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THE END OF SUMMER



Members of the Notre Dame community enjoy outdoor activities on Saint Mary's Lake during the last days of summer.

PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Future of SafeRide to be decided soon

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Vowing to "take a hard look at the issue," Notre Dame student body president Brian O'Donoghue said Thursday that he expects to make a decision on the fate of SafeRide as early as next week.

It's a move that may signal the official end to the currently defunct campus taxi service.

"As of right now, SafeRide is non-operational," O'Donoghue said. "We plan to sit down and take a hard look at it to see if it's something we need to continue."

SafeRide is a Student Union-sponsored program that provides free transportation to University students traveling back to campus from local off-campus hangouts on weekends.

O'Donoghue said the program is a service to the Notre Dame community but has struggled through the years with problems of ineffective service.

As recently as last spring, SafeRide was hampered by issues with hiring drivers and adequately staffing them for weekend shifts. Last fall, SafeRide's role at the University came into question. The Student Senate formed an ad hoc committee to investigate the program's effectiveness as a campus service.

"The [current University] seniors were the last class to really see it working effectively," said O'Donoghue, who also is skeptical of any large student demand for the program.

But senior Dave Powers believes there is a need for the program which he oversaw as coordinator last year.

SafeRide functioned with 10 drivers last semester, according to Powers. The program ran on Friday and Saturday nights, generally between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and provided transportation from areas near campus and in downtown South Bend. About 30 to 40 students

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Lecture debates teaching creationism, evolution in school

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

The clash between creationists and evolutionists that has existed since Charles Darwin's days continued Thursday night at Robert Pennock's lecture.

His lecture, entitled "Should Evolution be Taught in the Public Schools? What Dorothy Learned when the Creationist Whirlwind Hit Kansas," tackled the issues of where and when evolution should be taught.

"The way creationists would like this to work is as a dual model," Pennock explained.

He was referring to the debate on whether creationism should be part of evolution in science courses.

Pennock first explained his belief that evolutionary theory is the only theory with solid evidence to back it up. He also said introducing creationism in the classroom would open the door for countless other theories on the development of life.

"It would lead to a chaotic educa-

tion system, not a workable one," Pennock said.

Pennock's lecture was centered on discussion of the landmark case in Kansas during the summer of 1999 when the Kansas State School Board voted to use creationist-revised science standards which, Pennock stated, essentially removed evolution from the curriculum.

Pennock explained that the school board brought to light a debate and a faulty set of arguments that have been around since the theory of evolution arose. Creationists, he said, have looked for holes in the theory of evolution since its inception.

They have not, however, presented scientific evidence for the creationist theory, according to Pennock.

"[Creationism] is not something where the evidence makes a difference," he said. "They just know the answer."

The dispute has been often seen as a morality versus immorality question in the eyes of creationists,

said Pennock. Because of this, creationists will ignore or discount the scientific evidence in support of evolution, he explained.

"They really do see this as good and evil," Pennock said. "They see it as a battle between the good side of the Force and the bad side."

He emphasized how this system of beliefs opposes the scientific community's philosophy.

"This is quite contrary to the scientific point of view which bases conclusions on the evidence," Pennock said.

In addition to addressing the attacks on evolution by creationists, Pennock spoke to why evolutionary theory is not, fundamentally, in opposition to religion, and Catholicism in particular.

"Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Pius XII made statements that said there was no conflict," he said. "It is, in my experience, students who come from Catholic schools who know evolution the best."

He explained that, just because



DOROTHY CARTER/The Observer

Pennock describes evolution as the only creation theory with scientific backing during his lecture Thursday in Carroll Auditorium.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Accustomed to victory

Watching Thursday night football last night, I laughed when I saw North Carolina State fans charge the field and tear down the goal posts after the Wolfpack's victory against Georgia Tech. That's right. They tore down the goal posts because they beat Georgia Tech. Unranked, 2-2 Georgia Tech.

It was obvious to me that NC State fans had no idea how to celebrate a victory. When you beat a mediocre, middle of the pack ACC team, you don't tear down the goal posts. You don't rush the field. You celebrate in your team's accomplishments but you act like you expected your team to win. But NC State fans can be forgiven. It is so rare that they actually have a football team worth watching. They get a little bit over excited when they win.

But that's not the way Irish fans should react when they win. I learned this lesson freshman year, after Tony Driver picked off two Drew Brees passes. I was one of those "stupid freshmen" that rushed the field. Thanks to the upperclassmen and their chants of "stupid freshmen" I learned that Notre Dame expects to beat Purdue at all times and we do not need charge the field — no matter how exciting the victory.

So this past weekend, when the freshmen rushed the field following Nick Setta's field goal, I remembered that lesson I learned two years ago. My friends and I tried to start up a "stupid freshmen" cheer to help them understand the errors of their ways but unfortunately the chant never caught on.

So to let the freshmen understand the errors of their ways and prevent field charging in the future, I figure I would help them understand a little bit of Irish fan etiquette.

1. Don't charge the field after wins over Purdue or Navy, Boston College or any of the other teams that Notre Dame fans expect to beat every year. No matter how dramatic the Irish victory — stay in the stands. Scream your lungs out. Dance the jig to your hearts content but stay off the field. The team will come over to the student section and hold up their helmets. Just wait in the stands and don't mess up the band formations by charging the field.

2. Don't do pushups during the Alma Mater. I hope this one is self-explanatory.

3. Don't chant "Overrated." Maybe it's just me but I really, really hate this chant. Basically what you are saying when you chant "overrated" is: "Hey you can't be any good. Because if our team can beat you then you must not be a good team." Why would you want to demean our team's accomplishments with this cheer? Isn't there a chance that Purdue was the 12th best team in the country last week and the Irish were ... underrated at No. 21? Maybe all the pollsters just underestimated the Irish this year.

I expect there will be many more big victories for the Irish and many more exciting finishes. But at Notre Dame, we expect our team to win the big games. Don't seem so surprised when the Irish pull off big wins. This is Notre Dame — winning is what Notre Dame does best.

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

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

University inaugurates new president
Sept. 23, 1987

University President Edward Malloy's inauguration was the first formal inauguration of a University president at Notre Dame. The entire day was planned with activities from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. "The ceremonies are a chance to show off the University to guests. It's the first time we've [had a ceremony]... We're setting a precedent in everything we do," said Malloy.

LaFortune opening with 24-hour space
Sept. 24, 1993

For the first of four trial periods, the first floor and the basement of LaFortune will be open 24 hours. This plan is only scheduled for the next four weekends because Student Government needs to evaluate the response. "We definitely need to rally the students to get over there to show the administration that we really want it," said Nikki Wellman, student body vice president.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

JMU students win athletic discrimination case

HARRISONBURG, Va.

Some James Madison University students spent their summer working, some spend it lounging and some spent it flying back and forth to Charlottesville to give testimony in a discrimination case against the Virginia High School League.

For four years, 11 female athletes, two of whom are current JMU students, have been attempting to ensure that all student athletes are allowed equal opportunity to participate in the high school sport of their choice.

Their efforts came to fruition in July, when a U.S. District Court ruled against VHSL, which oversees sports in Virginia's public schools.

Although no specific damages were requested, each of the 11 plaintiffs were awarded \$17,000.

"We were really surprised, we weren't asking for money."

Julie Melkerson
JMU sophomore and co-plaintiff

"We were really surprised, we weren't asking for money," JMU sophomore and co-plaintiff Julie Melkerson said. "All we wanted was for the sports to be aligned so that no girl would have to go through what we did. The important part of this ruling is that the VHSL has to align the sports."

Groundwork for the lawsuit dates back to 1995, when two Suffolk high schools raised concern after a change in athletic divisions from Group AA to

AAA caused sports seasons to conflict.

Melkerson said that at the end of her freshman year at Lakeland High School, the shift in divisions caused the realignment of three women's sports: basketball, volleyball and tennis. The sports were now all scheduled during the fall season, forcing female athletes to choose one sport over the others.

These sports remained aligned for all male athletes, thus preventing them having to choose one over the other. JMU sophomore Rebecca Sherard experienced the same difficulties with her sports at Suffolk's Nansmond River High School during this time. Sherard played tennis and field hockey, both re-aligned as fall sports.

She was forced to pick one over the other.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Arrest prompts safety questions

FAYETTEVILLE

The student who was arrested Friday for allegedly breaking into several University of Arkansas residence hall rooms has been suspended from all residence halls and dining services, said Claire Good, University Housing interim director. Mark Robinson was arrested at about 4:10 a.m. Friday after he entered at least four unlocked rooms of other students in Gregson Hall. Good said the decision to suspend Robinson was made Friday morning by University Housing officials in conjunction with the office of the vice chancellor of Student Affairs. UAPD has also posted public safety bulletins in all residence halls warning students to keep their doors locked, particularly when they are asleep, Good said. "The [residence hall] community is only as safe as [the students] can make it," Good said. "They have to keep their rooms secured." She said there will be floor meetings to advise students. "We believe in letting students have a life," Good said, "and a right to privacy."

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Football player assaults student

SALT LAKE CITY

Sean Patrick O'Keefe, a walk-on member of the University of Utah football team, was charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault Wednesday for his alleged involvement in a weekend altercation. O'Keefe, a freshman defensive end from Sandy, Utah, allegedly hit 17-year-old Nathan Pherson over the head with a baseball bat at a party early Sunday morning, causing Pherson to be sent to University Hospital with life threatening head injuries. The incident occurred at approximately 1 a.m. Allegedly, O'Keefe hit Pherson so hard that the bat broke. Pherson was originally treated in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit, but has since been moved from the ICU and upgraded to fair condition, according to hospital spokesman John Dwan. Pherson remains hospitalized with skull fractures and internal bleeding. One doctor said he "could not believe that Pherson was still alive," given the seriousness of his injuries.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather: Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

		H	L
Friday		68	61
Saturday		73	57
Sunday		63	44
Monday		54	40
Tuesday		59	43

Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Sept. 22.

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Via Associated Press

Atlanta	86	70	Las Vegas	89	69	Portland	74	47
Baltimore	74	60	Memphis	81	73	Sacramento	84	55
Boston	71	55	Milwaukee	59	57	St. Louis	82	69
Chicago	71	64	New York	71	58	Tampa	90	75
Houston	88	75	Philadelphia	74	60	Wash DC	74	62

O'Kane's estate bestows University with \$88,232 gift

By JARED JODREY
News Writer

Notre Dame recently received a donation of \$88,232 from the charity of late University alumnus Francis O'Kane.

O'Kane, a former corporate lawyer, drugstore owner and World War II veteran, died at age 89 in 1997. Following the death of his wife, Mary, last May, Renaissance, Inc., a social capital company with a mission to "increase the quantity and quality of philanthropy in this country," delivered his bequest, totaling \$353,000.

O'Kane had established a charitable remainder trust in 1995, to the four institutions that had profound

effects on his life. In addition to Notre Dame, donations went to the other two schools he attended, the Fordham Preparatory School in New York, and Harvard Law School, as well as the Calvary Hospital, in New York, where his mother was a patient prior to her death. All of the donations were of equal amounts.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, O'Kane worked for several years as a corporate lawyer until the outbreak of World War II in which he served six years on the European

"[He was someone interested in] everything involved in life."

Joan Pfitzner
O'Kane stepdaughter

O'Kane's stepdaughter, described him as a "quiet and congenial" man who was very intellectual. He was both interested and active in politics throughout his life, she said.

In addition, O'Kane was an avid fan of Notre Dame football, spending

front, eventually being stationed on the French and German border.

Upon returning to the United States after the war, he proceeded to take over the family business, a drugstore in the Bronx. He married his wife in 1993.

Joan Pfitzner, O'Kane's stepdaughter, described him as a "quiet and congenial" man who was very intellectual. He was both interested and active in politics throughout his life, she said.

In addition, O'Kane was an avid fan of Notre Dame football, spending

many Saturday afternoons glued to the television to watch the games. Pfitzner praised her stepfather and said he was someone interested in "everything involved in life."

The trust that Kane set up allowed him and his wife to use the money they invested to live on until they both died. The remainder of what they did not use was to be donated to designated charities.

Cary Solida of Renaissance, Inc., believed that the funds allotted to Notre Dame were "unencumbered" and were sent to the development office for their use in whatever area they deemed fit.

Renaissance, Inc. administers over 5,000 charitable trusts and each year directs an average of \$25 million to charities.

Accounting department maintains high ranking

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

The accounting department is again ranked No. 6 and No. 11 for undergraduates and graduates respectively in a survey by the Public Accounting Report. The results are based on a poll of faculty at accredited accounting programs.

The department was able to keep its high ranking by "maintaining a quality curriculum" which is "a continuous challenge," according to Thomas Schafer, department chair of accountancy.

"Making sure that the faculty has enough time for curricular development keeps us at the cutting edge of a rapidly changing field," Schafer said.

Schafer also said the student body is a great reflection of the department's success. "A

lot of credit goes to how successful our students are when they leave Notre Dame," he said.

Students with a Notre Dame degree in accounting have even better chances at finding jobs suitable to their fields. The students' curriculums lead "directly into services such as tax, assurance services, finan-

cial representation and managerial ace," said Schafer.

He said that the high rankings helps to attract recruiters and recruits alike. The ranking "helps

attract top students" for both graduate and undergraduate programs as well as the big businesses looking to recruit students right out of college.

Just recently, a fifth year was added to the accounting department.

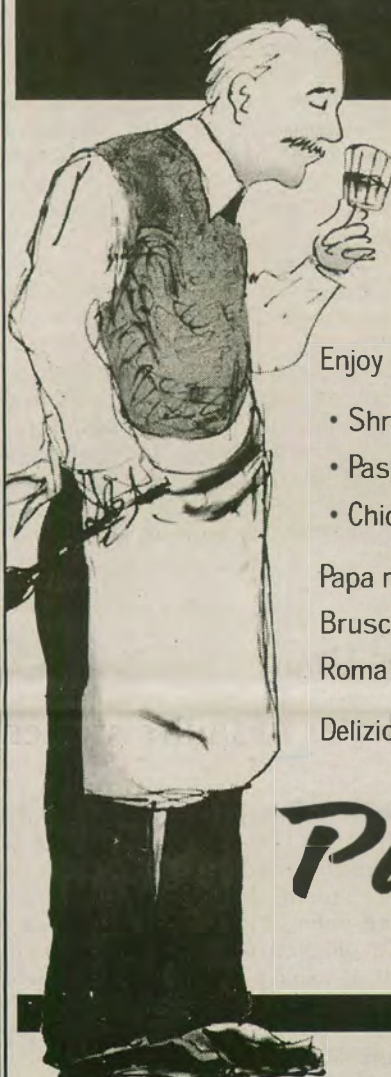
"I am pleased with Notre Dame's placement in the rankings," said Paquita Friday, professor of accountancy. "However, I believe that once the five-year program is more established, it will be ranked higher."

The additional year is optional. "Since the majority of students in the five-year program have Notre Dame degrees, the coursework is different," Friday said. "I think that students decide whether to stay based on their state's requirement for the CPA exam."

"It depends on what you want to do," said Natalie Morgan, a prospective accountancy major. "If you want to get your CPA to work with the public, you stay for the fifth year. If you want to work for private corporations, you stay for only four years."

She said that the No. 6 and the No. 11 rankings were well deserved and called them "a very fair assessment."

"The University employs great professors who are willing to go the extra mile to make sure that students understand the accounting process," Morgan added. "They also help students to be successful in their endeavors."



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Rodriguez celebrates Las Posadas at SMC

♦ **Jubilee Time: Chicana 2000 hosts third lecture.**

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Small children dressed as Mary and Joseph led the way while pilgrims followed behind; Spanish dancers took the stage at Le Mans Hall's Stapleton Lounge Thursday, illustrating the Mexican festival of Las Posadas.

The activities were part of Jesusa Rodriguez's "Las Posadas — A Pilgrimage to the Inn," the third lecture in the series Jubilee Time: Chicana 2000.

Mexican dancing and a re-enactment of the Nativity gave Saint Mary's a taste of Hispanic culture.

When missionaries to Mexico were evangelizing the Mexican people 500 years ago, they often acted out stories from the Bible, said Rodriguez, a first-generation American who has been a member of the South Bend community for 20 years.

"I applaud Saint Mary's for relating to our culture," Rodriguez told the audience. "It is important for us to understand ourselves, who we are and where we come from."

"Las Posadas is the re-enactment of Mary's travel to Bethlehem; it has been celebrated by Mexicans for more than 400 years," she added.

"I applaud Saint Mary's for relating to our culture. It is important for us to understand ourselves, who we are and where we come from."

**Jesusa Rodriguez
speaker**

Las Posadas begins on Dec. 16 and ends on Dec. 24.

"The nine days signify nine months of pregnancy. When Las Posadas is over, we have a fiesta," Rodriguez said.

She said planning for Las Posadas is done a great deal ahead of time and is a time for family and learning.

"Mexican families always plan when they will have their parties and whose will be the largest," she said. "It's an active way of teaching children about the Nativity."

Rodriguez brought visitors to re-enact the pilgrimage to the inn.

"I'm very proud of my culture," Rodriguez said. "It is so beautiful. Such emotions are expressed."

Mendelson gift allows for new sports center

Special to The Observer

Joseph Mendelson of Santa Barbara Calif., has established a \$2.5 million endowment for Notre Dame's Center for Sport, Character & Culture.

A longtime advisor to the University, Mendelson is the parent of two Notre Dame graduates, Patrick Mendelson, Class of 1984, and Rachel Mendelson Rice, a 1987 alumna.

Mendelson was a charter member and served as a chair of the advisory council for Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life from 1980 to 1986. He also served on the advisory council for the Snite Museum of Art from 1986 to 1989 and from 1991 to 2000.

"Joe Mendelson has been extraordinarily generous to Notre Dame with his time, wise counsel and resources," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "His commitment to endow our Center for Sport, Character & Culture ensures that this new scholarly enterprise will continue to provide insightful analysis on the ways in which sport can make positive contributions to the moral fabric of our society."

Mendelson's interest in the Center for Sport, Character & Culture stems in part from his participation as a competitive international runner and from his work as a coach of high school track and cross country teams, including a state

champion, in California.

The Mendelson Center for Sport, Character & Culture, as it will be known, was established in 1999 to promote sport as a means for developing and expressing various facets of human excellence, especially moral virtue, and to offer a social critique of practices that undermine the potential of sport to build character.

The center is directed by the wife and husband team of Brenda Light Bredemeier and David Light Shields, two of the nation's leading experts on the relationship between athletics participation and character development. In addition to their own research, Bredemeier and Shields organize seminars and conferences, offer courses and workshops and stimulate discussion and consensus-building concerning sports goals and practices.

"We salute Joe Mendelson for his generous gift to endow our center," Bredemeier said. "His support, both personal and financial, will help us continue our research into character development through sport and extend our effort to develop programs that will maximize the positive role sport can play in participant development."

Mendelson's new commitment is a component of the University's Generations capital campaign, the largest fund-raising effort in the history of Catholic higher education.

SafeRide

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received rides each night.

"It served as a way for kids to get back if they were stranded off campus," Powers said. "It's a great service that we'd like to see continue."

Powers said that should student government representatives choose to continue SafeRide, he would like to see the program's hours expanded to include Thursday nights.

But that could add more stress to the operating budget of a project O'Donoghue called "very expensive to run."

O'Donoghue said that although SafeRide is presently non-operational, funds have still been set aside for the program this year. He said that if the Office of the Student Body opts to discontinue SafeRide, the funds would be directed elsewhere.

"That money would be put into other worthwhile endeavors. But we'll have to make a decision about SafeRide's future first," he said.

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Evolution

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evolutionary theory does not have a god as its foundation, it does not rule out a god as a possibility. The theory itself does not make a decision on the existence of a god, Pennock explained.

