karen, Conte, Chrissy, Hammell and Burgdorf, best of luck with whatever the future (and the athletic department) holds for you.

In closing, "Has anyone seen my baseball?" Go Irish.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Hesburgh gets ambassador rank

Tuesday, November 29, 1977

University President Father Theodore Hesburgh was confirmed by the Senate for the rank of ambassador for the tenure of his service as chairman of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development in 1979.

Student trampled on game day

Friday, November 27, 1992

Saint Mary's senior Jill Burdo suffered bruised ribs, a bruised ligament in her left knee, broken blood vessels in her eyes and black eyes after being trampled by students when she fell while rushing onto the field after the Irish victory against Penn State Saturday.



Bryan Kronk

Sports Copy Editor

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Fraternity member expulsions lead to litigation

AUBURN, Ala.

Ten members of Beta Theta Pi suspended for wearing racially offensive Halloween costumes must be reinstated to Auburn University, Lee County Circuit Court Judge Robert Harper ordered Nov. 21.

The order followed a complaint filed by the Auburn Chapter of Beta against the fraternity's national organization, the University and University officials.

The Board of Trustees, Vice President for Student Affairs Wes Williams and Interim President William Walker were named in the suit, which requests \$300 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

Walker suspended the offending members after an investigation into actions that took place at two fraternity parties, Beta Theta Pi and Delta



Sigma Theta.

At press time, neither fraternity could be reached.

"I am very concerned that these instances reflect more than ignorance," Walker said at a Nov. 14 trustees meeting before the suit was filed. "They reflect a lack of concern for humanity."

While Beta claims the University's actions were a violation of their rights, others said the fraternity members' suspension was the correct action.

"I think the actions taken by this institution were none less than appropriate," said SGA President Brandon Riddick-Seals at the trustees meeting.

Beta, however, is not simply demanding the reinstatement of the suspended students.

Harper dismissed an additional request by the fraternity for a restraining order against the University to halt all further disciplinary action.

In addition to members being suspended from school, the fraternity was earlier suspended by the University and disbanded by its national organization.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Suicide likely cause of prof's death

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Despite no new leads in the investigation, a Memphis Police Department spokesperson said Wednesday suicide is the most likely explanation for Harvard University professor Don Wiley's disappearance in Memphis earlier this month. "Indications are that he parked the car on the bridge and took his own life, [but] we can't conclude that," said Lt. Richard True, a department spokesperson. "We're basing this on previous experiences where people park their car and jump off the bridge and leave their keys in the ignition." Police have not found Wiley's body, and have uncovered no new leads in the case that has baffled authorities since the Loeb professor of biophysics and biochemistry disappeared after a Nov. 15 meeting in Memphis. Wiley's empty rental car was found abandoned with a full tank of gas and the keys in the ignition on a bridge at 4 a.m. Nov. 16, with the professor last seen in a Memphis hotel four hours earlier.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Possible bonfire designs announced

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

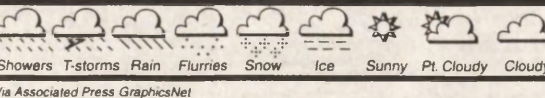
Texas A&M University Bonfire 2002 planners unveiled the three potential designs for the stack that could burn next November at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday. One design is a classic teepee, one design stacks logs of equal height against the interior framework and one design holds true to the recent Aggie Bonfires — a stack with logs of three different lengths that resemble previous Bonfires' wedding-cake structure. All three meet Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray Bowen's parameters of a single tier in which all logs touch the ground, and each stack will collapse inward as it burns, said Steering Committee Facilitator Dr. Bryan Cole. Each design stands 45 feet tall, is made of wooden logs and topped with an orange "t.u. frathouse" outhouse. Designs are posted on the Bonfire 2002 Web site, at http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/bonfire02, and at the Memorial Student Center and the Sterling C. Evans Library complex.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Table with 5 rows (Saturday to Wednesday) and 3 columns (Condition, High, Low) showing weather forecast for South Bend.



NATIONAL WEATHER

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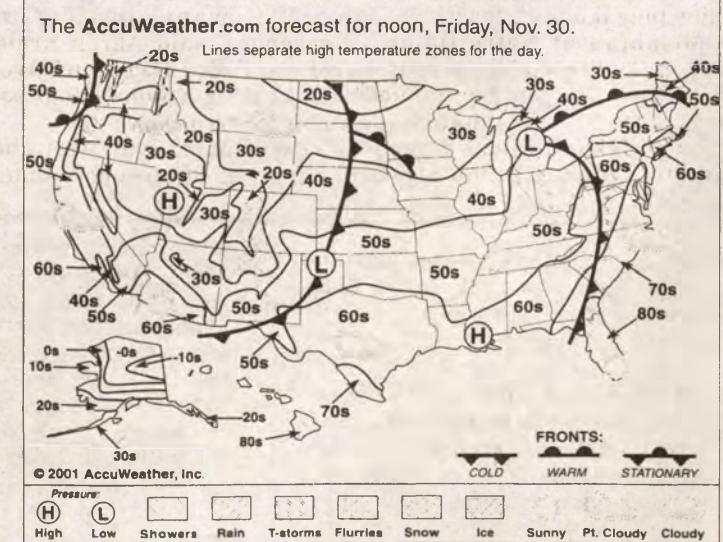


Table of high and low temperatures for various cities: Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Las Vegas, Memphis, Milwaukee, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, Sacramento, St. Louis, Tampa, Washington DC.

Recession, post office delays affect admissions

By MEGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

Since the initial anthrax problems in mid-September, post offices have been taking added precautions against the threat of contamination which has caused postal delays in homes and businesses across the nation.

College admissions departments, relying heavily on cut-off dates and deadlines, have been especially aware of the hold-up.

With regular-decision deadlines quickly approaching and early-action dates nearly past, it is now prime application season for college students and high school seniors alike. Whether it will become even more stressful than usual with late arrivals and application anticipation will rely on the promptness of the U.S. Postal Service.

Many undergraduate and graduate admissions offices at universities across the country have pushed back application deadlines in an effort to accommodate the increasingly unpredictable postal service.

Undergraduate admissions

The offices of undergraduate admissions at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, while not officially postponing their Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 early action deadlines, have realized the need for a more lenient acceptance policy regarding late-arriving applications, and have decided to keep late applications for consideration.

"Generally, we'll take things as long as they're postmarked by the correct date," Notre Dame admissions officer Leah Ashe said. "... [Recently], we're aware of the fact that they might take a little longer."

So much longer, in fact, that the office had even decided to accept any applications received by Nov. 15, a date two weeks later than Notre Dame's official deadline.

Despite the setback, anxious seniors need not prolong their anticipation, as counselor Bob Mundy insists that the office is "still planning on early action letters going out by mid-December, and regular-action letters going out in mid-April."

With an increased uncertainty in the efficiency of the postal system, a higher number of students have opted to use online applications in lieu of their paper counterparts to safeguard their chances

of meeting official deadlines. At both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, the number of applicants utilizing the online option is far ahead of last year's figures.

But as Mundy pointed out, it is really too early to make assumptions, as only 25-30 percent of prospective students have applied at this point.

According to those figures, the number of applicants has shown no significant decline, and Undergraduate Admissions is still looking to admit a freshman class of roughly 1,935 students.

"Things look pretty positive," Mundy said. "Still a lot more that can happen. We never really know until the deadline comes."

Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions for Saint Mary's, echoed Mundy's optimism. "We have expressed a certain degree of flexibility ... and don't anticipate any problems," she said in regards to relaxing application deadlines.

Like Notre Dame, Saint Mary's has not experienced any major waning in the numbers of applications being received thus far, and is actually running ahead of schedule.

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Leah Ashe
Notre Dame admissions officer

where students ultimately decide to attend. According to Nolan's take on the reactions of college admissions offices on a national level, "the general consensus is that students are applying as they have been. Where we'll see the difference is in where they'll choose to go."

Graduate admissions

Notre Dame's graduate and professional admissions offices have similarly had to deal with the frustrations of delayed mailings and prolonged waiting periods. The graduate school has seen a marked increase in the use of online applications.

However, staff member Linda Chism said that this may not be solely attributed to the slowed postal service because online applications have proven to be much more accessible in their second year of availability and do still depend on the postal system for sending official documents, such as transcripts and recommendations.

Where Nolan has speculated that there might be a deviation from the norm is in the fact that "some families have been expressing concerns that their students live closer to home," which may affect

Because Dec. 1 has remained the initial deadline for prospective graduate students, the office has already been inundated with mail, particularly from international candidates who have had to mail applications even earlier than usual. The office has not experienced any significant obstacles thus far, and Chism is doubtful that there will be "any official action or grace period" to take late applications into account, even if mail trends do continue to change.

Although applications have only just begun to arrive in large quantities, the graduate schools have been receiving an increased number of applications. Admissions officials are not surprised.

"We figured it would be a trend anyway, because of the economy in general," Chism said.

With more students finding it difficult to secure jobs upon graduation, there has been a noticeable upsurge in the number of students taking the GRE across the nation.

Similarly, the number of law school applicants has seen a significant rise over last year's figures. Margaret Edgington, a senior staff assistant at the University's law school, echoed Chism's sentiment.

"If undergraduate seniors are having difficulty getting a job, then they apply to grad school in case they can't find one," she said, acknowledging the economy's role in the admissions process as well.

Edgington's office has been receiving applications for the past month or so. As they approach their busiest time period, from the end of November to March 1, she said that the staff has still not encountered any major problems. As a result of the decision to take added precautions when handling mail, it has taken slightly longer for letters and applications to be opened, but there have been no delays thus far.

"We have been very lucky up to now. We haven't had any delays with any mail that we've sent out...I can't say [the post office delays] have really affected us much at all," she said.

This may be partly because the law school admissions office has seen a rise in the use of online applications, as well as UPS and FedEx for sending prioritized mail, as opposed to using the Postal Service. In its third year of operation, use

of the law school's online application at embark.com has been on the increase as compared to this time last year, further ensuring that the process remains on schedule. And the office itself is staying right on track, with early decisions letters being mailed before Christmas break.

Beyond campus

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have encountered minimal difficulties within their own undergraduate and graduate admissions offices, it is rather the seniors here that have had to bear the brunt of policy changes at other schools. Many have experienced typical

application processes, with definite deadlines and expedient replies.

As "No schools were pushing back deadlines," senior Irish Thompson said. "My biology advisor told us to put return addresses on the applications, but that's all."

Loyola University, one of the top post-baccalaureate institutions that Notre Dame students opt to attend, has professed no need to alter deadlines for their graduate, law, and medical students, while the University of Virginia's law school has agreed to be more lenient with official deadlines.

Unfortunately for many students bound for medical school, the resulting waiting periods have been lengthened to extents far greater than normal.

"We are not expected to hear about a lot of decisions until mid-to-late second semester," senior Karen Ron said.

Many schools on the East Coast, according to Ron, have pushed back their deadlines, and AMCAS, the company that facilitates the initial medical school application, found it necessary to postpone the initial application schedule because they were unable to receive their mail on time.

Despite postal delays and threats of anthrax, students and prospective students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have proven that life has been allowed to go on as usual.

"People aren't letting this frighten them, and that's a good thing," said Nolan.

"We have expressed a certain degree of flexibility... and don't anticipate any problems."

Mary Pat Nolan
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Protest proposes peaceful alternatives to war strikes

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

First they prayed for peace. Now they'll march for it.

Members of Notre Dame's Peace Coalition will sponsor a peace protest Sunday against U.S. attacks on Afghanistan. The protest will lead demonstrators through downtown

South Bend in an effort organizers hope will highlight injustices in America's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes.

"We want justice, not revenge," said Aaron Kreider of the Peace Coalition. "We're advocating a non-violent solution to terrorism."

Participants will meet about 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church

at Hill Street and LaSalle Avenue. The 45-minute march will proceed through the city's downtown area and end at the church.

Transportation to the march will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Library Circle.

The event is co-sponsored by the Michiana Peace and Justice Coalition, a local

activist group.

"We want to stop the attacks that are hurting innocent civilians in Afghanistan," Kreider said.

The protest Sunday is the Peace Coalition's first public demonstration in nearly two months.

The newly formed student group on Oct. 7 hastily organized a prayer vigil following

the first round of U.S. air strikes on Afghanistan. The campus protest attracted more than two dozen students to the Fieldhouse Mall wearing "Pray for Peace" T-shirts and speaking aloud prayers for an end to the violence.

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Learning Tree survives South Bend budget cuts

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

Saint Mary's and the South Bend Community School Corporation joined together to keep the Learning Tree alive and open for community use.

After 26 years, the budget for the Learning Tree, a community workspace for teachers, students, parents and the community in general, was cut out of the SBCSC budget last spring. Since then, Saint Mary's has taken on

existing ideas one may have. While this workspace is geared toward education majors and teachers in the community, it is open to all to make projects or posters for clubs, bind books or simply have something laminated.

"I think it is a wonderful resource for all of our students, especially for our education students, but I see it as a supply for many clubs on campus. It will be a community link, which is a nice community partnership and outreach on campus."

"[The Learning Tree] will be a community link, which is a nice community partnership and outreach on campus."

Marie Doyle
Education Department chair

the program in the form of a permanent loan.

"Students used us because they didn't have a resource center. A lot of students downed," director Jane Fogal said. "When they cut the program I saw a need for it and here we are."

The Learning Tree is a designed program where the community can come and make instructional materials or receive ideas on how to implement pre-

When the SBCSC loaned the program to Saint Mary's, it also donated most of the equipment needed to run it, and Saint Mary's inherited the salary of the director. However, it is hoped the Learning Tree will start to pay for itself in time because the center will charge for its services and supplies. Fogal insures that the reason for charging the students and community is simply so she can replenish the supplies for everyone to

use. "We do charge a penny or so above cost, but that's because we'd like to see the center support itself," said Doyle.

The center is full of games and learning activities, which were all made by the Learning Tree staff at some point, which have been geared to children in preschool through sixth grade and can be purchased at a low price. There is also a laminator available, card stock, poster board, game markers, dice and two Ellison machines to help with scrap booking, bulletin boards and posters.

"It'll be great, last year I did my methods class and we had to get off campus to go to Kinko's. So having it here will be much better because we'll get to do it ourselves. I'm glad they finally got us a resource center like South Bend had," Nicole Summers said.

The area currently housing the Learning Tree is Madeleva 325, a much smaller space than the center is used to having. However, Fogal said the service will still manage to come together in the space provided.

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NURTURING THE TREE OF LIFE



CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

Dallas Chief Eagle [left] and Jasmine Pickner celebrated Native American Heritage Month Thursday with an evening of hoop dancing at the Little Theatre.

Service

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"I figure long-term I'll be working on public policy, and it's crucial if you're doing something like that to have grass roots experience," said Gilg.

Like Bauer, Gilg had been thinking about service after graduation before Sept. 11. "Sept. 11 strengthened my resolve, but I had been thinking about it previously to that. If anything it makes it more difficult with family and friends who are worried about me going abroad," she said. "However, I felt what happened highlights

the need to do international services and reaching out to better relations in the world."

For seniors still contemplating doing service, Shappell urged them to take advantages of the resources that the CSC offers.

"It's not at all late to do this. A lot of the domestic programs don't start taking applications until the end of January and there are opportunities for engineers, architects, and those interested in the medical field to get experience and also take part in service programs," Shappell said.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Argentine stocks tumble: Argentine stocks and bonds tumbled to their lowest levels in nearly a decade Thursday, weakened by investor doubts about continued support from the International Monetary Fund. The Merval Index of leading shares fell 5 percent and Argentine bonds also dropped to record lows, overshadowing the government's recent success in efforts to swap nearly half of the country's \$132 billion debt load.

Philippine rebels free hostages: Eighty-nine hostages were freed today by Muslim rebels in a deal with the government to end a two-day standoff. In return, the rebels, loyal to a renegade local governor, were allowed to move to another guerrilla camp 40 miles away and to avoid prosecution, at least for now.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Brothers charged in Fla. murder: Two adolescent brothers were charged Wednesday with killing their father soon after the boys returned home after being missing a week. The body of Terry Lee King, 40, was found when firefighters responded to a fire at the family home. Sheriff's officials said he died from head wounds. His sons, Derek, 13, and Alex, 12, surrendered to sheriff's deputies, Chief Deputy Larry Smith said. The boys talked with investigators, but Smith would not disclose what the brothers said.

Rare butterfly given protection: The Carson wandering skipper, a small, tawny-orange butterfly found in only two counties along the northern Nevada-California border, was given emergency protection Thursday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The action came amid fears that pending water exportation proposals would doom the tiny insect to extinction.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Three charged in charity fraud: Three emergency medical service workers were charged Thursday with embezzlement for keeping money they raised for the families of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. A grand jury indicted former Silver Lake EMS workers Kurt Owens, Scott Stephens and Brandon Swindell. The three raised nearly \$6,000 for a relief fund that never left the northern Indiana city, Kosciusko County Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine said. A Crime Stoppers tip alerted authorities to inconsistencies in the EMS fund, the sheriff said.

AFGHANISTAN



Northern Alliance troops stand guard as convoys transport Alliance supplies and Taliban prisoners from Kunduz to Mazar-e-Sharif on Wednesday. The Pentagon says that the number of Taliban prisoners continues to rise.

Pentagon tracks defections, deaths

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Two lists are kept at the command center for the war in Afghanistan — one with al-Qaida leaders that marks them "inj" for injured or "kia" for killed.

The other is for the Taliban, color-coded to show those defecting, injured or negotiating to surrender — targets for questioning by Americans in the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

"There have been defections ... of some of the more senior people," Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said

Thursday. She declined to name them.

Among those the Pentagon would like to interrogate are two Taliban ministers, including intelligence chief Qari Ahmadulla.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were credible reports that Ahmadulla had defected to northern alliance rebels.

U.S. troops have been allowed by opposition groups to question other defectors and prisoners who have surrendered or been captured, a senior defense official said.

The hope is that they can

provide crucial information that will lead to finding Taliban and al-Qaida leaders, as well as sites they may use to hide weapons stashes, financial records and so on.

The Pentagon is just starting to receive and evaluate the information from such interrogations, the official said, declining to say who had been questioned.

Of the more than three dozen Taliban the Pentagon has on its list, some 12 have been killed, injured or have defected, said one defense official who has seen it. He didn't say how many had been

questioned.

As for the fate of al-Qaida figures, after nearly two months of U.S. bombing in Afghanistan, seven al-Qaida leaders and senior aides are believed killed. Many from bin Laden's top echelons are alive.

The most significant killed so far was Mohammed Atef, one of the top two advisers to bin Laden, who died in a CIA-assisted U.S. airstrike around Nov. 14. Atef was bin Laden's operational planner and believed to have supervised planning for several attacks, including the Sept. 11 attacks.

Crews to clean anthrax from Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Two \$1 million laboratory buses parked outside the Senate's Hart Office Building await the go-ahead to be transformed into mobile air monitors in an elaborate and unprecedented mission — helping rid the building of deadly anthrax spores.

The buses will circle the building every 15 minutes Friday night while workers inside fumigate it with chlorine dioxide gas.

A machine about the size of a 20-foot boat trailer stationed outside the

building will pull air from the suite of offices used by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Once the air is outside, it will be mixed with the chlorine gas. The mix will go through hoses back to Daschle's office. The goal is to kill any remaining spores.

After the fumigation, the chemical meta bisulfite will be pumped into the offices to break down the chlorine dioxide gas, turning the chlorine into salt.

Crews worked to install tanks on the sidewalk and set up chemically resistant plastic pipe and interior

barriers. Some technicians trained with face masks and oxygen tanks.

It is the first instance in which the United States will use the gas to kill anthrax, which showed up in Daschle's office through a tainted letter received Oct 15.

Since then, the Hart building has remained closed while the EPA and other federal agencies are satisfied it no longer is dangerous. Fifty of the 100 senators work in the building.

The fumigation will begin with Daschle's office and last about eight hours, said Lt. Dan Nichols of the Capitol Police.

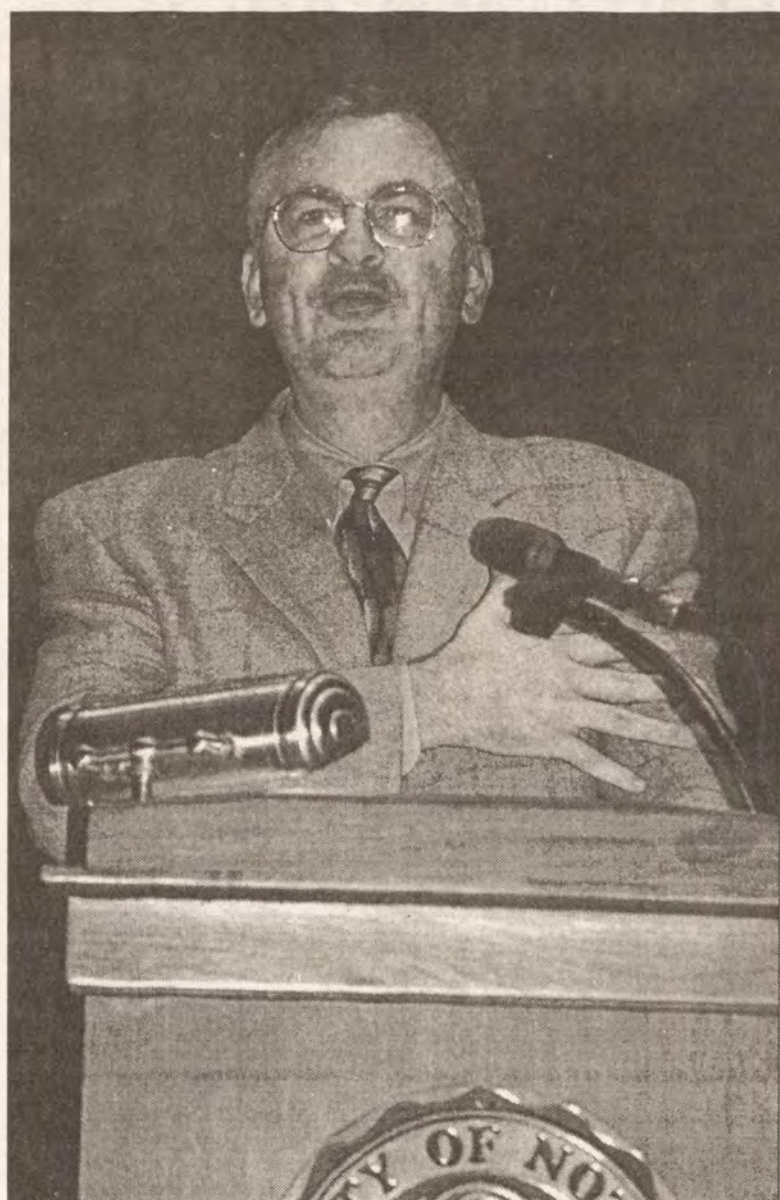
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George Weigel, theology professor at the Duke Divinity School, presented a talk at McKenna Hall Auditorium Thurs. evening entitled, "John Paul II: A Life for Life." This three-day conference, "A Culture for Life", will run until Saturday.

