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Mother preaches tolerance

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Judy Shepard doesn't expect her work end anytime soon, although the gay rights activist wishes she were out of a job.

"I know that good things are going to happen," Shepard told a rapt Notre Dame audience Thursday, "and they're going to happen soon. And I'll be out of work, but that's a good thing," she said.

Shepard, whose son, Matthew, died in a highly publicized October 1998 anti-gay hate crime, spoke before a capacity crowd of about 200 students, faculty, staff and South Bend residents.

The University's Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs sponsored the talk to promote campus unity with homosexual and bisexual members of the Notre Dame community.

Shepard on Thursday delivered an emotional speech that inspired tears as readily as it did laughs from the Hesburgh Library Auditorium gathering.

As Shepard read from a victim-impact statement she gave during sentencing of one of her son's killers, many students sobbed openly and wiped tears from their faces.

"I'll never understand why anyone would want to hurt Matt," she read from the April 1999 statement. "Such an act of cruelty is incomprehensible."

Matthew Shepard died after two men beat, robbed and left him tied to a fence in the Wyoming prairie.

Each man is now serving two life sentences in prison.

Shepard said she didn't hold the men ultimately responsible for her 21-year-old son's death.

"I blame society for what happened to Matt," she said.

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PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Judy Shepard spoke to a crowd of 200 students, faculty, staff and South Bend residents Thursday night about the murder of her son Matthew, who was killed in a highly-publicized anti-gay hate crime in October 1998. Shepard said she blames society for the death of her son and she will not rest until all gays feel comfortable disclosing their sexuality. The lecture prompted a South Bend area man to "come out of the closet."

Student to appear on College Jeopardy

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

"Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" may be a favorite game show for many students, but not Andrew Nerlinger, who is competing in JEOPARDY!'s College Edition in November.

"I like JEOPARDY! more than 'Millionaire,'" the St. Edward's senior said.

"I met Regis here and told him I was going to be on JEOPARDY! He didn't think that was funny."

Nerlinger registered for College JEOPARDY! when he was playing the online game during the summer. He was randomly chosen as one of 1,500 college students picked to try out for the special November series. In August, Nerlinger traveled to Baltimore to take a 50 question test and participate in a mock run of the show.

"It was cool just to pass the test," he said.

Nerlinger's experience with the game show, however, didn't end in Baltimore. The senior received a letter at the end of September inviting him to participate in the two-week college tournament at UCLA. The 10 shows, featuring 15 college students from around the country, will be taped over a two-day period starting on

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Security/Police arrests fugitive in Roseland Park

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

Notre Dame Security/Police recaptured a suspect behind the Signature Inn in Roseland Park after he fled from police custody at University Village.

Police said the man was charged with possession of stolen property and resisting arrest by flight.

According to Chuck Hurley,

assistant director of NDSPD, Security originally responded to a complaint from a woman in University Village that the suspect was attempting to break into her apartment. Security officers responding to the call detained a man matching the description of the suspect on Saint Mary's Road.

The man was taken into custody by Security and brought to University Village. The victim identified the suspect as the

man who was attempting to break into her apartment.

While Security officers attempted to handcuff the man, he escaped, ran across U.S. 933 and fled behind Denny's Restaurant. Security, along with St. Joseph County Police and Roseland Police, recaptured the suspect when he was hiding in the bushes in Roseland Park.

When Security searched the suspect, officers discovered

items from a wallet that had been reported stolen from Galvin Life Science Center on Monday.

Security will investigate his possible involvement in other campus larcenies.

"He's been here and passed through some campus buildings," Hurley said. "So we are going to be looking into his possible involvement in other crimes."

Hurley said there have been

no other recent robberies reported at University Village, but there have been recent thefts from other campus buildings.

The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office who will investigate the incident and may choose to press charges against the suspect for attempted breaking and entering.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Happily never after

We're told early on, by way of once-upon-a-time fairy tales and Disney movies, that the key to success is finding someone with whom you can share your life. Finding true love will break the spell, slay the dragon and cue the "happily ever after" ending credits every time.

As we grow older, however, we're told to forget the fairy tale, that sharing can wait and it's better to focus on yourself and have a good time toasting your own successes. This small contradiction of life's instructions prompts the question: Better to be single or committed?

It's the double cliché of walking a fine line with a double-edged sword. We want it both ways.

According to any coffee table magazine (Cosmopolitan, Maxim, take your pick), being single is synonymous with being fabulous. With this solo mentality screaming at us from glossy pages filled with toned models and tips on how to "meet 'em and wow 'em," what's not to love? It's all rather enticing. Suddenly, a relationship seems to have the appeal of entering a dragon's lair with neither weapon nor trusty sidekick. It's just not something that you want to do.

It's the same with television. Tuning into any of the must-see TV shows, leading the single life looks pretty good. Who wouldn't want to be hanging out in the city, drinking coffee and engaging in witty banter?

However, if you look a little closer, the message is unclear. These magazines and television shows may tell you that this mind-blowing single life is where it's at, but the majority of the articles and plot lines dedicate themselves to finding, getting and keeping a relationship. Suddenly, the coin flips (thus the double edged sword mentioned above).

What do we want? Two very differing views of how we should be living our young lives are thrust at us on a daily basis, and we're told to choose the right path.

There's certainly something to be said (or maybe it was something said once upon a time) about sharing your time and self with another person. Yet, we're still told that this is the time of our lives, our best years and as good as it's going to get. Why not live it up? Date around. Meet people. Don't tie ourselves down. So, we don't. We become single.

Yes, the single life. We're young, we're free and ... we're still-looking. If it's the thrill of the chase that does it for you, then you're set. Set, that is, until you run out of breath. Suddenly, rather than living this glamorous high life found on the pages of Glamour and in Aaron Spelling dramas, you're alone. But isn't that what you wanted in the first place?

If we don't know what we want, can there possibly be a happy ending? Or at least a happy medium? We can't have it both ways, but eventually we get to live our personal fairy tale, even if it's fractured one.

And no matter how much they'd like to, mass media can't dictate the individual decisions we make. Sure, they can draw that fine line, sharpen the sword and tell you that single life is fabulous. However, they'll never tell you that single is happily ever after.

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

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Screenings of "Apocalypse Now" will not be shown in South Bend theaters this weekend. Information in the Scene section of the Sept. 27 edition of the Observer was incorrect. The Observer regrets this error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Jacqueline Browder

Scene Copy Editor

THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Malloy inauguration scheduled

Wednesday, September 23, 1987

Father Edward Malloy was formally installed as the University's 16th president. Malloy was preceded by 15 Holy Cross priests, but they all took office without the traditional academic ritual. This was the first presidential inauguration in Notre Dame's 145-year history.

"World News Tonight" features Hesburgh

Monday, September 24, 1979

An ABC-TV "World News Tonight" segment featured interviews with Notre Dame President Father Theodore Hesburgh and Father James Burtcheall, a university theology professor. Hesburgh addressed the change in the American Catholic Church, and Burtcheall spoke on the topic of abortion.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Displaced NYU students return with caution

NEW YORK

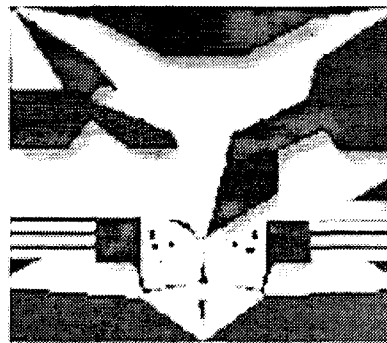
Students returned to New York University's Water Street dorm Wednesday with mixed feelings about their safety.

With dust still covering the streets and sidewalks and the downtown area continuing to emanate an acrid smell, students were concerned about returning to the area.

"I'm worried about the air quality. I heard private companies tested the air and found high levels of asbestos and fiber glass," Michelle Napoli, a College of Arts and Science sophomore, said.

Napoli used to have a view of the World Trade Center towers from her room.

"I feel less safe being close to everything," Stern School of Business



sophomore Raj Brahmabhatt said. "How can the air quality be safe when there are rooms with asbestos?"

However, the University maintains that the air quality is safe. Lynne Brown, vice president of Student

Affairs, said Water Street was reopened after utilities were turned back on, the rooms were cleaned, environmental tests were conducted and contaminated rooms cleaned again.

"I don't feel any less safe at Water Street than any other part of the city," CAS junior Christina Hultholm said.

"I would live here again. I don't feel any different because of this not to live here again," General Studies Program sophomore Nabila Sheikh said.

Students also voiced their concerns about getting settled into the school year. "I had such a hard time adjusting to classes because all my notebooks and books were [at Water Street]," Napoli said.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Report gauges impact of aid policy

PRINCETON, N.J.

During an annual report presentation to the faculty on the status of undergraduate admissions last week, Dean of the College Nancy Malkiel said last week that Princeton University's change in financial aid policy last January greatly affected the composition of the Class of 2005. Malkiel noted that 46 percent of the freshman class is receiving financial aid — the highest percentage of all the Ivy League schools and a significant jump from the 40 percent of the Class of 2004 receiving financial aid. Malkiel also said there was an increase in the racial diversity of the freshman class. The percentage of minority students in the Class of 2005 is 28.9 percent compared to 26.3 percent of the Class of 2004. According to President Tilghman, however, it is too soon to conclude what the full impact of the University's financial aid policy change will be on "the spectrum of students who apply to Princeton and those who [are accepted]."

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Plan to increase diversity postponed

LOS ANGELES

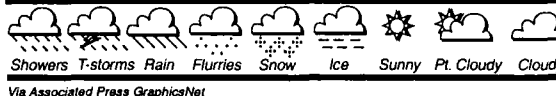
Plans to institute a program designed to increase the number of minority students in the University of California have been put on hold until next year due to lack of funds. The university has postponed the dual admissions plan, citing the state legislature's failure to provide the UC's request for \$2.5 million before it went into recess last week. "The legislative clock ran out on us at a time when the state is facing some very bleak budget choices," said Michael Reese, assistant vice president of strategic communications for the UC Office of the President. Because the state legislature is in recess, the UC cannot pursue funding for the program until it reconvenes in January. According to the dual admissions plan, students in the top 4 to 12.5 percent of their high school class would be guaranteed UC admission, provided they complete two years at a community college. It would have taken effect for the class of fall 2003 and transfer students in 2005.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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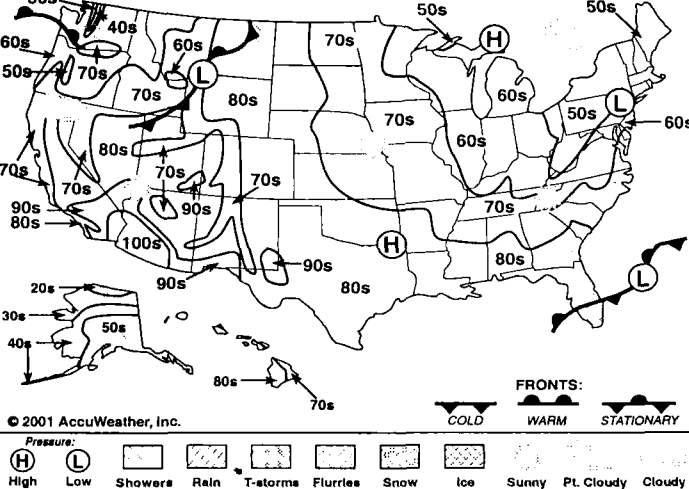


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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Sept. 28.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



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Atlanta	76	53	Las Vegas	97	69	Portland	66	53
Baltimore	65	48	Memphis	78	53	Sacramento	80	53
Boston	59	50	Milwaukee	61	50	St. Louis	71	50
Chicago	64	49	New York	64	52	Tampa	81	69
Houston	81	62	Philadelphia	66	52	Washington DC	67	51

PUTTING ON A HIT



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Knott Hall residents Luis Molina and Tommy Gaeta participate in Mod Quad Madness, three hours of games and music Thursday evening on the Knott Hall Knoll. The event was sponsored by Student Activities and Knott, Pasquerilla East, Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls.

Brazilian group to perform

Special to the Observer

Choro na Feira, a Brazilian music group from Rio de Janeiro, will visit the University this weekend for performances on campus and in South Bend and Chicago. Sponsored by the Brazilian Ministry of Culture, the group will be hosted by Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for

International Studies.

The eight members of Choro na Feira will perform tonight at 7 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The concert is free and open to the public.

Additional appearances by the group will include workshops and performances at South Bend area schools throughout the week and an informal con-

cert Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the South Bend Farmer's Market, followed by a performance at Chicago's Rooster Blues Club that evening.

Choro na Feira came together after the group performed at a Saturday street market in a Rio de Janeiro neighborhood. Members include university professors, recording artists and studio musicians.

Toll of NY missing drops to 5,960

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Thursday that the official number of people missing at the World Trade Center had dropped to 5,960 after multiple lists of the victims were double-checked.

The number of missing reported to police had been 6,347 for sev-

eral days. Giuliani said the revision was made after duplications were found on lists provided by some of the 63 countries that lost people in the trade center attack.

The mayor also said 4,620 names have been registered as missing at a city center for victims' relatives. The correct number — the one many fear will be the true death toll — is likely somewhere between the two, Giuliani said.

Authorities so far have confirmed 305 deaths since two hijacked jetliners brought down the twin 1,350-foot towers Sept. 11.

At ground zero, heavier equipment has been moved in to remove rubble from the 16-acre site. Crews have begun assembling a 420-foot crane that can handle up to 1,000 tons.

Since the attack, 128,050 tons of debris — only about 10 percent of what the Army Corps of Engineers estimates is there — have been removed and taken to a landfill on Staten Island for analysis.

More aggressive removal methods and equipment have not been used because of the search for bodies and survivors. Workers are also

combing the wreckage for evidence in the criminal investigation of the attack.

Jim Abadie, the site manager for crane owner Bovis Lend Lease, said the larger pieces of debris hauled out of the wreckage will be trucked to a nearby pier and transported by barge to Staten Island.

Abadie said he has been at the site since the beginning.

"It was chaos," he said. "Now it's controlled chaos."

As wreckage was pulled away and workers picked

through the ruins looking for victims, authorities showed the site to small groups of relatives of those missing or confirmed killed.

At City Hall, Giuliani obtained the support of two of the three mayoral candidates for a plan that would allow him to stay in office for three extra months to help the city recover from the attack.

Democrat Mark Green and Republican Michael Bloomberg agreed to go along with Giuliani's proposal, which would postpone the new mayor's inauguration until April. The mayor is supposed to leave office Dec. 31 under a city term limits law.

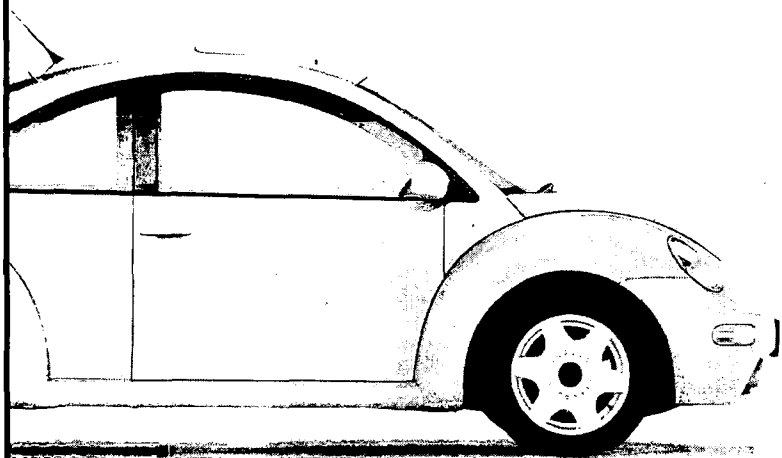
Across the rest of the city, some commuters faced their first day of mandatory carpooling. Noncommercial passenger vehicles with only the driver inside were turned back during the morning rush hour, causing some traffic delays. The restrictions were imposed as a way of clearing traffic jams in Manhattan caused by the attack and heightened security.

Higher traffic volume was expected Friday, following the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

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Jeopardy

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Oct. 5 and are set to air in November.

"It'll be a lot of fun. I'll have my Notre Dame sweatshirt on," Nerlinger said. "It will be an exciting trip."

Nerlinger, who is working on a math and philosophy double major and plans to attend medical school next year, said he is confident despite his lack of preparation for the show. He's hoping that his favorite categories, science, math and theology, will appear on the game screen.

"I didn't prepare at all for the tryout," he said. "I heard about [getting accepted] two weeks ago and haven't had much time with the demands of school."

"You can't cram all the facts you need to win in two weeks," he added.

Nerlinger was on his high school's Quiz Bowl team in Wilmington, Del. As a senior, he was voted most likely to be on JEOPARDY!

"All my high school friends think it's hysterical," he said.

While at Notre Dame, Nerlinger has been active in student government and events with St. Edward's Hall. Last year he joined the fencing team as a walk-on.

"It's the only event where they

provide you with the equipment and time to stab people with swords," he said.

Nerlinger is involved in service as well. He recently established a \$10,000 charity fund with a grant from the Raskolo Foundation after his grandfather passed away two summers ago. The fund is used to send disadvantaged people to Notre Dame home football games. Next month, three people selected by the Notre Dame club of Delaware from Nerlinger's hometown will travel to South Bend to watch the Navy game on an all-expenses paid trip courtesy of the fund.

"He's the nicest person in the world," sophomore Larry Hofman said of his roommate. "I'm really excited for him. I might actually go out there if I can get a ticket to Los Angeles. No one deserves this more than him."

College JEOPARDY! will air Nov. 7-13, 14-16, 19 and 20. The day each contestant competes will not be decided until they arrive in California for the taping, but Nerlinger hopes the Notre Dame community will tune in for the series.

"It would be cool to have as many people as possible watching the show here," he said. "I want to get the word out."

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Shepard

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"They did not allow Matt to be who he was. And they let those two young men believe that they could do what they did to Matt and get away with it."

A "sic" — silent, indifferent, complacent — society killed her son, according to Shepard.

"I think that maybe that's changed in the last two and a half weeks. I hope so," she said.

Shepard and husband Dennis established the Matthew Shepard Foundation in response to the hate crime. She tours the nation speaking to audiences about making schools and communities safe.

Shepard also has lobbied the Wyoming legislature and the U.S. Congress to draft anti-hate crime legislation.

On Thursday, Shepard urged the crowd to actively work to be more tolerant.

Voting and getting involved in organizations are good ways for people to address issues that concern them, Shepard said. Ironically, she pointed out that

authorities who treated her son found a voter registration card in his wallet.

She also encouraged people to not hide their sexual orientation.

"It's so important to be honest with the world," Shepard said. "Until everyone is out and comfortable, the straight community will still be ignorant and fearful of who you are."

"Until everyone is out and comfortable, the straight community will still be ignorant and fearful of who you are."

Judy Shepard
Mother of gay hate crime victim

The occasion inspired one South Bend resident to announce to the audience that he was gay. The man said he had only ever admitted the fact to members of a gay-rights group.

The acknowledgement drew applause from the crowd.

Shepard, who received standing ovations before and after her hour-long talk, also drew

applause with her response to an audience member's question.

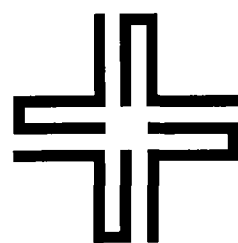
Asked what she thought of the University's often controversial policies toward gay issues, Shepard's answer was automatic.

"I think it's a no-brainer," she said. "Every corporation, and a university is a corporation, needs to have a non-discrimination clause in place. Just like in most places, administrators don't want to do that here."

"Maybe it's the high profile of Notre Dame. It's a flagship. It's a trendsetter, and they don't want to set that trend," she said.

In August 1997, Notre Dame officials rejected a measure to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause.

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Dr. Yvonne Chireau

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Child-Marriage in Ancient Israel

Dr. Wilma A. Bailey

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10.45 am

The Emergence of Black Catholic Women in Church and Society

Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P.

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11.15 am

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Dr. Mignon R. Jacobs

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2.00 pm

Panel Discussion

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. warplanes hit Iraqi artillery:

U.S. and British warplanes struck two artillery sites Thursday that were a threat to aircraft patrolling Iraq's southern "no-fly" zone, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said. The anti-aircraft sites had posed danger for the planes monitoring Iraq's no-fly zone, Maj. Brett Morris said. U.S. and British aircraft patrol the area to prevent Iraqi forces from attacking Kurds and Shiite Muslims and to provide early warning of any Iraqi troop movements toward Kuwait.

Pope says Mass in Armenia: Presiding over an outdoor Mass, Pope John Paul II called on Armenia's small Catholic community Thursday to help rebuild the economically suffering country. The pope's three-day trip to Armenia followed a four-day trip to Kazakhstan, a tour that has put the 81-year-old pontiff's frail health to the test.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

State appoints security advisor:

Gov. Bob Holden has appointed an adviser on homeland security, making Missouri the first state to follow President Bush's lead in creating a Cabinet-level position on anti-terrorism. Retired Army Col. Timothy Daniel, 51, was named Wednesday to review Missouri's emergency response plans in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Daniel, a former strategist at the Pentagon and Army Corps of Engineers, will serve as a liaison to Tom Ridge, the newly named national director of homeland security.