"Evolution is godless in the same way plumbing is godless," he said.

After the end of the talk, many members of the audience questioned Pennock's beliefs and opposed his point of view.

"There is in every scientific theory things we can't explain," he said in response to a statement that there are major holes in the evidence for evolution. "But the evidence for evolution now is so overwhelming."

There was also discussion as to how Darwin's theory of natural selection led to a social

Darwinism that was used to justify Nazi Germany. Pennock explained that it was not a direct result of evolutionary theory, but a twisting of the scientific theory to justify an evil cause.

"People took fitter to mean better and better to mean good, and good to mean morally good," Pennock explained. "There is nothing in evolutionary theory that requires that kind of conclusion. It is people imposing their prior prejudices on a theory."

"Evolution is godless in the same way plumbing is godless."

**Robert Pennock
speaker**

Pennock is an associate professor at Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State and was named a national distinguished lecturer for 2000-2002 by the Sigma Xi Society. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and philosophy from Earlham College and earned his Ph.D.

in history and the philosophy of science from the University of Pittsburgh. Pennock will also be speaking on Friday at noon on "The Ethical Challenges of Emerging Biotechnologies" in Stapleton lounge.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

N. Korea strengthens military:

Despite its severe economic crisis, North Korea has made major military improvements including placing large numbers of artillery guns and rocket launchers near the Demilitarized Zone that separates communist North from the U.S.-backed South Korea, a Pentagon report says. It did not predict renewed war between the Koreas, but stressed that "the Korean Peninsula remains a dangerous theater."

Palestine willing to swap land:

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is willing to trade land in the West Bank for territory in Israel, a swap aiming to accommodate Jewish settlers, an American Jewish leader who met with him said Thursday. Israel and the Palestinians are waiting for the United States to decide whether to offer bridging proposals to break the logjam in their negotiations, officials from both sides said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Teenage hacker gets six months:

A teenager was sentenced to six months in jail Thursday after pleading guilty to federal charges of hacking into NASA computers which support the international space station. The teen, now 16, also admitted he had illegally entered a Pentagon computer system, intercepted 3,300 e-mail transmissions and stolen passwords. The Justice Department said the young man was the first juvenile hacker to be incarcerated for computer crimes.

Group criticizes Hindu prayer:

The Family Research Council is complaining that an invitation to a Hindu priest to give the prayer at the opening of a House session is another indication of the nation drifting from its Judeo-Christian roots. Last Thursday, a Hindu priest from Parma, Ohio, delivered the opening prayer to the House in conjunction with Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee addressing a joint meeting of Congress.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Woman steals money with promise of blessing:

Fort Wayne police are investigating a possible scam in which a woman promises to bless people's money and personal effects, then steals from them. At least one victim lost jewelry and more than \$1,000 cash earlier this month to a woman who calls herself "Alicia," said officer Caesar DeJesus, the Fort Wayne Police Department's Hispanic liaison officer. The woman has been distributing computer-made business cards at local Hispanic grocery stores, DeJesus said.

Market Watch 9/21

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S&P 500:	1449.05	-2.29

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
ERICSSON LM-ADR (ERIC)	-8.78	-1.5800	16.42
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.51	-1.5825	61.48
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-3.18	-2.0050	61.12
DELL COMPUTER (DELL)	-1.61	-6.225	37.94
WORLD COM INC (WCOM)	-2.54	-6.925	26.62

PERU

Armed forces support Fujimori

Associated Press

LIMA

After days of silence that stirred fears of a coup, the powerful armed forces sided publicly Thursday with President Alberto Fujimori in a political crisis over his dismantling of Peru's much-feared national spy agency.

The declaration of military support, the first since Fujimori announced his move against the agency Saturday, appeared aimed at easing public worries in a country with a long history of military coups.

It also appeared to quiet speculation over who really controlled Peru: the president or his national intelligence chief, who is embroiled in a bribery scandal that is forcing Fujimori to cut short his presidency.

But military experts cautioned that spy chief Vladimiro Montesinos remains powerful, with strong support in the armed forces, and is working behind the scenes to elude prosecution in the corruption scandal.

A videotape distributed last week, which showed Montesinos apparently bribing an opposition congressman, sparked the political crisis that is ending Fujimori's decade-long grasp on power.

In a joint communique, the commanders of the army, air force, navy and police said they supported Fujimori's surprise weekend announcement he was deactivating Peru's National Intelligence Service and calling new elections in which he would not participate. Fujimori has said he will remain in power until July 28.

Analysts have speculated Fujimori decided to release his hold on power after he tried unsuccessfully to fire Montesinos, his closest adviser during his years in power. If he had not made the decision to cut his own term short, they say, he would have become a figurehead president.

A skeptical opposition on Thursday demanded Fujimori guarantee a free and fair election of his successor, casting growing doubts on his stated plans to lead his own transition from power.

Alejandro Toledo, who mounted the only serious challenge to Fujimori's unprecedented third election, insisted Fujimori must step down immediately and let an interim government guide the election.

"How do we, as Peruvians, return Peru to democracy and the rule of law?" said Toledo, a U.S.-trained economist.

Political commentator Fernando



AFP Photo

An opposition supporter chants slogans outside the presidential palace during a demonstration by hundreds of students after the Peruvian military dampened fears that it was plotting a coup.

Tuesta said Fujimori was intent on tightly controlling the transition and could not be counted out for a comeback.

"I don't think Fujimori is the kind of person who will just go off and write his memoirs or give international conferences," said Tuesta.

Military experts cast doubt on whether Fujimori was in control of the military, despite the communique professing support.

"The president is mistaken if he thinks by communicating that the National Intelligence Service is being deactivated his adviser will be out of a job," said retired army Gen. Daniel Mora, a government critic.

There were unconfirmed news reports that Montesinos had moved his command post from the air base that houses the intelligence service

into the "Pentagonito," headquarters of the army. The army is the most powerful branch of the armed forces and Montesinos has hand-picked the generals who fill its key command positions.

"Montesinos has decided who enters and leaves the army command," said political scientist Fernando Rospigliosi. "He manages the apparatus through blackmail, espionage, extortion. They may eventually get him out, but for now I don't think Fujimori is in charge of the situation."

Rospigliosi said the military communique appeared to be a move to ease public worries over the crisis.

"They've done this several times before ... The communique is for public consumption" and is intended to make it appear Fujimori is in charge, Rospigliosi said.

IRAN

First solid-fuel missile test-fired

Associated Press

TEHRAN

Iran has successfully test-fired its first solid-liquid fuel missile, which the defense minister said was part of a program for launching satellites, the state news agency said Thursday.

Defense Minister Vice Adm. Ali Shamkhani said the missile, the Shahab-3D, would be used for non-military purposes, the Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Shamkhani was quoted saying the missile was built by the national aerospace authority as part of a program for building rockets to launch satellites. He insisted Iran did not produce offensive weapons, the agency added. He did not give the rocket's range or other details.

In Washington, however, a senior Clinton administration official said that while Iran did conduct a test, it was not successful. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, gave no details.

Earlier, a U.S. intelligence official, Robert D. Walpole, cast doubt on the success of the launch during testimony to a Senate subcommittee hearing.

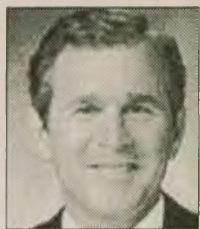
"They say it's successful. We're analyzing the data from the launch and we will tell you more ... but be careful when you get public announcements like this," said Walpole, of the National Intelligence Council, a group of officials from major U.S. intelligence organizations that advises the director of the CIA.

Bush hits hot spots to sway female votes

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For the second time this week, George W. Bush will settle into a TV talk show's guest chair, this time on "Live With Regis," in pursuit of female voters who lean more toward Democratic presidential rival Al Gore.



Bush

The Republican presidential nominee's appearance with Regis Philbin on Thursday follows his visit Tuesday with talk-show queen Oprah Winfrey, an hour-long chat that advisers rated a "home run" for its focus on Bush as a father and husband. Some polls showed him running even again with Gore after eliminating some of the Democrat's recent advances.

Polls have shown female voters with a preference have given Gore his strongest lead in months. A Gallup survey released Monday showed the vice president ahead by 17 points.

The latest poll from the Pew Research Center showed Gore leading among women on all the issues they consider most important, from Social Security and Medicare to health care and education. Gore also has an advantage on protecting and strengthening families, 44-37, among women.

But Bush believes his message will resonate if women hear more about his proposals to hold schools accountable for student performance and learn of his dedication to his family.

Helping out, wife Laura was appearing Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

After talking with Oprah about everything from his decision to quit drinking to his favorite food, Bush and his wife continued trying to soften his image Wednesday at a town meeting outside Pittsburgh where both Bushes, microphones in hand, took questions

from the audience.

Bush also continued his focus on the vice president's credibility.

He suggested that Gore "exaggerated the truth to make a point about an emotional issue" on prescription drugs. The Bush campaign has challenged Gore's assertion that arthritis medicine for his mother-in-law costs \$108 a month while the same formulation for their aging dog costs \$37.80 a month.

"I believe the vice president will say whatever it takes to get elected," Bush said in an interview in New York on MSNBC.

Big contributions, he said, seem to have helped soften Gore's criticism of entertainment violence aimed at kids, Bush said.

"It seems like he must be auditioning for a Broadway play because he keeps changing his tune," the Texas governor said.

Gore raised \$4.2 million for the Democratic National Committee on Monday night in Beverly Hills, Calif., a week after he gave the entertainment industry six months to take steps to make sure violent films are not marketed to children and suggested sanctions if nothing is done.

"At the beginning of the week, he sounded awfully tough on Hollywood. He talked about six months, sanctions. He talked a tough line," Bush said. "After a couple of fund-raisers, he's changed his tune."

At the California fund-raiser, Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman eased their rhetoric. "We will nudge you but we will never become censors," Lieberman said.

Nader joins with celebrities to abandon two-party politics

Associated Press

FLINT, Mich.

With Michael Moore along for the ride, Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader stumped for votes Thursday among the disenfranchised in the city that helped him become a well-known consumer advocate and brought Moore filmmaker fame.

Both Nader and Moore asked supporters at a rally whether the town had made any progress under eight years of President Clinton. The answer: a definitive "No."

Both blamed the Clinton administration for failing to improve the quality of life in the city.

"The unemployment rate and crime remain high, large industrial companies continue to shut down, and more than two-thirds of the area's school children remain below the federal poverty level," Moore said. "All the problems we had 10 years ago we still have today."

Nader said he found it more than "coincidental" that Clinton also was in Flint on Thursday — across the street from the rally. He and Moore tried to attend Clinton's event, but were turned away.

"One of the greatest disemployers of Flint, Michigan, is William Jefferson Clinton," Nader said, referring to the impact of free trade agreements on the town.

Urging supporters to "vote your conscience," Nader warned residents against picking the lesser of two evils in the presidential race — Democrat Al Gore or Republican George W. Bush. He urged them against using the "least-worst approach."

"If you reward both parties, those parties will only get worse every four years."

Nader was attending another rally Thursday at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

The city of Flint brought both Nader and Moore their first taste of notoriety. Nader's high-profile career as a consumer

advocate got its start with his 1965 book "Unsafe at Any Speed," a harshly critical look at U.S. auto manufacturing that focused on the General Motors Corp. Corvair. Moore's 1989 documentary "Roger & Me" assailed the company's actions in closing its Flint plant.

Moore said GM employed 40,000 in the city in 1995. It is now down to 17,000, he said.

"What General Motors did to this city, they can do anywhere," Nader said.

Both men were introduced by former talk show host Phil Donahue, who joined Nader on his "nonvoter tour" through the industrial Midwest, an area rich with battleground states considered tossups between Gore and Bush.

Donahue first met Nader as a radio reporter in 1965.

"I think he's always been right on the issues," he said of Nader.

Donahue has another connection to the city — shortly after Moore produced "Roger & Me," its distributor, Time-Warner, had qualms about releasing it because GM was among its top advertisers. Donahue then aired two back-to-back shows live from Flint, boosting sales of the movie.

Earlier, Nader focused on a "sliding backwards in environmental achievement," referring to further depletion of the ozone layer, the increase of global warming and soil erosion, in a speech to students at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He also cited the large number of workplace deaths due to trauma and industrial toxins.

Nader also criticized his exclusion from next month's presidential debates, saying Bush and Gore won't address the issues important to most Americans, including the increase in a living wage, a more balanced transit system, free trade and laws making it easier for workers to unionize.

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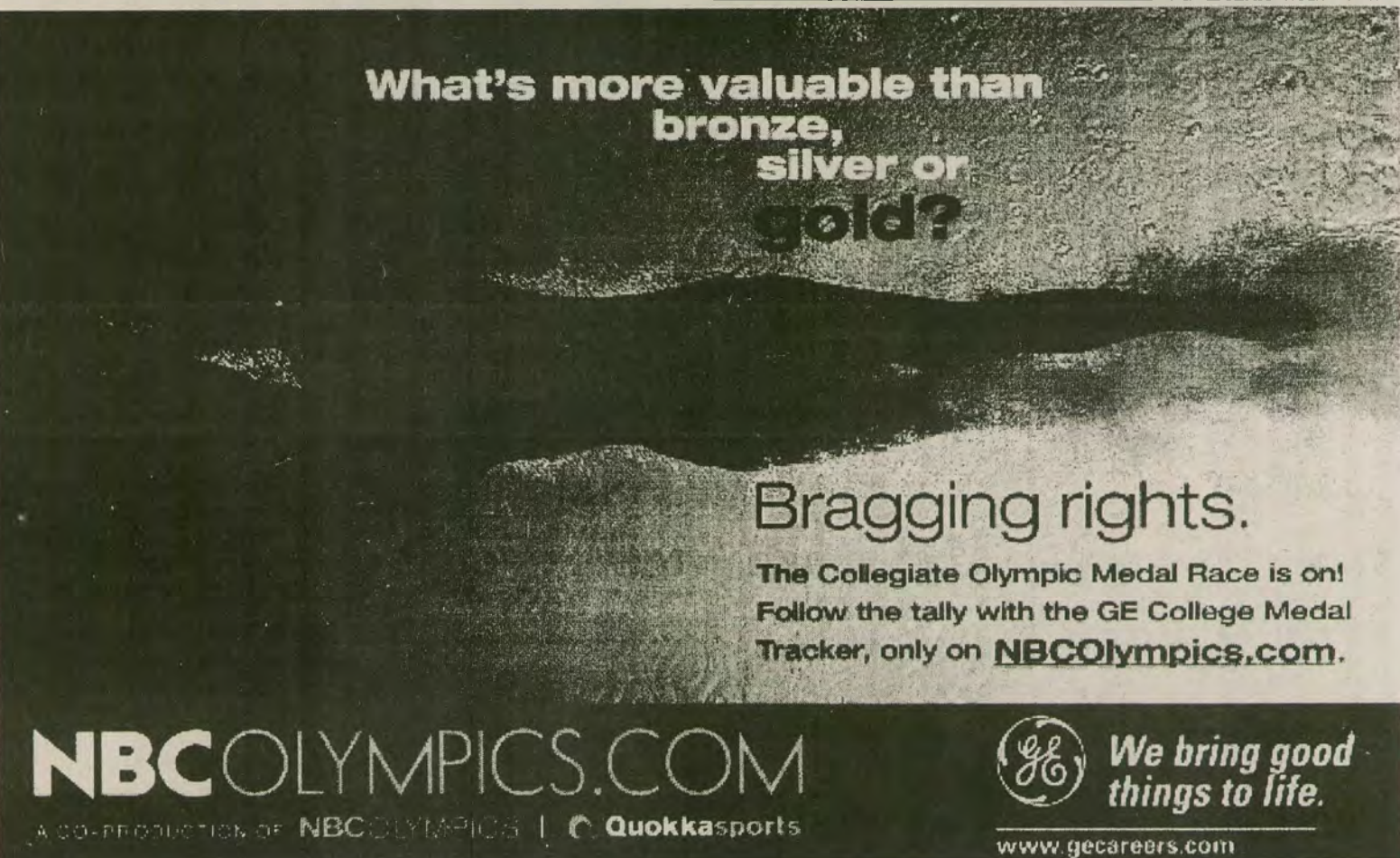
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Friday-Saturday, September 22-23

St. Joe Hall

Freshmen Retreat #30

Saturday, September 23

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

Asian Culture and the Biblical World

Dr. Seung Ai Yang, Biblical Scholar

University of St. Thomas

St. Paul Seminary/School of Divinity

St. Paul, MN

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24

Oakwood Inn

Asian American Student Retreat

Sunday, September 24, 1:30 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Spanish Mass

Presider: Rev. Felipe Morel, csc

Monday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.

LaFortune Ballroom

Emmaus Kick-Off

Monday-Friday, September 25-29

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September 25-October 30

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Sign-up, Freshmen Retreat #31

(Nov. 3-4, 2000)

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Pasquerilla West, Sorin

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.

Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, September 26, 9:00 p.m.

Corby Hall

Information Session on

Holy Cross Priests and Brothers

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 p.m.

Morrissey Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, September 23 Mass

5:30 p.m.

Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, c.s.c.

Sunday, September 24 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

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

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Wis 2: 12, 17 - 20

2nd Reading Jas 3: 16 - 4:3

Gospel Mk 9: 30 - 37

Follow the Road to True Fortune

by Amy Seamon

I went for a walk this past weekend. My mom, dad, and some friends came down from Grand Rapids, Michigan for the football festivities and were anxious to tour campus. We met at my house, took a left out the front door, saw the golden dome and as cliché as it may sound, I started heading home.

We headed down Notre Dame Avenue pointing out all of the beautiful landscaping and seeing taxis cart students away for a nice quiet meal with friends. Our first stop was the bookstore where for the first time since I can remember my dad did not buy a single thing for my mom or me, but we did get to see the "real Rudy." We then stopped for a bite at Reckers and I could not help but recall some of my late night trips for a smoothie with my girls from McGlinn. I took them to see my new office. Then we headed to the grotto. I walked past my favorite bench by the lakes, noted many couples taking romantic walks, and then walked down the road that simply calls for me to follow the light. I cannot tell you how many times I have walked this road before.

I graduated from Notre Dame just four short months ago. I find myself in a very familiar place without the hassle of classes and homework. Like many Seniors, in the final months before graduation I panicked about my future and realized that, if I could do college all over again, I would probably have been a Biology major and not English. But life has a funny way of working itself out and I have been blessed with an internship at Campus Ministry. I am working with some of the best people on this campus.

My mom, Mrs. DiLorenzo and I went to light our candles as my dad and Mr. D. stood watch. I walked ahead of the girls, found my "usual spot," lit a candle for an unexpected intention, and then I wept. I cried like a little girl. Suddenly, I realized

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exactly where I was, who was with me, and why I was there. My worries and personal stresses from the past weeks exploded and I felt myself growing weaker. My full calendar, challenges with relationships, and transition from student to staff became, in that moment, too much for me to handle. Who would have thought that my mom would be there to make it all better? A routine trip to the grotto became a rediscovery of family, God, and myself.

There are so many times in our daily routines when we take for granted the path we are following. Whether it is the path we follow to the grotto for a prayer around finals time or the quad we walk down to get to work or class, no two days can or ever will be exactly the same.

And it's not just our paths we should be concerned with. We are called to be a light for one another and help each other find the path that leads us closer to God. After the death of Jesus, two disciples met a stranger along the road as they journeyed to Emmaus. Conversing and debating about the events of the past few days, the disciples did not even recognize that it was Jesus walking beside them. As they approached the village, they invited the stranger to stay with them. While they sat together at the table the stranger took the bread, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. The disciples' eyes were opened and they recognized the Risen Christ. "Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:32).