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Security Council passes Iraq's oil-for-food deal

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UNITED NATIONS

The Security Council unanimously approved a resolution on Thursday extending the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq and setting the stage for an overhaul of U.N. sanctions against Baghdad next year.

The deal was drafted by the United States and Russia, which have been feuding over policy toward Iraq for several years, and marked another sign of growing cooperation between Washington and Moscow, especially since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Disputes over Iraq usually left extension of the oil-for-food humanitarian program to the last moment. But the U.S.-Russian compromise enabled the council to approve a six-month extension one day before the current phase expires at midnight Friday.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte called it "a very important step forward and another example of strong unity and consensus within the Security Council." Tunisia had threatened to block consensus unless the council included a provision authorizing the return to Iraq of civilian aircraft strand-

ed in Tunisia and Jordan since the 1991 Gulf War.

But it dropped the demand after behind-the-scenes diplomatic pressure from Washington, Western diplomats said. The oil-for-food program allows Iraq to sell unlimited quantities of oil on condition that the proceeds are spent on food, medicine and other humanitarian goods, and war reparations.

When the program came up for renewal in June, the United States and Britain tried to include a sanctions over-

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U.S. deputy ambassador

haul plan tightening the 11-year-old military embargo on Saddam Hussein's regime and clamping down on Iraqi oil smuggling while easing the flow of civilian goods into Iraq.

A list of dual-use and military-related goods needing review was a key part of the propos-

al. But Washington and London shelved the plan when the Russians threatened a veto. Russia, Iraq's closest Security Council ally and a major beneficiary of contracts to purchase Iraqi oil and to sell Iraq humanitarian supplies, saw the goods review list as a threat to its commercial interests.

Under the compromise reached this

week, Russia agreed to approve by May 30 a new list of goods needing U.N. review before shipment to Iraq. A provisional list ranging from night vision goggles to radar and telecommunications equipment was attached to the resolution.

The United States, in turn, agreed to Russia's long-standing demand for "a comprehensive settlement" of the sanctions issue — including steps leading to lifting the military embargo imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. "I think it means that starting on June 1, there will be a new system in place that will enable us finally to achieve...a greatly improved oil-for-food program and greatly facilitated implementation of the sanctions regime," U.S. deputy ambassador James Cunningham said.

Diplomats said the United States made an important concession in supporting Russia's call to clarify a controversial December 1999 Security Council resolution to ease sanctions in return for Baghdad's cooperation with weapons inspectors.

Russia says the steps Iraq must take to have the sanctions lifted are not clearly explained. "The only way to radically solve the Iraqi problem is to ensure that international disarmament

monitoring resumes in Iraq in conjunction with the suspension and lifting of sanctions, and the only way to achieve this is to eliminate ambiguities which exist in the [1999] resolution," said Russia's U.N. Ambassador Sergey Lavrov.

The United States long has maintained that the resolution needs no clarification, and that Baghdad must allow weapons inspectors back into the country before sanctions are lifted. President Bush said Monday Iraq must allow inspectors to return or face the consequences. Iraq has been mentioned by some congress-

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men and Bush administration officials as a possible target of the U.S. war on terrorism. Under U.N. resolutions, sanctions only can be lifted if inspectors determine that Iraq's programs for weapons of mass destruction have been dismantled. Inspectors left Iraq ahead of U.S.-British airstrikes in December 1998 and Iraq has barred them from returning, saying sanctions must be lifted before it will consider new inspections.

Administration nixes Cuban concession demand

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has turned down a Cuban offer to compensate Americans whose properties were confiscated 40 years ago if the United States agreed to lift its embargo and

make other concessions, a State Department official said Thursday.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque reaffirmed the long-standing Cuban proposal while at the United Nations this week, saying the embargo prevented U.S. citizens from receiv-

ing proper compensation.

"Cuba recognizes their rights, and would be willing to reach an agreement that also takes into account the extremely heavy economic and human damages and losses inflicted on our country by the blockade," he said.

State Department spokesman

Richard Boucher restated American support for the embargo. "The president said he would oppose any effort to weaken sanctions against the Cuban government until it respects Cuban's basic human rights and civil rights, frees political prisoners and holds free and democratic elections with international observers," Boucher said.

Two years ago, a Cuban court demanded payment of \$181 billion in compensation for the damages. The United States maintains that the principle of compensation for expropriated properties is embedded in international law.

It rejects any linkage between the compensation issue and the embargo. The U.S. government

has certified 5,911 property claims by U.S. citizens against the Cuban government. It does not accept Cuba's demand for damages resulting from the embargo.

On an unrelated subject, Cuba announced Thursday that the next round of migration talks with the United States will be held Monday in Havana. The Cuban delegation is likely to renew complaints about an American law that it says claimed the lives of Cuban would-be immigrants who apparently drowned recently while en route the United States.

The 1966 law allows undocumented Cubans who reach American soil to avoid repatriation and eventually apply for legal residency. President Fidel Castro said 30 Cubans drowned in the recent incident. U.S. officials said the number is not known because there is no passenger list.

The U.S. delegation will be headed by James Carragher, the State Department coordinator for Cuban affairs. He is expected to register complaints about what the administration sees as unwarranted delays by Cuba in approving exit visas for Cubans eligible to immigrate to the United States.



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Surveillance under revision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Just weeks after approving powerful new anti-terrorism laws, some lawmakers already are considering giving the government new police powers to make it easier to obtain special wiretaps and search warrants usually reserved for finding foreign spies.

The new changes would allow government agents to secretly request wiretaps even if details about the target of the surveillance, such as his identity or the location of his phone, aren't known. They also would allow agents to make broader demands for most business records, as long as the documents were related to an investigation.

Another change would permit the United States to invoke a powerful anti-espionage law even in cases against individual foreigners. That law is currently reserved for cases against people working as spies for foreign governments or other foreign organizations.

A fourth change would give the government up to three days to seek a judge's approval for warrants after investigators conduct a search or wiretap in emergencies. The government currently must obtain a judge's permission after 24 hours.

The changes, under consideration by House and Senate members working on the intelligence bill that would set the budget for the CIA, would affect a powerful 1978 anti-espionage law, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Under that law, a secret U.S. court considers requests for searches or wiretaps, and these generally require a lower standard of proof for approval than in traditional criminal cases.

The Justice Department characterized the changes being sought as narrow, technical amendments to the surveillance act. But civil liberties groups cautioned that the changes were substantive and considerably broadened police powers.

"This is a significant

expansion of electronic surveillance in the United States," said Jerry Berman, head of the Washington-based Center for Democracy and Technology. "It's only been a month or so, and they're already asking for expansions."

"Subjecting any foreign person to FISA is a fundamental change to the statute," agreed Morton Halperin, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "These can by no means be characterized as technical."

That change would specify that the surveillance law could be used against "a foreign individual," according to draft language by the Justice Department, which was obtained

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**Morton Halperin
fellow
Council on Foreign Relations**

Thursday by The Associated Press.

Justice lawyers wrote that otherwise restricting use of the espionage law "limits the ability of the president to use this

statute against ... hijackers or other terrorists without affiliation or known affiliation with a specific group or foreign state."

Another change would add the phrase "if known" to the requirement for wiretap approvals of identifying the location of a target's electronic communications. Justice lawyers said the change would be useful in cases of wireless telephones or e-mail accounts, "where the facility to be monitored is typically not known in advance."

Reacting to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Congress under the new Patriot Act gave government agents broad new powers to detain

immigrants, eavesdrop on telephone calls and e-mails and share sensitive details of criminal investigations with the CIA. President Bush signed the Patriot Act on Oct. 26.

Among other things, the law permits U.S. prosecutors to invoke the anti-espionage law even when the primary focus of their investigation isn't spying by a foreign government. It also makes it

legal for investigators to pass sensitive information about criminal cases to intelligence agencies.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Michael Chertoff, in testimony earlier this week before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that information-sharing allowed under the Patriot Act "has been indispensable to satisfying our direction to protect the American people against future acts of terrorism."

The intelligence bill, which is largely classified, provides funding and some policy guidance to the 13 U.S. intelligence agencies, including the CIA and the National Security Agency. Its total amount is secret but thought to be around \$30 billion annually. The House and Senate have already passed separate versions of the bill, which contain large increases for the agencies.

ENGLAND

Study finds Ecstasy harms women more

Associated Press

LONDON

Ecstasy, the increasingly popular party drug, may cause more brain damage in women than in men, new research suggests.

A study published this week in The Lancet medical journal compared brain scans of people who had taken 50 or more Ecstasy tablets in their lifetimes with those of a group who had never taken the drug. The findings indicated women — but not men — lost a significant number of brain cells, even though the men had taken more Ecstasy over the years.

Fifty tablets is considered the threshold for increased risk of developing psychiatric problems. Experts said the preliminary findings raised an interesting possibility but that larger studies are needed to confirm the results.

Ecstasy, also known as XTC or E, affects serotonin, a brain chemical that regulates mood, emotion, sleep, appetite, memory and sexual behavior. The drug typically induces feelings of euphoria, increased energy and sexual arousal, and makes people feel a need to be touched or hugged.

The illegal drug, known scientifically as methylenedioxymethamphetamine, or MDMA, is also said to suppress the need to eat, drink or sleep, making it possible to endure parties for two or three days.

However, in high doses it can cause a sharp increase in body temperature, leading to muscle breakdown, kidney and heart

failure, and death.

Studies have shown it also kills brain cells that release serotonin. Scientists are now trying to find out how long the brain damage lasts and its long-term consequences. So far, studies have found that heavy users have persistent memory problems and preliminary research suggests they also have trouble with verbal reasoning and sustaining attention.

In the latest study, Dutch scientists compared the brain scans of 69 people, who were divided into four groups. One included people who used drugs but not Ecstasy, the second comprised those who had taken fewer than 50 tablets during their lives. The third, the heavy users, had taken 50 or more Ecstasy pills and the fourth group included people who used to be heavy users but had given up Ecstasy at least a year before the study.

The researchers found that compared to the brains of women who had never taken Ecstasy, the brains of heavy Ecstasy female users had weaker concentrations of serotonin transporters, the sites on brain cell surfaces that mop up serotonin from the space between cells after it has finished acting on other cells.

If the chemical is not mopped up, further brain signals are prevented from getting through.

MDMA gets into the brain cell through the serotonin transporter. A missing transporter means a dead cell, said the study's leader, Dr. Liesbeth Reneman, professor of radiology at the Academic Medical Center at the University of Amsterdam.

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Ms. Cheney faces new times

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Her husband works and lives at secret sites, an odd life for a vice president and an unusual living arrangement for a Washington power couple. But since Sept. 11, says Lynne Cheney, "we all live in a different time."

Actually, Vice President Dick Cheney isn't away from her any more than he was when he was running Halliburton Co. or serving as defense secretary, she said. "I don't think our lives are that different now from the way they have been for many years," she said Thursday in an Associated Press interview.

"He's in an undisclosed location from time to time, but then I go with him from time to time," Mrs. Cheney said. Occasionally he sneaks out to browse for books or pick up apples at a grocery store, she disclosed. Beyond that, she would reveal little about the unusual rhythms of their lives.

"I really can't talk about it, and I can't even confirm for you that there is 'a' secure location," she said. "The whole point is, in a dangerous world, not to be too predictable."

Indeed, for the first vice president's wife to hold a paying job, no two days are quite alike.

Book author, speechmaker and corporate director, she dismisses questions about whether the long work hours take the edge off her husband's sporadic absences. "Your question just

doesn't seem to bear on my reality, so I'm having trouble answering it," she said. "I've always worked, Dick's always been gone a lot."

She has warmed to her role after first opposing her husband's joining George W. Bush's ticket last year.

She has been writing two books, often from her office at the American Enterprise Institute.

Mrs. Cheney, 60, also serves on the boards of American Express Mutual Funds and of the Reader's Digest

Association, traveling six or eight times a year for each.

She has quit six other corporate boards she served on last year, and expects to earn less

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Lynne Cheney
vice-president's spouse

than the \$956,000 she contributed to the couple's income in 2000. She won't say what she expects to take in this year.

The largest share of her income last year, \$729,000, came from RME Petroleum Co., one of the biggest oil and gas companies in Texas.

She never talked to her husband about energy as he was developing a national plan, she said. And she answered "no" when asked whether her paying jobs could present a conflict of interest for the vice president.

"If he would seek my advice then I certainly would offer it," Mrs. Cheney said. "I just can't imagine that after my dear husband has been dealing with these issues all day, were he to

come home at night and have me do it all over again to him, it just doesn't seem the right thing to do."

She was an education adviser to Bush during his campaign last year, but does not approach the president now on that issue or others. "He has wonderful advisers around him, including my husband," she said.

Although she was once in the middle of the fray as an outspoken conservative TV commentator, she now declines to speak out publicly on controversial issues such as military tribunals for foreign terrorism suspects.

"We all live in a different time, when we're perhaps a little more considerate of each other, where we have things that we still feel strongly about, but we might say them less sharply to each other," she said.

Mrs. Cheney is stumping these days to improve history education.

"It did strike me in the aftermath of Sept. 11 that it is even more crucial now that we have some sort of sense of the ideas and the ideals that the country was founded on, some sort of notion about how lucky we are that it all turned out the way it did," she said.

Her message is mirrored in her own bookshelves at the U.S. Naval Observatory, the vice presidential residence. The shelves are filled with hundreds of historical hardcovers, with a scattering of books about the vice president's passion, trout fishing.

"I've had trouble reading anything but history" recently, she said. She named David McCullough's "John Adams" and Edmund Morris' "Theodore Rex," a study of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Avalanche danger continues in West

Associated Press

DENVER

Avalanche danger is rising across the West after back-to-back Thanksgiving Day snowstorms left several feet of powder atop weak, unstable snowpacks.

In Colorado, 186 snow-slides were reported in the four days after Thanksgiving, and the state's first avalanche fatality was recorded Thursday.

Rescue crews recovered the body of Joe Despres, 29, late Wednesday after an avalanche swept Despres and a friend 600 feet down a mountain.

"I skied down, then he started off and it all broke loose and buried us," his friend, Peter Vaughn, said from the Boulder hospital where he was being treated for hypothermia.

"I'll never ski again."

The Utah Avalanche Information Center said a human-triggered avalanche has been reported there every day since the holiday. In Wyoming, the avalanche danger was upgraded from moderate to considerable Thursday afternoon because of snowfall and strong wind.

Considerable danger means human-triggered avalanches are probable and natural avalanches are possible. Most fatalities occur during considerable danger periods, said Bob Comey, a forecaster at the Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center in Wyoming.

Thirty-three deaths in the United States were caused last year by avalanches — seven each in Wyoming and Montana, six in Utah and four in Colorado.

Most immigrants die in 70-mile Calif. stretch

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

A 70-mile stretch of the Southern California desert has retained its grim designation as the nation's deadliest transit point for illegal immigrants.

Ninety deaths occurred in the El Centro area during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, equaling the record number of deaths there in 1998, even as apprehensions fell, the Border Patrol said Thursday.

The second-highest, with 78 fatalities, was the Tucson sector, a stretch of border four times as long.

In El Centro in the southeastern corner of California, the desert offers little protection from exposure, and dozens of immigrants drown each year in a network of fast-moving agricultural canals.

Agent Dionicio Delgado, a Border Patrol spokesman, also blames immigrant smugglers who mislead people about how long it takes to walk

through the desert and who abandon those who fall behind.

"The smuggler ... has a pace to keep and he doesn't care how many people he leaves behind," Delgado told The Associated Press. "It's just a money game for him."

Along the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, 322 immigrants died compared to 370 the previous fiscal year, the agency said.

Immigrant advocates have argued that the U.S. strategy of heavy patrols around urban areas drives people to risk their lives by trying to cross in more remote and perilous regions.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has responded with a border safety initiative, including warnings about the hazards and the creation of emergency rescue teams.

Apprehensions dropped all along the border. Agents in the El Centro area apprehended 172,862 in the past year, a 27 percent drop from 2000.



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Davie's coaching tenure must end

Notre Dame must fire Bob Davie. When Notre Dame hired Davie without any college head coaching experience, the University took a chance. It hoped that Davie would develop from a solid defensive coordinator into a great head coach. But five years later, Davie has yet to meet Notre Dame's expectations by developing into that great head coach. Instead, he remains a mediocre coach who continues to make mistakes and to fall short of Notre Dame's standards.

While Irish players like Javin Hunter, Tyreo Harrison and Anthony Weaver have developed into great players, Davie remains a poor coach. He has yet to develop a consistent offensive philosophy to use his players to the best of their abilities. Although his defense is solid, a football team can't win with defense alone.

Thus players like Harrison, Weaver and Hunter work hard every day in practice, give it their all on the field and receive nothing but losses in return. Davie has frequently said that his players give 100 percent effort and do everything he asks of them.

"These kids continue to play as hard as any football team I have been a part of," Davie said Tuesday.

He must be asking them to do the wrong things. The gap between the talent on this team and the results that Davie derives from that talent is daunting.

Just as the players deserve a coach that can get the most from their abilities, Notre Dame students, fans and alumni deserve a charismatic leader who can wake up the echoes. After five years in a pressure-filled job, Davie

has retreated to the security of his office. While coaches like Mike Brey and Muffet McGraw make public appearances and sometimes speak in the dorms, Davie is rarely seen around campus. He isn't speaking with the students. He isn't acting as the ambassador of Notre Dame that students, fans and alumni expect of the head football coach.

The days of Frank Leahy and 39 undefeated games in a row are over. Scholarship limits and greater parity in college football must lower the expectations of Irish fans, but Notre Dame should expect more from its football coach than Davie has delivered.

Irish players deserve someone who will get the most out of them.

Irish fans deserve a charismatic leader.

Notre Dame deserves better. Davie should be fired.

The Observer Editorial

Christmas brings a new challenge

Each year the abrupt beginning of the Christmas season amazes me. The day after Thanksgiving, the yellow and orange hues of the fall celebration change suddenly to the red and greens of the winter holiday.

Radio stations add carols into their daily mix of songs and provide word of Santa's visits to local stores. TV stations show cartoons of Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Students walk with their trays into the dining hall to find it illuminated.

On Wednesday in the University Park Mall, I passed bright signs announcing holiday sales and the vibrant Christmas displays of the department stores.

Yet, this year, Americans have seemed to embrace holiday season with a desperate intensity. In light of the worsening economy, the financial side of the Christmas season has gained increased significance. On Black Friday, reporters camped out at the malls, seemingly very eager to give the good news of strong consumer spending — as if some central aspect of America depended on the purchase of presents.

And in fact, during my trip to the mall, I did get the impression that my visit to the shoe store supported the good of my country. Among the holly and snowflake decked advertisements of holiday sales are decorations more

suited to the Fourth of July — American flags, streamers of red, white and blue among the winter hues.

After the September attacks on the American symbols of free market capitalism, shopping has become a patriotic duty — an expression of President Bush's plea on a recent TV commercial that Americans "go about their business."

In December, buying and spending have an important role in America's business and as a result, they have come to symbolize both America's return to normalcy and the country's faith in its way of life.

The celebration of Christmas has become a representation of the "enduring freedom" that soldiers now actively defend and also gives Americans an opportunity to escape from the news of the war in Afghanistan and the greater concerns of national security. It allows us to relax within an annual tradition centered in the comfortable confines of the home.

Yet, despite the efforts of the country to enjoy a holiday season as usual, the images of troops abroad will serve to continually remind Americans that just as the country's conception of normalcy has changed, so too must its understanding of the holiday.

The presents bought during our trips to the mall and placed in brightly wrapped paper under the tree represent most visibly the central idea of the

Christmas season — giving. Yet, the true conception of giving rests not in these tangible gifts but in the intangible giving of oneself to relatives, friends and the whole community.

This year, the increased emphasis on the consumerist aspect of the holiday season threatens to misdirect Americans even further than usual from the true spirit of Christmas season — at a time when the giving of oneself to others has become increasingly important.

And so if the Christmas season has begun — as the suddenly brighter dining hall suggests — it is time for us, the students of this University, to give special attention to those surrounding us, to offer increased support to friends, overwhelmed by final paper and tests, and to reach out to the community encircling campus.

This University has a tremendous service tradition and I have never found a more welcoming or giving group of people than I have here. I have no doubt that we will rise to the challenge. It has after all become our duty as Americans.



Joanna Mikulski

Tuesday Voice on Friday



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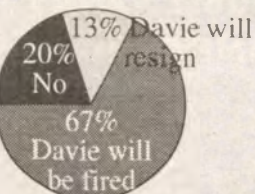
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◆ Given Bob Davie's statement that he will resign "under zero circumstances," do you think we will have a new coach next year?
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year."

Thomas Tusser
16th century author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Singer's reasoning is counterproductive

In response to the well-done column by Christine Niles, I would like to point out the silver lining in the dark cloud that is Peter Singer and his odious teachings. Who knew that a man who finds more value and rights in a tree than in an infant (no, he is not Al Gore) could be of use to civilized people?

Professor Singer does a wonderful rhetorical service to those of us on the Catholic side in the culture wars — he takes the “culture of death” attitude to its logical conclusions. Better than any bishop or pro-life activist could, he shows us exactly where the abortion and euthanasia mentality leads. One of us might argue, if it is all right to destroy a 15-week-old baby in the womb, or even one being born, then why not destroy a baby that has just been born, or is even a few months old?

But Peter Singer does this for us. His writings constitute a remarkable *reductio ad absurdum*. By seeing the horrible conclusions of the abortion argument, we see how awful the premises are. Of course, many of us see the premises for what they are already, but the likes of Peter Singer may help sway those who are unsure.

If I were running a pro-life conference, or wanted to make a public point about the evils of abortion and euthanasia, I would certainly want

Peter Singer to speak. Once he was done speaking, I would just ask, “Need I add anything?” Peter Singer helps the pro-life movement by revealing the ugly soul of our enemy. Many people argue that if more people actually witnessed an abortion, and saw it for the gruesome, barbaric act it is, abortion would be illegal. Hearing Peter Singer is almost as good.