FDA approves gene-based AIDS test:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first gene-based test to tell quickly whether an HIV patient's virus is mutating to make a particular drug therapy fail, important to know so the person can switch AIDS medications. The test, Visible Genetics Inc.'s Trugene, is one of the most complex genetic test systems to clear the FDA.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

State faces budget gap: Gov. Frank O'Bannon is freezing the wages of state employees because the state faces such serious budget problems that it cannot afford the cost of pay raises. Revenue from sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes in July and August was short of projections, the governor's office said. That is in addition to the two-year budget the legislature approved this spring that spent nearly \$600 million more than projected. O'Bannon in July told most state agencies to cut their allotment of state-funded spending by 7 percent in an attempt to close the budget gap.

Market Watch September 26

Dow Jones	8,681.42	+114.03
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Same:	179	
Down:	1,189	
Composite Volume:	N/A	
AMEX:	794.99	+8.79
NASDAQ:	1,460.71	-3.33
NYSE:	532.30	+7.74
S&P 500:	1,018.61	+11.57

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COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-8.09	-0.99	11.24
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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.57	-0.35	20.55
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-5.28	-0.53	7.91
SONUS NETWORKS (SONS)	-55.00	-3.52	2.88

PAKISTAN



A group of taxi drivers express their support for the Pakistan government on Thursday at a rally in Peshwar, Pakistan. The government declared Thursday a "Day of Solidarity" in support of its controversial cooperation with the West in the war against terrorism.

Officials to meet with Taliban

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani religious leaders leave Friday for Afghanistan, the Pakistani news agency reported. The delegation may be part of a new Pakistani initiative to open a dialogue with the ruling Taliban on a possible solution to the crisis over Osama bin Laden.

The Pakistan government news agency said

Thursday the delegation would fly aboard a special plane to the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, stronghold of the Taliban leadership, and return Friday night.

Although the dispatch did not say so, it appeared the delegation had the Pakistan government's approval because a special plane was being provided and because the visit was reported in advance by the state news agency.

The visit was announced as the Taliban's ambassador to Islamabad, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said a Sept. 20 decision by Afghan clerics urging bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily had been delivered to the alleged terrorist mastermind.

Bin Laden is the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist bombings in the United States, and Bush has demanded that the Taliban hand over him

and his lieutenants, among other demands, or face retaliation.

The Taliban had said they couldn't find bin Laden. But Zaeef's remarks indicated the Taliban knew where he was and were in contact with him. It also appeared bin Laden was still in Afghanistan.

The moves could signal a willingness by the Taliban to find a solution to the crisis and avoid American air strikes.

Ex - colonel gets life for espionage

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The highest-ranking military man ever accused of spying was sentenced to life in prison on Thursday, 50 years to the day after he declared his allegiance to United States as a new citizen.

George Trofimoff, a retired Army Reserve colonel born in Germany, continued to profess his innocence — declaring, "I am not a traitor" — as U.S. District Judge Susan Bucklew handed down the sentence.

Trofimoff had faced at least 27 years in prison. Assistant Secretary of Defense John P. Stenbit told the judge in a letter on behalf of President Bush that anything less than a life term would be neither adequate punishment for him nor a deterrent to others.

Prosecutors say it is the first time such a letter has been written for a

federal inmate.

"Mr. Trofimoff has conducted espionage longer than anyone else we have known of in this country," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Walter Furr. "This is not someone who made a mistake, or who got greedy momentarily. What happened here was someone who set out to live his life as a spy."

Throughout the Cold War, Trofimoff led the Army section at the Nuremberg Joint Interrogation Center in Germany. There, secret intelligence documents were stored and defectors and refugees were interviewed about life, especially military operations, behind the Iron Curtain.

Trofimoff was convicted in June of taking secret documents out of the center, photographing them and selling the film to the KGB for \$250,000 over more than 20 years.

He worked through a childhood friend, a Russian Orthodox priest, in a spying career that was noted in KGB

archives smuggled out of the Soviet Union as it collapsed.

Trofimoff repeated to Bucklew the claim he presented to his jurors: He only told the undercover FBI agent he was a spy because he needed money to pay debts.

"I am guilty of trying to make a foolish claim," he said. "What it did is really convince me and my friends of my old-age senility. You are condemning an old man who served his country honorably for 46 years."

Trofimoff's attorney, Daniel Hernandez, said he intended to appeal. Trofimoff's wife, Jutta, who has been left bankrupt, did not speak on his behalf and declined to comment following his sentencing.

The judge said she was not swayed by Trofimoff's tale.

"By attempting to explain it away, you lied and lied and lied," Bucklew told him. "Obviously the jury didn't believe it. I don't believe it either."

MEXICO

Hurricane kills 1, nears mainland

Associated Press

CABO SAN LUCAS

Howling winds and roaring waves from Hurricane Juliette bore down on tourist resorts at the tip of the Baja California peninsula on Thursday, knocking out power and smashing docks to driftwood.

William Creson, 45, of Denver, drowned in 10-foot waves as the storm approached on Wednesday.

The winds blew the roofs off of shacks in poor neighborhoods and sparks cascaded from shorted-out power transformers. Thursday's 15-foot waves destroyed docks.

Gabriel Reyes Martinez, 22, was sleeping in his home of cardboard and corrugated metal Thursday morning when he heard his pregnant wife scream and woke up to find the roof on his house flying away.

"She was hysterical," Reyes said. "We saw the roof jump and then jump again and take off. It fell 45 feet from the house but thank God it didn't hurt any one else."

Reyes and his family took refuge at an improvised shelter in a local school.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the Juliette's eye was expected to slip west of the peninsula, but it still could rake the region with hurricane-force winds.

Juliette's strongest winds fell to 90 mph Thursday after once

reaching 145 mph. Tropical storms are classified as hurricanes after reaching 74 mph.

Juliette was centered about 65 miles south-southwest of Cabo

S a n Lucas at the tip of t h e peninsula, but h u r r i c a n e - f o r c e winds extend 60 m i l e s from its center and t r o p i c a l - s t o r m force winds reach out 230 miles.

Civil defense officials said they were evacuating 400 people from shanties and schools were converted to emergency shelters.

Tourists joined locals in hunting for emergency supplies of water and groceries in the few stores still open in this city of 25,000.

Computer consultant Peter Nunan, 43, of San Jose, Calif., peered out at the storm from the waterfront and mourned his luck.

He said he had been through typhoons in Japan and Taiwan on a business trip earlier this month. "Now I can't believe I'm being hit by a hurricane."

He said most of the people in his tour group had not arrived because the local airport had

closed. Many local hotels were almost empty because of travel restrictions or fear spawned by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Being from Texas, we know

the damage one of these can cause," said Jim Kelly, 46, a Houston stock broker. Kelly said he was planning to use the time to ask his girlfriend to marry him: "I'll probably ask her at the height of the storm."

Juliette was moving north at about 7 mph, but the forecasters

said it should continue to weaken and turn away from the coast to the northwest.

The hurricane center said 5 to 7 inches of rain was likely in the hurricane's path, posing the threat of flash floods and mud slides.

"We saw the roof jump and then jump again and take off. It fell 45 feet from the house but thank God it didn't hurt anyone else."

Gabriel Reyes Martinez
Hurricane victim

CHILE

Letter bomb found at embassy

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

Police found a envelope containing explosives on Thursday near the main entrance to the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy, authorities said.

The embassy confirmed only that police were alerted and that they handled the situation. No one was arrested and there was no immediate claim of responsibility, police said.

Interior Minister Jose

Miguel Insulza said no one was in danger and that "while the envelope indeed contained a small amount of explosives, it did not have a detonator." He said the incident would be investigated.

Local radio stations said the envelope also contained pamphlets with insults aimed at the United States but it did not have further details.

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NYC mayor may seek term extension

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Rudolph Giuliani got the support of two of the three mayoral candidates Thursday for a plan that would allow him to stay on at City Hall for an extra three months while he guides the city through the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack.

But Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, one of two Democrats still in the race, declined to support the idea, saying he was worried about the precedent it would set.

Democrat Mark Green and Republican Michael Bloomberg agreed to go along with a proposal after meeting privately with Giuliani.

Green spokesman Joe DePlasco said Thursday the Democrat would support legislation delaying the inauguration of the new mayor for up to three months "given the unprecedented World Trade Center catastrophe, the urgent need for a seamless transition and the importance of a united city."

Giuliani said at a news conference Thursday afternoon that he had met with the GOP

nominee and "Mike Bloomberg agreed to it immediately." The Bloomberg campaign confirmed its support soon after.

Ferrer said he also met with Giuliani, "but after listening to his proposal and giving it careful and thoughtful consideration I have decided that I cannot support it. I know the politics of the moment might dictate a different position, but I am deeply concerned about the precedent this would set."

Ferrer said in an interview on the local cable news channel NY1 that he would name Giuliani to head up an entity to oversee reconstruction and rebuilding efforts.

Ferrer and Green, the city's public advocate, will face off in an Oct. 11 runoff for the Democratic Party's nomination for mayor. Bloomberg, the billionaire owner of a financial information business, captured his party's nomination on Tuesday. The general election

is Nov. 6.

Green's support is particularly remarkable because he and the mayor have sparred frequently over the years. As the city's elected govern-

ment watchdog, Green has been a frequent critic of the Giuliani administration.

"These unique circumstances justify such

a nonpartisan, nontraditional approach to encourage unity and planning," DePlasco explained.

In front of the news cameras Giuliani has remained focused on the massive recovery effort in downtown Manhattan.

But behind the scenes, the mayor and his aides have been engaged in a furious lobbying effort to keep the term-limited Giuliani in City Hall after his term expires — all in the name of political unity, according to more than a dozen government officials, business leaders and other people close to Giuliani.

"We would certainly be inclined to support an extension if that's what we would be asked to do to provide for an orderly transition."

John McArdle
GOP Spokesman

Details about how Giuliani's proposal would work are still unclear. It would likely need approval from the state Legislature as some type of emergency measure.

"We would certainly be inclined to support an extension if that's what we would be asked to do to provide for an orderly transition," said John McArdle, a spokesman for GOP state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno.

On Wednesday, the mayor placed a call to Democratic state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver asking for his support. Silver has been cool to the idea, but pledged to bring up the issue with his members.

In Albany, Republican Gov. George Pataki said it was premature to say whether he would sign legislation to extend the mayor's term, "but obviously I would be supportive of any such effort."

Questions have been raised about the legality of the proposal. Democratic U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, a Ferrer backer who represents Harlem, said the plan would need Justice Department approval because it would affect minority voters, who are protected under the Voting Rights Act.

Plane returns to airport after threat

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

A passenger allegedly uttered an anti-American threat during a confrontation with flight attendants Thursday, prompting an airliner to return to Los Angeles under escort by Air Force jet fighters.

The unidentified man and his travel companion on Air Canada Flight 792 to Toronto were handed over to the FBI, said Nicole Couture-Simard, spokeswoman for Air Canada in Montreal.

"Shortly after departure a male passenger was apprehended smoking in the lavatory," she said. "The passenger became verbally abusive and uttered an anti-American threat."

Couture-Simard would not describe the threat.

FBI spokeswoman Laura Bosley could not immediately give details on the passenger.

The Boeing 767 landed safely about half an hour after takeoff, authorities said.

Couture-Simard said it was not necessary to restrain the passenger: "The pilot elected to return to Los Angeles as a precautionary measure only."

There were 145 people on the plane, including a crew of seven, an airport spokeswoman said. The jet returned to the airport around 1:15 p.m. and passengers were booked on the next flight.

Two F-16s escorted the Air Canada flight into the airport, authorities said. Who contacted the jets was not immediately clear, but Air Force jets normally respond to civilian incidents only at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration, said Maj. Barry Venable, spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

The incident occurred as Gov. Gray Davis was traveling to an airport press conference on a shuttle bus.

"We were about five minutes out of Lot C when those two jets buzzed the airport, so we knew something was up," said Davis.

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RUSSIA

Chechen envoys suggest disarmament

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Chechen rebel envoys have contacted Russian officials about possible disarmament talks, a Kremlin envoy said Thursday, in the first step toward peace negotiations in two years of war.

The tentative overture was announced just before President Vladimir Putin's 72-hour offer of talks — his first such serious proposal — expired. Putin had repeatedly rejected Western calls for a political settlement, insisting the rebels should be eliminated.

Kremlin envoy Viktor Kazantsev, appointed by Putin to oversee negotiations, said a representative of rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov approached his delegation in Chechnya. He provided no details.

"We have just barely started," Kazantsev said on RTR television Thursday from a plane to Moscow. "I'm not saying they're ready; they have doubts."

Kazantsev, who has been shuttling around Chechnya and nearby southern Russian republics since Putin's offer Monday, claimed that several dozen rebel commanders and fighters had "contacted" pro-Moscow Chechen officials. He did not elaborate.

"Discussions are under way.

There will be a result, I am certain," he later told ORT television in Moscow.

His deputy, Nikolai Britvin, said in a telephone interview from the Chechen capital, Grozny, that a small number of rebels had already surrendered, but did not say how many.

"The process has started and it will continue tomorrow and for some time," Britvin said.

There was no immediate response from the rebels.

Formidable obstacles remain to any peace settlement. The Russian military is desperate to avoid a repeat of its humiliating troop withdrawal at the end of the 1994-96 war in Chechnya, which resulted in de facto independence.

The Kremlin also wants to maintain a strong presence in the region and avoid the lawlessness that blossomed after the 1996 withdrawal — the main reason cited for sending troops back into Chechnya in 1999.

That invasion came after Chechnya-based rebels invaded the neighboring region of Dagestan, and after deadly apartment bombings in Russia blamed on the rebels.

Maskhadov, a rebel commander during the 1994-96 war, played a key role in negotiating a peace deal and has repeatedly proposed negotiations in this war.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Rioting resumes in Belfast

Associated Press

BELFAST

A gunman opened fire on police lines Thursday as rioting by Protestant militants raged on a rubble-strewn north Belfast street for the second straight night.

Officers in helmets, flame-retardant suits and flak jackets suffered barrages of gasoline bombs, firecrackers, bricks and rocks during confrontations with several hundred Protestants. They responded with volleys of plastic bullets, the snub-nosed cylinders that are designed to knock down rioters.

During more than three hours of mayhem on the Crumlin Road, militants hijacked and

burned several vehicles. At one point, police dived for cover as about 10 live rounds were fired at their positions, some heard ricocheting off the pavement.

The gunman wasn't identified and there was no report of injury in the shooting. The violence came after 33 officers were hurt in confrontations at the same spot Wednesday night.

On both nights, police have said they were preventing Protestants from marching toward Catholic homes in the nearby Ardoyne district, the focal point for regular confrontations since June between the riot-hardened police force and both sides of the community.

The Protestants this week have blamed heavy-handed

police tactics for provoking them, while Catholics have complained that the police weren't being hard enough on the Protestants.

Before Thursday's violence, police searched scores of Protestant homes and pubs for weapons. They found a rifle and two handguns at one address, but arrested nobody.

Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, commander of the predominantly Protestant police, appealed to the Protestant militants to see sense and back down before someone was killed.

"The violence is crazy," Flanagan said. "People must realize these situations can only have one outcome — the loss of life."



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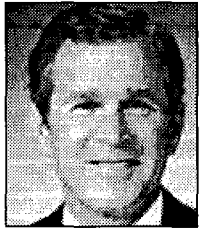
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National guard to secure airports

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Governors pledged Thursday to mobilize National Guard troops against terrorism at airports, where jobs are drying up because of travelers' jitters. The Pentagon said it has authority to attack hijacked airliners as a last resort.



Bush

Talking about military pilots' new rules of engagement in the war against terrorism, outgoing Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Henry Shelton said, "The last thing in the world that one of them wants to do is engage a commercial aircraft."

"Don't get the impression that anyone who's flying around out there has a loose trigger finger," he said.

Sixteen days after attacks that killed thousands, the Bush administration moved on several fronts to calm a still-fearful nation, bolster the U.S. economy, identify the killers and forge a wartime coalition of disparate nations.

"Others will tire and weary; I understand that. But not our nation," Bush told hundreds of flag-waving airline workers in Chicago, their industry and jobs

in danger because of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Amid a swirl of diplomatic activity, Bush met with European Union leaders, who cautioned him to retaliate with precision and focus. The president, by contrast, has talked about a broad war.

Despite words of caution from Europe, there was fresh evidence that Bush is fashioning a unique anti-terrorism coalition of disparate nations. A U.S. official disclosed that Sudan, long accused of harboring terrorists, has quietly rounded up as many as 30 foreign extremists since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was busy, too. He met with the foreign ministers of Belgium and Turkey as well as King Abdullah II of Jordan.

Adding his voice to the mix, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said he had been invited by the ruling militia in Afghanistan to take a "peace delegation" to the region. The White House discouraged Jackson, and the Taliban militia said they had not asked him to come.

Powell said point-blank: "We have nothing to negotiate."

In Afghanistan, where prime suspect Osama bin Laden is believed to be, Taliban leaders warned Afghans not to expect the United States to overthrow their hard-line rule.

"Those Afghans who want to seize power with the help of America are just like those fools who tried to stay in power with

the help of the Russian army," said Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar.

The statement, distributed by the Afghan Islamic Press, referred to the Soviets' unsuccessful military efforts in the 1980s.

There were protests against the United States in Japan and Malaysia while extremist Islamic groups in Indonesia threatened to attack U.S. workers in the country.

In the United States, more arrests were made of Middle Eastern men who obtained bogus licenses to haul hazardous materials. The FBI said those men were not connected to the hijackers, but there were concerns nonetheless of follow-up terrorist attacks.

Attorney General John Ashcroft released photographs of the 19 hijacking suspects and asked Americans to help identify those who are still in doubt.

"A national neighborhood watch," he called it.

In neighborhoods all over America, the economic impact of the attacks continued to grow.

Jobless claims rose to a nine-year high, in part reflecting the ripple effect of strikes against the World Trade Center in New

York and the Pentagon outside Washington.

David Nowacki, an American Airlines worker on hand for Bush's speech, said he and his

friends are worried about their jobs.

"Things are on edge," Nowacki said. "No one is calling in sick."

The Bush administration has balked at Democratic calls for relief to airline

workers, promising instead a broader package to revive the economy — one that likely will include tax cuts.

While his advisers met in Washington to weigh the stimulus plan, Bush tried to rally Americans into patriotic spending.

"Get about the business of America," he said.

Though business is down across the board, Bush focused on an airline industry jarred by a dramatic decline in passengers since the attacks.

"Get on the airlines," Bush implored. "We will not surrender our freedom to travel."

He sought to coax Americans into planes with a \$500 million plan to secure cockpit doors and a wide range of other proposals, including having the federal government oversee security at air-

ports. Democrats and union leaders joined him for the O'Hare International Airport event.

The crowd sang "God Bless America" as Bush shook hands.

Several mayors said the package wasn't tough enough. Some governors moved quickly to heed Bush's call to mobilize National Guard troops at airports.

Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, a former member of the Navy special forces team, said he didn't think twice. Colleagues in Michigan, California and several others states followed suit. Rhode Island's governor said the Guard wasn't needed — not yet, anyway.

"When you're in a time of war, you don't question the commander in chief," said Ventura.

Bush dispatched his Cabinet to travel on various commercial flights to demonstrate the safety of the skies. Even his father, former President George H.W. Bush, pitched in.

"I have every confidence in the airlines," the elder Bush said before boarding a flight in Boston with several Secret Service agents.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Americans may see "some dramatic military engagements," but warned in a New York Times article that victory won't be easy nor clear and the war will be unconventional.

"Forget about 'exit strategies,'" he wrote. "We're looking at a sustained engagement that carries no deadlines."

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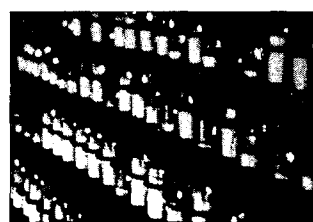
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VIEWPOINT

Friday, September 28, 2001

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni should curb hypocrisy

There have been a number of letters and even an Inside Column published this week that relate back to the Michigan State game and, more at the center of controversy, what happened following it. As a recent alum, I'm siding with the students on this one. The question of class and loyalty should not be directed at the students but at their predecessors.

First of all, there was booing at post-game. Can't deny it, it happened. Lt. Dan Cook called the booing a break in tradition. Tim O'Connor made an excellent point in his response that the booing was simply a way of showing the growing frustration that many Domers, past and present, are feeling right now with the program.

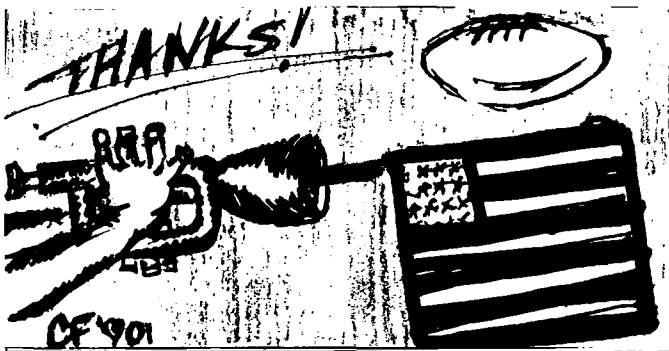
Angela Campos's Inside Column called for more support in the senior section and asked them to act more like their underclassmen peers. And I agree. Cheer. Do those push-ups. Yell your part of "We Are ND" when the cheerleaders cue you. Be as into the game as the cheerleaders and the band are, who, no matter the odds, will cheer like we're up 24-3 even if it we're not.

