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## Dealing with the unexpected

### ◆ Notre Dame, Saint Mary's offer support to pregnant students

By MAUREEN SMITHE  
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Farley rector Sister Carrine Etheridge remembers several years ago when one Notre Dame student came back from summer break with one big decision to make.

Discovering she was pregnant and without the support of the baby's father, [also a Notre Dame student], the woman had frightening questions and concerns.

Etheridge, in conjunction with other on-campus support services, helped the student make the best decision for herself: life.

"Now she's married and older and wiser. It was a hard choice, but it wasn't a bad choice," Etheridge said. "God gives us nine months so we can take this thing step-by-step."

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer a variety of services to pregnant students seeking advice and support. Through health services, pastoral care and residential support, women facing an unplanned pregnancy are not alone.

Ann Thompson, director of University Health Services, said her staff provides confidential pregnancy tests and counseling. Regardless of the outcome, UHS will not disclose the test's results to anyone. Students can even arrange to pay for the test so records are not sent home to parents.

Saint Mary's brings a gynecologist to campus every Tuesday, and therefore the school can offer the first prenatal exam to a student experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

"We are a campus of women. We want to be supportive of women," said

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PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Senior Rachel Jones discovered she was pregnant June 22 and has spent the last six months coping as a pregnant student at Notre Dame.

### ◆ Senior facing unplanned pregnancy will embrace motherhood

By MAUREEN SMITHE  
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Rubbing her belly and taking deep breaths, Rachel Jones soothes away another set of Braxton Hicks contractions. Well into the sixth month of her first pregnancy, Jones has learned how to deal with any surprises her body may throw at her, including these pre-labor pains.

Sitting in the great hall of O'Shaughnessy, with sunlight streaming through stained glass, Jones sits with an ethereal glow. She looks just like any other Notre Dame student with her jeans, T-shirt and backpack.

But she isn't just like any other Notre Dame student.

When Jones found out she was pregnant June 22, shock overwhelmed her to tears. The 23-year-old senior and theatre major had been properly taking birth control for years and had never planned on getting pregnant.

"I was that .01 percent who gets pregnant even when they're taking everything correctly. It happens," she said. "Before I got pregnant I was totally anti-kids - they got on my nerves. I've never had much interest in having kids of my own. I've still never held a newborn."

#### Breaking the news

Once she emerged from her brief state of shock, Jones started telling her boyfriend, family and close friends. A South Bend native, Jones has spent the last eight years with her boyfriend, who is currently a student at Bethel College. She told him about the pregnancy over the phone because she "couldn't wait to tell him face-to-face."

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## Student a finalist for quarter design

By ELIZABETH LEE  
News Writer

Freshman Amy Peterson has shown pride in her home state of Alabama by submitting a design for its state commemorative quarter as a part of the "50 States Quarter Program."

Peterson will know in the next few weeks whether her design has been chosen, but she says a reporter from the Birmingham News said Alabama governor Don Siegelman was in favor of her design.

All of the submitted designs were sent to the U.S. Mint to be evaluated for content and coinability, and the actual quarter will be released in 2003, as the 22nd in the series.



Peterson's quarter design.

Siegelman opened the contest to design the state quarter to all students in Alabama. Peterson's father, who himself had previously won a contest to design the state's forestry license plate, read about the contest in the

newspaper and encouraged her to submit a design for the quarter.

She says that her father's past artistic success inspired her to enter the contest and be a part of Alabama's history.

"While designing the quarter required patience and research, I really enjoyed the entire process," said Peterson.

Siegelman declared the theme of the new quarter to be "Education: Link to the Past, Gateway to the Future," and Peterson's design for the quarter draws from different areas of education and advancement in Alabama's history.

She began with the Cherokee

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## Student spirit suffers with losing season

By MARIBEL MOREY  
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Faced with a disappointing football season, student fans seem to be arriving at the stadium after the opening kick-off with a waning sense of spirit.

"It makes students sound like fair-weather fans, but you can't argue with the fact that football games are more exciting when they're good games and we're winning," said Curt Roberts, an off-campus senior finance major.

Because of the losing season, Saturday mornings might not seem to hold the same thrill as

previous years.

"This year I haven't woken up on Saturday with the same excitement in the past," Roberts said. "Part of the reason could be that I'm a senior waking up off-campus - not on campus with all the excitement. Part of it could be going and seeing us lose heart-breaking games."

Brian Dosal, sophomore finance major, has seen a similar reaction.

"A lot more people are not as enthusiastic about going to the game. [And] there's a lot less talk during the week about the

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## INSIDE COLUMN

'Til the ushers  
throw me out

On Sept. 5, 1998, I awoke at 7:30 a.m. in my Dillon Hall dorm room hung-over but filled with excitement. In a few hours I would watch my first Notre Dame football game inside Notre Dame Stadium as a student.

Nothing could be more exciting.

I wanted to do it all that first morning.

I booed Lee Corso at ESPN College Gameday. I watched the band march into the Stadium. I cheered until I couldn't even say my name as the Irish upset the defending national champion Michigan Wolverines. Later that night I watched the replay on WNDU and relived every moment of that first game. It was an exhilarating event.

Ever since that first morning, it just hasn't been the same.

I've watched 23 more games inside the Stadium as a student but nothing could match that first morning. It has nothing to do with Notre Dame's record or what team the Irish were playing. I've seen improbable blocked kicks and frustrating fumbles. I've watched the Irish take No. 1 Nebraska to overtime only to fall short and I've seen them almost blow a game to Navy. But none of them could match that first morning.

For some reason, I became complacent. Attending a Notre Dame home game was no longer special for me. It was routine.

I came to Notre Dame not because of its great academic reputation or its Catholic mission. I came for the football. I came for the game-day tradition.

But once I got here, that tradition became commonplace.

And I regret that. Because tomorrow, everything changes.

Tomorrow's game against Navy will be my last home game as a student at Notre Dame. Tomorrow, I want to recapture the spirit and energy that filled me as a freshman.

I want to wake up tomorrow morning, hung-over, but exhilarated. I don't want to take anything for granted. This is my last time and I don't want to regret anything.

I will tailgate on the soccer field. I will watch the concert on the steps and break my friends in the band. I will enter the Stadium as early as possible and savor every second.

I want to feel the band's drumbeats pulse through me and know that Notre Dame's band is the best in the country. I want to watch my friends storm out of the tunnel high-stepping in their white striped pants.

I can't wait for the golden helmets to sparkle in the sun as the announcer screams "Here come the Irish!"

I won't skip any of the cheers. I won't miss any of the hand gestures or chants. When the Irish score, I am going up for push-ups no matter how much my friends complain about lifting my fat butt into the air.

And then at the end, when the final score is tallied and the teams have left the field, I will link arms with my classmates. I will sway to the Alma Mater and I will cry. I'll cry because it's over. I'll cry because I know that my college days are coming to an end. And when the band finishes playing, I won't leave.

I'll sit there in the empty Stadium, crying and remembering. I'll savor every second of my final game until the ushers throw me out.

Because after tomorrow, I can never go back.

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## THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

## Weekend snow battles turn violent

Tuesday, November 12, 1996

Zahm Hall and Dillon Hall were targets of two large-scale snowball fights on the Quads, resulting in injuries and damage to dorms. Approximately 150 students were involved, hurling snowballs and iceballs at buildings and each other. A window in Dillon was broken and shards of glass flew into a student's chest, drawing blood.

## Students withdraw over marijuana

Friday, November 16, 1979

Following a University investigation, three undergraduate students withdrew from Notre Dame for the selling and possession of marijuana. Two other students received 30 hours of work and were assigned a term paper for the possession of marijuana.

## BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## Krzyszewski signs lifetime contract with Duke

DURHAM, N.C.

Less than five months ago, Mike Krzyzewski said he wanted a contract that would give him greater job stability. Stability to its fullest extent was granted to the 26-year veteran when he signed a lifetime contract with Duke University.

Announced at a press conference Wednesday afternoon, the contract mandates Krzyzewski serve as Duke's head basketball coach until at least 2011 and binds him to conclude his career at Duke. Krzyzewski also has been named special assistant to president Nan Keohane. Radiating a huge smile as he sat by Keohane and director of athletics Joe Alleva, Krzyzewski was clearly pleased with what he termed a consummation of "marriage" with his longtime institution.

"There are times where you just



have to celebrate commitment, and this contract celebrates commitment," Krzyzewski said. "You do it in marriage, and you do it in a number of things. I'm doing it with my university on this day, which makes me feel great."

If Krzyzewski's lifetime contract is analogous to a marriage, no one wants to publicly recite the vows of the union. Except for the stipulation that keeps Krzyzewski at Duke for the next 10 years, the terms of the contract — including his salary —

have not been released. But Alleva said Krzyzewski would be compensated "appropriately, reflecting his achievements and his many contributions to the athletic program and the University." In turn, Krzyzewski stated his new contract left him "well compensated."

Alleva, Krzyzewski and Keohane initiated contract negotiations during the summer, following the announcement that Krzyzewski would be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Krzyzewski said his goal was to reach an agreement with Alleva before the start of Duke's season, which begins Monday in Maui, Hawaii, after a final exhibition game Thursday night. With little speculation from local media, the proceedings were held in private, to the satisfaction of the involved parties.

## BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

## Alums rescued from Afghanistan

WACO, Texas

After 104 days of imprisonment in Afghanistan, two Baylor University graduates and six other foreign aid workers were released Wednesday by their Taliban captors. The two Baylor alumnae, Dayna Curry, 30, and Heather Mercer, 24, were arrested by the Taliban on Aug. 3 on charges related to preaching Christianity while working for Shelter Now International, an German-based aid organization. Four Germans, two Australians and at least 16 Afghan citizens associated with Shelter Now were arrested along with Curry and Mercer on similar charges. According to a U.S. Department of Defense news release, the eight foreign aid workers were airlifted from Afghanistan to Pakistan by three U.S. special operations helicopters at 3:40 p.m. CST (2:10 a.m. in Afghanistan). According to the news release, the detainees were met by the helicopters in a field near Ghazni, Afghanistan, 50 miles southwest of Kabul. "This effort involved many people and several entities," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said. "U.S. forces performed the extraction well, and the American people can be proud of them."

## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

## Frats closed due to racist photos

AUBURN, Ala.

The controversy surrounding racist photos taken at two Auburn University fraternity Halloween parties continues, and it might not die until dramatic change is enacted. Beta Theta Pi, one of the two offending fraternities, was disbanded by its national organization Sunday. That action was immediately followed by a withdrawal of the fraternity's charter and recognition by the University. On Tuesday Delta Sigma Phi was closed by its national chapter as well as by a vote of the fraternity's board of directors. "We felt that anything less would not do justice to the many, many people who were hurt and offended by the actions of the members of our Auburn chapter," said Jon Hockman, Delta Sig's executive director. In a statement released by Delta Sig, Hockman issued an apology on behalf of the fraternity's membership. "This incident has been painful for everyone involved," said David Wright, general secretary of Beta Theta Pi's national organization. "Losing a chapter is always difficult, but the actions which gave rise to this decision are not reflective of our fraternity's values and cannot be tolerated."

## LOCAL WEATHER

## 5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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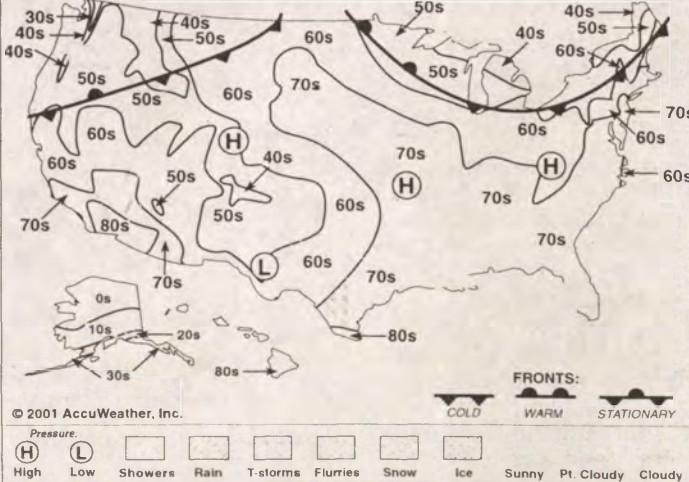
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Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

## NATIONAL WEATHER

## The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 16.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	74	49	Las Vegas	75	49	Portland	54	41
Baltimore	72	37	Memphis	73	50	Sacramento	69	47
Boston	62	34	Milwaukee	56	47	St. Louis	75	54
Chicago	64	47	New York	67	39	Tampa	77	62
Houston	77	58	Philadelphia	71	40	Washington DC	71	45



## ANYBODY WANT A SHOT?



SONIA WALLACE/The Observer

A student receives a flu shot on Thursday, the last of three days that free flu shots were offered by University Health Services in LaFortune Student Center and the Library.

## Students travel to SOA protest

By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
News Writer

This weekend thousands of individuals from across the country will unite to seek the closure of the school that has provided military training for individuals who have gone on to corrupt dictators and military officials in Latin America.

Young, old, religious, laity, pacifists and anarchists will descend upon Columbus, Ga. to engage in the annual non-violent protest to close the School of the Americas (SOA), or as it is now known, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

A group of Notre Dame students, who are sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, leave Friday evening following a 5 p.m. vigil at the Peace Memorial.

For many of the Notre Dame students who are attending, this weekend is important to them because of the awareness that it brings and the message that it represents.

"I have spent time in El Salvador and Mexico and feel called to represent the pain and suffering that I heard of through the friends I made. I have seen the pieces and remains of U.S. military equipment used to kill men, women,

and children and I feel responsible to some extent for this aspect of U.S. involvement. For me, the issue deals with the fact that a School here in the U.S. was directly involved in trying to kill those who have become my friends in El Salvador," said senior Brendan Egan.

Since its establishment in 1946, the SOA, a U.S. government funded school, has trained more than 60,000 Latin American soldiers. El Salvador's Atlacatl Battalion, which is composed of several SOA graduates, is responsible for the deaths of six Jesuit priests, more than 800 deaths at the El Mazote massacre and more than 500 deaths at the Sumpul massacre.

"I think for me personally, it's more important for me to go this year to be a voice to say what our policy is in Latin America and to take a stance to say that I don't support what our country is doing with regard to Latin America," said senior Megan Sheehan.

As a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this year's protest has taken on a new significance.

"If we are against terrorism then we have to recognize and abolish our own complicity with terrorism. Terrorism is not only Bin Laden and Islamic extremism. Terrorism is training oppressive military forces as well as such things as drive-by shootings. Terrorism is any act or force that attempts to drive fear and a sense of death upon a people. If George Bush is truly against terrorism, then he should close down the terrorist training camp in Fort Benning, Ga.," said Egan.

One of the many aims of the protest has always been to increase awareness of the injustices and infringements on freedom that many in Latin America are subjected to due to their military and governmental leaders.

The schedule for this year's

protest has changed due to the nation's current battle against terrorism and the heightened state of national security. The protest will take place at South Columbus Park instead of outside the gates of Ft. Benning where the School of the Americas is located.

The two day event includes talks from family members of victims who were killed by SOA graduates, analysts and educators. Vigils and prayer services take place throughout the day, interspersed with music.

Many past participants said that the most powerful part of the weekend is the solemn funeral procession that will take place on Sunday. Due to the changed location, the procession will begin at the park and participants will walk carrying coffins that are symbolic of the six Jesuit priests who were murdered by SOA graduates. A drum beat is heard in the background as the list of victims is read aloud.

The need for a non-violent protest is more important than ever this year. The Columbus police will be present and will take action against those who violate any laws. Participants will be taking a risk by leaving the grounds of the park to walk in the procession and can be held liable.

Unlike in past years when protestors would cross the gates of the SOA, the protest will end in front of the recently constructed eight foot perimeter fence where participants from the procession will cover the fence with pictures of victims.

"Every time I go I am struck by the hope that there is and the power of the people who are acting on the behalf of others along with the power of unity and strength to act out against violence," said senior Rachel Soltis.

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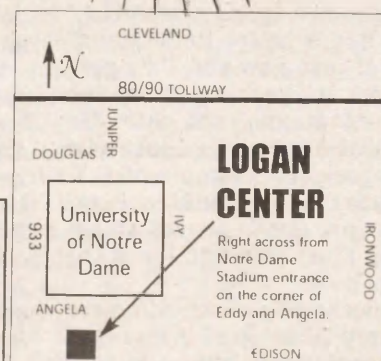
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# Grandmother to join SOA protestors

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
News Writer

Among the dust-filled roadways of Guatemala City, dump trucks rolled through the metropolis center. Rumbling along the city streets, piles of corpses lay heaped in the trucks like cargo, limbs hanging limp over the sides.

It was a message, 77-year old Hazel Tulecke believes, from the government to the Guatemalan people: obey the government, or end up like those who didn't.

"It was a warning to the people — 'Don't get your hands in this, or you'll end up like these cadavers,'" she said.

And although she didn't know for sure, Tulecke began to hear rumors circulating among the intellectual underground that the violence in Central America

was supported by the United States government.

Observing the Central America political climate while living with an international pacifist group named Peace Brigades International in the early 1980s, Tulecke talked to government leaders and local professors about the unstable Guatemalan society. In the midst of a government quest to rid the country of Mayan indigenous peoples, protestors were frequently kidnapped by the government, earning the name of "disappeared." The only connection the pacifists could make was that their bodies were the ones that ended up in the trucks, paraded around as a threat to those who thought of contesting the government.

It was after that visit to Central America when Tulecke — a lifelong activist from Yellow Springs, Ohio — knew she had to do something to stop the violence. While she dabbled in other protest projects, even landing herself in jail after protesting the nation's nuclear war strategy at the Pentagon, she never forgot the images she saw in Central America.

Back home in the United States, Tulecke was walking with her husband in a community center when she saw Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas Watch, talking with community leaders about his organization.

She was immediately taken with his beliefs, having witnessed the violence in Central America, and began to be enlightened by his movement.

"I had a better understanding of just how the U.S. government supported these assassinations," she said. "In Central America ... I just saw an egregious example of U.S. militarism. I've been a long-term pacifist ... it was something I just didn't go for at the time."

Tulecke began attending the yearly School of Americas Watch demonstrations in Fort Benning, Ga., where she listened to Bourgeois and other SOA protestors claim that the officials responsible for the

Central American violence were being trained on American soil.

"For people who have gone to Central America, a huge majority of those people are going to be against School of the Americas," Tulecke said. "But the demonstration was special for people who hadn't been to Central America to see the evils happening right on their territory."

Despite the reputation the demonstration has developed as a non-violent protest, Tulecke was arrested for protesting at the 2000 demonstration, as one of 68 participants who were labeled as demonstrators who "crossed the line."

Tulecke marched in a procession bathed in mock blood to symbolize the battered and killed. As a list of names of the dead were read audibly, each

person in the procession said

"Presente," to symbolize the living and the dead were there together, she said.

"It brings tears to my eyes thinking about it," she said. "It's a

very moving drama."

But Tulecke and other protestors crossed a police line, and were arrested. Although she knew the risk of the action, she did it anyway. The consequences, she said, didn't scare her.

After a trial last spring, she was sentenced to three months in an Illinois federal prison.

"We were looking at a higher law, and recognizing that the law of the nation is not the highest law, not the one you really owe your allegiance to," she said. "You just don't follow your country into legal ways."

During Tulecke's three months in prison, she and the other nine protestors sent with her made connections with a "welcoming" inmate community, she said. While she never knew what any of her fellow prisoners were there for, she realized they were facing similar goals.

"I didn't understand it at first," she said. "It took quite a while to figure out why they were so happy we had come. We had faced a common enemy — the government as a system, institution," she said.

Tulecke will join the college students — including a group from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's — common citizens and the religious in Fort Benning, Ga. this weekend, although she does not plan to place herself in danger of arrest. But she's been speaking to college students, who, in her words, are the future of the School of Americas Watch movement.

What she tells them, she said, is why the movement is important to her, and why she disagrees with much of American foreign policy and believes so strongly in pacifism.

"Now, I can protest in other ways," she said. "[The college students] are a spot of hope for me."

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# Speakers discuss religion, terror

By ANDREW THAGARD  
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Notre Dame professors from the anthropology, theology, engineering and history departments and a Kroc Visiting Fellow professor discussed the religious aspects surrounding the events of Sept. 11 and the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan in a Thursday night panel discussion.

The group, including Holy Cross priests Michael Baxter and Patrick Gaffney, Mohamed

Gad-el-Hak from the engineering department and visiting professor Thomas Scheffler, focused not only on Islam fundamentalism, but also Christianity and how the two religions interrelate.

"One way to look at this is a problem of Muslims," said Gaffney. "Our task as Americans is to start engaging them. We've got to work together so it isn't 'us versus them.'"

The panel discussed fundamentalism in the two faiths — a way of thinking that has its roots in Christianity, according to Gad-el-Hak.

Gad-el-Hak said that fundamentalism began to take root within Muslims after a series of "disaster" years beginning in 1920 with European domination of the Arabic peninsula. American involvement in the region and the establish-

ment of a Jewish state has contributed to this school of thought as well, he said.

"With every year of disaster you have this growth in fundamentalism," Gad-el-Hak said. "Many people believe fundamentalism arose from the defeat in these years."

The group emphasized the need to recognize the origin of Islamic fundamentalism

and strive to better understand the Muslim faith.

"I must admit I was mystified [by Islam]," Baxter said. "But I don't want to be mystified much longer."

*"I must admit I was mystified [by Islam]. But I don't want to be mystified much longer."*

Michael Baxter  
Holy Cross Priest

longer."

"What gave them [the terrorists] the courage, some would say the hubris, to challenge a state so much more powerful?" Scheffler rhetorically asked.

The group, according to Scheffler, was motivated and acted on anger, the opportunity to start and sustain their cause, and the confidence that this cause will prevail.

"The third element is provided by religion," Scheffler said.

Islam cultivates a divine promise that God will protect the religious both in this world and in the afterlife, according to the panel.

The group, however, was quick to point out that religion should not be held accountable for the events of Sept. 11.

"Religion is going to get a bad rap after all these events,

particularly religious Extremism," Baxter said. "There's so much awfulness in the events of two months ago that it seems overwhelming."

Along with a better understanding of Islam, the United States needs to reevaluate its policy toward the Middle East, the panel said.

"Part of the complaint against the West is their support of the corrupt governments that fundamentalists are trying to unseat," Gad-el-Hak said.

"They have an image, an icon of power that seems to be unresponsive," Gaffney said. "They feel the world is unjust to them. They live in places that don't respect their freedom and dignity."

The panel said that understanding the roots of these problems is vital to understanding the current situation and ensuring good relations with the world's one billion Muslims and four million adherents to Islam in the United States.

"Maybe the days of Osama bin Laden are numbered," Scheffler said. "But the religious mindset is deeply rooted and it won't disappear with the capture of Kabul."

"Religious Dimensions of the Conflict" was one of a series of Quad Panel discussions organized by the Kroc Institute and geared toward reflecting on the events of Sept. 11. Approximately 30 people attended the Thursday night discussion held at McGlinn Hall.

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### U.S. may allow food sales to Cuba:

For the first time since the United States imposed trade sanctions against Cuba four decades ago, Havana is negotiating a deal with American producers to buy food and agricultural products to replenish stocks destroyed by a recent hurricane.

### Nations hope to aid global growth:

Reaching a consensus that they hope will rejuvenate the world's economy, trade ministers from more than 140 nations agreed today on an agenda to topple tariffs and liberalize trade on everything from wheat to insurance policies. In six days of nearly round-the-clock meetings in this Persian Gulf emirate, the members of the World Trade Organization sought to balance their national interests against the urgent need to shore up the world's battered economy.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### New clues in airline crash found:

American Airlines Flight 587 twice ran into turbulence left by a jumbo jet, including a blast of air that sent it careening sideways just seconds before it crashed, investigators said Thursday. The doomed plane's flight data recorder indicates the Airbus A300 had two wake encounters during its three-minute flight, said Marion Blakey, chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

### Two killed after trains collide:

Cleanup crews cleared the wreckage of two freight trains Thursday as investigators tried to determine the cause of the head-on crash that killed two railroad workers and injured two others. The Canadian National trains collided about 6 a.m. in a marshy, wooded area of Oakland County. Undersheriff Tom Quisenberry said. Two schools closed and residents were evacuated until authorities determined no hazardous materials had leaked.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

### Lawmakers push terrorism bill:

Two state lawmakers plan to push a package of bills designed to enhance the state's ability to respond to terrorist acts. Rep. Mike Murphy and Rep. Dale Grubb announced their proposals Thursday and said they expected bipartisan support for them when the General Assembly convenes in January. The eight-point plan includes a constitutional amendment that provides an order of succession if the offices of the governor and lieutenant governor are vacant at the same time and the General Assembly is unable to meet immediately to appoint a new governor.

## AFGHANISTAN



AFP PHOTO

British Royal Marine Commandos take part in an exercise at Camp Fairburn in the desert of Oman October 14, 2001. The British are now involved in humanitarian operations in territory controlled by the Northern Alliance.

# British troops fly into Bagram

Associated Press

## BAGRAM

Up to 100 British commandos have flown into Bagram airbase north of the Afghan capital Kabul, defense sources said Thursday.

The sources said the Royal Marines were checking out the base's facilities and paving the way for humanitarian operations in an area which is now in the hands of the opposition Northern Alliance.

"They did not have to fight their way in," said one defense source.

The British soldiers were drawn from forces

retained in the area after Operation Swift Sword, a major military exercise staged in Oman.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair had put British troops on standby to be rushed to Afghanistan to secure airports and aid routes after Northern Alliance troops swept the Taliban from great swaths of the country.

International Development Minister Clare Short stressed on Thursday the need to move swiftly.

"The crucial next step in terms of the humanitarian effort is securing order," Short told reporters a day

after Britain put thousands of soldiers on 48-hour notice for duty in the region.

France said Thursday it would send troops to northern Afghanistan "in a matter of days" as part of an international aid and reconstruction mission to the country.

"We are working on a French contribution, probably with other coalition countries, to create a security base that would reestablish infrastructures and normal living conditions in the northern zone," Defense Minister Alain Richard told reporters.

Britain is a key ally of the United States in its war on the Taliban, launched in response to the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, blamed on Saudi-born militant Osama bin Laden.

Blair said this week he could not rule out that British troops could play a "front-line offensive" role in Afghanistan.

But he stressed, "The main purpose of these troops would be in the context of multinational efforts to make safe the humanitarian supply routes now opening up as a result of military progress."

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# Security bill ready for approval

Associated Press

## WASHINGTON

House and Senate negotiators reached agreement today on a major aviation security bill that will put federal employees in place to screen travelers and baggage at all the nation's airports within one year.

The agreement clears the way for final approval of the legislation by both houses of Congress on Friday.

White House officials welcomed the accord. However, under the agreement, the federal government would have a much larger role than

President Bush or House Republicans initially wanted. The Senate prevailed in its insistence that the screeners should be federal employees, at least for three years.

The improvements in airplane security, including higher wages for screening personnel, will be financed with a fee of \$2.50 imposed on each passenger boarding a plane.

House Republicans did get some degree of flexibility. Five airports could conduct pilot projects testing the use of private contractors to do the screening, under federal supervision and control. After three years,

other airports could seek permission from the federal Transportation Department to use private security companies or state and local law enforcement officers, in place of federal employees. In addition, all airport security would be under control of the Transportation Department, as the House wanted — not the Justice Department, as the Senate had proposed.

Under the agreement, all checked bags must be screened for bombs and explosives by Dec. 31, 2002. At present, fewer than 10 percent of such bags are screened.



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leader, Sequoia, who created the alphabet for his tribe. She next chose to add the Southern pine branch, both the state tree of Alabama and a symbol of forestry and agriculture.

Next, she integrated the statue of Vulcan in Birmingham, which represents Alabama's early 20th-century steel industry. Peterson then added the State Capitol Building in Montgomery to symbolize progress in education and civil rights.

Lastly, the Saturn IV Moon Rocket represents the impact of NASA's research in Huntsville.

Peterson chose these images to represent the history and future of education in Alabama and takes great pride in her

state.

"So much of Alabama's history and its many contributions are overlooked, and I hope that my illustrations can serve as reminders of Alabama's accomplishments to Alabamians and to all Americans," Peterson said.

Peterson is an art major and has always been interested in the visual arts. "I've been drawing and painting as long as I can remember," said Peterson.

She is very excited about the prospect of her design being chosen.

"Just the thought of having my artwork on a coin blows my mind away," Peterson said. "That is a forever thing."

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## Support

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Cathi DeCleene, the Health and Wellness director at Saint Mary's. "We encourage women to talk to their support system."

Although prenatal health care facilities for pregnant women do not exist on either campus, Thompson said both schools provide transportation to any off-campus doctor's office. She said they especially recommend the Women's Care Center in downtown South Bend.

In congruence with the Catholic Church's beliefs, neither school provides information about local abortion clinics or birth control methods.

"There's enough knowledge and education and marketing that you have to be responsible for yourself," Thompson said.

Pregnant students are welcome to live on campus until the birth, as stipulated in both du Lac and the Saint Mary's Student Handbook.

"There's no disciplinary action. If students are pregnant then they are welcome to stay in the residence halls through the duration of the pregnancy," said Jerry Madsen, assistant director of residence life at Saint Mary's. "Obviously, Saint Mary's discourages premarital sex, but it's not like we become the pregnancy police or the sex police. We encourage women to be careful."

Not everyone thinks the University is doing an adequate job providing support for pregnant women. Kathleen Biddick, gender studies professor and faculty advisor to the Women's Resource Center, said improvements should be made.

"Maybe students feel more comfortable going to town. I feel that if things here were brought up in a more

straightforward manner at the health center everyone would be better off. We deeply cherish health," Biddick said.

Notre Dame student Rachel Jones, pregnant with her first child, agrees with Biddick.

"Pregnancy is a normal thing. Why are we ignoring it? There are no options. The University should advertise services to help women," Jones said.

Regardless, Etheridge insists that support is the main focus.

"You don't have to go it alone. You don't have to make every decision within the first 48 hours," she said. "Life is beautiful no matter how it is conceived."

Living in a female dorm, she has witnessed incredible acts of spirit and generosity towards women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

"In every instance, friends rallied around the pregnant woman. We call ourselves a community - does that only mean in good times?" Etheridge said, adding that she has even seen a few dorm-sponsored baby showers over the years.

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## Pregnancy

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With her 16-year-old sister due in a month with her first child and her 21-year old sister a new mother, Jones said their mother was ready to support her from the start.

"It shocked her, but she is very supportive. I'm 23. Had I been 17 or 18 I think she would have had more of a say-so. She still has her usual mom questions, though," Jones said.

Without a doubt, Jones said her greatest source of strength comes from her friends, especially those in the Notre Dame theatre department. Jones came to Notre Dame as a chemistry major, but found the tight-knit family atmosphere of the theatre department especially appealing.

That family has been the most supportive aspect of Notre Dame.

"If they had been negative all this time, I don't think I'd be able to be as accepting of my situation as I've been," Jones said.