It is worthwhile to point out that Singer is of Jewish descent, and many of his relatives were tragically wiped out in Nazi Germany. Ironically, he is not allowed into Germany today, because his beliefs too closely resemble those of the Nazis.

It kind of reminds me of that Arab man who was rescued from the World Trade Center by New York firemen, and then left for Afghanistan to help the Taliban fight against America.

I call upon Notre Dame to get rid of all the small-time feminists and atheists in the theology department, and bring in a big gun like Peter Singer.

Paul Allegra
class of '00
Nov. 29, 2001

Good grades do not equal good football

After reading the article entitled “Davie: Keep me or fire me,” I am further convinced that this man must be let go as our head coach. This is a shame because, in all honesty, it probably couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Still, personal feelings aside, Davie's excuses this season have been, for lack of a better term, inexcusable. For his entire career here, he has been recruiting talented high school prospects and moulding them into seventh round NFL draft picks. The players just don't seem to be responding to him anymore.

This criticism, however, is nothing new. I believe that Davie's latest atrocity occurred on Tuesday when he tried to save his job by citing, among other things, a high team GPA. First off, Davie's job is to coach, not teach. Unless he's been moonlighting as a professor, I highly doubt that he is personally responsible for a higher team GPA. Secondly, and more importantly, am I alone in saying that I don't care? Granted, this

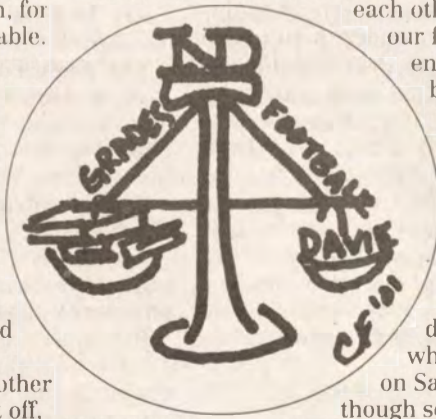
is Notre Dame, so the answer could be yes.

Still, does it really matter at the end of another loss to Michigan State that we had the more intelligent team on the field? What kind of an attitude is this for a sport in which people spend

60 minutes maiming and crashing into each other? Personally, I don't care if our football recruits aren't smart enough to tie their own shoes before the game as long as they can win.

Bottom line: GPA doesn't end up on the score board or in the rankings. After all, what does it matter if 80 people on a campus of 10,000 don't know their calculus? Loosen up the standards and maybe next year when Irish fans exit the stadium on Saturday it won't seem as though somebody just died.

Vinnie Zuccaro
Sophomore
Dillon Hall
Nov. 29, 2001



Decriminalizing marijuana

For quite some time now, the debate over the legalization of drugs has been going on in this county, and for the past several days, going on in The Observer. Rather than focus on drugs in general, it seems more effective to focus on one in particular — marijuana — that green bud that your D.A.R.E. officer and government officials have told you was so awful and would ruin your life. The fact is, it isn't that awful and science has the evidence to back it up, yet the government still turns a deaf ear to reason.

In 1998, President Clinton's drug czar, the pompous, narrow-minded Barry McCaffrey authorized one million dollars to be used for research which was to show that marijuana was nothing more than “Cheech and Chong medicine.” The results not only showed that the drug is the most effective drug for A.I.D.S. wasting, glaucoma, nausea caused by chemotherapy, etc., but it also disproved the “gateway drug” theory.

For years, the government has said that marijuana is a gateway drug. When ingested, the drug causes the brain to release a substance that makes the body crave a more powerful high, thus leading user on to harder drugs like cocaine and heroin. Scientists showed the same substance released by marijuana is also released when smoking a cigarette, having sex and even eating a chocolate bar. You had better set down that chocolate bar before you become a smack addict.

The test also showed that the only thing making marijuana a gateway drug is the fact that it is illegal. So users have to buy it from drug-dealers who also deal in harder substances. That exposure to those harder substances is what causes people to jump from marijuana to heroin.

Last year in this country, almost \$50 billion was spent to fight the so-called War on Drugs. A large portion of that money was used to prosecute and incarcerate the 700,000 people arrested each year for possession of marijuana. These people arrested are people in your communities. Many are upstanding citizens, have families, wear suits to work, pay taxes and are contributors to society. Why do we persist in making their lives worse by waging a winless war against them when that money could be used for social programs helping others improve their lives?

It seems high time for the politicians to get their heads out of the sand, admit they have been wrong and at least decriminalize marijuana in the United States. After all, how can we criminalize marijuana when a much more dangerous substance remains legal — alcohol. People die from alcohol consumption all the time. Good luck trying to find even one case of someone smoking himself to death.

David Fulton
senior
off-campus
Nov. 29, 2001

Rethinking fund-raisers

Father Ed “Monk” Malloy's greetings have just arrived, graced with the wish that my “Christmas be filled with peace.” I appreciate this annual gesture which the President makes to the community; however, his card is again accompanied by a fund-raising appeal for Notre Dame.

The University's professional fund-raisers work diligently throughout the year, so might it not be more appropriate at Christmas for a wealthy institution to promote giving to the poor or needy — either in this country or overseas? I would put in a word for Oxfam America, whose director is Notre Dame alumnus Ray Offenheiser. Oxfam is doing invaluable work, assisting, *inter alia*, Sub-Saharan Africa — particularly countries devastated by the AIDS pandemic.

Alternatively there is the Houston Catholic Worker, whose Christmas appeal arrived at our house in the same mail as Malloy's. They are on the frontline in offering hospitality to very poor immigrants from Mexico and elsewhere in Latin America.

There is something unseemly about Notre Dame using the President's Christmas letter to add to its own coffers — it smacks of institutional idolatry.

The address for Oxfam America is 26 West Street, Boston MA 02111; for the Houston Catholic Worker, P.O. Box 70113, Houston, TX 77270.

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Dept. of Government
Nov. 29, 2001

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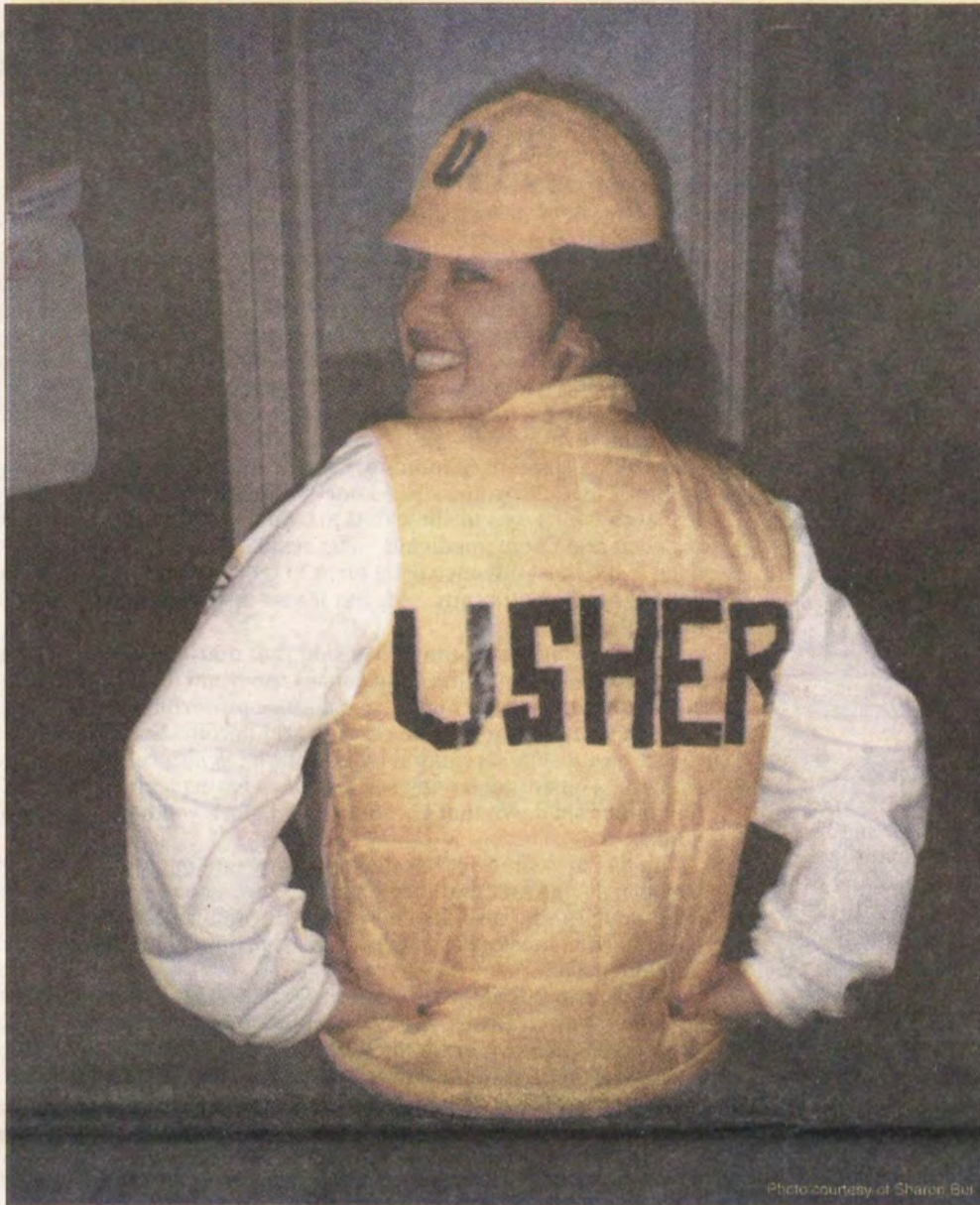
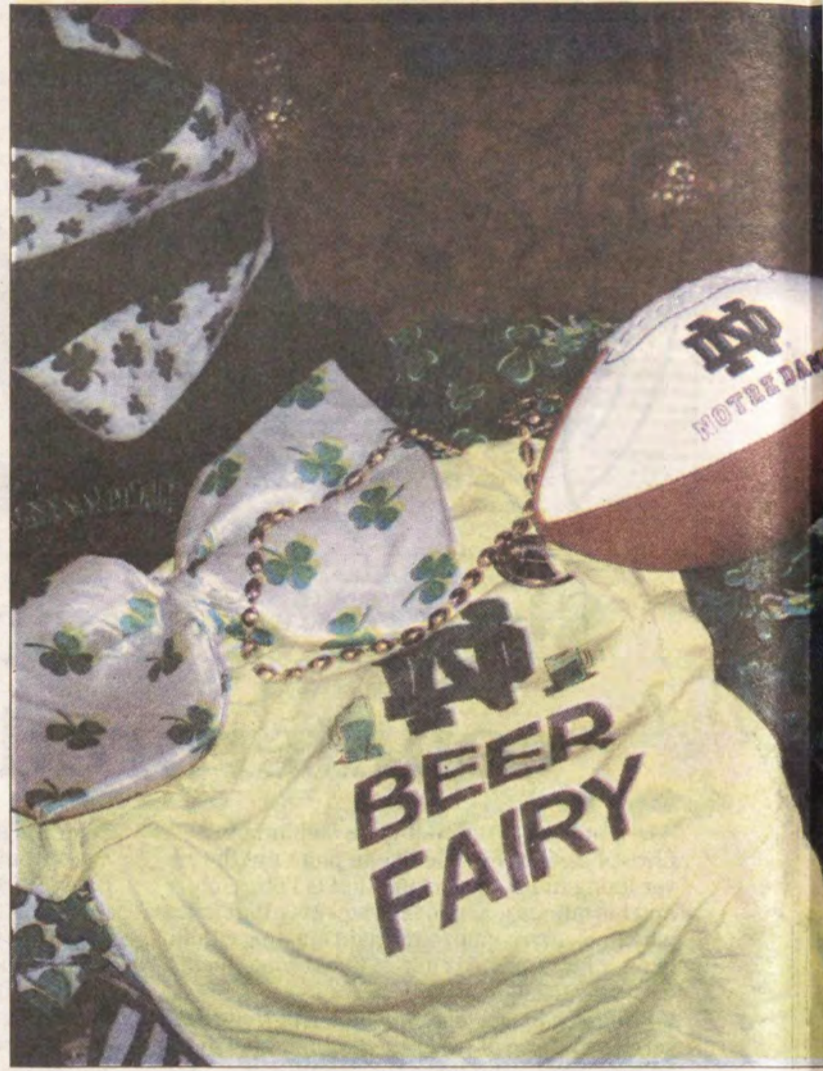


Photo courtesy of Sharon Bui



Scattered on her dorm room floor (above) are the remnants of Sharon Bui's title whose manifestation graced tailgates in various forms. Left, Bui at a game. Right, Bui with roommate Sara Rabe in their traditional fan regalia.



Photo courtesy of Sharon Bui

Bui's favorite role consisted of flitting around parking lots, spreading cheer as the Beer Fairy (above). Another of Bui's traditions included "meditating" before games — lying on the ground to absorb the atmosphere for good luck (below).



Photo courtesy of Sharon Bui

The Irish

Scene salutes one of Notre Dame football's most beloved traditions

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

The Irish play their last game of the season against Purdue Saturday, but they won't be alone in the boiler room. They'll have one of their top fans to cheer them on and show Purdue what it means to be Irish.

Sharon Bui has attended every single Notre Dame football game this year; now she will prepare to see the Irish in NCAA action for the last time as a student. But Bui is not just another Irish fan, she's a Superfan.

Bui visited Notre Dame with her uncle on a whim her junior year of high school. As soon as she stepped on the campus she was instantly in love and never wanted to be anywhere else. She turned down a full ride to Kansas State University, left her hometown of Overland Park, Kan. and made her way to the Dome for the 1998 fall semester.

But the spunky 5-foot-2 senior's love affair with Irish football hadn't yet begun. In fact, Bui didn't even like watching football until she came to the University. But after she saw the Irish rout the defending National Champion Michigan Wolverines 36-20 her freshman year, she was hooked — so much so that she has gone to every game this season.

"You can't pull me away from it," Bui said.

Bui's enthusiasm for the Irish soon began to express itself in a unique fashion. She began to create costumes and characters for the games. At the 1998 Halloween game against Baylor University, she came to the game dressed as an usher.

Although Bui has always made personal-

ized T-shirts for her interests like bands and classes, she wanted to take the costume up a notch. She asked her mother to make a tube top dress out of some Notre Dame curtains she had hanging in her room.

Over time, Bui acquired more costume pieces from friends and family. Soon more characters began to enter Bui's repertoire.

One of her most well known characters, the Beer Fairy, came to life last year when a student tired of hauling his brew around campus gave it to Bui who began passing it out to forlorn tailgaters. Somebody called her a beer fairy and the name stuck.

The Beer Fairy proudly wears a personalized T-shirt proclaiming her title, shamrock boxer shorts, blue and gold knee-high socks, a shamrock garland, a personalized Beer Fairy bag for her brew and her trademark shamrock tutu.

The Beer Fairy's mission is to spread the love of the Notre Dame tailgate tradition any way she can: passing out refreshments, cheering for the team and dressing up any fans willing to wear the tutu.

Bui's favorite and most recent character, the Superfan, wears shamrock boxer shorts with an "ND" logo in the front, shamrock sunglasses, shamrock "blinky" lights, a shamrock top hat and a sparkling gold cape.

Bui wants to bring her love of the Notre Dame tailgate experience to everyone through her characters. She describes her own tailgating habits as eclectic.

She starts by tailgating in the RV section of the parking lot early in the morning; she gets revved up there by singing karaoke. Later she goes to tailgates thrown by her professors and friends' parents at Alumni Senior Club, then she moves to the "Moon Towers" in the Blue Lot and finally returns

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AMANDA HUGHES/The Observer

on Bui's reign as a self-proclaimed Notre Dame "Superfan," a photo sports her Usher costume her freshman year at a Halloween gala.



Photo courtesy of Sharon Bui

Irish Life

most devoted fans — in all her many forms

to the RVs.

Bui's interest in costumes and spreading happiness extends beyond South Bend. As the third of three summer service projects, Bui worked for Patch Adams at his Gesundheit! Institute in West Virginia.

Although Adams does not normally take on short-term help, he made an exception for Bui's bubbly personality and infectious happiness. At the Institute, Bui used costume and laugh therapy daily with Adams' patients. In fact, the Beer Fairy's shamrock tutu was, at one point, part of Bui's daily uniform.

The 22 year-old anthropology and computer applications major hopes to pursue her interest in medicine, but next year she will be participating in the Alliance for a Catholic Education program.

However, the Beer Fairy will still enchant game-days. Bui plans to pass the mantle on to her 10 year-old sister who she hopes will attend Notre Dame. Bui envisions a whole family of Notre Dame Superfans.

"My dream is to have kids and throw tailgates for my kids," Bui said. "I'm planning on wearing the Beer Fairy [outfit] at those."

Bui is disheartened by the recent prohibition of Notre Dame students throwing tailgates, a tradition that she feels is important to Irish spirit and that is, for the most part, safe. But that's why the Beer Fairy spreads spirit wherever she goes.

Bui has even gained the national spotlight with her love for the Irish. Last summer she gave a "shout-out" to Irish fans on the MTV pop music countdown program "Total Request Live." And earlier this year she made it onto "Live with Regis and Kelly" when he filmed a segment at Notre Dame.

Such rigorous enthusiasm is not without

its perils, however. At the last home game, Bui twisted her knee while celebrating; her roommate Sara Rabe tripped and knocked out one of her front teeth. The injuries didn't stop the pair from enjoying the game or one of Bui's sacred tailgating traditions: pre-game meditation. At every game Bui takes a moment to lie on the ground in front of the stadium and absorb the atmosphere for good luck.

Bui, the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants, feels that she is the same as any other Irish fan.

"I'm Asian by birth, but Irish by choice," Bui said.

Rabe agrees, "She's definitely turned it up a notch this season ... she's light years ahead of us."

Although it has been hard for Bui to watch the Irish struggle this season, she has faith in the team and is proud that Notre Dame fans stick by their team no matter what. She sees the Notre Dame football tradition as being part of her life and Notre Dame as being part of her family.

The enthusiastic Bui, the once wide-eyed freshman who rushed the field even after the second home game, is thankful for her experience at Notre Dame and hopes others will continue the tradition she loves.

In her words, "Don't limit yourself ... it's all about the [Notre Dame] family. Don't be shy to go up to random strangers and meet them ... Soak up the atmosphere. You only have 24 games."

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Photo courtesy of Sharon Bui

With a dress custom made from her dorm room curtains, Sharon Bui proudly shows her spirit for everything Notre Dame.

NBA

Croatian Sensation scores season-high 24

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Toni Kukoc scored a season-high 24 points, Shareff Abdur-Rahim added 19 and the Atlanta Hawks won for just the second time on the road this season, 105-96 over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Kukoc and Jacques Vaughn rallied the Hawks from a 13-point deficit in the first half and Atlanta held off a late rally by Cleveland to improve to 2-9 on the road.

Vaughn also provided the game's most comical moment — and one destined for the highlight hall of fame — when he pushed a ball boy to the floor while scoring a basket in the first half.

Nazre Mohammed added 16 points and 14 rebounds, and Emanuel Davis 15 points, including a key 3-pointer with 3:52 left that gave the Hawks a 97-91 lead and put away the Cavs.

Kukoc, who scored just one point in a loss to New York on Wednesday night, was 8-of-11 from the floor. He had six assists and four steals as Atlanta's bench outscored Cleveland's reserves 43-14.

Lamond Murray scored 19 points, Wes Person 18 — 16 in the first quarter — and Jumaine Jones had 17 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which scored 37 points in the opening period but just 39 over the next two.

Mohammed's three-point play with 5:33 remaining gave Atlanta a 94-86 lead, but the Cavs scored five straight to close within three on Andre Miller's two free throws.

Davis then buried a 3-pointer from the right side and Kukoc scored Atlanta's next two buckets to make it 99-91 with 3:26 left.

After Kukoc made two free throws to bring Atlanta within 51-40 in the second quarter, Vaughn made a steal near midcourt and drove to the basket, where an unsuspecting ball boy was mopping the foul lane.

In one motion, Vaughn pushed the scrambling kid out of the way and made a layup.

Vaughn quickly checked to make sure the 16-year-old, was OK before heading up court.

Vaughn's unlikely basket came early in a 16-3 run that helped the Hawks pull within 60-58 at halftime after trailing by 13.

Person made seven free throws and scored 16 points as the Cavs scored a season-high 37 in the first quarter to open an 11-point lead.

Raptors 91, Grizzlies 88

Vince Carter scored 23 points and Antonio Davis added 20, leading Toronto to a victory against the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday night, extending the Raptors' winning streak to three games.

Carter added eight rebounds and seven assists for the Raptors.

Pau Gasol scored 22 points, and Shane Battier added 20 for the Grizzlies.

Memphis, which trailed by 15 points late in the third quarter, used an 18-4 run early in the fourth to climb back into contention. Battier scored 10 points in the outburst.

A 3-pointer by Battier helped Memphis close within a point with 5:55 remaining, and Brevin Knight's jumper gave the Grizzlies a one-point lead.

Hakeem Olajuwon countered with a jumper, giving Toronto a lead it never relinquished.

A tip-in by Davis and a free throw by Olajuwon gave Toronto a 87-83 with two minutes left.

Jason Williams, who shot 3-for-15, hit a jumper that cut the Raptors' lead to two points with 1:34 remaining, but Morris Peterson countered with a layup.

Jason Williams converted one of two free throws, cutting the lead to three points with 34 seconds left, but Toronto's Alvin Williams made two free throws with 8.5 seconds, giving Toronto a 91-86 lead.

Rodney Buford, who had 18 points, then missed a 3-pointer.

Peterson scored 18 points for the Raptors, who have won six of their last eight. Davis finished with 11 rebounds.

The Raptors, who entered the game with the fifth worst free throw shooting percentage in the NBA, shot 22-for-24 from the line, including all 16 of their attempts in the third quarter.

Memphis trailed by 11 in the second quarter, but Gasol helped narrow it to three at halftime by scoring eight points in the period.