But to the students who left before the band, who crossed their arms during the 1812, who even booed, I cannot blame you. You were just following another example, not one from your peers, but one from your elders. After the game, the students are the only section that doesn't clear out and head for dinner reservations, more tailgating or to the bookstore to beat the rush. Or whatever the reasons are that alums leave. So can you blame the seniors for following in their footsteps?

The next time an alum calls for tradition and then accuses the students of being classless, or forgetting who they are, or even where they are, remind the alums that they were once students too. That they had tradition. Ask them why they leave now, why they don't stand anymore and why they set such a bad example.

To those alums like me who want to stand, who yell the cheers, who stay to the end and still act like students — thanks. If only the rest of the alumni would follow our example.

Jeremy Sony
Class of '01
Columbus, Ohio
Sept. 27, 2001



Expressing thanks to Notre Dame

This weekend some friends and I traveled to South Bend to see our Spartans take on your Fighting Irish. When we got here we were astonished by the awesome atmosphere that surrounds this University and its great football tradition.

The bands coming together for the halftime show was a chance for the nation to see that no matter what happens in these games we are all Americans. For the most part we felt very welcome here and enjoyed the day no matter what the outcome would have been. I thought the staff and ushers were great and further enriched the atmosphere.

I am thankful that we have build such a solid tradition and look forward to facing each other in the future. I wish the best of luck to you this season.

Ryan Jackson
sophomore
Michigan State
Sept. 27, 2001

GUEST COLUMN

Falwell mirrors bin Laden

PITTSBURGH

"I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way — all of them who have tried to secularize America — I point the finger in their face and say, 'You helped this happen,'" Rev. Jerry Falwell said.

M. Derek Care

The Pitt News

Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein have found an ideological friend in Jerry Falwell. The above, delivered by Falwell during the Sept. 13 broadcast of the Christian television program "The 700 Club," is the type of statement that is more often associated with Middle Eastern dictators than with Christian television.

Later in the same show, Falwell further blurred the lines between his beliefs and that of the Sept. 11 attackers by saying that, because of the previously mentioned groups, God had allowed "the enemies of America to give us probably what we deserve."

This is the type of offensive drivel that gives self-righteous, hate-mongering loud-mouths a bad name. It's hardly surprising that Falwell had the audacity and tastelessness to say such things just two days after the attack.

This is, after all, the same man who during the course of his career tried to "out" Tinkie-Winkie, the purple Teletubby, and announced that the Antichrist was living among us in the form of a Jewish man.

Though unsurprising, Falwell's latest comments are more than just another embarrassing incident from the former leader of the now-defunct Moral Majority. They signal that Falwell, like bin Laden, believes that there is currently a jihad (holy war) being fought and that God is on his side.

Nor is this the first time that Falwell's rhetoric has echoed bin Laden's. Bin Laden began his holy war by issuing a fatwa (religious edict) which said, "To kill the Americans and their allies — civilians and military — is an individual duty for every Muslim."

Falwell has issued a similar proclamation, saying, "Preaching against the sin of homosexuality is

the responsibility of every minister who takes the Bible seriously."

Bin Laden is fighting America, the so-called Great Satan. Falwell is fighting homosexuality, what he has called a "vile and satanic system."

Bin Laden fights with bombs. Falwell fights with words.

Bin Laden wants to remove the American presence from the Middle East. Falwell wants to remove Tinkie-Winkie from television.

They are two cheeks of the same metaphorical ass, and to extend this already crude metaphor further, they both stink.

Though an agent of hatred just as surely as bin Laden is, Falwell is no threat to the freedom of Americans. No military action will be needed to stop him. No economic sanctions will be needed to silence him.

By fighting for hatred and narrow-mindedness in an ever more progressive and educated society,

Falwell has made himself vulnerable to the only force that can take him down: irrelevance.

With every embarrassing diatribe, Falwell finds himself with fewer and fewer allies. The former leader of the Moral Majority is now a liability to the Christian Right, and few people in Washington are willing to have their names associated with his.

As the bold Ku Klux Klan members of the past eventually slunk into the shadows, so will Jerry Falwell. As the once-proudly flown Confederate flag became an ugly reminder of past hatreds, so too will Jerry Falwell.

But for now, Falwell, who pointed his finger in the face of pagans, feminists, gays, lesbians, victims of the attacks and the country as a whole, should know just one thing. We are pointing a finger right back in your direction, and

there are far more of us than there ever were of you.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apologies to Coach Davie

Fairness requires that I write this follow-up to my letter (published in Wednesday's Observer) calling for Coach Davie's resignation because our team and coaches were not on the field during the pre-game ceremonies. In my letter I stated that Coach Davie could offer no "valid explanation" for such absence.

Since my letter was published I have received a copy of a letter written by Tex Dutille, Chairman of the Faculty Board of Athletics, which explains that the Notre Dame and Michigan State Athletic Departments had agreed prior to the game that neither team would be on the field during the ceremonies.

While I continue to feel that it would have been

more appropriate for both teams to have been involved in the pre-game ceremonies, keeping to the agreed upon approach is certainly a "valid explanation" for Coach Davie's actions and I apologize to Coach Davie for writing first and getting the facts later. The Notre Dame community, which of course includes Coach Davie and the players and coaches, can be proud of its response to the tragic events of Sept. 11th.

Tom Desmond
Class of '78
Chicago
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Say cheese ...

Scene sat down to a table full of pizzas to put them to the test — taste test, that is

Scene Staff Report

Pizza is the college student's (second) best friend. When the dining hall keeps serving the same swill day in and day out, the Italian pie never loses its allure. The Observer, in keeping with its high standards of journalism, has sought out various South Bend pizzerias and put them through an excruciating series of "scientific" tests to determine which pizza is the best.

While not all pizzas available to campus were sampled, The Observer tried out six pizzas available for delivery. Marco's, Papa John's and Pizza Hut all have autonomous delivery; however, the remaining three were delivered by Dine-In, a third-party food delivery service available by calling (219) 675-9999 or visiting www.dine-in.com.

Marco's Pizza

Marco's Deluxe pizza was by far the most aesthetically pleasing. Although its poor showing in the crust consistency category brought down Marco's overall score, it fared as one of the better pies in the end.

This pizza makes no advancement upon the basic notion of the Italian pie, but therein lays its strength. Marco's toppings were very fresh but their flavor didn't overwhelm the pizza as a whole. Substantial improvement could be made to the mild and sparse sauce, however.

Unlike Papa John's, Marco's does not bury you in an inch of plastic-like cheese. In fact, you could even say that cheese is just another topping on the pie. Overall, Marco's had the best balance of those tested and would be a good neutral brand to order if a group cannot decide between other brands.

Be warned though, Marco's pizza with its cardboard-like crust tastes something like a rubber tire when it cools off. So, eat it hot or get a mouthful of Michelin.

Marco's Pizza is located at 52750 Route 933 (U.S. 31/33). It is open from 11 a.m. to midnight, Sunday

"I feel like I'm eating a vegetable birthday cake."

Nick Williams
self-proclaimed pizza expert
commenting on Polito's pizza

through Thursday, and from 11 to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (219) 243-1122 to place a carry-out or delivery order.

Papa John's

Papa John's, despite the pervasive taste of those jalapenos in the corner of the box, was a supreme pizza experience for one obvious reason: the special garlic sauce. Other than that little container of pure buttery pleasure, Papa John's finest quality is by far the toppings, which actually look like authentic sliced mushrooms and assorted vegetables.

The scrumptious toppings overshadow the rest of the pizza, which is merely adequate in flavor; the doughy, powdery crust is conveniently bland — ideal for dipping. The test pizza, a veggie, was loaded with green peppers, onions and black olives.

This pizzeria, which has earned a steadfastly devoted following among college students and become a staple of their diets, promotes its use of fresh ingredients and carefully prepared pies. It is definitely a reliable favorite. Papa John's is located on 1827 South Bend Avenue. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday. Call (219) 271-1177 to place a carry-out or delivery order.

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Pizza Hut

Pizza Hut is quite possibly the epitome of what a pizza should be.

Like most pizzas, a Pizza Hut pie comes with several crust options, including thin crust, hand tossed and pan. Whatever style crust one selects, the buttery, melt-in-your-mouth, perfectly textured dough cannot be topped — except with the perfect amounts of sauce and cheese used by the masters at Pizza Hut.

The sauce complements the crust, allowing the flavors of each to mingle well. The sauce does not dominate the pizza or make the crust soggy. There is just enough sauce to create the perfect median between the crust and the cheese.

Too often, pizzas lack sufficient amounts of cheese. Pizza Hut places a fairly thick layer of flavorful cheese on each pizza it prepares. Toppings aren't prone to slide off the pizza as the cheese holds them firmly in place. The pepperoni tested for this review was neither too salty nor too spicy as some pepperonis tend to be.

Overall, from crust to toppings, Pizza Hut delivers the best pizza.

Besides, you can't knock an establishment boasting such educationally motivational programs as "Book It!"

Pizza Hut is located at 2017 South Bend Ave. Call them at (219)273-9944 to place an order

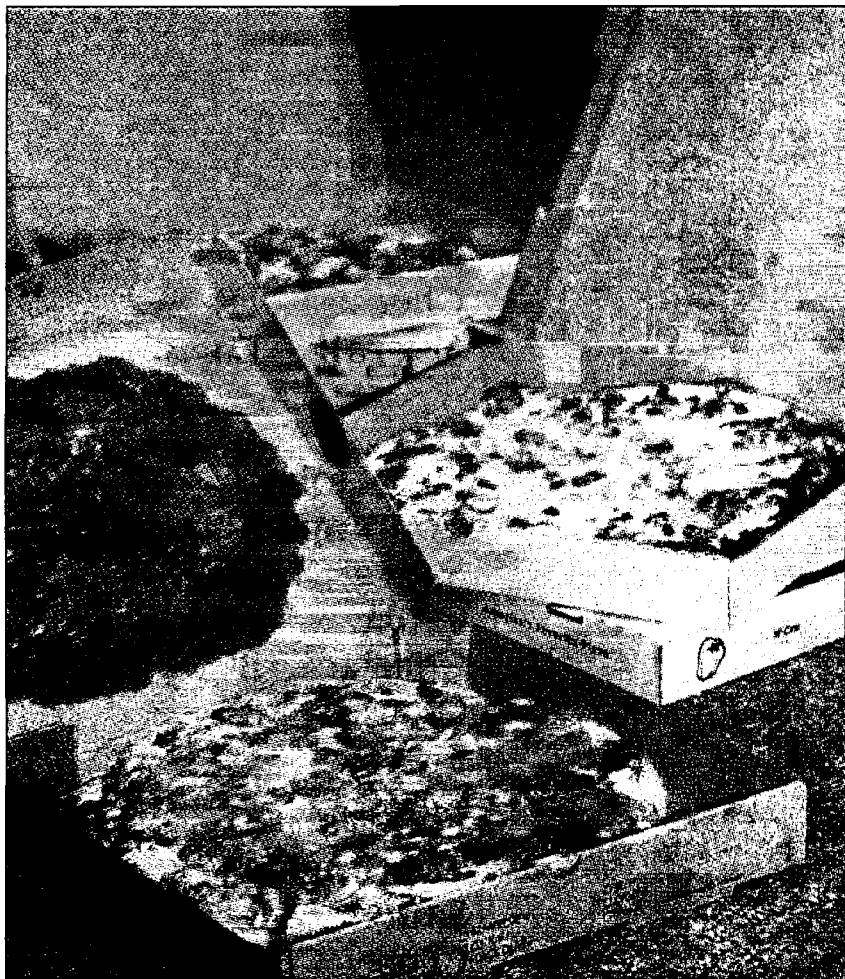
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Bruno's Pizza

Bruno's pie is the Natty Light of pizza. While it doesn't score particularly badly in any one area, it is entirely forgettable. Bruno's thrives on ambivalence. It does not taste good, but it does not taste bad either. You will eat it and feel strangely unsatisfied.

The toppings on this pizza are buried beneath a pancake of runny cheese, which strangely makes the slices much more fun to eat. Bruno's pie looked a lot more like a roadkill topped with mozzarella than a pizza. Eating this pizza is like drinking warm beer ... make that warm American beer.

Bruno's is located on 119 N Dixie Way. They are open from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 4 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call Dine-In to place a delivery order at (219) 675-9999.



Photos by AMANDA GRECO/The Observer

Confronted by a pile of pizzas, Scene taste-testers set out to sift through layers of toppings, cheeses, sauces and crusts to find out who serves up the tastiest slice in the Michiana area.

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and pepperoni

The following is a comprehensive guide to the best (and worst) pizzas around.

through Saturday, from 3 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Call Dine-In to place a delivery order at (219) 675-9999.

Polito's

Polito's pizzas make a stunning first impression. Upon opening the box, your eyes are met with a perfectly round pie, overflowing with toppings. Aesthetically, Polito's is a pretty pizza.

The initial taste of a slice of Polito's pizza is great — until you get to the crust. Perhaps due to the enormity of the pie, the crust is not adequately cooked. Its mushy consistency and nauseating, fermented yeast flavor (think of the lovely smell of ethanol that cloaks campus on a humid day) contribute to an unpalatable masticating experience.

"I feel like I'm eating a vegetable birthday cake," self-proclaimed pizza expert Nick Williams said of Polito's pie.

Crust aside, the rest of a Polito's pizza is not so disappointing. Though the sauce has the metallic zing reminiscent of the inside of the can from which it most likely came, the sauce is in proper proportion to the other ingredients. Buried beneath the toppings lies a bed of rather bland cheese. Rendering the cheese invisible is a smorgasbord of toppings, including sautéed onions, green peppers, pepperoni and sausage.

The toppings taste very good, and there is enough above the crust to somewhat compensate for the uncooked dough. If hungry enough, one could scrape off the toppings and still have enough for a full meal.

Polito's is located at 4615 Grape Road in Mishawaka. Hours vary, so call Polito's at (219)243-5385 for current hours. You can also place orders through Dine-In at (219)675-9999.

After extensive testing and a few antacid tablets the undisputed winner was the old standard, Pizza Hut. Its famous pan crust clinched its spot as number one. It seems that the best pizzas available to campus are from the big delivery chains. It is apparent from our results that the smaller restaurants are not going national for a reason.

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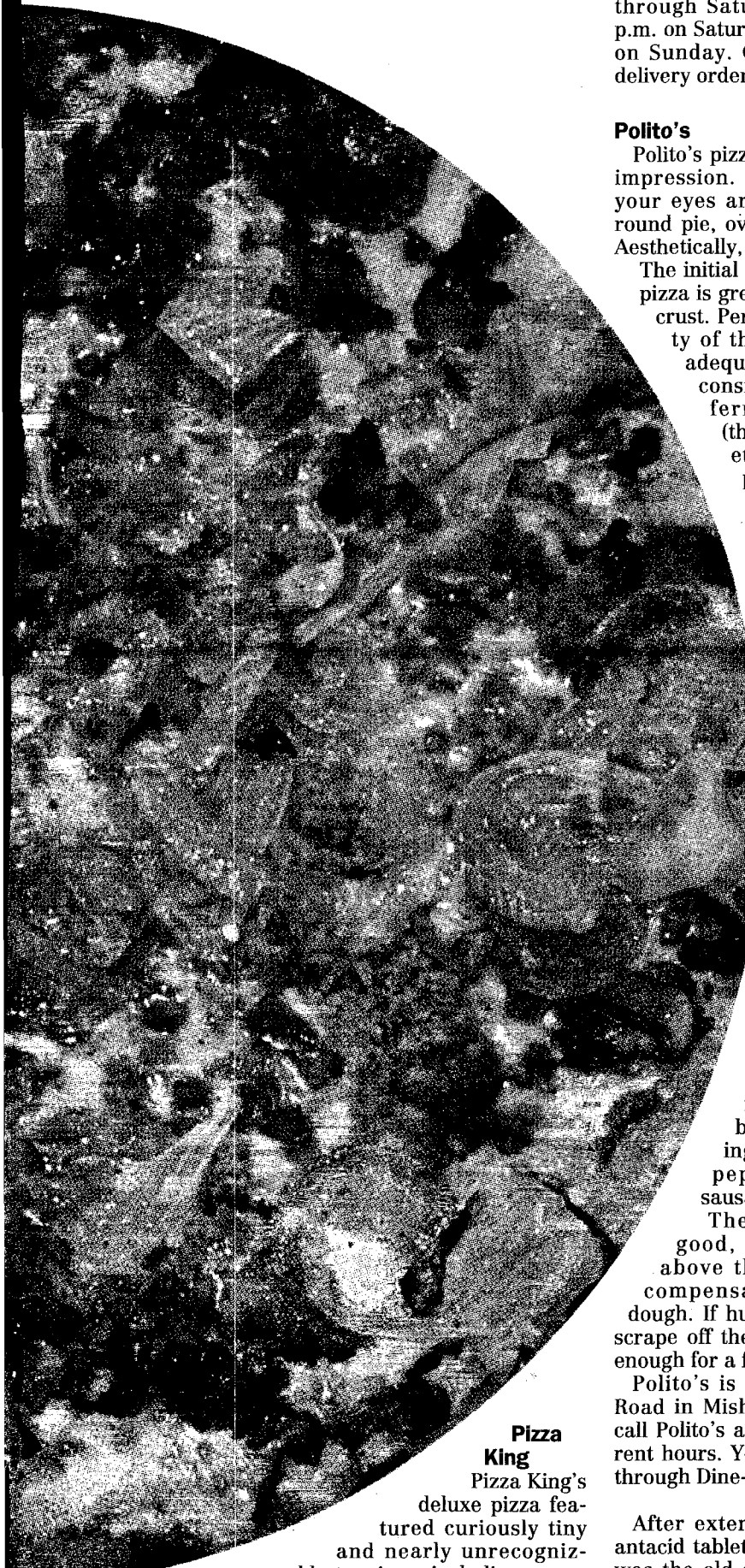
Pizza King







Pizza King's deluxe pizza featured curiously tiny and nearly unrecognizable toppings, including crumbled sausage and a tiny mosaic of uniformly shaped cubes of various vegetables. While the flavor is somewhat spicy and likable, the seeming absence of both crust and tomato sauce is disconcerting.

The cheese had a weak flavor and lacked the stretchiness of quality mozzarella. Thin-crust enthusiasts may enjoy the crispy outer edge of crust. Even though square-cut pizzas like this are always fun to eat, it still lacks the tang of a pizza with a zesty sauce or, at the very least, intact toppings.

Pizza King's pizza is at best pleasantly mild, but less exciting than, say, an 8:30 a.m. lecture about the culture of early American civilization.

Pizza King is located on 146 S Dixie Way. Pizza King has the most complex hours of any pizza parlor in the test. They are open from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday



	Pizza Hut Toppings A- Sauce A Crust A+ Cheese A- Overall A
	Bruno's Toppings C+ Sauce C+ Crust C Cheese C- Overall C
	Marco's Toppings A- Sauce C+ Crust D+ Cheese A- Overall B
	Pizza King Toppings D+ Sauce F Crust C- Cheese D+ Overall D+
	Papa John's Toppings B+ Sauce A- Crust B+ Cheese B Overall B+
	Polito's Toppings A+ Sauce B- Crust F- Cheese B+ Overall C-

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL GOLD LEAGUE

Rivalry heats up in Dillon-Keenan matchup

By DAVE COOK, MATT DeNICOLA
and ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writers

Forget about Stanford and Alumni. Dillon and Keenan are discovering that their greatest rivals are no longer outside their window, but across campus.

When Dillon and Keenan take the field Sunday afternoon, they will continue a rivalry that has been maturing through the years and became especially heated last year.

After suffering a crushing 16-0 loss to Dillon during the regular season, the Knights were able to pull together a double overtime win against Dillon in the playoffs.

"This is a huge rivalry," said Dillon defensive end Ryan Hernandez. "This game will be more intense than the game against Alumni."

The other returning Dillon players share the same sentiments as Hernandez.

"It was terrible losing [to Keenan] in double overtime," said Dillon captain Tayt Odom. "It was the hardest fought game I've ever seen."

The Knights, having returned many players from last year, also remember that game.

"Dillon is usually the best team in the league," said Brian Kunitzer. "That game was a big win for us. The odds of winning were against us."

Both teams have a history of being powerhouses in interhall football, and this year is no different. Both Keenan and Dillon realize this will not be an easy game, and they have been preparing for this game all week.

"We definitely have a lot of work to do," said Knights captain Brent Morlok. "Our offense needs to sharpen up, and we added quite a few new guys on defense."

Defensive linebacker Pat Robinson also realizes they will need to play better if they want to defeat Dillon.

"We showed a lot of errors [against Stanford] that we need to improve on," said Robinson.