Many students within the Notre Dame community have expressed the need for a place where they can gather and share their faith journey while reading and reflecting upon scripture. Campus Ministry listened and created Emmaus. By joining a faith-sharing group, you join a community that promises to be more than just another "club" on the résumé or appointment in your date book. Forming an Emmaus group can mean gathering new and old friends to share what is most important in our lives. I pray that your hearts might burn with the same fire as the Lord walks with you and explains the scriptures to you as you continue your faith journey.

A life of faith shared in community demands commitment. Emmaus is an opportunity to mature in faith and build an intimate and trusting environment that will allow you to address some of life's most important questions with people who are there to support you and grow spiritually in a communal setting. I pose this challenge to you: commit yourself to an Emmaus group for a semester. Campus Ministry can form a group for you. Or ask people in your hall section to form a group. Maybe some friends in a choir or an athletic team would like to pray outside of weekly rehearsal or practice. RA's could form a group and take this time to talk about the struggles and rewards of each week. Emmaus is for everyone and anyone.

Follow the road to true fortune. Make your Emmaus group a place to come home to, a road you can keep traveling on to continue your journey of faith and nurture lifelong friendships with one another. Take the time to build a community of faith venturing down a new and exciting path and I promise your journey will be blessed.

For more information about Emmaus contact Amy Seamon at Campus Ministry in Badin Hall at 631-3389. The Emmaus Kick-off celebration is Monday, September 25th at 6:00p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom. All are welcome!





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ENGLAND

Attackers blast headquarters, cause limited damage

Associated Press

LONDON
Unknown attackers fired a "small missile" at the headquarters of Britain's MI6 intelligence agency in central London late Wednesday, causing an explosion on the eighth floor, police said.

The blast caused limited damage and no injuries at the 10-story structure at the heart of

Britain's intelligence abroad.

Witnesses reported hearing two explosions, large enough to send up a plume of white smoke and to rattle buildings across a railway. The blast brought firefighters, police and ambulances to the site on the south bank of the River Thames, and police closed the area around the headquarters.

Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, in charge of the Anti-Terrorist

Branch, said that at 9:45 p.m. "an object was fired at Vauxhall Cross, which is the headquarters of the Secret Intelligence Service."

"An examination of the exterior of the building showed that some form of small missile has hit the exterior at about the eighth floor," he told a news conference.

Asked if the object was like a mortar shell, he said he doubted it was that powerful. "In all probability I would doubt it is a mortar — I would have expected more substantial damage," he said.

Fry said it was too early to say if Irish republican groups might be involved. "Clearly we have to keep in mind the capabilities of dissident Irish groups, but at this stage we will not be ruling out any group who might see the secret intelligence service as a target," Fry said.

The blast caused minimal damage and the work of the intelligence service was not disrupted, he said, adding that no claim of responsibility for the attack has been made.

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, whose department is responsible for MI6, said there were no casualties.

The 10-story, cream and green modern-style structure was featured in the James Bond movie, "The World Is Not Enough" and in one scene was shown being blown up by a terrorist bomb.

Police immediately closed off roads leading to the area, located between Vauxhall and Lambeth bridges over the River Thames. Officers in yellow slickers cordoned off the building, barring even police cars from

passing the barriers. The London Fire Brigade had two fire engines and crews at the scene.

"We just heard two God-almighty bangs, a loud one first, and then another one," said Theresa Harding, 68, who lives nearby. "We honestly thought it was fireworks."

One witness, Andrew Preece, told BBC News 24 he was driving home when he saw a flash of light coming from the top of the MI6 building.

"It looked as if it was internal from the center of the building but the flash of light was from the top of the building," he said. "It was followed by a large bang and the ground seemed to shake and my car was shaking."

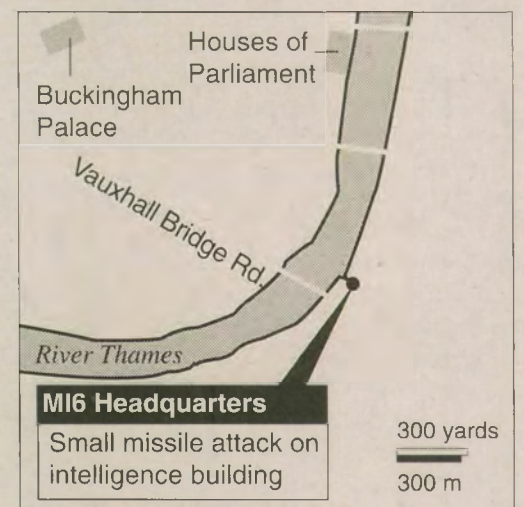
Earlier this year, the Foreign Office said it was tightening security procedures after reported lapses.

In March, a laptop computer that contained missing training information for one of Britain's spy agencies was mislaid and recovered by police two weeks later. News reports suggested that an MI6 agent left the laptop in a taxi after spending a night

drinking at a bar near the agency's headquarters.

MI6, formed in 1921, is responsible for foreign intelligence. It is thought to cooperate closely with the domestic security service MI5 in keeping track of Irish terror groups.

The high-tech spy headquarters bristles with security features. Much of the complex is below street level to protect the most sensitive areas from terrorist attacks.



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Questioning ticket allocation for away games

At last Friday's pep rally, head coach Bob Davie thanked the student body for their support at the Nebraska game and said he didn't see a single red shirt in the student section. He acknowledged that the student body are always the most emotional and most vocal supporters of the Irish football team.

But this weekend, in a critical road game for the Irish against the Spartans of Michigan State, the student body will

be virtually silent. The intensity and volume generated by the 10,000 students at home games will be significantly reduced. Only 196 students received tickets through the Student Union Board ticket lottery. Only 196 students could win tickets because the University allotted only 200 of the 5,000 Notre Dame tickets

for student use. The University has set aside 1,500 tickets for internal University use and 3,300 tickets for alumni. Considering the large number of University officials and alum-

ni that sold tickets to Nebraska fans, it is especially disheartening to see these same groups receive priority over students.

When the Irish need strong support from their fans in a tough road game, they need student support. They need to hear more than 196 of their classmates screaming in the stands.

Unlike games played in Orlando or Los Angeles, games in East Lansing are reasonable day trips from South Bend. If the University would allot more of its away tickets, especially for nearby games, the students could support their team in the stands and not from their couches.

The Observer Editorial

Tracking the presidential race

The current Olympic Games competition in Australia is the half-time entertainment for the presidential race. The Democratic and Republican teams

are in the locker room preparing for the final five weeks of campaigning that include three debates, ultimately determining the outcome of the election. It is remarkable how the "preseason" polls do not reflect the current score on the board. Al Gore has the momentum and the lead coming out for the second half of action.

Some, mostly Democrats but several impartial observers, believe that the race has already been decided with George W. Bush's three gaffs prior to the Olympic competition. They contend that Bush really is not up to the task of the presidency and has reinforced that notion.

Republicans, along with many whom have not really been paying much attention to the campaign, are confident that Bush can regain those supporters he recently lost to Gore. The Democrats, along with some pollsters and impartial academic researchers, see Bush's erosion of women, for example, as a permanent departure to Gore because women are part of Gore's base, which he has solidified.

The half-time analysis is threefold. First of all, Gore has moved the debate of the campaign to his strength issues.

Secondly, Bush's campaign rhetoric of leadership, having a new tone and bringing both parties together has been symbolically undermined by his campaign's and the Republican National Committee's actions.

And lastly, Gore's strategists are more focused on the issues and have kept him on track while Bush's strategists are letting disdain for President Clinton cloud their candidate's campaign direction.

This election is paralleling the 1988 election when Vice President George Bush ran against Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. Dukakis had led by about 17 points until Bush stormed out of his convention, surged ahead in the poll and never looked back.

The exception to the similarities of the two elections is that in 1988, elder Bush attacked with hot-button issues in two areas. He portrayed Dukakis as unpatriotic (an effective practice used by Republicans during the Reagan years). He also used an African-American convict, Willie Horton, released by Dukakis and who subsequently murdered again, as the example of Dukakis being soft on crime. Many have called those ads effective race-baiting techniques that also portrayed Dukakis as too liberal to be president.

This year, Al Gore has stormed out of his convention with momentum that has been sustained thus far. He effectively has shifted the campaign on his turf issues. By spelling out in great detail his prescription drug proposal and budget priorities, he has drawn Bush away from his original game plan of making character and compassion the main themes of his campaign.

Without the overt negativity of the 1988 campaign, Gore is successfully implying that Bush is a lightweight with "me too" proposals who cannot compete when it comes to offering government programs. Some even interpret Bush's kiss of Oprah this week as a "me too" effort to woo women like Gore did when he kissed his wife at the convention.

Also, Bush's campaign rhetoric has touted his leadership, ability to unite both parties and willingness to bring a new tone to Washington. Yet events of the past few weeks have symbolically undercut and contradicted his message. His gaffe at an open microphone when he called a New York Times reporter "a major league a-hole" eroded his "new tone" message. The following week when a RNC ad had "RATS" superimposed over Al Gore's prescription drug proposal, that nasty tone symbolism completely destroyed any attempt Bush had to further resonate that message.

Furthermore, Bush's handling of the

"debate on debates" made him seem like a kid who would take his ball home if the game was not played his way. Early on in the week when he announced which debates he wanted, Bush showed no leadership or ability to negotiate with the Gore campaign like he finally did when the two sides eventually discussed the debate formats. The RNC's ads criticizing Gore's so-called flip-flop on the debates tried to resurrect the character issue, but was roundly rejected by voters when aired on television.

Finally, Republican dislike for Bill Clinton is so intense throughout the party's ranks that it is keeping some Bush campaign strategists from seeing the trees from the forest. Early after the Democratic convention, Al Gore separated himself from President Clinton much like elder George Bush did from Ronald Reagan in 1988. Once the American public saw Gore as his own man, the character weaknesses Bush had run on were no longer viable in the minds of independent voters. The Bush campaign's efforts to resurrect character will be seen as a negative attack and backfire if Bush continues in the coming weeks. Someone should tell the Bush folks to focus like Bill Clinton's staff did in 1992 when their motto was: "it's the economy, stupid!"

Closely watch the national poll numbers prior to the debates. Only the Voter.com poll has Bush ahead by a point. If Bush cannot bump Gore in the traditionally Republican-leaning Gallop poll, most toss-up state polls will tend to also support Gore. Those who are counting on voters who have left Bush to swing back to him need only to ask themselves, "how many times have I had an initial impression, changed it and then bounced back to my initial impression?" It does not happen often, and that spells trouble for George W. Bush.

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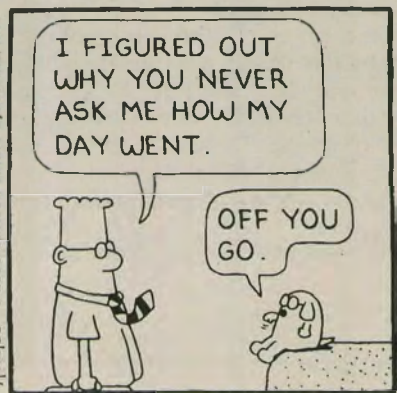
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Gary Caruso

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I just received the following wire from my generous Daddy — 'Dear Jack. Don't buy a single vote more than necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.'"

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president

VIEWPOINT

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Unravelling the mystery of ND ROTC

Just across Juniper Road, on the outskirts of campus, there is a building. In front of that building there are flags seen nowhere else on this campus. Inside, images of fighter planes adorn the classroom walls. There is even a room referred to as the warrior lounge. Only about a tenth of the student body has ever spent a considerable amount of time in this building and unless you have had a class scheduled there because no other space was available, you probably refer to it as "that building across the road where the ROTC kids go."

Shawn
T. Storer

*Catholic
Perspectives
on ROTC*

For those of us not in ROTC there are subtle but constant reminders that ROTC is present here on campus. Occasionally, a student in a camouflaged uniform appears in our classes and takes notes or falls asleep just as anyone else would. Almost every student has had a dorm section-mate in ROTC. But it seems that what students in ROTC do is of little concern to the rest of us. They wake up early in the morning for their physical training exercises, long before the majority of this campus rises. On many an afternoon, they move in uniform and in exodus to the Pasquerilla Building — "over there, across the road." Our exposure to what ROTC does is, however, limited in that we watch the color guard march across the field before every football game or we catch a glimpse of a late-night "shoe-shining party" in a dorm lounge as students in ROTC prepare for the next day's inspection.

I think it is fair to say that Notre Dame appears comfortable with ROTC. From those in ROTC who are conditioned and trained to be able to take another human life as a tool of waging war; to those not in ROTC who appear largely indifferent to its presence here. Those who do not even bat an eye when fellow students return to campus from a ROTC weekend in full camouflage, field gear and painted faces and ask no questions about what they were just trained to do.

These dialogues, sponsored by Pax Christi ND, are at an early stage. Their purpose is to bring what goes on "over there, on the other side of the road" — in classes, in the early morning hours at PT's, at weekend field training exercises and in summer training camps — to bring all of that over here to be examined and discussed by students, faculty, alumni and administrators, the entire university community. What is at the center of these dialogues, the driving force behind them, is genuine Christian concern. Concern for the students, concern about what they will one day be ordered to do, concern for those giving those orders and concern for those who they will be ordered to do these things to.

In our Catholic faith we have two, long-standing traditions: Just War and Pacifism. I say that both are long-standing because that is exactly the case. Contrary to popular belief, pacifism did not start with the anti-Vietnam war sentiment of the 1960s.

True Christian pacifism is rooted in the nonviolent life, example and teachings of Jesus; most especially in his death, in a crucifixion in which he not only refused to retaliate against his executioners but that in his final moments he forgave them. The martyrs of the early Christian Church continued this pacifism, some of them refusing to serve in the Roman military and facing death for their decision.

At a school so concerned with Catholic character and with observing and fostering traditions, what does this say to us? I think it says that the issues we are discussing in the ROTC Dialogues are not new ones, and they are ones that we can not afford to avoid. It is important to realize that this is very much part of the Catholic Tradition. This is the voice that proclaims that Christians will not have this world bettered by the taking of life and that killing one's enemy makes it impossible to live Jesus' command to love them.

It could be argued that in many ways Notre Dame has had a student population, though small in number, that has been in closer, consistent adherence to the tenets of Christian Pacifism than it has ever had in adherence to the Catholic Just War Tradition.

It is true that within the Catholic Tradition there exists the long-standing framework of the Just War Theory, which argues that the taking of another life is permissible under certain very strict conditions, both prior to engagement in and during the waging of combat. But when seriously adhered to, the Just War position often arrives in a stance of nonviolence.

In examining modern warfare through the lens of the Catholic Just War theory, the question as to whether a Christian can even participate becomes a very real one. There are several cases that require our consideration: the United States' dropping of the Atomic bombs on the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the Second World War, the carrying out of the My Lai Massacre by First Lieutenant William Calley and soldiers in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, and examples of grave unjust disproportional activity in the Persian Gulf War.

We cannot pass over the Persian Gulf War too quickly for it is a war that in many ways has never ended. The United States continues to impose crippling economic sanctions on the people of Iraq, sanctions that have been vehemently condemned by the Pope, numerous bishops, several international governmental authorities and countless others. These economic sanctions are implemented and carried out by people in the military, a military which some of our university's students will find themselves a part in the very near future. In addition to these sanctions members of the U.S. Air National Guard have killed more than 200 Iraqis since December of 1998 in bombings that are part of Operations Northern and Southern Watch. These bombings have garnered little attention from the media but are not only in violation of Catholic Just War theory, but also have no legal basis in United Nations resolutions concerning Iraq.

Events such as these are a few clear examples of how participation in the military can mean participating in unjust and immoral warfare by Catholic Just War standards. We must recognize that if it is the case that there are times and situations when the interests of the United States government and military are in tension or even direct conflict with the mission and ends of the Catholic Church, then it is crucial and necessary that we must consider a tangible incorporation of Catholic Just War education in the ROTC program and curriculum.

For those in ROTC that consider themselves called to

bear a Christian witness in the military, I offer you this thought. If a Christian witness is possible in the military then it is only possible if the Catholic Just War Theory is studied, considered and adhered to. Some students at the dialogue spoke about their struggles and consideration with the call of Christian charity and of one day being a part of the military. It became clear that many of those who spoke to this effect considered a good deal of what they spoke about because they took an optional Theology course entitled War, Law, & Ethics.

If the University of Notre Dame wants to truly form "more moral soldiers," then the Reserve Officers Training Corps Program must incorporate and be held accountable to the standards set forth by the Catholic Just War Tradition.

It has now become obvious that there are students concerned about this issue in one way or another.

Approximately one hundred students would not be attending these ROTC Dialogues if that were not so. But also by attending such an event, some students in ROTC might be suggesting that there has not been a sufficient opportunity for discussion and instruction about trying to effectively bear a Christian witness in this world while being a participant in the military. This points to a very legitimate need, a need that we can only begin to address by talks such as the ones we are sponsoring.

In the encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* Pope John Paul II states that God never commands the impossible (Para 102-3). We gather together at the ROTC Dialogues to discuss and discern these most difficult issues and how they affect our lives. We must take solace in the fact that our discussions and decisions, however difficult and uncomfortable they might be, are not concerned with striving toward an impossible ideal. We are attempting to put our Christian faith into practice, to discern how we can best live lives of love in this world. We cannot dismiss aspects of our Christian faith as being impossible, for that does nothing but erode and dilute Christianity, thus quieting the Christian voice in the world.

If we truly believe that Christ is the Light in the Darkness and that we as Christians are Light to the world, then we must see the world and all we do through the lens of Christ and the Gospel message. Light does two things: it helps us to see things more clearly, and sometimes it helps us to see things we have not seen before for the first time. It is time that we bring what goes on "over there, across the road" over here and examine it together with Christian eyes. I hope that these dialogues are a source of light to our university community in discerning how to live more loving, Christian lives and effectively preach the Gospel in this troubled world.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Questioning The Observer's independent status

Though independence is a very important issue for any publication (and I've seen the contrary through my work with former Soviet countries), The Observer has, in recent years, exceeded its bounds to stress that independence in the face of the body which allows it to exist.

There is, undoubtedly, a difference between an independent publication and one printing articles overly critical of the administration (as front page news) when that topic is, in truth, of minor significance to the

community as a whole.

I speak primarily of the "gay rights" issue. The Observer has flaunted its independent status and misrepresented the University by giving undue attention to events realistically unworthy of extensive coverage. In the process, The Observer has compromised the true meaning of "independent." A difference exists between independent and flagrant contradiction.

The administration allows The Observer to exist. The Observer has every right to print any story it sees fit as

affecting the community. Recent articles harshly criticize the administration and are not relevant to the majority of this campus.

You do the math.

Jim Arkedis
Class of '99
September 21, 2000

From ties to togas

Anticipating football withdrawal this Saturday? Never fear —

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

This weekend, the first away game of the football season will mark the opening of another kind of season on the Notre Dame campus: SYR Season ... no, wait, that's "All Hall Dance" Season.

Formerly known as the SYR, the "All Hall Dance" is as much a tradition at Notre Dame as pep rallies and the Alma Mater. It constitutes such an integral part of dorm life that most freshmen find themselves anticipating their first dance before they even step foot on campus.

The name itself is a throwback to the depths of Notre Dame history, the letters stand for "Screw Your Roommate" and denote a time when roommates got to choose each other's dates — a situation which proved advantageous if you had a good roommate, but had the potential to get ugly, in more ways than one.

Today, the process of finding a date has evolved and most students fend for themselves. The recent change in name, abandoning the familiar title of "SYR" in favor of "All Hall Dance," reflects the death of this tradition.

There are those on campus, however, that would like to see this tradition reborn.