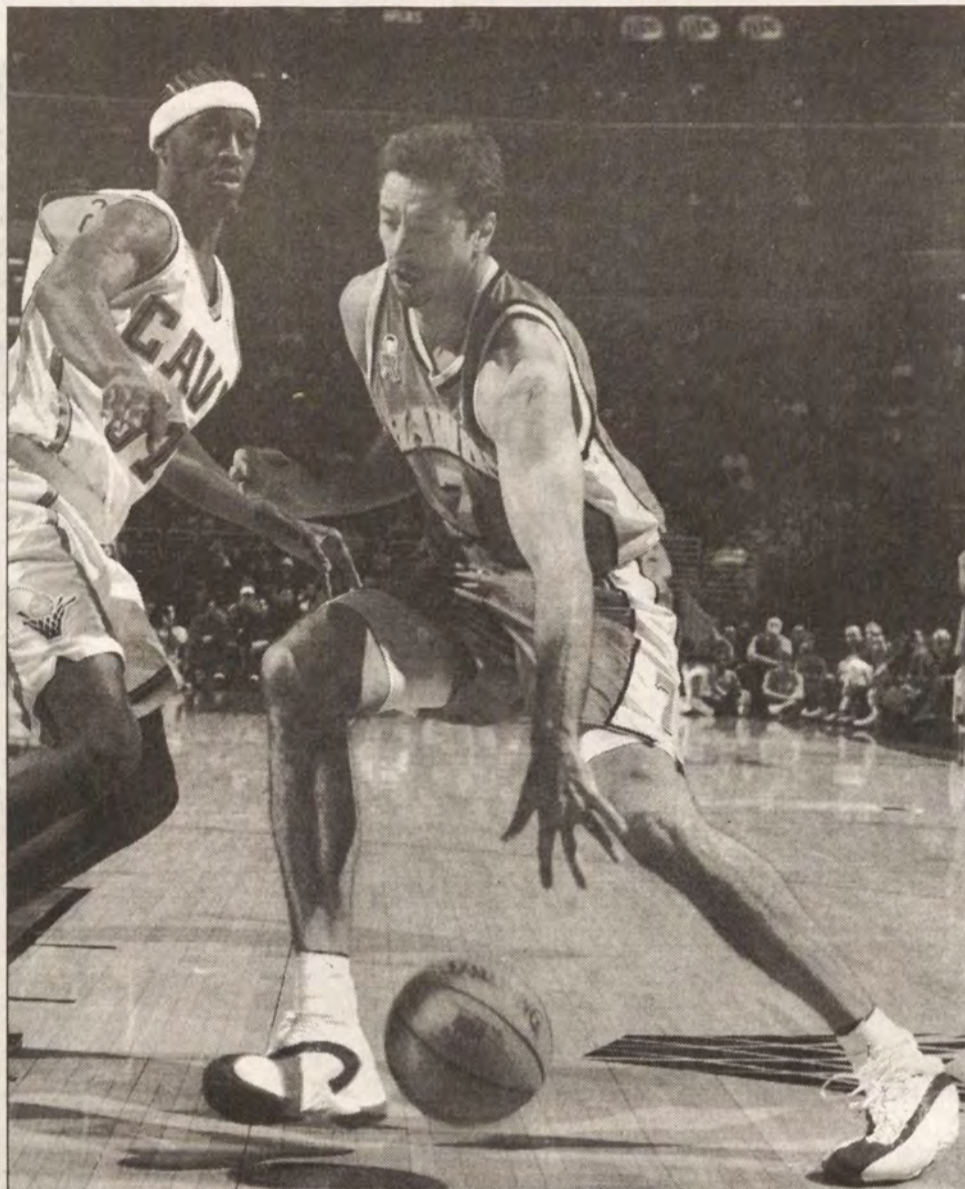
Bulls 78, Heat 72

Finally, another victory for the Chicago Bulls.

Ron Mercer scored eight of his 19 points in the final 2:23 as the Bulls beat the Miami Heat Thursday night for their second victory of the season.

It was Chicago's first win since Nov. 3, snapping a 10-game losing streak.

"Pretty for me? Absolutely," Bulls coach Tim Floyd said. "It was beauti-



Atlanta's Toni Kukoc drives around Cleveland's Ricky Davis during the second quarter of the Hawks' 105-96 win against the Cavaliers.

ful. It was gorgeous." Floyd might have been overreacting, considering the Bulls scored only 10 points in the third quarter on 19 percent shooting. That's only four more points than the record-low six they scored in the third period at New Jersey on Tuesday night.

But the Bulls got big baskets when they needed them, and Miami didn't have many answers after Alonzo Mourning fouled out with 9:35 left.

It was the 10th straight loss for the Heat. Miami last lost 10 straight games Dec. 1-21, 1990.

"I don't know what the heck to say," said Eddie Jones, who led Miami with 15 points.

Trenton Hassell added 13 for the Bulls, and Greg Anthony had a superb defensive game, finishing with six steals, one off his career high, and five assists with no turnovers. Charles Oakley had 10 rebounds, including a couple of key stops in the final minutes.

Mourning and Rod Strickland added 13 for Miami, which gave up 22 points on 21 turnovers.

"I've never lost 10 games in a row at any level," Mourning said. "This is new to me. But I'm not going to succumb to disappointment or be sorry for myself. I'm going to look at this as a challenge."

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NFL

Patriots' Glenn suspended, locker emptied

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass.

The nameplate was gone from Terry Glenn's locker. Only an ankle brace was inside — no warmup clothes, no uniform.

One day after going to practice with headphones but no helmet, the New England wide receiver was suspended Thursday for one game by coach Bill Belichick. His absence could last longer.

"You have to ask him," Belichick said when asked if Glenn will rejoin the Patriots on Monday after the suspension ends.

Glenn wasn't available to answer that question and "will be off the premises until next week," Belichick said. It was unclear who emptied his locker.

Glenn has played in one game this season, missing the first four because of an NFL suspension and the last six with a hamstring injury.

Thursday's suspension is "not injury-

related. It's a disciplinary matter" resulting from developments Wednesday, Belichick said. He gave no other details, although Glenn did not work out with the full squad.

"It's been six weeks since the injury," Belichick said. "It's gotten better."

Glenn's first suspension was for violating the league's substance abuse policy by missing a drug test. Later, the Patriots wanted to suspend him for the season for leaving training camp but an arbitrator ruled in his favor.

The latest flareup occurred Wednesday.

Glenn was upgraded to probable on the team's injury report for the first time in seven weeks. That meant the club felt there was a 75 percent chance he would play Sunday at the New York Jets.

New England, in playoff contention at 6-5, could use the deep threat. In his only game this year, he had seven receptions for 110 yards and a touchdown in a 29-26 win over San Diego on Oct. 14.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Trust accepting bids for Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON

Prospective owners of the Boston Red Sox submitted bids for controlling interest in the team on Thursday with no indication of when or how the winner will be selected.

The Jean R. Yawkey Trust is selling its 53 percent stake of the team, which owns Fenway Park and 80 percent of the New England Sports Network. The price is expected to be \$350 million or more.

"As we have stated from the outset, this is a private auction, and we are now in the most private phase of the process," said Justin P. Morreale, the trust's lawyer. "We do not anticipate further public statements until decisions are reached."

Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the head of the trust, said the team and its advisers could spend weeks reviewing the bids. Harrington has said he would pick the highest qualified offer.

Among those confirming bids on Thursday were South Boston land developer Frank

McCourt, Cablevision Systems Corp. chairman Charles Dolan and New England Sports Ventures, a group led by former San Diego Padres owner Tom Werner and former ski resort developer Les Otten.

"I feel great," McCourt said in an interview Thursday from his office, which overlooks the 12-acre site in South Boston where he hopes to build a new ballpark for the team. The group led by Werner and Otten wants to renovate Fenway at its current location.

McCourt's investment group includes Boston-area venture capital firms Alta Communications, Great Hill Partners and Halpern, Denny & Co., as well as FleetBoston Financial Corp.

Among the investors in New England Sports Ventures are former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and former Padres and Baltimore Orioles president Larry Lucchino.

New York lawyer Miles Prentice also made an offer.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles eager for home opener

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a 1-3 start, the Saint Mary's basketball team is looking to record an important win at its home opener against Marian College Friday night.

Coming off an 80-67 loss at Indiana University-South Bend, the Belles are expecting Marian, a traditionally strong NAIA team, with scholarship athletes, to pose a challenge in the Angela Athletic Facility during the first round of the Saint Mary's Invitational.

The Belles are eager to improve upon their record though.

"They've lost two games in a row, so we're just hoping they're a little down maybe and we can get on them early," said coach Suzanne Smith.

The home opener always causes some excitement around the Saint Mary's campus, the Smith hopes this will increase the Belles' chances.

"Our tournament is always big. We usually get a pretty good crowd," Smith said. "We're really excited about coming out at home. We're ready for a good game."

Saint Mary's has had some tough opponents so far this season, and Marian is another. Both Smith and the players see this game as a potential "big win," that would be a crucial step forward for Belles basket-

ball.

"We've been talking about how we need a big win. A lot of the wins we got last year, and our one win this year, were games we should have won. This is a game that we're not necessarily favored to win, but I think we can win, and we need to win," Smith said.

Overall, Smith is pleased with how the team has progressed this season.

"These women have been working so hard and they deserve to get this win," she said. "I think the women always come back with a fight. We might have our little down moments, but they're dedicated and they're hard workers. They come back every day ready to work hard."

Senior captain Anne Blair, named MIAA player of the week, thinks that Belles have made great progress this season, but recognizes a few areas where they must improve.

"This week we had great practices and moved forward. We focusing a lot more on patience on offense and picking up the talk and intensity on defense so I think that we've hit on those this week in practice big time," Blair said. "Our biggest focus is the mental game, focusing on the little things, putting it together."

Smith has emphasized the importance of the mental game in practice lately.

"We're really been focusing

this week on just staying mentally focused for the entire two-hour practice or 40 minutes of a game and not having any mental lapses," she said.

"I think there is always room for improvement," senior guard Mary Campione said. "I think with every day, every practice, every game you want to improve, so you're never really pleased. I think we have room to grow and I think this weekend will be a huge step in our program. Friday night's big."

Campione and Blair have another reason to be excited about Friday. The two seniors will be finishing up the last day of their student teaching, which has taken up a considerable amount of their time.

"I think it's be a big relief for them, a big lift off their shoulders," Smith said.

"It's going be huge," agreed Campione.

If the Belles win Friday night, they will play the winner of the Bethel-Dominican game on Saturday. Bethel, with a 7-1 record, is ranked fourth nationally in the NAIA. Saint Mary's, though, is completely focused on today.

"We're taking this one step at a time. We're focused on Marian, and the first 10 minutes of the game, and then the next 10 minutes," Campione said.

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FOOTBALL

Faine, Harrison,
Weaver earn honors

Special to The Observer

Irish junior Jeff Faine and seniors Tyreo Harrison and Anthony Weaver were named Football News honorable mention All-Americans for the 2001 season.

Faine, a center from Sanford, Fla., has been Notre Dame's leader in the trenches in 2001 protecting young quarterbacks Carlyle Holiday and Matt LoVecchio. Ranked as the third-best center nationally by Lindy's before the start of the 2001 season, Faine leads the Irish in minutes played with 290:54, heading into this weekend's contest versus Purdue. Starting all 10 games for the Irish in '01, Faine also is the lead blocker for the Irish rushing attack, which ranks 27th in the nation this week.

Harrison, from Sulphur Springs, Texas, has been a force in the middle for the Irish in 2001. The linebacker leads the Irish with 91 tackles in '01, featuring a team-leading and career-high 15 versus Stanford (including 10 solos) last weekend. The Stanford game marked the fourth time this season Harrison

recorded double-digit tackles and was the eighth time he was the leading tackler in the game for the Irish in 2001. Harrison's 91 tackles are the most for an Irish defensive player since A'Jani Sanders had 91 at the conclusion of the 1999 season.

Weaver has been the leader of the Irish defense all season. A '01 captain, the defensive end from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., is currently third on the team in tackles with 53, including 17 for loss and six sacks. Weaver also has an interception, three pass deflections and two forced fumbles on the year, leading an Irish defense that ranks 14th nationally in total defense and 23rd nationally in scoring defense. A Lombardi Award candidate at the beginning of '01, Weaver ranked 29th nationally in tackles for loss released by the NCAA for the period ending Oct. 20.

Faine, Harrison and Weaver, in addition to senior offensive guard Jordan Black, senior outside linebacker Rocky Boiman and junior place-kicker Nicholas Setta were all named to the Football News All-Independent team.

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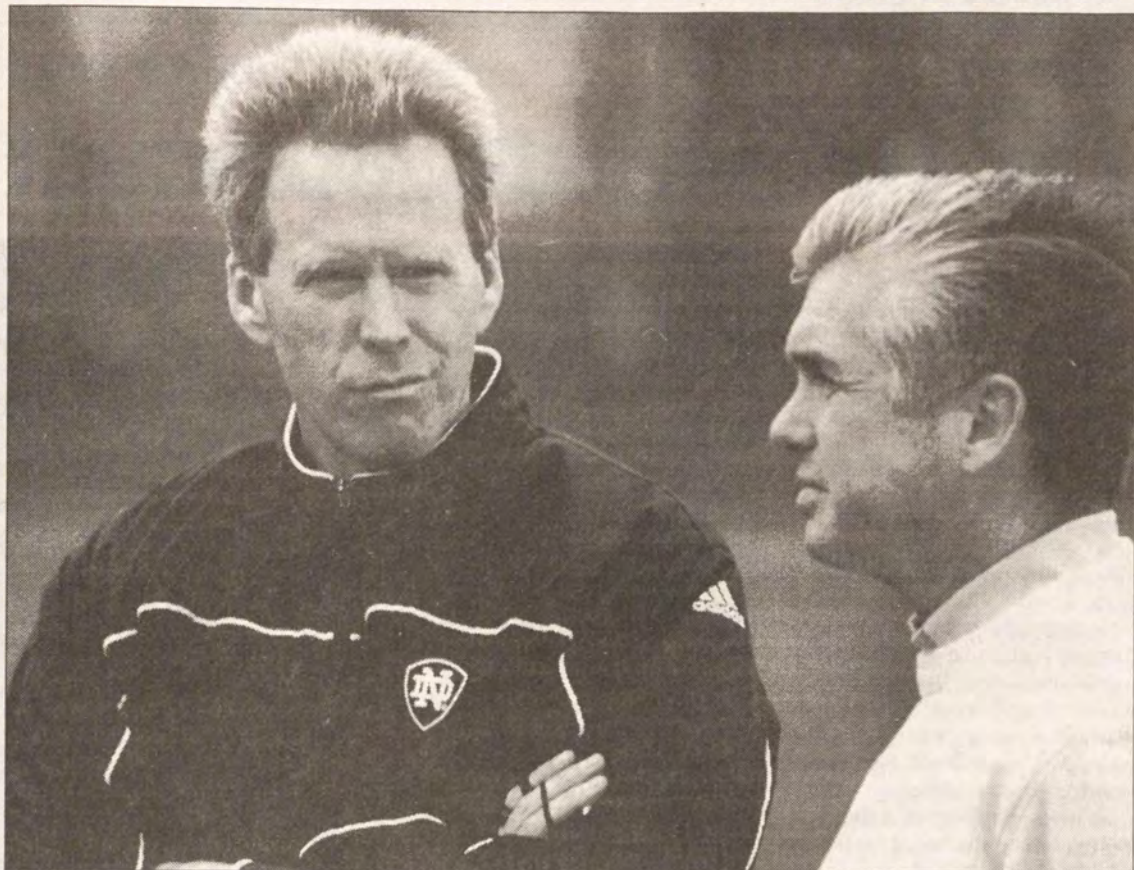
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Notre Dame head football coach Bob Davie and athletic director Kevin White talk during a practice earlier this season. At the end of the season, White said he would evaluate Davie.

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changes — and many other decisions — are all designed to raise the level of Notre Dame athletics to the highest level, White said.

"The things we've been able to do so far, we have only been able to do them with the support of Father Malloy and the Board of Trustees," he said. "To this point, we've done a lot of things that have been outlined in the Jones-Day Report ... Clearly the mandate from the head of the institution and the Board of Trustees was to elevate our programs so they could compete at the highest levels."

But with the current struggles of the football team, attention is firmly focused on White, who will play a great role in deciding whether or not Davie will remain coach of Notre Dame. While Davie signed a five-year contract last December, White made it clear that his contract was simply a part on the athletic department's effort to give all head coaches written contracts.

"When I arrived, we didn't have any coaches on what you would characterize as contracts," he said. "We had letters of understanding and all kinds of arrangements, but we really tried to put into place, across all 26 sports, contracts that would provide consistency and continuity."

After Notre Dame beat West Virginia on Oct. 13, the athletic department released a statement that said all Notre Dame athletic programs would be evaluated at the end of the year, including football. While White wouldn't comment on when he expected to evaluate Davie, he did say that the evaluation would be a one-on-one interview.

"[I'll be looking at] all elements of the program," White said without explaining what specific criteria he would use to evaluate Davie. "That's my job, to look at all the elements."

In the past three weeks, Davie has said that he will not resign as head coach, and that the only way he will leave is if Notre Dame publicly fires him. But White refused to comment on anything related to Davie's job or the current status of the football team.

White does not have the authority to either hire or fire a coach — Malloy makes all personnel decisions. Instead, he submits recommendations to Malloy

based on interviews and evaluations — recommendations that Malloy usually follows. White said that Malloy typically sits in on any interviews with head coaches, and typically will look at resumes for assistant coaches.

But while decisions involving coaches are difficult, White said he tries to look at the broad spectrum of Notre Dame athletics, and that includes tackling challenges that affect all sports, not just football. Striking a balance between academics and athletics, maintaining compliance with NCAA regulations and finding enough funding to compete at the highest level are the hardest issues to handle, White said.

"The challenges haven't changed," said White. "I don't expect that they will during my professional tenure."

But White and the athletic department tackle these challenges head-on. Last year, eight teams recorded their highest cumulative grade-point-average in the fall semester, and four more reached that mark in the spring. The Irish have not had a major NCAA infraction under White's tenure. And slowly but surely, with the help of Vice President for University Relations Bill Sexton, Notre Dame is raising money to fund the increased number of scholarships.

However, what makes all those challenges of being athletic director worthwhile are Notre Dame students, said White. He feels responsible to all students, not just the student-athletes, to create a strong athletic program.

"I have been at a number of great institutions and been around a lot of great students," he said. "I have never been around the kind of students that are at Notre Dame."

There's much more White wants to accomplish. He wants to make Notre Dame a top-five contender in the Sears Cup rankings. He wants to achieve minority representation among athletic administrators and coaches to equal the makeup of the student body.

"The University of Notre Dame far exceeded what I expected," White said. "At the front of the experience when I was immediately appointed, I said it was an amazing place. Over the last 18 or 19 months, it has become more than that. It's a magical place."

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Recruits

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Notre Dame was to play for Bob Davie.

"I went out [to Notre Dame] and really liked the campus. I liked the coaches and I just felt that it was the best school for me," said Olsen. "I'm hoping that Coach Davie stays around because he was one of the main reasons I came to Notre Dame because I liked him and the rest of the coaching staff."

But if Davie is fired, Olsen will still take his official visit and meet the new coach. Olsen did say that he would have to "reevaluate" his decision before signing with Notre Dame.

"Hopefully things will work out," said Olsen.

Top defensive end Jamie Ryan verbally committed to Notre Dame over the summer and shares the same opinions about Davie as Olsen.

"I was a fan of Notre Dame and I really liked the campus, the people and the coaches, so it was a pretty good fit for me," said the four-star prospect from Tamaqua, Penn.

Ryan hopes that Davie is back next year, but plans to fulfill his commitment to Notre Dame's football program no matter what the circumstances.

"[I have] a strong commitment toward Notre Dame," said Ryan. "[The coaching situation] isn't up to me. I'm 100 percent behind Bob Davie, but whatever goes on is out of my hands."

Other prospects, like tight end Eric Winston of Midland, Texas, believe a new coach could make a difference in their decisions.

"[A new coaching change] could affect my decision in a good way or a bad way," said Winston, who is rated third among tight ends in the country. "I want to be in an offense where it's pretty balanced with a good run, but we're also going to pass the ball pretty good too. It just all depends on what kind of coach they bring in."

Another recruiting analyst, Tom Lemming, said that as long as the Irish make a coaching decision quickly they will have a very strong incoming class for next season.

"Believe it or not, Davie's staff was doing a very good job this year," said Lemming. "Notre Dame is going to have a good year if Davie stays, and if a new coach comes in and [the situation] is handled right and promptly, they're still going to have a good year."

But the unstable coaching situation has already changed the mind of one top prospect.

James Wilhoit, rated as the

third best kicker in the country, was heavily recruited by many top schools.

The Hendersonville, Tenn. native narrowed his choices down to two: Notre Dame and Tennessee. Recently, Wilhoit chose the Volunteers. But the biggest reason Notre Dame was so high on Wilhoit's list was a direct result of Davie.

"The tradition and the academics really impressed me, and I also liked Coach Davie a lot," said Wilhoit. "I thought he was real charismatic, and of all the coaches I've met, like [Michigan] Coach [Lloyd] Carr and [Tennessee] Coach [Phillip] Fulmer and of all the different coaches, I think I was the most impressed with coach Davie."

However, Wilhoit said his main reason for not attending Notre Dame was the precarious coaching situation.

"One of the main reasons I kind of shied away from Notre Dame was that I didn't know what the coaching [situation] was going to be like," said Wilhoit. "It just kind of made me nervous. I wanted a stable program and with what's happened this season with [Notre Dame] you figure [Davie's] gone. It's a shame because I didn't really know what the situation would be like, and any new coach would have probably changed my mind [if I would have attended Notre Dame]."

Although the Irish face another losing campaign this year and a coaching controversy, Notre Dame coaches have continued to recruit players from around the nation. Offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers had been accused of not contacting top recruits in his recruiting area, an accusation that Lemming emphatically said is only a rumor.

"Kevin Rogers went a couple of weeks without calling his ball players but that's a common occurrence during certain times of the year," said Lemming. "The players were still getting calls, it wasn't that he completely stopped. I almost think [the accusations] are slanderous."

The decision to keep or fire Davie has serious implications for how many top-caliber players the Irish sign for next season. If Davie stays, players like Winston may not come to Notre Dame because of the current offensive scheme. But if Davie is fired, top recruits like Olsen may change their minds and play for someone else.

Either way, the decision Notre Dame makes concerning the coaching situation could affect whether or not top recruits arrive on Notre Dame's campus in the fall.

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I can't respond to them," he said.

His words betray nothing but his demeanor on Saturday said a lot. White said his post-season meeting with Davie will be no different from his post-season meeting with women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw. Somehow that's hard to believe. White's tremendous disappointment in Stanford was never visible in St. Louis as the Irish won

the National Championship.