Keenan will be looking to their experienced offensive line and freshmen quarterback Patrick Downey to carry them through to a victory.

On the other side of the ball, Dillon looks to keep the ball on the ground for most of the game. Look for Dillon running back Jason Visner to see a lot of action on Saturday.

"We don't have very good passing," said Odom. "Our strength is running the ball."

Hernandez summed up the feelings of Dillon this past week.

Stanford vs. Morrissey

It has often been said that the best offense is a good defense. As true as this may seem, the fact remains that you cannot win football games without scoring touchdowns.

Ask Stanford or Morrissey, neither of whom scored a touchdown in their season opener. But when these two teams face off this Sunday, neither team wants that to happen again.

"We've been focusing on defense and trying to improve the pass attack," said Stanford captain Dave Dilworth.

The Griffins allowed only one touchdown last week, and hope that the defense can step up in a similar fashion this weekend.

Stanford's defense may not need much work, but the offense struggled in their opener. Dilworth is confident that his offense can come alive.

"Our running game is our strength: running the ball, controlling the ball, and not giving it to the other team," Dilworth said.

Dilworth's confidence in the run is not unfounded, considering the two man back attack of Dan Campion and Mark McNamee, who each had seven carries in the last game.

"Our backfield is really strong ... they can always come up with a big play," said Dilworth.

But Morrissey is not frightened by the Griffin backfield.

"I think we are strong enough to beat any team," said Morrissey captain

Andy Baum. "If we need to make adjustments during the game, then we will."

The Manórites also allowed only one touchdown last Sunday, and expect to hold Stanford to a minimum number of points as well.

"We just prepared like we normally do," said Baum. "Last game both the offense and defense played well."

Obviously the Manórites are confident in their offense. Even if they played well last week, they will have to put points on the board to win. Behind quarterback Rick Ysasi (5 of 11 passing) and running back Edward Hernandez, Morrissey has a formidable offensive drive each time they get the ball.

Considering the similarities of these teams, this game could very well go down to the wire. Last season, Stanford was able to beat Morrissey for a spot in the playoffs.

"We were fighting to get in, they were fighting to get in ... it was a pretty intense battle," said Dilworth.

A battle is exactly what to expect. Both teams have a game under their belt, and used this game experience to fix any problems. And both teams expect win.

"This game is important because it will be our first win," said Baum. "It is real important to get that first win and get rolling."

The Griffins are just as confident.

"We still want to go 3-1," said Dilworth. "On a scale of one to 10, this game is a 10. We have to win out the rest of the season."

Both teams may have improved on their last performances. However, only one will win. The game begins at 1 p.m. at Stepan Fields.

Alumni vs. Keough

The match-up between Alumni and Keough this weekend could very well be one of the better in the regular season. Both defenses were very strong in their first game, and both teams had success with their running games.

Alumni marched down the field in several series during their 6-0 loss to Dillon, but two key turnovers kept the Dawgs out of the end zone.

"We're going to be more careful with the ball this week," said captain Nick Linstroth. "Our offense moved the ball well, but now we have to punch it in."

Alumni suffered a loss in the backfield after the game Sunday, as tailback Alex Roodhouse separated his shoulder. Taking his place will be sophomore T.J. Strachota.

The running game is anchored by the strong play of the offensive line. On numerous occasions last Sunday, the Dawg running backs found gaping holes that led to solid gains.

"We ran a lot of portside plays last week," said lineman Larry Rooney. "We're hoping to continue to pound it in there."

The passing game for Alumni did not provide as much impact against Dillon as quarterback Chris Cottingham completed only two passes.

A strong Keough defensive backfield looks to keep the Alumni passing game in check. Linebacker Brian Adams and safety James Waechter each had interceptions last week against Morrissey.

"With guys like Mike Perrone and Brian anchoring our defense, we hope to have another good outing," said Waechter.

The Kangaroo offense will be led by captain quarterback Andy Hess. Supporting him was the star of last week's game, running back Clay Nuelle. Nuelle scored the only touchdown in Keough's game last weekend.

"We looked at what we did both right and wrong, and we're hoping to improve on that this weekend," said Waechter. "We had a few good practices this week, and we're looking forward to a good game."

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Boy, I wish I could have some photos

Katie, good job with the features

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What am I going to do with a weekend off? Probably sleep - a lot.

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Almost there!

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

McGlinn looks to avenge last-second loss

By KEN CHAMPA, PHILIP KOESTERER and MATT LOZAR

McGlinn's motivation for this week's game against the Off-Campus team (0-3) can be found by taking a walk down memory lane. This week, McGlinn (0-1-1) has carried the memory of last year's game with Off-Campus.

The Off-Campus team used a "Hail Mary" last year to defeat the Shamrocks in the waning moments of a rain-soaked game, 7-0.

"It was really disappointing to lose like that," said veteran Sarah Vatterott.

This week's practice has brought back the memory of losing that heartbreaker, and the veteran Shamrocks are working to make sure it doesn't happen again.

This season the Shamrocks have worked on offensive creativity, thanks to newly found starting quarterback Julie Kremer.

"She (Julie) did a good job," said team captain Christa Gray. "She really has a lot of confidence."

"Our playbook is always expanding," said Vatterott. "We have a lot of fun in practice creating different plays."

What helps the offense click is the fact that all of the members have contributed.

"Everyone of our receivers caught a pass last game," said Vatterott. "Everyone contributed on offense for us."

McGlinn is also hoping to take advantage of the small size of Off-Campus's roster as

well.

"We know they (Off Campus) are small, and we're hoping to wear them out with our big roster," said Gray.

Combating the offensive attack of the Shamrocks will be the aggressive, blitzing defense of the Crime. Last week, the Crime was able to stymie the rushing attack of Cavanaugh by keeping steady pressure on the offensive line.

Off-Campus has found practice time hard to come by, which has made executing on offense very tough to do. Outside of the actual games, the Crime hasn't spent a great deal of time working out their offensive kinks. They have been held scoreless in their last two games.

Making the situation worse is the fact that the Crime's starting quarterback and team leader Abbey Ross will not be in action this Sunday, which will no doubt hurt an already struggling offense.

Farley vs. Howard

Farley quarterback Megan Sheehan and company are taking baby steps. Going into Sunday's match-up against the Howard Ducks at 2 p.m. on West Quad, Farley's Finest will concentrate on the fundamentals of victory.

The Finest were once again held scoreless on Tuesday night, this time against the Chicks of Lewis Hall.

"The coaching staff overcomplicated the offense [during that game]," said Farley offensive coach Chris Cordes. "We're going to simplify everything and work on the execution." That will likely involve having Sheehan throw shorter passes in the early part of the game.

"We just need to work with

"It was really disappointing to lose [on a last-second Hail Mary last year]."

Sarah Vatterott
McGlinn captain

the receivers and make sure that they're running the correct routes," said Farley coach Irish Thompson.

For their part, Howard will be working out of a more varied playbook. According to team captain Katie Cawley, this trend contributed to the Ducks' 18-0 win over the Off-Campus Crime Wave.

"[Cawley] had a huge game

running the ball [on Sunday], and we want to keep that up," said Howard coach Brad Untiedt.

"We worked more as a team, and when the coaches brought in a bunch of new plays, we communicated better and the plays worked," said Cawley. She and Howard quarterback Jill Veselik will be working to perfect the new plays and get their team back into Notre Dame and avenge last year's championship game loss. Thompson wasn't worried, however.

"Our Man-Cover-Two defense didn't look that good

against Lewis because they had really athletic receivers," Thompson said. "We haven't seen any stand-out receivers from Howard, so we're going to be keying off of the quarterback."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Ducks will look to freshmen players on the defensive line and its linebackers, led by sophomore Courtney Schuster, to prevent Farley from scoring any much-needed points.

"Our defense controlled the ball and had a great game [against Off-Campus]," said Untiedt.

Badin vs. Breen-Phillips

The battle of good defenses will be the highlight of Sunday's women's interhall football game between the Badin Bullfrogs and the Breen-Phillips Babes.

BP's defense led them to an 8-0 win over Pasquerilla West on the opening weekend of the season.

"Our defense is doing great," said BP captain senior Jenny Wahoske.

Leading the defense is sophomore outside linebacker Kelly Deckelman and free safety junior Tricia Keppel.

"Kelly made some great plays last week," said Wahoske.

The Bullfrog defense should also be ready to stop the Babes' offense.

"Our defense played really well in the last two games," said Badin co-captain Amy Marshall.

Sophomore cornerback Jen Craig and senior safety Beth Rimkus have led the Bulldog defense.

"Beth's interception in our last game [against Lyons] really helped us," said Marshall.

Both teams have changed their offense in practice this week.

"Our offense is okay, we have put in some new plays this week," said Wahoske.

"We put in a couple of plays," said Marshall. "Hopefully, we'll be able to

use them."

"We hope we win," said Wahoske. "We're excited to go out there."

"I think if we play like our last game," said Marshall. "We should be able to win."

The teams play at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at McGlinn Fields.

Pangborn vs. Lyons

A youthfull Pangborn squad takes the field against the Lyons Lions on Sunday in women's interhall football.

"Our team has all new faces and new coaches," said Pangborn co-captain senior Katrina Paulson.

Dillon Hall seniors Chris LaRossa and junior John Dues lead the Phoxes from the sideline.

Freshmen Charlotte Troupis and Alissa Mendoza play prominent roles on the offense and defense. Troupis is the Phoxes' quarterback while Mendoza plays at numerous defensive positions.

The Lions have worked on improving their defense this week.

"We have changed up our defense formation in practice," said Lyons senior captain Irene Onyeagbako.

Despite being neighbors, the captains did not seem to think there was any rivalry between the two dorms.

"There hasn't been a chance to build it up," said Paulson. "But I guess they would be our closest rival."

Hard work this week has led the Lions becoming more of a unit.

"Everyday we are looking better and better," said Onyeagbako. "We are improving daily. We pull out weight equally and put in a lot of hard work."

The Phoxes have one simple goal for this Sunday's game.

"We are just trying to win," said Paulson.

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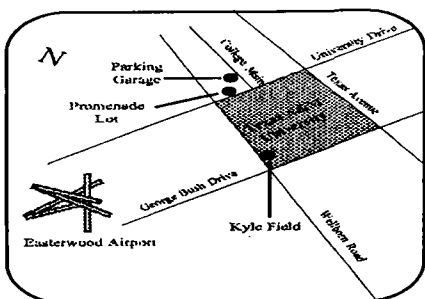
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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL BLUE LEAGUE

O'Neill hungry for more wins

By KEVIN BOYLE and MATT DeNICOLA
Sports Writers

What was it like for O'Neill Hall never having won before?

"It just made us that much more hungry," team captain John Enterline said.

O'Neill had a breakthrough win last week with a 14-7 victory over St. Ed's, but their hunger was not satisfied. O'Neill hopes to follow up last week's monumental win in their upcoming match-up with Fisher Hall.

"We're looking to build upon last week," Enterline said. "We're not going to stop after one win, we want to get something going and get into the playoffs. Every game is a big game."

Fisher is also coming off of a big win, last week they defeated Knott 24-8. The offense was productive against a traditionally stingy defense while the Wave's own defense forced four turnovers.

The Wave, however, is not cocky or complacent. They won't overlook the Angry Mob despite its lackluster football tradition.

"With new freshmen coming in any team could be a contender, you have to be ready every week," Fisher captain Ray Aftandilians said.

Last week both teams' defensive line did a good job of putting pressure on the quarterback.

"Our linebackers came up big last week, and our defensive line did a great job of applying pressure," Aftandilians said.

"We need to continue to do our best to have everyone go all out on defense until the whistle stops; that's what you have to do to win. Offense will help us out but defense is what will get us to the stadium."

On the offensive end, the Angry Mob stuck mostly to the ground while the Wave maintained a more balanced attack. Fisher was not as offensively dominant as the score would indicate, they got lucky and had one tipped ball that was caught for a touchdown. They need to and are focused on improving their execution against O'Neill.

"The catch got us through, but we want to make preparation work rather than luck this week," Aftandilians said.

O'Neill is looking to add a few new wrinkles this week to the offense that only passed three times last Sunday. They appear to have the weapons to do so, with quarterback Troy Montgomery connecting to wide receiver Kyle Johnson twice for touchdowns last game. If only they kept Interhall quarterback ratings.

Neither team is backing down this week, Fisher's main concern will still probably be stopping the O'Neill ground game while the Angry Mob needs to shut down Wave tailback Kameron Chappel and an effective aerial assault.

Stanford vs. Morrissey

It has often been said that the best offense is a good defense. As true as this may seem, the fact remains that you cannot win football games without scoring touchdowns.

Ask Stanford or Morrissey, neither of whom scored a touchdown in their season opener. But when these two teams face off this Sunday, neither team wants that to happen again.

"We've been focusing on defense and trying to improve the pass attack," said Stanford captain Dave Dilworth. The Griffins allowed only one touchdown last week, and hope that the defense can step up in a similar fashion this weekend.

Stanford's defense may not need much work, but the offense struggled in their opener. Dilworth is confident that his offense can come alive.

"Our running game is our strength: running the ball, controlling the ball, and not giving it to the other team," Dilworth said.

Dilworth's confidence in the run is not unfounded, considering the two man back attack of Dan Campion and Mark McNamee, who each had seven carries in the last game.

"Our backfield is really strong . . . they can always come up with a big play," said Dilworth.

But Morrissey is not frightened by the Griffin backfield.

"I think we are strong enough to beat any team," said Morrissey captain Andy Baum. "If we need to make adjustments during the game, then we will."

The Manorites also allowed only one touchdown last Sunday, and expect to hold Stanford to a minimum number of points as well.

"We just prepared like we normally do," said Baum. "Last

game both the offense and defense played well."

Obviously the Manorites are confident in their offense. Even if they played well last week, they will have to put points on the board to win. Behind quarterback Rick Ysasi (5 of 11 passing) and running back Edward Hernandez, Morrissey has a formidable offensive drive each time they get the ball.

Considering the similarities of these teams, this game could very well go down to the wire. Last season, Stanford was able to beat Morrissey for a spot in the playoffs.

"We were fighting to get in, they were fighting to get in . . . it was a pretty intense battle," said Dilworth.

A battle is exactly what to expect. Both teams have a game under their belt, and used this game experience to fix any problems. And both teams expect win.

"This game is important because it will be our first win," said Baum. "It is real important to get that first win and get rolling."

The Griffins are just as confident.

"We still want to go 3-1," said Dilworth. "On a scale of 1 to 10, this game is a 10. We have to win out the rest of the season."

Both teams may have improved on their last performances. However, only one will win.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles head to invite

By DESIREE BROSE
Sports Writer

The Belles cross country team is ready to run.

For the past three meets, the team has had a great opportunity to see where they stand and get to know each other's strengths and weaknesses. They are working together and ready to step forth and run through the finish line.

"We are starting to improve and unite as a team," said junior Jennie Buehler.

This Saturday at the Lakefront Invitational at Loyola University, Jackie Bauters is the runner to watch. So far, Bauters, a sophomore, has proven to be the strength of the team. She has been one of the Belles' top six runners in all three meets they have run in this year.

Her best time so far was 20 minutes, 43 seconds at the Aquinas College Invitational, the first meet of the season. She placed in the top 17 overall in all of the team's five-kilometer races. Bauters is hoping to enhance her time and place in the top five for this upcoming race.

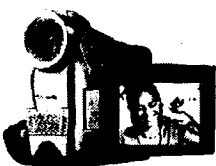
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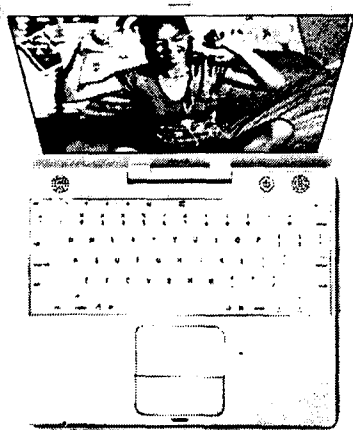
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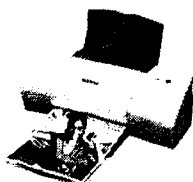
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Dutch sweep Belles

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Thursday was not a good day for the Saint Mary's volleyball team.

The bad news started when senior captain Angela Meyers' MRI revealed a torn ACL. Having lost their captain for the season, the Belles traveled to Holland, Michigan to face the conference leading Flying Dutch of Hope College.

The situation did not improve as Hope dispatched Saint Mary's in three straight games, 30-17, 30-25, 30-26.

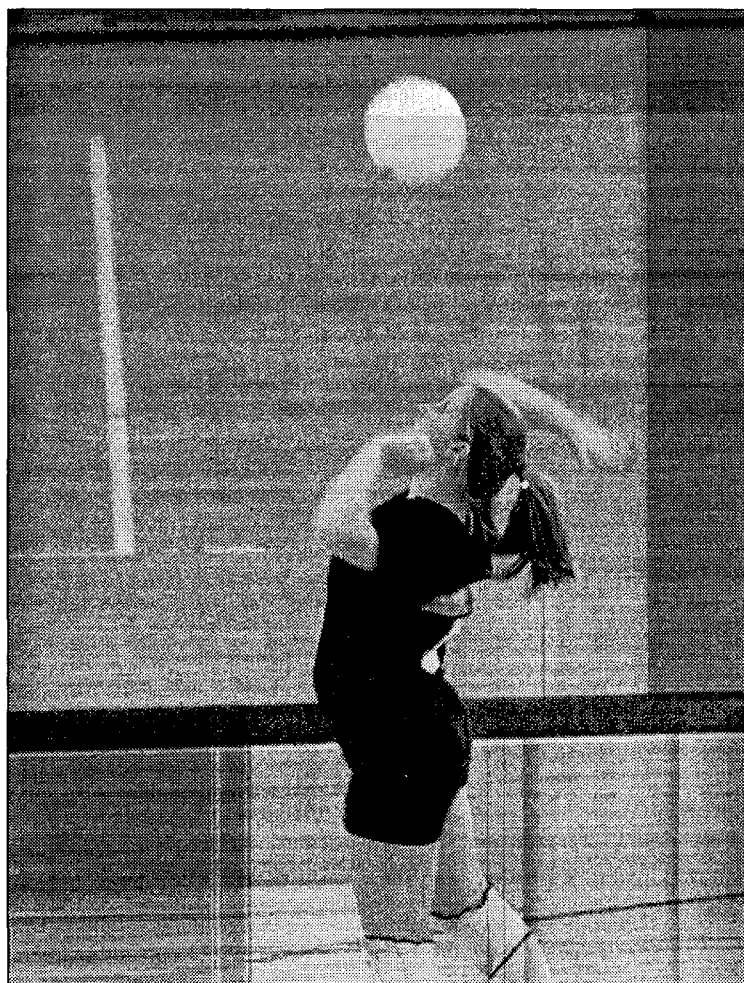
The Belles find themselves in a slump. Having lost their last four matches, the team needs a victory of any kind.

As though things weren't bad enough, her absence makes an already young team even more inexperienced. Losing Meyers depletes the senior count to three.

In place of Meyers, Saint Mary's had to look elsewhere to replace her. Alison Shevik led the team in that category with 13 total digs while Jolie LeBeau posted 10 kills and six blocks. Jaime Dineen chipped in 15 assists. Junior Elizabeth Albert, now the best statistical player, had the best all-around game with three aces, nine digs, and six kills.

However, in losing Meyers, the Belles not only lost their strongest statistical player, but also their captain. This senior has the longest tenure of anyone on the team along with two school records.

In an attempt to replace Meyers, LeBeau will take over



CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

A Saint Mary's player serves the ball during a match last week.

as the team leader. However, for the team to develop new chemistry, it will take time.

Throughout the season, Saint Mary's has struggled to develop on court chemistry and communication. After finally establishing some semblance of team cohesion on the court, suddenly the team is back to square one.

The team aims to regroup this weekend. The Belles look to snap their losing streak this Saturday as they host Alma and Barat in a three-team round robin tournament.

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HOCKEY

Blue-Gold game to raise cash for charity

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

This Sunday when the Notre Dame hockey team suits up for its charity Blue-Gold game, it will hit close to home. That is because the game is to raise money for the Coaches Foundation for cancer research. What makes it unique is that every player has dedicated the game to a person he knows with cancer.

Team captain Evan Nielsen is playing for Doug Wickenheiser.

"My dad played professional hockey, and one of his teammates was Doug," said Nielsen. "He was in his late thirties when he died of cancer. Everyone knows someone who has had it."

The idea for a cancer fundraiser started five years ago with the Notre Dame hockey Run for Cancer. That event lasted for three years. Last fall, the fundraiser was switched to a hockey scrimmage.

The idea for a cancer fundraiser came from Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh. Walsh was diagnosed with cancer, and then preceded to help set up the Coaches Foundation. Last year the

Blue-Gold game raised \$3,500 for the foundation.

Unfortunately a somber mood will be felt on Sunday, since Walsh passed away this week from his cancer.

"It was really shocking to hear about his death since all the news we heard indicated he was doing fine," said assistant coach Andy Slaggert.

"I was shocked by [Walsh's] death," said Nielsen. "He was a well respected coach, and it is a big loss for college hockey."