"[It would be a] good idea if the SYR theme was really how it used to be ... [because] it would be a cool way to meet someone," said Morrissey Manor sophomore George Salib.

But not to worry, the All Hall Dance can provide many of the same opportunities. Take, for example, John Bauters, a junior from Keenan Hall, who can boast attendance at 29 dances thus far in his college career.

"My freshman year, the girl I had asked found out she had to leave town two days before the dance," said Bauters. "The upperclassmen in my hall made a game out of [finding me a date]." Taking turns calling girls off of Bauters' T-shirt from the Graffiti Dance, the guys ended up buying dinner for the first one who found him a date.

"I had a really great time, and we actually became very good friends," Bauters said of the girl he attended the dance with. "We are still close today."

"The [dates] that are just random are the best ones for me," said off-campus senior Jackie Schmidt. "When there are no expectations it's so much easier to just let go and have a good time."

Of course, this good time depends on many things, and your date is often the number one factor.

So what exactly makes a good date?

"Someone who is not looking for a relationship!" said Ann Oleniczak, a sophomore in McGlinn Hall.

"[I] definitely want someone who can dance, people who just want to cut loose. That's what it's all about," said Bauters.

While some students feel that alcohol can enliven the party, many students say they don't need the beverage to spice up their experience.

"[The dance] does not have to involve alcohol," said Angie Gubana, a sophomore in Lewis Hall. "As long as my date can have fun without it, it's not a problem for me."

For most people, the biggest challenge is the actual hunt for the date. While some popular methods include leafing through

the dog book, finding someone outside the dining hall an hour before the dance and the ever-effective request for your roommate's date to bring a friend, many students find ways that are, well, more creative.

"Once, this fifth-year senior came up to me in the stir-fry line at the dining hall," said Schmidt. "The next thing I knew he had found my number ... it was totally random but I had a good time."

This time of year, one can feel particular empathy for the freshmen who still don't know a lot of people on campus. What do they expect?

"I heard [All Hall Dances] suck pretty bad ... but I'm kinda looking

forward to it," said Dillon freshman Alan Ward.

Walsh freshman Cat Ruiz, on the other hand, heard "that they were a lot of fun. It's just that it's so early in the year, and you don't know anyone so it's kind of weird."

All the freshmen really need to do, though, is pay attention to their fellow upperclassmen who have some great advice on asking their first date.

"Be persistent," said Brian Ostick, a sophomore in Alumni Hall who admitted to asking six different people before finding someone for his first dance freshman year. "There are 8,000 other people on this campus who want to go [to an All Hall Dance]."

"Just ask someone you know you'll have fun with," said O'Neill senior David Tyler. He says freshmen should "use the dance as an ice breaker if there's someone you are interested in."

Elizabeth Caballero, a sophomore in Walsh Hall, echoed the same tips. "You'll never have the guts to ask that crush again; that's the beauty of the first dance of freshman year."

"Remember that it's not a big deal ... it's not a matter of life and death," Schmidt said. "It's five hours with a person and as long as you keep a casual and open attitude you're guaranteed to

Female dorms' dance dates

Lyons Friday, September 22

Lewis Friday, September 22

Howard Saturday, September 23

Pasquerilla West Friday, September 29

Cavanaugh Friday, September 29

Walsh Friday, September 29

McGlinn Saturday, September 30

Breen-Phillips Friday, September 29

Farley Saturday, September 30

Pangborn Saturday, September 30

Badin Saturday, November 4

Welsh Saturday, November 4

Pasquerilla East Saturday, November 18



have a good time."

And that is the goal, after all, right?

Once the mad scramble for dates subsides, and each Domer finds him or herself paired off for the night, the search for the appropriate SYR gift begins. The mall fills with guys reluctantly purchasing various forms of Backstreet Boys and 'NSYNC paraphernalia, and the bookstore becomes a shot glass factory.

But how do you find the perfect gift for your date? Students name gold fish, talking stuffed animals, Nerf guns, and yes, Barbie Dolls (for both guys and girls) among some of their favorite gifts. Men, in particular, express a great appreciation for sporting goods such as

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9. Boxing Nuns
8. Pez dispensers
7. Coloring Books
6. Twister

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all dances are here to provide your weekend entertainment.



mini-basketballs or dart sets.

"My friends and I are still getting a lot of use out of the boxing gloves we got one year," said Tyler, who laughed about using the gloves the next morning to duke it out and determine who had to clean up after their party.

Quite often dorms will offer party favors bearing some epithet of the dance, such as key chains or T-shirts. While these favors have to be approved by Student Activities, it seems that fewer and fewer drinking-related favors are being made.

Students looking for a more sentimental touch can choose hand-made gifts and cards. "One of my favorites was a hand-painted frame my friend gave me with a picture of us

in it," said Gubana.

The right SYR gift can always make for a good start to the evening, but when it comes down to party time, many agree that it is the theme of the dance that makes it memorable.

"I just like it better when there's a theme," said McGlinn sophomore Jeanne Veneklase, who added that shedding the classic little, black semi-formal dress for a more outrageous and unique outfit usually makes for a more exciting night.

Some of the most engaging themes include Hawaiian parties, Harleys and Honeys, holiday schemes, '70s/'80s nights, toga parties and floor division themes, where each half of a floor decorates with an opposite theme such as Heaven and Hell.

There are a plethora of annual dances students mark their calendars and count off the days for. Usually held during the spring term when the absence of football season allows for a better dispersion of dances throughout the semester, these are the dances that most people agree students must attend before graduation.

Most revolve around a holiday or a special event, such as the Keough Chariot Races or the Morrissey Christmas Dance, and many extend over an entire weekend.

The Keenan Revue, for example, is always a big hit. Accompanied by a three-night performance of what promises each year to be side-splitting sketch comedy, the actual dance takes place on Saturday night about an hour after the final performance. It is the only dance with extended parietals, stretching dancing hours until 3 a.m., and the only dance accompanied by breakfast, as North Dining Hall opens soon after to welcome the men of Keenan and their dates.

This dance is so popular on campus that most guys do not even have to ask their own dates," said Bauters. "We usually get calls from everybody ... they are looking for tickets and really want to go."

Another widely-anticipated event is Alumni Hall's Wake. "We feel the Wake is the biggest event on campus," boasted Ostick, who happens to be one of Alumni's four dance commissioners. Still, the Wake remains one of the most mysterious of all campus events as the men of Alumni prefer to keep most of the program a secret to their freshmen and most non-Alumni residents, "so it doesn't lose its mystique."

What is known is that the night before the dance, the men lead a procession around campus meant to emulate the old tradition of the Irish Wake, which was apparently a celebration of life, death and the transition in between. Parading around campus wearing boxer shorts and neck ties, they bear not only their bodies, but also a coffin whose inhabitant remains a mystery to most on campus. This is followed by what Ostick calls "one big crazy party."

The Lewis Crush is another popular All Hall event. The women of Lewis send anonymous invitations to their "crushes" and reserve the right to approach their date, should he show up, either at the dance or

the barbecue which precedes it.

McGlinn hosts an annual Casino Night where each dorm resident invites multiple guests, male or female, to a night of gambling with fake money and fun prizes.

O'Neill's Mardi Gras is commonly known as one of the rowdiest on campus. Highlights include Thursday night's "King of Mardi Gras" competition, in which the men of O'Neill compete for the right to head the parade which kicks off the dance on Saturday afternoon. The men rile up SDH for dinner in their Mardi Gras costumes just before the parade, and then progress throughout the entire campus, picking up their dates along the way.

"Guys are encouraged to bring more than one date," said Tyler, "so there generally ends up being a lot more girls than guys" — seemingly the appropriate finishing touch to an annual celebration of hedonism and wanton fun. But of course, isn't that what SYRs are supposed to be? Whether known as an SYR or

All Hall Dance, it's meant to be a night for revelry with fellow students.

It's important to not stress out about finding a date or worry too much about the perfect outfit, because most things considered, students will have fun at the dance.

So to those whose dance season kicks off this weekend and to those whose semester-long battle for dates will continue well into December, have fun, good luck and happy hunting.

(And to that guy who sits behind me in Econ with the rust-colored hat — are you busy next weekend? Because we have this dance coming up ...)

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Male dorms' dance dates

O'Neill Friday, September 22

Siegfried Friday, September 22

Zahm Friday, September 22

Morrissey Friday, September 29

Alumni Friday, September 29

Fisher Friday, September 29

Keough Saturday, September 30

Knott Saturday, September 30

Sorin Saturday, September 30

St Edwards Friday, October 6

Stanford Friday, October 27

Dillon Saturday, December 2



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4. Live Animals
3. Dead Animals (Steak dinner)
2. Stuffed Animals
1. Anything wrapped in The Observer

WOMEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Teamwork, defense key as Welsh takes on Lyons

By JOE LICANDRO and JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writers

The game between Welsh and Lyons on Sunday at 2:00 will be a game of polar opposites.

Welsh, a team composed of experienced veterans, is coming off a 29-6 thrashing of Pasquarilla East. The predominantly inexperienced Lyons team is reeling over their 26-0 loss to Cavanaugh.

Welsh will be led by playmaker Jen Grubb. However, as Coach Casey Bouton points out, the true key to Welsh's success is their teamwork and defense.

Bouton is pleased with his team's effort in practice and says his team is ready for the game on Sunday.

"We've been practicing really hard against each other, and we're hoping our hard work pays off on Sunday. We understand Lyons will be ready for the upset, and we're looking forward to the challenge."

Although Lyons certainly has their work cut out for them, Captain Lisa Thomas believes the first game was a great learning experience especially for the freshmen.

"Although we had a disappointing turnout in our first game, we expect to play better this Sunday," Thomas said.

Although the odds are stacked against Lyons knocking off last year's champion and this year's preeminent favorite Welsh, the game on Sunday could prove to be the biggest upset of the season.

Lewis vs. Pasquerilla East

For the Pyro offense, it could be another tough Sunday at the office. After facing the stifling pass rush of Welsh Family last week, Pasquerilla East faces a confident Lewis Chick defense coming off a shutout. The teams square off at noon Sunday on the McGlinn fields in what might be a bruising defensive

brawl for the books.

On the crushing Lewis defense in led by linebacker Becky Ward. Coach Blake Kirkman says the Chicks are "counting on her to be everywhere." Kirkman added that Ward is a superstar on a squad full of talent.

"The defensive line is solid. We have good players in the secondary too," Kirkman said.

Kirkman is pleased with the way his young players have performed so far.

"I'm excited about how they're picking up the offense."

Lewis wide receiver Katie Schlosser isn't surprised that defense is her team's strength.

"[Our defensemen] are very athletic. We had a good defense last year too," she commented.

On offense, Schlosser described the team as "inexperienced at the skill positions."

Schlosser explained that the Chicks are tinkering with their offensive strategy for their game against the Pyros.

"We passed too much last game," she noted. "We've brought in some new plays so we won't be so predictable."

The tough PE defense is seeking to improve against Lewis, after giving up several big plays against Welsh. Defensive lineman Brita McCullough said that practice this week was spent "polishing up the defense and communicating better about what the offense is doing." McCullough explained that the team has responded well despite their loss.

"It's a place to start. We can build on it," she said.

On offense, the Pyros face the challenge of another strong defensive line and linebacker corps. But center Kristin King insisted PE will be ready for the challenge.

"We're studying their defense and making changes. We'll mix it up."

Pangborn vs. Howard

Pangborn and Howard com-



MEG KROENER/The Observer

A Lyons player tries to escape the Cavanaugh defense during last weekend's 26-0 Cavanaugh win. Lyons takes on Jenn Grubb and the Welsh Whirlwinds Sunday afternoon at McGlinn fields.

bined for a total of zero points scored in their first games. Although Howard bounced back to score 16 points Thursday, both teams are looking to improve their offenses this weekend. They meet Sunday on the McGlinn fields for bragging rights over the grassy paradise known as South Quad.

With a base of freshman, Pangborn's offense is inexperienced and will need to rely on a veteran defense.

Defensive captain Erin Piroutek said that the Phoxes

need "to stick to the fundamentals." She continued on to explain that her team will play "twice as tough" against the Ducks.

The Pangborn defense is centered around its dynamic linebacker duo, Annie Sutura and Libby Cunningham. Piroutek said they will insert more blitzes into the defensive scheme on Sunday. The defense will also rely on the services of superfan "Crazy" Becky Weisenberger.

Captain Jeanne Trelense said Howard will be potent on

offense against Pangborn. She commented that strong-armed quarterback Jill Veselik gives the Ducks "big play capability." Trelense explained that the team will continue to "work on the offensive line and try new things on offense."

Emily Borg anchors the Duck Defense. Her strong cornerback play has proved invaluable for Howard.

"[The squad maintains] tight coverage, but we need to work on the defensive line," Trelense said.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso advances to round two

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior women's tennis All-American Michelle Dasso advanced to the second round of singles and doubles at the T. Rowe Price National Intercollegiate Clay Court Championships.

The Championships were opening leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association grand slam at the Suburban Club of Baltimore County in Pikesville, Md.

The fifth-seeded and 18th-ranked Dasso rallied to defeat Pepperdine qualifier Charlotte Vernaz 1-6, 7-5, 6-0 in her first match of the season.



Dasso

The eighth-ranked Irish doubles team of Dasso and junior

Becky Varnum advanced to Friday's second round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Pacific's Christiane Barthel and Diane D'Audney. Dasso and Varnum next will meet VCU's 17th-ranked Martina Nedelkova and Andrea Ondrisova, three-set winners over North Carolina's 30th-ranked Marlene Mejia and Erin Neibling.

Dasso will play Wake Forest's 31st-ranked Janet Bergman in the second round on Friday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame tennis serves up victory

Special to the Observer

The Irish men's tennis team served victory as it hosted the Tom Fallon Invitational to open its season on Thursday.

Notre Dame won 12 of 13 matches against William & Mary at the Courtney Tennis Center. Irish junior Aaron Talarico defeated William & Mary's 90th-ranked Trevor Spracklin 7-5, 6-2 in singles and later teamed with junior Javier Taborga for a win in doubles.

The ninth-ranked Taborga and Talarico team edged Spracklin and Geoffrey Russell 9-8 in a seesaw match.

The Irish juniors led 7-4 before the Tribe rallied to tie the set at 7-7 and then led 6-4 in the tiebreaker. Taborga and Talarico came back in the tiebreaker to win six of the last

eight points to start the season with a victory.

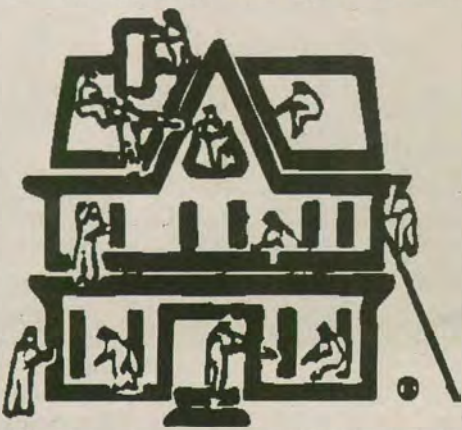
Taborga and junior Casey Smith also posted straight-set singles wins, while freshmen Luis Haddock-Morales and Matt Scott had successful debuts. Haddock-Morales defeated Patrick Brown 6-4, 6-3, while Scott beat Geoffrey Russell 6-3, 6-4.

Other singles winners for the Irish were junior Andrew Laflin and sophomores Brian Farrell, Bryan Acken and Chancey Martin.

Haddock-Morales and Smith won 8-5 in doubles over Brian Lubin and Jody Strik. Senior Ashok Raju and Scott teamed up for an 8-7 win in doubles, while William & Mary's Charles Briggs and Ryan Ariko beat junior James Malhame and sophomore Jake Cram 8-3 in doubles.

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of the Irish goals in Tuesday's 2-1 home win against Cleveland State.

Sunday's game against Connecticut pits the Irish against the highest-ranked team on their regular season schedule. The Huskies tied Rutgers for first in the Big East last year before advancing to the final four in the NCAA tournament.

This season's Huskie team is currently 4-1, winning four straight after losing to No. 11 Wake Forest in the season-opening game. Connecticut takes on Big East rival Pittsburgh on Friday before heading to South Bend.

Connecticut is lead by the leading scorer in the Big East

in Cesaw Cuellar, who has put the ball in the net five times this season already. Darin Lewis has scored four times while taking only nine shots so far this season. In goal, Bryheem Hancock has allowed only four goals this season en route to recording three shutouts.

The Irish know that there is little margin for error against the talented Huskies.

"They're a really talented, experienced team," said Pridmore. "As long as we make sure our defense is strong, we can create some shots."

"It's going to be one of those games where we have to play our best for 90 minutes."

Dustin Pridmore
senior tri-captain

While the Irish have dominated on defense throughout the season, defensive breakdowns and penalties have led to opponents' goals. Against Cleveland State, Irish defender Andres Forstner was called for tripping, a penalty which led to the Vikings' only score off of the free kick. Pridmore stresses that there will be no room for such mistakes against the Huskies.

"It's going to be one of those games where we have to play our best for 90 minutes," said Pridmore. "We're not going to be able to have slip-ups, because if we have slip-ups Connecticut is the type of that will capitalize on that slip-up and make our team pay."



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Freshman midfielder Justin Detter moves the ball upfield during Tuesday's 2-1 win over Cleveland State.

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on the road in what promises to be a hostile environment.

"That's a big concern, good enough to cause a problem," Waldrum said. "We'll have to keep our focus."

The Mountaineers' schedule is not nearly as formidable as that of Notre Dame, but they have nonetheless racked up an impressive 7-1 mark to date.

West Virginia's success lies primarily in its ability to play disciplined defensive soccer. The Mountaineers stay very orga-

nized in their own half of the field, making it difficult for opponents to find quality chances around the goal.

"They play a frustrating style," Waldrum said. "They can be very difficult to break down."

After being tested on the road, Waldrum is hopeful his team can ace another exam, this time at home, as the Pittsburgh Panthers come to town for a Sunday afternoon battle.

The Panthers have struggled of late, and stand just 3-5 on the season. In a game the Irish expect to win handily, Waldrum hopes to rest some of his stars while providing the younger players a chance to play.

Players such as senior co-captain Anne Makinen, who has played an instrumental role in what has been a symphonic season, is due for a rest, as is goalkeeper Liz Wagner.

"[Resting key players] is something we hope to do," Waldrum said. "We're a little banged up, so that would be nice."

What Waldrum doesn't want is for his players to look past the lowly Panthers. Despite its less than impressive record, Pittsburgh poses a threat to Notre Dame. After being dormant all season, the Panthers erupted for seven goals in a shutout victory over the Sun Devils of ASU.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Belles host first ever Jamboree

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles cross country team is running into new territory this weekend at the MIAA Jamboree.

For the first time in its four-year history, the Saint Mary's cross country will be hosting a home meet.

Head coach Dave Barstis says he hopes "that the meet go off without any problems. I've never hosted a meet before so it's been a learning experience."

The Belles will run against all the teams in the MIAA on Saturday on Saint Mary's campus. The team is hoping that the home course, which winds through the Saint Mary's nature trails and will end near the softball field, will bring some advantages with it.

"I think that [having home course advantage] will help having a lot of fans cheering for us, it will pump us up and get us ready!" junior Melissa Goss said. "We are so excited to be running on our home course, this is what I have been waiting for since I have been here!"

Barstis thinks having the community cheering them on will help too.

"I hope having a lot of people turn out to cheer for us will give us a little extra push," he said. "A little extra adrenaline would help us."

"I feel the team should be able to do well this week," freshman Jessica Millanes added. "We have done some different workouts this week, and we are running better as the season progresses."

The MIAA competition will be tough, however.

The Calvin College women's cross country team is ranked second nationally in Division III competition and they will be out to keep that ranking.