### Facing obstacles and changes

Jones said most students are not as comfortable with her condition as her friends in the theatre department. Criss-crossing campus everyday has been quite a challenge for her. Aware of the gaping stares and inquiring minds, Jones can't help but feel like an outsider. She opts to stay in most nights rather than go to bars where she'll be the only sober one out. She spends her money on diapers and baby clothes, not new clothes for an upcoming party. She knows that there are only a handful of women who get pregnant on campus every year, making it harder for the other students who don't know how to react or what to say.

"I don't know if people think I'm pregnant or just fat," Jones said, even though she has gained only seven pounds during the past six months. "People stare. I catch people staring at my stomach and I want to ask, 'Is there a foot hanging out of me or what?'"

Jones insists that she welcomes conversation and questions from her fellow curious classmates. In fact, she'd love to discuss the issue with other women in her position. Her largest complaint with the way Notre Dame handles pregnancy

lies in the lack of a peer support group.

"I refuse to believe that I am the only pregnant woman here. Even gay students who are blatantly discriminated against have a group," she said, suggesting that a group be formed to bring together pregnant students, new parents, students who gave their children up for adoption and even students who underwent an abortion.

Jones said her experience with Notre Dame's support services has been less than exemplary. With no on-campus day care services and no residential facilities for single mothers, Jones expressed real concern for other women from outside the South Bend area who have no family in the vicinity or immediate knowledge of nearby health services.

She has anxiety about walking onto campus from C1 once colder temperatures settle over the Golden Dome, a concern that fell on deaf ears to the Notre Dame Security and Police.

When she approached them requesting a special parking space that would limit the distance she'd have to walk to class, they insisted that she's had to bring in a "doctor's note" to verify her need.

"You would think that they would want me to be as safe as possible. There aren't many pregnant students on campus - there wouldn't be a parking problem if they offered special parking for pregnant students," she said.

That wasn't her only on-campus obstacle.

While trying to drive onto campus to pick up her laundry earlier this fall, she faced a particularly skeptical gate guard.

"Everyone always lies when they want to get on campus. This time I was telling the truth: I am pregnant and I can't walk across campus with a heavy laundry basket," Jones said.

The guard finally relented when Jones took off her seatbelt, preparing to get out of the car and show him her growing belly.

Despite a few uncomfortable instances, Jones recalls one comforting moment when a Notre Dame staff member on a golf cart offered her a ride in from D6. She was struggling to make it to class on time, and her angel-in-disguise gave her "the first bit of compassion" she encountered at Notre Dame.

### Keeping the baby

Right from the start, Jones knew that she wanted to keep the baby. Uncomfortable with the idea of adoption, she never considered abortion either even though she is pro-choice. As soon as she found out she was pregnant, the word "mom" didn't sound so far off.

"I don't think anyone should have an abortion because the baby would be an inconvenience. I'm an adult and I'm able to take care of a kid. It's a consequence of having sex," she said.

This consequence has taken her body on a roller coaster ride. Suffering morning sickness for the first few months and backaches since day one, Jones promises that this is the last time she'll be pregnant.

"Pregnancy is not fun and it's a lot on your body. I have so much respect for women who do it over and over again. My body isn't mine," she said.

### Future possibilities

Upon her graduation in December, Jones plans a life in the theatre. After the baby is born, she'd like to live and work in Chicago. The possibility of graduate school doesn't lie far off, either. She was offered a position in the Detroit troupe of Second City, but Chicago seems like a better fit for her because of its proximity to home and family.

"My attitude has changed. I think a baby can fit into my lifestyle. It is an addition to what I'm going to be," she said with an air of possibility. "It is just a little detour."

When Feb. 11 rolls around, Jones will welcome baby Christopher Jalen or Raivyn Elizabeth with a sigh of relief.

"I don't worry about giving birth, but I really worry about the pain. I'll be using all the drugs that can supply for me. I don't do pain well!" she said.

And even though this baby will be her first - and presumably her last - she said everyday will be a learning experience.

"I'm totally excited and accepting, but I keep saying that it's my first time and the kid's first time and we're both gonna screw up," she said. "There will be rules and I expect those rules to be followed, but I'll be a fun mom, a loving mom."

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## AFGHANISTAN

## Abandoned terror lab found

Associated Press

## KABUL

Materials left behind in a compound used by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network — including a booklet offering advice on how to survive a nuclear explosion — suggest the terrorist group may have been trying to develop chemical arms and other unconventional weapons.

Foul-smelling liquids and charred papers covered with chemical formulas littered a makeshift laboratory in one al-Qaida building in the heart of Kabul. Maps, mines and computer manuals were found in others.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Thursday that the documents are consistent with bin Laden's statements saying he desired nuclear weaponry.

But papers found detailing how to make a nuclear device were "taken off the Internet some years ago" and could've been widely available to people other than the al-Qaida terrorists, he said.

U.S. officials have said that they had no information to suggest bin Laden has succeeded in gaining nuclear weapons.

But "we have to be prepared for all eventualities including a nuclear threat," Ridge said.

The Kabul compound appeared to have taken a direct hit from what northern alliance soldiers said was a U.S. rocket.

The Times of London newspaper reported Thursday that designs for nuclear weapons, bombs and missiles — written in Arabic, German, Urdu and English — were among the

debris left behind.

"There are descriptions of how the detonation of TNT compresses plutonium into a critical mass, sparking a chain reaction, and ultimately a thermonuclear reaction," The Times said.

Room after room was filled with papers, formulas and maps, some partially burned, some with handwritten Arabic notations. There was a yellowed page from an old issue of Plane and Pilot magazine — a story titled "A Flight to Remember."

At the rear of the main house, one room contained mountains of papers, some from training manuals showing diagrams of weapons. An English-language book described how to use a recoilless rifle. Small, anti-personnel mines littered the floor of another room.

An alliance soldier in camouflage dress, Mohammed Nisar, walked through three houses pointing out pieces of paper with formulas, handwritten diagrams, pictures of rockets and other weaponry. In the basement of one house was what looked to be a laboratory.

In another house where the al-Qaida men resided, according to Nisar, four different types of land mines were found. Northern alliance troops had emptied two old railway cars parked in the yard that its soldiers said had been packed with arms and ammunition.

"Look, you can see the land mines," Nisar said, moving to pick one up. "It's safe now; we have disarmed it."

Deep beneath the house were what seemed to be bunkers, with a roof of fresh cement. In

one were parts of weapons, with the barrels of anti-aircraft weapons propped up in the corner.

In the yard and in the rooms were more papers and diagrams — some in Arabic, some in Persian, some in Urdu — and maps with large circles to mark locations.

Earlier this year, The Associated Press acquired an 11-volume Encyclopedia of Holy War, written in Arabic and dedicated to bin Laden and the Taliban.

Another sprawling al-Qaida compound, built on a former Scud missile base in the hills that surround Kabul's Darulaman Palace, apparently served as training grounds.

"We found lots of books and papers and newspapers," said Haji Abdullah, a northern alliance commander. "We threw most of them out."

A laminated certificate retrieved from the rubble identified the holder as a "military training instructor," alliance soldier Jan Aga said.

The northern alliance, which now controls the abandoned base, had one Pakistani in custody, Naimad Ullah. Just 17, Ullah could only speak Urdu. He looked terrified.

"I am afraid to say anything, they will take my head off," he said in Urdu. The northern alliance soldiers said they had kept him safe for three days and had captured him on the front lines north of Kabul.

Ullah said he was a student at a madrassa, or religious school, in Pakistan and had come to fight with the Taliban during his school holidays. His captors promised to keep him safe.

## Spirit

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upcoming football game," he said. "A lot of people [sold] their tickets to the Tennessee game and a lot of people didn't go. [There's] no faith anymore."

Jim Creagan, a chemistry and government off-campus senior just doesn't seem to care anymore.

"The team sucks so I don't care. I used to hope they were going to win a national championship before I graduated," he said.

The team's losses have gradually left students with little hope for future wins and some disgruntled fans tend to blame head coach, Bob Davie.

"The central premise is that it has obviously been a discouraging year," said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel since 1996. "It think it's harmful to school spirit, but if you talk to those people [who scream anti-Bob Davie chants], nobody says they're now anti-Notre Dame. It's that they're frustrated we're not winning."

Some students target their frustration at Davie, but others are quieter about their dissatisfaction.

"The games aren't as enjoyable as it was last year. The crowds aren't as into it and they just haven't been great games," said Dosal.

But Freshman Emily Loomis does not seem to be disappointed with her first football season.

"It's exactly what I expected. There's a lot of pride in being a student at Notre Dame and you can see it in all the cheers — in all the participation," she said.

Although many students still feel the school spirit, some students opt to stay tailgating or just wake up a bit later on Saturday morning.

"I go to the games and show up five minutes late when I never used to be late before [this season]," said Creagan. "And we don't cheer as much as we used to when we were freshmen."

Roberts has noticed most friends arriving late while others leave early as well.

"I've seen more [students] entering really late than leaving early. But a lot of my friends leave third quarter where I didn't see that when we were younger," he said. "This is the

first year I've gone in late to games—seeing everyone even underclassmen coming in late is kind of unusual — which I've never seen before."

Although Dosal gets to the stadium early and stays throughout the game, he knows a lot of people who have been getting there late as well.

Gagnon says that decreased football attendance relates more to the closeness of the game and the weather than to school spirit.

"When the games are exciting, nobody leaves," he said.

According to Gagnon, the ushers don't see more early departures from the game this year than any other year.

Rex Rakow, director of security and police, adds that this season is no different from any other.

"I don't see people moping around," Rakow said. "There are no more students staying in the dorm than we've had in the past."

Although apparel sales can also be an indicator of a sway in school spirit, the Hammes Bookstore has not seen a decrease in sales of football apparel this year either.

"We've sold more this year than last year at this time — that's what I've been told," said Tammy Green, apparel manager. She says that a possible slide in students' excitement has not necessarily been reflected at the store.

"We're doing well and people are pretty excited about the game."

University officials might not sense the change in spirit, but students might see the season a bit differently.

"The students probably have a better vantage point than the administration," said Roberts. "[Students] are the ones with the spirit and if they say it's declining, it's declining."

Roberts was excited with football his freshman year after the win over Michigan before the crowds rushed onto the field. "I've never seen the school spirit as it's been at that point," he said. "[But] if we go to a major bowl next year, it'll be major excitement. It's obviously not a permanent thing where Notre Dame's spirit has declined."

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## Sunday Nov. 11

Collections in Basilica and Hall Masses to benefit  
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## Monday Nov. 12

4:00 pm, Hesburgh Center Auditorium

"War, Peace and Imperatives of Justice: An Islamic Perspective"  
lecture by John Kelsay, Florida State University

7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions

Keenan/Stamford, "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"

McGlinn, "Students Take a Stand: A Call to Action"

Morrissey, "Seeing through the Media"

Pasquerilla East, "Refugees and Displacement"

## Tuesday Nov. 13

4:00 - 5:30 pm, 117 Hayes-Healy Hall

"The Aftershocks of Terrorism: Understanding the  
Psychological Impact of Trauma"  
(Len Hickman, Wendy Settle, Suhayl Nasr)

7:00 pm, 101 DeBartolo

"Appalachia, Sept. 11, and Broader Implications"  
presentation to Appalachia Seminar by George Lopez, Kroc Institute

7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions

Keenan/Stamford, "Religious Dimensions of the Conflict"

McGlinn, "Civil and Human Rights"

Morrissey, "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"

Pasquerilla East, "Fighting Terrorism"

9:15 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium

Italian Film: "Jung (War) in the Land of the Mujaheddin"  
introduction by Jill Godmilow

## Wednesday Nov. 14

7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions

Keenan/Stamford, "The Historical Roots of Anti-Americanism"

McGlinn, "Seeing through the Media"

Morrissey, "Students Take a Stand: A Call to Action"

Pasquerilla East, "Civil and Human Rights"

9:15 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium

Italian Film: "Jung (War) in the Land of the Mujaheddin"  
introduction by Jill Godmilow

10:00 pm, Morrissey Manor Chapel

Interfaith Prayer Service:  
Muslim-Christian Prayer for Peace

## Thursday Nov. 15

7:00 pm, McKenna Hall (CCE)

"Holy Lands and the End of Conquest:  
The High Price of Nations Today"  
lecture by Benedict Anderson,  
Cornell University

7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions

Keenan/Stamford, "Fighting Terrorism"

McGlinn, "Religious Dimensions of the Conflict"

Morrissey, "Refugees and Displacement"

Pasquerilla East, "The Historical Roots  
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12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm,

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# Aid workers lifted to freedom

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — U.S. special forces helicopters swooped into an Afghan field Thursday and airlifted to safety eight foreign aid workers, including two Americans, who were freed from a squalid prison during an anti-Taliban uprising.

The aid workers, who also included two Australians and four Germans, landed at Chaklala air base on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital of Islamabad. All appeared in good health after three months in captivity — the last two hours of which they spent in a fetid jail in Ghazni, about 50 miles south of Kabul.

"It's like a miracle," Georg Taubmann, one of the freed Germans, said upon his arrival at the German Embassy in Islamabad.

The aid workers for Shelter Now International, a German-based group, had been accused by the Taliban of preaching Christianity, a serious offense under the Taliban's harsh Islamic rule.

As the Taliban were fleeing the Afghan capital Kabul early Tuesday, the eight thought they were about to be freed. Instead, the Taliban put them in a vehicle and began driving them south.

The Taliban "put us all into a steel (shipping) container," Taubmann recounted. "It was terribly cold. They wanted to lock the container and leave us in there until the morning. We had no blankets. We were freezing the whole night through."

On Tuesday morning, the six women and two men were removed and placed in the jail in Ghazni.

They soon heard bombing by

## After three harrowing months — freedom

Eight Western aid workers were freed Thursday by anti-Taliban forces and then helicoptered out of Afghanistan to Pakistan by U.S. special forces. The workers, members of Shelter Now International, a

German-based group, had been accused by the Taliban of preaching Christianity, a serious offense under Taliban Islamic rule. Two Americans, two Australians and four Germans made up the group.

American aid worker Heather Mercer hugs her father after her release.

**Aug. 3:** Two American workers are arrested by the Taliban.

**Aug. 29:** Taliban announces that the workers will be put on trial for preaching Christianity. They're held at a reform school in Kabul.

**Sept. 21:** Taliban moves the eight foreign aid workers to another detention center for security reasons.

**Oct. 13:** A lawyer in Kabul presents defense arguments at a hearing for the aid workers.

**Nov. 14:** Battles erupt around the town. Northern alliance forces arrive and free the workers.  
**Nov. 15:** U.S. special forces airlift the aid workers to Pakistan.

**AUGUST**

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**Aug 5:** Four Germans and two Australians are arrested, as well as 16 Afghan staff members.

**Sept. 29:** Jesse Jackson says he will not travel to Afghanistan as a mediator but will appeal for the handover of suspected terrorists and the release of aid workers held there.

**Nov. 12:** Guards take the workers and head toward Kandahar. The eight are later locked in a steel container somewhere in Wardak province.

**Nov. 13:** Taliban take the workers with them as they flee Kabul. Workers are locked in a jail in Ghazni, southwest of Kabul.

SOURCE: Associated Press

AP

American war planes. An hour later, an uprising against the Taliban began. Shortly afterward, bearded gunmen "broke into the prison. They just opened the doors, and we actually were afraid the Taliban were coming and taking us to Kandahar. We were really scared," he said.

But the men shouted "Freedom!" and let the aid workers out onto the streets of Ghazni, where Taubmann said they were treated like conquering heroes.

"We walked into the city, and the people came out of the houses and they hugged us and they greeted us. They were all clapping," he said. "They didn't know there were foreigners in the prison."

"It was like a big celebration for all those people," Taubmann said.

The soldiers provided protec-

tion for the aid workers until three U.S. special forces helicopters picked them up in a field near Ghazni in the pre-dawn hours of Thursday.

Taubmann said the women burned their burqas — the all-encompassing robes the Taliban requires females to wear — so that American helicopter could find them in the darkness.

"It was very dramatic right until the end," he said.

In addition to Taubmann, the other aid workers are: Americans Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry; three Germans, Margrit Stebnar, Kati Jelinek and Silke Duerrkopf; and Australians Diana Thomas and Peter Bunch.

Also, 16 Afghan employees of Shelter Now International, who were detained along with the foreigners, were freed when the northern alliance forces entered

Kabul on Tuesday, said U.N. officials in Islamabad.

Tilden Curry was standing in line at a church supper Wednesday when he heard his daughter was free. Dayna Curry called her father later and they spoke for about 15 minutes.

"It was overwhelming to hear her voice," he told Nashville television station WSMV.

Heather Mercer's mother, Deborah Oddy, said she spoke with her daughter for 45 minutes by telephone Thursday. Oddy said her daughter seemed to be in good health and spirits.

"There were good days and there were bad days. Overall, she was treated very well," Oddy said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Sue Fuller, Dayna Curry's stepmother, said the family never lost faith that she would survive her ordeal.

"Every time we heard from her, she let us know that she would get out safely," she told Larry King.

President Bush hailed the dramatic turn of events, and said he spoke Thursday morning with the two Americans — both natives of central Texas.

"They both said to say thanks to everybody for their prayers," Bush said at Crawford High School, near his Texas ranch. "They realized there is a good and gracious God. Their spirits were high and they love America."

Bush had rejected several attempts by the Taliban to use the aid workers as bargaining chips.

The Taliban had agreed to turn over the aid workers through the International Committee of the Red Cross, two senior administration officials said. The Red Cross was going to get them into the hands of U.S. troops. But before the exchange could be accomplished, the anti-

Taliban northern alliance overran Ghazni.

The Red Cross said in Geneva that a local military commander contacted the ICRC, saying he had rescued the eight foreigners and wanted help transporting them out of Afghanistan.

The aid organization said it relayed messages between the commander and the U.S., Australian and German governments, but said it was unable to say which ethnic or military group the commander belonged to.

Bush said only that the Red Cross and other "people on the ground facilitated" U.S. troops' ability to rescue the aid workers.

The president said he had been worried that the Taliban might put the aid workers in a house that might be bombed accidentally, and said the U.S. military had been working on plans for a secret rescue if needed. He did not elaborate.

The co-director of Shelter Now International, Joachim Jager, said in Germany that the eight aid workers planned to take two or three weeks to recover from their ordeal at a place he did not name.

In Australia, Joseph Thomas, brother of aid worker Diana Thomas, said Thursday his prayers had been answered. He also gave credit to the Taliban for their humane treatment of the aid workers.

"If you look at the facts, since they've been captive, they've been looked after and they've been given everything that they have wanted," Thomas told a Sydney radio station.

Taliban Supreme Court judges had indefinitely postponed the aid workers' trial since they were charged Aug. 3. The judges said they feared their anger over U.S. airstrikes could hamper their ability to make a fair ruling.

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# Labor department writes anthrax guide

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WASHINGTON  
The Labor Department is issuing guidelines to help employers and workers deal with possible anthrax exposure and to assess risks of contracting the disease.

"Most employers and employees face little or no risk of exposure to anthrax and need only minimal precautions," said Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. "But some may have to deal with potential or known exposures, and we want to make sure they have all possible information available to protect Americans at their workplace."

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines being released Friday establish risk zones and guidelines to deal with the potential for exposure. Four people have died of anthrax exposure.

All businesses should avoid opening suspicious mail and wash hands after handling all mail.

*"We are providing needed guidance, not creating new requirements. The world has changed since Sept. 11. Threats to our national security now can clearly involve the work place."*

**Elaine Chao**  
Labor Secretary

Businesses that receive mail from facilities that are known to be contaminated fall into the yellow zone. Guidelines include limiting the number of people working near mail areas. Impermeable gloves, such as nitrile or vinyl, are recommended. Also, properly fitting, filtering face masks that are level N95 or greater can be worn. Respirators with P-type filters also should be considered.

A work site is in the red zone if law enforcement or public health officials have notified of possible contamination. The level of protection depends on the risk. Employees can consider wearing tight-fitting, full-face Powered Air-Purifying Respirators and skin protection suits with hoods and booties.

"We are providing needed guidance, not creating new requirements," Chao said. "The world has changed since Sept. 11. Threats to our national security now can clearly involve the work place."

# Bishops approve military force

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly supported the United States' right to use military force against international terrorism Thursday.

However, the bishops said the response must be part of a broader foreign policy that alleviates poverty, stops human rights abuses and helps to end violence.

"Without in any way excusing indefensible terrorist acts, we still need to address those conditions of poverty and injustice which are exploited by terrorists," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said in the proclamation.

The statement was approved on the final day of this week's gathering in which the bishops elected their first black president, Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill., and updated their anti-abortion plan to highlight opposition to human embryo research, euthanasia and the death penalty.

The conference also expressed concern for the plight of Africans and welcomed the growing number of Asian immigrants in the church.

The war statement attempted to reflect the range of views among the bishops, from pacifists who see no justification for the war, to clergy who hoped for a stronger statement of support for the Bush administration.

The bishops urged world leaders to lift economic sanctions against Iraq and help end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, while

more equitably spreading the benefits of globalization.

"It offers a moral framework, not a long series of specific judgments," said Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, who led the committee that wrote the document. "It lifts up key challenges but it does not seek to answer all the questions."

The group voted 167-4 in support of the document.

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit was among the few who opposed the proclamation, arguing it violated Christ's teachings to love your enemies. He questioned whether the airstrikes against Afghanistan were truly just.

"We are in a war situation where our own government tells us that there's not going to be peace at the end of this. We have to be prepared for other attacks," Gumbleton said. "What kind of wisdom is it to carry out a war when we know the only outcome is going to be further war?"

Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, Texas, who just finished his three-year term as president, argued the document was balanced.

"These terrorist threats cannot go unanswered. We have a right to self-defense," Fiorenza said. "But we wanted to be pastoral in understanding heartbreak, grief and pain. Our desire is to bring a great sense of hope to those who have suffered."

Another religious statement on the war Thursday, from a National Council of Churches assembly in Oakland, Calif., did

not specifically endorse or condemn America's military campaign. The council includes 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations.

The council called for "an early end" to U.S. bombing and international collaboration on "nonviolent means" to bring world terrorists to justice. It also urged long-term American commitment to economic development and peace in Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, the conference approved a document called "Campaign in Support of Life," which urged Catholics to continue to lobby public officials and the general public to support the church's positions.

The bishops said they were encouraged by a decline in abortions and new state laws that restrict the procedure. But they noted their failure to reverse the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Diversity was a focus of much of the meeting. Gregory said he hoped his election sent a message that the church embraces those from all ethnic backgrounds. The 63.7 million-member denomination is predominantly white, but is growing increasingly mixed as more Hispanics and Asians come to this country.

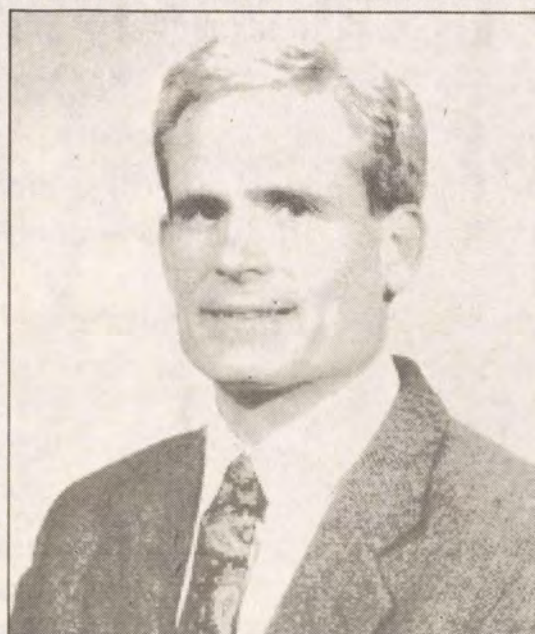
The bishops specifically acknowledged Asian Catholics at the meeting, approving a proclamation that asks parishioners to be more attentive to the immigrants' spiritual needs. Asians comprise about 2.6 percent of U.S. Catholics.



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## Demanding excellence

Rarely does this column delve into football, especially Fighting Irish football. However, while in New York City last weekend, I had the most unusual encounter.

After viewing a Broadway play, our party ventured to the restaurant Iguana. On any given day, celebrities like Al Pacino dine with patrons on sandwiches literally stacked with three inches of meats and cheeses. Last Saturday was no exception for us as I sat next to Joy Philbin and two men who were wearing paper bags on their heads.

I guessed that Regis and his television producer, "Gelman," were under the bags while poor Joy sat alone and exposed to the world. I tried to identify the two as I sat quietly listening to their conversation.

"You know, Regis, I would like to be frank with you. May I?" asked the brown bag.

"Sure coach, if you let me," replied the white bag.

"It's a deal. First, Reege, you really bug me when you mention your alma matter on your show. Those of us affiliated with the team appreciate it, but you sound like those Domers I run into every day who can quote statistics relating to every facet of Notre Dame football. I know one who calls students randomly on campus just to hear rumors and gather information. He can tell you the average number of yards per running play ND had in every game back to the Knute Rockne era."

The white bag shouted, "If Gelman could only hear this! He wants more Notre Dame stuff ... says it is wholesome and entertaining. I keep telling him the

team has to win for me to convert chatter into ratings."

"We're trying," the brown bag said.

"Well, try harder. And you think you have it bad? I run into Domers who not only can recite insignificant statistics, but who beat my ear as though they were auditioning to become television announcers. If I hear, 'he-could-go-all-the-way' one more time!"

The white bag shot back, "Think that's bad? Try dealing with people who never pay their share of meals, transportation or ticket prices."

"What are you complaining about? You don't have millions of dollars in sponsorships riding on your performance. You play a pretty good season, then get blown away in a bowl game, but still get a five-year contract extension."

The brown bag shot back, "What are you talking about? Notre Dame is an icon in college football. But with that honor comes a higher standard from which the Irish must operate. It may seem unfortunate, but it's true. We don't get the best players because we must recruit players with higher academic standards."

"Is that your final answer?" asked the white bag. "If so, it is pretty weak. My programs are successful because I work long and hard and prepare extensively for each aspect of my quest for my goals."

"So are you saying I am doing less?"

"No, I am saying that the best coaches are those who revise their programs around great players instead of trying to mold the player into a set program. Do you know why your team has more fumbles this year than last year?"

"Why is that, Mr. Statistician?" asked the brown bag.

"Different quarterback. Last year's wizard is this year's goat. He is riding the bench and your fumbles have increased on the field along with your number of losses."

"So Mr. Television Personality, what makes you an expert over everyone else?"

The white bag replied, "Have you ever been to a game with national championship consequences riding on the outcome? The intensity was immense, the play spectacular and the drama draining. They are classics. You will not play that type of game until you demand excellence in yourself, everyone you coach and everyone you hire. It is that simple."

"So I should call my program, 'Who wants to be a National Champion?' and get a final answer from everyone?"

The white bag answered, "Don't forget to be creative. I think you've benched a Heismann candidate in favor of running the option. But I am only a spectator and will not second guess you."

At this point I approached the two bag-headed men and interrupted. "I happened to hear Notre Dame mentioned," I said, "and just wanted to show you my Notre Dame ring."

Then turning to me, both said in unison, "Nice ring."

"Did you attend Notre Dame?" I asked.

"Nah, we were crying about the Yankees," said the white bag. "They would have won if they demanded excellence."

I turned away thinking of how the Yankees barely reached game seven of the World Series, and only because they had demanded excellence. Could I expect excellence from Notre Dame football in the future or more conversations from beneath a paper bag? I guess it depends upon whose contract gets better ratings at the end of this month.

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Gary Caruso

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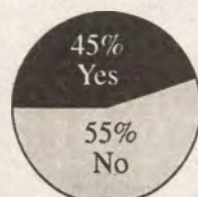
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"The sage never strives himself for the great, and thereby the great is achieved."

Lao-tzu  
Chinese philosopher



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## A fitting time for a 'War Prayer'

It was a time of great and exalting excitement. The country was up in arms, the war was on, in every breast burned the holy fire of patriotism; the drums were beating, the bands playing, the toy pistols popping, the bunched firecrackers hissing and spluttering; on every hand and far down the receding and fading spread of roofs and balconies a fluttering wilderness of flags flashed in the sun; daily the young volunteers marched down the wide avenue gay and fine in their new uniforms, the proud fathers and mothers and sisters and sweethearts cheering them with voices choked with happy emotion as they swung by; nightly the packed mass meetings listened, panting, to patriotic oratory which stirred the deepest depths of their hearts, and which they interrupted at briefest intervals with cyclones of applause, the tears running down their cheeks the while; in the churches the pastors preached devotion to flag and country, and invoked the God of Battles beseeching His aid in our good cause in outpourings of fervid eloquence which moved every listener.

It was indeed a glad and gracious time, and the half dozen rash spirits that ventured to disapprove of the war and cast a doubt upon its righteousness straightway got such a stern and angry warning that for their personal safety's sake they quickly shrank out of sight and offended no more in that way.

Sunday morning came — the day the battalions would leave for the front; the church was filled; the volunteers were there, their young faces alight with martial dreams — visions of the stern advance, the gathering momentum, the rushing charge, the flashing sabers, the flight of the foe, the tumult, the enveloping smoke, the fierce pursuit, the surrender! Then home from the war, bronzed heroes, welcomed, adored, submerged in golden seas of glory! With the volunteers sat their dear ones, proud, happy and envied by the neighbors and friends who had no sons and brothers to send forth to the field of honor, there to win for the flag, or failing, die the noblest of noble deaths.

The service proceeded; a war chapter from the Old Testament was read; the first prayer was said; it was followed by an organ burst that shook the building,

and with one impulse the house rose, with glowing eyes and beating hearts, and poured out that tremendous invocation, "God the all-terrible! Thou who ordainest! Thunder they clarion and lightning thy sword!"

Then came the "long" prayer. None could remember the like of it for passionate pleading and moving and beautiful language. The burden of its supplication was, that an ever-merciful and benignant Father of us all would watch over our noble young soldiers and aid, comfort, and encourage them in their patriotic work; bless them, shield them in the day of battle and the hour of peril, bear them in His mighty hand, make them strong and confident, invincible in the bloody onset; help them to crush the foe, grant to them and to their flag and country imperishable honor and glory.

An aged stranger entered and moved with slow and noiseless step up the main aisle, his eyes fixed upon the minister, his long body clothed in a robe that reached to his feet, his head bare, his white hair descending in a frothy cataract to his shoulders, his seamy face unnaturally pale, pale even to ghastliness. With all eyes following him and wondering, he made his silent way; without pausing, he ascended to the preacher's side and stood there waiting. With shut lids the preacher, unconscious of his presence, continued with his moving prayer, and at last finished it with the words, uttered in fervent appeal, "Bless our arms, grant us the victory, O Lord our God, Father and Protector of our land and flag!"

The stranger touched his arm, motioned him to step aside — which the startled minister did — and took his place.

During some moments he surveyed the spellbound audience with solemn eyes, in which burned an uncanny light; then in a

deep voice he said:

"I come from the Throne — bearing a message from Almighty God!" The words smote the house with a shock; if the stranger perceived it he gave no attention.