For the game the squad will split up into two teams, Blue and Gold. Assignments to the

teams was random, to ensure the match would be competitive. A bonus for Irish hockey fans is that this will be the first time to see the freshman

"[The Blue-Gold game] is a great thing to have. We just started this week, and it is nice to have a big kickoff for the season."

**Evan Nielsen
Irish captain**

class on ice. The play will consist of two 21-minute periods. The team is excited to be back on the ice trying to forget last year's disastrous campaign.

"It [the Blue-Gold game] is a great thing to have," Nielsen said. "We just started this week, and it is nice to have a big kickoff for the season."

The Irish have a scrimmage against the University of Toronto next weekend in the JACC. The season starts against Union College on Thursday Oct. 11th.

The Blue-Gold game action starts Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Admission is free, but fans are asked to make a donation at the door.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish battle Big East foes

By SUSAN CARPENTER
Sports Writer

The No. 24 Notre Dame women's volleyball team will face two crucial Big East opponents this week-end. The Irish start off against Virginia Tech tonight at 7 p.m. and finish with a contest against Georgetown on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tonight's match will be the first ever between Notre Dame and Virginia Tech. Unable to rely on past meetings, the Irish have been doing their homework by studying tapes and team statistics. At 3-7 and 0-2 in the Big East, Virginia Tech is the underdog, but the Irish consider their game with the Hokies to be an important Big East matchup.

"It doesn't matter what they're bringing," coach Debbie Brown said. "It matters what we're doing on our side of the net."

In Notre Dame's last match against Syracuse, the Irish had 10 aces and five service errors. Coach Brown hopes to continue to hit efficiently with a hitting percentage of .300 while holding the opponent to a .110 hitting percentage.

In their 11 matches with

Georgetown, the Irish lead the Hoyas 10-1. The Hoyas should not be underestimated, however. Last year's match was close with the Irish edging out on top 3-2.

"They've proved to have a stronger team each year we've played them," Senior captain Marcie Bomhack said, "We treat them as top contenders in the Big East."

The Hoyas are also enjoying a winning streak of their own. The team has won its last three games to bolster their season record to 5-4 and has a notable record of 2-0 in the Big East. Voted by the 13 Big East coaches to finish a strong fifth in the conference, Georgetown could be a formidable opponent for Notre Dame.

Leading the young Hoya team is Yulia Vtyurina who was selected as the Big East Player of the Week last week. The Irish are sure to heighten their intensity for this Big East competitor.

The Hoya victory over the Irish three years ago, "sparked a rivalry," Bomhack said. "We don't ever want that to happen again."

Notre Dame has a season record of 5-3 and is 1-0 in the Big East. After losing close battles with No. 1

Nebraska, No. 15 Pepperdine and No. 7 UCLA earlier in September, the team defeated Valparaiso and Syracuse to build its current two-game winning streak.

With renewed focus and a surge of momentum, the Irish look to maintain their dominating presence in the Big East, having not lost a Big East match since 1998.

Notre Dame has a winning mindset because the team takes each opponent one match at a time. Heading into a match, the Irish aim to win in 3 games. In addition, part of Notre Dame's strategy includes continually setting goals for themselves for each competition. The main objective for the Irish is to score points on the serve.

The team would also like to improve their overall statistics such as hitting percent blocks. Senior Malinda Goralski continues to be an important asset for the Irish. Leading the team with an average of over three kills per game, Goralski will be on offensive power while her ability to dominate the net will keep the Irish in control of the game.

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SMC SOCCER

Red-hot Belles win third straight

By KATRINA KALASKY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's didn't play like a team of freshman Thursday.

When SMC took the field against Indiana Tech, the team was playing against a squad that had only played teams of freshmen. Indiana Tech never stood a chance against the Belles, who slapped them with a 5-0 victory for their third consecutive season victory.

"Since the scrimmage [against Indiana Tech earlier this season] the girls have matured as players and established a composed style of play," said head coach Bobby Johnston.

After a 0-5 start to the season, the young Belles team is finally moving in the right direction.

They dominated the whole game, beginning with the three goals they scored in the first half. Two were scored by freshman Shannon Artnak and one was scored by freshman Jen Concannon, who has been an instrumental player with four goals and five assists in the past week.

"We came together as a team," Concannon said. "We were passing well and we're getting the job done."

During the second half, Saint Mary's freshmen continued to

dominate play. Freshman Molly McCavitt scored twice, once on a penalty and again on a corner kick. There was no contest on offense. Saint Mary's had 37 shots on goal while Indiana Tech could only manage 5.

At the halfway point in their season, most of the players contribute their recent winning streak to having more experience working as a team.

"We know how to play together as a team now," McCavitt said.

With three wins under their belts, the Belles continue their MIAA season against number one ranked Albion College on Sunday.

Despite the fact that his young team is taking on a conference powerhouse, Johnston plans to keep everything just as it is.

"We've been playing well so we will keep the same style," he said.

The Belles winning streak has increased their confidence and they are ready to take on solid competition.

"It should be a good game," said captain Lynn Taylor. "We're coming in with a lot of good momentum and a lot of confidence."

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SMC GOLF

Belles in thick of MIAA championship hunt

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

No more practice runs. Today is the real thing.

Three MIAA tournaments, each one with a different winner, and two months of practice all come down to this weekend.

Saint Mary's wraps up its conference season this weekend at the MIAA Championship at Brookwood golf course and the Belles want to come home with a

trophy.

"We all want to win," team captain Megan Keleher said. "We've really been leading up to this and we've been playing consistently all season."

Consistency is going to be key for the Belles this weekend. Competition Hope and Alma have been lead by a single solid player shooting under 80 — Lacy Wicksall for Hope and Courtney Rheinhardt for Alma. But Saint Mary's plays solidly across the

board, with all four of their top golfers finishing in the top 10 in the three past MIAA tournaments.

This weekend, as they tee off on their home course, the Belles are hoping that consistency comes through.

"We have a big advantage playing on our own home course," Keleher said. "I think that's key ... because we know the course so well we'll all play consistently."

Keleher will be joined by a

young group of golfers who have led the team all season. Freshman Stefanie Simmerman has consistently been the top golfer for the Belles this season and is hoping to be a top finisher again this weekend.

"Personally my goal is to go out there and play to the best of my ability," she said. "I'm really looking to go out there and place somewhere in the top three or four."

Freshman Julia Adams, sophomore Liz Hanlon and junior Molly Lee will take their places alongside Keleher and Simmerman as the Belles top five golfers.

"As an individual I think that because it's a championship round ... I hope to post a good score and to help the team,"

Hanlon said.

The Belles posted a victory during the first MIAA tournament, but fell to third and second in the next two tournaments. But this weekend they have the home course advantage. The last three years competition at Brookwood Golf Course has been rained out, so this weekend marks the first time any MIAA team will step foot on the course.

"This is a great benefit to us because this course is one that every other girl in the conference is not a favorite of," Hanlon said. "Knowing the course is a big benefit for us."

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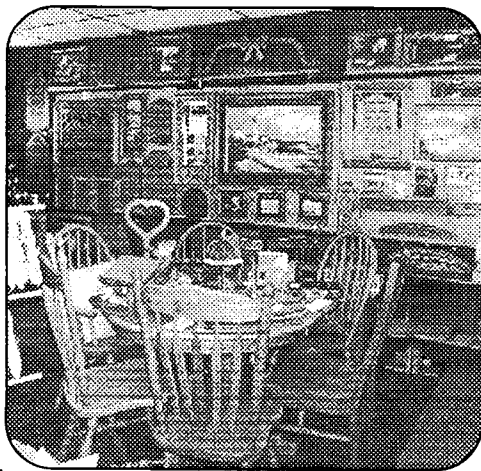
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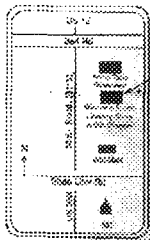
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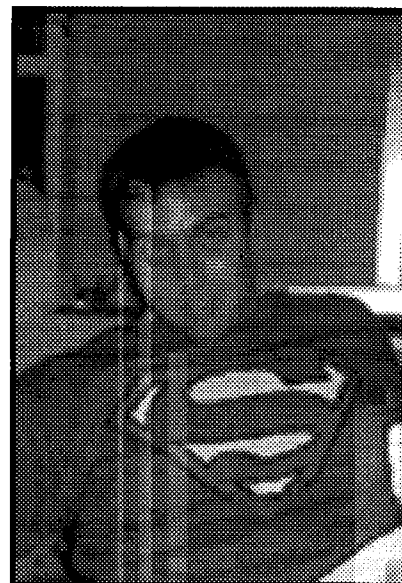
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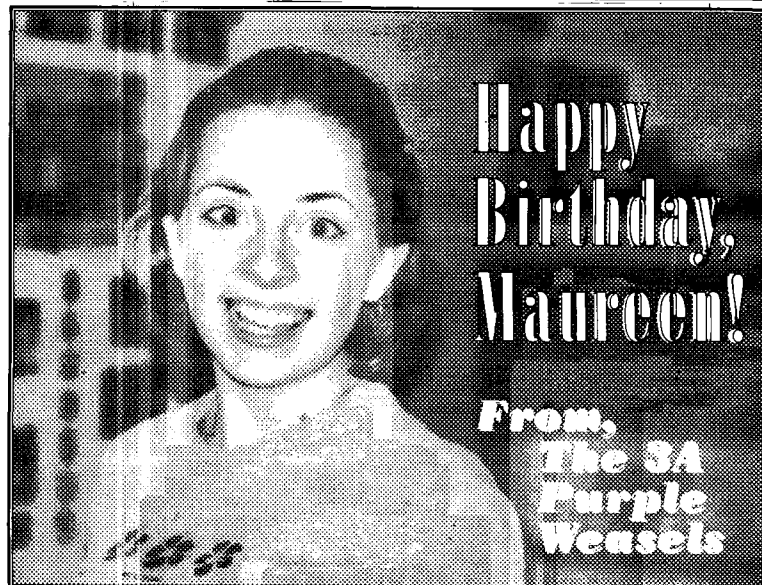
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

New coach brings new approach

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:30 a.m., Shannon Byrne and her teammates crawl out of their beds and head to the weight room to begin the day's circuit training.

This is a new era in Notre Dame women's golf.

After just three victories last season and unorganized practices, the Irish, under the direction of their first full-time coach, are ready to focus their efforts on making a name for the team. This weekend, they start with their first intercollegiate tournament.

"I have a five year plan to get us into the top 25 [in the nation's women's golf rankings]," said new coach Debbie King.

King has led the University of Memphis women's golf program to the NCAA tournament four out of the past five seasons.

Their quest begins Saturday at the Warren Golf Course, where the Irish are looking to defend their Notre Dame Invitational title. The competition this year is supposed to be tougher than before. Under the leadership of King, the team has stepped up its workouts and they feel they are ready to win.

The Irish have not played since the Notre Dame Women's Golf Campus Championship Sept. 7 and 8.

"We're itching to get going," said Byrne.

In the past, the golfers usually had to practice on their own, as there was not much structure with a part-time

coach. King's full-time presence has completely altered the team's routines, with the weight and cardio workouts two mornings a week as well as more structured practices in general.

"The additional structure has caused us to focus," said Byrne. "We're all on the same page now, and we know exactly what's expected of us."

King believes one of the major keys to improving the team's stature is getting the players to believe in themselves.

"I like to work my players from the inside out," she said.

King, showing her dedication to the Irish, summed up her reason for coming to Notre Dame in one sentence.

"I felt my chances of winning a national championship would be better [at Notre Dame]," she said.

There are not just one or two leaders of the Irish. "Everyone will have their time to contribute, and everyone's going to be needed," said Byrne.

In addition to veterans Rebecca Rogers, Kristin McMurtie, Jeanne Murphy, Taibl, and Byrne, the team will also look to freshmen Karen Lotta and Casey Rotella.

The members of the Irish women's golf team realize that changes are coming to their program, and are looking forward to the prospects proposed to them by King.

"Things are going up for us. We all feel like we're a part of something," Byrne said. "That's exciting. It's a challenge."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish race to weekend meets

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The men's cross country team will head to Kalamazoo, Mich. this Saturday for the Central Collegiate Championships without their top runners. All-Americans Ryan Shay and Luke Watson, who combined with sophomore Todd Mobley to take the first three spots in last weekend's National Catholic Invitational will not run. Seniors Pat Conway and Marc Striowski, or sophomores David Alber and Brian Kerwin will also take the weekend off from competition.

After last week's first place finish at the National Catholic Invitational, the team moved up to No. 4 in the national rankings.

Juniors Kevin Avenius, John Keane, Kevin Brown and Nathan Shay, sophomore Kevin Somok, senior Tom Lennon, freshmen Ryan Johnson and Eric Morrison and fifth year senior Sean Zanderson will run for Notre Dame this Saturday.

"I have no idea how they're going to finish," said head coach Joe Piane. "And if you were to ask them they would say the same thing."

Though next week's Notre Dame Invitational will be their first opportunity for the team to be tested against other nationally ranked competi-

tion, this meet will provide a good chance for the middle of the pack runners to possibly move into varsity competition.

"It's not quite as big of a meet, but it's a crucial meet for those that are on the bubble," said Avenius. "That's why we're running the group we are."

Western Michigan and Ohio University should be the closest competition for Notre Dame. Though the runners will be different from the full strength Irish lineup, the same pack strategy that fueled last weekend's individual and team success will prevail in Saturday's race. Notre Dame took the first, second, third, fifth, eighth, 11th and 16th spots in last weekend's meet.

"On any given day, there are 10 guys competing for the number four, five, and six spots," said Avenius. "It's going to be tough for the coach to make that call, but you have to go week to week."

"It's a good problem to have," said Piane.

The women will also hold out their top seven runners from last week's National Catholic Championships, where they took second out of the 26 team field.

Junior Jen Handley, who took first place in the meet, as well as freshman Lauren King, sophomore Megan Johnson, who was third at the National Catholic Championships,

and freshman Christi Arnerich, will rest this weekend. Junior Susan Creary, sophomores Rachel Endress and Megan Peterson, senior Hilary Burn, and freshman Katie Wales will be among those competing Saturday.

"We want to give those kids an opportunity to compete in a race that's a team situation," said head coach Tim Connelly. "We can use this meet as a gauge to see where we are."

Ohio University, Wisconsin, and Detroit Mercy should be the teams closest to Notre Dame.

"We're going to make a conscious effort to work together," said Endress.

"Everyone, no matter what level. We have to work on pack running and motivating each other."

As the team continues to grow this season they have combined experience with new talent. They will also continue to develop their pack running strategy.

"It helps being able to go out where you're supposed to and stay with front runners at start," said Creary.

"The group is very talented, and we are confident about our ability to compete," said Endress.

"A lot of the people, especially Susie Creary and Megan Peterson have improved vastly since last year."

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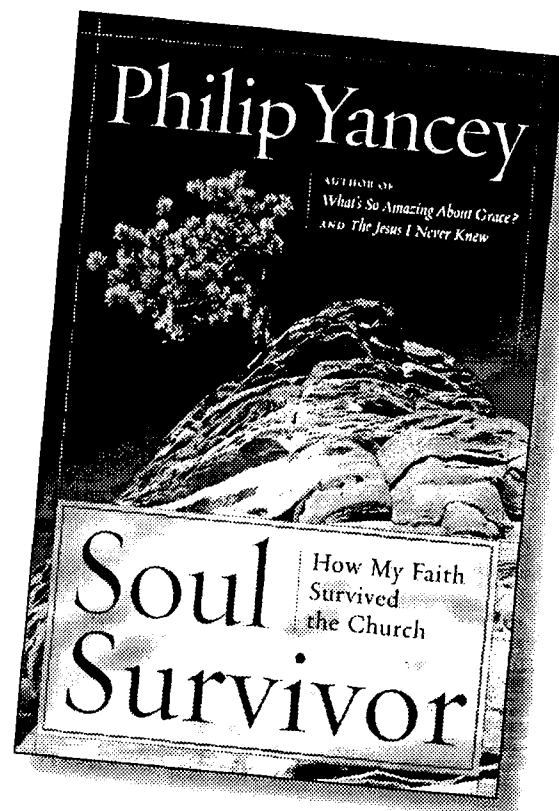
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1934 marks beginning of a revolution

♦ Jackson Park Tournament marks first competition for Saint Mary's

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

When Anne Pikosovits and Frances Fuller were playing field hockey at Saint Mary's, they had no idea they were creating a revolution.

They simply wanted to have fun with their friends. So in the fall of 1934, 12 women came together to form a field hockey team, marking the first time there was any organized athletic team at the College.

"We just wanted to have fun, to get out of the classroom," said Pikosovits, who will accept the 1934 Field Hockey Team's Hall of Fame induction at Angela Athletic Facility Saturday. "We wanted to do something besides study all the time ... that's how we got together."

Under the direction of Isabel Kane, a physical culture instructor at the College, the students met for practice and scrimmaged after class. For most of them, it was the first time they had been exposed to the sport.

While Pikosovits remembers impromptu volleyball games held in the gymnasium, and the College handbook states students took daily walks down the tree-lined avenue for "fulfillment of daily exercise," women's athletics were unheard of in the 1930s.

The team soon made a name for itself both within Saint Mary's community and the region when they were invited to play in Jackson Park's Play Day in Chicago, a regional tournament for teams from local colleges. The South Bend Tribune reported on the event, writing that the College sponsored a spaghetti dinner, a "rousing" pep rally and sold hockey patches to fund the team's trip.

For the team who had never played against anyone but themselves, it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

"We were so young, so inexperienced ... we hadn't played anyone else," Pikosovits said. "We had never left the campus for a game before."

The team was scheduled for three 15-minute games on Saturday, Nov. 10, 1934, and walked away tying University of Chicago, 0-0. They lost one game to Battle Creek College 2-0, and won by default to Lake Forest College, who did not appear for its game.

One year later and with one year's more experience, the team returned to the Jackson Park tournament on Nov. 9, 1935, and notched a victory against Northern Illinois State Teachers College. They tied North Junior College 0-0, and lost to Northwestern University.

Within the next five years, a basketball, equestrian, tennis, canoeing, volleyball, track and field, archery, golf, badminton and hiking teams were established. Within the next 50 years, the College would field eight teams for varsity competition and join the NCAA as a full-fledged member.

But tell that to Pikosovits and Fuller now, and they'll humbly tell you they just did it to have fun.

"I think this is a very novel idea," Fuller said. "It was important to me and the team."

"I feel very humble," Pikosovits said. "I feel a lot of pride in it...I didn't want to pat myself on the back, but I thought it was a pretty good thing to happen."

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Megan Dalsaso, '94 (above) and Karen Lorton, '93 (below) are two of the inductees in the inaugural class of the Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame.

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♦ Belles athletics changes from single team to conference champion

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

It's not a history that includes perfecting the forward pass or claiming countless national championships, but it is a history worth revisiting, a history full of growth and expansion. From the first team to take the field in 1934 to the first MIAA championship team last year, the Saint Mary's athletic department has grown with the times.

In 1934, 12 women took the field as the first organized athletic team in Saint Mary's history and won one game. That was the beginning of a program that features seven varsity teams, a complete intramural schedule and a physical fitness program today.

"That was just such a fabulous statement and landmark for Saint Mary's," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

Following that first game in 1934, the department moved from an intramural program to an NAIA member up to NCAA status in 1990.

By 1982, Saint Mary's had established a complete varsity program, sporting swimming and diving, softball, basketball, gymnastics and crew. The Belles established a solid rivalry with Notre Dame's varsity women's teams and had their share of competition across route 31.

The Belles seemed to take control in volleyball, beating the Irish the first two years the women played varsity, but always seemed to fall short in basketball, keeping a series record of 0-10 against the Irish.

"Although the rivalry is a fairly new one, the intensity is high," said Mary DiStanislao, former Notre Dame women's basketball coach.

With the intensive program under way, the Belles needed a conference affiliation. Under the leadership of athletic director Erin Murhpy, Saint Mary's joined the NAIA in the first step toward establishing itself in the athletic world.

Following its arrival in the NAIA, Saint Mary's had one of its best spring seasons in history. The softball team claimed the Indiana Division III Championship and 14 members of the track and field team qualified for nationals. Eleven grabbed top six finishes.

When Jo-Ann Nester took over in 1984, the NAIA wasn't enough. Over the next five years Nester looked into membership and by 1989, the Belles had dual membership in the NCAA and NAIA.

"As an NCAA Division III affiliate, we now have the opportunity to compete in a non-scholarship division among schools with athletic and academic philosophies similar to ours," Nester said at the time. "This kind of peer scheduling clearly will allow our teams to be more competitive in post-season play at the district, regional and national level."

For the next nine years the Belles would play in the NCAA without any conference affiliation and the basketball program hit its peak under the leadership of Marvin Wood.

In the fall of 1999, Saint Mary's would take its final steps to becoming the program it is today.

Beginning in 1997, the Belles had been playing with the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Finally, in 1999, they took the final step and became full-fledged members of the MIAA. Acting athletic director Jini Cook took the Belles most of the way and then handed the program over to Kachmarik for completion.