"I expect Calvin and Hope to be dominate," Barstis said. "The success of their programs means a lot of runners want to compete for them."

Although the Belles don't expect to finish in the top four teams, they think the competition between the next four teams will be challenging.

"The next four positions are a toss up," Barstis said. "Adrian, Albion, Olivet and Saint Mary's could finish in any order."

Saint Mary's is ready for the competition.

"We are going to have competition, but I think we are ready for it," Goss said.

The meet kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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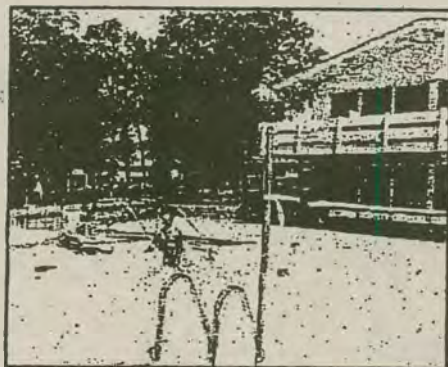
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Irish runners host Catholic Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish cross country squads defend their home turf today as they host the National Catholic Invitational in the first of just two home meets.

Notre Dame will be the team to beat, seeing as neither the men or women's squad has lost since 1994. Despite its string of five consecutive titles, a first-place finish is by no means a sure thing for Notre Dame, particularly on the women's side.

"Loyola (Chicago), they're really good," women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said. "They've got a pretty veteran team. Most of their top kids are juniors and seniors. We're going to have to run really, really well to beat them."

An added challenge in aiming for No. 1 will be the absence of sophomore star Jennifer Handley, who likely will not run due to a foot problem.

"She's got a sore foot," Connelly said. "She's really improved a lot, but I don't want to set her back at all."

With Handley on the sidelines, the varsity lineup will likely consist of freshmen Megan Johnson and Rachel Endress, sophomores Muffy Schmidt and Jennifer Fibuch, juniors Hilary Burn and Anne McGrath and senior Chrissy Kuenster.

"We definitely want to win," Fibuch said. "I definitely think that we have the ability to do it. We just have to focus, and I think we have to want to run

fast to win and just know we've been training hard enough to win. I don't think it's just going to come."

Loyola is the main competition for the title, but about 30 teams will fill out the field. Dayton, Detroit, St. John's and Lewis all feature several strong athletes.

On the men's side, Notre Dame looks likely to run away with the victory.

"We've dominated this meet the past few years," junior Luke Watson said. "I think we look strong enough that we shouldn't have any real problems at this level of meet."

Watson placed second in the meet a year ago. Marc Striowski, Sean Zanderson, Pat Conway, John Keane, David Alber and Kevin Brown will likely join him in the varsity race.

"We're still looking for some guys to step up," Watson said. "Our team is composed of a lot of guys who are freshmen or who haven't raced cross country in their career. What's going on tomorrow is we're just looking to get them some experience."

After Notre Dame, Loyola and Lewis should be the top contenders.

Since the National Catholic Invitational began 20 years ago, the Notre Dame men have captured 12 team championships. Since women's competition began 16 years ago, the Irish have taken home seven titles.

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MEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Rabid Bats seek redemption in rematch against Wave

By JOHNNY LEITNER,
KATIE DEMENT, AND
COLIN BOYLAN

Sports Writers

Defensive tradition takes center stage this Sunday afternoon, when the Fisher Hall Wave collides with the Rabid Bats of Zahm. Both teams, fresh off stellar performances by their defenses, intend on unleashing a ferocious attack against the opposition.

In the past three seasons, the matches between these two powerhouses have all been decided by seven points or less. Last season, Fisher triumphed over Zahm 7-0 on the strength of a special teams touchdown.

Brian Zant, a senior captain for Zahm Hall, anticipates the rivalry to be resumed in similar fashion this year.

"Fisher is always well prepared and plays good defense," Zant said. "We expect a defensive battle."

Zahm's defense held St. Ed's scoreless last week and returned an interception for a touchdown in a 42-0 thrash-

ing of their neighbor dorm. Zant attributes the team's success to physical play in the trenches and a strong performance on special teams.

"We penetrated well and shut down the run, and we didn't give [the St. Ed's quarterback] time to throw," he said.

Despite last week's high-flying scoring showcase, Zahm plans on relying heavily on the strength of their defense this week.

"Fisher is one of the best teams in the league," said Zant.

Fisher Hall also recognizes the significance of defensive

play in this rivalry.

According to Fisher captain Dean Korolis, the Wave intends to counter Zahm's threats with solid

"Fisher is always well prepared and plays good defense. We expect a defensive battle."

Brian Zant
Zahm Captain

defense.

"The game plan is to hit hard, then hit harder, then hit even harder," Korolis said.

Korolis was pleased with their defense's performance against Knott last week, a game in which they surrendered only a field goal to the



LIZ LANG/The Observer

A Siegfried player catches the ball against a Carroll defender during last Sunday's 19-0 Siegfried win. Carroll takes on defending-champion Knott on Sunday.

defending champions.

"We played good defense but we have to work on our offensive fundamentals," said the junior captain and linebacker.

Fisher players know that Zahm is coming off of a resounding victory, a game in which they exceeded their point total for the entire 1999 season.

They expect a close game against the Rabid Bats, though, and are confident in their prospects.

While both units emphasize commanding defensive play, they also hope to improve upon their offensive execution from last week. Fisher, shut out by Knott, looks to use their power game against Zahm, while the Zahm Bats are aiming for improved efficiency from their dynamic running and passing combination.

Carroll vs. Knott

New on the interhall scene, Carroll Hall plays last year's champion Knott in a face off that is sure to challenge both teams on Stepan field this Sunday at 2 p.m.

"We are not exactly sure what to expect, we are just going to go out there and see what happens," Carroll team captain Geoff Polk said.

Carroll's 19-0 loss against Siegfried Sunday is not going to bring this rookie team

down, according to Polk. Freshman quarterback Mike Demuniz has the potential to prove his skills this game after throwing an interception against Siegfried.

Being back on the circuit gives the Vermin a chance to prove their fresh enthusiasm and driven intensity to move the ball.

"[I hope] that the team will play all game long like they played in the first half against Siegfried," Polk said.

The Vermin are planning to use last week's game as a model, Polk said.

Knott hopes to use a strong defense to defend their title, Knott player Brian Pawloski said.

"Knott's defense is the blood life of the team," Pawloski said.

Middle linebackers Ed Foy and Dan Zach lead the Juggs defense.

Knott started the season out right, defeating Fisher, 5-0.

"Lou Perry and the rest of the offensive line up did a great job protecting the holes," Pawloski said.

Aiming to improve the offense, a few good practices are scheduled to get Knott even more organized, according to the Juggs.

St. Edwards vs. Sorin

A general theme lingers above this weekend's St.

Edward's against Sorin Hall football showdown: the theme of redemption.

For St. Ed's, redemption means proving that they can put forth a better effort than the one they gave last weekend in a defeat to Zahm.

For Sorin, redemption has a very different meaning. Coming on the heels of a season filled with championship expectations, Sorin must redeem itself for a heartbreaking 24-6 loss to Knott in last year's title game.

Following an opening day bye, Sorin opens the year rested and ready to compete. Its veteran offense is led by quarterback Pete Belden, who is returning to the team following a one-year absence. Belden will throw to wide receivers Greg Carney and Mike Crowe, and handing off to running back Dave Knesek. Protecting him will be a veteran offensive line, anchored by Luke Burke.

The offensive scheme this year should be relatively straightforward, according to Crowe.

"We're going to stick with our bread and butter, which has been downfield passing and running up the middle," he said.

Defensively, the Otters are helped by the versatility of Antione Tobias, who doubles as a receiver and a solid cover cornerback.

And though Sorin would like to explode out of the gate, the Otters are certainly not underestimating their first opponent.

"We're not looking past St. Eds," said Crowe. "Anything can happen in interhall football and we know that."

For the Stedsmen, remaining confident in their own abilities will be the most important aspect of the game. More than anything else, the team would like to gain respect by playing tough against a perennial contender.

"We have nothing to lose out there, so hopefully we can get some things going and score some points this week," said St. Ed's offensive lineman Pete Blouin.

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MEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Keenan takes on Dillon in early season showdown

By MATTHEW CASSADY,
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Sports Writers

In what can only be described as a battle of the titans, Keenan squares off against Dillon Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Stepan Fields.

Each team started its respective season off on the right foot last Sunday with Dillon blanking Stanford 14-0 and Keenan earning a 14-6 victory over Morrissey.

Although each team knows it is in for a tough early season challenge, neither has any plans to change its game plan.

"The best thing for us to do is to play up to our potential and not worry about what they are going to do," Dillon sophomore lineman Patrick Esper said. "It is better to focus on our weaknesses and trying to improve them than to go out and scout what those guys are doing."

Quarterback Billy Ellsworth of Keenan agrees.

"I think we are pretty much going to go with what worked last week," he said.

What worked last week was enough to get the job done over Morrissey, but will 14 points be enough to beat the Big Red?

"I think 14 points should be enough to win," Ellsworth said. "It is going to be two great defenses going at it out there."

The "great defense" of Dillon is led by senior defensive end Joe Parker who is currently tied for the team lead in sacks with two. Although his defense pitched a shutout last weekend over Stanford, Parker still feels there is room for improvement.

"I think there is always room for improvement," he said. "We'd like to get a little more push along the defensive line and really improve our tackling. [Stanford's] runners were bouncing off of a lot of our tackles on Sunday. We need to be the ones laying the licks out there."

If the Dillon defense is going to be laying the licks on people it will have to stop a potent Keenan offense which includes running back Craig Murray, who scored on an eight yard touchdown run last weekend to seal the game for the Knights.

The one thing that needs to be improved for Keenan according to Knights captain Herb Giorgio, is its consistency.

"Everything we ran in the first half [against Morrissey] seemed to work, he said. "We just need to get together and play four quarters."

If the Keenan offense manages to put together four quarters of football as Giorgio hopes, it will put the weight back onto the Dillon offense to score some points.

"If we can keep our intensity up, stay focused and execute a little bit better, our offense should be much better this week," said Dillon senior fullback Jason Visner.

This Sunday Visner will find out whether his team will be able to meet those requirements when Dillon meets the Keenan Knights in a battle of the undefeated.

Alumni vs. Stanford

Two teams that were heading in opposite directions after last week's competitions will square off Sunday at 2 p.m.

While Alumni is coming off an impressive 13-0 shutout over O'Neill, Stanford will try and bounce back from a disappointing 14-0 loss to Dillon.

Sunday's competition promises to be a battle of the defense. The Dawgs played tough defense last week, led by linebacker Baily Siegfried and freshman cornerback T.J. Strachota, who came through with two key interceptions in last week's victory.

After plugging the holes and stuffing the run, defensive tackle Nick Linstroth also looks to put together another solid outing for the Alumni defense.

"We are looking for our defense



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Keenan prepares to snap the ball during last weekend's 14-6 win over Morrissey. Keenan takes on Dillon in a battle of undefeated teams Sunday afternoon.

to step up again, and give the offense a chance to make the big plays," Alumni captain Mitch Karam said.

Stanford counters with a strong, experienced defense of its own. Led by cornerback Corey Hartmann and defensive lineman Josh Kaakua, the Stanford defense did an excellent job in shutting down the Dillon offense last week.

The Alumni offense will counter the Stanford defense with an option attack led by a freshman backfield composed of quarterback Chris Cottingham and tailback Alex Roodhouse. Fullback Brandon Nunnink will bring experience to the backfield.

Roodhouse and Cottingham played extremely well last week in their first starts behind a powerful offensive line.

"We expect our offense to show a lot of improvement over last week," defensive lineman Nick Linstroth said. "We expect them to move the ball better and do a good job of putting the ball in the end zone."

"If the offensive line performs

like they did last week, then we will have no problem running the ball all over Stanford", adds freshman running back Alex Roodhouse.

Stanford is suffering from a weak offense, which was held scoreless last week by a punishing Dillon defense. The closest the Griffins came to scoring last week was the five-yard line, but they could not punch it in.

Along with another solid outing on the defensive side of the ball, Stanford will need to put up some more offensive numbers in order to come out on top.

As for the Dawgs, they need their defense to shut down the opponent once again and not get caught looking ahead to their showdown with Keenan.

Keough vs. Morrissey

The Kangaroos of Keough bounce into action on Sunday, looking to win their season opener against the Morrissey Manorites.

Following a 14-6 loss to the Keenan Knights, Manor is hoping to regroup for Sunday's game.

Co-captains Ryan Yorkery and Kevin McAbee lead the Kangaroos with their outstanding play.

"Kevin McAbee is a monster at running back and fullback," said Keough freshman Tres Studer.

Other players to look for include receiver Paul Didio and freshman safety Brian Adams.

Although the Kangaroos have not done any special drills in practice to prepare for the game, the team has done many hitting drills.

"We are tired of hitting each other," said Studer. "We want to pounce on Morrissey."

Key players for the Manor include quarterback Mark Berndt and tailback Edward Hernandez.

In their last game, Manor failed to score any points in the first half. It is essential for the Manorites to score early in the game to beat Keough.

The teams will battle for pride and bragging rights on Sunday at Stepan Field at 1 pm.

"After Sunday's game, only one of us is going home happy and I think we know who that is," Studer said.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Purple Weasels take on Shamrocks in enemy territory

By JOHN BACSIK, LAUREN
CONTI and CHRIS FEDERICO

Sports Writers

The McGlinn Shamrocks hope to make it a long walk home for the Purple Weasels of Pasquerilla West on Sunday at McGlinn field. The Shamrocks (0-1) would like to put a bigger dent in the PW record (1-0-1).

Freshman quarterback Leslie Schmidt will lead the PW offense. Tight end Cory Yelle and captain Amanda Gallen will be Schmidt's targets down the field.

"This team is getting better with every game," said Gallen.

The Purple Weasel defense wants to keep its streak of scoreless opponents in tact this Sunday. In order to do so, they will need to fill the gap left by the loss of defensive lineman Susie Carpenter, who broke her nose on the last play of Tuesday night's game against Farley.

Middle-linebacker Kelly Dries and sophomore safety Jill Houghton will be directing the defense for the Weasels, but they'll have their hands full against Shamrocks' quarterback

Jodie Greaney.

Greaney ran the option well last Sunday against Farley, and she hopes to do the same this Sunday. According to Greaney and coach Geoff Heiple, the Shamrocks have been working on the basics in practice and retooling a few plays.

Freshman Brianne McNicholas and sophomore Dina Bernadelli will be handling things on the defensive line. McGlinn captain Jamie Glasser has faith in her defense.

"Our defense is strong," said Glasser. "Our linebackers are looking very good."

Walsh vs. Farley

With no losses this season, the Wild Women of Walsh hope to keep their record spotless on Sunday when they face off against Farley's Finest at 5 p.m. on McGlinn Field.

"We've got the win against Badin and one tie. We're going out there hoping to do our best and come out with another win," said Walsh linebacker Tiara Jefferson.

Farley will enter the game hoping to avenge a 7-6 loss in a

competitive game against the PW Purple Weasels this past Tuesday.

"We played really solidly on Tuesday," Farley team captain Rebecca Glatz said. "We just had a defensive lapse right at the beginning of the game, which cost us some points. We don't have any drastic changes to make for Sunday."

Farley quarterback Jenny Geraci heads up the offense that looked strong last Sunday, when the Finest beat the McGlinn Shamrocks 12-0 in their season opener.

"I think part the strength of our offense is that Jenny has four or five solid receivers she can throw to with confidence," said Glatz.

Walsh team captain Melissa Beiting expressed assurance in the Wild Women's offense.

"I think the game Tuesday really proved to everyone that we have some offensive strength. Offense really came through with some huge plays, like Karina [Mayorga's] three interceptions."

"We have come up with some great plays that are really

throwing off everyone else's defense," said Jefferson. "And our defense, well, there are six of us seniors who've played together since freshman year. We know everything each other is going to do."

Farley is prepared for a competitive match-up, according to Glatz.

"I haven't really seen Walsh play this season, but it sounds like they have a strong team and offensive effort and so do we. We've both had some problems with interceptions, but I think it will be an evenly matched good game."

Breen-Phillips vs. Badin

The B.P. Banshees and the Badin Bullfrogs will have the look of determination in their eyes when they step onto the West Quad Field Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Both teams are trying to bounce back from tough losses in their last games.

In their past games, both teams have shown that their defenses can hold up. However, both have suffered from offensive struggles. In their three

combined games, the two teams have managed only 18 total points.

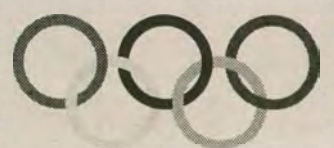
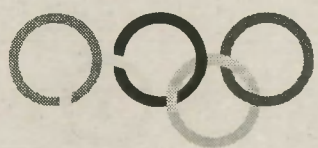
The Bullfrogs opened up the season with a scoreless tie to Pasquerilla West in which neither team could accomplish anything offensively.

In their following game against Walsh, Badin's quarterback Priscilla Clements had a successful touchdown pass; however, she also threw four interceptions.

Meanwhile, B.P. also returns to action following a tough loss in which their offense managed little. While quarterback Katie McFarland had success moving the ball, they were unable to put any points on the board.

"We're definitely playing the role of the underdog this year," said B.P. captain Jenny Wahoske. "We lost a handful of returning players to Off-campus, so it's a rebuilding year."

The Banshee captain admits that their young team is somewhat inexperienced, but she sees improvement with each practice. "I know we will do better," she said. "We've just got to beat the odds."



SWIMMING

de Bruijn sets Olympic record in 50-meter freestyle

Associated Press

SYDNEY

Inge de Bruijn, pursuing her third swimming gold medal, set an Olympic record in the 50-meter freestyle at 24.46 seconds, beating out Americans Dara Torres and Amy Van Dyken.

De Bruijn, winner of the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle, beat the 8-year-old Olympic mark of 24.79, set by China's Yang Wenyi.

Torres, the 33-year-old from Beverly Hills, Calif., ignored a sore shoulder to touch second in 24.96. Van Dyken, the 1996 Olympic champion in the event, was third at 25.04.

The top 16 advanced to the evening semifinals, with the final Saturday.

"I'm actually doing pretty good," said Torres, competing in her third individual event after winning bronze in both the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle. "I wanted to break 25 seconds. I know I'm going to get faster."

Van Dyken, 27, of Englewood, Colo., won four gold medals in the 1996 Atlanta Games, including the 50 freestyle in a major upset over the then-powerful Chinese team.

Since then, Van Dyken has undergone two shoulder operations. She wasn't even sure if she would attend the Olympic trials, but recovered quickly enough to make the team.

Now, she's in position for another medal.

"It's probably going to take a world record to win it," Van Dyken said. "I didn't think that coming in, but Inge is swimming fast."

Can the Flying Dutchwoman be defeated?

"Yes," Van Dyken replied without any hesitation.

The 50 freestyle is the only individual event for Van Dyken at what is likely her final Olympics. She also was part of the world record-setting team in the 400 freestyle relay.

"If I start thinking about that, I'll get all emotional," Van Dyken said. "You've got to go out there and swim like you're going to be

swimming for the next 10 years."

De Bruijn is swimming like that, already assured of being an Olympic star no matter what happens in her last individual event.

"I'm just having fun," she said. "I feel on top of the world, really confident and comfortable. It feels like I am in a dream."

The Australians brought out Ian Thorpe again for the anchor leg of the men's medley relay, even though he's been bothered by an upper respiratory infection.

Still, the Aussies managed only the fourth-best time (3:39.38) in qualifying, just behind the American team of Neil Walker, Ed Moses, Tommy Hannan and Jason Lezak at 3:38.59.