White is an excellent athletic administrator. He knows how to hold his cards close to his chest. Any sort of comment — or even a "no comment" — sparks 10 times as many rumors and half-truths all over the Internet. The Notre Dame Nation, while passionate for Irish athletics, is just as passionate about analyzing every little tidbit about the athletic department. So when White was asked if there are different criteria for a football coach and other coaches, he couldn't answer.

"It's just going to drive crazy speculation," he said.

But as great an athletic director as he is, he is also human. He can say all the right things, but when he is angry, his face will show it. When he is shocked, you can see it in his eyes. And when he is profoundly disappointed, it is impossible to ignore it or the repercussion it will have for this University.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Despite 0-3 start, Tar Heels still confident

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

At a school used to winning basketball, the worst start since Babe Ruth was hitting home runs is creating a strange feeling for players, fans, and students.

No one at North Carolina is panicking — yet.

“Everyone’s still pretty positive around campus,” freshman Jayme Mitchell said between classes Thursday. “Obviously, it’s unexpected, but you can’t judge them yet — the season really hasn’t even started.”

The Tar Heels are 0-3 for the first time since 1928 after a 79-66 loss to Indiana on Wednesday night and have lost four in a row at home for just the third time in school history.

With the prospect of the first 0-4 start in the program’s 92-year history Sunday night against Georgia Tech, some already are writing off the Tar Heels.

Most callers to the local sports-radio station Thursday said North Carolina just doesn’t have the talent to be competitive.

A headline on one local paper read “Hitting a new low” in huge letters, while a columnist at another paper said North Carolina coach Matt Doherty has hit a “major crisis period.”

Despite the concerns outside

the program, no one on the inside is letting on that anything is wrong.

“Believe it or not, this team gained a lot of confidence with this game,” said forward Kris Lang, who scored a career-high 27 points and had eight rebounds against Indiana. “Teams might look at our record and say, ‘Ah, they’re 0-3, they’re nothing.’ I am not worried because we know.”

North Carolina, which has been to 27 straight NCAA tournaments and won 20 or more games a record 31 consecutive seasons, opened the season with stunning home losses to Hampton and Davidson.

The Tar Heels did play better and harder against Indiana, but still struggled with the same problems that have plagued them all season.

One is shooting.

The Tar Heels were third in the Atlantic Coast Conference at 79 points per game last season, but have averaged just 63 this season. North Carolina made just 22 of 60 shots against Indiana and is shooting 35 percent on the season.

After shoot 36 percent from 3-point range last season, the Tar Heels are just 17-of-73 (23 percent) this season, including 5-of-19 against the Hoosiers.

“This little slump guys are going through shooting won’t last,” senior guard Jason Capel said. “We’re too good of shoot-

ers.”

Capel was expected to become North Carolina’s go-to player with the departures of Joseph Forte and Brendan Haywood to the NBA, but hasn’t been able to find his shot.

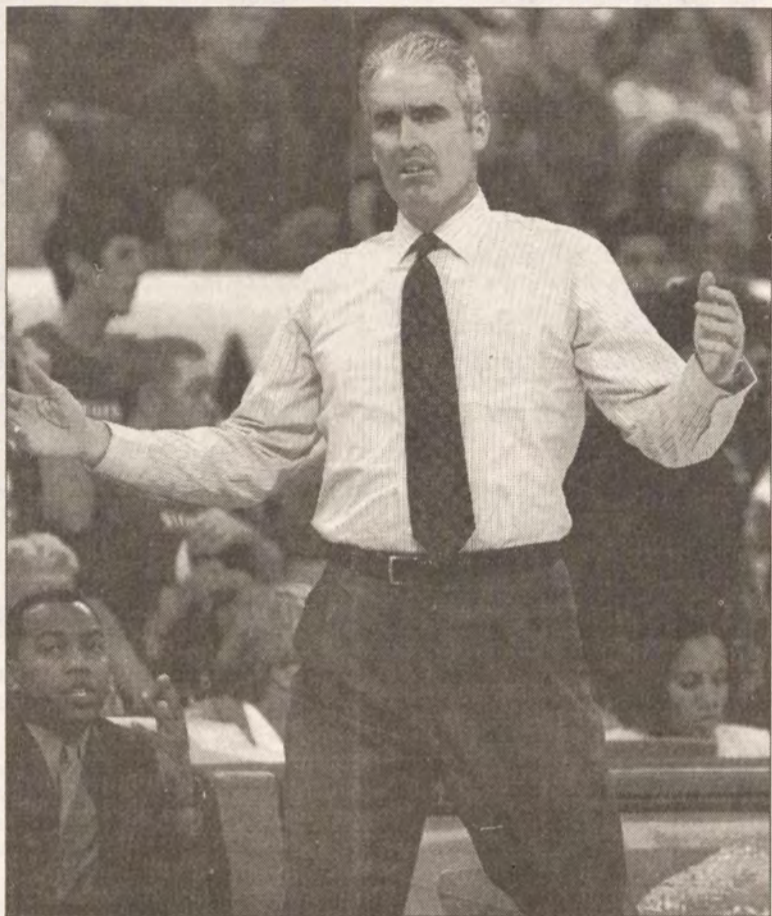
Capel is 12-for-42 overall and 2-of-22 from 3-point range, including an 0-for-7 night against Indiana. He’s also averaging five turnovers a game.

“I just don’t think he has had as many open looks as he’s had in the past,” North Carolina coach Matt Doherty said. “When you have Joe and Brendan, you’re going to get open looks — wide-open looks. He’s not getting those now because he’s the lead story in the scouting report.”

North Carolina has been decent defensively, holding opponents to 40 percent shooting, but offsets that with 18 turnovers per game. Against Indiana, the 18 turnovers included one pass that went to no one and another that went through Jackie Manuel’s hands.

“Those things, hopefully, won’t happen in the course of the next month or so,” Doherty said. “That’s getting comfortable with each other and getting comfortable on the floor. Some of those turnovers just come from experience.”

North Carolina’s schedule



North Carolina head coach Matt Doherty, who coached at Notre Dame for one year, expresses his disgust.

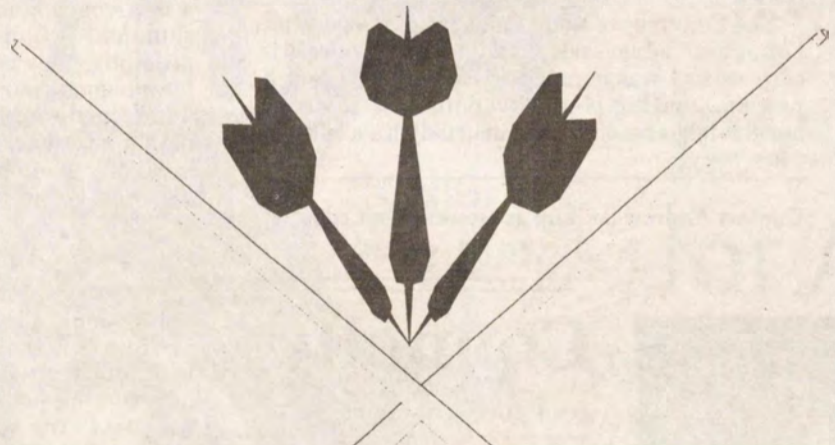
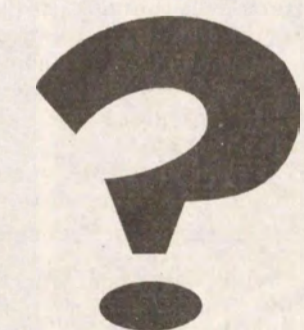
doesn’t get any easier with games against Georgia Tech and Kentucky next week, but the Tar Heels refuse to get caught up in what others say they can and can’t do.

“Right now, all I can say is that things shall come, things shall come,” Lang said. “I’m not worried. No matter what y’all say, I’m not worried.”

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Pesavento leads Buffalos

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo.

Bobby Pesavento never doubted Colorado would make it to the Big 12 title game. He just didn't expect to be the starting quarterback when the team got there.

Filling in for injured starter Craig Ochs, Pesavento has been practically perfect the last four games — so much so that coach Gary Barnett elected to stick with Pesavento this week.

Even with Ochs almost fully recovered from a badly sprained ankle, Pesavento will start Saturday night when the No. 9 Buffalos meet No. 3 Texas in Dallas for the Big 12 championship.

"Bobby is just playing about as solid as you could play at quarterback," Barnett said Tuesday.

In wins over Oklahoma State, Missouri, Iowa State, and Nebraska, Pesavento completed 57 of 83 passes (69 percent) for 869 yards with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

Three of those were come-from-behind victories. Against then-No. 2 Nebraska last Friday, the Buffs jumped out to a 35-3 lead and won 62-36 as Chris Brown ran for 198 yards and six touchdowns.

Pesavento was almost overlooked. He was 9-of-16 for 202 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 22 yards, including a TD. And he did it with searing pain in his throwing shoulder, the result of a minor separation he suffered in the first quarter.

On a 49-yard pass to tight end Dan Graham, Pesavento

said he "got kind of driven into the ground. There was a lot of pain. They asked if I was OK, but I wasn't going to come out of the game as long as I could throw."

Pesavento's grit is just one of the qualities that has endeared him to his coaches and teammates. He's poised, he's a leader and he never pouted about not being the starting quarterback.

Pesavento began his college odyssey at Miami of Ohio. After a coaching change, he transferred to Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where he threw for 2,444 yards

and 22 touchdowns in 1999. He came to Colorado with the intention of being the No. 1 quarterback last season.

Zac Colvin started the first two games, but Pesavento rallied the Buffs in relief in both games. Pesavento started the next two games before giving way to Ochs.

Ochs remained the starter this season, but Pesavento persevered.

Ochs had a concussion in the sixth game, then went down with an ankle injury two games later, and Pesavento slipped seamlessly into the starting role.

"It's obvious that Bobby has played great ball," Ochs said. "I'm so happy for him. He's earned the opportunity to start the Texas game."

Pesavento's first start this year came against Texas on

Oct. 20. The Buffs were blown out 41-7, but Pesavento played capably, completing 15 of 27 passes for 165 yards. His one interception came off a deflection.

"We didn't lose that game because of Bobby Pesavento," Barnett said.

Offensive tackle Victor Rogers said Pesavento "has had the best attitude I've ever seen as far as a quarterback, especially having as much talent as he has. He could be starting at a lot of different places."

As for Texas, Pesavento said the Buffs are "excited that we get a chance to redeem ourselves. We get a chance to show that wasn't us. We (eliminate mistakes) and it'll be a totally different football game this week. Win the one-on-one challenges and we'll be OK."

"I knew we could make it to the championship game. Whether I was going to be the starting quarterback or not, that was something I wasn't sure of."

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound senior said his confidence has grown with each win.

"Once I accepted that Craig was going to be our starter, I

just kept working hard and wanted to be a contributor. If I wasn't going to play, I wanted to contribute off the field and on the practice field. I kept working hard, whether it was in the film room or the weight room," Pesavento said.

"When my opportunity came, I just felt real calm, real cool and real comfortable back there."

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Bobby Pesavento
Colorado starting quarterback

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Craig Ochs
Colorado backup quarterback

Miami, Florida not BCS locks

Associated Press

One win for Miami, two for Florida — that's the formula for a national championship game in the Rose Bowl featuring two fierce rivals.

Sounds great, but games still have to be played, conference titles must be decided and the Bowl Championship Series computer has to calculate the final numbers.

"We don't have the Rose Bowl until we win one more football game, that's what it has boiled down to," coach Larry Coker said as his top-ranked Hurricanes (10-0) prepared to visit No. 14 Virginia Tech (8-2) on Saturday. "The fans can enjoy it and talk about it, but in reality, we're the ones that have to travel and play and get the job done."

Florida's task is more formidable. The second-ranked Gators (9-1, 6-1) play host to No. 5 Tennessee (9-1, 6-1), with the winner advancing to the Southeastern Conference title game on Dec. 8. The opponent will be the winner of Saturday's game between No. 25 Auburn (7-3, 5-2) and No. 22 LSU (7-3, 4-3) at Baton Rouge.

Miami and Florida are first and second in the BCS standings that determine the teams for the Rose Bowl.

The Vols-Gators game was rescheduled from Sept. 15 following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. The game usually determines the SEC East winner a lot earlier in the season, and now there's a national title involved.

"It's for everything," Gators wide receiver Jabar Gaffney said.

Florida and Miami have met 50 times, with the Hurricanes pulling even at 25 wins each with last year's 37-20 Sugar Bowl victory. It was the first

matchup of these rivals since 1987.

The series starts up again next year — it's Miami at Florida on Sept. 7.

In other games involving Top 25 teams Saturday, it's No. 3 Texas vs. No. 9 Colorado in the Big 12 title game in Irving, Texas; Oregon State at No. 4 Oregon; No. 10 BYU at Mississippi State; No. 12 Stanford at San Jose State; and Houston at No. 16 Georgia.

Other games of note on the final big weekend of the season include Army vs. Navy in Philadelphia, Notre Dame at Purdue and Georgia Tech at Florida State.

On Friday, it's No. 20 Marshall at Toledo in the Mid-American Conference title game.

Miami hasn't won in Blacksburg since 1992. Since then, the Canes are 0-3 at Lane Stadium but that won't help the Gator Bowl-bound Hokies.

"They look like a pro team," was Tech safety Willie Pile's assessment after Miami's 65-7 rout of Washington last week.

Dorsey, along with several other top quarterbacks, has one more chance to convince voters he's worthy of the Heisman Trophy. Dorsey has thrown for 2,417 yards and 22 touchdowns behind a line anchored by massive tackles Bryant McKinnie and Joaquin Gonzalez. On defense, the Canes are No. 1 in points in allowed at 7.9 per game. Miami is scoring 44.9 points per game.

The Hokies, 13 1/2-point underdogs, are tied for third nationally in points allowed at 12.1 per game, but the offense directed by quarterback Grant Noel has sputtered at times.

Tennessee is trying to win at The Swamp for the first time since 1971, when coach Phillip Fulmer played guard for the Vols. Florida has won seven of the last eight meetings.

Led by quarterback Casey Clausen (2,469 yards, 19 TDs), the Vols are coming off a 38-0 win over Vanderbilt last week. Rex Grossman, Florida's Heisman hopeful, is the nation's top passer with 3,534 yards and 32 TDs. Gaffney has 60 catches for 1,090 yards and 12 TDs. On defense, the Gators allow just 12.1 points per game.

Should Tennessee win, the Vols would have a strong chance to reach the Rose Bowl with a win in the SEC title game on Dec. 8.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame, Michigan State meet in NCAA tourney

◆ Irish have yet to beat a higher-ranked opponent; Spartans are No. 20

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

After struggling during a road trip during fall break, the Notre Dame volleyball team members sat down and scouted themselves.

Tonight, when the No. 25 Irish (22-6) begin NCAA Tournament play at Wisconsin Field House against the No. 20 Spartans of Michigan State, that experience could prove helpful, as the team on the other side of the net is practically a mirror image of Notre Dame.

"It's kind of interesting because we feel like Michigan State is actually really similar to us," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Some of their strengths are the same. They're a pretty good blocking team. They're good offensively. I think that they're a little bit weaker defensively."

The Spartans, who come in with a 20-7 record after topping Indiana in four games last Saturday, are led by senior outside hitter Erin Hartley. Hartley, a unanimous selection to the All-Big Ten team, leads the Spartans with 388 kills on a .335 hitting percentage. Like Irish senior Kristy Kreher, Hartley plays opposite the setter.

"[Hartley] is definitely the person that we need to stop," Brown said. "If we are able to do that and keep her numbers down, that's going to be a key in the match. We'll work pretty hard where she hits on the right side to try and match up."

That getting the right match-up won't necessarily be easy. Brown will match wits

with Chuck Erbe, her coach at USC in the late 1970's. But the Irish head coach knows who she wants defending against Hartley.

"You don't know where they're going to start all the time," Brown said. "We'll try to use our best guess and the match-up that we'd like is to have Marcie [Bombeck] blocking her."

The Irish, who are coming off a 1-1 showing at a tournament in Disney World last weekend, were encouraged by their play in a win over LSU and a loss to perennial top 10 Florida. Senior Malinda Goralski led a balanced attack in both matches.

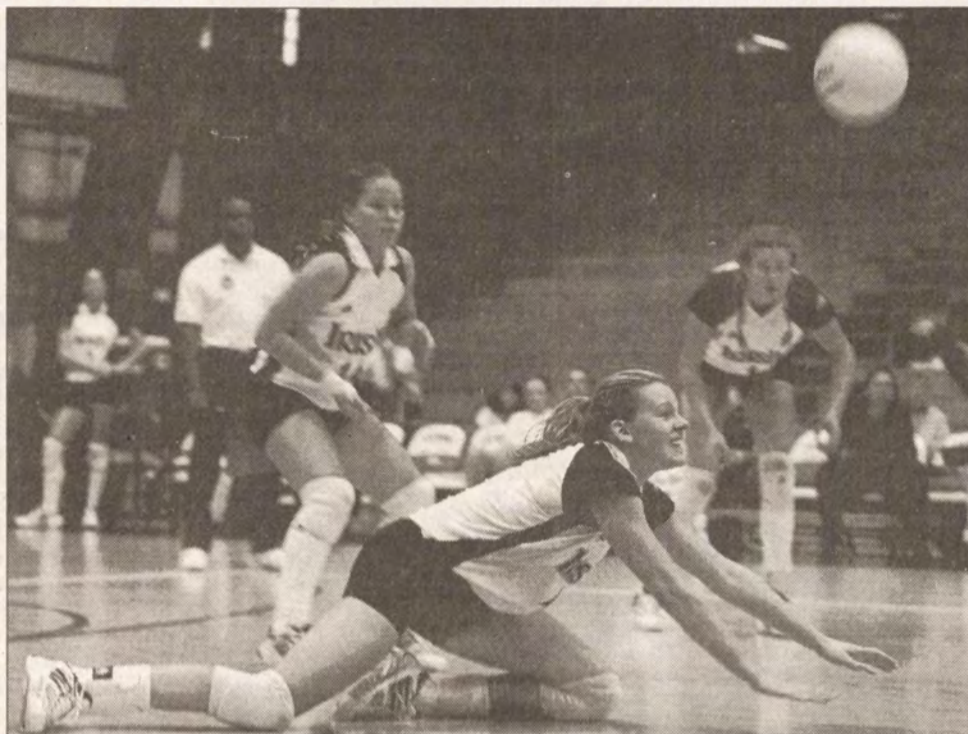
After gathering with friends and members of the media to watch the tournament selection show in the men's basketball offices on Monday, the team got down to business. Senior

"I don't even know the reaction from everybody on the draw but I think after it all sank in and we've had an opportunity to watch tape and prepare, I think everybody's just excited," Brown said. "We're looking forward to Friday and looking forward to the competition."

Should the Irish win Friday, they face a possible rematch of the 1997 Sweet 16 match in which the University of Wisconsin topped Notre Dame in four games. This year the Badgers are ranked No. 6 in the USA Today/AVCA poll after losing to Nebraska in the NCAA Championship match last December.

But the Irish traveled up to Madison for a match in the spring, and took the Badgers to five games with more or less the same team Notre Dame has fielded all season, minus freshman outside hitter Emily Loomis.

"I think we feel like that they're certainly not a team that's unbeatable," Brown said. "They have their weakness too. Because we



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer
Senior Kristy Kreher dives for the ball during the Big East Tournament. The Irish take on the Spartans in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

know them a little bit, we like our chances going up against them as well."

What Brown remembers most is the enthusiastic crowds that turn out for Wisconsin volleyball matches, even exhibition contests like last spring's.

"It's a really fun environment to play in," Brown said. "They draw really well and it gets loud. It's one of those things where there will definitely be a lot of excitement and a lot of adrenaline flowing. It's the kind of atmosphere that can bring out the best in

athletes."

After falling to Ohio State in the second round of the tournament last year, the Irish have their sights set on a return to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1997. All matches this week are available live via the Web on Wisconsin's web page at www.uwbadgers.com.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish begin tough December at United Center



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Notre Dame's Harold Swanagan clutches onto the ball as an Army player collides with him. The collision prompted a brief shoving match between the two players.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

For the 6-0 Irish, the easy part of their season is over. Now it's time to really get down to business. And there's no better place to do it than at the United Center.

"Playing in an arena that big, you sometimes catch yourself gazing up to the stands," said point guard Chris Thomas. "[Michael] Jordan made his name and everything there, so it's a special place. It's a big deal to all of us."

Saturday will be Notre Dame's first real test of the season. After rolling over opponents in Hawaii during Thanksgiving and dominating Army in the second half Wednesday, the Irish are entering the second phase of their season. They will play their next five games away, beginning with their match-up against DePaul in the second game of the Classic 4 Kids doubleheader.

"These next few games are going to be tough," said guard Matt Carroll. "They're all great teams, they're all tough to beat, especially on the road. We've got to bring our A-game for all of those games."

After playing DePaul Saturday, the Irish will travel to Indiana, Miami of Ohio and Canisus before flying to New Orleans to take on Alabama in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic. Notre Dame returns home Dec. 30 against Colgate before beginning Big East play on Jan. 6 against Villanova.

"Our scheduling philosophy was to get out of the gate early against some teams that we should have success ... we did take care of our business," said head coach Mike Brey. "But now the month of December is new territory, and we've got to be prepared for that."

Notre Dame and DePaul will renew a heated rivalry between two teams that haven't played each other since 1994. The rivalry reached its heyday when Digger Phelps coached at Notre

Dame in the 1980s, and while it has been seven years since these two teams played each other, the Irish aren't having any trouble getting fired up for this game.

"It definitely wakes up some memories," said Brey. "I've only been here a year and a half, but I've heard nothing but comments about 'When are we going to play DePaul again' and we are ... I think it's a great next step for us to step into that competition at a neutral site."

"The first six weren't too difficult," Thomas said. "Now we're pretty excited to get this kind of competition. Non-conference games like these are important to test ourselves to prepare for the Big East."

The key to shutting down DePaul, Brey said, is to contain point guard Imari Sawyer. The Irish will also see a physical inside game for the first time this season, The Blue Demons have three players a least 6-foot-9, and all are more than 230 pounds.


"We have not played against that kind of bulk in our first six games, and we're going to keep that bulk off the backboard," Brey said. "In a lot of ways, it may be a relief, because our big guys have been chasing around 6-3 guys on the perimeter. Now they'll be able to get down and play some post defense in the post."