"Coaches recruiting for their sports can offer a stable conference, a stable schedule and a strong competition to incoming freshman athletes," Cook said after she brought Saint Mary's into the MIAA.

Two years later, the Belles have one MIAA championship to their name and are looking for another one this weekend.

Over 60 years after the first Saint Mary's women took the field, moving from intracollege competition to state level competition, Saint Mary's is still looking ahead.

"Now I would like to see our teams compete at the NCAA Division III national level," Kachmarik said.

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seasons.

Meghan Rafferty Weldon graduated in 1988 with her name already embossed in Saint Mary's history. As a member of the Belles swimming and diving team she set three school records as an individual and qualified as part of three record-breaking relay teams for the

national championship. Weldon held individual school records in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle.

The 90's produced the largest part of the 2001 induction class. After joining the NCAA in 1991, Saint Mary's had more to offer its student athletes.

1991 graduate Nicole Hill Colucci still holds the record in the indoor 1-mile and 2-mile run and was the 10,000-meter District Champion. During her stay at Saint Mary's she was

named Most Valuable Player on the track team and received the Coach's Leadership Award.

Kelly Cook, a 1992 graduate, led the Saint Mary's soccer team during her tenure at the campus. She was a three-time All-Region soccer player and was named to the NSCAA All-American team.

Rounding out the class of 2001 are 1993 graduate Karen Lorton and 1994 graduate Dalsaso. Lorton holds six school records in volleyball and earned the

NCAA All-Region player Award. Dalsaso, like Cook, was named to the NSCAA All-American team in soccer and was a three time All-Region player.

Activities this weekend are focused around intermingling alumni and current student athletes. Tonight at 7 p.m. there will be an alumni basketball game and inductees are encouraged to cheer on current Belles teams during Saturday's home soccer, volleyball and golf competitions.

Alumni will also have the

opportunity to face off against future hall-of-famers in alumni/varsity tennis, softball and volleyball matches on Saturday afternoon. Alumnae soccer players can compete with current Belles soccer players on Saturday, and the swim team will host an alumnae meet at Rolfs Aquatics Center Sunday morning.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 4 Irish: We're finally playing up to our ability

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

After struggling in some of their early games due to injuries, the No. 4 Irish are finally healthy and ready to return to last year's form that carried them all the way to the NCAA Final Four.

With a three game streak and a newfound confidence, the Irish hope to continue their momentum this weekend against Big East opponents Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

"For the first time all season, all three separate units — offense, midfield and defense — we're on the same page," said senior fullback Lindsey Jones. "Tuesday was a great reminder that we are capable of playing well together. I think we have moved past some of the mistakes that hurt us at the beginning of the season because we are communicating with one another."

While the Irish certainly showed they were capable of defeating any team in the country with their resounding victory over No. 3 Nebraska on Tuesday, the Irish have yet to be tested on the road this season. On Friday night, the Irish will leave the friendly confines of Alumni Field and travel to Pittsburgh.

While the Pittsburgh Panthers are not regarded as one of the stronger teams in the Big East, Notre Dame knows full well that they cannot take anyone lightly.

"I do not think playing on the road will be a problem for us because all of our upperclassmen have traveled and played on the road before," said Jones. "Playing on the road will be a new experience for the freshmen, but I think we are ready for the game Friday night."

The Irish expect Pittsburgh to play a very defensive-oriented game to offset Notre Dame's superior athleticism and speed. The Panthers

boast last year's Big East goalie of the year Rachel Brown. The Irish must rely on the passing abilities of their midfielders Randi Scheller and Mia Sarkesian to create quality scoring chances for forwards Amy Warner, Amanda Guertin, and Kelly Tulisiak.

The Irish will have little time to recuperate from Friday's game against the Panthers as they must return to South Bend to host the West Virginia Mountaineers on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field. Sunday's game for the Irish is critically important because the Mountaineers are currently tied with the Irish for the Big East lead.

Last year, the Irish squeaked out an overtime victory at West Virginia so they know that West Virginia is eagerly awaiting their chance to avenge last year's loss.

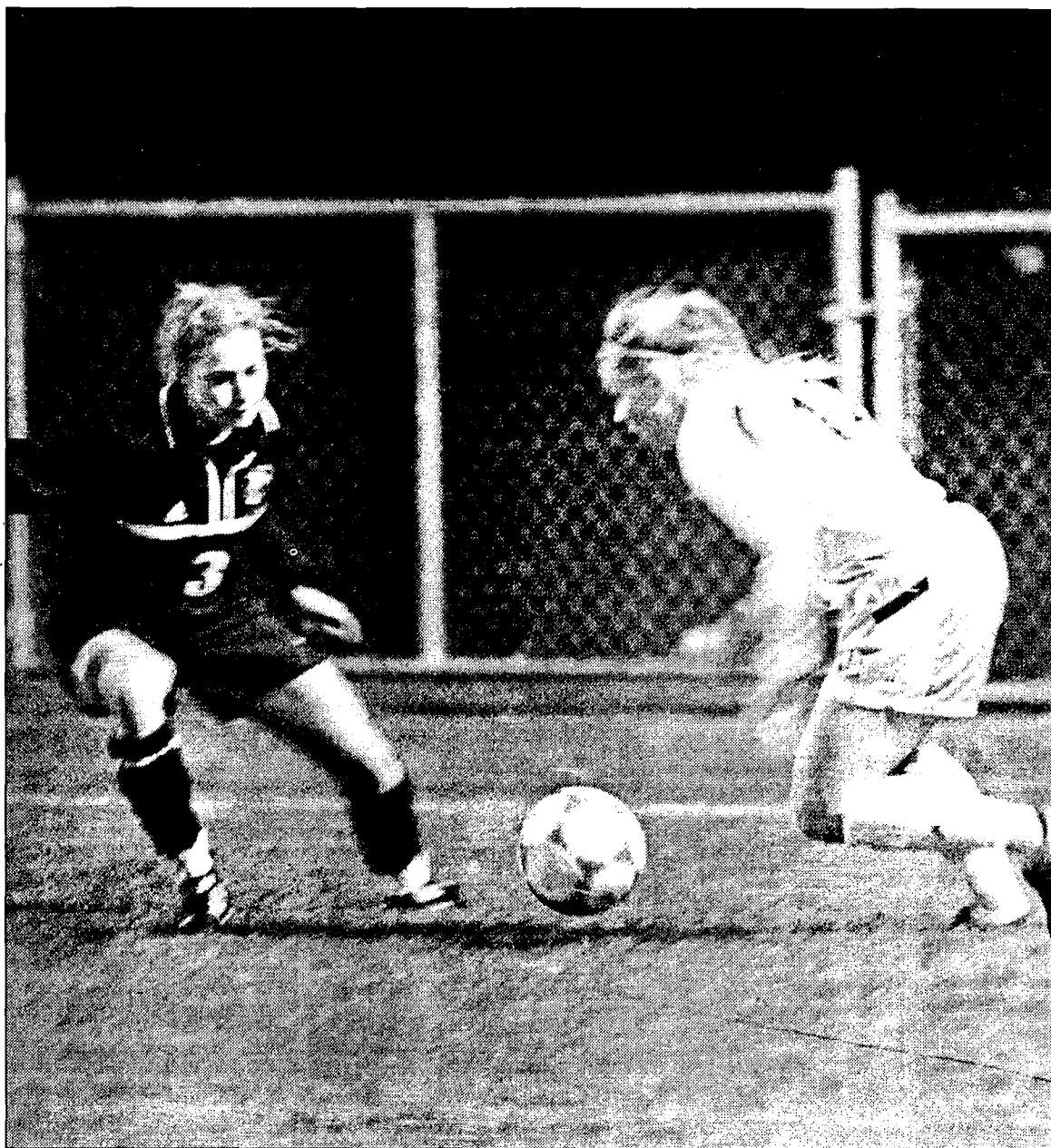
"This is a huge game for us for so many reasons," said Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum. "This game will go a long way in determining who will the Big East Title."

West Virginia has three all-Big East players in their starting lineup including projected Big East offensive player of the year Katie Barnes. West Virginia is an excellent team.

"They already have some big wins this season including a big win over No. 19-ranked Auburn," said Waldrum. "I expect West Virginia to give us a real challenge so we must play our best to defeat them on Sunday."

The Irish's record currently sits at six wins and one tie. If they play the way they did against Nebraska on Tuesday night, their record will most certainly be improved to eight wins and one tie at the end of this weekend while sitting atop the Big East with four wins and zero losses in conference play.

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Sophomore forward Amy Warner dribbles around a Nebraska defender during Notre Dame's 1-0 win last Tuesday night.

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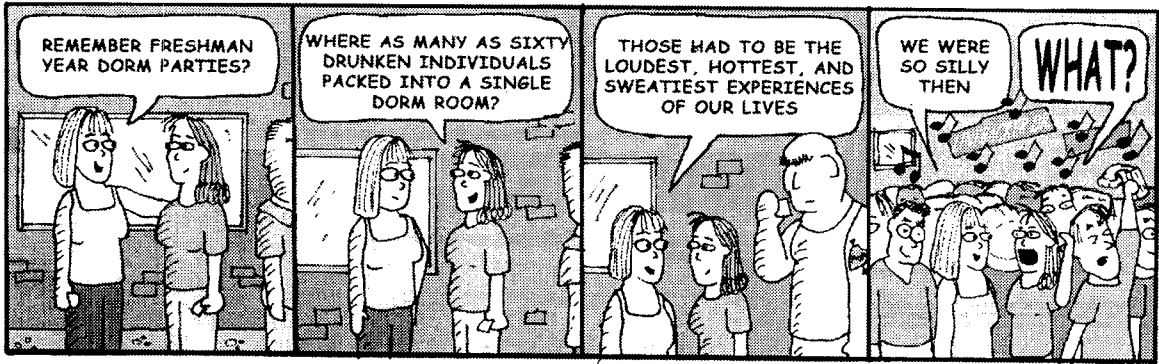
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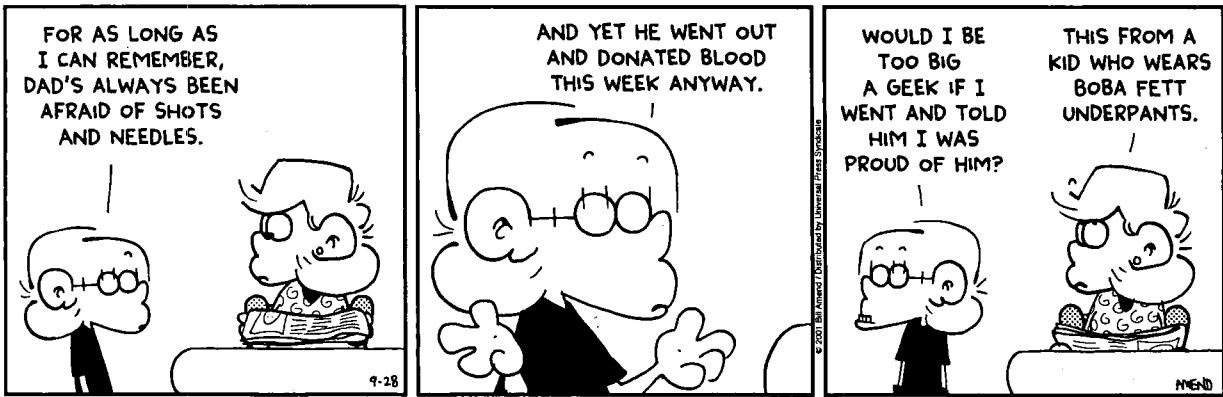
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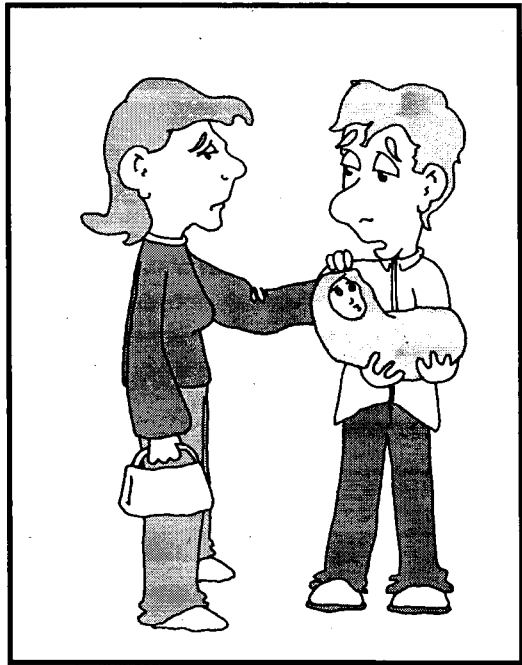
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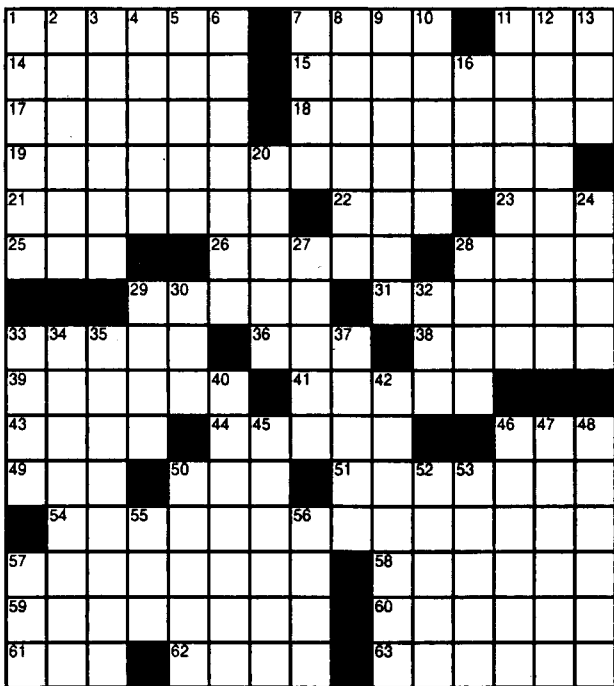


"I was with a lot of women at the time, so I don't know who the mother is."

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Saint Mary's remembers the athletes and coaches who brought athletics from one field hockey team to a rising MIAA force with induction in the College's new Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Story by
Katie McVoy



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The 1934 Saint Mary's field hockey team that will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday was the first organized athletic team in College history. Nine other individuals will be inducted with the team this weekend.

This weekend will be a weekend of memories and a weekend aimed at the future. A wall in Angela Athletic Facility that has long remained empty will become a memorial to the members of Saint Mary's athletics who came before and forever changed the face of Belles athletics.

On Saturday, the Saint Mary's athletic department will re-institute the Athletic Hall of Fame and hold the first formal induction in department history.

"It was something I wanted to do the day I got here," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "I feel ... there are so many women [and men] who need to be recognized."

The Hall of Fame, which was instituted in 1993 by athletic director Jo-Ann Nester, is currently home to only four Saint Mary's athletes. After the class of 1994 was named, the Hall of

Fame fell into disuse and it wasn't until Kachmarik became athletic director in 1999 that the idea to reopen the Hall of Fame came to light.

"I've been researching," Kachmarik said. "This is a natural time to do this. We're trying to get back in touch with alumnae."

Ten former members of the Saint Mary's athletic department will mark the inaugural class. Beginning with the 1934 field hockey team that competed as the first represented Saint Mary's team and culminating with 1994 graduate Megan Dalsaso, the men and women who will be inducted cover over 50 years of Saint Mary's athletic history.

"Their stories, what they have to say, is the best part of this induction ceremony," Kachmarik said. "It's not what we're going to say about them, it's what

they're going to say to us to give us more appreciation and more memories of Saint Mary's."

The 1934 field hockey team competed in the first intercollegiate athletic event in Saint Mary's history. The team took part in the Jackson Park Play Day Hockey tournament.

"Some things just stood out with the 1934 field hockey team," Kachmarik said. "It was just a given — This is a team that went out and represented us back in 1934."

Mary Fran Shaff Meekison, a 1940 graduate of Saint Mary's, played an important part in Saint Mary's athletic history before varsity athletics were a part of the department. She won the Helen Holland Voll Trophy in 1938 for outstanding participation in intramural athletics. She was a key player on her class' basketball team while at Saint Mary's and remains an involved

alumna. The athletic department recently named "The Mary Fran Meekison Senior Athlete Service Award" in her honor.

"Her commitment to Saint Mary's since she has left here [is obvious]," Kachmarik said.

Nester, who served as the athletic director for Saint Mary's from 1984-1993, contributed to the progress of the Saint Mary's athletic program. In 1989 she began taking steps to change Saint Mary's from an NAIA team to full NCAA Division III status.

"There's a whole history of sports before varsity athletics," Kachmarik said.

Marvin Wood is in the minority. However, being the only male member of the induction class is not the only way he has distinguished himself. Wood served as the head basketball coach at Saint Mary's from 1984-1995. The Saint Mary's team played some of its most successful years

under his leadership and, following his death in 2000, the department dedicated a memorial bench to him. His wife Marilou will represent him on Saturday.

"Marvin Wood, a coach who gave so much to Saint Mary's, was just part of history here," Kachmarik said. "He just epitomizes everything [we stand for]."

The last six members of the class of 2001 represent the height of varsity play at Saint Mary's. Debbie Laverie, a 1985 graduate, pioneered the Saint Mary's tennis program that has recently risen to prominence. Laverie was Saint Mary's first NAIA All-American tennis player, was named to the All-District team and qualified for national championships. After graduation, she turned to coaching and was named the District III Coach of the Year for three consecutive

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taking Center stage

Holiday newest hope for Irish offense

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Desperate to avoid the first 0-3 start in school history, an 0-2 Notre Dame football team enters Saturday's game at undefeated Texas A&M the object of national scrutiny, piloted by first-time starter Carlyle Holiday.

Holiday's ascent to the highest pressure position in college football clearly illustrates a team in dire need of offensive fireworks. The Irish have scored just 20 points in their first two games, struggling to maintain drives and facing third and long passing situations that have frequently turned into completions well short of the first down marker.

"The reality is that we're not scoring enough points," said Irish head coach Bob Davie Tuesday. "Carlyle deserved that opportunity to see if he can generate points."

Davie understands that Holiday can only do so much to put the ball in the end zone.

"I think our team understands we need execution in all phases," Davie said. "We needed to improve in so many ways to win, it doesn't matter who was the quarterback."

The Irish have shown only brief flashes of proper execution, mostly on defense.

The Irish front seven anchored by Grant Irons, Courtney Watson and Tony Weaver has been solid this season, holding highly touted tailback T.J. Duckett to just 71 yards while putting up a fierce

pass rush during Notre Dame's loss to Michigan State.

With seniors Jordan Black and Kurt Vollers providing effective run blocking and with Holiday under center, the Irish line will have an easier time keeping their young signal caller off his back.

"With Carlyle back there, it makes pass blocking a lot easier," said Black. "We'll run a lot of options just because Carlyle's an option kind of guy."

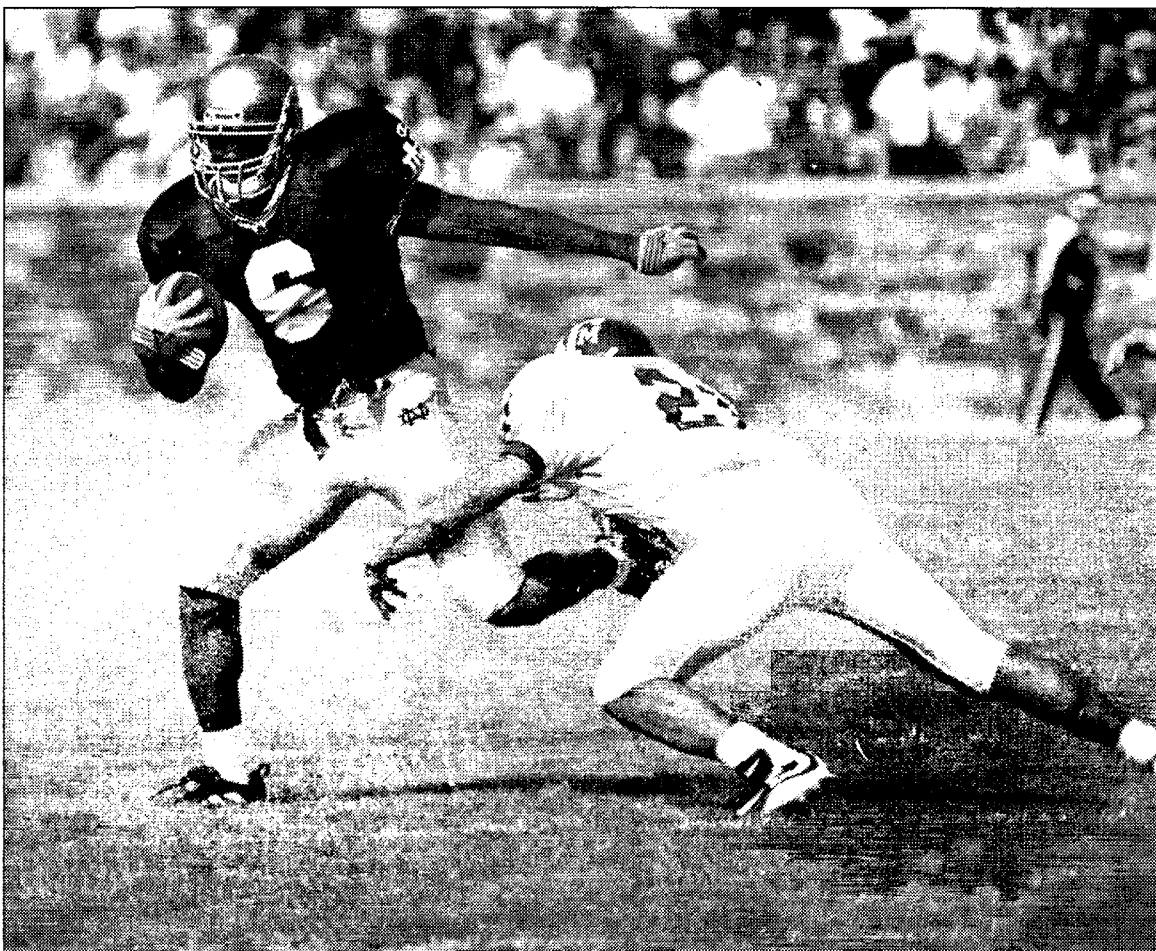
While pass blocking might be easier in College Station, hearing Holiday's signals and snap counts amid a notoriously loud and hostile crowd at Kyle Field will complicate the line's job considerably. On passing plays, Black said he will hold hands with guard Sean Mahan and wait for Mahan to tug his hand after the snap.