"He has heard the prayer of His servant your shepherd, and will grant it if such shall be your desire after I, His messenger, shall have explained to you its import — that is to say, its full import. For it is like unto many of the prayers of men, in that it asks for more than he who utters it is aware of — except he pause and think.

"God's servant and yours has prayed his prayer.

Has he paused and taken thought? Is it one prayer? No, it is two — one uttered, the other not. Both have reached the ear of Him Who heareth all supplications, the spoken and the unspoken. Ponder this — keep it in mind. If you would beseech a blessing upon yourself, beware! Lest without intent you invoke a curse upon a neighbor at the same time. If you pray for the blessing of rain upon your crop which needs it, by that act you are possibly praying for a curse upon some neighbor's crop which may not need rain and can be injured by it."

"You have heard your servant's prayer — the uttered part of it. I am commissioned of God to put into words the other part of it — that part which the pastor — and also you in your hearts — fervently prayed silently. And ignorantly and unthinkingly?"

"God grant that it was so! You heard these words: 'Grant us the victory, O Lord our God!' That is sufficient. The 'whole' of the uttered prayer is compact into those pregnant words. Elaborations were not necessary. When you have prayed for victory you have prayed for many unmentioned results which follow

victory — must follow it, cannot help but follow it. Upon the listening spirit of God fell also the unspoken part of the prayer. He commandeth me to put it into words. Listen!"

"O Lord our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle — be Thou near them! With them — in spirit — we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. O Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it — for our sakes who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet!"

We ask it, in the spirit of love, of Him Who is the Source of Love, and Who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts.

Amen.

[After a pause.] "Ye have prayed it; if ye still desire it, speak! The messenger of the Most High waits!"

It was believed afterward that the man was a lunatic because there was no sense in what he said.

*The War Prayer was written by Mark Twain and was delivered orally by the author between 1904-1905.*

*It was sent to The Observer by Catherine Eichers, a member of the Peace Coalition, who thought it would be a fitting end to this week of war and peace education.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Respect for Navy

An informal tradition of the student body at home football games is to boo the opposing team as they come out onto the field. Although this helps to create a hostile environment for visiting teams, there are certain situations in which such behavior is inappropriate.

In six months, many of the members of the Navy football team will begin training to take an active role in defending our great nation. Navy football players choose to attend the Naval Academy knowing that upon graduation they will have to spend at least five years of their lives in active duty service. These are not the same type of athletes who attend Tennessee or Nebraska; these are young men of character and devotion to a noble cause.

For the sake of those currently engaged in conflict overseas, and for those who will soon join them, please show the utmost respect for all Navy players and fans who visit our campus this weekend. This is the least we can do given what their predecessors have sacrificed for us, and what these players will be asked to do in the future.

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## Evaluating arguments

Over the past week there have been a number of articles printed in The Observer discussing the topic of sexual relationships. This is a topic that has displayed many different opinions of the student body. I have to say that some have had great arguments to be considered while others, in my opinion have been poorly prepared.

The matter of sexual relationships is an important one that should, in my opinion, be discussed as it has been. However, I believe that the authors of the past articles have been taking the wrong approach to explain their views on the topic of sexual relationships. The first article in this series of articles was written in response to the statement saying, "Notre Dame is in trouble." Just in case it is not obvious, the University of Notre Dame is a Catholic institution. This University is called to instill an education not only in the classroom, but also through a moral aspect. I find it slightly odd that a student would attend a Catholic university if that person does not follow the beliefs of the church.

I realize that there are many students that believe premarital sex is not wrong, while others believe it is wrong. In my opinion, this should not even be an issue. Any student who attends a uni-

versity is not only asked, but also expected to follow the rules of that institution. Arguing whether premarital sex is right or wrong is a valid argument, however not when it is dealing with Notre Dame's value code. It seems ridiculous to me that a person can say Notre Dame is having problems due to the lack of sexual activity present on the campus. Most Catholic institutions have a system of values that say premarital sex is wrong. Why would anyone be a part of an institution if they do not agree with the values the organization stands for? I find it somewhat disturbing that a person would publicly state their ignorance of these values in the University newspaper.

I do not feel that it is important for me to go into my beliefs on premarital sex. I feel that enough opinions have been addressed on that topic. It just seems important that a person knows what he or she is arguing and has a significant amount of information to back it up.

Mike Chandler  
sophomore  
Holy Cross College  
Nov. 14, 2001



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## Revolutionizing

*One of several off-Broadway tour groups presents the South Bend*

Photo courtesy of Joan Marcus

The finale of the first act, "One Day More," has the entire cast gathered on stage, preparing for the next day. For some, the next day brings the Revolution, for others death, for all, great change.

By AMANDA GRECO

Associate Scene Editor

If you will be going to see "Les Miserables" this weekend, be prepared to sacrifice a significant piece of your time. While the musical itself lasts slightly more than three hours, the powerful effect this performance leaves will continue to resonate long after the final bows.

Calling "Les Miserables" the most famous show in the world is far from an overstatement. "Les Mis" debuted in London 16 years ago and is now in its 15th year on Broadway. Through the years, "Les Mis" has received 50 major awards internationally, including several Grammys and the 1987 Tony Award for Best Musical.

But the show's merit extends far beyond the talented performers and exquisite sets that comprise its many performances. The story, characters, music and emotion

transport the audience to revolution-era France where the audience is held entranced by the saga of a struggling nation and the story of one man — both fighting for their freedom.

"Les Miserables" is based upon Victor Hugo's classic 1861 novel. Covering several decades in 19th century France, the story line follows the country's progression towards revolution and convict Jean Valjean's rise towards self-renewal. This stage production of "Les Mis" is more like an opera than a musical. Every line is sung, and while some may find this detracts from the comprehensibility of a show, it is precisely what the drama of this play requires. Actors maintain their characters with ease and portray vivid, affecting emotion without having to break out of rhythm. All too often in traditional musicals, the audience loses a sense of the character and his or her objectives when he or she breaks into random song.

The production is masterfully staged with breathtaking visuals and an awe-inspiring set. The stage is comprised of a large turntable, measuring 34 feet in diameter and weighing approximately 10,000 lbs. The 63 revolutions this stage makes through the course of the show provide scene changes and great demonstrations of motion as characters move through bustling streets and labor districts, travel or rally their allies with cries for freedom. Adding to the atmosphere of the French towns are five fog machines and 500 lbs. of dry ice. The 36 actors are decked in full, time-specific regalia thanks to the more than 1,000 costuming pieces and 45 wigs. The barricade built by the show's Revolutionaries weighs in at an astonishing 12,250 lbs.

With every new venue this travelling show visits comes a new stage with new dimensions and limitations. It is unfathomable, then, that assembly of



Les Miserables

this stage can be executed in the less than two days before the curtain rises on what has come to be known as the world's best-loved musical.

The play begins while Valjean (Randal Keith) is serving time for stealing a loaf of bread for his dying nephew. After laboring 19 years on the chain gang, Valjean is released on parole, only to find that no one will look past the crime he committed nearly two decades previously. Finally, Valjean is able to find sanctuary with a kind Bishop (Seth Bowling) who offers food and shelter. However grateful he may be, Valjean cannot resist the temptation to steal the Bishop's silver. When Valjean is caught by the police and taken — along with the stolen silver — to the Bishop's house, the Bishop lies for Valjean, saying that the silver was a gift and that Valjean had forgotten the matching candle sticks. The Bishop's only request in return for his kindness is that Valjean reform to lead a life as God's child.

This opening scene presents one of the stronger on-stage images of the production. When Valjean is searching for employment, he is moving through the streets of Digne, passing through crowds and from one employer to the next. These are the first revolutions of the turntable and are one of the most impressive and effective displays of motion presented on any stage.

The next scene carries the audience eight years into the future after Valjean has broken his parole to reinvent himself as a good man with a new name. He has successfully become a mayor, factory owner and well-respected citizen. Here we meet Fantine (Jayne Paterson), a woman



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d debut of "Les Miserables" at the Morris Performing Arts Center



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who works at Valjean's factory. The secret of her ailing illegitimate child is revealed, a discovery that prompts her fellow workers to successfully push for her dismissal. Desperate for money, Fantine sells first her locket, then her hair and, finally, herself.

The key songs throughout this section of the play have the ability to convey immense emotion and an all-too-real insight into the lives and times of the characters. For the most part, the performances of these songs achieve their purposes.

"At the End of the Day" is a sardonic ode to the passing of time and lack of hope for the unemployed and poorly compensated workers who sing it. The banter of the prostitutes who convince Fantine to join them in "Lovely Ladies" is a depressing look at the reality of the poverty that lowered these women to their profession and the actions of men that continue to hold them down. Injected with a bit of dark humor, the number is one of the show's liveliest pieces, believe it or not.

Fantine had an amazing opportunity to rally the audience sympathetically for her cause with "I Dreamed a Dream." This solo is a reflection on the hopes for love and happiness that her youth held and their untimely demise. Patterson has a beautiful voice, but the emotion and fervor that should accompany this song are lacking.

The opening scenes were plagued with a few technical difficulties, presumably originating from a lack of familiarity with the new venue. Several times, microphones did not cue up until the character had sung a word or two and, more frequently, spotlight beams jostled unsteadily



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"Master of the House" is one of the few comedic numbers in the show. Madame and Monsieur Thenardier (Aymee Garcia and J.P. Dougherty, center) are the innkeepers who deceive and rob their costumers.

across the stage until they found their intended subject.

It is not until the third scene that the true strength of Valjean — both the character and the actor who portrays him — becomes evident. Keith maintains a powerful presence on-stage and has a voice unmatched in quality. Powerfully deep and commanding on such songs as "Soliloquy" and "Who am I," yet tender and moving on "Come to me" and "Bring him home" — sung mostly in an astounding falsetto.

Other notable performances include the young Cosette (Skylar Harden) who innocently portrays an abused and neglected child. Her sweet solo "Castle on a Cloud" brings light and hope into the bitterness of the times. Eponine (Dina Lynne Morishita) offers an amazing performance, drawing all attention each time she is on the stage. Yet, much like Fantine, she fails to deliver on her solo. "On My Own" is a heartbreaking song of unrequited love that requires an intensity that Morishita was only able to provide at the very end of the song. The image of her alone on the stage, dressed as a boy, motionless with her hands in her pockets does not convey the fervor suited to this piece.

As the men rally their forces to stage the Revolution, the sense of suspense builds until the audience is anxiously awaiting the final action. However, this scene is somewhat anti-climactic and a bit disappointing. The culmination of the men's efforts is expressed in a few flashes of light, blank shots and plumes of smoke. The actors do not move convincingly as they barely pause to reload their rifles, and each performer seems to merely be anticipating his cue to die. The scene does not do justice to the suspense, the intricacy of the barricade upon which they fall or the work and ideals of the characters who die fighting for their cause.

Altogether, "Les Misérables" still delivers an amazing show. After 16 years, the power of the story is not lost. And while it is certain that each actor has performed his or her part countless times, the cast is still able to convincingly convey each character. The final scene in which Fantine's spirit comes to call for Valjean is perhaps the most heart-rending scene of all. It is doubtful from the resounding sniffles that there was a dry eye in the audience.

"Les Misérables" stirs emotion and pulls the audience in as few shows can. It is for this reason that your mind will remain entrenched in the scenes for hours after the per-

formance. A production that can affect people for days after attending is as rare as a show that can remain powerfully moving after years on the stage, which is as uncommon as a story whose message can still ring true centuries after being penned.

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## NBA

## Heat come back, smoke way past Knicks

Associated Press

## NEW YORK

The severely undermanned Miami Heat showed plenty of grit fighting back from a 16-point deficit. What they didn't receive was any respect, at least in Pat Riley's opinion.

Allan Houston scored 17 points, Latrell Sprewell added 16 and the New York Knicks held the Heat to eight points in the fourth quarter for an 83-74 victory.

Miami shot just one free throw in the fourth quarter — after a defensive 3-second violation — and attempted only 11 foul shots in the game. New York shot 28 free throws.

"It's absolutely an injustice, an absolute injustice. I'm absolutely fed up with it, and my players are fed up with it, frustrated by it," Riley said. "We take the ball to the basket, and we absolutely get killed at the free-throw line."

"I've had it. The players have had it, and it's an absolute injustice. Say whatever you want about me whining and complaining, it's an absolute injustice. And that's all I have to say because we deserve a better shake at the officiating. The guys played hard and this has gone on for eight games. I tried to show some class; I'm showing none tonight."

The Heat learned early in the day that they would be without starters Alonzo Mourning (food poisoning) and Brian Grant (bruised foot) for at least three games. But with a lineup that included Sean Marks and Vladimir Stepania playing extended minutes, the Heat had an 18-0 run to make a game of it before wilting in the fourth.

Eddie Jones scored 22 and LaPhonso Ellis added 13 as Miami lost its fourth straight, matching its longest skid from last season.

"If I say we're missing those guys, then I'm belittling my teammates. Those guys off the bench gave a hell of an effort," Jones said. "I won't say we missed those guys. It's obvious,

but I won't say that."

Kurt Thomas started at center for the second straight game and had 13 points and 13 rebounds for New York, while Clarence Weatherspoon also started and scored 13.

The Knicks held Miami to 3-for-18 shooting in the fourth quarter.

It looked like it would be an easy night for the Knicks by the midpoint of the second quarter as they took a 16-point lead, 47-31, on a free throw by Howard Eisley. But Miami closed the half by scoring 14 unanswered points, including a 3-pointer by Ellis just before the halftime buzzer.

Marks began the second half with an alley-oop dunk, and Jones hit a jumper to complete an 18-0 run and give Miami a 49-47 lead. The Heat stayed ahead for the rest of the third quarter, leading by as many as six, and took a 66-63 lead into the fourth.

"Guys got relaxed, and the next thing you know they were right back in the game and we were back to fighting and scratching," Sprewell said.

Thomas scored six points as the Knicks opened the fourth quarter with a 10-4 run to regain the lead, and Houston made it 77-74 with 2:05 left on a short turnaround jumper.

Jones shot an airball and Ellis missed a 20-footer on Miami's next two possessions, and Houston made a pair of free throws for a 79-74 lead with 58 seconds left. Marks lost the ball out of bounds with 46 seconds left, ending Miami's chances.

## Magic 101, Nuggets 82

Grant Hill scored 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, and the Orlando Magic beat poor-shooting Denver, snapping the Nuggets' three-game winning streak.

Tracy McGrady added 20 points for the Magic despite not playing in the final period.

Ryan Bowen came off the bench to score 14 points for

the Nuggets, who shot just 33 percent compared to Orlando's 46 percent.

Orlando turned a one-point lead into a 74-58 advantage with a 19-4 run in the third quarter. McGrady had three key baskets in the flurry, including back-to-back jumpers.

Magic coach Doc Rivers rested McGrady at the start of the final period but never needed him.

Denver cut the deficit to 11 points early in the fourth quarter, but the Magic scored the next 10 points, including eight by Hill, to make it 86-65. Hill's final basket gave Orlando its biggest lead, 97-75, with 2:53 left.

Darrell Armstrong and Pat Garrity each had 12 points for Orlando.

Nick Van Exel scored 13 points on 6-for-19 shooting, and Raef LaFrentz had 12 points on 5-for-13 shooting.

Denver lost its ninth straight to Orlando. The Nuggets' last win in the series was March 12, 1996.

Hill also had 11 rebounds and four assists.

Taking advantage of Denver's 2-for-14 shooting to open the game, the Magic jumped out to an early 16-5 lead. Bowen scored two quick baskets and eight points in the last five minutes of the quarter as Denver reduced the deficit to three.

Early in the second period, the Nuggets used an 11-2 run, including the first 3-pointers of the game by George McCloud and Isaiah Rider, to take a 32-28 lead.

But Orlando countered with a 14-2 flurry, keyed by back-to-back baskets by McGrady on a running hook in the lane and a spinning 16-footer, to open up an eight-point lead. The Magic led 52-46 at halftime.

James Posey's alley-oop basket on an inbound pass from Tariq Abdul-Wahad cut Orlando's lead to 55-54 with 8:04 left in the third period, but the Nuggets never threatened again. Horace Grant then

scored on a tip-in and an 18-foot jumper, and McGrady followed with two more baskets.

## Lakers 98, Rockets 97

Shaquille O'Neal scored 30 points and grabbed the final rebound in overtime, leading Los Angeles to a victory over the Houston Rockets, the Lakers' seventh straight win.

The Lakers blew a 15-point third-quarter lead, but held on in overtime to stretch their record to 7-0, their best start since the 1997-98 team opened 11-0.

The NBA record for consecutive victories to start the season is 15, shared by the 1993 Houston Rockets and the 1948 Washington Capitols.

The Rockets rallied to tie it at 87 at the end of regulation. Houston never led in overtime, but still had a chance until Kevin Willis lobbed up the final shot. O'Neal grabbed it for his 13th rebound as time expired.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 31 points.

Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley, who missed the last game with a sprained left ankle, each scored 26 points for Houston. Francis also had 12 rebounds and five assists.

The Lakers held a comfortable 60-45 lead with 7:42 left in the third quarter when the Rockets started their comeback behind key shots by Kenny Thomas and Willis, who each had two baskets to get the rally started.

## Pistons 115, Mavericks 89

Jerry Stackhouse had 28 points and eight rebounds, and Cliff Robinson added 24 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to a victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Robinson also helped limit Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki to 3-for-14 shooting and 10 points. Detroit won for the fifth time in six games, avenging a season-opening loss to the Mavericks.

Detroit had a season-high in points, and finished with 31 assists.

Ben Wallace had 10 points,

12 rebounds and five blocked shots for the Pistons, and rookie Zeljko Rebraca added a career-high 16 points in a reserve role.

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 19. He and Nowitzki shot a combined 11-for-32 for just 29 points, 17 under their per-game average.

## Trail Blazers 101, Grizzlies 85

Rasheed Wallace scored 27 points, and Derek Anderson scored seven of his 18 points in 90-second span in the fourth quarter, leading the Portland Trail Blazers to a victory over Memphis, the Grizzlies' franchise-record eighth straight loss to open the season.

The Grizzlies opened the 1996-97 season with seven straight losses.

Bonzi Wells also scored 18 points for Portland. Ruben Patterson added 15 points, and Dale Davis finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Shane Battier had 30 points, five assists and three blocked shots for the Grizzlies. He shot 10-for-13 from the field and 7-for-9 from the line.

Lorenzen Wright added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis.

Battier scored 16 points in the first half as the Grizzlies and Trail Blazers entered the break tied at 44. Wallace had 15 first-half points for Portland.

Battier added 10 third-quarter points for Memphis, while Wells and Wallace each scored nine for the Trail Blazers.

The game was tied at 67 after three quarters.

Portland led 83-81 with just over five minutes left, and the Trail Blazers used an 18-4 run down the stretch to seal the victory. Anderson hit four free throws and a 3-pointer in a 90-second stretch to help put the game out of reach.

Memphis, which entered the game shooting a league-worst 39.3 percent, shot 45.5 percent against the Trail Blazers. Portland shot 43.5 percent.

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## MLB

# Caminiti posts \$2,000 bond

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former National League MVP Ken Caminiti posted \$2,000 bond and was freed from jail after police arrested him on drug possession charges.

Authorities said they found Caminiti in a Houston hotel room with crack cocaine. A court appearance for him was set for Friday.

Early Wednesday afternoon, officers from a drug task force stopped a 2001 Mercedes registered to Caminiti. The vehicle was being driven by another man.

Law officers — part of a task force that included the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration — said they stopped the car because the driver was "suspicious." The officers did not elaborate.

The driver told authorities he had permission to use the car and that Caminiti could be found at a hotel.

Harris County Sheriff's Department deputies were sent to the hotel to check on Caminiti's welfare and make sure the car wasn't stolen.

They found him in the room and "when the door was opened, deputies could smell what they believed to

be crack cocaine," said Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Lt. Robert Van Pelt.

Unspecified drugs and drug paraphernalia were found in the room, authorities said.

Caminiti, 38, who lives in the Houston area, was arrested along with two other people who were in the room.

He was charged with possession of less than 28 grams of a controlled substance and booked into the Harris County Jail.

"I'll wait to comment until I know more of the facts," Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell, one of Caminiti's closest friends, told the Houston Chronicle.

In 1994, Caminiti went public with his battle with alcohol dependency, saying he had conquered it after volunteering for rehabilitation.

Caminiti split last season with Texas and Atlanta. He hit .232 with nine home runs and 25 RBI for the Rangers and, after being released in July, batted .222 with six homers and 16 RBI with Atlanta.

The Braves did not re-sign Caminiti and last week he filed for free agency.

## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Hilltoppers upset 'Cats

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.

David Boyden scored 15 points, and Chris Marcus added 13 points and 10 rebounds as Western Kentucky stunned No. 4 Kentucky 64-52 night in the first round of the NABC Classic.

The victory was the Hilltoppers' first over their intrastate rivals since a 107-83 victory that knocked the Wildcats (0-1) out of the 1971 NCAA Tournament.

Western Kentucky (1-0) advanced to face George Washington, a 69-64 winner over Marshall, in Friday's championship game.

Tayshaun Prince and Marvin Stone each scored 12 points to lead Kentucky, which will play the Thundering Herd in Friday's consolation game.

The Wildcats shot 34 percent from the field, finishing only 2-

of-18 from 3-point range (11 percent), and turned the ball over 20 times to lose their season opener for the second straight year.

Kentucky had problems at the

free-throw line as well, making only 12 of 24 and missing several key opportunities that could have put the Wildcats back in it late in the second half.

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## AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (44)	8-0	1,768
2	Nebraska (28)	11-0	1,756
3	Oklahoma	9-1	1,609
4	Florida	8-1	1,608
5	Texas	9-1	1,518
6	Tennessee	7-1	1,407
7	Oregon	9-1	1,388
8	BYU	10-0	1,188
9	Washington State	9-1	1,187
10	Maryland	9-1	1,103
11	Michigan	7-2	1,107
12	Illinois	8-1	1,020
13	Stanford	6-2	917
14	Syracuse	8-2	843
15	Colorado	8-2	748
16	Washington	7-2	722
17	Auburn	7-2	596
18	Virginia Tech	7-2	459
19	Louisville	9-1	417
20	UCLA	6-3	379
21	Florida State	6-3	368
22	South Carolina	7-3	341
23	Georgia	5-3	131
24	Marshall	8-3	128
25	Ohio State	6-3	112

## ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska (30)	11-0	1,469
2	Miami (28)	8-0	1,459
3	Florida (2)	8-1	1,350
4	Oklahoma	9-1	1,329
5	Texas	9-1	1,261
6	Tennessee	7-1	1,183
7	Oregon	9-1	1,136
8	BYU	10-0	1,055
9	Maryland	9-1	956
10	Washington State	9-1	926
11	Michigan	7-2	902
12	Illinois	8-1	860
13	Syracuse	8-2	703
14	Washington	7-2	658
15	Stanford	6-2	639
16	Colorado	8-2	605
17	Virginia Tech	7-2	505
18	Auburn	7-2	394
19	Louisville	9-1	383
20	Florida State	6-3	361
21	UCLA	6-3	278
22	South Carolina	7-3	251
23	Georgia Tech	6-3	161
24	Marshall	8-1	139
25	Fresno State	8-2	74

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California at STANFORD (6-2)

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NEBRASKA (11-0)  
TEXAS A&M (7-3)  
PITTSBURGH (4-5)

## GAME OF THE WEEK



Miami tailback is tackled by Boston College's Vinny Ciurciu during the Hurricanes' 18-7 win against Boston College last weekend. Miami looks to defend its perfect record against Syracuse this weekend.

## Miami-Syracuse has Big East title implications

By GREG LADKY  
Sports Writer

The battle for the Big East championship was predicted to take place on Dec. 1 between Virginia Tech and Miami in Blacksburg. But it's No. 14 Syracuse who is making the noise in the Big East lately. They will take on No. 1 Miami for first place in the Big East and likely an automatic BCS birth this Saturday.

The Orangemen have won eight-straight games, the fourth longest streak in

the country. The Orangemen opened the season with two "quality" losses to Georgia Tech and Tennessee on the road.

Defensive end Dwight Freeney will be the center of attention in this game. He will battle against two of the best offensive tackles in the game in Miami's Joaquin Gonzalez and Bryant McKinnie in an attempt to harass Heisman frontrunner Ken Dorsey throughout the game.

The Syracuse offense has been mediocre of late. The defense set up all three touchdown drives last

week in an unimpressive 24-13 win against West Virginia.

The Miami offense also hit a roadblock last week against Boston College. Dorsey had the worst game of his career, failing to lead the Hurricanes to an offensive touchdown. However, Clinton Portis ran for 160 yards on 36 carries.

Dorsey said Miami could benefit from the difficult test Boston College gave them last week. Miami won 18-7 on the strength of the last minute tip-interception-lateral play even-

tually returned for an 80-yard touchdown by defensive back Edward Reed.

The Hurricanes have the nation's longest winning streak at 19 games. To keep that streak going, Dorsey needs to get their normally well-balanced offense back on track.

Syracuse must do the same thing—create offense. Both teams have stellar defenses. Playing at home as the No. 1 team, Miami might be able to get away with a struggling offense, but the team who executes the best offensively will likely win this game.

## OTHER TOP GAMES

### Florida State at Florida

Can anyone imagine Florida State outside the top 25? That's the danger the No. 21 Seminoles face when they take on the No. 4 Gators in Gainesville, Fla. this weekend.

Florida State has spent every week in the polls for 12 years, but after a 34-28 loss to North Carolina State last week, the Seminoles face the daunting task of needing to beat the nation's hottest team to stay in the polls.

There is a lot of finger pointing going on at Florida State, but the problem is the defense. The young Seminoles' defense has given up 92 points in the last three games.

But the Seminoles still keep Florida coach Steve Spurrier on his toes.

"We haven't beaten these guys since 1997, so it would be ridiculous to think they don't have a chance to beat us," Spurrier said.

The Florida offense has been on fire. The Gators have not punted in two games, including the mind boggling 54-17 win against a tough South Carolina team. Grossman threw for 302 yards and three touchdowns in that game—modest numbers for the Gators' quarterback.

One of the great things about college football is that heated rivalries bring out the best in teams. The Gators are heavily favored, but the Seminoles will be ready to play.

### Washington State at Washington

No. 9 Washington State will battle in-state rival No. 16 Washington for the Apple Cup this Saturday in Seattle.

Washington State's only loss of the season came at the hands of Oregon, 24-17. With a win Saturday and an Oregon loss to Oregon State Dec. 1, the Cougars will be off to the Fiesta Bowl.

Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser is questionable for Saturday's game after suffering a concussion and bruised ribs against Arizona State last week. Gesser has completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,502 yards, 23 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions.

Washington's luck ran out last week in a surprising 49-24 loss to Oregon State. The Huskies offense managed just 245 yards last week.

Washington demolished Washington State 51-3 last year in Pullman. But the Cougars don't look at this game as a measure of revenge.

"We're not the same team that played against them last year and they aren't either," said coach Mike Price.

Washington has a strong defensive front, led by All-American tackle Larry Triplett. But the Cougars like to throw the ball down the field and often. Look for the Cougars to try to blow Washington out of the game early to avoid more Husky fourth quarter heroics.

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Michigan State at Purdue	noon, ESPN2
Michigan at Wisconsin	3:30 p.m., CBS
UCLA at USC	6:30 p.m., FOXCH
Florida State at Florida	8:00 p.m., ABC



## MLB

## Clemens takes Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK

With his record sixth Cy Young Award en route to his crowded trophy room, Roger Clemens turned his attention to the Hall of Fame.

"I'm still leaning on wearing the Yankee cap in," the Rocket revealed Thursday after earning the American League's top pitching honor yet again.

"I was just happy I was able to win one in the pinstripes," Clemens said.

Clemens, 20-3 with a 3.51 ERA and 213 strikeouts for New York, received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 122 points, beating Oakland's Mark Mulder (60 points) and Seattle's Freddy Garcia (55) in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

At 39 years, 3 1/2 months, Clemens became the third-oldest Cy Young winner behind Early Wynn (39 years, 10 months in 1959) and Gaylord Perry (40 years, 2 months in 1978). When Clemens won his first Cy Young in 1986, Mulder was 9 years old and Garcia was 10.

"I think it was Deb who said today: 'Those young guys have plenty more time to win it,'" Clemens said, referring to his wife.

Clemens is the only pitcher to win more than four Cy Youngs. Arizona's Randy Johnson won his fourth on Tuesday, match-

ing Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux.

"We'll make room for it," Clemens said from his home in the Houston area. "The five Cy Youngs right now are positioned, in fact, so that from every position in my weight room you can look up and see them front and center."

"I want to see them every morning when I get up in that gym and get to work."

After he won his first four, Clemens said each of his sons would get one: Koby, Kory, Kasy and Kody. The kids said No. 5 was for their dad. Clemens said No. 6 was for his mother, Bess, who has emphysema.

"She said she wanted me to win one for her," Clemens said.

He called her right away and she got short of breath.

"She was so emotional, she has to really concentrate to breathe properly," Clemens said.

He is the first player to win a BBWAA award on three teams. He won the Cy Young for Boston in 1986, 1987 and 1991, then won it for Toronto in 1997 and 1998. He also was the AL MVP in 1986.

With 280 career wins, Clemens could reach No. 300 next season. He's still thinking about the Yankees' Game 7 World Series loss to Arizona, which ended New York's streak of three straight titles, including two with Clemens.

Since then, Clemens has

been wearing his World Series rings more often.

"It makes me appreciate even more what we've done the past two years," he said. "Sometimes you get a little spoiled."

Clemens, who has always been interested in baseball history, repeatedly referred to the person the award is named after as Denton "Cy" Young. Clemens made a lot of history this year.

He became the first pitcher ever to start a season 20-1 before losing his final two decisions. After injuring a hamstring and struggling in the first round of the playoffs, he rebounded to pitch well in the league championship series against Seattle and was the Yankees' most consistent pitcher in the World Series against Arizona. He won Game 3 and allowed just one run in New York's 3-2 loss in Game 7.

Clemens, a six-time 20-game winner, had the second-highest ERA for an AL Cy Young winner, below only LaMarr Hoyt's 3.66 for the Chicago White Sox in 1983.

Clemens became the first starting pitcher with no complete games ever to win a Cy Young, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's statistician.

It was the fifth Cy Young Award for the Yankees, the first since Ron Guidry in 1978. Bob Turley won in 1958, Whitey Ford in 1961, and Sparky Lyle in 1977.

## SMC BASKETBALL

## Belles open season at Hanover Tip-Off

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

Despite an 8-17 record, last season was one of the most successful the Belles basketball team has seen in almost a decade. And the team, under second-year coach Suzanne Smith, is hoping to improve on that and reach at least 500 this season.

With talented junior forward Kristen Matha back in action after numerous injuries last season and 6-foot freshman recruit Emily Creachbaum, the Belles begin their quest toward a successful season tonight versus Franklin College at the Hanover Tip-off Tournament.