Germany led with 3:38.50 and Hungary took second in 3:38.58.

"It's no longer Australia vs. the USA," Moses said. "We're just trying to run that medal count up and get as many people to medal as possible."

The U.S. team of Courtney Shealy, Staciana Stitts, Ashley Tappin and Van Dyken struggled to fourth in preliminaries of the women's 400 medley relay in 4:06.16. Australia led with 4:04.75, followed by Japan and Germany.

Tappin swam the final race of her career. The two-time gold medalist will be dropped from the team for Saturday's final, as will Van Dyken.

The 25-year-old Tappin said she plans to open "the hottest nightclub ever in San Diego."

"I've been swimming for 16 years," Tappin said. "Knowing this was my last race, I wanted it to be happy one. I was smiling the whole time."

Kieren Perkins must know the feeling. Written off before the Olympics, he began pursuit of an unprecedented third straight gold in the 1,500 freestyle with a stunning time in the preliminaries.

The 27-year-old Aussie was top qualifier in 14:58.34, pounding the water and thrusting an arm skyward as the sellout crowd at the Sydney International Aquatic Center roared.



KRT Photo

Dara Torres finished second in the 50-meter freestyle Thursday.

TRACK AND FIELD

Johnson, Greene, Jones sprint past opponents



Michael Johnson had the fastest qualifying time in the 400 meters Thursday to advance to the second round in Sydney.

Associated Press

SYDNEY

Michael Johnson wore gold shoes. Maurice Greene wore a smile. Marion Jones chickened out on her chance to wear something really different.

All three strolled to wins in first-round heats as track and field events began Friday (Thursday night EDT) at the Sydney Olympics.

Jones began her quest for five gold medals with a leisurely win in 11.20 seconds in her heat of the women's 100. She wore custom-made black shoes covered with shiny chrome, instead of the radical pair designed for her for the games.

Johnson, glancing to his left several times down the closing stretch to see if anyone was close behind, strolled to an easy victory in his first-round heat of the men's 400.

Johnson finished in 45.25 seconds and advanced to Saturday's second round. Joining him in the next round were U.S. teammates Alvin Harrison and Antonio Pettigrew, who also won their heats.

Harrison, wearing a full body suit and long sleeves on a hot, sunny day, had the fastest qualifying time of 44.96.

Johnson, master of the men's 400 for more than a decade, is an overwhelming favorite to become the first man to win the event in consecutive Olympics. He has won four straight world championships, setting the world record of 43.18 seconds while winning that title last year.

"It felt pretty easy today, so I think I got the mission accomplished," Johnson said. "It's really great to get it started. It was a fun week hanging out down here, but now it's business and I'm ready to get it going."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles look to score for victory

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The game plan is the same: they want to win. They won last year, but after Manchester they know that is no guarantee.

When the Belles face Adrian on Saturday, they have two things on their minds. First, to score, and, second, to come back to Saint Mary's the victor.

"I am ready to go out there and win since the loss Wednesday [against Manchester] was so disappointing," freshman Stephanie Artnak said. "I think we can take Adrian by surprise because we have a lot of heart and we're finally going to put it all together."

The Bulldogs, who will host Saturday's match, enter the game with more than a little to prove after league losses to Hope and Olivet. They also have a score to settle after last year's defeat at the hands of the Belles in the final minute of double overtime.

In that game, current Belles co-captain Heather Muth, then a freshman, ended a seemingly endless game with a last-minute shot which snuck past Bulldogs' netminder Sarah Moulik, also a freshman. Moulik finished the season with an Adrian record-setting 1.97 GAA.

"I'm just ready to do it again, if necessary," Muth said. "Hopefully we'll beat them in regulation this year."

Last year's victory over the Bulldogs marks the only loss Adrian suffered in a total of six overtimes. The Bulldogs finished the 1999 season with a 7-9-2 record. This season they are 3-5 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's will face tough competition in returning Adrian players. Adrian senior Kelly Neumann is a three-time All-MIAA Honorable Mention, and has three goals thus far this season. Sophomore Jenny Perrin led the Bulldogs last year with 15 points, and leads again this year with three goals and one assist. Moulik has a 1.57 GAA average just into the 2000 season.

The Bulldogs are coached by Rick Gutierrez.

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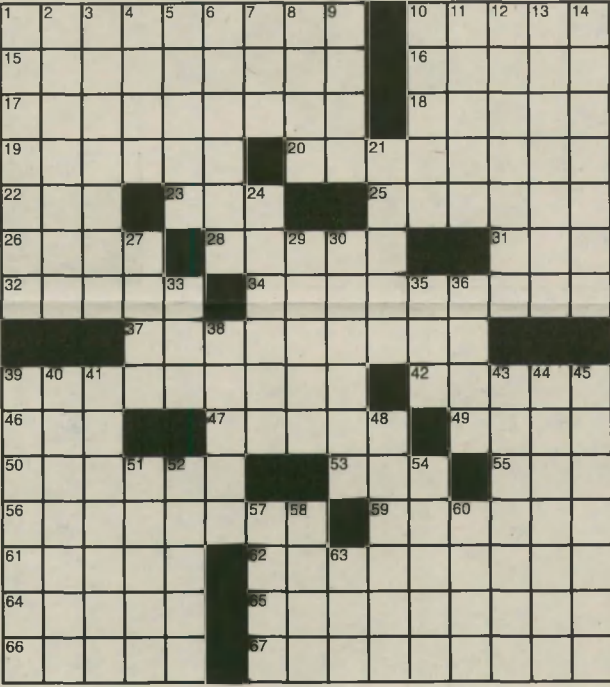
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Problems with peers will develop if you spend too much time together. Put your terrific ideas into motion. You can improve work efficiency and free up some time. Do your own thing. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Lend a helping hand to youngsters. They may be having a problem understanding their homework. Your ability to help them and make them feel good about themselves at the same time is a gift. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have to back down and be honest if you've been taking advantage of someone you live with. He or she won't be willing to put up with any lame excuses. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Pleasure trips will lead to romance. You will entice suitable mates just by being your warm, empathetic self. You don't have to exaggerate or spend a lot of money to make an impression. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make hasty career decisions. If you work hard, you will get the rewards you deserve. Getting involved in office gossip will only stand in the way of your advancement. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Hold onto your hat. You will find yourself in a difficult position if you have overreacted to emotional situations. Your need to overdo it will cause frustration and anxiety. Don't overload your plate. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get busy clearing up those loose ends. Deal with government agencies that have been dawdling with your personal paperwork. You need to force issues if you want to accomplish your goals. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Mingle with those in high places. Your ability to win favors will put you in a pretty good position. Don't be shy: Let them know your ideas and your intentions. You'll get the help you need. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have problems with both your colleagues and your spouse if you've been exaggerating again. You need to get back on track. You don't need to impress anyone. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Travel will be in your best interests. It's time you met in person some of the clients with whom you've been spending so much time on the phone. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't run yourself ragged. Fatigue will set in and you'll make poor decisions. You need to organize yourself well and make the most of your talents. Don't make unreasonable promises. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful how you deal with your partner. He or she will be upset easily if you aren't precise with your choice of words. You will achieve the most if you concentrate on your job. **

Birthday Baby: You have everything going for you except motivation. If you can push yourself when necessary throughout life, you will accomplish your goals. If you sit back and wait for others to do the work for you, nothing will be achieved.

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Sat v. #4 Colorado State 7:00pm

#24 VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEYBALL

Weekend games begin with victory

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame volleyball got a head start on this weekend's Golden Dome Invitational with a close victory (15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14) against No. 22 Loyola Marymount Thursday.

"Every game was very tight. It was a very evenly played match," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "If you look at the rankings, they're 22, we're 24, it is pretty close."

After falling in game one, Loyola came back to dominate game two action. But they fell short of taking the game.

The Lions struggled to take the lead in the beginning of the game, but were able to grasp it before the Irish scored six straight points for the win. Loyola Marymount took charge early in game three, allowing Notre Dame to score one before taking the lead. The Irish were not going to end the game there, however, and put up a fight.

With a 14-11 score Notre Dame came back with four points to take the lead before the Lions scored three to claim the victory.

Brown said the Irish owe part of their win to Loyola's predictability.

"I think that we're more balanced than they are so when it comes down to it there were some times when we had an advantage because we knew exactly what they were going to do," Brown said. "They were a lot more predictable."

Notre Dame's struggle for dominance continued in game four as the Lions matched the Irish point for point. Notre Dame ended the match by gaining control at the end as it scored two for the 16-14 win.

The Irish believe the win will go far in boosting team confidence.

"I think [the win] gives us confidence for a lot," Brown said. "Beating a top 25 team is important and also just being in a tough situation and having to battle back and forth for points and coming out on top is huge."

"I'm excited about the win," she added. "It was a good team effort and I think that the team played with a lot of heart."

The Irish will face Wyoming today in game two of the Golden Dome Invitational at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center and No. 13 Colorado State on Saturday at 7 p.m.



Junior middle blocker Malinda Goralski goes up to hit the ball in Notre Dame's win over Loyola Marymount Thursday.

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND hosts UConn, Seton Hall

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

After overcoming early-season offensive jitters, the Irish men's soccer team (3-2-1, 1-1 in the Big East) carries a two-game winning streak into this weekend's games against conference rivals Seton Hall and Connecticut.

The Irish take on the Pirates of Seton Hall tonight at 7:30 before the No. 4-ranked Huskies invade Alumni Field Sunday at 1 p.m.

"I think we have a good enough team to go 2-0 this weekend," said Irish head coach Chris Apple. "But both teams are strong enough to beat us as well."

Tonight's game matches the Irish against a Pirates squad which has shown flashes on offense but — like the Irish at the beginning of the season — have not been able to put the ball in the net. Seton Hall fell 1-0 to Boston College in its last game, despite outshooting the Eagles 17-3.

"That's the game of soccer," said Apple. "The beauty of our sport is that you can be an inferior team, get a lucky shot or a penalty kick, play good defense, and win."

The Pirates will be led on offense by junior forward Greg Strohm and senior midfielder Brian Cuddy, who have six and seven points on the season, respectively.

The Irish look to match the Pirates with a revamped offense that has outscored opponents 5-1 in the last two games.

With the return of sophomore forward Erich Braun — last year's Big East Rookie of the Year — Apple has been able to move freshman Justin Dettler back to his natural position in the midfield. In addition, senior tri-captains Steve Maio and Dustin Pridmore have traded back positions, with Pridmore moving to marking back and Maio playing stopper-back.

Pridmore responded to the changes quickly, scoring his first goal of the season in Notre Dame's 3-0 shutout of Syracuse Sept. 16.

In addition, freshman Chad Riley has emerged as a scoring threat, scoring a goal at Syracuse before aiding in both

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Undefeated squad travels to West Virginia

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It's been said that with success comes a great burden. If that is indeed in the case, then the Notre Dame women's soccer team will have the weight of the world on its shoulders when it travels to West Virginia tonight for a key Big East conference showdown.

The undefeated Fighting Irish have enjoyed tremendous prosperity of late, and are ranked No. 1 in the new polls released

earlier in the week. Head coach Randy Waldrum says playing with such a mantle could be a problem.

"To an extent it's a burden," Waldrum said. "If we let it get to us it could be a detriment."

Waldrum's strategy thus far has been to skirt the

issue. He has yet to discuss the ranking with his team.

"We're aware of where we are," said Waldrum. "It's something we'll eventually have to cover as a group."

While the Irish may not like to discuss their ranking, their counterparts at West Virginia are all too eager to do so.

A sold-out crowd is suspected when the 7-1 Mountaineers entertain the Irish tonight with first place in the Mid-Atlantic division on the line.

Emotions have traditionally run high between the two

schools, as West Virginia has been trying to knock off national power Notre Dame for years. The No. 1 ranking currently held by the Irish only serves as motivation for the Mountaineers.

"I think we always have a bull's eye painted on our backs, because we're Notre Dame, but I think our ranking might make it a bit bigger," Waldrum admitted.

Waldrum is concerned about taking his newly crowned team

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***Storming the
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Gary Godsey
Irish quarterback

"We don't like that they beat us the last three years. It's a good opportunity to show everyone what Notre Dame's all about."

"Playing up there, it is not an easy place to play. They are good. But for us to be good, we need to go win a game like this."



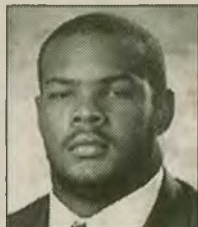
Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"It's going to be a war in there this game."



Rocky Boiman
Irish linebacker

"We're going to come out and try to establish a few things sooner rather than later."



T.J. Duckett
Spartan running back

Irish must become road warriors to win

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Current Notre Dame seniors have seen almost everything from the Irish football team.

In 1997, the newcomers to campus saw Jim Sanson miss three field goals as Notre Dame fell 20-17 to rival USC. The next year it enjoyed the season-opening victory over defending national champion Michigan.

As juniors, the team moved closer to the 50-yard line only to see the Irish drop the last four games of the season. Already this year, the seniors have seen the Irish take the top-ranked Huskers down to the final seconds.

However, throughout their time under the Golden Dome, Irish seniors have yet to witness a Notre Dame victory over Highway 31 neighbor Michigan State. The Irish have fallen 23-7, 45-23 and 23-13 each of the last three seasons.

"We'd like to think we are an improved football team," said head coach Bob Davie. "But until we go win a game on the road, I don't know that we can say that."

Taking down the Spartans will not be an easy task for Davie's team. Michigan State has won its last six games dating back to last season, led by a tough defense and the strong play of tailback T.J. Duckett.

The Irish have succeeded this season behind a strong defense and an overachieving



MEG KROENER/The Observer

Defensive end Tony Weaver (98) dives for a tackle in Notre Dame's 23-21 win over Purdue last weekend. The Irish take their game on the road Saturday against the Spartans.

special teams squad. After returning two kicks for touchdowns to take Nebraska into overtime, Notre Dame took advantage of three field goals and a blocked punt against Purdue. Junior cornerback Shane Walton intercepted Heisman Trophy candidate Drew Brees' pass and returned it for a touchdown.

"I think those things not only inspire the fans," said Davie, "but they inspire the players as well."

Sophomore Gary Godsey, playing in place of injured Arnaz Battle, will once again lead the offense. Godsey completed 14 of 25 passes — one more completion than Brees

— while playing in a limited offense last week.

"It means we are going to have to do something a little bit different now to be able to run the ball," said Davie of his struggling running game.

Sophomore Julius Jones made his first career start in the Nebraska game, compiling 227 all-purpose yards.

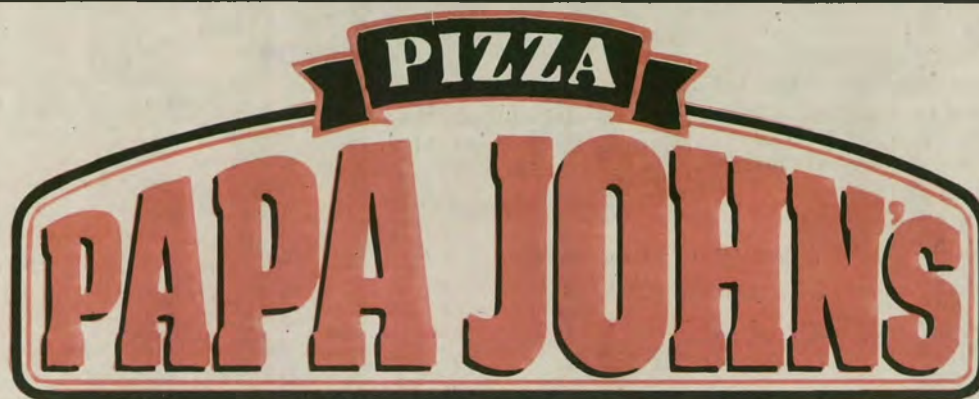
On defense, sophomore Ryan Roberts is making his second career start in place of injured captain Grant Irons. Linebackers Rocky Boiman and Anthony Denman each have two sacks, while Denman leads the team with 29 tackles.

Defensive backs Tony

Driver, Brock Williams, Ron Israel, and Walton have been successful in limiting two top-ranked passing teams in Purdue and Nebraska.

Davie described the opening minutes of the 1998 loss, the last time the Irish entered Spartan Stadium. "When you have a punt blocked late in the game, when you throw interceptions for touchdowns, when you give up big plays on defense, it doesn't matter if you're playing in your backyard if you are playing like that," said Davie.

The next step in proving this team's strength is a win in Michigan State's backyard Saturday.



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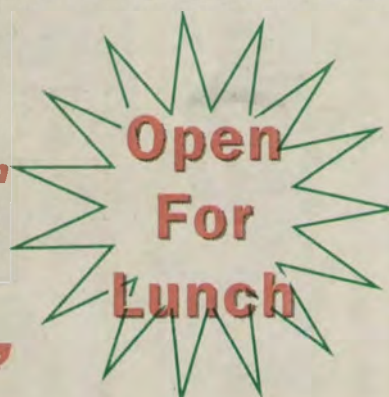
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"The most popular # on campus"

Boiman blends fiery play with will to improve

◆ Linebacker intimidates foes but shows soft spot off-field

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The sight of linebacker Rocky Boiman sends shivers down opposing players' spines, with his devilish fire-red hair, glare that shoots bullets and imposing physique. The fierce competitor intimidates foes from the moment he marches onto the football field.

A different image arises in the mind of 11-year-old Lindsey Boiman, Rocky's sister.

"That's just on the football field," Lindsey said. "He loves football and just takes it really seriously. He's not exactly the kind that would come and beat me up like some brothers would."

Rocky Boiman might as well have a split personality, for all the similarities between his persona on and off the field.

"On the field, he's nasty — he goes after you," said Steve Rasso, Boiman's coach at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. "Off the field, he's soft-spoken, looks like a booksy type of guy. He's really a gentleman, but when he buckles that chinstrap, you'd better watch out."

Staring down the opposition

Once he suits up in his Notre Dame uniform, Boiman displays no qualms about tackling an opposing player with all the force of a tow truck.

"When I'm on the field, I think I'm in a different kind of mental state," Boiman said. "I'm just so focused on what we have to do. I just want to get to the ball carrier, knock somebody down, do whatever it takes. I take it life-or-death serious wise."

The team's third-leading tackler, Boiman tears opposing teams' offenses to shreds with his speed and power. In the first three games of 2000, he's already registered 24 tackles, including two sacks.

"Every time I'm out there, I just tell myself I want to dump it out, dump everything I have out on that field, and after the game, I don't even want to be able to walk because I gave my best effort," Boiman said.

Boiman carries so much intensity into games and practice that he even surprises his own teammates at times.

"He doesn't back down to other players from other teams," fellow linebacker Tyreo Harrison said. "You might have to hold him back a little bit. He fits really well into the aggressive defense, especially what the coaches want this year, the intimidation factor."

Rasso added, "He has a

unbelievable intensity. He's the kind of guy who was born to play football. You'd have to kick him out of the weight room. He loved to come to practice."

Improvement comes naturally to Boiman's game — it's the product of 100 percent effort every day in practice.

"Something I'm really concerned with is trying to get better each week, better each day, whatever that takes," Boiman said. "I just want to improve in all areas as a football player, no matter what they are. No one area do I want to limit myself to."

Notre Dame linebackers coach Kirk Doll appreciates the energy and work ethic Boiman gives to the Irish.

"I think he brings an attitude of physical toughness," Doll said. "The way he practices and plays is a great example to the younger kids. You always want them to improve each week, and I think Rocky's done that."

All in the family

The grit necessary to succeed on the gridiron runs in the Boiman family. Rasso, who's been coaching high school football for 38 years, also coached Boiman's father, Michael, as a player for LaSalle High School.