While the Irish said they haven't felt any intense rivalry with DePaul, they have a feeling that the rivalry will blossom in the next few years and reach the level of intensity that existed when Phelps coached.

"We don't feel any rivalry right now, but I know there is from past tradition," Carroll said. "I have a feeling it's going to start in the future."

Notre Dame will leave for Chicago immediately after practice tomorrow. The Irish and Blue Demons square off at 2:30 p.m. following the Stanford-Texas game.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame-Michigan meet in NCAA rematch

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Nine months ago, during the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame dealt Michigan a crushing blow, defeating the Wolverines 88-54, on the way to the National Championship. On Sunday the two teams will face off again in a series which Notre Dame leads 7-3. For a Wolverine team that hasn't beat the Irish since 1984, Sunday may be a chance to get back some respect.

"I think Michigan has a lot more on their minds than we do," said head coach Muffet McGraw following her team's practice on Wednesday. "For them, I don't know how they're looking at it, but I can guess they're not really happy that we beat them last year. So I would think they would have some revenge on their minds."

For the Wolverines, revenge is a distinct possibility. Michigan returned four of its starters from a team that went 19-12 last season and defeated West Virginia in overtime in round one of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Notre Dame in round two.

This season, the Wolverines have taken control of their shooting game, hitting 50 percent from the field as a team, making it difficult for any opponent to pin down one player to stop.

"I don't think if we say we can't stop [one player] we can win," McGraw said. "They have a great team. The thing we felt last year, they don't beat themselves. They're just a great team."

Michigan's motivation is coming from revenge. Notre Dame doesn't need revenge.

"I don't think we really have to motivate [the team] because [Michigan] is ranked higher than we are. So it's an opportunity to finally, to play another ranked team and just compare where we are," McGraw said. "For us, it's a game early in the season to set us up for the Big East Tournament."

After coming so close to a road victory against Arizona and taking a solid win from Army on Monday, the Irish are ready to take on the Wolverines. The key to an Irish win is to play their game and play it well. During Notre Dame's loss to Arizona on Saturday, the Irish had a chance to win the game with eight seconds left in the game, but turned the ball over. They set themselves up to win, but on Sunday they know they have to stick to their game plan.

"We know we've got to go out and play our game," sophomore point guard Le'Tania Severe said. "We need to do that and not fall



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Notre Dame guard Alicia Ratay dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame's win against Army Monday night. The No. 23 Irish take on the No. 16 Wolverines Sunday afternoon.

into their game."

Severe has surfaced as a top scorer for the Irish, averaging 11.8 points a game, joining teammates Alicia Ratay and Jackie Batteast, who are averaging 14.5 and 11.3 points per game for the Irish.

"I want [Severe] to run the team, direct the score and just get everybody in the right position to win the game," McGraw said. "I felt her points were more of a bonus."

In addition to Severe stepping up on scoring, McGraw saw a lot of improvement on her team all around following

the road trip. She said Ratay has been scoring more consistently and, in general, her team is in the right place.

"We are putting ourselves in a position to win, and that's all you can ask for," she said.

Tip-off will follow the Michigan St.-Marquette game in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Sunday.

Notes:

Post player Amanda Barksdale practiced with the

team for the first time on Wednesday. A stress-related injury has kept her sidelined.

"She's still not good, but it's going to be a long recovery because conditioning wise, she hasn't been able to run," McGraw said. "But it's been great to have her back, her leadership."

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◆ Irish No. 23, Wolverines No. 16 in latest poll

Associated Press

Connecticut led a top four that stayed the same Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had four newcomers after a week filled with losses by Top 25 teams.

South Carolina joined the poll for the first time in 11 years at No. 25 after upsetting Duke. No. 18 LSU, No. 21 Texas and No. 24 North Carolina also made the Top 25 for the first time this season.

There was no upset involving Connecticut, which beat Rhode Island 84-38 in its only game last week and received 42 of 44 first-place votes from a national media panel. UConn, winner of the pre-season WNIT, took a 5-0 record into Monday night's game at Wake Forest.

Tennessee (3-0) received the two other first-place votes after a 90-75 victory over Louisiana Tech, which slipped one spot to sixth. Oklahoma (5-0) held at No. 3 and Vanderbilt (6-1), which has lost only to UConn, remained fourth.

Connecticut had 1,098 points in the voting, Tennessee 1,054 and Oklahoma 1,002.

Iowa State (3-0) moved up one spot to fifth, matching its highest ranking ever, after beating DePaul and Mississippi State to win the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

After Louisiana Tech in sixth, Stanford, North Carolina State, Texas Tech and Purdue completed the Top Ten.

Colorado jumped three places to 11th after three one-sided victories and Baylor was 12th. That gave the Big 12 five teams among the first 12 -- Oklahoma, Iowa State, Texas Tech, Colorado and Baylor.

Georgia was 13th and Duke fell five spots to 14th. The Blue Devils were followed by Colorado State, Michigan, Old Dominion, LSU, Florida and Wisconsin.

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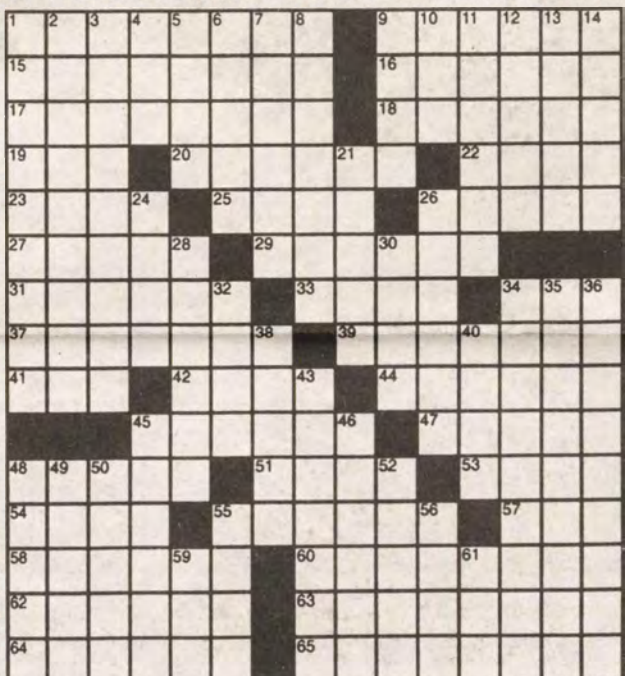
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Focus on the future

◆ White in spotlight of coaching controversy

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Every day, his office receives dozens of e-mails. Every day, faxes pour in from all over the world from Notre Dame alumni, Holy Cross priests and Irish fans. Every day, he places the needs of Notre Dame ahead of his own self-interest.

Welcome to the world of Kevin White, the Notre Dame athletic director and the man responsible for evaluating head football coach Bob Davie at the end of the season.

"I wouldn't characterize the feelings I feel as pressure," White said. "I feel more responsible than pressure. I have a high degree of responsibility to represent the University in the right way and do things the right way."

White's responsibilities go far beyond analyzing the status of the football team. He is the first athletic director to report directly to University President Father Edward Malloy and oversees the day-to-day aspects of Notre Dame's athletic department in addition to directly overseeing the football and basketball programs.

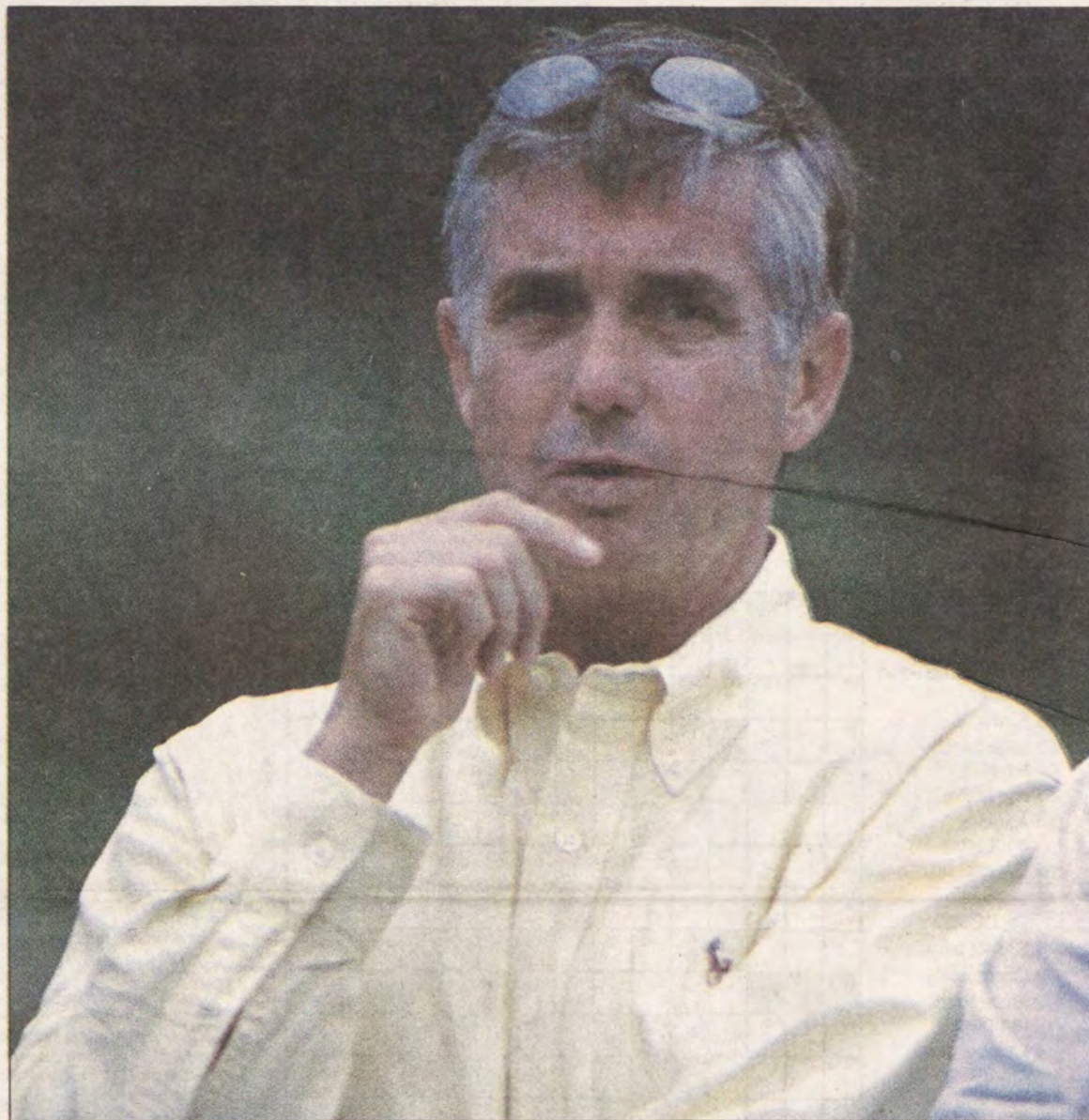
His administrative policy is a combination of his experience as athletic director at Arizona State, Tulane, Maine and Loras College and a desire to achieve many of the goals outlined in the Jones-Day report, a collection of standards compiled by studying athletic departments across the nation. Since White was appointed athletic director 19 months ago, he has already implemented drastic changes — changes that have already produced results.

Last year — White's first year as athletic director — Notre Dame finished 11th in the Sears Cup standings, which evaluate a school's overall athletic achievements, matching its highest ranking ever. Four Notre Dame teams ascended to No. 1 rankings and 10 sports rose to their highest rankings in school history.

In the next four years, the department will add 16 scholarships each year — a total of 64 scholarships — to give all varsity sports the maximum number of scholarships allowed under NCAA regulations.

And in just over a year and a half, Notre Dame has hired five new coaches under White's tenure: men's basketball coach Mike Brey, men's soccer coach Bobby Clark, men's golf coach John Jasinski, softball coach Deanna Gumpf and women's golf coach Debby King. These coaching

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White is strongly devoted to helping create a strong athletic program, but he is currently in the spotlight for the influence he has over Bob Davie's job.

White's face says what words don't

Athletic director Kevin White has said very little about Bob Davie's future at Notre Dame. He hasn't given him a public statement of confidence

nor has he said Davie will not return as head coach next year. Since October, White has said very little about Davie or the football program to the media.

But his emotions on the sidelines of Irish losses this year have expressed more

than words ever could.

After Notre Dame's loss to Nebraska to open the season, White looked shocked. Like most Irish fans, he appeared unable to grasp how a team that was so disciplined and so careful with the ball in 2000 looked so sloppy and turned the ball over so many times in the first game in 2001.

In College Station, White looked angry. Watching from the sideline as the Irish dropped to 0-2 with a loss to the Aggies, White's face was stern. The lines on his face were drawn tightly as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

But Saturday, in the Stanford rain, White was neither shocked nor angry. He was profoundly disappointed. His wet hair clung to his forehead. His lower lip protruded slightly. His shoulders visibly sagged. As

he watched the Irish slowly file into their locker room, his eyes said what he could not say with his words. White looked even more devastated than his football team, even if he won't say it.

When asked about his feelings watching this football season in an interview on Wednesday, White could only respond: "I can't comment on that."

All White would confirm was that he and Davie will sit down at the end of the season and evaluate the "football program as a whole." He won't confirm a timetable. He won't confirm what criteria he will use in his evaluation. There will be a meeting, but White's not revealing much more.

"You have to ask [the questions about Davie] and

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◆ Coaching decisions will affect recruiting

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

With the Notre Dame football team sitting on a 4-6 record and only Saturday's game against Purdue left on the schedule, critics and fans alike are questioning the future of Irish football and Bob Davie's job.

If Davie is fired and the Irish do bring in a new head coach, there is another issue that must be dealt with: how a personnel change could affect next year's top recruits.

According to recruiting analyst Max Emfinger, prospects are not affected by situations like these as much as people tend to think, especially at a school like Notre Dame.

"There are a lot of kids out there that want to be considered for Notre Dame," said Emfinger, who has his own recruiting Web site and has been evaluating high school players for over 25 years. "There are a lot of players that would love to go to Notre Dame. So there's not much difference for who the coach is because there are players that would give almost anything to be a part of the Notre Dame tradition."

Emfinger also said that the experience of playing Notre Dame football, despite a new coach and a program that has had losing seasons in two of the past three years, is a dream for many top prospects.

"The answer is pretty simple: You've got players, parents and coaches of these kids that want these players to go to Notre Dame," said Emfinger. "The tradition, academics, national television and just the whole package of being at Notre Dame is just awesome for a kid."

The only recruits that might go somewhere else are position players that want a specific offense scheme, like quarterback Chris Olsen for example, said Emfinger. Most other players will still want to be at Notre Dame no matter who the coach.

Olsen was highly recruited by schools from all across the country, including Miami, Virginia, Michigan State, Tennessee, Auburn and Boston College. Yet this four-star prospect, who is rated 16th among quarterbacks in the country, verbally committed to the Irish in August. Olsen's biggest reason for coming to

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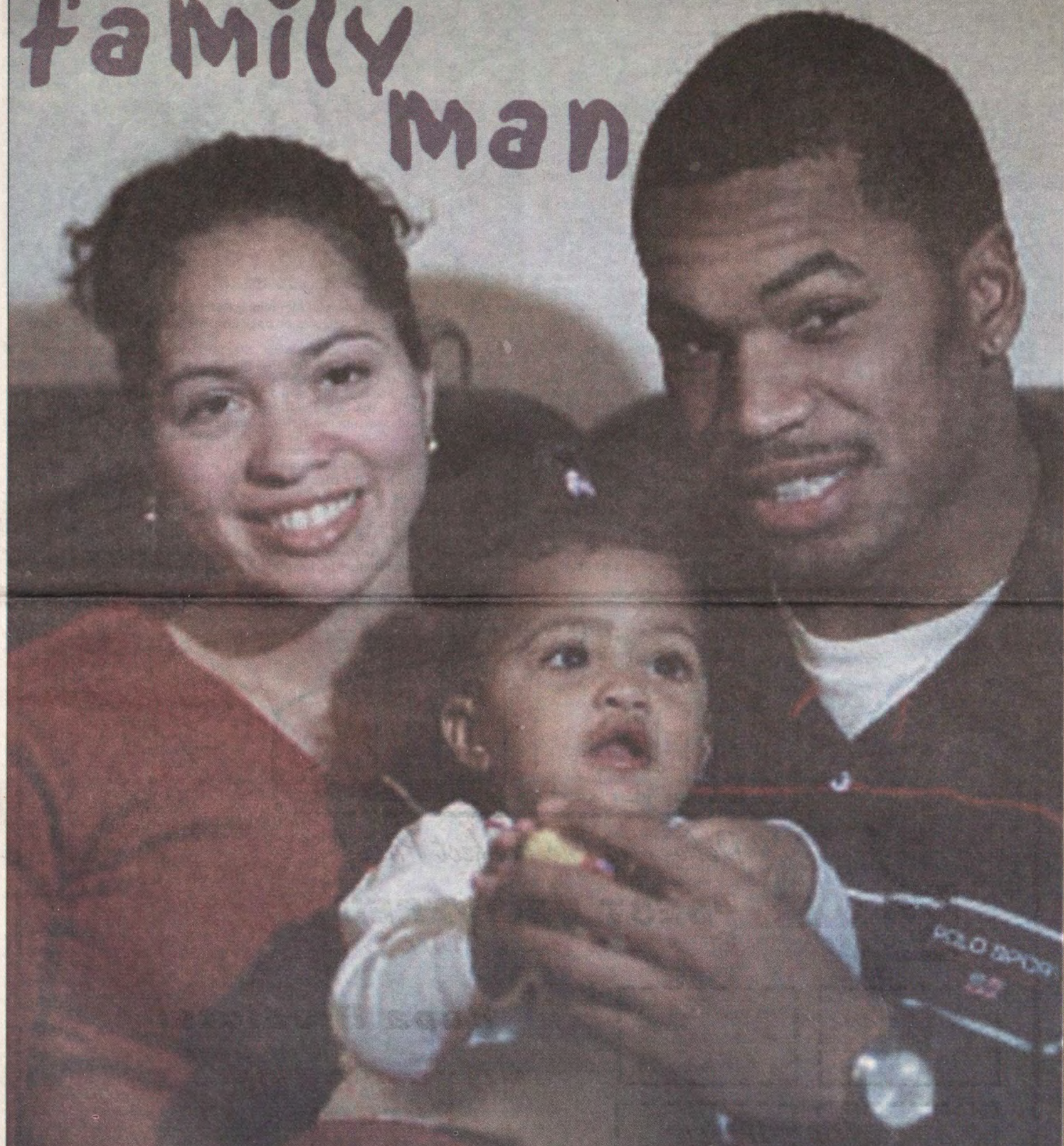
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Seniors want to end with a win in Indiana Bowl

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Forget about his job. Bob Davie wants the last game of 2001 to be all about the seniors. And even if Saturday ends up being Davie's last game as Notre Dame's head coach, he's not going to go down without a fight.

"If you sit around and you spend a bunch of time feeling sorry about yourself, then I think everything starts to crumble around you," he said. "It's not what you say, it's what you do, and what I've tried to do since I've been head coach is not worry a whole lot about myself, but worry about the players and those coaches and try to lead by example."

Saturday afternoon, the 4-6 Irish take on the 6-4 Boilermakers in what will be the final college game for 43 Notre Dame seniors. And even though the season hasn't gone how they originally hoped, the Irish aren't going to have any problems getting fired up for Saturday's game.

"I want to walk off that field the last time know that we played hard and got a victory," said Notre Dame defensive end Anthony Weaver. "They think they're the team in Indiana, and we think they're a team in Indiana."

"When Purdue and Notre Dame play you can throw out the records," said Purdue's Akin Ayodele. "The game is always played at a high level emotionally. It is a rivalry game."

Notre Dame and Purdue have had several close games in recent years, causing many current Irish players to call Saturday's match-up the Indiana Bowl. Last year, Gary Godsey drove the Irish down the field and Nicholas Setta hit a game-winning field goal to give the Irish a 23-21 win. Two years ago, Notre Dame lost 28-23 when coaches misman-

aged the clock at the end of the game. And in 1998, although Purdue won 28-17, the game wasn't decided until the final minutes.

"Notre Dame is Notre Dame," said Purdue kicker Travis Dorsch. "If we cannot get up for this one, there is something wrong with us. Right now, this is the biggest game of our year. We have a lot to accomplish and a lot to prove this week."

The biggest question mark for the Irish is whether or not Carlyle Holiday can bounce back from his 1-for-16 passing performance a week ago. Davie said earlier this week that Holiday lost his confidence when he started missing wide-open receivers, but that he never thought about replacing Holiday as the starter. The challenge for him is whether or not he will regain that confidence.

"We have tremendous confidence in him and he should have confidence in himself because he's as good as there is when he's on," Davie said. "It's all part of the learning curve and he's just got to feet through it ... A bunch of coaches can say a bunch of things to make you feel better, but you have to step up do it, and we're going to give him the opportunity to do that again this week."

Notre Dame could have problems handling Purdue's passing game, led by quarterback Brandon Hance. The red-shirt freshman leads a passing offense that has averaged just under 200 passing yards per game. For the Boilermakers, four receivers are averaging over 35 receiving yards a game.

Against Stanford, Notre Dame's secondary made several key mistakes that led to Stanford touchdowns. Midway through the second half, with the Cardinal facing a third-and-10 situation, quarterback Brian Faseli completed a long pass that kept a drive alive. The Cardinal would score later that drive.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Carlyle Holiday avoids a Navy defender during Notre Dame's win against Navy earlier this season. Holiday looks to bounce back from a 1-for-16 passing performance.




The Irish running game is decimated by injuries. Tony Fisher and Julius Jones are both listed as doubtful for Saturday's contest, leaving Holiday and Terrance Howard as the only healthy tailbacks. The good news for the Irish is that freshman Ryan Grant, who missed the Stanford game with a hyperextended elbow, will be able to play Saturday.

Injuries have also hurt the Irish defensively. With Andy Wisne and Ryan Roberts out for the season, Kyle Bundinscak, Grant Irons, Cedric Hilliard and Anthony Weaver will have to play most of the game. However, Davie thought Darrell Campbell, who left the

Stanford game in the first quarter and did not return, might be able to play against Purdue.

"Obviously a lot of our goals have come and gone as a team, but we've got probably the biggest goal still left and that's to simply win a football game," Davie said. "To simply play for pride, and to me, that's an awful lot. It's worthwhile all the hours we spend just to do that, and I really believe right now that we are capable of winning."