Franklin, along with Hanover College, which Saint Mary's plays Saturday, traditionally has been a strong team, and that's one of the reasons why Smith scheduled them.

"I wanted to schedule this because some of the top teams in our conference compare very closely to these teams," she said.

It seems as though Franklin may have some weakness which the Belles may be able to exploit.

"Franklin has a new coach. They've had a change in their program," said Smith. "We don't totally know what to expect as far as Xs and Os [but] I feel good about that fact that it's a new coach, a new system they're trying to get used to. We're playing them early, so maybe it hasn't totally come together yet."

Last season, the same words could have been said about Saint Mary's, as it was Smith's first year coaching the Belles. This season is different though.

The players and coach understand each other better now, and they are able to help each other out.

"Our focus is to work as a team," said senior forward Anne Blair, last season's most valuable player.

Earlier this week, Saint Mary's had a scrimmage against North Central College, and Smith came away very impressed.

"The first twenty minutes was the best defense I've really seen for the level we're at," she said. "Defensively, we're really going to be able to take some teams out of their games."

According to Matha, the Belles' defense was strong despite a challenging opponent.

"I had never seen a team that tough. It was one 6-foot-1 woman coming off the bench after another," she said. "The [Saint Mary's] guards did a great job coming down on the post. Defense is going to create our offense this year."

The improvement of the defense from last season is due to increased trust, according to Blair, who averaged 9.5 points and six rebounds per game.

"We're there for each other. We're talking. If you trust each other, you have it made," said Blair.

While the defense was strong, the offensive needs some tweaking, but not much.

"We struggled a little offensively throughout the whole scrimmage, but it's things I don't think we're worried about," Smith said.

Blair believes that the offensive will improve once the season starts at the Hanover tournament.

"We're just really excited," she said. "We just need to go play [and] settle down. We have the skills, the talents, the depth."

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Irish gear up for Big East tournament

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's soccer team prepares today for what could be one of the most important games in the program's history. The Irish take on the St. John's Red Storm tonight in a semifinal match of the Big East Conference tournament in Storrs, Conn.

With the games being played in Connecticut, the Irish may have a chance to avenge a tough 1-0 loss to the Huskies in the Championship, which was the only blemish for the Irish in their last 10 games.

"I can't wait to go back [to Connecticut] — we said that when we were there the last time," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark commented. "We can't wait to go back. Hopefully, it could be a chance to get a good victory to get us towards the NCAAAs

as well."

After failing to make the Big East tournament last season, the Irish have pulled an about face under Clark in his first year in South Bend. Notre Dame enters its semifinal game of the tournament as the second-seeded team in the conference. Winners of nine of their last 10, the Irish will look to make a run for the NCAA tournament with some impressive play in Connecticut.

"Now we go to the final four in UConn, and that is a great experience for [the players]," Clark said. "I don't know what this season will bring, but we'll take it one game at a time."

Coming off a 1-0 opening-round victory against Georgetown, Notre Dame will hope

to continue its strong play of late. In seven of their last nine matches, the Irish have held their opponents scoreless.

The eighth-ranked Red Storm should prove to be a tough match for the Irish. St.

John's entered the postseason with a 12-2-3 record as the third seed in the conference, having scored as many points as the Irish during the regular season. The Irish earned the higher seed due to more conference wins. The Red Storm's lone Big

East defeat came by way of a 2-1 loss to defending national champions and top-seeded Connecticut.

Tonight's match-up may prove to be a

duel of stingy defenses. Notre Dame goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and St. John's goalie Guy Hertz enter the match-up ranked first and second, respectively, in the Big East. In addition, both teams have posted seven shutouts during regular season play this year.

The Irish may have a bit of history going against them. In the previous eight match-ups in their series with the Red Storm, the Irish have only taken one victory, being outscored in that span 20-6.

If the Irish should win their game tonight, they would meet the winner of the Connecticut-Rutgers game at noon on Sunday for the conference title. The Irish last won the Big East tournament title in 1996, their first year in the conference.

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*"I don't know what this season will bring, but we'll take it one game at a time."*

**Bobby Clark**  
head coach

## Clark named Big East Coach of the Year

Special to The Observer

First-year head coach Bobby Clark, who guided the Notre Dame men's soccer team to a second-place finish in the final Big East regular season standings, has been named the Big East Men's Soccer Coach of the Year. In addition, a record five Irish players were selected for all-conference honors.



Clark

Junior forward Erich Braun and sophomore midfielder Justin Detter were first-team all-conference honorees, while senior defender Griffin Howard and freshman goalkeeper Chris Sawyer were selected to the all-conference second team. In addition, sophomore midfielder Chad Riley earned third-team all-conference honors.

Clark is just the second coach in Big East history to earn the annual award in his first year in the league as he directed the Irish to a 12-5 overall record and 7-3 conference mark, the most conference wins by an Irish team since joining the league in 1995. The Irish, winners of nine of

their last 10 games, are ranked in both the NSCAA/adidas (20th) and Soccer America (17th) polls this week for the first time since the 1996 campaign.

Clark and the Irish went 9-1 in October and November after starting the season 3-4 in the month of September. In his 15th season as a head coach, Clark's record stands at 165-68-25 (.688).

Braun and Detter become the second and third players in Irish soccer history to earn first-team all-conference honors. Braun, the 1999 Big East Rookie of the Year, stands atop the Irish scoring charts in 2001 with a team-leading 12 goals and three

assists for a team-best 27 points. He has scored a goal in all but two games in which the Irish have scored this season.

Detter, who was a Big East All-Rookie team selection a year ago, is one of three players who has started all 17 games this season. He currently is tied for third in scoring on the Irish with four goals and five assists.

Howard earns all-conference honors for the first time in his career as a second-team selection. A 17-game starter and Irish captain, he has a goal and as assist this season. In addition, he has helped anchor an Irish defense that has produced eight shutouts this year.

Sawyer is one of just three freshmen to earn a spot on one of the all-conference teams. He has played 13 games in goal for the Irish and has been the team's starting goalkeeper in Notre Dame's last 12 contests. Sawyer has posted six complete-game shutouts in 1114:45 minutes logged, while giving up just six goals. He owns a 0.48 goals against average and .882 save percentage as he has made 45 saves in 13 contests.

Riley, a member of the Big East All-Rookie squad in 2000, has started 15 of 17 contests this season and leads the team with six assists to go along with his one goal.

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other team's strengths. For instance, last week we had midfielder Ashley Drier shadow BC's and West Virginia's best offensive midfielders, and we'll probably do that again this weekend."

Prior to Notre Dame's game against Eastern Illinois, the University of Cincinnati will square off against the University of Oakland at 5:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. The winners of these two games will play each other Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament at 1 p.m. at Alumni field.

While the Irish are heavily favored to defeat Eastern Illinois on Friday, they realize that they cannot underestimate any of their opponents and must guard against an upset.

"We have to take it one game at a time," said Waldrum. "If we advance on Friday, then we will have a tough game on Sunday. Oakland and Cincinnati are two very underrated teams."

"Oakland has a lot of international players on their team, while Cincinnati won the Conference USA Tournament. We will have our hands full with either one of those teams, but we first need to focus our attention on Friday."

The Irish's recent success can be attributed to an offensive resurgence. Leading scorer sophomore forward Amanda Guertin will be looking to extend her goal streak to nine games

this weekend. Fellow sophomore forwards Melissa Tancredi and Amy Warner hope to continue their postseason success after goals in last week's Big East Tournament action.

The Irish could have a full roster for this Friday's game against Eastern Illinois for the first time all season. Junior forward Ali Lovelace returned to her starting role last weekend in the Big East Tournament after battling nagging injuries all season. Midfielder freshman Mary Boland may also return this weekend two weeks ahead of schedule from a foot injury that has sidelined her for the last four weeks.

"I expect us to play well on Friday. We had a great week of practice," said Waldrum. "I think our offense is finally where it needs to be. All of our forwards played very well in the Big East tournament. Our defense looked very strong. Also, I think the girls are ready to go."

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**Fr. Nicholas Ayo** will be signing copies of *Signs of Grace* on Friday, Nov. 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**John Heisler** will be signing copies of *Quotable Rockne* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Reid Duffy** will be signing copies of his book *Indiana's Favorite Restaurants* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Joe Garner** will be signing his book *Echoes of Notre Dame Football* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Michael Oriard** will be signing copies of *King Football* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Ted Mandell**, ND Professor of Film & Video Production, will be signing copies of *Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**The 12 Nights Before Christmas Tour** will have readings and signings on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Father Malloy, University of Notre Dame President**, will read *The Newborn King: The Story of the First Christmas* on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m., as part of our 2nd annual "True Meaning of Christmas" Celebration.

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# Batteast

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Her stellar prep effort also caught the attention of Big East coaches, who voted the 6-foot-1 forward the Big East Preseason Rookie of the Year. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw has been most impressed with Jacqueline Batteast's work ethic in practice.

"She's really come in with an open mind in terms of her wanting to learn," McGraw said. "She's not come in and been satisfied with where she is. She's really working hard, she's learning a lot of things. She's listening and trying to learn more. I think that she's going to continue to get better as long as she wants to."

The freshman got her first lesson in Notre Dame's opening preseason game against Ohio Girls' Basketball Magazine. The exhibition team featured experienced college graduates and guarded the 18-year-old like she'd never been guarded before. Batteast scored only eight points on 4-17 shooting from the field, but did grab 10 rebounds in 30 minutes.

"Nothing was falling but I was still getting rebounds," Batteast said. "I was pretty impressed with how strong these women are. That was a big adjustment."

In her second game though, the butterflies were gone from her stomach and Batteast showed her South Bend fans the moves they've grown to love, scoring 17 points, grabbing six rebounds and coming away with four steals in only 18 minutes against Division II Christian Brothers University.

Whether she's turning the scoreboard into her own personal cash register or struggling to get the ball in the basket, Jacqueline Batteast has one luxury that none of her teammates, and hardly any elite Division I player has. Her family is always just minutes away.

"It's great to make a local phone call and to go home after a game sometimes when I need that comfort," Jacqueline Batteast said. "It's good to see your family, sometimes a phone call just won't help. It's good to actually touch them

and see them."

But it wasn't until some good luck after a loss that she began to learn just how talented she really was. Batteast played for an AAU team in Chesterton, near Valparaiso, when she was just 14. That year, her team was beaten by a squad based in Indianapolis called The Family. After the game, the coach called and asked if Jacqueline wanted to join their side. She gladly accepted.

As a member of The Family, Jacqueline Batteast played alongside Shyra Ely, currently a freshman at Tennessee and regarded as the best player in Indiana last year.

"I played with the top recruit in the nation for four years," Jacqueline Batteast said. "That helped my game too. When you're around good people it makes you good."

Jacqueline Batteast always excelled at Washington, averaging 21.3 points and 14 rebounds as a junior and 16.9 points and 11.8 boards as a sophomore. During her senior year, many teams called with scholarship offers, some of which she seriously considered.

"Early on, she thought that she wanted to go away," Wayne Batteast said of his daughter. "She looked at other schools kind of seriously." But in the end, Jacqueline Batteast heeded her father's advice of "if you can't beat what's at home, why leave" and decided to attend Notre Dame.

Wayne Batteast thinks Notre Dame is the perfect school for his daughter, a National Honor Society member, for many reasons.

"Notre Dame fits her personality," Wayne Batteast said. "She's quiet and laid back and focused on her academics. To me, Notre Dame allows you to do that. Some other schools, she wouldn't have fit in as well."

Jacqueline Batteast also knows that while basketball may have opened doors and saved her parents quite a bit in tuition bills, the sport won't be there forever. For that reason, academics put Notre Dame on the top of her list.

"Basketball only lasts for so long and Jacqueline really has no pro aspirations," Wayne Batteast said of his daughter, who intends to major in management. "She's really got her head on straight as far as basketball is getting her an education, she knows that it's only for a little while. I'm really more proud of her academics. I tell people that all the time."

These days, Wayne Batteast sits surrounded by Jacqueline Batteast supporters at Notre Dame home games. Wayne and Margaret Batteast bring more than 20 total family members to each game, but Wayne has been surprised most by the number of fans showing up who over the past four years have been the opposition.

"With her going to Notre Dame now, a lot of people tell me they couldn't cheer for her as much when they were playing their schools, but now everybody's a Notre Dame fan," Wayne Batteast said.

So besides helping the Irish increase their total points and rebounds, Batteast is helping add to Notre Dame's attendance. Season ticket sales topped 7,000 this year, which McGraw thinks is no coincidence.

"One of the reasons we have so many season tickets sold is people are excited about having a hometown player on the team, especially somebody that represents our team so well," McGraw said.

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## HOCKEY

# Irish finally play up to potential

By MATT ORENCHUK  
Sports Writer

It has been a long battle, but the Notre Dame hockey team is finally playing good hockey. The season started with chaos with the Irish going 0-4-2 in their first six games.

They played well, and took leads into the third period, but weren't able to hold on to those leads. That has all changed the past two weekends.

First, the Irish played Northern Michigan on the road. Northern Michigan was ranked 10th nationally, and was in first place in the CCHA. But the Irish was able to split the series and get their first win. Then last weekend the Irish returned home and earned a win and a tie against Ferris State.

"Any time you can battle and get three out of four points in a weekend, then it is considered a successful weekend in the CCHA," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "Last weekend we played as well as we have all year."

With their improved play, the Irish have moved up in the CCHA standings. They are playing good hockey offensively, defensively and on special teams.

Notre Dame hits the road again this weekend. The Irish will travel up to Kalamazoo, Mich. to face the Western Michigan Broncos.

Western Michigan currently is tied for fifth place in the CCHA with seven points. They are one of three teams that sit one point in front of the Irish.

In Kalamazoo, the Irish will find a tough Bronco squad. Western Michigan is 4-2-1 at Lawson Arena with three of those wins

coming against Michigan, Maine, and Nebraska-Omaha. Those three teams were all ranked in the top 10 nationally.

Freshman Pat Dwyer and senior Mike Bishai lead Western Michigan offensively, each having 10 points on the year. In between the pipes is another freshman in Mike Mantua. Mantua is 4-3-1 on the season, and he posted his first shutout of the year in last weekend's win against Nebraska-Omaha.

Western Michigan runs into a much-improved Notre Dame team. Early in the season the Irish had trouble holding onto leads. Recently, the young defense has gelled and freshman Morgan Cey has solidified his position as the starting goaltender. The result is a unit that is playing better and holding onto leads late in games.

Helping out the defense has been the offensive production from the first line. Junior Connor Dunlop and senior David Inman lead the team in scoring. When one has the goal, the other is usually in on the assist.

"Connor and David are really complimenting each other well right now," said Poulin.

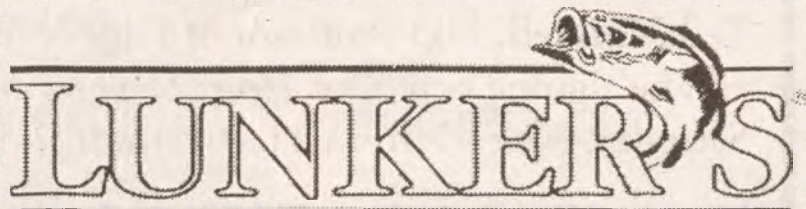
In the past two weekends Notre Dame has moved up in the CCHA. More important is that they are playing with confidence, and that has led to wins.

The Irish look to continue their momentum this weekend in Kalamazoo. Tonight's game is set for a 7:05 p.m. start, while Saturday's game has an 8:05 p.m. start.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## McGraw inks pair for class of 2006

By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

Two high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play basketball at Notre Dame for the 2002-2003 season, head coach Muffet McGraw announced on Thursday. Point guard Megan Duffy and forward Courtney LaVere committed to the Irish women's basketball program after the signing period began on Wednesday.



McGraw

"I'm really excited about this class particularly ... these two classes back to back" McGraw said on Thursday. "I think it's really important we got these positions."

Duffy and LaVere will join an Irish team already heavy in underclassmen following this season's six-member recruiting class. Although most of her key players will be returning next year, McGraw is looking for the two recruits to make their presence known early.

"We'll have eight of our top nine players back so we won't have to rely on freshmen to come in and make an immedi-

ate impact," McGraw said. "However these two are two that are going to be pushing people for playing time."

Duffy and LaVere will be looking for playing time as the Irish continue to reload their roster. McGraw is hoping to add depth to this year's young team and looking to next fall's recruiting class to do just that.

"The point guard was key for us," McGraw said. "We need to have a back-up for Le'Tania Severe. She's doing a great job but we have to have another point guard to rely on."

The 5-foot-7 Duffy averaged 17 points per game last season at Chainedale Julianne High School in Dayton, Ohio. She was named to the 2001 first team Division I all-state team and received an honorable mention All-America from Street & Smiths.

"Megan Duffy is someone we're really thrilled with," McGraw said. "She can shoot the three; she's a very feisty defender; she's the type of player that's going to dive for loose balls and create a lot of havoc for the defense. She's a great leader and I think she has been very successful on all the team's she's played on."

All-Star Girls Report named Duffy the No. 24 pick and School Sports put her at No. 29.

LaVere will join the Irish at the post-position, a position

that is lacking depth this season. Following in the footsteps of 6-3 freshman Teresa Borton and 6-1 freshman Jackie Batteast, LaVere will add height under the boards.

"Courtney LaVere's someone we really needed, [we needed] more size," McGraw said. "We have kind of a thin front line right now so she's someone who's going to fit very well with our style of play. She's a very good free-throw line shooter — and a good compliment for the post players we have right now."

The 6-foot-3 pick from Buena High School in Ventura Calif., averaged 13.8 points and eight rebounds per game during her junior season. Her 73 percent free-throw average was good enough to land her in the top 10 national rankings during the 2000-2001 season by USA Today. She was also a consensus top-15 recruiting pick ranked as the No. 10, No. 13 and No. 15 draft pick by Blue Star Index, School Sports and ASGR respectively.

McGraw was at a loss to compare either player to someone she has coached previously. Both Duffy and LaVere will add a new feeling to the team.

"Megan [Duffy] is a very different point guard than we've had in the past. She's somebody that's a very good three-point shooter, but she's also

very feisty," McGraw said. "The same thing with Courtney. She's a big kid who can shoot from the perimeter which we haven't had a lot of that."

The Irish still have one scholarship available, one which was offered to Anne Struthers.

"We have one offer outstanding and we will not be offering it to anyone else," McGraw said. "We're waiting for Anne Struthers to make up her mind. I think everybody knows that we are definitely recruiting her and we're going to wait and see if Anne decides. If she decides to go somewhere else we will just use that scholarship next year."

Struthers is the consensus No. 1 pick and hails from freshman Katie Flecky's hometown in Colorado. According to McGraw, she has narrowed her choice down to three schools and Notre Dame is one of those. However, when and what her college choice will be remains unclear.

"We were under the impression that this weekend we'd probably hear something," McGraw said. "Other than that we don't have any indication. She really does not know where she wants to go."

**Notes:**

◆ Niele Ivey, Notre Dame's leading point guard last sea-

son, recently suffered the loss of her brother. Phillip Ivey passed away in a car crash last week. McGraw expects to see her on campus this weekend, but is unsure if she will feel well enough to attend Sunday's game.

◆ Notre Dame will open regular season play against Valparaiso on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Joyce Center. The Crusaders finished last season 7-22 near the bottom of the Mid-Continent Conference. The Crusaders dropped their exhibition game; the Irish won both of theirs. The inexperienced Irish team will be looking to minimize mistakes.

"I understand there are mistakes we're gonna make," McGraw said. "It's the mental mistakes that are going to drive me crazy. There are some things I'll tolerate, there are some things I won't and learning the difference is what the team's focusing on."

◆ Prior to the start of Sunday's game, the 2000 NCAA Championship banner will be raised at the Joyce Center.

"It's exciting, I think at the exhibition game [when they announced] now the starting line-up for the national championship team," McGraw said. "I think that was kind of exciting to hear that. When they raise the banner, there's going to be a lot of emotion out there."

## SMC SWIMMING

## Petcoff happy with team's performance

By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

Swimming record-breaking wins and season best times, the Belles lost a close race against Western Ontario University, 114 to 88.

"Everybody had a great meet. [The past week] we had gone into a rest period so we could see these results," said Coach Gregg Petcoff. "Overall, everyone had something

satisfactory happen tonight."

After arriving in shirts that read "Invest" across the front, the Belle's swim team started to do just that tonight.

The word on the shirts is serving as a team goal this season. They are "investing" their time and energy towards the season.

"Each practice we put in work, time, and effort investing it all in our season," said junior Lane Herrington. "Eventually we are

going to take it all out and invest it in the last meet."

Over half the team had season best times and both junior Lauren Smith and sophomore Megan Ramsey broke previous records they had set.

Smith broke her previous 200-yard breaststroke record that she had set freshman year, by .25 seconds with a time of two minutes and thirty-five seconds.

"I really wanted to win the 200-

yard breaststroke," said Smith. "I was surprised I broke my record too."

Ramsey was also pleased with her record-breaking time of one minute, 59.81 seconds for the 200-yard freestyle.

"I felt strong in the water," said Ramsey. "I've been wanting to break two minutes for a long time."

Ramsey holds two other Saint Mary's records as well, in the 100-

yard butterfly and in the 200-yard butterfly.

"My freestyle is going really good," she said. "I just went for it [today] and it worked out."

Ramsey also finished first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of two minutes, 16.04 seconds. Sophomore Maureen Palchak also had double wins, in both the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 25.69 seconds, and in the 100-yd freestyle with a time of 57.01 seconds.

Petcoff was extremely happy with how well his team performed against tough competition.

"I'm absolutely pleased with the results," said Petcoff. "This was a fantastic way to start a three day weekend of races."

The Belle's are competing tonight against Texas Christian University.

"The team is handling this competition well. [We] are going in with the right attitude," said Petcoff. "The personal wins today helped cement that [attitude] for tomorrow."

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## Belles

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to escape a meal at the dining hall.

"I get to go home and do my laundry," she said with a laugh. "But mostly I don't get the homesick feeling and that would add to all the other kinds of stress you have. It's just easier."

And not only did Saint Mary's give Creachbaum a touch of home, it also gave her the benefits of a big university with Notre Dame across the street.

"I chose Saint Mary's because I wanted to come here and be involved in all the Notre Dame activities and play basketball."

And playing basketball is what Creachbaum does.

But Creachbaum isn't the only one who benefits from staying close to home. Both Saint Mary's and Marion, her alma mater, are looking to reap the benefits from a local kid who chose to stay home.

"It's exciting to get a good local kid," Saint Mary's head coach Suzanne Smith said. "It gets people involved in the community because a lot of people know her and want to see how she does, either coming to our games or just following us in the paper."

With the graduation of senior Anne Blair, a South Bend native, Creachbaum will find her spot as the hometown hero.

As a Division III College without scholarships to offer, when recruiting season came around, Smith had to offer Creachbaum something else. What she found to offer was that sense of community found in staying home.

"It's a plus," Smith said. "You can stay close to your family, you can be here, you can step in our program and help us out."

James Aldridge, Marion's current head coach, took part in Creachbaum's decision to come to Saint Mary's as both a coach and a friend. Prior to coaching at Marion, Aldridge spent his time as an assistant coach for Bethel College and knew Smith's reputation as a coach. That, coupled with Saint Mary's proximity to Elkhart, was all he needed to make a recommendation.

"We were very confident [Smith] would do a great job turning the program around ... talking to Emily it was very easy for me to recommend that," he said. "She wanted to be able to play closer to her family so people could watch her and I think she made a good decision."

### Playing for the future

Being less than half an hour away from home wasn't the only reason Creachbaum chose Saint Mary's. The Saint Mary's

basketball program was one that was building for the future and Creachbaum, fondly referred to as Creach by former coaches and teammates, knew she could be a part of that future.

"I think we just need to build," she said. "Help build the program so that people will look at Saint Mary's and say they've come a long way in three or four years ... hopefully my class will help that along."

Starting off her first season in collegiate ball, Creachbaum is part of a team that doubled its number of wins last year and has high hopes to continue improving. While Creachbaum is benefiting from being close to home, the Belles will be benefiting from her desire to take the team to the next level.

"[I told her] you have a chance to be a start of something, building this program," Smith said. "So I think that excited her quite a bit."

"I'm really happy she can be part of the building process," Aldridge said.

Where Creachbaum will help the Belles is getting things done on the court. Although she's only a freshman, Smith said she has already seen a high level of maturity. After playing varsity basketball for four years in high school, averaging 23 points a game during her senior year, Creachbaum may be the one the Belles need to get the job done.

"When you need something to happen, when you're going through a dry spell, she's the one that would step up, go get the ball, get everybody else out of the way and get it done," Aldridge said.

Creachbaum brings to the Belles an ability to make a strong finish.

"She can finish; she's a great scorer," Smith said. "We can help her out by making plays, but she can finish them."

### Being part of a new team

Even though she stayed close to the comfort of home, Creachbaum still has adjustments to make. She has a new home, a new style of play and a new team.

She needs to find her niche. But no one doubts that she will do just that.

"All four years she was a varsity player and she saw radically different teams each year," Aldridge said. "It was a differ-

ent roster every year and she was able to mesh and gel with each team and not only mesh and gel as a teammate, but become a leader each season."

Smith has already seen that ability to be part of team emerge on the court. Creachbaum joins the Belles as one of six freshmen who will join the seven veteran members of the team, and she has a tough position to play. As a post player, she will compete with Blair and junior Kristen Matha, the Belles two leading scorers last season, for playing time.

"She fits right in with them and battles with them everyday in practice," Smith said. "... I think she can really step in and have a big role with our team this year."

Creachbaum knows she can't take the leadership role right away as a freshman, but she still has her sights set on being an important part of this team. Her goals don't stop with finishing this season, they reach all the way to graduation.

"Eventually, I want to be a captain, you know, work up to being a leader of the team," she said. "... I almost want to get into the same role I did in high school where I worked my way up."

Creachbaum will start working her way up tonight, and then she can come home.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Irish top Ontario University, 136-64

By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

Continuing traditions does not always have to be extremely competitive. The Notre Dame men's swim team proved that keeping traditions with Western Ontario University is always a guaranteed good time.

Swimming Western Ontario for the 40th year in a row, Notre Dame men won with a score of 136 to 64. The Notre Dame men's team has had more meets with western Ontario than any other team.

"This is the oldest dual meet between Canada and America," said Notre Dame's head coach Tim Welch. "Things are a little less formal during this meet than they usually are during the season."

Although competition may be less formal and more relaxed, that did not stop the Notre Dame men from taking first place in eight of the meet's eleven races.

"I'm very happy with the preparation and happy with the way the guys focused all the way through," said Welch. "It is important to race more than one day in a row before we go to the championships."

The meet against Western

Ontario allowed for the men to race in events they might not otherwise compete in.

"It was nice to swim my off events tonight," said J.R. Teddy. "I need to focus on the 200-yard butterfly tomorrow. It is one of my better events this year."

Captain Mike Koss had some season best times despite being in Japan for nine days earlier this month.

"I felt a little sluggish last week," said Koss. "The meet today went real well, though. It's good that we keep on this tradition with Western Ontario."

Going into the meet against Texas Christian tonight, Notre Dame is 5-2, with losses to the University of Tennessee and Rutgers University.

Although some traditions are good to keep, Notre Dame is hoping to beat one tonight against Texas Christian, a team they have never defeated before.

"We're progressing," said Welch. "Our main focus is going to be speed. Our objectives this season have been to get faster each week — as measured by the clock."

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Five sign on for next fall

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame volleyball team has announced the signing of five incoming freshmen for the 2002 season. Lauren Brewster, Kelly Burrell, Carolyn Cooper, Meg Henican and Lauren Kelbley have all signed letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame in the fall of 2002 and will make up the volleyball class of 2006.

"We are very excited about this class," head coach Debbie Brown says.

"Going into recruiting this year we thought we were going to give four scholarships. When the opportunity to sign this great class with five talented players presented itself, it was an opportunity we could not pass up.

"All five players will complement each other very well and will add valuable depth to our team next year. They are really going to help the competitive level of the team. I think this is one of the top five classes in the nation."

Lauren Brewster played for Brentwood High School in Brentwood, Tenn., and helped the team earn four state titles during her prep career. A 6-foot-3 middle blocker, she was named most valuable player of the state tournament in 2000 and 2001, leading Brentwood to an undefeated record during her junior and senior seasons. Brewster also earned the 2000 Tennessee mid-state player of the year award and was named the Gatorade Player of the Year from Tennessee in 2001.

"Lauren catches your eye because of her ability to play high above the net," Brown

says.

"She is a strong front row player and comes from a very successful program. She will combine with the other three middle blockers in the class to help us become an even stronger team at the net."

Kelly Burrell is a 5-foot-11 setter from Xavier College Prep in Phoenix, Ariz., and, like many of her classmates, has earned multiple state titles while playing in a successful high school program. A first-team all-regional selection in 2000 and 2001, Burrell will bring a strong court presence to the Irish roster next season.

"We are excited about Kelly's court personality and the setting skill she will bring to the team," Brown says.

"She is a natural leader on the court, which is an important part of being a setter. Kelly has very quick feet and uses her athleticism to keep the defense off balance. She also understands the game very well and knows how to run an offense."

Carolyn Cooper continues the tradition of outstanding middle blockers the Irish have landed from Texas. Current senior and all-star nominee Malinda Goralski and 2000 graduate Jo Jameyson were both from the same area of Texas as Cooper.

A 6-foot-3 middle blocker, Cooper played for Lutheran South Academy in Houston, Texas, and was named the team MVP three times (1999-2001) while earning first-team all-state honors during those three seasons as well.

"Carolyn, much like the other two middle blockers in the class, has a very strong net game and can jump well. This

season, we have been training with just three middle blockers in practice. Carolyn and her classmates will add to the entire team's net game next year because they can block, hit and play high above the net."

In an unusual twist, 5-foot-11 outside hitter Meg Henican had the opportunity to earn five state championships during her prep career. Henican played at Newman High School in New Orleans, La., a kindergarten through 12th grade school, and started on the varsity team for five seasons — leading Newman to five consecutive state titles. She was a four-time AAU All-American and finished her high school career as the Gatorade Player of the Year from Louisiana in 2001.

"Meg is a good all-around player," Brown says.

"She is an excellent passer and is very strong on defense. She also is a very hard hitter and she attacks with power. She played on a really strong high school team and will bring a wealth of experience to the team."

Lauren Kelbley is a 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Bascaum, Ohio, and played at Hopewell-Loudon High School. She helped the team to the four-straight Ohio Division IV state titles during her career while earning all-conference, all-district and all-state honors at the end of each season.

"Lauren has a very fast arm with the ability to terminate at the net and has been part of a winning tradition during her career," Brown says.

"Last year she had the opportunity to play in the back row and showed that she has solid all-around skills."

## FOOTBALL

## Irish ready to sink Midshipmen

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

The Irish are bigger than Navy. They are stronger and they are faster.

But that doesn't mean they will win.

"Athletically we are going to be more talented than they are but they have a great scheme and they play hard," Irish



Davie

linebacker Rocky Boiman said.