"It makes me a step slower," Black said.

For many Irish players, the A&M game is more than the third game of what has turned into a tough season, it is a return home. Besides Holiday, who hails from San Antonio, Texas, 13 other players on the Notre Dame roster are from Texas, a top recruiting area for Irish coaches.

"Just the fact that it's in Texas is huge," said senior inside linebacker Tyreo Harrison, a native of Sulphur Springs, Texas. "This date has been marked for a long time."

It's been on the Aggies' calendar a while as well. Texas A&M has yet to play a ranked opponent, with wins over lightly-regarded, non-conference



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Senior Irish flanker David Givens tries to shake lose a Texas A&M defender during Notre Dame's 24-10 win last year at Notre Dame Stadium.

opponents McNeese St. and Wyoming; with another Big-12 victory over Oklahoma State.

Aggie head coach R.C. Slocum, Davie's former employer, sees playing the Irish at home as a watershed game, a win that could catapult A&M to more national attention.

"If we can beat this team, I

think we are capable of beating anyone in the Big-12," said Slocum in a press conference Tuesday. "We have never relaxed since Sunday."

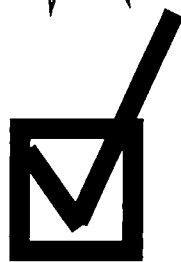
Neither have the Irish. The prospect of getting back on track against a team he was once so personally involved in has Davie excited for Saturday.

"We are backed in a corner," said Davie. "I'm going to stop and say I can be darned proud of what we've accomplished and I'm looking forward to this."

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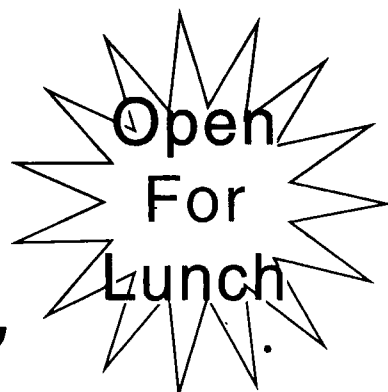
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Facing the pressure — at home

Sophomore quarterback will make his first start in his home state

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Carlyle Holiday walks into the interview room for his first teleconference as Notre Dame's starting quarterback. When he gets there, he finds a surprise.

Sitting with the rest of his pads and jersey — waiting for him to wear during a photo shoot — is what appears to be a large white ball. Upon closer inspection, Holiday finds that it is his helmet — with about seven layers of athletic tape completely covering it.

"That's just our offensive line," Holiday said. "When they are getting treatment, playing around with us, just because we are littler than they are."

Looking like your average Notre Dame sophomore, he answers questions, he remains modest, and listens patiently, considers every question and provides a thoughtful answer.

But the world for this quiet, collected 19-year-old changed with one phone call Monday morning.

Called Into Action

Back in his room in Carroll Hall, the telephone rang. The Notre Dame coaching staff wanted to meet with Holiday before practice.

So after class, Holiday walked over to the locker room at Notre Dame Stadium and sat down to listen to the coaches. The message was short, but it had a meaning of astronomic proportions.

Holiday would take over for Matt LoVecchio as Notre Dame's starting quarterback Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M. Holiday, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, reacted calmly to the news that he would make his first start in his home state.

"He was very matter-of-fact," Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said of Holiday's reaction. "He's a Texas guy, so I think he's very excited about it."

On the practice field, the repetitions weren't all that different than they had been with LoVecchio as the starter. Both quarterbacks are quiet by nature and they had been sharing snaps at practice all season. But Monday, something was different.

"We are just practicing like we have been normally," Holiday said. "It's just me with the first team and him with the second team."

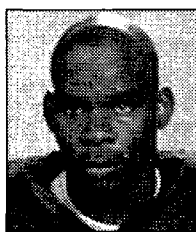
While the quarterback generally serves as the commander in the huddle, veterans on the team such as Tony Fisher and Jeff Faine have provided a sense of calm while the quarterback focused on running the offense.

"He's a guy that really has taken charge of the huddle for the first time as the No. 1 guy," Rogers said. "It's a role that he really has to take charge of and get used to."

But Holiday's quiet, businesslike demeanor hasn't hampered his ability to lead the Irish charge downfield. With speakers blasting into practice this week to stimulate the loud fans the Irish will face at Kyle Field, Holiday has let himself be heard.

"Carlyle, I feel is a pretty quiet guy, but he speaks up pretty loud out there," offensive guard Kurt Vollers said. "You always know what's going on."

up close & personal WITH CARLYLE HOLIDAY



Carlyle Holiday

birthdate: Oct. 4, 1981

hometown: San Antonio, TX

major: business

favorite food: Mexican

a word to describe me on the field: competitive

a word to describe me off the field: relaxed

the best advice I've ever received:

"Move on when something doesn't go right and do better next time."

I wish I could switch places for a day with: my dad

With less than two full quarters of play behind him — none before this month — the unknown factor is how Holiday can play a full game under pressure.

"It's how you respond to the bumps in the road and how you respond to the mistakes more than how it is when things are going smooth," head coach Bob Davie said. "That'll be the mark of whether he's a successful quarterback or not."

Facing the pressure

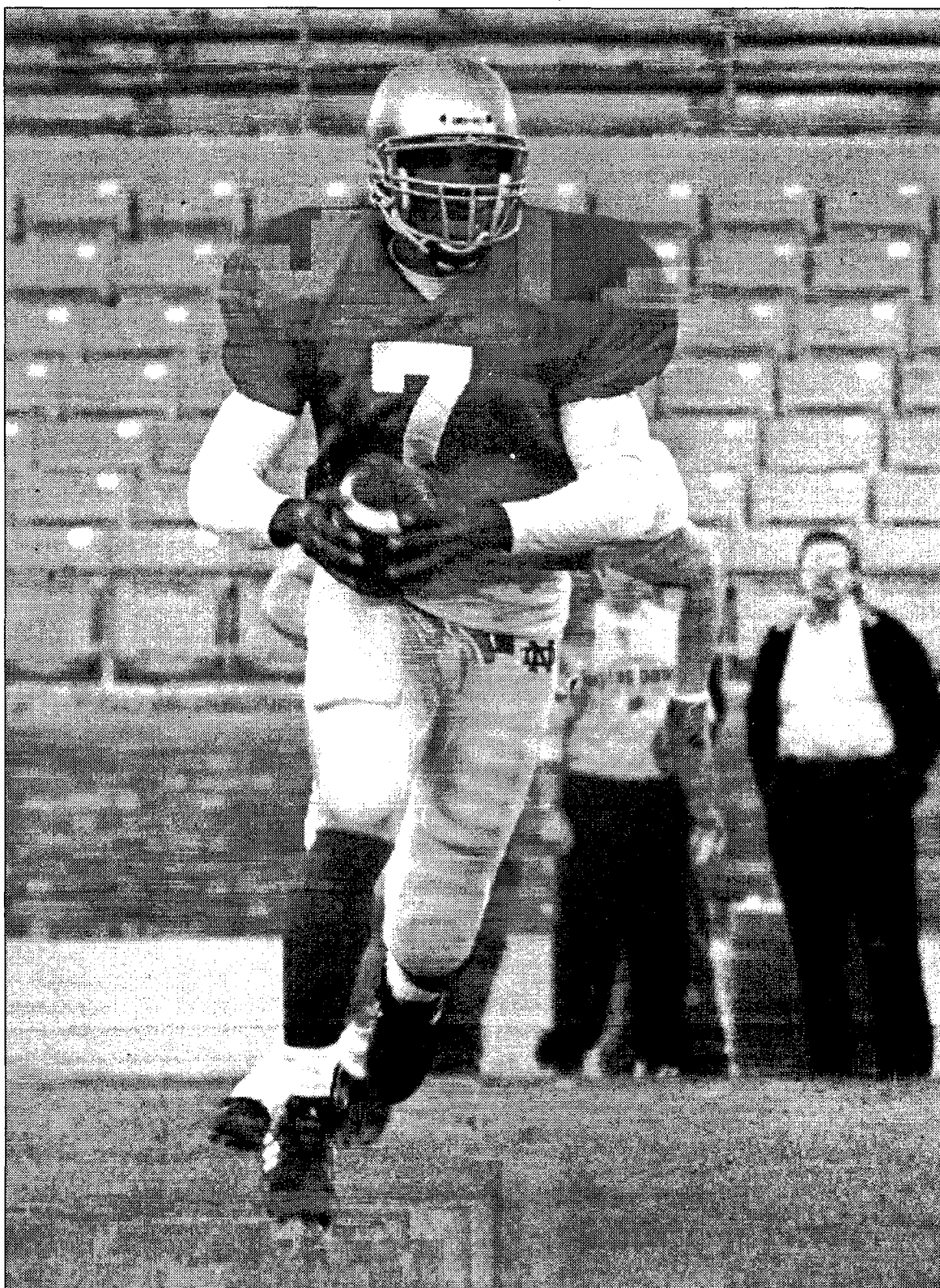
As the Irish coaches and players walked into the Stadium after practice Monday night, nearly every reporter crowded around Davie. With his first response, Davie answered their question: "We're going to go with Carlyle Holiday this weekend."

Everything changed. Soon a mob had formed around Holiday, just returning from his first practice as the starter. Reporters pushed tape recorders in his face. They battled for the right to ask the next question.

Holiday stood patiently, helmet in his hand, and looked each reporter in the eye as the questions kept on coming. Reserved by nature, Holiday never cut his answers short. The reporters — some from as far away as San Antonio — left with all of their questions answered.

The next day, the same crowd, this time including a few more reporters who missed Monday's show, gathered around once again.

On Wednesday, Holiday had to fit in the teleconference, posing for photographs in Washington Hall and practice. He also attended his full load of sophomore classes in the business school. But somehow, Holiday has kept his focus.



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday rolls out during practice last spring. Holiday will be making his first start Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M.

"I don't really let anything distract me," Holiday said during the teleconference, his voice remaining calm and collected. "I've just been going to practice with the same mindset I have been since the season started. There's been a lot more questions asked or whatever, but I just, you know, sort of try to stay focused in football."

But the fan attention can cause some problems. Notre Dame student e-mail addresses are available to anybody via the school's Web site, and Holiday has received his fair share of support.

"I probably have [received quite a bit of e-mail from fans], but I don't check them anymore," he said. "It's getting a little bit out of control."

As Holiday reflects on the answers, he exhibits not one bit of the arrogance or cockiness associated with many athletes of his caliber. He treats every reporter and every question as fairly and honestly as he can.

"He is a special guy," Rogers said. "You're talking about one of the nicest people you ever wanted to meet. There's not a big shot bone in his body. I think he's genuinely a decent human being."

Coming home

The attention and pressure is nothing new to Holiday. He played high school ball in Texas for

Roosevelt High in San Antonio. High school football is to Texas what religion is to a priest. Quite simply, it's life.

"It's pretty big," Holiday said. "It's almost like a college atmosphere. It's serious."

On Friday afternoons, school would let out early. The gymnasiums would fill to the rafters as cheerleaders and students and families cheered the team on at the pep rallies.

But the atmosphere has its negative side as well.

"If coaches don't win down there in football, they get fired," Holiday said.

And Homecoming game was the biggest of all. Fifteen thousand fans would fill the stadium. Players and their dates spent more time getting ready for the homecoming dance than they did for Prom. Girls walked around with bouquets of flowers that covered their arms.

"Homecoming was real big. It's serious," Holiday said. "People walk around with 20 [flowers] on their arm. It's just big."

Playing in that atmosphere has helped Holiday adjust to starting on one of college football's most glorified roles as well as adjusting to large venues.

"There are big crowds at the games down there," Holiday said. "It helped out a little bit, it's not the exact same amount as the col-

lege game, but it's as big as it gets in high school."

On Saturday, Holiday has his own personal homecoming. He's already left tickets for 15 friends and relatives who plan on making the trip up to College Station from San Antonio, and has fielded requests from many more.

Kyle Field isn't wholly unfamiliar to Holiday, who attended games there his junior and senior years of high school when he was recruited by Texas A&M. He is ready to for the loudest game he's ever played, but says the team is ready as well.

"It's not really a factor, unless we make it a factor," Holiday said. "We've worked on it."

Holiday also looks forward to seeing his parents, who called him with congratulations Tuesday night.

"They're excited, they just want me to go out and win," Holiday said.

Winning on the field is why he came to Notre Dame. While he may be quiet, Holiday looks reporters and coaches in the eye and says he came to Notre Dame to win.

Saturday he gets his chance. Right back in Texas, where he started.

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Record: 0-2
AP: Unranked
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Davie
head coach

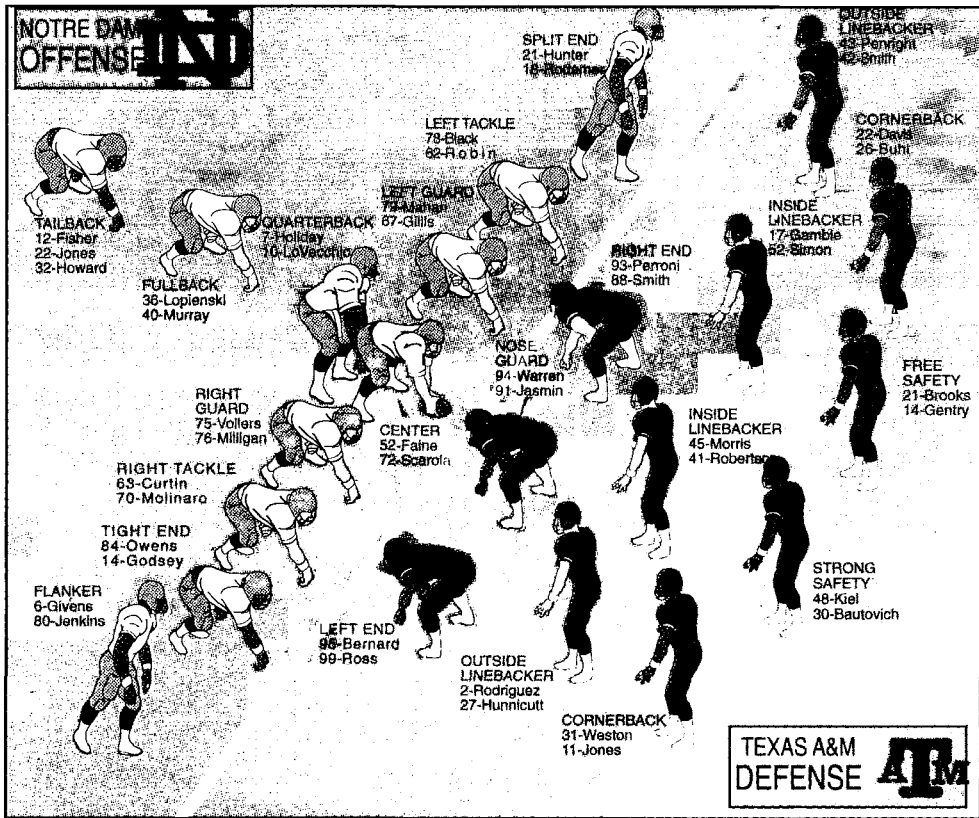
Bob Davie
fifth season at
Notre Dame
career record:
30-21
at Notre Dame:
30-21
against
Texas A&M: 1-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	QB	6-4	230	SO
2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	ILB	6-3	241	SR
3	Dan Novakov	QB	6-1	215	JR
3	Amaz 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
8	Matt Krueger	FL	5-10	175	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
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	SR
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	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
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 Elick	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	SR
53	Jason Halvorson	DL	6-2	240	JR
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	SR
63	Brennan Curtin	OT	6-8	305	JR
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 LeVoor	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	SR
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
Oct. 6 Pittsburgh
Oct. 13 W. Virginia
Oct. 20 USC
Oct. 27 at BC
Nov. 3 Tennessee
Nov. 17 Navy
Nov. 24 at Stanford
Dec. 1 at Purdue



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Davie's never been on a seat as hot as the one he's on now. He'll need to win to get the critics off his back. No Notre Dame coach has started off 0-3 — ever.

Holiday is the clear starter here. Irish coaches have decided to shake up the offense and give the sophomore his first start. The coaches have also made clear that he will see most of the action — it's unlikely that LoVecchio will see significant playing time.

Fisher has emerged as the top Irish runner, but Jones will probably see significant carries during Saturday's game. The offensive line did a much better job opening up holes last week.

Injuries to Givens and Battle have hurt the Irish passing game severely. While Hunter has established himself as a legitimate threat and Jenkins looked solid in his first appearance last week, the Irish have been reluctant to throw the long ball this year.

TEXAS A&M

Slocumb is synonymous with Texas A&M football. He is virtually unbeatable at home. Slocumb was responsible for giving Davie his first major coaching position.

Farris is very similar to last year's Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weikne. Both played minor league baseball before joining college football programs. And he's a prolific passer, throwing for 341 yards against Wyoming.

A weak defensive front characterizes the Aggie defense. Both defensive ends are recovering from injuries sustained last year, but Warren is a powerful nose guard. The Aggie linebacker corps is also fairly solid. Davie coached the first generation of the Aggie famed "Wrecking Crew."

Texas A&M has a strong, potent pass rush that could pose problems for the Notre Dame offensive line. They recorded eight sacks last week, and their secondary is very experienced. Davis already has three interceptions and Weston has started 14 straight games at cornerback.

ANALYSIS

While Slocumb and Davie remain great friends today — they call each other nearly every week — Slocumb is doing a much better job managing his football team right now. While he can focus on the game, Davie's focusing on saving his job.

Holiday is simply untested. He's played only six series, while Farris has thrown a touchdown pass in his last six games. Nobody knows what Holiday will do, but his passing has come under criticism and he has looked hesitant.

When Notre Dame decides to run the ball, they usually do it well. With Holiday at quarterback, the Irish will be much more run-oriented and will rely on the option and quarterback draw more. The Aggies will have a tough time stopping the Irish run.

Holiday is a suspect passer, and although Givens may play Saturday, the Irish receivers probably won't see the ball very much. And when it is thrown their way, the Aggie secondary has a good chance of picking the ball off.

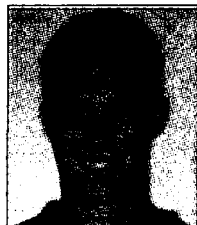
Irish experts



Noah Amstadter
sports editor

After two quarters of sputtering offense, the Irish will score three second-half touchdowns to pull away. Holiday's homecoming will be solid, but not spectacular. Game balls for Fisher, Watson and a surprising Tyreo Harrison.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28
Texas A&M 7**



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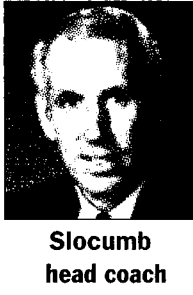
The Aggie defense, knowing the Irish never throw down the field, will focus on the stopping the run. While Holiday will provide a spark, he can't do it all. While Notre Dame's special teams play will keep the game close and the defense will control the Aggies' spread offense, the lack of offense will kill the Irish — again.