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Finding a balance

Senior tailback balances college football with wife and 2 children

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

When Terrance Howard finishes football practice and heads home to his apartment, he is greeted by the things you would expect in a college senior's apartment — a couple of couches, a TV and VCR, a small but comfortable kitchen. But when he sits down to his laptop to start his economics homework, snacking on chicken wings, it's obvious that something is different.

Howard's attention books have to share his attention with his 10-month old daughter Milan, and his wife Gina. For the senior tailback from Wilingboro, N.J., what happens on the field takes second place to what happens off the field.

"I see that even if I don't have an opportunity on the playing field, I have an opportunity in life that a lot of people don't have," Howard said as he looked at his daughter. "I don't take anything for granted."

Howard has faced a lot of changes and changed a lot himself since he first stepped into Notre Dame Stadium as freshman four years ago. Then he was single, impatient and counting on his father. And there wasn't anything else but of football.

"My freshman and sophomore year football was the only thing I could be happy about," he said. "If I wasn't having a good day in football, or a good week, or a good year, I was sad ... but a football player told me don't let football be the determining point of your happiness."

Four years later, Howard finally realized football doesn't control his life.

But Howard didn't change his attitude on his own — he had help. During his sophomore season, Notre Dame wasn't meeting Howard's expectations. The team wasn't offering him the opportunities he wanted and he was very close to turning in the gold helmet for more carries elsewhere. But Howard's father gave him advice that he took to heart.

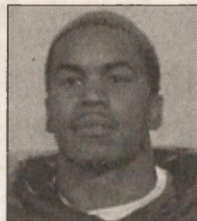
"He's probably the reason I stayed at Notre Dame," Howard said. "... When I was going to leave my sophomore year he kind of convinced me to stay, talked about the education and talked about being patient and stuff and how impatient I was."

In the end, Howard decided to stay at Notre Dame, but following his sophomore year, a change bigger than his choice of school occurred. That summer, Howard's father passed away suddenly from lung cancer.

"He called me up that night and said he had to have surgery and he died the very next day," Howard said. "I mean, I got home just in time to say farewell."

Howard was 1,000 miles away from home and he had lost a man who was the reason he stayed with the Irish. But fate didn't leave him empty handed. Just a few short months before his father's

up close & personal WITH TERRANCE HOWARD



Terrance Howard

birthdate: April 11, 1979

hometown: Willingboro, N.J.

major: economics

The CD in my player the most: Noreaga

My most stimulating class ever: Philosophy with Suu-Joo Shin

a word to describe me on the field: blade runner

favorite kind of baby food: smashed pear

favorite children's television show: Blue's Clues

death, Howard met the woman who would offer him the support he needed to keep his place in an often-frustrating world.

With his wife sitting quietly in the background, it's easy to see how big a part of his life she has become since they first met during his sophomore year.

"If I didn't have Gina, I'd probably be going crazy right now," he said. "I'd go AWOL. My life would be totally different ... it would be like being without a backbone."

By September of 2000, Terrance and Gina were married. Four months later, Milan entered their lives. And with that, Howard changed from a football player to a father.

"I've watched [Howard] grow up," running backs coach Desmond Robinson said. "I watched him when he came in here, he was a kid and he's developed into a man."

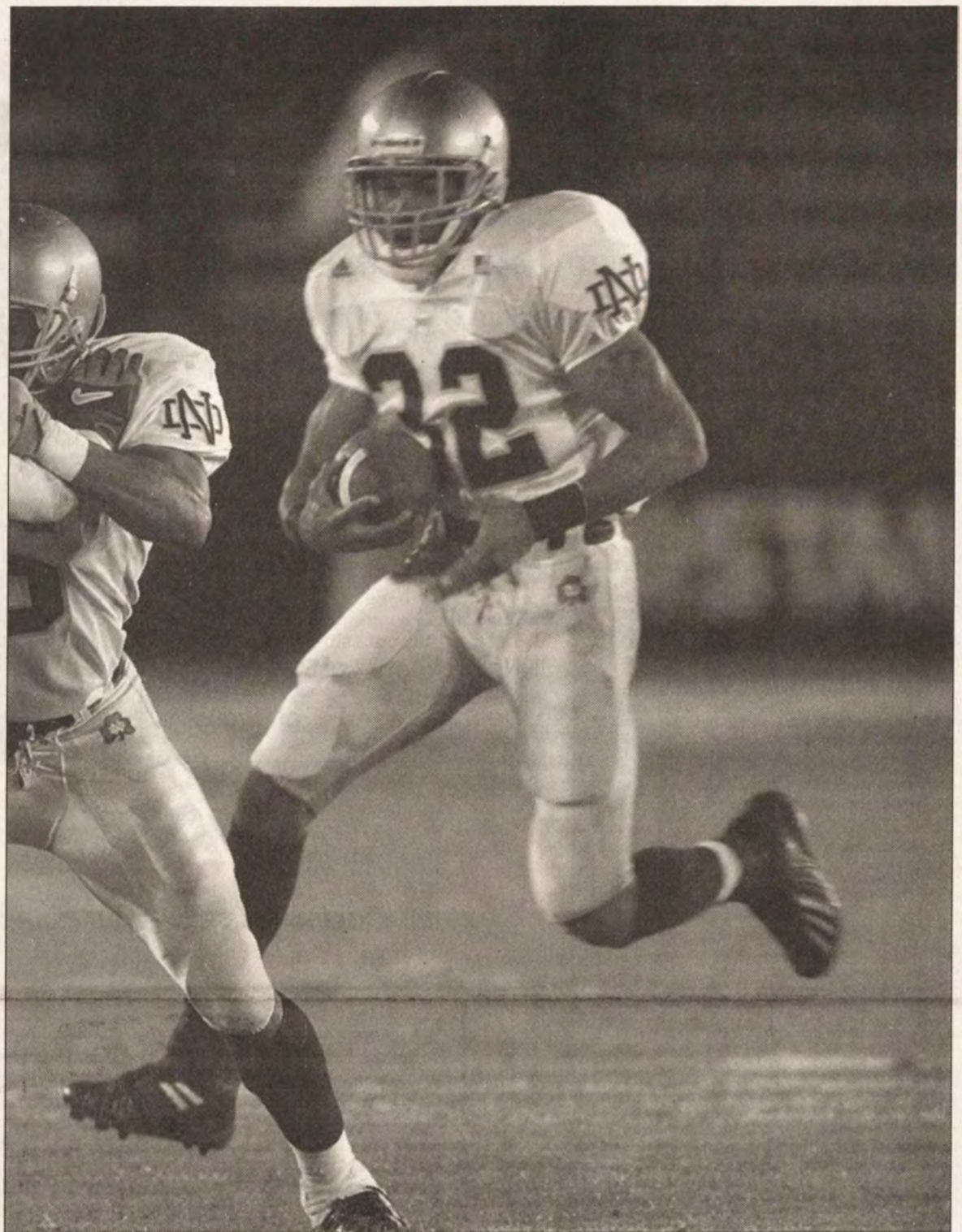
That development has brought with it a balancing act. As the only player on the Irish team that has a family, sometimes Howard feels like he has more in common with the coaches than with the family. Keeping a college football schedule and raising Milan and helping with Gina's other son Autry, takes its toll.

"It's stressful for me; it's stressful for Gina too," Howard said. "... There's a lot of ups and a lot of downs having a family and being a student."

Gina laughs when she's asked about whether she minds sharing him with the team and the fans.

"As long as he's not going out," she said.

And if Howard's out, he's out with fellow tailback Tony Fisher. The two roomed togeth-



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Notre Dame senior tailback Terrance Howard carries the ball during Notre Dame's 17-13 loss against Stanford last week. Howard is the only player on the Irish team that is married and has a family.

er for two years and Howard has always counted on Fisher's support on and off the field. Fisher flew to New Jersey after Terrance's father passed away and he's a common visitor to Howard's apartment.

"Basically, he's like my brother," Howard said. "... It's Tony and Terrance. Gina's back there for me, but ... he's there for me."

The support is there off the field. And after making the decision to stay at Notre Dame and losing his father, Howard needs it.

"I think it's more difficult being here and not playing [after my father died] because he told me to stay here and things would get better," Howard said. "And things did get better but I didn't play as much as I wanted to. He made a big decision in having me stay here and I'm proud of that, but we would have wanted me to play."

While Gina and Milan have been constants in his life, playing time has not. Low playing time was the major influence that caused Howard to second-guess his decision to attend Notre Dame during his sophomore year and it has continued to be a frustration to him.

In Notre Dame's opener against Nebraska this season, Howard fumbled the ball on the first play of the season. He saw

one more carry that game and then he was in for a dry spell.

"When you make mistakes, that's what happens," he said. "I had the opportunity and I let it go. Some players get one opportunity, some players get plenty. I happen to be one of the players that gets one and then have to wait until another one comes along."

Howard saw minimal playing time against Michigan State and Texas A&M. For Howard, the disappointment was intense. During preseason, Howard was the only completely healthy tailback. Heading into the Nebraska game, it looked like he was going to take the lead for the Irish.

"He goes into the Nebraska, game because of injuries, because of him practicing so much so well at camp, he starts the game, first play of the game, he fumbles," head coach Bob Davie said. "You talk about a guy that's done everything right, sometimes, bad things happen."

"It's very disappointing to me because, you know, it's my senior year and I had big aspirations for the season and this one fumble ... and the coaches lose confidence in me for one play," Howard said. "Made me feel kind of bad during the coaching staff a little bit, like they didn't have confidence in me because of one play after I'd

worked so hard in the summer and the winter."

But now Howard has slowly turned things around. He saw the ball more during the Boston College game and by the time Navy rolled around, he was getting enough carries to score two touchdowns. When Julius Jones went down in Saturday's loss to Stanford, joining Fisher on the sidelines, Howard was the Irish's man once again.

"But he's bounced back. He stayed out there, went to the bottom of the depth chart, basically, let's call it what it was," Davie said. "But all of the sudden there he is, Terrance Howard playing, there he is against Navy playing. So he's a resilient guy and his attitude has been tremendous."

During the Stanford game, Howard carried the ball 14 times and he has earned himself the starting spot in this weekend's game against Purdue. This time, he won't let the opportunity slip away.

"I have that opportunity now and I'm not going to let that opportunity slip like I did in Nebraska game," Howard said. "Every time I go out on the field I'm going to take advantage of that one opportunity and I'm looking forward to the next."

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Davie
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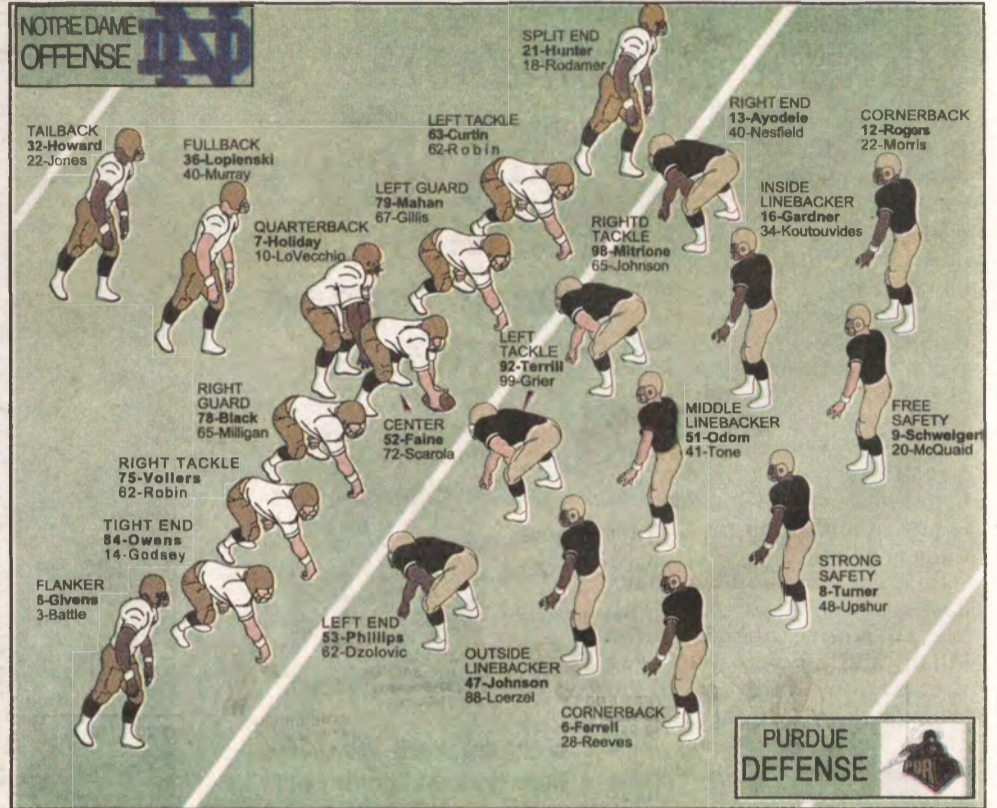
Bob Davie
fifth season at Notre Dame
career record:
34-25
at Notre Dame:
34-25
against
Purdue: 2-2

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	QB	6-4	230	SO
2	Dan Novakov	QB	6-1	215	JR
3	Arnaz Battle	FL	6-1	210	SR
4	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	197	SR
5	Ron Israel	SS	6-1	212	SR
6	David Givens	FL	6-3	212	SR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	218	SO
8	Lorenzo Crawford	FL	5-10	190	SO
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	JR
10	Matt LoVecchio	QB	6-4	205	SO
10	Ryan Krueger	QB	5-9	186	SR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	180	FR
12	Tony Fisher	TB	6-2	226	SR
13	Nick Setta	K/P	5-11	175	JR
14	Gary Godsey	TE	6-6	270	JR
15	Clifford Jefferson	CB	5-9	176	SR
16	Abram Elam	SS	6-0	210	SO
17	Joey Hildbold	P	5-10	188	JR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	SE	6-4	210	SO
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	210	JR
20	Gerome Sapp	SS	6-0	214	JR
21	Javin Hunter	SE	6-0	191	SR
22	Julius Jones	TB	5-10	210	JR
23	Chris Yura	TB	6-0	225	JR
24	Cory Jones	RB	6-2	215	FR
24	Chad DeBolt	ILB	6-0	202	SR
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	198	FR
26	Garron Bible	CB	5-10	191	SO
28	Donald Dykes	FS	5-11	195	SR
28	Cole Laux	TB	5-10	225	SO
30	Rocky Boiman	OLB	6-4	240	SR
31	Dwayne Francis	FS	6-0	198	SR
32	Terrance Howard	TB	6-1	195	SR
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	232	JR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	192	SO
35	David Miller	K	5-11	208	SR
35	Tim O'Neill	TB	5-5	175	SR
36	Tom Lopienski	FB	6-1	249	SR
37	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-11	170	FR
38	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	176	SO
38	Eric Nelson	FB	6-0	225	SR
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	219	FR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	260	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	240	SO
42	Shane Walton	CB	5-11	186	SR
44	Grant Irons	DE	6-5	275	SR
45	Matt Sarb	SS	5-11	200	SR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	234	FR
47	Mike McNair	FB	6-0	237	SR
48	Justin Tuck	OLB	6-5	215	FR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SO
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	290	JR
51	Tyreo Harrison	ILB	6-2	242	SR
52	Jeff Faine	C	6-3	296	JR
52	Mark Mitchell	OLB	5-10	200	JR
53	Jason Halvorson	DL	6-2	240	SR
55	Zachary Giles	OL	6-4	285	FR
56	John Crowther	C	6-2	242	SR
56	Pat Ryan	ILB	6-3	231	JR
57	Justin Thomas	OLB	6-1	245	JR
59	Brian Dierckman	ILB	6-1	250	SR
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	296	JR
61	Jesse Desplinter	LB	6-1	177	SO
62	Casey Robin	OG	6-7	300	JR
63	Brennan Curtin	OT	6-8	305	SR
64	Jeffrey Campbell	DE	6-1	230	SR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	295	JR
66	JW Jordan	C	6-1	275	SR
67	Ryan Gillis	OG	6-3	296	JR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	285	FR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	295	JR
72	Ryan Scarola	OG	6-5	308	SR
73	Mark LeVoir	TE	6-7	310	FR
75	Kurt Vollers	OT	6-7	312	SR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-5	305	SR
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	208	SO
78	Jordan Black	OT	6-6	318	SR
79	Sean Mahan	OT	6-3	292	SR
80	Adam Tibble	K	5-11	186	SR
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	180	FR
81	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	242	SO
82	Bernard Akatu	SE	5-10	190	FR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-1	170	FR
83	Josh Gentine	K/P	5-11	205	JR
84	John Owens	TE	6-3	260	SR
85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	265	SO
86	Brendan Hart	TE	6-2	255	SO
87	Jonathan Smith	WR	6-4	195	SO
88	Carlos Campbell	WR	6-1	190	FR
89	Matt Root	TE	6-6	225	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	265	FR
91	Jeff Thompson	DL	6-5	265	FR
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	265	SO
94	Andy Wisne	DT	6-3	285	SR
95	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	262	SR
98	Anthony Weaver	DE	6-3	286	SR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	250	SO

NOTRE DAME 2001 Schedule

Sept. 8	at Nebraska - L
Sept. 22	Michigan St. - L
Sept. 29	at Texas A&M - L
Oct. 6	Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 13	W. Virginia - W
Oct. 20	USC - W
Oct. 27	at Boston College - L
Nov. 3	Tennessee - L
Nov. 17	Navy - W
Nov. 24	at Stanford - L
Dec. 1	at Purdue



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

It seems that Davie's departure at the end of the season is imminent. But give him credit — he's not giving up on the season or this team. Davie has a lot invested in the program, and he won't quit now.

Following his 1-for-16 performance last week, Davie said Holiday lost his confidence in his passing. Everyone knows he can run. The key for this young quarterback is to show he can throw the ball early.

Injuries continue to decimate the Irish rushing corps. Fisher and Jones have been nursing injuries all season long. Only Holiday and Howard are 100 percent healthy, meaning Grant could see some playing time.

Confidence is the key for Holiday. He has talented receivers, now he has to get them the ball. Givens hurt his ankle and is questionable Saturday, but Hunter will be healthy and looking to make some plays.

PURDUE

In just five short seasons, Tiller he's taken Purdue from the bottom of the barrel to a Big Ten power. He is already ranks third on the career win list at Purdue.

Hance, a redshirt freshman, has done a decent job filling in for Brees. He averages 169 passing yards per game. However, he has thrown 10 interceptions compared to only eight touchdown passes.

Opponents have only been able to muster an average of 126 rushing yards per game against the Boilermaker front seven. Phillips and Ayodele are speedy defensive ends who could complicate Notre Dame's option game.

Purdue's secondary isn't the world's greatest. They give up 214 passing yards a game. However, they have picked off 18 passes and have a strong pass rush.

ANALYSIS

Even Irish players admit it's tough to play with Davie rumors swirling around them. Tiller can sit back and coach. Davie has to defend his every move.

Holiday is by far the better athlete, but his confidence was shaken last week. If he can rebound early, he'll play a major role. But he's never quite had a 1-for-16 performance, so nobody knows how he'll respond.

Since the Irish are having trouble taking pressure off the run game, the Boilermakers will be able to stay close to the line of scrimmage. If the Irish can throw downfield, they should be able to run effectively. If they can't pass, Holiday and Co. will have a long day.

Holiday was just too shaky last week. If he can't throw downfield, Purdue will spend most of its time keying on the rush, and it will be a long day for the Irish.