"His dad was like 5-foot-8, 5-foot-9, maybe 185 pounds, but he was tough as nails," Rasso said. "He [Rocky] takes after his father, and is as tough as nails. I can see where he gets that football side of him."

Although Michael Boiman never played college football, Rocky says it's his dad who's helped him most to improve as a player.

"He's taught me so much about drive and working hard. What he's taught me is just to learn all that I can from a bunch of different people," Boiman said. "If you see somebody doing something good, doing something the right way, ask them, ask them to show it to you until you get it down."

Family is the one thing that comes before football for Boiman. He and his sister, Lindsey, share an especially close bond.

"My little sister, she's 11-years-old, and it's a big age difference, but even with that, I think that we're very, very close," Rocky said. "I think she looks up to me and I try to do whatever I can to help her out because she's a tremendous person, she's going to be a tremendous person."

The feeling is mutual.

"We're really close. He does a lot for me, me being his younger sister," Lindsey said. "I'm really proud of him and he's worked really hard. He deserves to be out there."

Rocky holds his relationship with his parents, Michael and Linda, as dear to him as that



Boiman

position: outside linebacker

year: junior

awards: Southwest Ohio Player of the Year, high school captain and MVP, selected for Ohio North-South all-star game and Ohio-Pennsylvania Big 33 all-star game

notables: recorded 39 tackles in '99 and already has 24 in the first three games this year, second on Irish sacks list with two in 2000, recovered three fumbles a year ago

with his sister.

"My parents are so great. I wouldn't be where I'm at without my parents, and that's something they've kind of molded me towards," Rocky said. "They said, 'Hey, there are a lot of crazy things that happen in this world, a lot of hurt and bad things. If you can just make life easier for somebody else or just make people enjoy life a little bit, then you're helping out.'"

When Irish eyes are smiling

Boiman harbored dreams of playing for the Irish even as a youngster, in time earning a scholarship to Notre Dame, and later, a spot in the starting lineup.

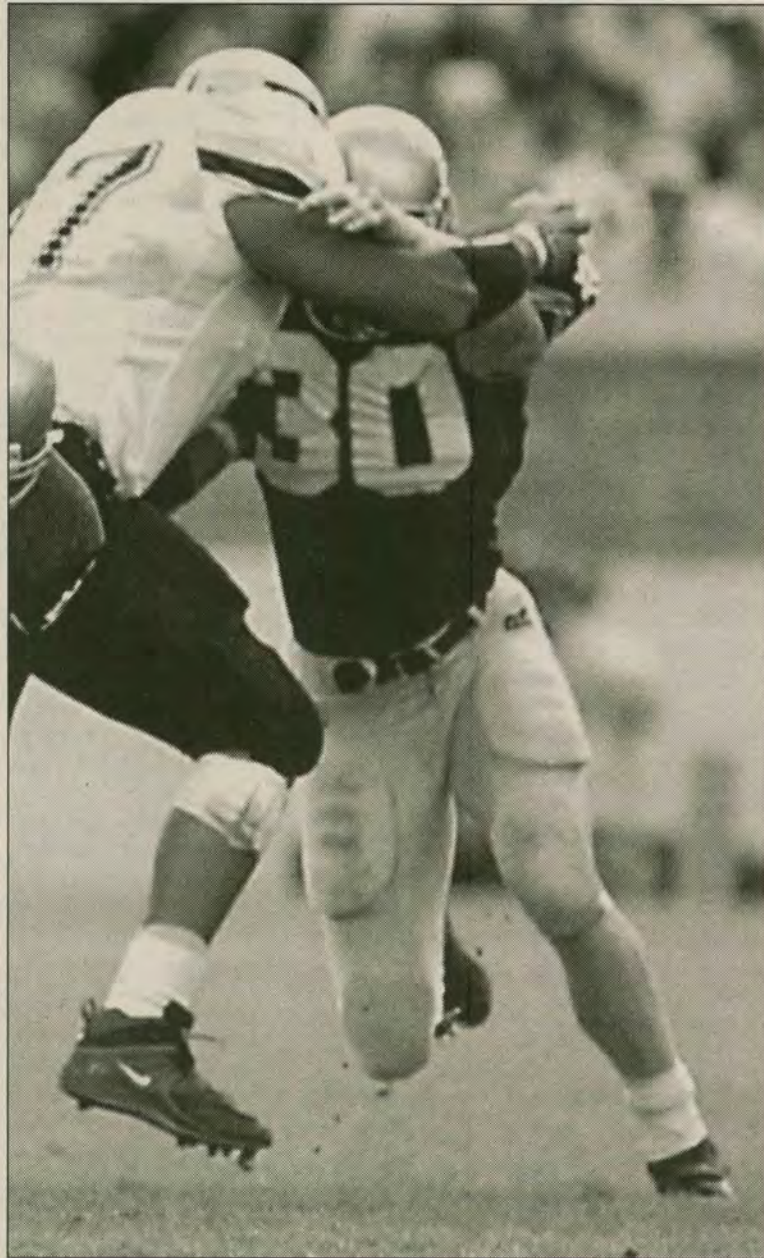
"It's somewhere I've wanted to play ever since I was little, so for me to be on the team and to be successful is just a dream come true."

Boiman said. "I feel so lucky to have this opportunity to be blessed like I am. To be in this situation, it's really something else."

Despite his childhood fantasy of playing football for the Irish, Boiman avoided leaping into Notre Dame blindfolded.

"I took the time to look at other places, too," Boiman said. "But I still really fell in love with the place. É Someplace else might look better at the time, but I just thought, 20, 30 years from now, how could I look back and say, 'I turned down a scholarship to Notre Dame.' There's no way I could do that."

Boiman signed with Notre Dame over Michigan and a host of other Big 10 schools prior to his senior year of high school. Yet even his strong academic background at Xavier and lifelong dream of coming to Notre Dame failed to fully prepare him for the rigors of being a Notre



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Notre Dame linebacker Rocky Boiman (No. 30) takes down a Purdue player in Notre Dame's 23-21 victory last weekend.

Dame student-athlete.

"A lot of people don't realize it's really tough to play here," Boiman said. "Just with the pressures of academics and the pressures to win week in and week out, an individual has to be pretty mentally tough to play here and be successful here."

"People are always watching what you do, good or bad, and they especially notice when you do something bad, so that's something that you've got to be aware of."

As a pre-professional major considering going into medicine, Boiman bears an even heavier burden than most athletes do. But the demands that accompany a Notre Dame football scholarship haven't lowered Boiman's opinions of the school. In fact, they may have raised them.

"I can't really say in one thing or another, but Notre Dame is special," Boiman said. "I don't care what anybody says, but we could lose the rest of our games this season and next year and the year after that, and we would still be Notre Dame. Notre Dame is college football as far as I'm concerned."

After a surprisingly strong 2-1 start against three top-25 teams, the Irish don't appear to be in danger of going on an eight-game losing streak.

"The team's potential is tremendous," Boiman said. "I

think the sky's the limit. As far as I'm concerned, this is the best defense and has the potential to be the best defense since I've been here. I think the intensity and the desire that we play with was unmatched in the other years."

The passion and desire Boiman senses on this year's Irish are putting wins on the Irish record, which, coming on the heels of a 5-7 season, are as welcome as sunshine on a winter day in South Bend.

"Last year, it was hard, but I think in the long term, that was a good thing for us," Boiman said. "Sometimes Coach Davie talks about how you've got to feel bad before you can feel good. I think we kind of saw that bad side and that dark side. We worked through that, and now things are really starting to pay off for us."

Boiman's hard work and positive attitude are certainly paying dividends for both he and his teammates as they continue to exceed all preseason expectations. Right now, they're holding target practice each day with the bulls' eye being the National Championship.

"The team's potential is tremendous," Boiman said. "I think the sky's the limit. Week in and week out, it's going to take an unbelievable effort from both sides of the field."



up close &
personal
WITH ROCKY BOIMAN

birthdate: January 24, 1980
hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
dorm: Knott
major: pre-professional
dimensions: 6-foot-4, 240 lbs.
word to describe him off the

field: relentless
word to describe him on the field: driven
greatest personal athletic moment: yet to come
if he could bring anything from home to Notre Dame it would

be: his sister Lindsey
area he would most like to improve: every area
top goal: to win the National Championship
sports team he followed growing up: Notre Dame

Fighting Irish schedule

Sep. 2 TEXAS A&M

Sep. 9 NEBRASKA

Sep. 16 PURDUE

Sep. 23 at Michigan State

Oct. 7 STANFORD

Oct. 14 Navy

Oct. 21 at West Virginia

Oct. 28 AIR FORCE

Nov. 11 BOSTON COLLEGE

Nov. 18 at Rutgers

Nov. 25 at USC

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Davie
head coach

fourth season at
Notre Dame

career record:
23-17
at Notre Dame:
23-17
against Michigan
State: 0-3

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Brock Williams	CB	5-10	190	SR
2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	ILB	6-3	242	JR
2	Dan Novakov	QB	6-1	220	SO
3	Amaz Battle	QB	6-1	218	JR
4	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	197	SR
5	Ron Israel	SS	6-0	208	SR
6	David Givens	FL	6-3	217	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-2	190	FR
8	Lorenzo Crawford	WR	5-11	175	FR
9	Jared Clark	QB	6-4	220	FR
10	Matt LoVecchio	QB	6-3	200	FR
10	Ryan Krueger	QB	5-9	178	JR
11	Jay Johnson	SE	5-11	195	FR
12	Tony Fisher	TB	6-2	225	JR
13	Nick Setta	K/P	6-0	175	SO
13	Joe Recendez	QB/TE	6-0	222	SR
14	Gary Godsey	QB	6-7	240	SO
15	Clifford Jefferson	CB	5-9	180	JR
16	Abram Elam	QB/DB	6-1	190	FR
17	Joey Hildbold	P	5-10	190	SO
18	Joey Getherall	FI	5-7	175	SR
19	Glenn Earl	SS	6-2	215	SO
20	Gerome Sapp	FS	6-0	210	FR
21	Javin Hunter	SE	6-0	186	JR
22	Julius Jones	TB	5-10	201	SO
23	Chris Yura	FB	5-11	211	SO
24	Chad DeBolt	CB	5-10	193	SO
25	Tony Driver	FS	6-2	220	SR
26	Garron Bible	RB	5-10	185	FR
27	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	190	SO
28	Donald Dykes	SS	5-11	195	JR
29	Brian Oleiniczak	FL	5-11	195	SR
30	Rocky Boiman	OLB	6-4	240	JR
31	Dwayne Francis	CB	6-0	195	JR
32	Terrance Howard	TB	6-1	195	JR
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	220	SO
34	Vontez Duff	RB	6-1	175	FR
34	Jascint Vukelich	FB	5-10	229	SR
35	David Miller	K	5-11	191	JR
35	Tim O'Neill	TB	5-5	170	JR
36	Tom Lopienski	FB	6-1	245	JR
38	Preston Jackson	DB	5-10	172	FR
38	Eric Nelson	LB	6-0	225	JR
39	Anthony Denman	ILB	6-2	235	SR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	259	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-4	225	FR
42	Shane Walton	CB	5-11	183	JR
43	Anthony Brannan	ILB	5-10	215	SR
44	Grant Irons	DE	6-5	275	SR
45	Matt Sarb	SS	5-11	201	JR
46	Jeremy Juarez	FB	5-11	251	SR
47	Mike McNair	FB	6-0	240	JR
48	Kyle Budinscak	DL	6-5	250	FR
49	Derek Curry	LB	6-4	225	FR
50	Cedric Hilliard	DT	6-2	290	SO
51	Tyreo Harrison	ILB	6-2	242	JR
52	Jeff Faine	C	6-3	292	SO
52	Mark Mitchell	OLB	5-10	220	SR
53	Jason Halvorson	LB	6-2	230	SO
54	Luigi Rao	ILB	5-10	215	SR
55	Jim Jones	OG	6-2	310	SR
56	Pat Ryan	ILB	6-3	235	SO
57	Justin Thomas	OLB	6-1	245	SO
58	Joseph Mueller	LB	5-11	195	SR
59	Brian Dierckman	ILB	6-1	255	SR
60	Darrell Campbell	DE	6-4	285	SO
61	Mike Zelenka	FB	6-0	225	SR
62	Casey Rubin	OT	6-7	305	SR
63	Brennan Curtin	OT	6-8	315	SO
64	John Crowther	C	6-2	240	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	295	SO
66	JW Jordan	C	6-1	275	SR
67	Ryan Gillis	OG	6-3	292	SO
69	Mike Gandy	OG	6-4	315	SR
70	Jim Molinaro	DE	6-6	265	SO
72	Ryan Scarola	OG	6-5	301	JR
73	Adam Tibble	K	5-11	201	JR
75	Kurt Vollers	OT	6-7	310	SR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-5	305	SR
77	Greg Pauly	DL	6-6	275	FR
78	Jordan Black	OT	6-6	310	JR
79	Sean Mahan	OT	6-3	288	JR
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	180	FR
81	Jerome Collins	WR	6-4	200	FR
82	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	185	FR
82	Bernard Akatu	SE	5-10	180	JR
83	Josh Gentile	K/P	5-11	199	SO
83	Brendan Hart	TE	6-3	250	FR
84	John Owens	DE	6-3	265	JR
85	Jeffrey Campbell	TE/DE	6-1	200	JR
86	Dan O'Leary	TE	6-3	260	SR
87	Jabari Holloway	TE	6-3	260	SR
89	Gerald Morgan	TE	6-4	261	JR
90	Lance Legree	NG	6-1	285	SR
91	Andrew Dompsey	DE	6-2	265	SR
92	Matt McNew	K	6-3	200	SR
93	B.J. Scott	DT	6-3	290	SR
94	Andy Wisne	DT	6-3	272	SR
95	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	251	JR
96	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	250	FR
98	Anthony Weaver	DT	6-3	276	JR
99	Jason Sapp	LB	6-3	230	FR

IN POSITION: offensive line



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Offensive lineman Kurt Vollers (No. 75) kept quarterback Gary Godsey well-protected in Notre Dame's 23-21 victory over Purdue Saturday.

Offensive line takes the heat

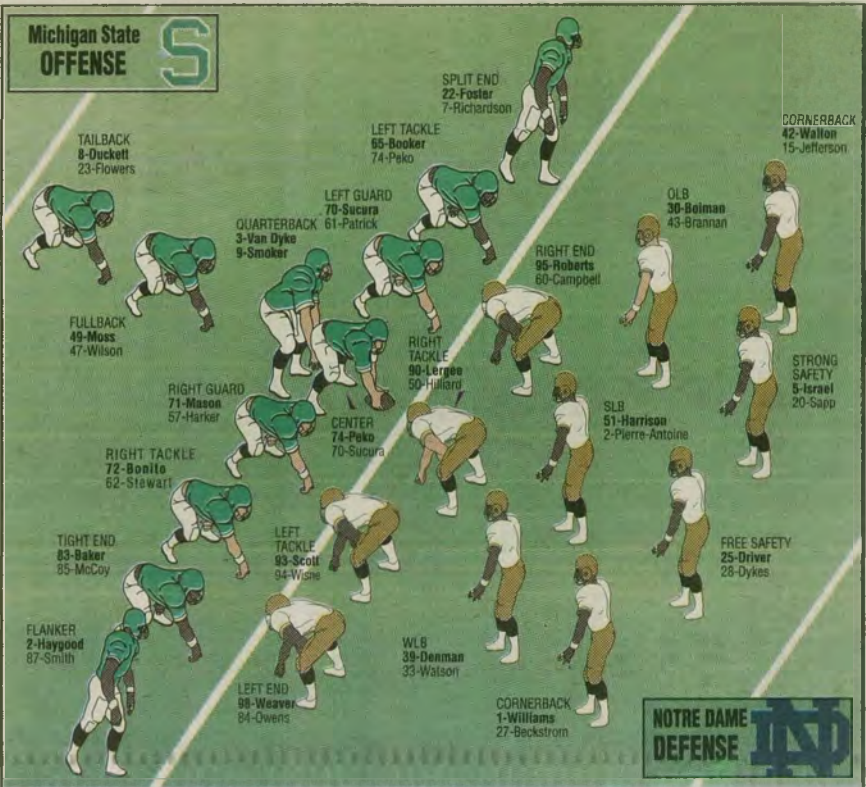
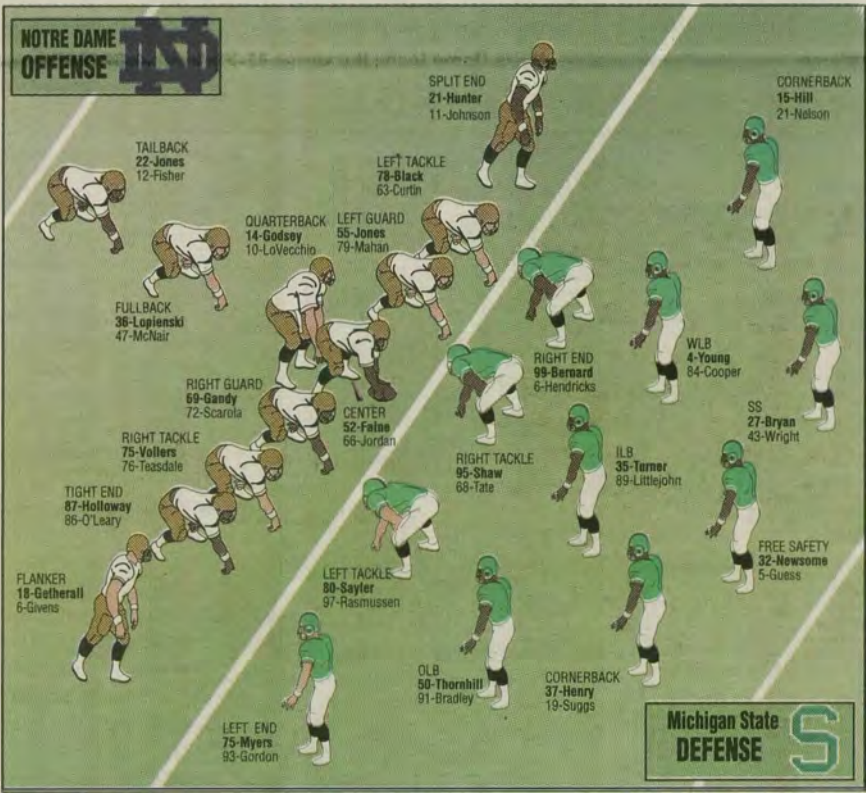
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The play of Notre Dame's offensive line became much more significant with the loss of Arnaz Battle. Quarterback Gary Godsey needs the best protection possible to give him maximum time to get off his passes, and this is up to the offensive line.

The Irish have improved on the

offensive line since last year, when they were a very young group. The extra year of experience is paying off for guards Mike Gandy and Jim Jones and tackles Jordan Black and Kurt Vollers, who are joined by center Jeff Faine. So far the line has allowed Notre Dame's quarterbacks to be sacked six times, two fewer than its opponents. The Irish have also committed far fewer turnovers than in '99.