**FINAL SCORE: Texas A&M 17
Notre Dame 13**

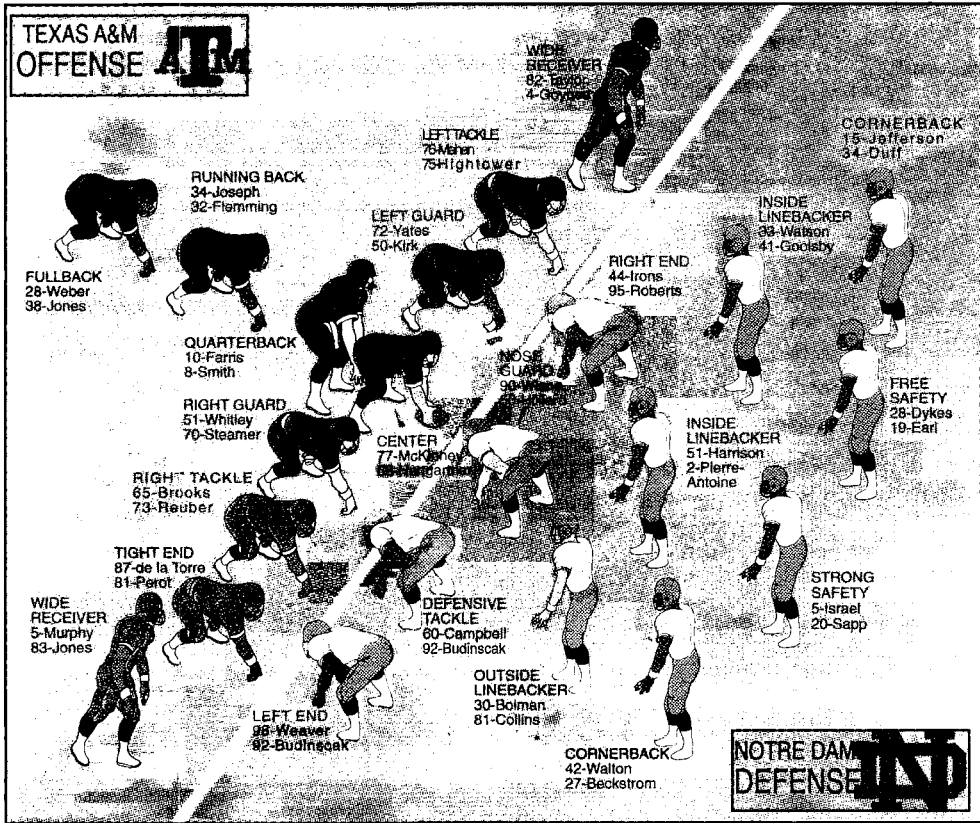
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Texas A&M Aggies
Record: 3-0
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R.C. Slocumb
13th season at
Texas A&M
career record:
112-37-2
at Texas A&M:
112-37-2
against Notre
Dame: 0-3



Slocumb
head coach



TEXAS A&M 2001 Schedule

- Sept. 1 McNeese State - W
- Sept. 6 at Wyoming - W
- Sept. 22 Oklahoma State - W
- Sept. 29 Notre Dame
- Oct. 6 Baylor
- Oct. 13 at Colorado
- Oct. 20 at Kansas State
- Oct. 27 Iowa State
- Nov. 3 at Texas Tech
- Nov. 10 at Oklahoma
- Nov. 23 Texas

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Derek Farmer	LB	6-3	231	FR
2	Christian Rodriguez	LB	6-2	225	SR
3	Terrance Thomas	WR	5-11	185	FR
4	Dwain Goyens	WR	5-10	179	JR
5	Ja'Mar Toombs	FB	6-0	275	SR
6	Robert Ferguson	WR	6-2	220	SR
7	John Roberson	WR	5-10	175	FR
8	Vance Smith	QB	6-4	226	JR
9	Bethel Johnson	WR	5-11	188	SR
10	Mark Farris	QB	6-2	206	JR
11	Colby Freeman	QB	6-2	214	JR
13	Jason Carter	QB	6-0	190	FR
14	Dawon Gentry	DB	5-11	189	SO
15	Adam Black	DB	5-10	173	SO
16	Derek Lechler	P	6-0	223	JR
17	Brian Gamble	LB	6-2	223	JR
18	Dustin Long	QB	6-3	185	SO
19	Roddy Alexander	WR	5-8	161	JR
19	Eric Stanford	DB	6-2	195	JR
20	Cody Scates	P	6-0	180	SO
21	Jay Brooks	DB	5-9	183	SR
22	Sammy Davis	DB	6-0	180	JR
23	Ronald Jones	DB	5-11	175	FR
24	Richard Whitaker	RB	5-10	197	JR
25	Chris Sims	K	6-0	163	SO
26	Jonte Buhl	DB	5-9	163	SO
27	Jesse Hunnicutt	LB	6-2	237	JR
28	Joe Weber	RB	6-0	228	JR
29	Maurice Harris	RB	5-8	185	JR
30	Wes Bautovich	DB	6-2	210	SR
30	Keelan Jackson	DB	6-1	209	SO
31	Sean Weston	DB	5-9	170	JR
32	Oschlor Flemming	RB	5-10	204	JR
33	Damien West	LB	6-2	237	JR
34	Keith Joseph	RB	6-2	221	SO
35	Mike Pinesette	DB	5-11	193	SR
36	Amon Simon	RB	6-1	224	SR
37	Jerome Weber	DB	5-11	166	SO
38	James Jones	RB	5-11	229	JR
39	Eric Crutchfield	DB	6-0	180	SO
39	Jack Milligan	RB	6-0	203	JR
40	Kevin Mangum	DB	5-10	176	SO
41	Harold Robertson	LB	6-2	205	JR
42	Everett Smith	DB	6-2	205	JR
43	Jarrod Penright	LB	6-3	233	JR
44	Greg Porter	WR	6-4	228	JR
45	Jared Morris	LB	6-3	237	JR
47	LeBrandon Shepard	LB	6-1	219	SO
48	Terrance Kiel	DB	5-11	196	JR
48	Timm Gergeni	P/K	5-9	159	JR
50	John Kirk	OL	6-4	282	JR
51	Taylor Whitley	OL	6-4	305	JR
52	Brendan Patrick	OL	6-3	260	SO
53	Toron Wooldridge	LB	6-0	220	JR
54	James Milkavich	OL	6-2	270	JR
55	Timothy Joseph	LB	6-2	267	SO
56	Brandon Johnson	LB	6-2	230	FR
57	Jouhn Boutte	LB	6-2	215	FR
58	Ricky Cardoza	LB	6-4	223	FR
59	Brian Thompson	LB	6-0	213	FR
60	Johnny Jolly	DL	6-3	260	FR
61	Robert Bailey	DL	6-4	298	SO
62	Thomas Carriger	DL	6-4	260	FR
63	Chance Pearce	DS	6-2	230	JR
65	André Brooks	OL	6-4	298	JR
66	Geoff Hangartner	OL	6-5	272	SO
67	Wes Dennard	OL	6-4	225	JR
68	Britt Lively	OL	6-4	299	JR
69	Don Muhlbach	DS	6-4	267	JR
70	Moses Vakalahi	OL	6-5	300	SO
71	Quentin Holman	OL	6-2	310	FR
72	Billy Yates	OL	6-1	280	JR
73	Alan Reuber	OL	6-6	280	JR
75	Chris Montgomery	OL	6-8	317	JR
76	Michael Mahan	OL	6-6	293	JR
77	Seth McKinney	OL	6-3	290	SR
78	Kasey Cheshire	OL	6-4	279	SO
79	Matt Enzler	TE	6-2	234	SR
80	Ellison Collins	WR	6-3	206	JR
81	Joey Perot	TE	6-5	257	SO
82	Jamaar Taylor	WR	6-1	203	SO
83	Mickey Jones	WR	5-9	178	SR
84	Tahumbræ Brown	TE	6-3	255	JR
85	Lonnie Madison	TE	6-3	236	SR
86	Fred Spiller	TE	6-3	252	JR
87	Michael de la Torre	TE	6-5	244	JR
88	Linnis Smith	DL	6-4	250	SO
89	Lawrence Hooper	DL	6-2	260	FR
91	Marcus Jasmin	DL	6-4	323	SO
93	Evan Perroni	DL	6-5	265	SR
94	Ty Warren	DL	6-4	294	JR
95	Rocky Bernard	DL	6-3	289	SR
96	Donny Stringer	DL	6-6	240	FR
99	David Ros	DL	6-3	265	FR

AGGIE RUSHING

The defensive line looked a 100 percent better last week, holding Duckett to just 71 yards. Watson and Harrison have also proven that they are capable of providing both run support and a pass rush.

The Aggie running backs have been hampered by injuries. Joseph only carried the ball eight times against Oklahoma State and Flemming only had 71 yards last week. Farris isn't a running threat, either. Like the Irish, Texas A&M doesn't use their fullback much.

Texas A&M doesn't use the run much, but when they do, they're not very effective. Irons, Campbell, Wisne and Weaver shouldn't have too many problems controlling the Aggie rushing attack.

AGGIE PASSING

Before the season, people thought the Irish secondary would hurt the defense. Turns out they were right. Against Michigan State, Notre Dame's cornerbacks couldn't stay with receivers, missed key interceptions, and made costly tackling errors.

Here's the core of the Texas A&M offense. The Aggies love to spread the field and pass the ball, and Farris is a classic drop-back passer. Taylor, Texas A&M's go-to receiver, transferred from Notre Dame last year.

Any team whose offensive focus revolves around passing the ball will cause the Irish problems this year. Notre Dame has an inexperienced corner back in Duff and has shown they can't cover receivers when they take off down the field.

SPECIAL TEAMS

This is the bright spot of the Notre Dame football team. Hildbold has been outstanding punting the ball — he's averaging around 50 yards a punt. Last week, Jones showed he's still capable of breaking big returns to give the offense a boost.

Special teams is definitely not an Aggie strong point. Scates handles both the Aggie punting and kicking duties. He's made 13 tackles — not exactly the stat a special teams coach wants to see. Scates has only gone 1-5 on field goals this year. Their return game is modest.

The more time special teams units are on the field, the better it is for the Irish. It's simple — special teams are Notre Dame's strength and Texas A&M's weakness.

INTANGIBLES

Right now, the Irish are playing for pride. They've been just the fourth Irish team since 1900 to start off 0-2, and you can bet they don't want to be the first team to start off 0-3.

Kyle Field says it all. The Aggies are 66-7-1 at home since Slocumb took over, and for good reasons. Texas A&M have some of the best fans in the nation, and Davie believes the noise in College Station will be greater than what the Irish faltered under in Nebraska.

Home field advantage gives the edge to the Aggies. The Irish admitted they weren't prepared for the noise against Nebraska, and if Davie thinks Kyle Field will be louder, Notre Dame could be in big trouble.

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Mike Connolly
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Davie will hold a prominent spot in Notre Dame history — but for something he will be proud of. He will be known as the only coach to start a season 0-3. Mixing an untested quarterback with a loud and crazy stadium is a recipe for disaster. The Irish defense will remain tough, however, and keep the score close.

FINAL SCORE: Texas A&M 14
Notre Dame 3



Kerry Smith
assistant managing editor

Two games. Two losses. Twenty points. That doesn't sound like a formula for success. The Irish need point production and they need it fast. Holiday doesn't have big shoes to fill but he has a huge task ahead of him. Once again, leave it to the defense to carry the burden of keeping the Irish in the game.

FINAL SCORE: Texas A&M 24
Notre Dame 10

Holiday gets first taste of media frenzy

I don't envy Carlyle Holiday. Not one bit.

Nor, for that matter, do I envy Matt LoVecchio, Gary Godsey, Arnaz Battle, Jarious Jackson, Ron Powls and the legions of Notre Dame quarterbacks who came before them.

"I made this joke before about whether you're the head coach or whether you're the quarterback," Bob Davie said earlier this season. "Notre Dame fans love to discuss that issue of who is going to replace you and how quick."

And it's not just fans. From TV personalities to newspaper columnists to sportswriters, everyone is always looking at the new Notre Dame quarterback, wondering if he's good enough to measure up to the great Notre Dame quarterbacks of the past.

Too often, he's not.

And it's not because he's not talented. It's not because he lacks poise or confidence. It's because they spend so much time worrying about how to explain their mistakes to reporters rather than focusing on next week's opponent.

Every time a new Notre

Dame starting quarterback is named, the throng of media reporters descend upon the poor hapless soul asking questions like, "Are you surprised?" "Did you see this coming?" "Are you nervous?" "How are you going to handle the pressure?" and "Do you remember competing against Joe Smith, Texas A&M's third string water boy, in second grade piano recitals?"

Monday afternoon, it was no different for Holiday.

The first question a reporter asked Bob Davie was if he had picked a starting quarterback. Yes, we're going to go with Carlyle, Davie said.

A few more questions came Davie's way — questions about Kyle Field and offensive communication.

Then, someone noticed Holiday walking through the gates, and the crowd around Davie evaporated.

Instantly.

Before he knew it, Notre Dame's newest starting quarterback felt a tug on his arm by one reporter asking for a minute of his time so he could answer a few questions. Holiday finally walked away from the crowd of 20 or so reporters about 20 minutes later. He might have even been sunburned from the multitude of TV camera lights pointed at him.

"There must be a new sheriff in town," said Davie, who was standing a few feet away. Then, more somberly, he added, "That's what it was like with Matt last year."

And that's how it was with Gary Godsey before LoVecchio, and Battle before Godsey. Everyone wants to know about the quarterback.

And, when things go wrong, everyone begins to point fingers at the quarterback.

"The quarterback gets too much blame and too much credit," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said.

It's hard to anticipate what the pressure is like when you first sign with the Irish. Holiday received a series of congratulatory e-mails from die-hard Irish fans when he picked Notre Dame over Nebraska and Texas A&M a few years ago.

"I understood the world I was coming to when I came here," he said.

But did he really? A few e-mails from some subway alumni is one thing. Being asked three times in the same interview if you have ever played in Kyle Field for a high school all-star game is another. Sure, he saw LoVecchio last year answering questions about everything imaginable last year. But when people are asking about your jock size, it's another thing entirely.

"I don't even check [my e-mail] anymore," Holiday said. "It's getting out of control."

You can try to guess at what it will be like. You can think you can handle it. And it's nice to receive the attention at first. But when it's the same questions, day in and day out, you can't help but get frustrated.

"It's been a lot this week,"

Holiday said. "People are going to ask their questions ... When football is going on, I just think about football at that time and I just try to get away from all the questions and all that stuff."

Holiday can try all he wants. He'll never get away.

People will still follow Holiday around after games, asking questions about every single aspect of the game. If the defense doesn't play well, he's going to get asked about it. If a wide receiver has a good game, he's going to get asked about it. And if Holiday screws up, he's going to get asked about it.

Just ask LoVecchio. After every game, he talks to tape recorders, boom microphones and television cameras, answering questions about missed plays, missed field goals and missed opportunities two or three times. And when the people holding those recording devices are finished with him, they walk away wondering why he didn't say very much.

In fact, the only person who answers more questions than the Notre Dame quarterback is the Notre Dame head football coach.

And that's too bad. Because all Holiday and LoVecchio want to do is play football.

But they can't.

Welcome to the position of Notre Dame quarterback. Enjoy your stay.

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game hype



Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"I didn't know we were 0-3 yet."

"The team is going to be confident regardless of what quarterback is in there."



Tony Fisher
Irish tailback



Tyreo Harrison
Irish linebacker

"This date has been circled for a long time."



R.C. Slocumb
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AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (39)	2-0	1,749
2	Florida (15)	3-0	1,717
3	Oklahoma (11)	3-0	1,639
4	Nebraska (2)	4-0	1,549
5	Texas (4)	3-0	1,519
6	Oregon	3-0	1,342
7	Tennessee	2-0	1,312
8	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,298
9	Georgia Tech	3-0	1,135
10	Fresno State	4-0	1,102
11	Kansas State	2-0	1,080
12	UCLA	3-0	1,033
13	Washington	2-0	1,003
14	LSU	2-0	851
15	South Carolina	3-0	804
16	Northwestern	2-0	772
17	Michigan	2-1	627
18	Florida State	2-1	589
19	Oregon State	1-1	323
20	BYU	3-0	305
21	Mississippi State	1-1	231
22	Illinois	3-0	227
23	Michigan State	2-0	215
24	Purdue	2-0	184
25	Toledo	3-0	140

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (34)	2-0	1,453
2	Florida (14)	3-0	1,423
3	Oklahoma (9)	3-0	1,377
4	Nebraska (1)	4-0	1,311
5	Texas	3-0	1,239
6	Oregon (1)	3-0	1,120
7	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,104
8	Tennessee	2-0	1,090
9	Kansas State	2-0	980
10	UCLA	3-0	914
11	Georgia Tech	3-0	907
12	Washington	2-0	837
13	Fresno State (1)	4-0	770
14	LSU	2-0	706
15	Florida State	2-1	679
16	South Carolina	3-0	574
17	Michigan	2-0	564
18	Northwestern	2-0	546
19	Oregon State	1-1	336
20	BYU	3-0	267
21	Purdue	2-0	252
22	Mississippi State	1-1	162
23	Illinois	3-0	132
24	Michigan State	2-0	120
25	Clemson	2-1	98

Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday
NEBRASKA (4-0) at Missouri
MICHIGAN STATE (2-0) at Northwestern
Miami at **PITTSBURGH (1-1)**
STANFORD (2-0) at USC
Army at **BOSTON COLLEGE (1-1)**
LSU at **TENNESSEE (2-0)**
PURDUE (2-0) at Minnesota
Off
WEST VIRGINIA (1-2)
NAVY (0-3)

GAME OF THE WEEK



JAMIE SQUIRE/Allsport

Wildcats' quarterback Zak Kustok hands off to Damien Anderson during Northwestern's victory over Illinois last season. Northwestern's game against Michigan State is the first home opener since Rashidi Wheeler's death.

Wildcats ready for emotional home opener

By GREG LADKY
 Sports Writer

Saturday's game between No. 23 Michigan State and No. 16 Northwestern will be the Wildcats' first home game since the death of safety Rashidi Wheeler. Wheeler collapsed and died shortly after a summer conditioning drill Aug. 3, just days after Minnesota Vikings star Korey Stringer died of a heat stroke during practice.

Both deaths shocked the football world. Northwestern will pay tribute to Wheeler before

the game with a moment of silence, along with a ceremony for the victims of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

The Wildcats look to improve to 3-0 for the first time since 1962. Ara Paraseghian was the Wildcats' head coach that year. To win, the Wildcats will offer the Spartans a healthy dose of running back and Heisman candidate Damien Anderson, who gained 189 yards rushing and four touchdowns in Northwestern's 44-7 rout of Duke last Saturday. Notre Dame transfer Zak Kustok passed for 318 yards for

the Wildcats.

The Spartans will be flying high after their victory at Notre Dame last Saturday. Running back T.J. Duckett looks to get back on track after a modest 71-yard rushing performance against the Irish. The Spartans will likely split snaps between Jeff Smoker and Ryan Van Dyke at quarterback again.

Saturday's game matches two of the best running backs not only in the Big Ten, but also in the nation. Expect big days from both backs. Michigan State must exploit the height advantage their

receivers have over the Wildcat corners. Michigan State wide receiver Charles Rogers stands at 6-foot-4. Northwestern corners Raheem Covington and Chasda Martin stand 5-foot-9 and 5-foot-11 respectively. Rogers scored the 47-yard touchdown that finished the Irish last Saturday.

Irish fans will take interest in how the Wildcats' aggressive spread offensive attack moves the ball against the young Spartan defense. The Wildcats should be able to score points in bunches. Expect an offensive shootout in this game.

OTHER TOP GAMES

LSU at Tennessee

Neither of these SEC powerhouses has played since Sept. 8. Saturday night's game between No. 14 LSU and future Irish opponent No. 7 Tennessee is a key battle in determining who plays in the SEC championship.

The game will be the Tigers first visit to Volunteer Stadium since 1993. The Tigers beat Tennessee 38-31 in overtime last year in Baton Rouge.

LSU has outstanding skill players. In last week's 31-14 victory against Utah State, running back LaBrandon Toefield rushed for 183 yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Rohan Davey can run and throw. He has 482 yards passing in LSU's first two games.

The Volunteers squeezed out a 13-3 victory against Arkansas in their last game. Running back Travis Stephens ranks third in the country with 158 rushing yards a game. Many experts consider Tennessee defensive lineman John Henderson the best player in the nation.

Anticipate a thrilling SEC game filled with talented players on both sides of the ball. Like most SEC battles, big plays will win this game.

Kansas State at Oklahoma

Two great defenses will collide when No. 11 Kansas State and No. 3 Oklahoma battle Saturday. No team played the defending national champions as tough as Kansas State last year. The Sooners needed a fourth-quarter comeback to beat the Wildcats in last year's Big 12 championship game.

Kansas State out-gained New Mexico State 528-115 last week. The defense has given up a total of six points against USC and New Mexico State. Quarterback Eli Roberson will be the key for the Wildcat offense. He has been inconsistent thus far, but needs to play well to break the Oklahoma defense.

Some believe the Sooner defense is the best college football has seen in years. Linebacker Rocky Calmus is the most watched player on the unit, but there's loads of talent elsewhere, especially with safeties Brandon Everage and Roy Williams.

The Sooners have not played since Sept. 8. New quarterback Nate Hybl will have to shake off some rust, or else the Sooners will find themselves in another war with the Wildcats.

around the dial

Notre Dame at Texas A&M	2:30 p.m., ABC
Michigan State at Northwestern	11 a.m., ABC
Penn State at Iowa	11:00 a.m., ESPN
Purdue at Minnesota	11:00 a.m., ESPN2
Mississippi State at Florida	2:30 p.m., CBS
Texas Tech at Texas	6:00 p.m., FOXCH

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