Although the Irish currently have a 37-game winning streak against the Midshipmen, the last two games in Notre Dame Stadium have been very close. In 1999, Jarious Jackson completed a pass to Jay Johnson with just 40 seconds remaining to win the game 28-24. The 1997 game was also close as the Midshipmen out-rushed the Irish 399 yards to 283 yards. But three Navy turnovers kept the Irish in the game as they went on to win 21-17.

Davie expects another tough game from the Midshipmen this weekend.

"It's a cliché but it doesn't matter what the records are, doesn't really matter what happened during the season, didn't matter what happened the season before or what happens in the first half," he said. "This game, because of who we are playing, is a game that every year is going to be a challenge."

Navy is famous for its rushing attack that relies heavily on a strong option quarterback. This year is no exception. Senior Brian Madden has run for 100 yards in 10 of his 11 career

starts. Currently he stands 12th in the nation in rushing per game with 126.7.

"They have I think a really good quarterback," Davie said. "He's very strong, very competitive."

While Navy runs the same wishbone offense it has run in the past, there is a new coach at the helm. Rick Lantz replaced former coach Charlie Weatherbie on Oct. 28. Weatherbie had a 30-45 record at Navy but his team had lost seven straight games and 17 of their last 18 games before his dismissal. Lantz served as defensive coordinator before moving up to head coach.

Navy's defense, however, has been one of its greatest weaknesses, according to Davie.

"Defensively, they've struggled," Davie said. "They've struggled a little more against the passing game than they have the running game. I think they're going to force us to throw the football."

The Irish passing attack, however, will be limited by an injury to starting flanker David Givens. The senior will miss Saturday's game. In his place, Davie expects freshman Carlos Campbell to step up but also believes sophomores Lorenzo Crawford and Omar Jenkins will see playing time.

"I think Carlos Campbell is maybe at the head of that pool as far as guys that have an opportunity to step up," Davie said.

Senior tailback Tony Fisher will also miss the final home game of his Irish career. Junior Julius Jones will take most of the snaps at tailback with freshman Ryan Grant and senior Terrance Howard also getting some snaps.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish open season without senior Humphrey

By KERRY SMITH  
Sports Writer

After two dominating exhibition outings led by forward Ryan Humphrey, the Irish are readjusting their game plan for tonight's season opener against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

With Humphrey sidelined for two games due to an infraction of an NCAA outside competition rule, head coach Mike Brey knows his team will not be able to rely on Humphrey's dominance down low.

"I think it's a great challenge," Brey said. "We don't have the inside scoring threat as much."

Replacing Humphrey in the starting lineup will be Jere Macura.

"I'm a little concerned about our numbers for Friday and Monday especially as far as our front line goes," Brey said.

Freshman Jordan Cornette will see some significant playing time in the senior tri-captain's absence.

"Jordan Cornette will come in and get some major minutes as a young guy," Brey said. "I think Jordan's condition is pretty good. I don't think he could play 35 minutes, but I think he could play 18-20 minutes for us tomorrow night. He could physically take that."

But Brey has confidence that his outside shooters can make up for the lack of power down low.

"We'll have to get a little bit more out of our perimeter," he

said. "Certainly Matt [Carroll], David [Graves], Chris [Thomas] and Torrian [Jones] — which they have done in the exhibition — are going to have to score from the perimeter."

The Irish have played in two exhibitions to prepare for tonight's opener. And if their dominance in those two games are any indication, the Wildcats will be in for a long night. Third-year coach Phil Rowe's team finished last year's season with a 7-21 record and a ninth-place America East conference finish.

The Wildcats did retain their leading scorer in Austin Ganly (13.3 ppg) and their emotional leader, senior captain Chris Brown, but have yet to prove a program turnaround.

Playing at the Joyce Center could also be a daunting task for the Wildcats, as the game kicks off just after the Notre Dame football pep rally.

"About a year ago we started talking about this idea of playing after a pep rally. I was a little nervous and didn't know how it would take, but from what I understand, it's going to be a sellout, so I think its going to be an exciting way to kick off the season," Brey said.

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Irish senior David Graves dribbles downcourt during a recent exhibition game. Notre Dame opens the 2001-02 season tonight against New Hampshire.

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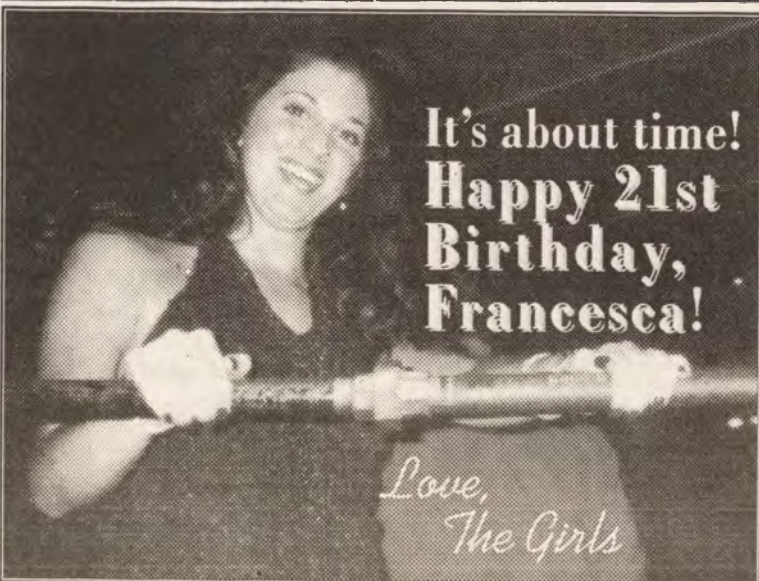
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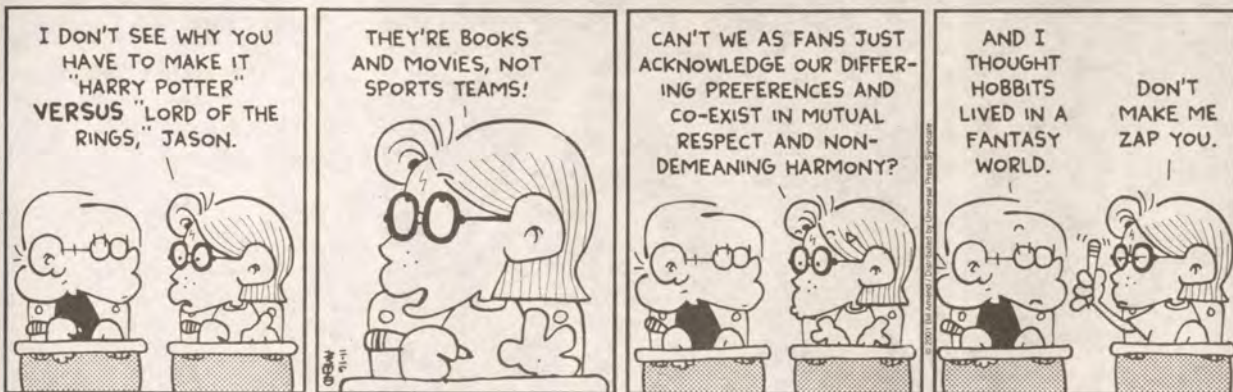
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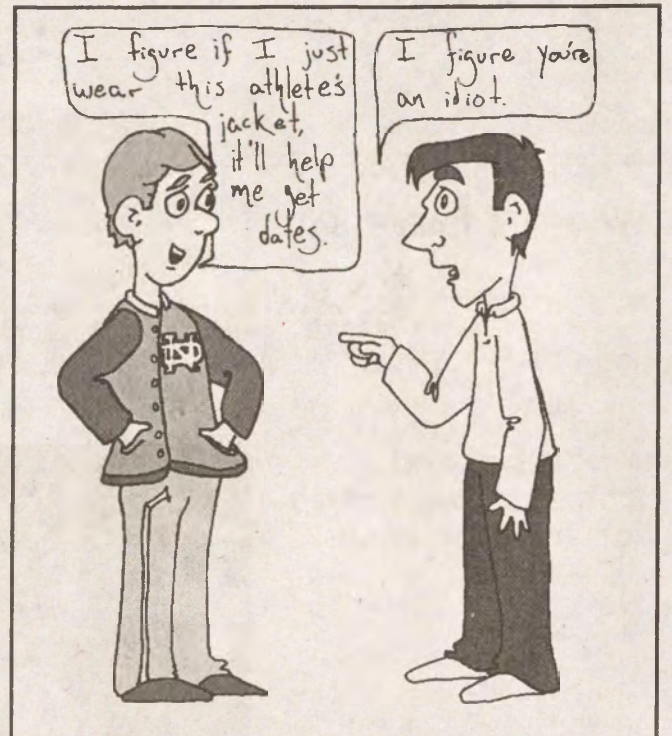
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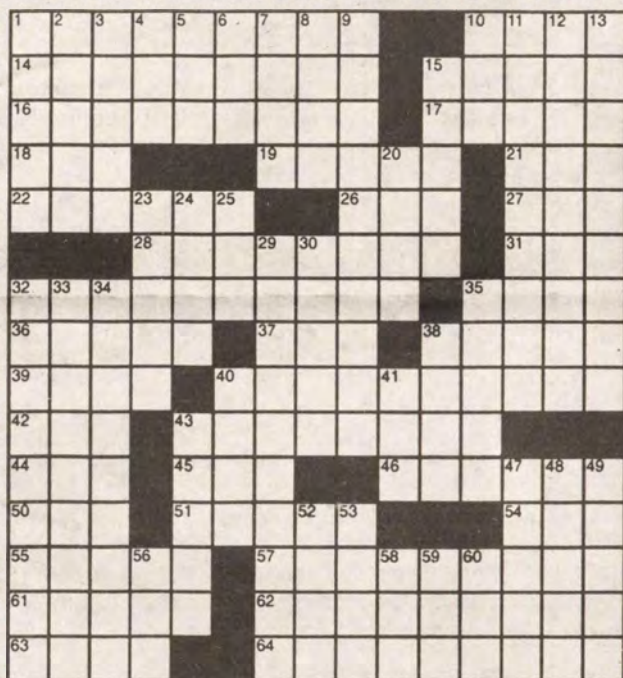
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Staying close to home

### ◆ South Bend's Batteast to start at forward for Irish

By NOAH AMSTADTER  
Sports Editor

Having lived his whole life in South Bend, Wayne Batteast naturally grew to become a Notre Dame fan. He attended football games during the fall at the nearby University and basketball games during the winter.

But Wayne and his wife Margaret never realized the special meaning Notre Dame would someday have for them. Their daughter Jacqueline Batteast should start Notre Dame's regular season home opener against Valparaiso on Sunday.

"To have my daughter actually out there playing is unreal," Wayne Batteast said. "I'm very proud of her and she's worked real hard to get there."

Jacqueline Batteast earned her fair share of honors and lofty expectations before ever taking the court in a Notre Dame uniform. After a senior season at South Bend's Washington High School in which she averaged 26 points and 16 rebounds per contest, Jacqueline Batteast was named to Parade Magazine's first-team girls All-America team.

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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast (left) drives to the hoop during a recent exhibition game. Batteast was named the Big East Preseason Rookie of the Year. Saint Mary's freshman forward Emily Creachbaum (right) takes a shot in a recent practice.



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### ◆ Marian star Emily Creachbaum brings Belles size, skill

By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

It's a situation where everybody wins. A basketball team gets a promising new star, a player finds the best of both worlds in her new college and her parents can still have the pleasure of her company at Sunday dinner.

When freshman forward Emily Creachbaum was deciding where she would spend the next four years of her life, she had a choice in front of her. After being scouted by the University of North Carolina Pembroke, a Division II program, DePauw and Saint Mary's, she had to draw the line somewhere.

"It was between DePauw and Saint Mary's and it just came down to choosing between the two," Creachbaum said.

From there, the decision was a simple one.

#### Staying close to home

Saint Mary's offered the Elkhart native everything she wanted — a basketball program with a future, a solid academic reputation, a quiet campus to study and a place close enough to home that she could drop by

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Irish host NCAA tourney game tonight

By JOE LICANDRO  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women soccer team's season can be divided into three phases: the regular season, the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament. So far the Irish have completed the first two phases in impressive fashion by winning both the Big East Mid-Atlantic Division regular season title and their seventh-straight Big East tournament title with a 2-1 victory against West Virginia last Sunday.

Now the Irish are preparing to enter the most critical phase of their season as they open up first round NCAA tournament action against Eastern Illinois on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. With an intense week of practice behind them, the Irish are excited to begin their

quest to return to the Final Four, and an opportunity to win the ultimate prize, the NCAA championship.

"I'm very excited for the NCAA tournament to begin," said Irish midfielder and senior captain Mia Sarkesian. "This is what we have been waiting for all season. This is why we put in all of those hard practices at the beginning of the summer for a chance to compete in the NCAA tournament at the end of the season."

The NCAA tournament is about responding to pressure. There is absolutely no margin for error. If a team loses, its season is over.

While the Irish struggled at the beginning of the season to develop team chemistry and at times played down to the level of their lesser opponents, they have always saved their best games this season for their toughest competition and

their best moments for the most crucial times.

The Irish have responded well to pressure all season winning four overtime contests during the regular season. The Irish's mid-season victory against No. 4 Nebraska coupled with their victories last week against Boston College and West Virginia are a testament to the Irish's ability to rise to the occasion.

"This season has been different from my past three years here," said Sarkesian. "We struggled early in the season this year, but we have been playing very well lately. I think we're peaking at the perfect time. We had our best week of practice all year. I think we're extremely focused and ready to play."

Preparing for the opening rounds of the NCAA tournament is difficult for any coaching staff because of the fear of the unknown. The Irish know very little

about Eastern Illinois. In fact, they shared zero common opponents all season.

While Coach Randy Waldrum and his staff have been diligently preparing a scouting report for their opening round opponent, Waldrum believes his team must be more concerned with executing their own game plan rather than stopping Eastern Illinois.

"We really don't know that much about them. They have a forward named Beth Lieson who scored 18 goals for them so our defense will be put to the test," said Waldrum. "Friday night, we'll try to stick with what we do best. I don't anticipate us changing our lineup of four defenders, three midfielders, and three forwards."

"Obviously in the playoffs, you have to do a few things differently to counter the

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## MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

# Championship clash features new teams

By PHIL KOESTERER  
Sports Writer

A new champion will be crowned Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium, and it may signal the dawn of a new era in men's inter-hall football.

This championship game will be the first in Siegfried's history, and Dillon hasn't been in the Stadium in recent memory.

The No. 2 Ramblers bring a fearsome offense that has outscored opponents 98-13 in the six games leading up to the championship. At the core of this unit are senior quarterback Rob Plumby and senior running back Travis Smith, who know they have to play their best game of the season to beat the top-seeded Big Red.

"We're going to have to be even more intense than we have been in past games," said Plumby. "They're so fired up when they come out. We have to match them."

Dillon senior captain and quarterback Tayt Odom acknowledges Siegfried's offensive strength.

"We expect them to be the best offense we've seen all year," said Odom. "We're definitely not expecting to just roll in there and win. We have to bring it up a level and do it better."

One aspect of the Rambler offensive that the Big Red defense may seek to exploit is the loss of senior full back Joe Gagliardi, who will be replaced by sopho-

more Mark Ryan.

"I have total confidence in Mark's abilities," said Plumby, lofty praise, considering that he called Gagliardi "one of the hardest hitting, toughest players on the team."

Nonetheless, it is Siegfried's seniors that lead the team.

"Our seniors have been playing football for a long time," said Plumby. "[Smith, Pete Aguiar, Eddy Vulin, and I] have experience in big games and [we] know what it takes to win."

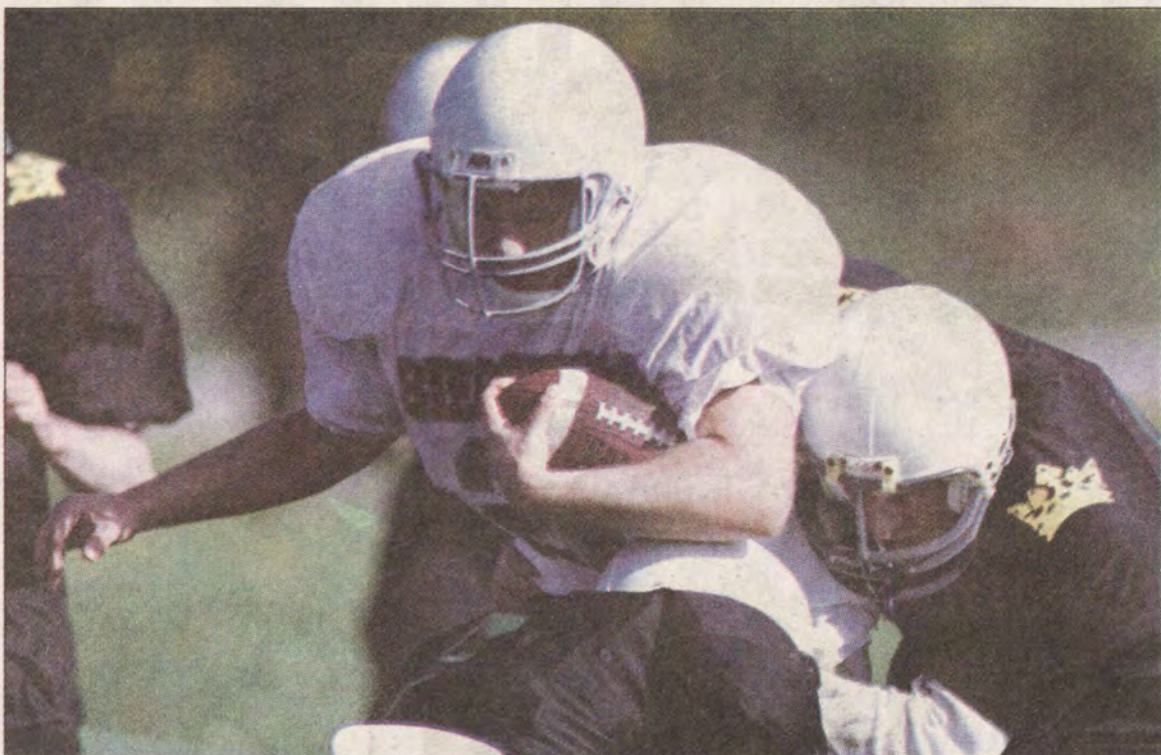
Despite both teams posting unbeaten records thus far, Dillon remains the team to beat. The dominant Big Red offense is led by Odom, who can both scramble and pass for touchdowns easily. His favorite targets include sophomore Rick Hasty, junior Brian Meyer and freshman Kevin McCarthy.

"He's [McCarthy] a freshman and he's one of the more valuable players on the team," said

Odom. "He plays both ways and he's a leading contributor on both sides of the ball."

Dillon has already given ample evidence that they can and will play like champions. Their defense held defending champion Keenan scoreless most of the game in a convincing 28-7 win earlier in the regular season.

"Our defense has been pretty consistent, but we haven't played an offense like Dillon's," said Siegfried co-captain Smith. "They have been dominant and I still consider them the team to beat."



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

**A Siegfried ball carrier rushes the ball during the regular season. When the Ramblers take on the Dillon Big Red Sunday it will mark the team's first championship game appearance.**

The Dillon's 8-0 win against Alumni last week is not representative of their actual offensive production, because the Big Red had two touchdowns called on penalties.

"I don't think our physical intensity caused the penalties [in that game]," said Odom. "We just weren't playing smart football."

Siegfried isn't fooled by the

apparent slow-down from Dillon's offense.

"We don't take those numbers as a lull," said Smith. "They are a machine."

With the final game looming Sunday, both teams are proud that they have finally made it to Notre Dame Stadium to play for the interhall championship.

"This has been our goal for four

years, and we are definitely excited about it," said Odom. "Not many people get to play in the Stadium; but you can't get too caught up in it."

Dillon and Siegfried face off at 12:30 p.m.

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# Title games nothing new for Dillon QB

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Writer

Playing a championship game inside a huge stadium with a perfect season on the line is nothing new for Dillon's senior quarterback Tayt Odom. In fact, he may even be getting used to it.

When No. 1 Dillon faces No. 2 Siegfried in the men's interhall football championship game on Sunday, Odom will be playing in his second championship game in four years. The first was the 1998 Indiana Class A state championship game played at the RCA Dome where Odom led Pioneer High School to a 49-21 victory against Knightstown High School to cap off a 15-0 season.

During his senior year of high school, Odom played in the Indiana Coaches Top 50 All-Star game, earned All-State quarterback honors and finished third in the voting for Indiana's Mr. Football as well.

The similarities between Odom's high school team and Dillon's team this year are astonishing.

"My freshman and sophomore year in high school and here, we were no good," said Odom. "Junior year in high school, we turned it around little bit and lost in sectionals and then senior year we went 15-0."

"Here, last year we went undefeated throughout the season, got the No. 1 seed and then got beat in the semifinals. This year we're not quite [champions] yet, but we hope we can get to where we want to be."

Perhaps the reason Dillon has won, much like Pioneer high school did, is because Odom implemented the same offense, the wing-T, into Dillon's game plan before his junior year. Using the wing-T set, Odom piloted a Pioneer offense that averaged more than 300 yards rushing and 48 points per game.

The wing-T offense, similar to Navy's offensive attack, uses formations with three running backs and an option quarterback and runs counters and triple options.

"After our sophomore year, we basically decided we wanted to run the wing-T and that decision kind of put me in charge," said Odom. "A couple of guys had run a few wing-T plays in high schools, but in my high school we were hardcore Delaware Wing-T. We were running it by the book and what it says was the Bible and that's what we follow."

So Odom went home, talked to his old high school coaches, got his old high school play book and made copies for his Dillon teammates. Knowing that a whole new offense would take time to learn, Dillon began practicing last spring.

"The reason [for practicing in the spring] was basically because we knew it was going to take a lot of time and practice and it was going to be significantly different from what most people were used to doing from their high school," said Odom.

Odom believes that Dillon's running backs and offensive line have adjusted well to the new offensive scheme.

"In high school we had four guys [in the backfield] that could run the ball," said Odom. "I think we have kind of the same thing this year. Our line in high school and in this league was smaller and quicker also, and that's what we want."

Now the Odom-directed Dillon offense uses the wing-T set to confuse and deceive opponents the same way Odom's high school team did on their way to the state title four years ago. This year, Odom hopes a championship happens again. And while Odom runs the offense, he knows the whole team has helped Dillon reach the title game.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

**The Big Red's Tayt Odom hopes to lead his No. 1-seeded Dillon team to its first interhall championship win in recent memory.**

"Our team went to the state championship," said Odom. "Our team is going to the Stadium here. It's not because I'm out there playing. I've just been fortunate to be part of two good teams."

While Odom may stay humble, his teammates know just how important he is to the team.

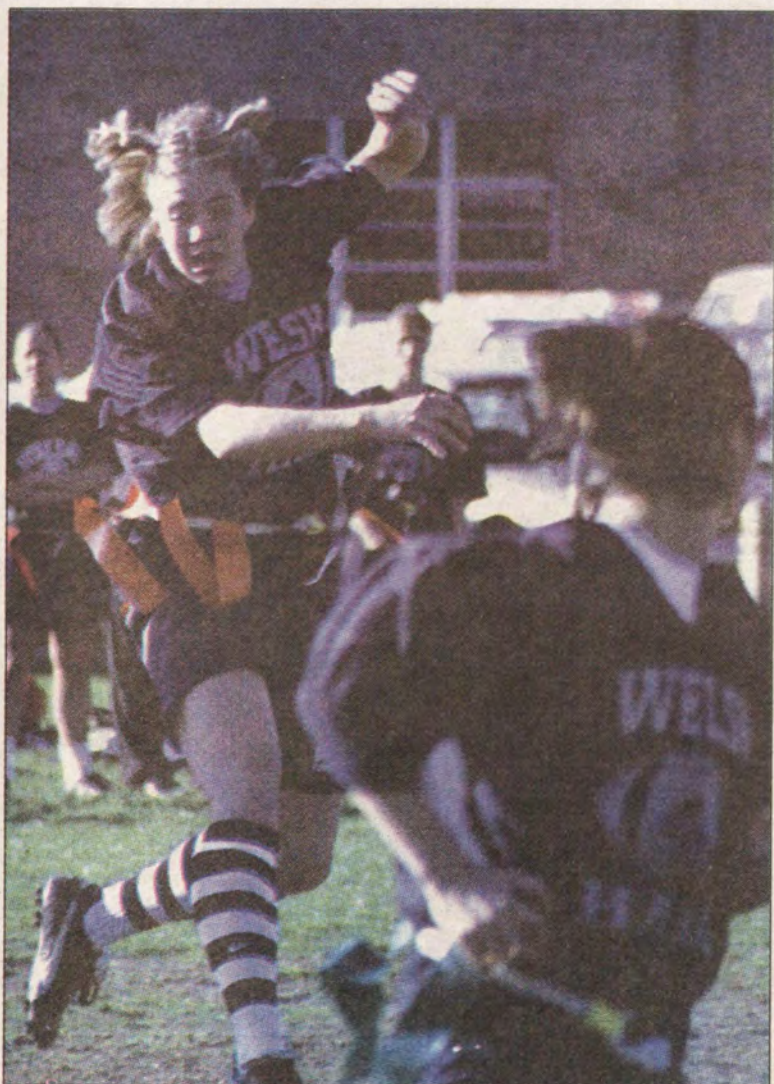
"He calls all the shots and we all look to him to make the big plays and he comes through," said Dillon sophomore tight end Rick Hasty. "He's big on offense and defense and he's the focal point of our team."

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## Lewis, Welsh have different approaches



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

A member of the No. 1-seeded Whirlwinds carries the ball in an outing last season. This is Welsh's third straight championship bid.

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

Nobody enjoys it. Musicians, athletes and actors all would prefer to skip it. That's right, the dreaded "p" word.

Practice.

This year's women's interhall football championship game features No. 1 Welsh and No. 2 Lewis. These two teams exhibit unique practice styles that are fit for each squad. While each team has taken different approaches on the practice field, they've both arrived at their ultimate destination — Notre Dame Stadium.

With the Whirlwinds making their third consecutive appearance in the championship game, one would think the practice routine has not changed much. However, according to junior captain Vanessa Lichon, this year's practices are actually a little easier than previous years.

"In the past, I think they were more intense," she said. "It all depends on the given day, if the coaches are in a good mood, then they are easier on us. If they are in a bad mood, we may be running a few more drills that usual."

The Whirlwinds hold two practices a week and also arrive at their game an hour early. They spend about six

hours on the practice field every week.

After some routine stretching, the coaches run various running drills to get the team loose. Then, Welsh breaks off into their offensive and defensive units.

"After the basic stuff, we break into the separate units and work on what we've [coaches] planned on for that day's practice," said Welsh coach Joe Blaney.

The units rejoin and start practicing plays against each other. Blaney and the other coaches work on what they feel will work the best against that week's opponent.

"We end our practices with a scrimmage," said Blaney. "Sometimes the coaches call the plays, but other times we let the girls do it themselves."

The Whirlwinds don't take it easy on each other in the scrimmages.

"We go all out in the scrimmages," said Lichon. "The offense is trying to beat the defense and the defense is trying to beat the offense."

But while Welsh has a much more regimented, intense practice schedule, Lewis adopts a much more laid back approach.

Attitude at the Chicks' practices is pretty loose. The players and coaches have established a relationship by being together for the past four seasons.

"We are all good friends and realize it is for fun," said Lewis coach Blake Kirkman. "We [the coaches] are not on a power trip. We are influenced by what the players want to do and it's worked."

Lewis captain Caitlin Murray believes that the makeup of the practices and team stems from the core of 14 seniors.

"We have been friends since freshman year," she said. "The relationship between the players and coaches really determines the character of the practices."

But it has also helped that several team members have returned from study abroad programs. As a result, the Lewis Chicks are playing in the championship game for the first time in five years.

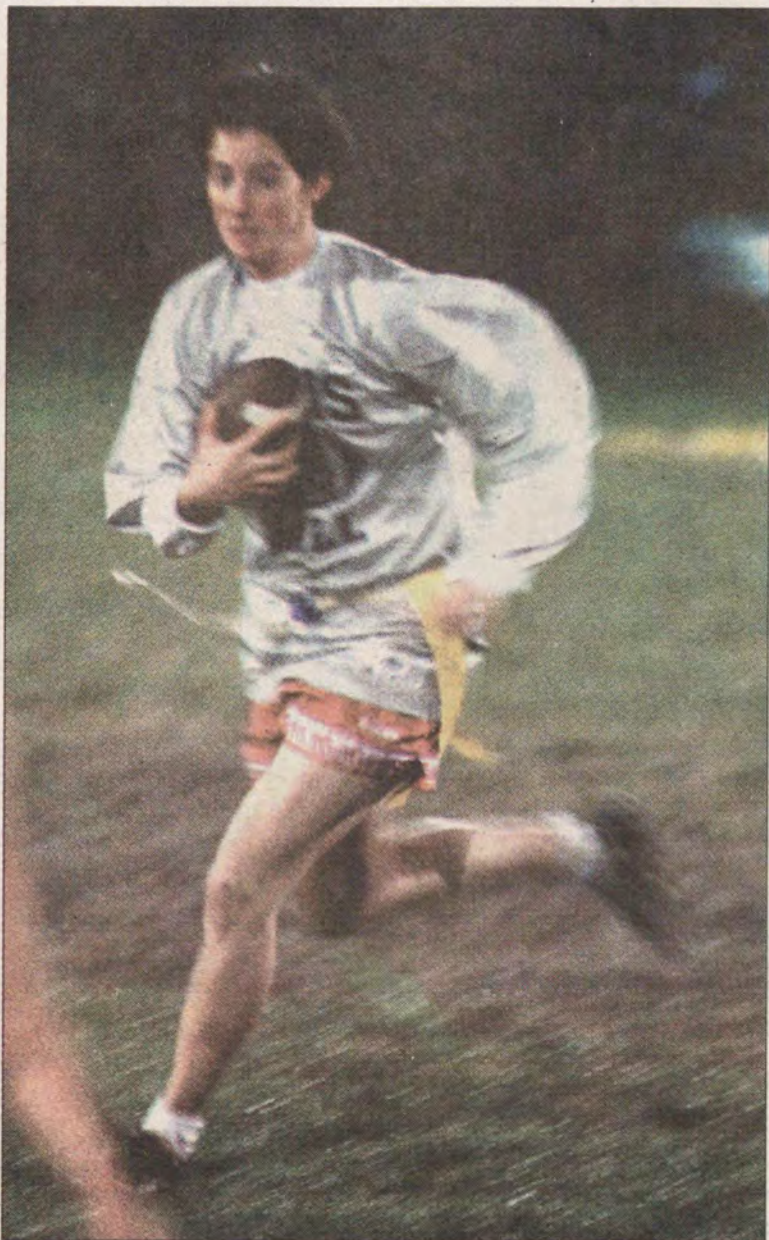
In the past, the two systems have yielded a variety of results with Welsh winning two straight titles and Lewis enjoying successes and failures. This year, however, both systems achieved their desired results.