Irish experts



Noah Amstadter
sports editor

In the Bob Davie Pride Bowl, the Irish will do all they can to make Kevin White's decision even tougher, waking up the echoes and their offense in an "upset" only a Hoosier could love.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38
Purdue 17**



Andrew Soukup
associate sports editor

Notre Dame's seniors will make the difference in this game. They'll be motivated, frustrated, angry and upset, and the only team left to take it out on is the Boilermakers. The game will run close, but the Irish defense will shut down Purdue late in the game to lock up the win.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20
Purdue 17**

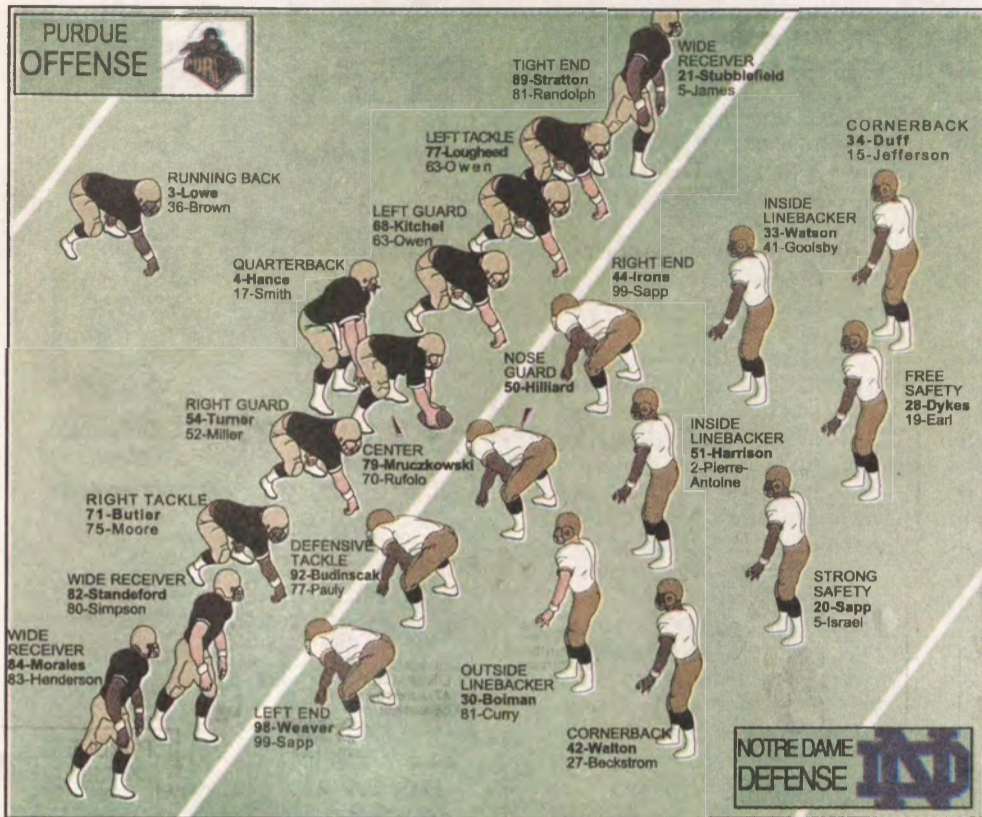
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Purdue Boilermakers
Record: 6-4
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Joe Tiller
 fifth year at
 Purdue
 career record:
 78-50-1
 at Purdue
 39-20
 against Notre
 Dame: 2-2



Tiller
 head coach



PURDUE 2001 Schedule

Sept. 2	at Cincinnati - W
Sept. 22	Akron - W
Sept. 29	at Minnesota - W
Oct. 6	Iowa - W
Oct. 13	at Michigan - L
Oct. 27	Northwestern - W
Nov. 3	Illinois - L
Nov. 10	at Ohio State - L
Nov. 17	Michigan State - W
Nov. 24	at Indiana - L

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
2	Gary Heaggans	WR	6-3	203	SO
3	Montrell Lowe	RB	5-8	199	JR
4	Brandon Hance	QB	6-1	204	SO
5	Chris James	WR	5-10	181	JR
6	Deaunte Ferrell	CB	5-11	188	SO
6	Kyle Smith	QB	6-4	205	FR
7	Ashante Woodyard	CB	6-2	209	SR
8	Ralph Turner	SS	6-2	210	JR
9	Stuart Schweigert	FS	6-3	209	SO
10	Carl Buegler	QB	6-0	224	SR
11	Scott Kurz	P	6-1	206	SR
12	Antwaun Rogers	CB	6-2	170	SO
13	Akin Ayodeloe	DE	6-3	261	SO
16	Gilbert Gardner	LB	6-2	234	SR
17	Ben Smith	QB	6-3	209	SR
18	Kyle Orton	QB	6-4	208	FR
19	R'Kes Starling	FS	5-7	183	SR
20	Chuck McQuaid	FS	5-11	208	SO
21	Taylor Stubblefield	WR	6-1	168	SO
22	Sean Phillips	DE	6-3	259	SO
23	Kevin Noel	WR	6-3	195	FR
24	Sean Morris	CB	5-6	162	JR
24	Greg Stevenart	RB	5-10	193	FR
25	Joey Harris	RB	5-11	205	SO
27	Brandon Jones	RB	5-11	216	FR
28	Jacques Reeves	CB	6-1	183	SO
29	Aaron Levin	P	5-11	207	SO
30	Travis Dorsch	K-P	6-6	222	SR
31	Jim Guidos	WR	6-2	170	SO
32	Jerod Void	WR	6-2	181	FR
33	Brian Hickman	CB	6-0	160	FR
34	Niko Koutouvides	LB	6-3	233	SO
35	Korey Mack	CB	5-9	162	SO
36	Sedrick Brown	RB	6-1	227	SO
37	Charles Edwards	CB	6-1	185	SO
38	Brady Doe	FS	6-0	202	SR
39	Bobby Iwuchukwu	LB	6-2	217	SO
40	Kevin Neschuld	DE	6-3	244	SO
41	Chad Dickerson	CB	5-9	170	FR
42	Patrick Schaub	RB	6-0	224	SO
43	Jeff Bennett	DE	6-4	224	FR
44	Jon Goldsberry	LB	6-3	243	SO
45	Jacob owe	RB	5-9	233	SO
46	LaDrelle Bryant	LB	6-2	218	FR
47	Landon Johnson	LB	6-2	210	SO
48	Tim Upshur	SS	6-1	208	SR
50	Tyler Moore	OT	6-7	286	SO
51	Joe Odom	LB	6-2	243	JR
52	Jason Leimberger	LB	6-2	209	FR
54	Rob Turner	OG	6-4	294	JR
55	Brandon Villarreal	DT	6-2	271	FR
56	Matt Turner	OL	6-3	270	FR
57	Brent Hawkins	LB	6-2	223	FR
58	Brent Grover	LB	6-4	252	FR
59	Doug Swann	DE	6-5	218	SO
60	Mark Reid	LS	6-1	231	SO
61	Nick Hardwick	DT	6-4	268	SO
62	Vedran Dzolovic	DE	6-3	262	SO
63	Dave Owen	OL	6-6	285	SO
64	Danny May	OG	6-2	297	JR
65	Brandon Johnson	DT	6-0	288	JR
66	Jason Seile	OT	6-5	288	SO
67	Jason Sulc	OG	6-2	298	SO
68	Kelly Kitchel	OG	6-6	294	JR
69	John Shelbourne	LS	6-6	266	JR
70	Sean Rufolo	OG	6-2	290	SR
71	Kelly Butler	OT	6-8	299	SO
72	Max Miller	OG	6-3	284	JR
73	Mike Holle	OG	6-2	282	SO
74	Nick Pilipauskis	C	6-2	273	SO
75	Brian Wang	OT	6-7	271	FR
76	Willie Bach	OT	6-2	257	SO
77	Pete Lougheed	OT	6-5	297	JR
78	Josh Tomscheck	OT	6-6	297	FR
79	Gene Mruczkowski	C	6-2	298	JR
80	T.A. Simpson	WR	6-4	232	SR
81	Chris Randolph	TE	6-4	262	SR
82	John Standeford	WR	6-4	190	SO
83	Mike Rhinehart	TE	6-6	238	FR
84	Seth Morales	WR	5-10	181	JR
85	Jameson Evans	WR	6-3	202	FR
87	Charles Davis	TE	6-6	262	FR
88	Jason Loerzel	LB	6-3	224	SR
89	Tim Stratton	TE	6-4	253	FR
90	Jamie Petrowski	TE	6-4	205	FR
92	Craig Terrill	DT	6-3	289	SO
93	Antwan Harris	DT	6-0	299	FR
94	Luke Burroughs	DT	6-4	267	SO
95	Jarod Ramirez	DE	6-4	261	JR
96	Mike Lawrence	DT	6-5	283	SO
97	Ryan Davis	DE	6-4	257	FR
98	Matt Mitrione	DT	6-3	293	SR
99	Daemion Grier	DT	6-1	299	SO

NOTRE DAME

PURDUE

ANALYSIS

BOILERMAKER RUSHING

Weaver, Budinscak, Hilliard and Irons will probably play the entire game, but they do a solid job containing the rush. The Irish have only given up 138 rushing yards a game.

BOILERMAKER PASSING

While Walton and Duff have done a good job covering receivers, the safeties have been hampered by injury all season long. Look for Elam and Smith to see quality passing time with Sapp and Earl shaken up.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Setta is Setta — he set the record for most consecutive games with a field goal last week. Hildbold dropped four punts inside the 20 against Stanford. The coverage game has been solid, but the Irish are still waiting for a big return on special teams.

INTANGIBLES

A 4-6 season has plenty of players upset. They won't have any problem getting motivated for this game. All week long, the Irish have talked about how important it is to send the seniors out with a win.

Lowe is Purdue's leading rusher, but that's not saying much. He only averages 54 rushing yards per game on a Boilermaker offense that is decidedly pass-oriented.

Tiller brought his spread offense in with Brees, and he hasn't changed it much for Hance. In Stubblefield, Stratton, Morales and Standeford, the Boilermakers have a very capable receiving unit that averages just under 200 yards a game.

Dorsch is a do-it-all man for the Boilermakers. He punts and averages 48.9 yards a kick. He kicks field goals and has made a 50-yarder this year. The Boilermakers haven't done anything special in the return game.

In recent years, the Boilermakers have been underrated, and yet they always manage to play the Irish close. Notre Dame Irish won in Ross Ade Stadium since 1995.

Plain and simple, Purdue just doesn't run the ball. They only average 104 rushing yards a game. Notre Dame shouldn't have any trouble shutting them down.

They're not Florida, but the Boilermakers are still dangerous. And the way the Irish secondary has been playing, the Boilermakers might be able to complete several long passes — or at least draw a pass interference from Jefferson.

Setta finally found his equal in Dorsch, who is just as good and just as accurate. Both teams are fairly equal across the board.

Weather won't be a factor, but Notre Dame's seniors will. They don't want to be on a team with the worst Irish record since 1963.



Mike Connolly
 editor in chief

You think Notre Dame's offense is terrible? Purdue is equally as bad. In a match-up of Notre Dame's 110th-ranked offense with Purdue's 109th-ranked offense, don't expect a shoot-out. Somehow, Notre Dame's offense will manage to score while the stout Irish defense will shut out the Boilermakers.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 7
 Purdue 0**



Ernesto Lacayo
 sports photo editor

Breaking news: Notre Dame's offense is bad; but so is Purdue's. If you like Notre defense, this is a game you will certainly enjoy. Weaver, Harrison and company will look to finish their Irish careers with a bang, shutting down the Boiler's offense. Bob Davie will display his only good coaching of the season, calling for Setta goals on the third-down, with the consistent Nicholas Setta making the difference.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 9
 Purdue 3**

Davie's excuses get more desperate, more pathetic

On the field, there are no reasons to keep Bob Davie around for another year as head coach. If he loses to Purdue Saturday, he will tie Gerry Faust for the second most career losses at Notre Dame with 26. Only Lou Holtz lost more than Faust and Davie — but he coached for 11 years.



Mike Connolly

Outside Looking In

Faust and Davie only headed the Irish for five.

So Davie has resorted to using off the field reasons for not getting canned by the Irish. The biggest reason why Davie seems to believe he will be back is the five-year contract he signed in December 2000. Davie touts it around like a magic shield against the big bad firing monster that is waiting for him on Monday.

"There's a reason the University of Notre Dame came to me and gave me a five year contract. I did not go to the University of Notre Dame and ask for a new contract," Davie said at his Tuesday press conference. "So I don't think I'm the one that should have to defend on why that contract was given to me."

Davie is right. He doesn't have to defend the reasons for giving him a contract extension. Athletic director Kevin White does. And while he won't talk about Davie's future at Notre Dame, White will talk a little about that contract Davie signed last December. White confirmed that it was a five-year contract that Davie signed last December. It was a full five year contract — not a series of five one-year contracts as some unreliable Internet boards and rumor mongers have said in the past.

But White also said that Davie's contract was nothing special. Since White took over as athletic director, every coach still employed by the University signed a contract. For some reason, before White got here, coaches were bound only to the University by a smile and a handshake.

"When I arrived, we didn't have any coaches on what I would characterize as a contract," White said. "We have letters of understanding and all kinds of agreements. So we tried to put into place across all 26 sports a plan that would provide consistency and continuity."

Basically, White took over and found an athletic department in disarray. Under the bozos who ran that athletic department before White,

coaches could basically leave at any time for whatever reason. This was far from an ideal situation. Remember that basketball coach who left Notre Dame after just one season so he could go down south and lose to Hampton? White's new contract plan put a stop to those types of situations.

So basically, this great contract that Davie holds up as proof of his continued employment really means nothing. If Notre Dame fires him, he will be

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well compensated. Beyond that, the contract will play as much of a role in his continued employment as beating Navy. Every Irish coach has a new contract since White arrived. Davie's contract is nothing special or unremarkable.

Davie also points to his clean NCAA compliance record, the academic achievements of his team and the good people he has on his team. Although White said that balancing academics and athletics and keeping in NCAA compliance were the important for an entire athletic department, he said those were not necessarily the criteria he would use in evaluating a coach.

So without any good reasons off the field to keep him

either, Davie is forced to resort to his old reliable to lobby for his job: excuses.

Davie: There were too many injuries this year.

Davie needs to realize he is a football coach, not a golf coach. There are going to be injuries.

Davie: The schedule was too difficult this year.

Notre Dame's schedule is always difficult. Davie just whines because he can't beat good teams.

Davie: People who understand football would not evaluate this season as a complete failure.

Apparently Davie doesn't think the BCS knows much about football because those polls are pretty much universally ranking Notre Dame's season as a failure. If the BCS awarded points for playing hard in spite of the head coach, the Irish would rank at the top.

Ever since the Irish started 0-3, Davie has been practically begging to keep his job. As the speculation about his successor grows louder, Davie's pleas become more and more pathetic. White and the University hierarchy should have mercy on the man and fire him quickly after the season ends. The longer this drags on, the more and more painful it becomes to watch.

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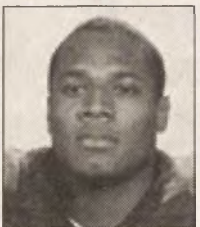
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Bob Davie
Irish head coach

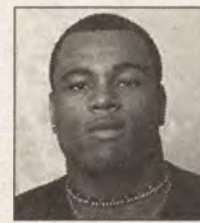
"A lot of our goals have come and gone as a team."

"They think they're the team in Indiana and we think they're a team in Indiana."



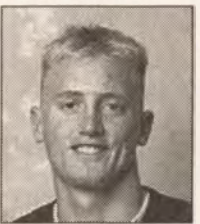
Anthony Weaver
Irish defensive end

"When Purdue and Notre Dame play, you can throw out the records."



Akin Ayodele
Boilermaker defensive end

"Notre Dame is Notre Dame ... right now, this is our biggest game of the year."



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AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (71)	10-0	1,799
2	Florida (1)	9-1	1,716
3	Texas	10-1	1,644
4	Oregon	9-1	1,540
5	Tennessee	9-1	1,511
6	Nebraska	11-1	1,318
7	Maryland	10-1	1,295
8	Illinois	10-1	1,273
9	Colorado	9-2	1,261
10	BYU	11-0	1,244
11	Oklahoma	10-2	1,163
12	Stanford	8-2	1,034
13	Washington State	9-2	846
14	Virginia Tech	8-2	783
15	South Carolina	8-3	722
16	Georgia	7-3	660
17	Michigan	8-3	616
18	Syracuse	9-3	528
19	Washington	8-3	492
20	Marshall	10-1	460
21	Fresno State	10-2	404
22	LSU	7-3	268
23	Ohio State	7-4	225
24	Louisville	10-2	170
25	Auburn	7-3	156

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (59)	10-0	1,499
2	Florida (1)	9-1	1,432
3	Texas	10-1	1,358
4	Tennessee	9-1	1,289
5	Oregon	9-1	1,257
6	Nebraska	11-1	1,104
7	BYU	11-0	1,080
8	Maryland	10-1	1,080
9	Illinois	10-1	1,065
10	Colorado	9-2	991
11	Oklahoma	10-2	915
12	Stanford	8-2	817
13	Virginia Tech	8-2	763
14	Washington State	9-2	699
15	South Carolina	8-3	596
16	Michigan	8-3	553
17	Syracuse	9-3	458
18	Marshall	10-1	425
19	Georgia	7-3	420
20	Washington	8-3	397
21	Fresno State	10-2	334
22	Auburn	7-3	223
23	Louisville	10-2	205
24	LSU	7-3	164
25	Ohio State	7-4	105

Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday
 Missouri at MICHIGAN STATE (5-5)
 UAB at PITTSBURGH (5-5)
 Florida at TENNESSEE (9-1)
 STANFORD (8-2) at San Jose State
 ARMY vs. NAVY (0-9)

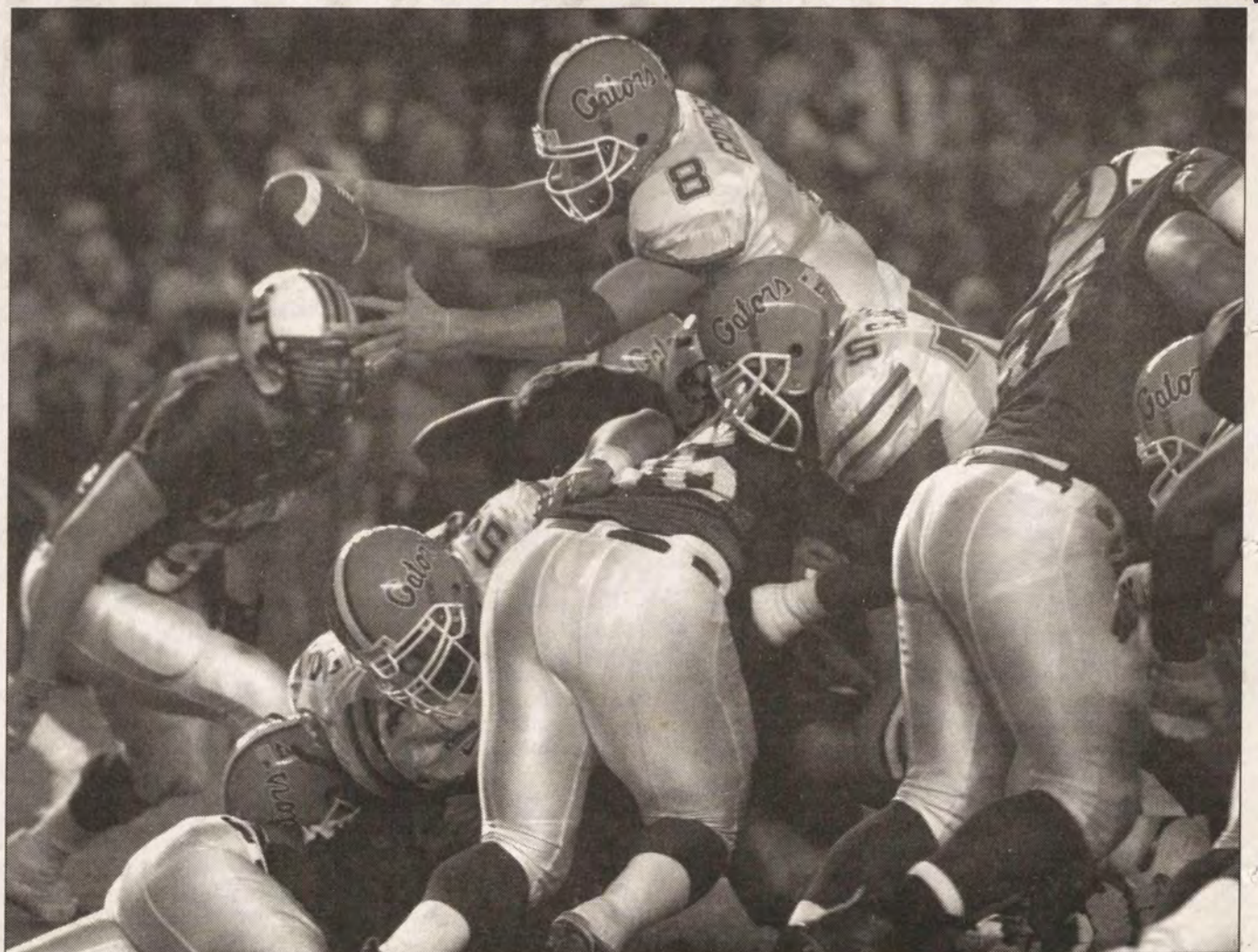
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NEBRASKA (11-1)
 TEXAS A&M (7-4)
 WEST VIRGINIA (3-8)
 USC (8-5)
 BOSTON COLLEGE (7-4)

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Notre Dame at Purdue	4:30 p.m., ABC
Army vs. Navy	11:00 a.m., CBS
Miami at Virginia Tech	1:00 p.m., ABC
Georgia Tech at Florida State	3:30, ESPN
Tennessee at Florida	4:30 p.m., CBS
Auburn at LSU	7:45 p.m., ESPN

GAME OF THE WEEK



Florida quarterback Rex Grossman leaps over the top to score a touchdown against South Carolina earlier this season. The sophomore leads the Gators into the SEC Championship game against Tennessee

Gators, Vols battle for BCS berth

By GREG LADKY
 Sports Writer

While the No. 2 Gators have continued to amaze the college football world with blowout victories over South Carolina and Florida State, the No. 5 Volunteers have quietly moved their way back into the Rose Bowl picture.

This series is one of the highest quality rivalries in college football. This is the seventh straight time both teams enter the game ranked in the top 10.

With last week's upsets in the Big-12, the winner of this Saturday's game

will have the inside track to the national title game, as long as they get past the wild and wacky SEC West champion next week.

The game features two great sophomore quarterbacks, and a more of talented wide receivers. Five players on these two teams were named as first team All-Americans Wednesday — Florida's defensive end Alex Brown, receiver Jabar Gaffney, tackle Mike Pearson, and Tennessee's defensive tackle John Henderson and running back Travis Stephens.

Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen has played

in the shadow of Steve Spurrier has accused Florida State Darnell Dockett of taking cheap shots at his players after the whistle in their Nov 17 matchup.

Florida's only loss of the year came by shutting down Auburn without Graham. Auburn completely shut down Florida's rushing attack, and forced Grossman to throw four interceptions.

Tennessee can win this game by shutting down the run, and getting after Grossman. But the Vols proved vulnerable against the pass in giving up 303 yards passing to Georgia in their only loss of the year.

Florida will play without starting tailback Earnest Graham, who suffered a controversial injury against Florida State.

OTHER TOP GAMES

Texas vs. Colorado

The No. 9 Buffaloes will get their chance at revenge against the No. 3 Longhorns this Saturday in the Big 12 championship in Texas Stadium.

Texas beat Colorado 41-7 in Austin this season. Colorado turned the ball over four times and committed nine penalties in that game. The Buffaloes showed they have improved greatly with their surprising 62-36 blowout of Nebraska last weekend.

But the Longhorns have improved as well, and now have a shot at the Rose Bowl.

With all the attention on Texas quarterback Chris Simms and their talented young receivers; the Texas defense deserves the glory. They bailed Chris Simms and the rest of the offense out of a lackluster performance in last week's 21-7 victory at Texas A&M. Simms threw for just 138 yards in the game.

Colorado's offensive line got everyone's player of the week vote last week. They dominated Nebraska like no one has ever been before, opening 198 holes for running back Chris Brown. Brown rushed for 99 yards and a school record six touchdowns.

A win for Colorado this weekend will be much more difficult against Texas. "We're probably playing the best, most talented team in the league," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said.

Army vs. Navy

College football will always have more important games in terms of rankings and championships than the Army-Navy game, but no rivalry in the country involves more passion, more effort, and more meaning to the players than this game.

This game is truly one of the great traditions in all of sports. But this year's game has obviously taken a back seat to the war on terrorism for the players involved.

"When you lose a football game, no one loses a life. It's just football," Army linebacker Brian Zickafoose said. "What these guys are going to be doing in six months is much more important."

Navy linebacker and team captain Jake Bowen said the team is looking forward to the challenge of defending our country even more than the game.

Army is 2-8 on the season, notching two victories in the underrated Conference USA this year. Navy is 0-9, but has played tough football ever since their embarrassing 70-7 loss to Georgia Tech. The Mids played Air Force and Toledo to the last second, and looked poised to finally knock off the Irish for three quarters.

The game will certainly mean much more to fans this year. Most games that involve two teams with bad records could never sell out. But as always, this game sold out months ago.

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