DEPTH CHARTS



Spartans schedule

Sep. 2 MARSHALL

Sep. 16 at Missouri

Sep. 23 NOTRE DAME

Sep. 30 NORTHWESTERN

Oct. 7 at Iowa

Oct. 14 WISCONSIN

Oct. 21 at Michigan

Oct. 28 ILLINOIS

Nov. 4 at Ohio

Nov. 11 PURDUE

Nov. 18 at Penn State

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3-0
at Michigan State:
3-0
against Notre
Dame: 0-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Charles Rogers	WR	6-4	195	FR
2	Herb Haygood	WR	6-0	188	JR
3	Ryan Van Dyke	QB	6-5	223	JR
4	Drew Young	LB	6-3	227	SR
5	Lorenzo Guess	S	6-1	193	JR
5	Nate Keusch	WR	6-0	194	JR
6	Jabari Hendricks	DE	6-3	270	SR
6	Phinney Masoner	K	5-10	164	JR
7	Lavaile Richardson	WR	6-1	197	SR
7	Phinney Masoner	K	5-10	165	JR
8	T.J. Duckett	TB	6-1	252	SO
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	6-4	197	FR
10	Tai Brown	CB	5-11	182	JR
12	Craig Jarrett	P	6-2	205	JR
14	David Schaefer	K	5-10	190	JR
15	Renaldo Hill	CB	5-11	182	SR
16	Dan Orner	PK	5-7	163	FR
19	Jeremy Barkey	WR	6-3	220	JR
19	DeMario Suggs	CB	5-11	196	SR
20	Josh Lenaburg	WR	6-0	180	FR
21	Broderick Nelson	CB	6-0	170	JR
21	Zach Sanom	TB	5-8	187	SO
22	Shawn Foster	WR	5-11	199	JR
23	Little John Flowers	TB	6-0	220	JR
23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	5-10	158	SO
24	Richard Brown	S	5-11	195	SR
25	Jason Haromn	DB	6-0	185	FR
26	Jimel Cofer	CB	6-1	197	SO
27	Duron Bryan	S	6-0	200	JR
30	Matt Kropf	LB	6-3	243	JR
31	Brian Burns	FB	6-4	230	FR
32	Richard Newsome	S	5-11	198	SR
33	Roderick Maples	DB	6-0	170	FR
34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	5-11	195	FR
35	T.J. Turner	LB	6-2	252	SR
36	Mark Goebel	LB	6-2	208	FR
37	Cedric Henry	CB	5-10	183	JR
38	Kirk Murray	TB	5-11	187	SO
39	Jeremy Fairrow	DB	6-1	197	FR
40	Jeremiah McLaurin	DB	6-0	180	FR
41	Matt Dawes	LB	6-1	230	JR
42	Mike Labinjo	FB	6-1	255	SO
43	Thomas Wright	S	6-1	196	SO
44	Marcus Waters	LB	6-4	235	SO
45	Monquizz Wedlow	S	5-11	191	FR
47	Travis Wilson	FB	6-3	224	FR
48	Bill McPherson	FB	6-1	223	SO
49	Dawan Moss	FB	5-10	248	SO
50	Josh Thornhill	LB	6-2	237	JR
51	Joe Sartay	S	6-1	230	SO
52	Dedrick Roper	LB	6-2	242	FR
53	Adam Spina	DE	6-5	224	JR
54	Dominick Brown	LB	6-4	234	FR
55	James Smith	LB	6-3	238	SO
56	Tony Grant	SN	6-2	259	JR
57	Paul Harker	OG	6-3	305	JR
58	Matt Branson	OG	6-2	275	JR
59	Clifford Dukes	LB	6-3	229	FR
60	Joe Brooks	DT	6-3	271	FR
61	Joe Patrick	OG	6-5	298	FR
62	Steve Stewart	OT	6-5	296	FR
63	Colin Smith	OL	6-3	284	SR
64	Pat Waters	LB	6-2	265	FR
65	Ulish Booker	OT	6-7	290	SO
66	Quentin Jackson	OL	6-7	320	FR
67	DeMarco Monroe	OG	6-3	305	SO
68	Joe Tate	DT	6-5	285	FR
69	Ray Kouba	C	6-1	275	SO
70	Dave Sucura	OG	6-4	303	SR
71	Shaun Mason	OG	6-5	302	SR
72	Matt Bonito	OT	6-6	305	SR
73	Brian Ottney	C	6-6	302	FR
74	Siitupe Peko	OT	6-4	300	SR
75	Nick Myers	DE	6-2	275	JR
76	William Whitticker	OL	6-5	310	FR
77	Josh Smith	C	6-4	284	JR
78	Tom Carney	DT	6-2	278	JR
79	Sean Poole	OL	6-7	273	FR
80	Jace Saylor	DT	6-5	295	SR
81	Joe Savage	WR	6-3	192	SO
82	Ziehl Kavanagh	WR	5-11	181	FR
83	Chris Baker	TE	6-3	267	SO
84	James Cooper	TE	6-3	210	FR
85	Ivory McCoy	TE	6-3	230	SR
86	Durocher Miller	WR	6-1	191	FR
87	Demont Smith	WR	5-10	171	SR
88	Luc Mullinder	TE	6-4	245	FR
89	Bradshaw Littlejohn	LB	6-2	251	FR
89	Eric Easter	TE	6-3	305	FR
90	Marc Jackson	DE	6-4	294	SO
91	Jessie Sias	DL	6-3	305	FR
92	Jason Bradley	MLB	6-0	246	FR
92	Lonnie Simmons	DL	6-5	260	SO
93	Samalj Gordon	DE	6-5	260	SO
94	Greg Taplin	DL	6-4	262	FR
95	Josh Shaw	DT	6-3	283	JR
96	Greg Yeaster	DL	6-1	265	FR
97	Kyle Rasmussen	DE	6-3	267	FR
98	Dwight Whitfield	DL	6-3	275	FR
99	Dimitry Bernard	DE	6-2	265	SR

EYE ON THE ENEMY

Spartans ready to top Irish for fourth-straight time

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's defense has passed its first three tests of the season with confidence-inspiring performances inside the comfort of Notre Dame Stadium.

But when the No. 16 Irish take to the road to meet the No. 20 Spartans of Michigan State Saturday, two words will determine whether the defense can stop the momentum the Spartans traditionally have on their home turf: T.J. Duckett.

Despite Notre Dame's out-ranking of Michigan State by four spots, the 2-0 Spartans have a running arsenal few teams can top. Led by the sophomore Duckett, whom Notre Dame recruited as a tight end two years ago, the Spartans can be deadly when the ball is in his hands.

"You have got to stop him before he gets started," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "When he gets heading north and south, just takes it on a straight line, he is a heck of a player. He is real patient and then when he finds the gap, he

just hits it. So you have got to really be patient and be disciplined on defense and not allow seams to occur in your defense."

Though Michigan State's quarterback situation is up in the air, the Spartan offense is grounded in Duckett. The tailback touched the ball in 34 out of 70 offensive plays and scored the Spartans' only touchdown last weekend in Michigan State's 13-10 win against Missouri. In Michigan State's season opener against Marshall, he started the year off on the right foot with 219 rushing yards on 26 carries.

As a freshman, the second-team high school All-American rushed for 606 yards on the season and scored 10 out of the 12 Spartans' rushing touchdowns.

But while Duckett leads the running charge, a talented Spartan corps backs him.

"You look at Michigan State — on offense they are big," Davie said. "Their fullbacks are big. They have two tight ends that I think are really good, [Chris Baker and Ivory McCoy]. Both the receivers played a lot last year. We know how talented they were at receiver last year. [Lavaile Richardson and Herb

Haygood] both played a lot of football, talented guys."

The potency of the Spartan running game will temper the uncertainty behind the line of scrimmage at quarterback.

Michigan State's coaches pegged Ryan Van Dyke as the starter at the beginning of the season, but a bruised thumb part way through the Spartans' season opener sidelined the junior and threw true freshman Jeff Smoker into the fray.

"I think they are pretty similar," Davie said. "[Smoker] is pretty far along for a young guy. If he is mobile, he throws the ball well. So does Ryan Van Dyke. So there is not much change with one of the two of them in there. [Our preparation] It is exactly the same."

Smoker has completed 16 of 24 passes for 138 yards with only one interception in his two outings.

While at press time Van Dyke's status for Saturday's game is uncertain, one thing is for sure: The Spartans are bent on making sure the 2-1 Irish even up their record with a loss on their first road trip of the season.



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Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker goes long in the Spartans' 13-10 win over the Tigers of Missouri last weekend.

fast facts

ABOUT
MICHIGAN STATE

- ◆ Location: East Lansing, Michigan
- ◆ Enrollment: 43,189
- ◆ Colors: Green and White
- ◆ Nickname: Spartans
- ◆ Conference: Big 10
- ◆ Fight song: Michigan State College March

- ◆ Spartans coach Bobby Williams took over as head coach prior to last year's bowl game.
- ◆ The Notre Dame-Michigan State rivalry is one of the oldest in college football, and dates back to 1897.
- ◆ Notre Dame leads the series 41-21-1.



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A LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL ACTION

Friday, September 22, 2000

Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	2-0	1,747
2	Florida State	3-0	1,723
3	Florida	3-0	1,545
4	Kansas State	3-0	1,459
5	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,412
6	UCLA	3-0	1,408
7	Wisconsin	3-0	1,349
8	Washington	3-0	1,331
9	USC	2-0	1,126
10	Michigan	2-1	1,107
11	Clemson	3-0	1,030
12	Miami (Fla.)	1-1	926
13	Tennessee	1-1	889
14	Ohio State	3-0	733
15	Texas	1-1	717
16	NOTRE DAME	2-1	705
17	Oklahoma	2-0	629
18	TCU	2-0	531
19	Illinois	3-0	513
20	Auburn	3-0	445
21	Purdue	2-1	422
22	So. Mississippi	1-1	380
23	Michigan State	2-0	274
24	Georgia	1-1	194
25	Mississippi State	2-0	128

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	2-0	1,456
2	Florida State	3-0	1,424
3	Florida	3-0	1,336
4	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,202
5	Kansas State	3-0	1,192
6	Wisconsin	3-0	1,184
7	Washington	3-0	1,074
8	UCLA	3-0	1,042
9	USC	2-0	964
10	Michigan	2-1	874
11	Clemson	3-0	810
12	Ohio State	3-0	733
13	Tennessee	1-1	671
14	Miami (Fla.)	1-1	662
15	Texas	1-1	610
16	Oklahoma	2-0	549
17	Illinois	3-0	484
18	NOTRE DAME	2-1	477
19	TCU	2-0	420
20	Michigan State	2-0	382
21	Purdue	2-1	322
22	Auburn	3-0	296
23	So. Mississippi	1-1	270
24	Georgia	1-1	184
25	Mississippi State	2-0	170

GAME OF THE WEEK



KRT Photo

Two South Carolina defenders take down the Georgia Bulldogs' Randy McMichael (No. 86) in the Gamecocks' 21-10 win over the Bulldogs on Sept. 9.

Holtz looks to extend streak over Bulldogs

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

Lou Holtz has accomplished the impossible: he has effectively brainwashed his South Carolina Gamecocks into actually believing that they can win football games.

Their Sept. 9 win over then 10th-ranked Georgia stands as this season's biggest upset. Given the Gamecocks' admitted lack

of prime time talent, there is no question that Holtz's fabled leadership and motivational skills are still intact.

The Mississippi State Bulldogs are two years removed from a SEC Western Division Championship. The 2000 edition seems ready to challenge again, but needs some lucky breaks along the way. The Bulldogs usually win with a stingy defense, but this year the

focus switches across the line of scrimmage.

The offensive line returns three starters from last year, including behemoth 340-pound aptly named offensive tackle "Pork Chop" Womack. This mass of humanity protects quarterback Wayne Madkin and paves the way for a talented stable of running backs. Madkin has matured from a skittish freshman into a capable, experienced

leader. His athleticism has bailed out the Bulldogs already this year.

Alabama suffered a non-conference loss at UCLA, so this game is pivotal in the SEC West. The winner will not only hand the loser its first loss of the season, but also gain serious momentum going into October. Given that Florida and Alabama await these two teams next week, momentum is critical.

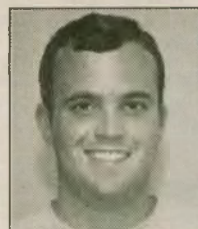
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OTHER TOP GAMES

Clemson at Virginia

Coach Tommy Bowden took over a Clemson program that had hit rock bottom.

Many college football experts predicted a slow rebuilding process that would extend into this season. Coach Bowden answered by leading the Tigers to a 6-5 regular season, including a heartbreaking 17-14 loss to father Bobby and the Florida State Seminoles.

Tiger quarterback Woodrow Dantzler threw for 2,713 yards a year ago, and expects to pass more this season.

The Virginia Cavaliers are still smarting from the loss of All-American running back Thomas Jones, older brother of rising Notre Dame star Julius. The strength of this team lies in its linebackers.

Donny Green, Yubrenal Isabelle, and Byron Thweatt anchor a unit that may be the best in the ACC. Virginia remains a year away from ACC contention, especially with road trips to both Florida State and Virginia Tech on the schedule.

Miami (Fla.) at West Virginia

The Big East schedule kicks off for both the Hurricanes and the Mountaineers this Saturday.

The winner of this game probably will emerge as the main challenger to defending 1999 Big East champ Virginia Tech and quarterback Michael Vick.

Many publications had Miami returning to greatness and contending for the National Championship. Unfortunately, the train to the Orange Bowl quickly derailed at the hands of the Washington Huskies earlier this season. While BCS plans are on hold for another year, the Canes and the Hokies should settle the Big East when they lock horns in Blacksburg on Oct. 12.

Morgantown, WV is a dangerous college football road game for any team. Like Nebraska, not much else is worth watching in West Virginia during the fall besides Mountaineer football. Sophomore Avon Cobourne was the leading rusher in the Big East last year as a freshman. After this bright spot, too many holes remain on this young roster.

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11 a.m., ESPN
Miami at West Virginia
2:30 p.m., CBS
UCLA at Oregon
2:30 p.m., FOX
Louisville at Florida State
5 p.m., ESPN2
Michigan at Illinois
6:30 p.m., ESPN
Alabama at Arkansas
8 p.m., ESPN2

the inside edge



records: 2-1
A.P. rank: No. 16
coach's poll: No. 18



records: 2-0
A.P. rank: No. 23
coach's poll: No. 20

Series Record

Notre Dame: 41-21-1
leads
Michigan State



quarterbacks: Godsey's only one week removed from his first college snap, and hasn't played away from home. The Spartans are two-deep.



running backs: State's Duckett ranks as one of the nation's elite backs. The Irish ran for only 78 yards against the Boilermakers.

EVEN

receivers: The Spartans no longer have stars Burrell and Scott. Both teams feature players who can make big plays but don't always do it.



offensive line: Michigan State featured the nation's No. 5 run defense a year ago. The Irish are up-and-coming.



defensive line: The Irish sacked Brees twice last week, a task managed only eight times in '99. The Spartans lost the bulk of their defensive line.



linebackers: Boiman, Denman and Harrison combine for a fearsome trio, but the Spartans feature Turner and Thornhill, a top-notch duo.

EVEN

secondary: The Irish have picked up several interceptions, but can be inconsistent. State's No. 1 corner, Hill, is among the Big Ten's best.



special teams: Notre Dame's special teams unit has emerged as the pride of the Irish, as it accounted for the Purdue victory. Michigan State lost its top kicker and punt recruiter to graduation.



coaching: Davie's seen far more success in the first three games than most people expected, and was ESPN's Coach of the Week last week. Williams is undefeated, but has only coached three games.



intangibles: Struggling on the road is a Notre Dame hallmark of late, as is trouble defeating the Spartans. Michigan State will have home crowd support.



Overall

Godsey remains somewhat of a question mark, as does the Irish ability to win on the road. However, Notre Dame has soared beyond expectations in the early season thanks to its defense and special teams. After an overtime loss to No. 1 Nebraska and two wins over top-25 teams, the Irish may be ready to take things to the next level.

IRISH INSIGHT

Duckett's Spartan performance causes Notre Dame headaches

We know him as the SI guy. In April, this campus, Notre Dame alumni and the sporting nation were all abuzz about the Sports Illustrated article questioning whether Irish football was dead.

The headline of the 11-page spread read: "Irish Stew: How strong academic requirements, a suicidal schedule and an unproven coach have taken the fight out of Notre Dame." The piece devoted over 800 words at the beginning to a high school running back from Michigan and his father, who explained his son's January 1999 meeting with Dan Saracino, the assistant provost for enrollment.

"[Saracino] assumed that my son wasn't intelligent enough to get through his school," the father said in the article. "He told me, 'We don't have basket-weaving at Notre Dame.'" We all know the rest, that the player had not taken pre-calculus, that Saracino denied the basket-weaving reference and that there were other recruits who believed Notre Dame's admissions policies hindered the Irish's on-field success.

In newspapers, classrooms, bars and around the water cooler at work, the anti-Notre Dame sentiment, always strong, grew larger. But, for now, the most pertinent words of that article were "Notre Dame didn't formally reject T.J., because he never formally applied."

On Saturday, T.J. Duckett will mean more to Irish fans than a prime example of why their beloved team has not been a serious title contender since 1993.

As Michigan State's starting running back, arguably the nation's best back, Duckett poses a much stiffer challenge. "I've played against almost all of [the best running backs]," Coach Bob Davie said this week. "Bo Jackson, Herschel Walker, George Rogers, Eric Dickerson.



Tim Casey

Assistant Sports Editor

[Duckett] is a unique combination of that kind of size and that kind of sprinter's ability."

Strong words for a sophomore with 177 career carries. Yet, the aforementioned size (6-foot-2 and 252 pounds), speed (4.45 seconds in the 40 and 10.9 in the 100), strength (bench pressing 505 pounds) and instincts pose a dangerous threat to any defense.

Duckett should know.

He was an All-American linebacker at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, recording 102 tackles and nine sacks as a senior. And when he wasn't wreaking havoc in the opposing team's backfield, Duckett was part of Loy Norrix's option attack as a quarterback.

Duckett teamed alongside running back Little John Flowers, his current Spartan teammate, to form a high school version reminiscent of Nebraska's mid-1990s duo of Tommie Frazier and Lawrence Phillips.

When it came time to decide on college, coaches saw Duckett as a future Lawrence. Not Phillips but Taylor.

Except for Davie.

The Irish compared Duckett to former star Jerome Bettis and knew the quarterback could excel a few more feet behind center.

"What we see now is what we envisioned him being," Davie said. "That's why we were in the hunt to recruit him."

Duckett's version of the infamous recruitment, circa Sept. 19, 2000, offers an opposing view.

"At the time, linebacker was what I really wanted to play," Duckett said. "Even though, I wanted to play [tailback] too. But Notre Dame wasn't going to give me the opportunity to play linebacker at all. And Michigan State would let me play both and by my sophomore year I could decide what position I wanted to stay at."

He began last year alternating between running back and linebacker before switching to offense full-time in the second half of the season. Duckett gained 606 yards and scored 10 touchdowns for the 10-2 Spartans but by the Citrus Bowl his weight increased to 275 pounds.

In the off-season, Duckett dieted and ran to help get back



AFP Photo

Spartan running back T.J. Duckett, the focus of a controversial Sports Illustrated article about Notre Dame's admissions requirements, has found his niche in the Michigan State offense.

to his current playing weight.

"Say we ran ten sprints, afterward I'd try to run five or six extras," Duckett said. "I would try to do extra things that would help me lose that weight and gain my speed and endurance."

Besides the extra conditioning, Duckett also dealt with the death of his mother, Jacquelyn Barham. After six years with lymphoma cancer, Barham passed away on March 17.

"I feel that if I have any questions, I can ask her," Duckett said. "Even though I don't get a response, I know what she would say back to me. I'm dedicating this year to her."

Thus far, Mrs. Barham must be pleased with her son's performance. He has gained 350 yards and scored two touchdowns in two games for No. 23 Michigan State. And, if he continues his pace, Duckett may

pass a familiar name on Spartans all-time rushing lists. His brother, Tico's 1,394 yards in 1990 are fifth-best in school history and his 4,212 career yards are the second-highest total for a Michigan State runner.

"He can end up being one of the great backs," Davie said of T.J. "He has got a lot of ability." Duckett's no longer the SI guy. At least for this weekend.



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