"They know what a good season is like," said Kirkman. "They know what a bad season is like. This year, the system perfected itself."

Welsh takes on Lewis at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

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## Schlosser follows in sister's footsteps



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior Katie Schlosser carries the ball in an outing last season. This year, she hopes to lead her team to a title.

By DAVE COOK  
Sports Writer

Katie Schlosser put it simply: "I always follow in my sister's footsteps."

Whether it was playing sports, choosing a college, or studying abroad, Meg Schlosser has always been the strongest example for her younger sister, Katie.

Five years ago, Meg played for Lewis in the interhall football championship game. Katie, only a senior in high school at the time, came to see her sister play. In fact, watching her sister play in that game ended up being part of the reason Katie came to Notre Dame.

"I was surprised at the enthusiasm this school had for interhall sports," Katie said. "There were chicken feet all over the sidewalks, and a pep rally for the game. Surprisingly, it really made me want to come to Notre Dame."

Katie had been recruited to Boston College for field hockey, but she changed her mind after watching Meg play interhall football.

"I saw Meg was having a lot of fun," she said. "I realized I didn't want to dedicate myself to one sport."

The following year, Katie came to Notre Dame, and ironically enough, she was randomly placed in Lewis Hall with her sister. Meg and Katie had the opportunity to play interhall football and soccer on the same team.

"We played on the same teams in high school," said Katie. "It was weird how it carried over into college."

On the interhall football team, Katie became a wide receiver — the same position Meg played. And like most siblings, Katie and Meg had their own little rivalry on the field battling for playing time.

"We had our own rivalry, although I was starting to overtake her," Katie laughed. "She still thinks it's funny."

When Meg was a senior, she played on the football team with eleven other seniors and a senior coaching staff — a tight-knit group of friends that have been with Lewis football for four years. That same year, with twelve freshmen — including Katie — the seniors recruited a group of freshman coaches to maintain the strong team chemistry.

"My sister and her friends lived in College Park [when she was a senior]. We idolized them," Katie said. "Now my friends and I are living in College Park. It's come full circle."

Katie and the rest of that freshman class have succeeded in carrying on that spirit started by Meg's class. All 12 freshmen who started playing three years ago are still on the team, working under a staff that had coached with them all the way.

"Our class and my sister's class are really remarkable," said Katie. "There's some-

thing special about these classes."

When Meg left, Katie started taking on leadership roles of her own. Whether it was giving motivational speeches or just showing up to practice every day, Katie's presence is felt by the whole team.

"Last Sunday Katie ran the Chicago marathon. That same night she drives back to Notre Dame and shows up for practice," said Lewis head coach Blake Kirkman. "She had to be driven to the field so that she wouldn't have to walk the whole way. She didn't practice, but she was still half ready to play."

"She gives a lot of motivational speeches," said teammate Kara Helmig. "She's very energized."

When Katie's team takes the field on Sunday, they will be carrying with them the spirit Meg's team brought into the championship game.

"A lot of the traditions carry over," said Katie. "We rip up a big yellow sheet and wear the pieces around our heads. And we have a giant chicken head we are bringing back from five years ago."

Meg and her friends were the ones that made that chicken head and brought it into the Stadium five years ago while Katie watched from the stands. Now it's time for Katie and her friends bring it into Notre Dame Stadium.

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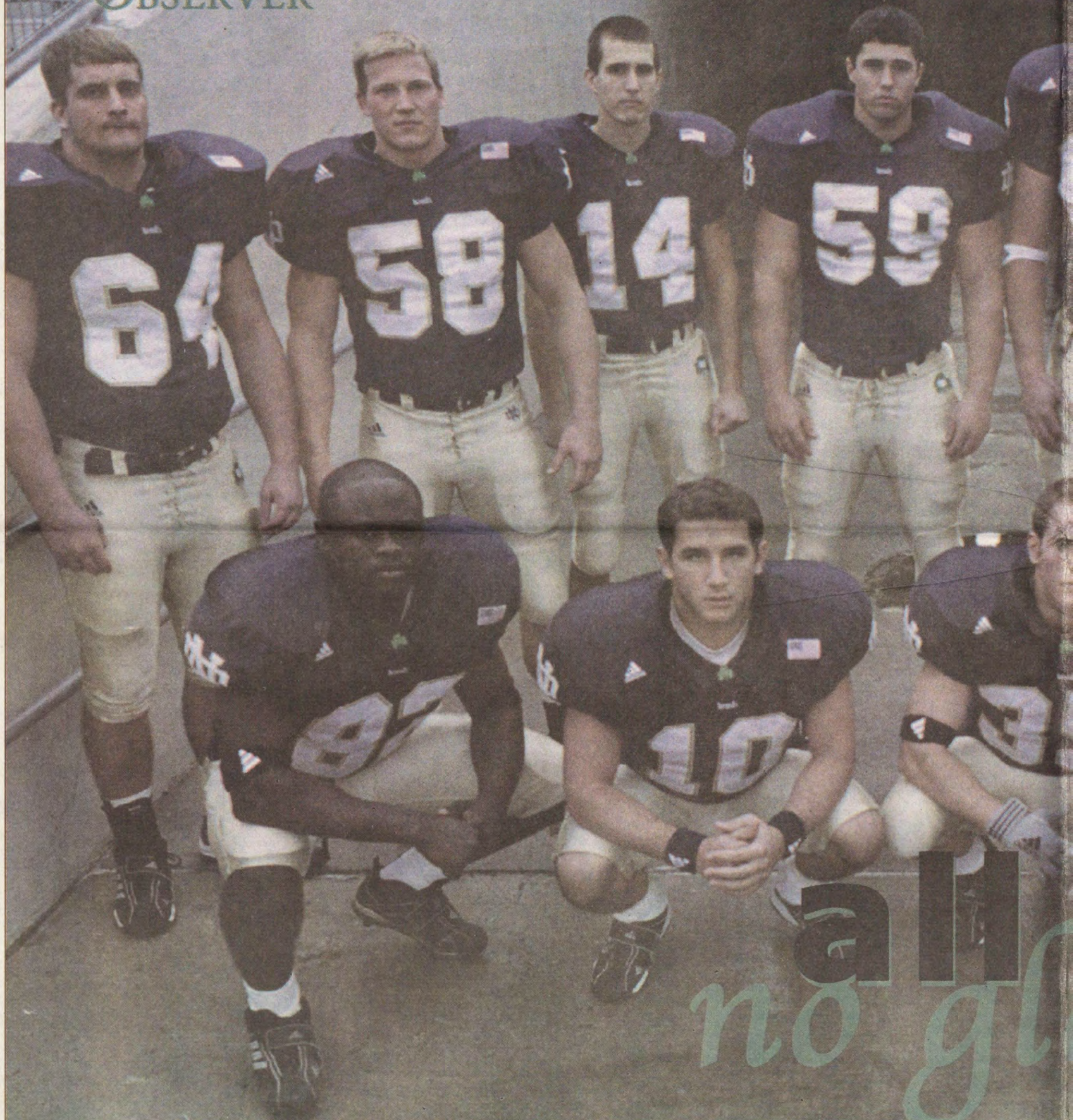
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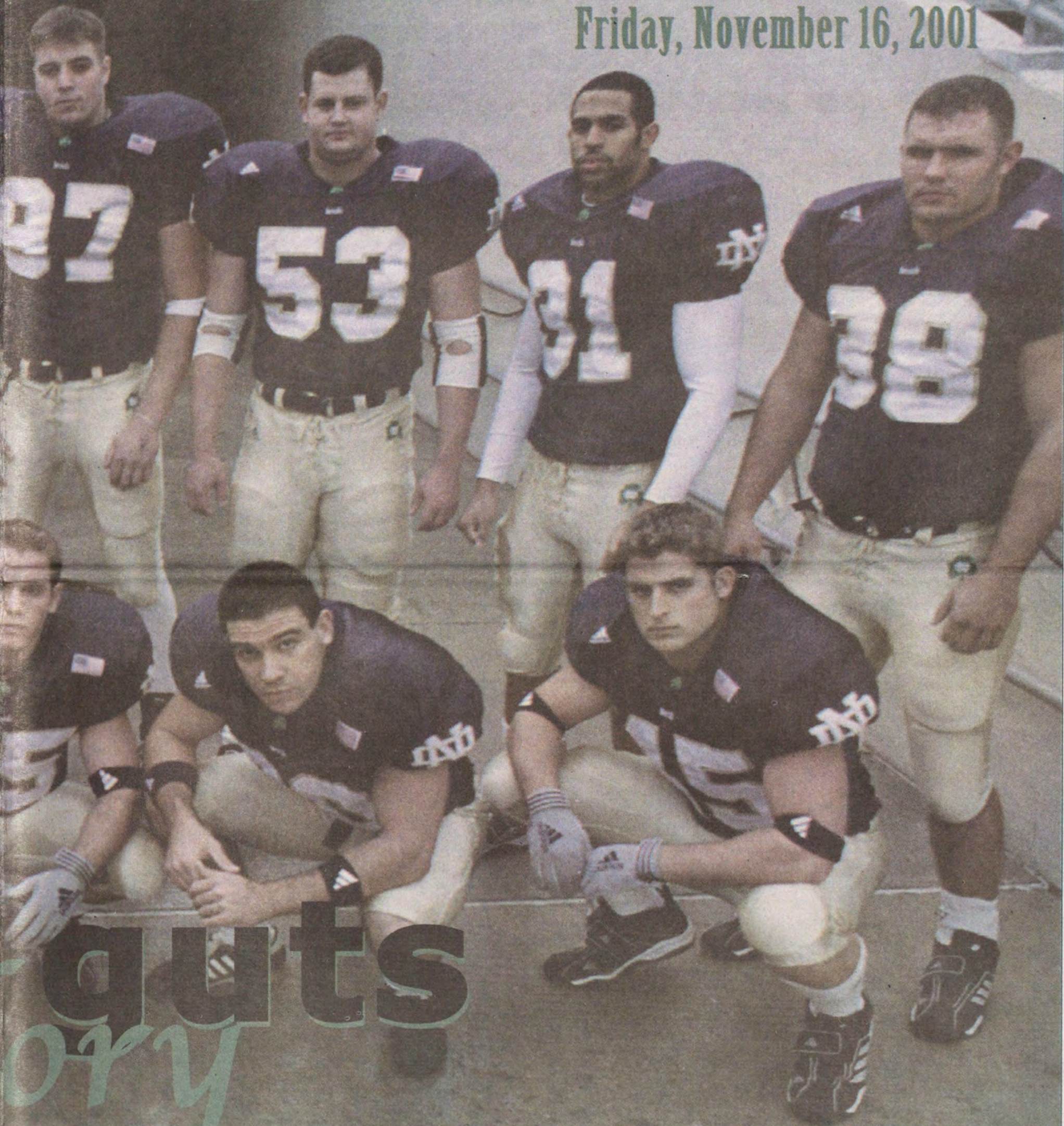
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# Walk-ons play football for the sake of playing

A couple days ago at practice, Bob Davie looked toward the guys playing opposite the first string.

The scout team. The walk-ons. The guys who never play in a game. The guys who get the snot kicked out of them in practice day in and day out. The guys who spend four

years of their life toiling on the football field, getting run over by the freight train known as the first string offense or getting smacked around by the defensive line and all they have to show for it is a lot of bruises.

"I was thinking to myself, 'You guys realize what's coming right now? You have probably 150, maybe 200 straight wishbone plays full speed. We're not tackling, but you're getting bounced around,'" Davie said.

Basically, Davie thought they were crazy.

And he's right. They are.

Why would you want to spend four hours a day learning the opponents' plays? And just when you think you have it down, another week rolls around and you get to

learn about another opponent. And another. And another. And all the time you're getting beaten to a pulp because there aren't any backups.

The only possible reward you have is that you might have a chance to dress for a home game. Then, after hell freezes over, you just might be able to actually play a couple plays on the field in garbage time.

Why do they do it? Because football is in their blood, plain and simple.

They're not in it for glory. They're not in it for fame. They're not in it for prestige.

They want to play football for Notre Dame.

"It's a hard thing to sacrifice and not be selfish," said Chad DeBolt, a walk-on who earned playing time in special teams. "Those guys exemplify college sports."

Day after day, practice after practice, they learn the other team's plays, look at cards telling them where to stand and get beaten up.

And they don't care a bit. In fact, they love it.

They'll laugh it off when they say they have to go to football practice and you think they're talking about interhall football. They'll smile and nod when you chant "Rudy, Rudy" after you hear they're a walk-on.

They'll never brag that they're on the team, they'll leave that up to their friends.

Instead, guys like Ryan Krueger and Mike Klockner

will go out to the practice field and warm up the same way as Carlyle Holiday and Anthony Weaver. If you ask them what it is like to be a walk-on and look at them with an awe-struck look, they'll say they're just regular members of the team.

"I give them a hell of a lot of credit," said Rocky Boiman. "They aren't getting school-paid but they come out here and do the same things we do. I really have a tremendous amount of respect for them."

Don't try to compare Rudy to any other walk-on. The film Rudy made the remarkable story of Daniel Ruttiger public in households across the nation and gave the walk-on tradition at Notre Dame legendary status. While Ruttiger's story is remarkable, each member of the current crop of walk-ons each has his own story that's just as compelling as Ruttiger's.

There's Bernard Akatu, a Nigerian native who lived in South Bend for two years when he was seven and fell in love with Notre Dame.

There's Chad DeBolt, whose best sport isn't even football — he's a standout lacrosse player and led the Irish to a Final Four berth last season. There's Jeff Campbell, who transferred from Holy Cross and balances football and Air Force ROTC. There's Eric Nelson, who got smacked upside the head with a baseball bat and suffered brain

damage weeks before coming to Notre Dame.

Don't try telling them they won't get in a game, either. If you tried telling Matt Sarb when he walked onto the team as a freshman that he was wasting his time and he wouldn't play, he would either laugh in your face or shrug his shoulders. Before you turned around, he'd be determined to prove you wrong. Now, four years later, the guys he's plowing over on kickoffs probably don't even know he's a walk-on.

It's gritty, determined mindsets like Sarb's that help the walk-ons earn the undying respect of both coaches and scholarship players.

"I have tremendous respect for them," said Davie. "Those guys are unbelievable."

"I always try to give props to the scout team," said Tyreo Harrison. "It takes a lot to come out and do what they do. They have the same academic load and they are volunteering to come out here and work so hard with no chance of getting a scholarship — and they do it anyway."

Call them crazy. Give them strange looks. Wonder why they like getting leveled day after day. They don't care.

They love playing football. They are playing football. And nothing else matters.

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## game hype



**Bob Davie**  
Irish head coach

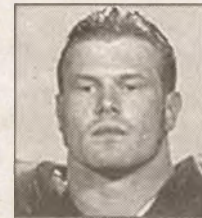
*"It's a hard thing to sacrifice and not be selfish. Those guys exemplify college sports."*

*"I have tremendous respect for [the walk-ons]. Those guys are unbelievable."*



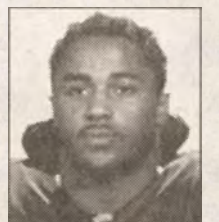
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Irish linebacker

*"I give them a hell of a lot of credit. I have tremendous respect for them."*



**Rocky Boiman**  
Irish linebacker

*"I always try to give props to the scout team. It takes a lot to come out and do what they do."*



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## Let's Go Irish



MATT SARB

# The power of three words

*Sarb followed family legacy and earned starting spot on kickoff coverage team*

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Associate Sports Editor

Three words transformed a dream into a reality. Three words silenced doubters and caused jubilant family celebrations.

Three words proved Matt Sarb right.

While 10 players on Notre Dame's kickoff coverage prepared to take the field just seconds after Julius Jones had returned a kickoff for a touchdown, Courtney Watson was surrounded by trainers on the sideline. Sarb, Watson's backup, stood by anxiously, wondering if Watson would be able to go on the field. He couldn't.

As soon as the trainers told him Watson was winded and would sit out, Sarb raced over to former Notre Dame secondary and special teams coach Jerry Rosberg with the news. Rosberg turned to Sarb and uttered three short words.

"You got it." Sarb raced onto the field. All he had wanted was one play. All he had wanted was one opportunity. All he wanted was one chance.

He got it. "I was trying to block it all out and focus on what I had to do," he said. "I had to hit the wedge. Because I was on the kickoff team I wanted to make sure I knew what I had to do, so all week I watched kickoff film. I knew my job was to hit the wedge."

Sarb didn't just hit the wedge of Nebraska defenders. He leveled it. After the Irish took a timeout because they only had ten men on the field, Setta boomed a giant kick deep in Nebraska territory. Sarb was the first Irish player down the field, and crushed not one, but two Nebraska blockers.

He hasn't left the field since.

## History

There are so many connections between Sarb and Notre Dame it's almost ridiculous.

His great-great-grandfather helped build the Main Building in the 1870s. His great grandparents lived next door to legendary coach Knute Rockne and when Rockne converted to Catholicism, they were his sponsors. His great uncle and aunt purchased the home Rockne built and his great uncle still lives in the home.

In all, Sarb's grandfather, father, six uncles, two brothers, a sister and six or seven cousins — even he can't remember how many — have graduated from Notre Dame. Two of his cousins are presently enrolled, and his younger sister hopes to attend Notre Dame.

Sarb said he never was expected to come to Notre Dame. But he never really

looked anywhere else.

"It wasn't that it was expected, but it's a general consensus among most of my cousins that we all want to come here," he said. "We all have just grown up watching it, loving it, and wanting to be a part of it. My dad forced me to apply to other schools. I applied to three knowing this was my only choice."

But Sarb didn't just want to attend Notre Dame for academic reasons. As long as he can remember, Sarb wanted to play football for the Irish — something he got from his father, Pat, who played cornerback for the Irish and was one of the players who gave up their jerseys so Rudy and three other seniors could dress for the 1975 season finale.

"I lived my whole life trying to imitate what my dad has done," Sarb said. "He's been my biggest role model, and football was one more thing to becoming closer to him."

## Rudy

He doesn't like having his football career compared to Rudy. Notre Dame's most famous walk-on. He'd rather prove he's got his own story.

"It's good that they know what we go through, but at the same time, it's hard to be compared to someone else constantly," Sarb said. "Instead of replicating what someone else did, you want to be yourself and be your own person."

But while Sarb has established a new standard for Notre Dame walk-ons — going far beyond anything Rudy ever accomplished, there are too many parallels between Rudy's story and Sarb's story to ignore.

"Everybody thought I wasn't going to make it," he said in Rudy-esque fashion. "Nobody believed it. It's a lofty goal, it is hard to obtain, but I think I'm able to persist and achieve it."

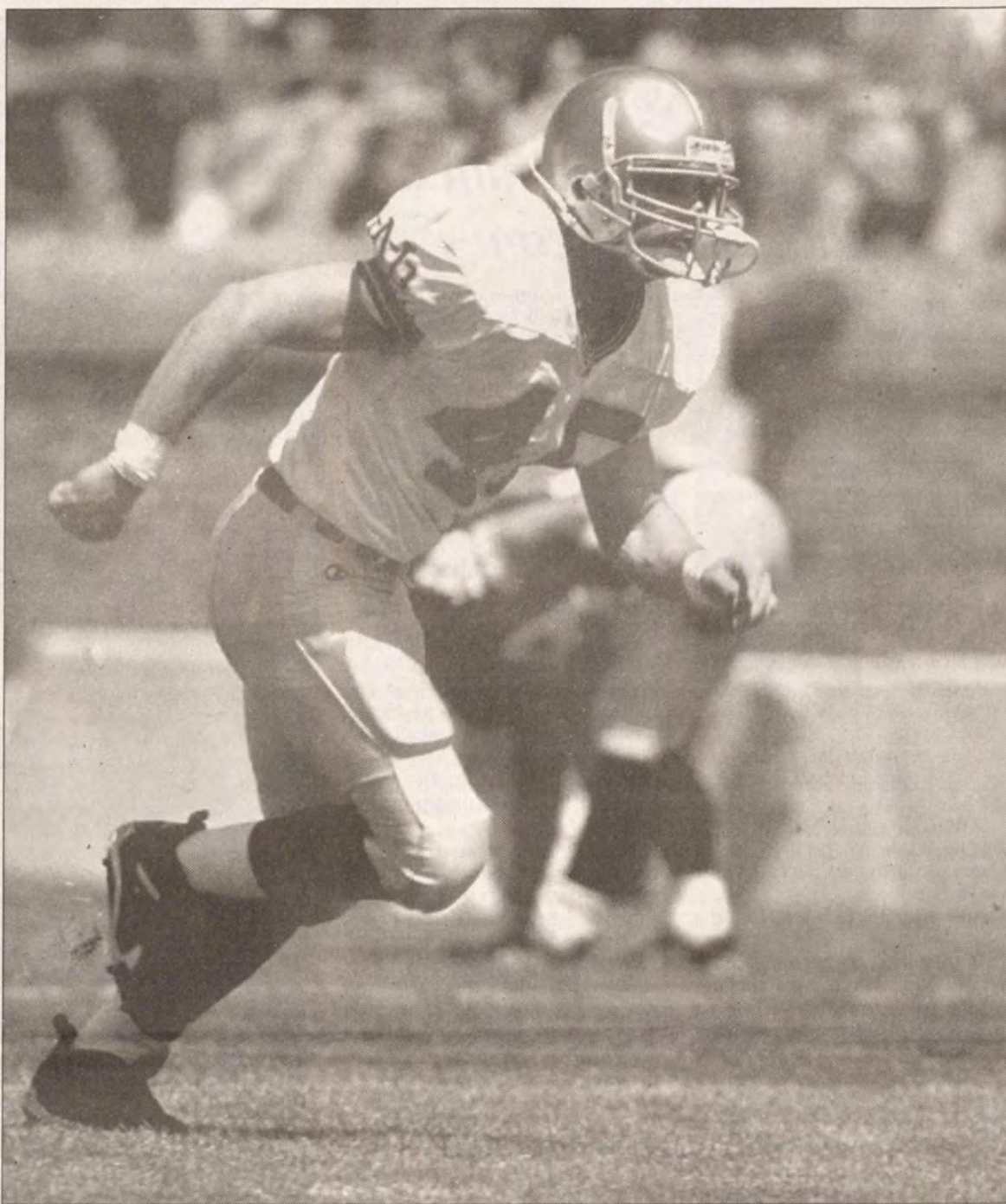
Like Rudy, none of Sarb's friends really thought he could play football at Notre Dame. Like Rudy, Sarb wouldn't take no for an answer. Like Rudy, Sarb wears No. 45. And like Rudy, Sarb's first play was on a coverage unit.

He certainly faced plenty of adversity. In high school, he broke his leg and doctors told him his football days were over.

"The doctors told me the break was so bad, I couldn't play," he said. "I didn't have a chance. But even before I said anything, my mom told them, 'There's no way that's going to keep him down. He's going to play at Notre Dame.'"

## Walking-on

Sarb arrived at Notre Dame with every intention of playing football. While most of his classmates spent freshman orientation meeting new people, he was out at football practice talking with coaches and seeing if he could walk on to the football team. He showed them a tape of his high school games. In Sarb's mind, there wasn't really any doubt he would make the team.



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Senior Matt Sarb races down the field during the Blue-Gold game last spring. Sarb is the latest in a long line of family members who have had connections to Notre Dame.

But when he was called into former Notre Dame coach Bob Chmiel's office, he was still shocked by the good news.

"I went to coach's office and he said, 'I need you to fill out some papers before you're on the team.' The reality just all hit at once," he said. "I was trying to sign my name, and my hand was shaking. Right after that, I went and talked to my cousin and called my parents and I was still all jittery. I went to the dining hall and took a different backpack out — a completely different color."

Although Sarb made the team, he had a long way to go before he made it onto the field. He was kicked out of his first practice because he didn't have the right papers filled out. When he reported with the scout team defense, he walked over to the scholarship defense backs unit instead of going with the rest of the walk-ons to the scholarship receivers.

"When you're the new guy, the coaches don't trust you," Sarb said. "You try to get in a drill, and they kick you out and put an older guy in. I talked to one of the guys, and he said go out there and keep getting kicked out and letting the coaches know you want to be a part of this."

Sarb did just that. And when it didn't look like he'd be able to move up to the scholarship defense, his father suggested a switch to special teams. It ended up being the perfect advice.

"I made it a point to beat the scholarship players down the field," he said. "I asked Coach Rosberg to look at some film and hoped I could make in on the scholarship squad. I made third team, and by persistence and hard work I made it up to first team."

## Making an impact

Sarb's hard work paid off tremendously. Not only did he earn a spot on the starting kickoff return unit, he also distinguished himself as an emotional leader.

"Matt is a great guy," said Notre Dame graduate assistant John DeFilippo, who works with the scout team defense. "He is a leader back there. The kids really look up to Sarb because not only is he a leader on the scout team but he also gets playing time on Saturday."

"He's a guy that gets everyone fired up about it," said Rocky Boiman. "On the sidelines, right before the kickoff team goes out, here's jumping around getting everyone excited."

After the Nebraska game, Sarb never gave up his spot on the field. He started on special teams the rest of the year. His only job was to run down the field and hit the wedge as hard as he could.

"That's what I had to do," he said. "I was on a kamikaze mission every time you get on the kickoff."

"He had an opportunity a year ago and took advantage of it,"

Sheridan said. "He made an impression, and hasn't relinquished the spot yet."

Last year, Rosberg called the first player down the field on a kickoff the tip of the spear. Because Sarb was consistently the first player to hit an opponent, Rosberg started calling him "Tip of the Spear" — a nickname people still call Sarb today. And while Sarb's role on the kickoff team this year is to beat the kickoff protection downfield, he still fondly looks back on the days when he could simply level other people.

"I'm not hitting the wedge as much, which is fine with me," he said. "My goal is to beat the front five guys down the field. I still kind of miss it, I liked doing it."

It's been a long road for Sarb. But he's always known what he's wanted to do. From the minute he first set foot on the campus in 1992, he knew he was going to attend Notre Dame. From the minute he broke his leg, he knew he was going to get healthy so he could play football at Notre Dame. From the minute he put a shaking hand to a piece of paper, he knew he was going to step onto the football field in front of 80,000 fans.

It didn't matter how long it took.

All he knew was that he would make it.

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TIMMY O'NEILL

# Message from the heart

*Inspired by letter from Tim Brown, O'Neill's hard work ethic earned him a place on the team*

By KERRY SMITH  
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When 14-year old Jonathan Heart needed inspiration, he turned to someone he had never met.

Looking for guidance, he sent a letter to senior walk-on Timmy O'Neill, writing about the death of his grandmother, his recent frustrations and desire to quit football. He asked for advice.



O'Neill

When Timmy O'Neill received the letter, he responded to the teenager, offering support and encouragement.

And with that, Heart found a new friend.

"I told him about my experiences, what I had gone through and how football had been a positive influence in my life," Timmy O'Neill said.

After receiving the letter, Heart and his father traveled to Notre Dame to meet Timmy O'Neill and the rest of the team.

The experience proved to be just as rewarding for Timmy O'Neill as it was for Heart — it brought back memories for the senior from more than a decade before when he found himself looking for inspiration.

As a seven-year old coming from a family rich in Notre Dame tradition, Timmy O'Neill was hooked on Notre Dame football. Three generations of family members before him had attended Notre Dame. His great-grandfather served Mass for Father Sorin and his grandfather graduated with and knew the Four Horsemen. One of those football legends, Don Miller, often visited his grandfather and once played golf with his father.

So it came as no surprise that Timmy O'Neill also wanted to be a part of that Irish tradition. His father took him to his first game at Notre Dame Stadium where he saw the Irish battle Michigan State and watched wide receiver Tim Brown return two kickoffs for touchdowns.

"He was jumping out of his skin," said his father Mike O'Neill. "We had tickets to see the Pope in Detroit. And I gave them away to take him to the game. I figured the game would be more of a religious experience for him."

When he returned home, Timmy O'Neill sat down and fired off a letter to his new role model.

It read, errors and all: "Dear Timmy Brown, Yesterday my Daddy took me to the Notre Dame Michigan State game. I saw you run back too touchdowns. I'm seven years old and I like football and I think you are grate. I would be so happy if you could sign your name on this paper and send it back to me to

show my friends. Your friend, Timmy O'Neill."

He received a reply six months later and was ecstatic.

"I was happy to get [Heart's] letter because it reminded me of when I wrote that letter to Tim Brown and it showed how things had come full circle for me," Timmy O'Neill said.

Timmy O'Neill's full-circle journey from admirer to inspirer has been one defined by hard work, determination and a positive attitude.

The third son in his immediate family to walk-on to an NCAA Division I football team and the second one to do so at Notre Dame, Timmy O'Neill excelled as a football standout at Athens High School in Troy, Mich. with one goal in mind: suit up for the Irish.

After being accepted to Notre Dame, he wasted no time in making that dream a reality.

"Once I found out that I was in, I turned all my efforts to getting on the team. The day I was accepted I called the recruiting coach," Timmy O'Neill said. "I sent in a highlight tape. I put everything I could think of into the tape — even news clippings. I sent it in on a Monday and on Thursday Coach [Bob] Chmiel called me and said they wanted me to walk on. And so I said, 'You want me to come and try out?' And he said 'No, we want you to come here, get your physical, and join the team.'"

Timmy O'Neill's accomplishments in high school put him on the fast track to a spot on the Irish roster as a tailback. As a two-year starter, he logged more than 2,000 yards rushing and receiving and as a senior earned the titles of team captain and most valuable player. He became one of only three freshmen selected to walk-on, bypassing the spring try-out process.

"I had no idea how the process worked. I didn't know that wasn't typical," Timmy O'Neill said.

Once on the team, Timmy O'Neill quickly earned the respect of his coaches and teammates with his love for football and his work ethic — but not until he started practicing.

Timmy O'Neill and fellow walk-on Matt Sarb started the day like all the other players. They completed their physicals, they put on their pads and hustled out to the field, eager to begin. But, the coaches had other ideas.

"We see that the head manager gets a phone call and says: 'Tim O'Neill? Matt Sarb?' And then he finds out who we are and then says, 'You two guys have to go back and fill out paperwork,'" Timmy O'Neill said. "So we go inside and Coach Chmiel started yelling at us that we could have gotten everyone in trouble and stuff, and told us we couldn't practice until the next day. So we went back into the locker room with our pads on and just started hitting each other. We were so excited."



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Senior tailback Timmy O'Neill lines up at tailback during the 2001 Blue-Gold game. O'Neill has played in two games, carrying the ball twice for four yards.

That excitement has pushed Timmy O'Neill to excel. At 5-foot-5 and 175 pounds, the senior is not a typical college football player.

"It just shows the great thing about football and football players," Irish defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "Players come in all shapes and sizes. If you work hard and you have heart and you want to help a team then you can make it."

As a tailback who works with the scout team, O'Neill has done his job well.

"Timmy's been unbelievable," graduate assistant Dennis Moynihan said. "No matter how many good tailbacks come in here, Timmy's always still played scout team tailback for us. He's always there."

The coaches aren't the only ones who notice the senior's drive.

"He's a hard worker," starting fullback Tommy Lopienski said. "He just gives a full effort every single day — 100 percent. We see that even though he doesn't say too much about it. I'm really impressed by him."

"I think you earn respect by your work ethic," Timmy O'Neill said. "You work hard and your teammates look at you as a foot-

ball player and not necessarily a walk on or a scholarship player."

The respect he has earned as a four-year walk-on has produced some memorable moments. He has seen playing time in two games — Arizona State during his sophomore season and Navy last year — and traveled to a handful of away games.

"I was on the sideline [during the ASU game] and I heard Coach Davie say, 'Where's Tiny Tim?' So at that point I knew I was going in," he said. "I just kept thinking it was just like practice. I was excited, but I wasn't nervous."

He carried the ball twice for four yards.

"I was so happy for him," O'Neill's four-year roommate Matt Murphy said. "Our section went crazy. We knew how hard he had worked for it. It was great."

Davie also asked Timmy O'Neill to speak at last season's Stanford pep rally.

"It caught me by surprise," he said. "It is probably one of my most memorable moments — to get up in front of everyone and speak about what Notre Dame means to me and what my team-

mates mean to me."

And by voting him on to the team's leadership council this season, Timmy O'Neill's teammates have shown he means a lot to them too. Each season, the Irish players vote a handful of players to the group, which serves as a liaison between players and the head coach.

"You vote for people you most respect," Timmy O'Neill said. "It was an honor because it means your teammates respect you."

But the highlights of his tenure at Notre Dame haven't come without some frustrations. But according to Timmy O'Neill, the successes have been worth the disappointments.

"It is frustrating. When I walked on, I didn't think I'd just be the scout team tailback. I figured I'd be playing," he said. "If you don't have that mentality of being successful, you aren't going to be. It can be hard to stay positive when you have high expectations for yourself. But I also realize there are a lot of people out there who would like to trade places with me. So I realize how lucky I am."

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## BERNARD AKATU

## Nigerian crosses ocean to play football

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Although he spent a majority of his youth growing up in Lagos, Nigeria, Bernard Akatu dreamed one day that he would strap on the famous gold helmet and play football for the Irish.



Akatu

When Akatu was seven years old, his family moved to South Bend for two years where Akatu's father studied for a graduate degree in economics at Notre Dame. From the moment he stepped foot on the beautiful campus, Akatu fell in love with the University.

"My Dad came to Notre Dame to study economics," said Akatu. "When I lived here as a kid, I got to be around the campus a lot. I was here the year of Notre Dame's last National Championship in 1988. The glimpses of the campus and Notre Dame football never left my mind when we moved back to Nigeria."

Growing up in the soccer-crazy nation of Nigeria, soccer naturally became Akatu's first-love, but his passion would change when his family moved back to the United States prior to Bernard's sophomore year in high school. Although he had never even strapped on football pads before in his life, Akatu wanted to give football a shot at his high school in Chevy Chase, Md. because he

thought he possessed the right attitude to develop into a good football player.

"Soccer is by far the biggest sport in Nigeria," Akatu said. "Basketball is starting to become popular, but no one plays football. When I moved back to the United States, I wanted to try out for football because I just wanted to go out and hit somebody. I remembered watching Notre Dame football before, and football seemed like so much fun. I didn't know all the rules or even how to put on the pads, but I did remember tossing the football around with some of my friends when I was in South Bend so it was not as if I knew nothing about the sport."

Because of his speed, Akatu made the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School team as a wide receiver on offense and safety on defense. Even though he played only three years of organized football, Akatu raised the eyebrows of some smaller college scouts and even a few Division 1 programs, most notably Tulane and Army.

However, the thought of attending Notre Dame never left his mind.

"When it came down to applying for college, Notre Dame and the University of Virginia were my two top choices because of their tremendous academic reputations," he said. "When I got accepted to Notre Dame, I knew that I wanted to try-out for the team because it was something I always planned to do. Team sports had always been a part of my life. Notre Dame is the biggest stage for college football, and I wanted to be a part of that tradition. Had I gone to Virginia or somewhere else, I probably would not have

played football because those schools simply don't have the same tradition as Notre Dame."

When Akatu arrived to the Notre Dame campus as a wide-eyed, 17 year-old freshman, he was nervous about making the football team and what college life entailed, but his confidence in himself helped him put his fears aside and adjust. Just as he impressed his high-school coaches, Akatu impressed the Notre Dame coaches with his speed and his work ethic.

Akatu achieved his dream of playing football for Notre Dame and made the team as a walk-on. Just like every other player on the Notre Dame football team, Akatu wishes he was contributing on the field every Saturday, but Akatu has come to grips with his role on the team.

"After tryouts, my goals progressed to trying to help the team in any way I can," he said. "Sure, I'd like to be out there on the field during the games. But more than anything else, I want to see us succeed. There are guys on this team that are more talented than me, but I can still contribute to the team. If that means I have to take a back seat role, that's fine with me."

Balancing academics and participating as a member of the football team is an extremely difficult task at Notre Dame, but Akatu has no regrets about choosing to walk-on. There is no substitute for the team camaraderie and the personal relationships he has experienced as a member of the team.

"I have no regrets about walking on," he said. "I'm not treated any differently from anyone else on the team as a walk-on. We all respect



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**Bernard Akatu catches a pass during practice Wednesday. Akatu's blazing speed earned him a spot on the team.**

each other because we are all going through the same practices on the field and the same academic challenges off the field. Walking-on has made my experience at Notre Dame so much better. If I had gone somewhere else, I would not have faced the same challenges."

While football is important to Akatu, he knows that it will be academics and not athletics that helps him after college. Originally, Akatu thought he would major in computer engineering, but before his senior year, Akatu decided to switch his major to MIS within the Mendoza College of Business. In order to fulfill

his business requirements and graduate, Akatu will have to return to Notre Dame as a fifth year senior, but like most college students, he is unsure what the future might hold.

"I don't know if I'll walk-on next year or not," he said. "I may just want to be a regular student for a change. I'm still unsure what I want to do after school. If the opportunity for me to stay in the United States is there, I would like to stay. If not, I may return to Nigeria where most of my extended family lives."

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## RYAN KRUEGER

## Mishawaka product a player of many roles

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Ryan Krueger is an actor always taking on a new role.

One week the senior walk-on on the Irish football team may play the part of a Boston College wideout. The next week, he may act as a tailback in the Tennessee scheme.



Krueger

This past week, he has observed, researched and acted out the role of a Navy slot back.

And Krueger doesn't stop acting when he leaves Notre Dame stadium a little after 6 p.m. every night. From football practice, Krueger heads to the dining hall, then to Washington Hall for some more acting — this time on the stage.

The 5-foot-9, 186 pound senior recently added acting to his résumé, and has taken on the role of Welch, an interesting character who comes in during the second act in Rumors, a play that debuts in February.

"It's something I've really enjoyed doing," Krueger said.

In fact, Krueger has enjoyed acting so much he plans on putting any uses for his finance degree on hold and pursuing a

career in the field after graduation.

"You're only young once, I figure it's worth a try," Krueger said.

Krueger's path to the Notre Dame practice fields crossed a few different roads and took a few bumps along the way. His father, Patrick, worked as a sportscaster for the University of Kansas while Ryan was in grammar school. After that, Patrick Krueger moved into the field of development, which took him to Seattle through Ryan's freshman year in high school.

By the time Ryan Krueger entered his sophomore year of high school, his father's career had taken him to Notre Dame, where Patrick Krueger is now the assistant director of regional development. Ryan Krueger ended up playing on the gridiron at Mishawaka's Marian High School.

At Marian, Ryan Krueger played quarterback, and played well enough that he was recruited by service academy teams such as Navy as well as smaller colleges. But Krueger didn't seriously consider those offers; there was only one place he wanted to go.

"I always knew I wanted to go to Notre Dame," Ryan Krueger said. "There wasn't much thought given to going anywhere else."

Ryan Krueger wanted to walk on to the football team immediately, but there was one prob-

lem. In the first game of his senior season at Marian, Ryan Krueger sustained a knee injury that required surgery and ended his high school career.

The injury wasn't fully healed when fall practices began in August, so he was not able to play football as a freshman. Instead of feeling disappointed, Ryan Krueger met this hurdle head-on, literally.

He joined the track team and ran the hurdles as a freshman, as well as the 400-meter dash.

During the spring track season, Ryan Krueger also lifted with the football players as he prepared for walk-on tryouts. Although he was slowed by an injury incurred during track season, Ryan Krueger made it through and earned a spot on the team.

As a junior, Ryan Krueger got some company in Notre Dame's stable of quarterbacks — none other than a freshman from Marian High School named Matt Krueger, Ryan's younger brother who took over at Marian when Ryan was injured.

Today, they often take the field at the same time, with Ryan lining up at receiver or back and Matt at quarterback.

"It's a lot of fun. Because of the age difference we never really got to play together in high school," Ryan Krueger said.

Both brothers learn the plays alongside scholarship quarterbacks Carlyle Holiday, Matt



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**Ryan Krueger throws a pass during practice this week. Krueger is one of the most versatile players on the scout team.**

LoVecchio and Jared Clark. But while both Krueger brothers learned the plays at quarterback, Matt takes more snaps while Ryan helps out in different ways.

"He's been versatile," said graduate assistant coach Dennis Moynihan. "Today we used him as a slot back on the Navy offense because they use two slot backs. He's a quarterback but he's more than that on the

scout team."

And Ryan Krueger has developed friendships with all the players, not just the non-scholarship ones.

"The team is a pretty close-knit group — Carlyle [Holiday] usually stays at my house over fall break," Krueger said.

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JEFF CAMPBELL

# Transfer balances football and ROTC

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God, Country, Notre Dame.

It may sound clichéd, but for a man of strong faith who is a cadet first class in the Air Force and spends his afternoons setting up play after play against the Irish first string offense, there seems little else to say.



Campbell

Senior Jeff Campbell, who transferred from Holy Cross and walked onto the football team at the end of his sophomore year, has more to balance than most students. As a cadet in the Air Force and a full-time student, it's a wonder that he has had time for football. But Campbell made the time.

"The most intense thing about Jeff is his devotion to the football team," said Col. Mark Gehri, Campbell's commander in Air Force ROTC. "He's incredibly dedicated."

Four years ago, Campbell was playing tight end in Kalamazoo, Mich. After an injury ended hopes of playing scholarship football, Campbell had a choice to make.

"I was going to go to Hope College to play ball," he said. "But then I just changed my mind and decided, remembered that I always wanted to come [to Notre Dame] ... It's in my family."

But coming to Notre Dame and playing football wasn't easy.

Campbell spent his freshman year studying at Holy Cross before transferring to Notre Dame and testing into the ROTC scholarship program. During the majority of his sophomore year Campbell only had to balance his time between his duties as an Air Force cadet and a full-time college student. But there was something that was a big part of Campbell's life that he hadn't yet participated in at Notre Dame — football.

"I always loved this school," he said. "I started loving this school because I loved the football team."

And so Campbell added just one more thing to his already busy schedule — practice five days a week. For the past two years, Campbell has played defensive end on the scout team, and teammates and coaches have never seen him give less than 100 percent.

"There's one word to describe Jeff, there's only one word," defensive scout team coach John DeFilippo said. "He's a warrior. Jeff is an absolute warrior. He is a down after down after down player."

"I look up to him," teammate Tim O'Neill added. "We push each other, make each other better. He's one of those guys who's out there everyday giving 100 percent."

But football isn't all there is for Campbell. In May, Campbell, who is currently studying history, will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Following graduation, he will most likely spend a year training at Pensacola before being stationed at an Air Force base somewhere in the United States as an Air Force navigator.

"[Campbell] really proves that you can learn leadership in a lot of different ways," Gehri said. "He's an excellent leader and fully ready to be an Air Force officer."

Playing football and doing ROTC do cause conflicts, but Campbell and his advisors were bound and determined to make them work. Make-up sessions are scheduled to replace afternoon leadership labs in ROTC and the Air Force understands that Campbell is learning leadership other places than the classroom.

"The Air Force ROTC program is a leadership development program," Gehri said. "I firmly believe he is getting character and leadership training on the grid-iron."

Notre Dame and country are what Campbell does. But God is why he does it.

"We're not always in control," Campbell said. "Just learning that there's a greater power than all of us that we do this for — that's the only thing you can rely on to get through that kind of stuff."

As a senior, Campbell isn't quite ready to leave Notre Dame and football behind. Although he will be commissioned in May, he will apply for educational delay, allowing him to spend one more semester at Notre Dame before entering training in January.

"I wouldn't like to see him come back," DeFilippo said. "I would love to see him come back."

But another year of football won't come without sacrifices. ROTC cannot support an additional semester, so if Campbell returns he will have to pay.

"He's willing to reach into his wallet while he is unpaid to pay for that



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Jeff Campbell, No. 97, looks at the next play the scout defense will run during practice earlier this week.

whole thing and delaying his entry into the Air Force," Gehri said. "He's willing to do that just to play for one more year on the team."

If Campbell comes back for another year, he knows he probably will still never see playing time. But for him, there's more to football than touching the turf.

"It might sound clichéd, but as long as we win I don't really care [that I don't play]," he said. "... I'm miserable if we lose ... that's always been in there. When I joined this team, I never even expected to be able to travel or expected to play."

With all of his work, Campbell has something to be proud of. But those who know him best know that he would never mention his accomplishments.

"Jeff is a quiet man. He's a humble man and he doesn't have a lot of reason to be humble," Gehri said. "... It's really apparent that he stays very balanced in all his accomplishments with his humility to God and country."

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The Chief of the MacSweeney's seated at Dinner, by John Derrick, 1691

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Ciaran Brady

Late Medieval/Early Modern Ireland Contending Conquests:  
The Struggle for Mastery in Ireland, 1471-1660

Focusing on 1470 to 1660, this course offers new perspectives on the struggle for mastery in Ireland. Investigating a range of primary sources, students will explore the multi-layered English conquest of Ireland and the diverse responses of the natives, ranging from accommodation and assimilation to outright rebellion and national war. Professor Ciaran Brady of Trinity College Dublin will teach the course. Professor Brady is one of Ireland's most distinguished historians with a reputation for innovative teaching.

While at Notre Dame in spring 2002 Brady will also teach:

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Ciaran Brady  
Elizabethans and Their World 1550-1603

This course sets the work of the great figures of the "Elizabethan Renaissance" — Shakespeare, Spenser, and Sidney — in wider cultural and intellectual contexts. Materials surveyed in the course include crime writing, religious exhortations, ballads, engravings, and maps which late sixteenth century English people used to comprehend and control their changing world.

IRST 232:01  
MW 1:55-2:45

Éamonn O Ciardha  
Co-Req. IRT 232T  
The Irish Military Tradition

What better at Notre Dame than a course on the fighting Irish? Over the last five centuries, hundreds of thousands of Irishmen have engaged in military conflict at home; in the same period, as many Irishmen have served in the armies of various European powers, the United States, Canada, and Mexico. This course explores the changing political and ideological contexts of Irish military involvement; it devotes particular attention to Irish participation in the American War of Independence, the Civil War and the subjugation of the native peoples. This course will be taught by Éamonn O Ciardha, a leading Irish military historian and highly regarded teacher.



Professor Éamonn O Ciardha of the Keough Institute for Irish Studies and Steve Moriarty of the Snite Museum examine Paul Wood's *Absolution under Fire: Fr. Corby blesses the Irish Brigade before the Battle of Gettysburg (1891)*



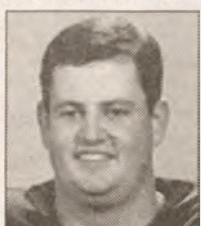
JOHN CROWTHER

# It's a snap

*Crowther moves from interhall center to starting long-snapper in one year*

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Writer

Think back to the first semester at college. Better yet, think back to the first week there. Remember attending all the meetings, adjusting to classes, going to those crazy parties and dealing with a terrifying roommate.



Crowther

For the average freshman, surviving this new environment is a skill in itself.

Now imagine getting a telephone call out of the blue from a Notre Dame football coach asking you to come try out for the team. That's exactly how senior long-snapper John Crowther was welcomed to campus after his first week in South Bend.

"A lot of people come here with intentions of walking on — I came here with no intentions at all," said Crowther.

Virtually unrecruited out of Edina High School in hometown Edina, Minn., Crowther figured his football career was over and was content to play interhall football for Morrissey Manor. But after a couple of practices with the Manorites, some of the team's coaches noticed Crowther's snapping ability on place-kicks and thought he could help out the varsity team.

"[Our coach] called the football coaches about me, but he didn't even tell me what he was doing," Crowther says. "One day I got a call from the coaches to try out, so I went out to practices on, I think, the first Friday of my freshman year. That Sunday, I found out I had made the team, and then I made my first practice midway through the first game week."

When the backup snapper for the Irish was injured the next week, Crowther was called on to join the team on their next road trip. Just three weeks into his collegiate career, the freshman, walk-on long-snapper was given the chance to travel with one of the most storied college football programs in the country.

"It really didn't allow me a chance to get homesick," Crowther said.

## "This is amazing!"

Every Irish football player has done it since Notre Dame Stadium was built, and every fan dreams about the opportunity to run through the tunnel onto Notre Dame field with the golden helmets gleaming in the sun.

"The first time I ever dressed with the team was at Michigan State my freshman year, and it was unbelievable," Crowther said. "I had

goose bumps, and it was the most incredible feeling. There were 80,000 people, it was night game on ABC, and I just thought, 'This is amazing!'"

Since his first game with the team was on the road, Crowther couldn't wait to experience the thrill of running through the famed tunnel at the north end zone of Notre Dame Stadium.

"The next weekend was the Purdue game and it was the first time my family had come down to campus for a game," Crowther said. "So running out on the field, as excited as I was for the Michigan State game, it wasn't even close to what it was at home. You see all the students, and the band is playing the fight song. It's like something I can picture over and over again in my head in pretty good detail because it was so memorable."

## On the Spot

Everyone who was on campus last year remembers Notre Dame's thrilling 23-21 victory over Purdue. The Irish were down by one point with just enough time left on the clock for one play — a Nicholas Setta 38-yard field goal attempt. Everyone remembers how the ball just cleared inside the right upright, and then the students rushed onto the field, and Setta was carried off on his teammates' shoulders.

But nobody remembers it as well as Crowther, the player who started it all off with his snap to holder Adam Tibble. That play marks his greatest moment with the squad.

"Before every snap, whether it's my first or may last one, I am always extremely nervous," Crowther said. "I kind of describe it as if I'm almost scared, but I think if I don't have that feeling, then I'm not in the right mind set."

For a player that finds himself nervous in the most timid situations, a game saving play that relied on his initiating snap was nerve-racking.

"I was pretty nervous — like always — but even more so because the game was on the line," Crowther said. "But [quarterback Gary Godsey] came up to me after he had led the team down the field and looked at me and said, 'You've got this. No one else should be doing this right now except you.'"

After several coaches and players reminded him that the play was just like they had practiced — just like they do a hundred times every day — Crowther headed out on the field with his team for the decisive play.

"I just went out there with the mindset that if I make a good snap, I knew Nick was going to kick it — we always know Nick is going to kick it well — and Adam was going to get a good hold," Crowther said. "So I just basically put the pressure on myself that if

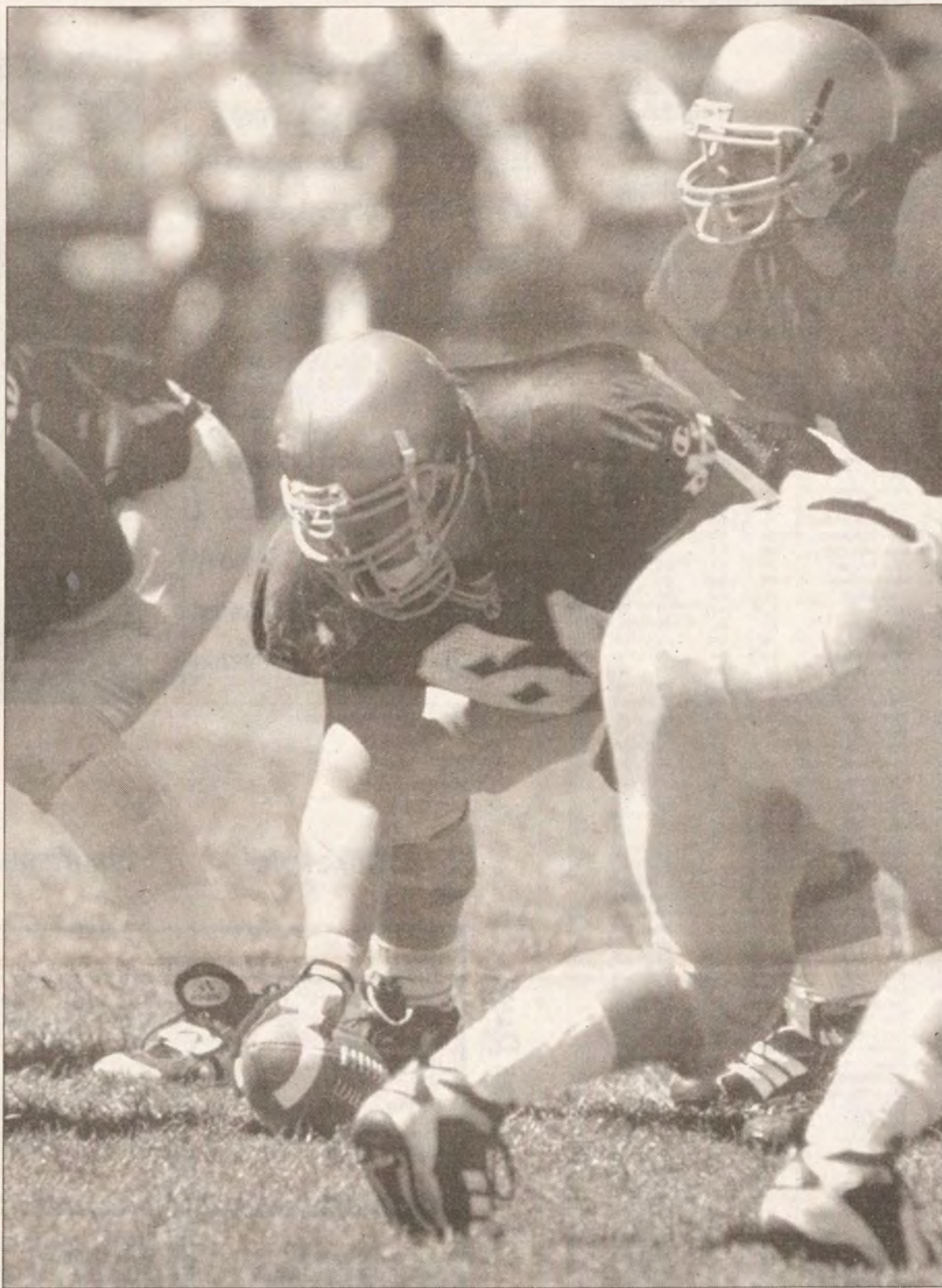


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Senior long snapper John Crowther lines up at center during the Blue-Gold game in 2001. Crowther earned his spot on the team after he showed his interhall football coach he could snap the ball extraordinarily well.

I did this, we were going to win, and it worked out."

## Bouncing back

After handling the snapping duties on field goals and extra points during his junior year, Crowther was also given the job for punts this season. In the first game of the year against Nebraska, on just his second snap of the year, Crowther fired the ball well over punter Joey Hildbold's head for a 45-yard loss with the Irish already down 14-0.

"After that, I was mad at myself," Crowther said. "I knew it was all a mental error, because I had lost my concentration on exactly what I was supposed to be doing at that time. But [that play] allowed me to refocus and say, 'This is what I have to do from now on.'"

For a snapper whose sole job is to send the ball back to his holder's or his punter's hands, a mistake like that can be crushing to his confidence. The possibility of reliving the same mistake could rise up in the back of a player's mind every time he leans over the ball. That's not the case with Crowther.

"[Crowther] is a very good snapper, and he obviously works very hard," said Irish assistant coach Kirk Doll, who works with the kickers and punters. "He's a good competitor, and he won't let one thing in particular ruin his whole career. Obviously, he can bounce back from this, and he's done a good job for us."

Indeed, after that 45-yard snap in the opening contest, Crowther's play has been nearly perfect all year long. His accurate snaps have allowed him to slip back into the obscurity the snapper, the automatic aspect of special teams, but that role is fine with him.

"For my position, if you make a mistake, it's going to be costly, and that's the only way you ever get noticed," Crowther says. "So in my position, you don't want to be a high-profile player, because that means you're messing up a lot."

## Life goes on

If you ask John Crowther about his dream job in the future, he'll tell you about his desire to host his own hunting

and fishing program like the ones that air on ESPN on Saturday mornings. But realistically, his plans for the future hold closer to his life at Notre Dame. He will graduate this year with a degree in finance, but he hopes to stay around for another year to begin his graduate work.

"I'd love to stay here for another year and enter the MBA program, but you have to apply and it's not for sure," Crowther said.

If he were to return, Crowther could be granted another year of eligibility to play football, because he did not enter a game as a freshman or a sophomore.

"That's something I'm looking at right now, because I'd love to come back and play," Crowther said. "I feel like I could still contribute, but at a certain time, you have to move on. I don't want it to be at the end of this year, but if that's the way things work out, I'm ready to do that. If not, I'd be happy to go back for another year."

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## Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 3-5  
AP: Unranked  
Coaches: Unranked



Davie head coach

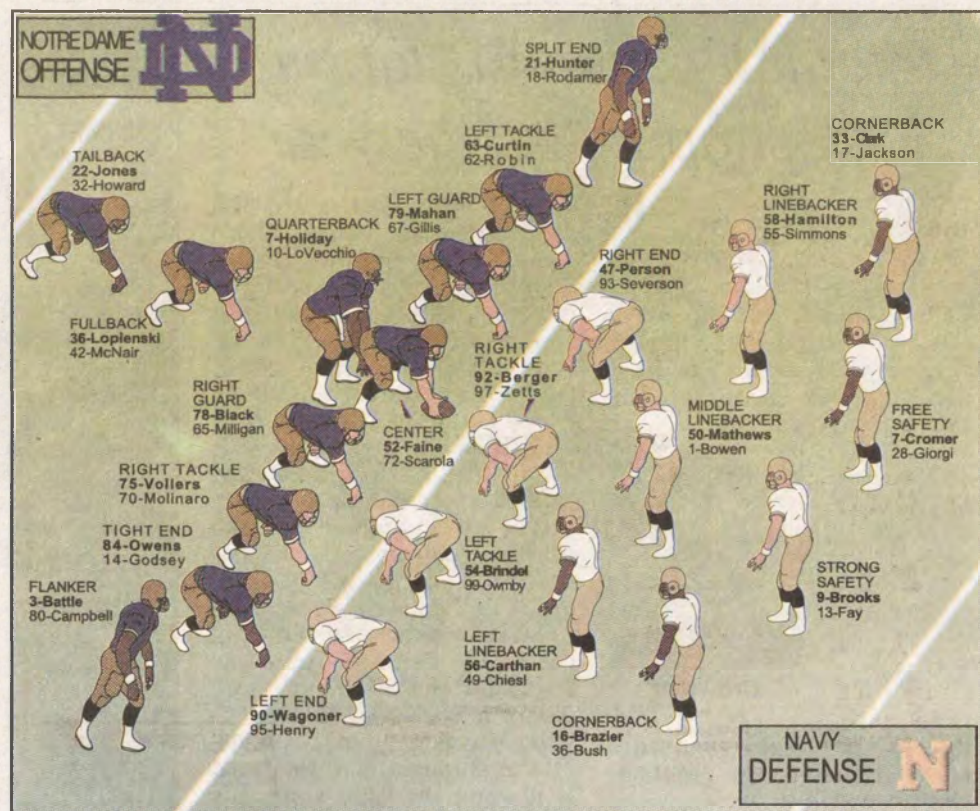
Bob Davie  
fifth season at  
Notre Dame  
career record:  
33-24  
at Notre Dame:  
33-24  
against  
Navy: 4-0

### Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	QB	6-4	230	SO
2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	ILB	6-3	241	SR
2	Dan Novakov	QB	6-1	215	JR
3	Amaz Battle	FL	6-1	210	SR
4	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	197	SR
5	Ron Israel	SS	6-1	212	SR
6	David Givens	FL	6-3	212	SR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	218	SO
8	Lorenzo Crawford	FL	5-10	190	SO
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	JR
10	Matt LoVecchio	QB	6-4	205	SO
10	Ryan Krueger	QB	5-9	186	SR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	180	FR
12	Tony Fisher	TB	6-2	226	SR
13	Nick Setta	K/P	5-11	175	JR
14	Gary Godsey	TE	6-6	270	JR
14	Mike Klockner	DB	6-2	151	SR
15	Clifford Jefferson	CB	5-9	176	SR
16	Abram Elam	SS	6-0	210	SO
17	Joey Hildbold	P	5-10	188	JR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	SE	6-4	210	SO
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	210	JR
20	Gerome Sapp	SS	6-0	214	JR
21	Javin Hunter	SE	6-0	191	SR
22	Julius Jones	TB	5-10	210	JR
23	Chris Yura	TB	6-0	225	JR
24	Cory Jones	RB	6-2	215	FR
24	Chad DeBolt	ILB	6-0	202	SR
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	198	FR
26	Garron Bible	CB	5-10	191	SO
28	Donald Dykes	FS	5-11	195	SR
28	Cole Laux	TB	5-10	225	SO
30	Rocky Boiman	OLB	6-4	240	SR
31	Dwayne Francis	FS	6-0	198	SR
32	Terrance Howard	TB	6-1	195	SR
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	232	JR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	192	SO
35	David Miller	K	5-11	208	SR
35	Tim O'Neill	TB	5-5	175	SR
36	Tom Lopienski	FB	6-1	249	SR
37	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-11	170	FR
38	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	176	SO
38	Eric Nelson	FB	6-0	225	SR
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	219	FR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	260	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	240	SO
42	Shane Walton	CB	5-11	186	SR
44	Grant Irons	DE	6-5	275	SR
45	Matt Sarb	SS	5-11	200	SR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	234	FR
47	Mike McNair	FB	6-0	237	SR
48	Justin Tuck	OLB	6-5	215	FR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SO
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	290	JR
51	Tyreo Harrison	ILB	6-2	242	SR
52	Jeff Faine	C	6-3	296	JR
52	Mark Mitchell	OLB	5-10	200	SR
53	Jason Halvorson	DL	6-2	240	JR
55	Zachary Giles	OL	6-4	285	FR
56	John Crowther	C	6-2	242	SR
56	Pat Ryan	ILB	6-3	231	JR
57	Justin Thomas	OLB	6-1	245	JR
59	Brian Dierckman	ILB	6-1	250	SR
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	296	JR
61	Jesse Desplinter	LB	6-1	177	SO
62	Casey Robin	OG	6-7	300	SR
63	Brennan Curtin	OT	6-8	305	JR
64	Jeff Campbell	DE	6-1	230	SR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	295	JR
66	JW Jordan	C	6-1	275	SR
67	Ryan Gillis	OG	6-3	296	JR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	285	FR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	295	JR
72	Ryan Scarola	OG	6-5	308	SR
73	Mark LeVoi	TE	6-7	310	FR
75	Kurt Vollers	OT	6-7	312	SR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-5	305	SR
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	208	SO
78	Jordan Black	OT	6-6	318	SR
79	Sean Mahan	OT	6-3	292	SR
80	Adam Tibble	K	5-11	186	SR
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	180	FR
81	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	242	SO
82	Bernard Akatu	SE	5-10	190	SR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-1	170	FR
83	Josh Gentine	K/P	5-11	205	JR
84	John Owens	TE	6-3	260	SR
85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	265	SO
86	Brendan Hart	TE	6-2	255	SO
87	Jonathan Smith	WR	6-4	195	SO
88	Carlos Campbell	WR	6-1	190	FR
89	Matt Root	TE	6-6	225	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	265	FR
91	Jeff Thompson	DL	6-5	265	FR
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	265	SO
94	Andy Wisne	DT	6-3	285	SR
95	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	262	SR
97	Chris Mahoney	OL	6-5	282	SR
98	Anthony Weaver	DE	6-3	286	SR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	250	SO

### NOTRE DAME 2001 Schedule

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



### COACHING

### QUARTERBACKS

### IRISH RUSHING

### IRISH PASSING

#### NOTRE DAME

The rumors continue to swirl about Davie's future. He's said he won't resign, and he said he's focused on coaching. You have to admire Davie's persistence — he's not going to go down without a fight.

Two weeks ago, Holiday showed that he could throw the ball when the run is taken away. And he better get used to throwing because teams are going to start keying their defenses on the athletic sophomore.

Tennessee contained Notre Dame's option game well, but the Irish still managed to run the ball. Grant showed signs of the future before he fumbled, and with Fisher out, he might see some significant playing time.

Holiday can throw the ball — all he needs are some receivers. Hunter has been Holiday's go-to receiver all season long. But Givens will not play Saturday, and the Irish seem to have forgotten about Battle.

#### NAVY

Lantz has coached exactly one collegiate game. He also worked as an assistant coach under Faust from 1984-85. In his only game, he led the Midshipmen to a 42-28 loss against Tulane.

Simply put, Madden is Navy's offense. He leads the team in rushing yards and passing yards, averaging 126 and 125 yards a game, respectively. If only he could play defense. He has been battling a slightly-separated shoulder most of the season.

Navy just hasn't been able to contain the rush all year. They've given up an average of 244 yards on the ground each game. Not a good sign for Navy.

The secondary is at least better than the front seven, but that's not saying much. They've given up 243 passing yards and only have four interceptions.

#### ANALYSIS

It doesn't matter how good or bad Davie is. Lantz has a whopping one game under his belt.

Both quarterbacks are fairly equal in talent and both are the focal points of each team's offense. The key to offensive success revolves around each quarterback.

Notre Dame's strong running game plus Navy's poor defense doesn't bode well for the Midshipmen. The Irish should be able to run all over the Stadium — if they can hold onto the ball.

Even Notre Dame — which loves to run the ball — shouldn't have any trouble passing the ball. The only question remaining is if the Irish will even have to.

## Irish experts



Noah Amstadter  
sports editor

Finally, a game Notre Dame should have opened the season with. They may represent America's finest on ships, but the Irish will beat them like the schoolyard bully hits the kid with the most lunch money. Look for redemption from Ryan Grant and a big play from the secondary.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 44  
Navy 24**



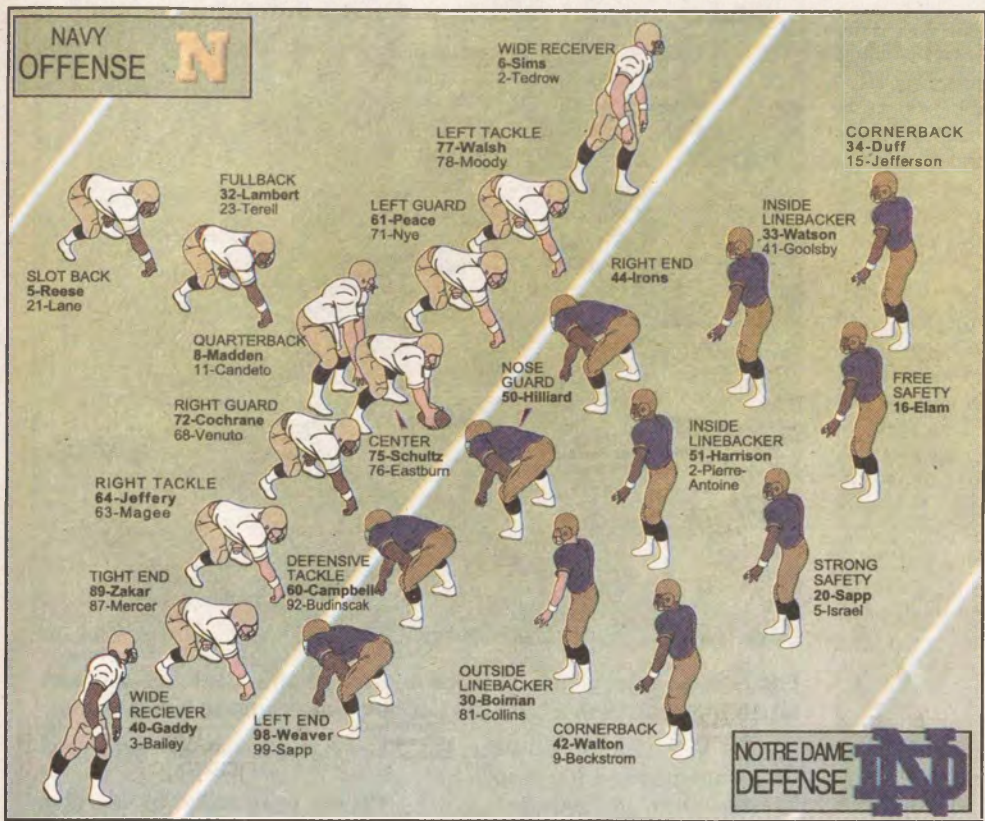
Andrew Soukup  
associate sports editor

Navy is just a flat-out bad football team. Lantz has a whopping one game under his belt and the defense is horrible. While Navy has played the Irish close the last two trips to Notre Dame Stadium, that won't happen again. Notre Dame's rushing attack will destroy Navy's defense and the game will be over early.

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



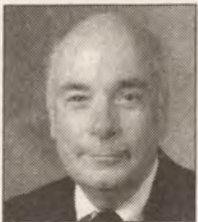
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## Navy Midshipmen

Record: 0-8  
AP: Unranked  
Coaches: Unranked

Rick Lantz  
first year at  
Navy  
career record:  
0-1  
at Navy  
0-1  
against Notre  
Dame: 0-0



Lantz  
intern head  
coach

NAVY 2001 Schedule	
Aug. 30	at Temple - L
Sept. 8	Georgia Tech - L
Sept. 22	Boston College - L
Oct. 6	Air Force - L
Oct. 13	Rice - L
Oct. 20	at Rutgers - L
Oct. 27	at Toledo - L
Nov. 10	Tulane - L
Nov. 17	at Notre Dame
Dec. 1	Army

### Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jake Bowen	LB	6-1	241	SR
2	Mark Tedrow	WR	6-3	202	WR
3	Dominic Bailey	WR	5-9	161	JR
4	David Hills	K	6-1	205	SR
5	Gene Reese	RB	5-9	175	JR
6	Chandler Sims	WR	6-4	210	JR
7	DeJuan Cromer	SS	5-9	191	SR
8	Brian Madden	QB	6-1	221	SR
9	Matt Brooks	FS	6-0	188	SR
10	Ed Malinowski	S	5-10	197	SR
11	Craig Candelo	QB	5-11	197	SO
13	Joey Fay	S	6-0	202	JR
14	Ben Michael	S	6-0	203	SO
16	Shalimar Brazier	CB	5-11	198	SO
17	Marcus Jackson	CB	5-10	175	SR
18	Garrett Cox	WR	6-0	205	JR
19	Matt Furgan	CB	5-8	167	JR
20	Justin Cramer	S	6-2	214	SR
21	Tony Lane	TB	5-9	194	SO
22	Terence Coleman	TB	6-0	210	SR
23	Marlon Terrell	FB	5-8	193	SR
25	Pat Haines	FB	5-9	210	SR
26	Scott Lieng	TB	5-8	168	SO
28	Marc Giorgi	S	5-10	193	JR
29	Sina Ekunayo	CB	5-11	180	SO
31	Marcus Sanders	CB	5-10	172	SO
32	Raheem Lambert	CB	5-10	214	SR
33	Clyde Clark	CB	6-1	193	JR
34	Rashad Jamal	FB	5-10	208	JR
35	Brad Tepper	TB	5-10	208	JR
36	David Bush	CB	5-7	170	SO
37	Brendan Looney	TB	5-11	191	SO
38	Colin Larkins	FB	5-8	219	JR
39	Donnie Fricks	TB	190	5-9	JR
40	Jeff Gaddy	WR	5-10	175	SR
41	Cee Harris	FB	5-2	205	JR
42	Bronston Carroll	TB	5-10	186	SO
43	Chris Wade	LB	6-0	223	SO
44	Lester Thomas	S	190	5-11	JR
45	Jeff Lam	TB	5-8	195	SR
46	Justin Golson	CB	5-7	187	SO
47	Dan Person	DE	6-5	255	JR
48	Jon Black	FB	6-1	222	SO
49	Mike Chiesl	LB	6-1	238	SR
50	Ben Mathews	LB	6-1	220	SO
51	Dan Ryno	LB	6-1	225	SR
52	Andy Sinitiere	LB	5-11	226	SO
53	Donayle West	LB	6-0	208	SO
54	Josh Brindel	DT	6-2	264	JR
55	Justin Simmons	LB	6-0	237	JR
56	Eddie Carthan	LB	5-11	211	SO
57	Josh Goodin	C	6-1	247	SO
58	Ryan Hamilton	LB	6-2	232	SR
59	Kevin Schwind	DT	6-2	265	SO
60	Carl Hazlewood	OT	6-6	287	SO
61	Travis Peace	OG	6-4	287	JR
62	Justin Smith	C	6-5	250	JR
63	Sean Magee	OT	6-6	266	SO
64	John Jeffery	OT	6-4	275	SR
65	Derek Jaskowiak	OT	6-4	261	JR
66	Kevin White	DE	6-2	240	SO
67	Shane Todd	OG	6-4	297	SO
68	Dan Venuto	OG	6-6	209	SR
69	Dan Peters	C	6-0	269	SO
70	Tucker Bennett	OT	6-4	248	SO
71	Matt Nye	OG	6-4	280	JR
72	Brett Cochran	OG	6-4	292	JR
73	Ryan McKay	OG	6-2	259	SO
74	Nehemiah Katz	OG	6-5	264	SO
75	Brian Shultz	C	287	6-0	SR
76	Ben Eastburn	C	6-3	265	JR
77	David Walsh	OT	6-6	288	JR
78	Grant Moody	OT	6-4	265	JR
79	Michael White	OT	6-3	250	SO
80	Eric Rolfs	K	6-2	161	SO
81	Bobby Sparks	P	6-3	205	SO
82	John Skaggs	P	6-1	205	SO
83	Mason Buk	P	5-11	189	SO
84	Mike McIlravy	WR	5-0	176	SO
85	Luke Dreyer	TE	6-6	242	SO
86	Heath Sanders	TE	6-3	258	JR
87	Steve Mercer	TE	6-3	245	JR
88	Glen Schatz	DE	6-1	238	JR
89	Jim Zakar	TE	6-5	265	JR
90	Michael Wagoner	DE	6-2	261	SR
91	John Hillman	TE	6-4	230	SO
92	Matt Berger	DT	6-2	245	SR
93	Eric Severson	DE	6-2	240	SR
94	Steve Adair	DE	6-2	231	SO
95	Ralph Henry	DE	6-1	254	96
96	Pete Beuttenmuller	DT	6-4	260	JR
97	Andy Zetts	DT	6-1	265	JR
98	Nate Chase	DT	6-2	260	SO
99	Joey Owmbly	DT	6-3	262	JR

### MIDSHIPMAN RUSHING

### MIDSHIPMAN PASSING

### SPECIAL TEAMS

### INTANGIBLES

Against Tennessee, the Irish completely shut down Stephens. They've improved dramatically from the beginning of the year. Roberts' injury leaves a gaping hole for Irons to fill, however.

While the secondary has played well most of the year, Clausen's third quarter explosion two weeks ago killed the Irish. Walton has been stellar all year long, however.

Setta is Setta — he's been good all season long. Notre Dame's kick-off coverage units will get plenty of action Saturday, and they've done a solid job preventing big returns.

It's the final home game for the Notre Dame's seniors — they won't have any problem getting fired up. The only thing people are wondering is if Saturday's game is also Davie's last game in Notre Dame Stadium.

Madden is Navy's option attack. They use a variety of plays that almost always result in the quarterback running the ball. Madden is averaging 104 more rushing yards than anyone else on the team. In all, 18 different players have rushed the ball for Navy.

Much like their rushing attack, Navy throws the ball to a variety of people. Their big-play receiver, Gaddy, is averaging one 40-yard catch a game.

Navy's coverage teams are pretty good — they only allow an average of 15 yards on a kickoff return. Skaggs averages 45 yards a punt and Hills is 9-of-10 on field goals.

At 0-8, Navy just wants to get their season over. While they may be motivated by how close they've played the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium, they still haven't won in 37 games against the Irish.

And they thought Notre Dame's offense was predictable. The key for the Irish is to contain Madden — he's the entire offense.

While the Midshipmen use a variety of receivers, they don't throw the ball that much. Notre Dame should be able to easily control the pass.

Notre Dame's special teams hasn't lived up to the lofty expectations of last year. Meanwhile, Navy's special team's unit is pretty good and worthy of respect.

The final home game, the last chance for the seniors to make a lasting impact, is all the Irish will need.



Mike Connolly  
editor in chief

Somehow Notre Dame also seems to have trouble with the Naval Academy at home. This year, however, Navy is much worse than usual. The Irish should handle them easily as Carlyle Holiday gains more than 100 yards on the ground yet again.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45  
Navy 10**



Kerry Smith  
assistant managing editor

Even if it weren't Notre Dame's final home game of the season, Navy wouldn't stand a chance. The defining characteristic of this game will be the Irish seniors. After four years of successes and heartbreaks, they will make their last appearance in Irish uniforms in front of a home crowd count.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38  
Navy 10**



ERIC NELSON

# Baseball bat can't stop Nelson's persistence

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

Eric Nelson's chances of playing football at Notre Dame almost ended before they started.

Two weeks before he started his sophomore year, Nelson asked some men at a party not to smoke in his friend's house. Rather than extinguishing their cigarettes, they attacked Nelson with a baseball bat.

"The next thing I knew I was on the ground trying to get back up," Nelson said.

The now-senior suffered a concussion, a cut above his eye and a bruised brain. Two weeks before school started — and hopefully his first season as a Notre Dame walk-on football player — Nelson's chances of playing football seemed slim.

"I wasn't sure I was going to be able to play that year," he said. "It was going to be questionable if I was going to be able to play."

But he wasn't about to let a little bruising on his brain stop him. Even though his words were slurred from the brain damage, he was back in the gym working out and getting ready for a fall try-out. Quitting football "never crossed [my] mind."

Nelson first started trying to

make the team in the spring of his freshman year. He was given a work out by then-coordinator of football operations Bob Chmiel and told that when returned in the fall, he would be on the team.

But things didn't quite work out when he returned.

Rather than getting a spot on the team when he returned to campus, he was told he had to try out again. But the try-out never was scheduled. It was canceled and pushed back repeatedly until finally Chmiel told Nelson to just come back in the spring and try out again.

Even though his dreams of playing for the Irish were put on hold, Nelson didn't stop playing football. He continued playing for the Keenan Hall intramural team. But even though the Knights were very successful — they won the championship when Nelson was a freshman and lost in the first round of the playoffs as a sophomore — interhall football wasn't satisfying enough for Nelson.

"I felt like if I am at Notre Dame, I might as well try to walk-on and play football," he said. "Intramurals is football but I love football so much and with intramurals you only practice so many times. It's just not the same."

Nelson's walk-on attempt in February 2000 was much more successful. He made the team and took part in spring drills.

"It was exciting. I couldn't believe it," Nelson said. "The first time I walked into the locker room, it was like 'Wow, this is the Notre Dame locker room. I can't believe I am in here.' I'd seen it on

TV but you don't think you are going to have anything to do with that."

For two years, Nelson has gone to practice every day and worked out with the scout team. Day after day he plays fullback and runs that week's opponent's offense. There is little glory and almost no chance that he will ever see the field in a real game. But Nelson doesn't mind, he just wants to play football.

"I just like to play," he said. "Everyday I go to practice, I am playing football. None of my other friends are playing football but here I am, a senior in college and I am playing Division 1 football."

Nelson doesn't just play football, he plays hard. Both his coaches and teammates describe him as a "hard nosed player."

"Eric has done a great job," said graduate assistant Dennis Moynihan, who works with the scout offense. "He's been working at fullback and he's really done a nice job for us."

Injuries have never stopped Nelson from keeping up his hard-hitting play. Despite breaking his arm his junior year, he was back on the field in a cast after missing just one practice.

"That wasn't so bad," he said.

During practice, Nelson said he can't even feel pain. Only after practice in the shower and on the walk home do the bumps and bruises catch up with you. And while he can tolerate the pain, he definitely won't miss it.

"I guess the only thing I will miss about football is the headaches," Nelson joked.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Eric Nelson, rear, works on a drill in practice this week. Nelson was hit on the head with a baseball bat before he came to Notre Dame.

What he will miss, however, is his teammates and the friends he has made through football.

"You go to practice and you are with the guys who are going through the exact same stuff you are going through every day," he said. "It's like a companionship ... They know what I have to go through every day."


Nelson's dedication to the team without any chance of getting into a game is inspiring according to fellow walk-on Chad DeBolt. DeBolt plays on the scout defense but also gets into the games on

Saturday as a special teams player.

"It's a hard thing to sacrifice and not be selfish," DeBolt said. "Those guys exemplify college sports."

Nelson would probably just shrug off that praise. After all, he just wanted to play football and not a bruised brain, a broken arm or a glory-less role on the scout team was going to stop him.

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ADAM TIBBLE

# Focused forward

*Poised holder known for fake field goal and trip to Kenya, but looks to future*

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
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People seem know Adam Tibble for only two reasons.

Last year, in Notre Dame's final home game of the season against Boston College, he made a pitch to Nicholas Setta on a fake field goal that resulted in a touchdown.



Tibble

This year, he spent nine weeks in Kenya helping homeless children during a summer service project.

And it's fine with Tibble if that's all people know about him. He spends most of his time looking toward his next goal, anyway.

"I'm absolutely flabbergasted at the attention I get," he said. "None of the players on this team, you're never bigger than Notre Dame. I don't see a lot of other holders on other teams get great attention. It's fun to talk, and it's not annoying, but you kind of want to get back into the calm, and the being efficient. You don't have to notice me; you don't have to pay attention to me. I'll just go back there, catch the ball, and do my job."

That's the modest, selfless attitude of the player who openly embraces his role as a holder on all of Setta's field goal attempts. There's no difference between the Tibble that races onto the football field to hold place kicks and the Tibble who has the highest grade point average — 3.918 — of any member on the football team. There's no attempt to exaggerate his own importance or brag about everything he's accomplished. Instead, there's an unwavering eye fixed clearly on his duty.

"He's real confident and he puts in the time no matter what it is," said Tibble's best friend and fellow walk-on Matt Sarb. "And he gets the job done."

## The pitch

For the first 10 games of the season last year, Tibble was relatively unknown. In fact, he might have been best known for being the first person to congratulate Setta after he kicked a game-winning field goal against Purdue.

But that all changed with one pitch.

Late in the third quarter, Irish head coach Bob Davie called for a fake field goal the Irish had been working on all week. Tibble ran onto the field, read the defense, took the snap and pitched the ball to Setta milliseconds before getting leveled by a Boston College defender. Setta ran five yards for a touchdown that gave the Irish a 28-10 lead.

After the game, everyone

wanted a piece of the man who made the pitch. Someone wanted to take a picture — of his hands. He couldn't believe the attention he got just for running what he deemed a simple play.

"LoVocchio or Carlyle do that every third play," he said. "It was really fun to do — to have the ball and go running around like high school. A lot of times, being a kicker or holder, you're not in same athletic role you were in high school, so it's cool to step back into that. That's up there with one of the most rewarding experiences, lying on my back right next to the student section and hearing everyone go crazy."

## The trip

But if making a simple pitch is one of Tibble's most rewarding experiences, then his summer in Kenya is hands-down the most rewarding one.

He spent nine weeks with fellow Notre Dame anthropology student Marita Eibl in Kisumu, a city the size of South Bend, eating bad food and sleeping in deplorable conditions. During his stay, he helped with a program designed to get Kenyan children off the streets and volunteered at a local hospital emergency room.

"It's something that when I was there, I thought, 'What the heck am I doing? I don't need to be here, I don't want to be here,'" he said. "But the farther you get away from it, you remember the good stuff and you remember what made it so rewarding."

During his stay, Tibble said he realized just how fortunate he was at Notre Dame. In the hospital one day, a man was wheeled in who had suffered from a stroke. While most of Kenya is attempting to Westernize, the hospital still didn't have the medical resources like the United States has. There were no IVs available and the only medicine given the man was some aspirin. He finally saw a doctor, about 40 minutes after he first arrived.

Another day, Tibble was walking past the local dump site when a tractor arrived pulling a trailer full of trash. Immediately, dozens of young men gathered around the trailer and began sorting through the trash for items to take back to their family.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said. "People were literally living out of a dump, out of the trash you and I throw away every day. There's houses made out of trash bags and cardboard boxes. It's literally a different culture."

While Tibble admits he couldn't wait to get back to the United States, he is incredibly grateful that he made the trip in the first place. Tibble will enter medical school next year and hopes to make it back to Kenya in the future.

"In the end, it was worth it,"

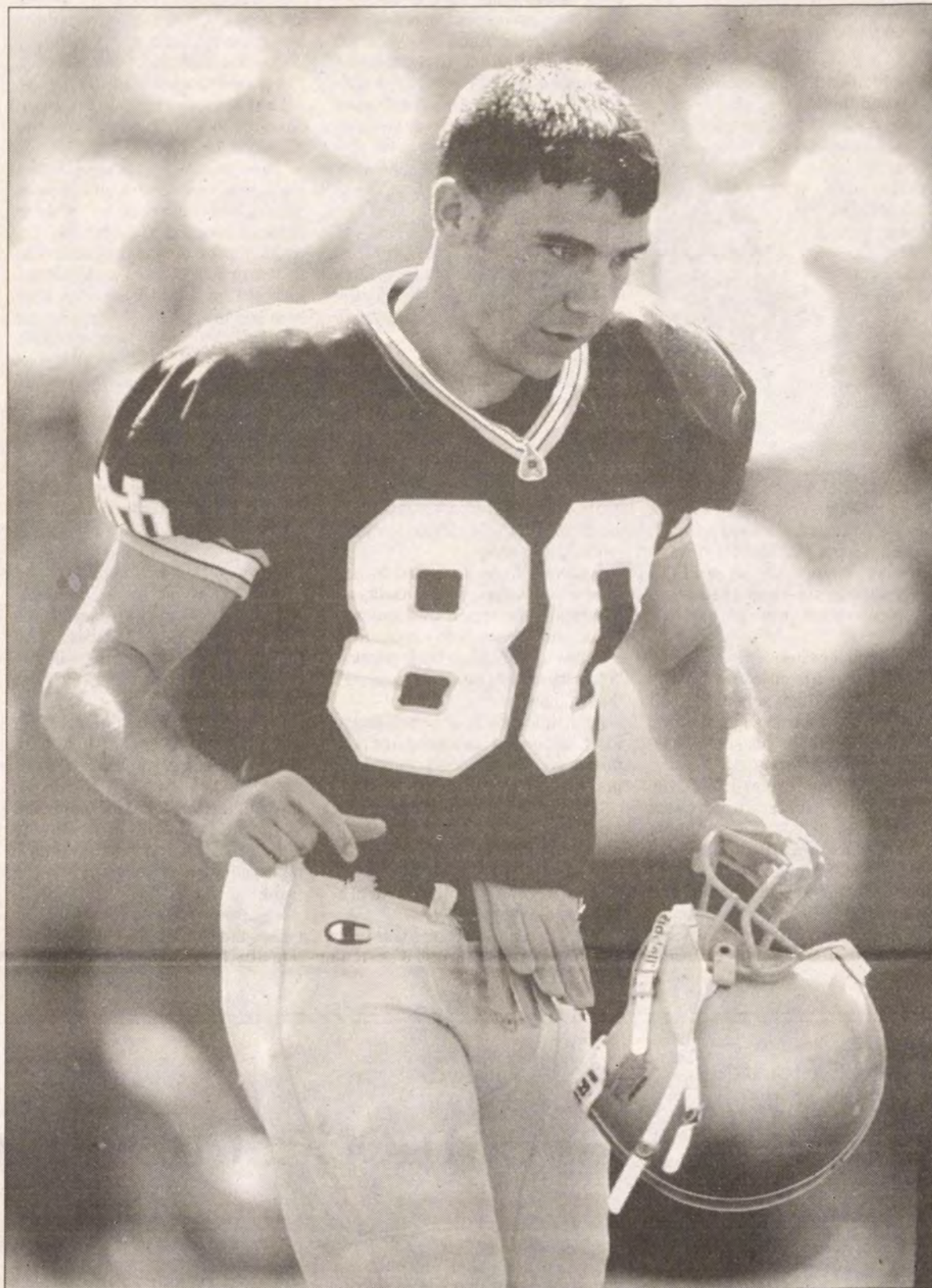


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Senior holder Adam Tibble walks off the field after the field goal portion of the Blue-Gold game. Always looking toward the future, Tibble spent last summer in Kenya and hopes to become a doctor.

he said. "Coming back, you really have a sense of appreciating the opportunity. The opportunity to learn at a place like Notre Dame — it's incredible. I saw street children who don't have those opportunities. I'm sitting here, and I better take something away from it."

## The person

That's the attitude Tibble has had his entire life. When he broke his leg in high school and was told he couldn't kick anymore, he didn't listen. When he wanted to make an impact on the football team but was only a third-string kicker, he kept a positive attitude. Whatever he's been handed in life, he's been determined to make the most out of anything and everything.

"I would like to describe myself as poised and focused," he said. "Really focused. School always came first here. I focused on academic goals and athletic goals as well. I always had a dream of playing, even when I wasn't."

Tibble, who kicked in high school, initially walked on to the football team in the spring of his freshman year as a kick-

er. While he was accurate, his leg strength didn't compare to that of Setta and David Miller. So he looked at holding.

"After figuring out what goes on when someone holds, I really started working on it over the summer," he said. "It turned out to be a lucky situation ... We would work so much before practice, I would hold, and they would do the kicking. I owe a lot to Dave Miller because he suggested, 'What would it be like with Adam in there?' From there on, it was pretty fun."

Tibble admits he feels some pressure — after all, his only job on the team is to catch the snap and put the ball on the ground, and if he messes up, everyone notices. On his first hold — which was also Setta's first kick — he remembers just how nervous he was.

"The first time, I got down, I couldn't feel my leg I was so nervous," he said. "I looked back at Nick, and I thought to myself, 'I can't feel my leg. I'm glad I'm not kicking right now.'"

But Tibble made a good hold, Setta hit the kick, and since then, it's been all business

every time the field goal unit runs onto the field.

"When someone does their job so well, you take them for granted and you forget about how much pressure there is," Setta said. "Adam's like that. He does his job and every time it goes down, it's perfect."

"He's so focused and so relaxed and so confident in his abilities, I don't think he'll have any problems," said Sarb. "He's been perfect all year like he was last year, and that's just how he is. He's a perfectionist."

However, Tibble isn't the type of individual to spend much time dwelling on his successes in the past and in the present. He's not going to toot his horn or brag about his multitude of accomplishments.

Walking on to the football team is in the past. Traveling to Kenya is in the past. Tibble keeps looking toward the future.

"There's a lot more footballs to catch," he said. "And that's what I'll do, just catch the ball."

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MIKE KLOCKNER

# Silent Klockner lets actions speak for him

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If only Mike Klockner had let his voice, and not his play, do the talking for the past two seasons, then his teammate and friend Matt Sarb might have concentrated his attention elsewhere.

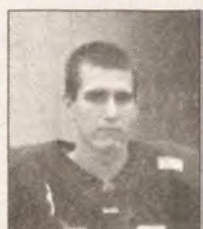
"My main focus working with him is trying to get him to talk," Sarb kidded about fellow senior walk-on Klockner. "Really, he's one of the quietest guys on the team, but he's a great kid. He's got a great heart and loves Notre Dame."

It's maybe just as well that teammates and coaches speak volumes of praise about Klockner, a reserve cornerback since spring of 2000. The religious, soft-spoken 22-year-old would rather play ball than tell all.

He rarely discloses, for example, the success he enjoyed on his Newark, Ohio, high school football team. He was starting quarterback at Newark Catholic his sophomore through senior seasons.

"We made the [regional finals] my sophomore and senior year," Klockner said, his voice clearly uncomfortable articulating his success. "I was fortunate to be an all-state quarterback my junior and senior years."

But to hear 10-year Newark Catholic coach Jeff Buchanan tell it,



Klockner

good fortune had little to do with Klockner's accomplishment.

"He gave maximum effort and did whatever it took to succeed," Buchanan said. "He was the ultimate citizen that you could ever want to coach, and he was still able to be a tremendous leader. He's an inspiration to our school still today. All our folks love Notre Dame."

Klockner's collegiate track, in fact, led him to South Bend but not immediately to Notre Dame. He spent three semesters at Holy Cross College. He transferred to the University as a sophomore in January 2000.

Football tryouts were the next month, and the possibility of walking on to the team awoke in Klockner an old desire to play college ball. His childhood dream was calling.

And in his typical fashion, Klockner responded — with hard work and as few quietly uttered words as possible.

"I always knew I wanted to play football in college," said Klockner, who made the squad as a quarterback and was quickly moved by coaches to the cornerback position. "I just tried to do my best. I was very determined."

And Klockner is a better player for it, said David Lockwood, his position coach. Lockwood recalled the first weeks he worked with No. 14.

"He came in during the spring and was a guy that obviously enjoyed playing the game. From day one of spring practice to day 15, there was definitely improvement in him. He definitely got better."

"He's a kid that's not going to be the biggest, not going to be the

fastest, not going to be the strongest, but he tries to give you everything he can out there on the field," Lockwood said about the 6-foot-2, 151-pound Klockner.

That was the case even when coaches switched him from the offense to the defense.

"He's still really relaxed, really composed, which is his quarterback nature, and with that, he's able to work well out there," Sarb said.

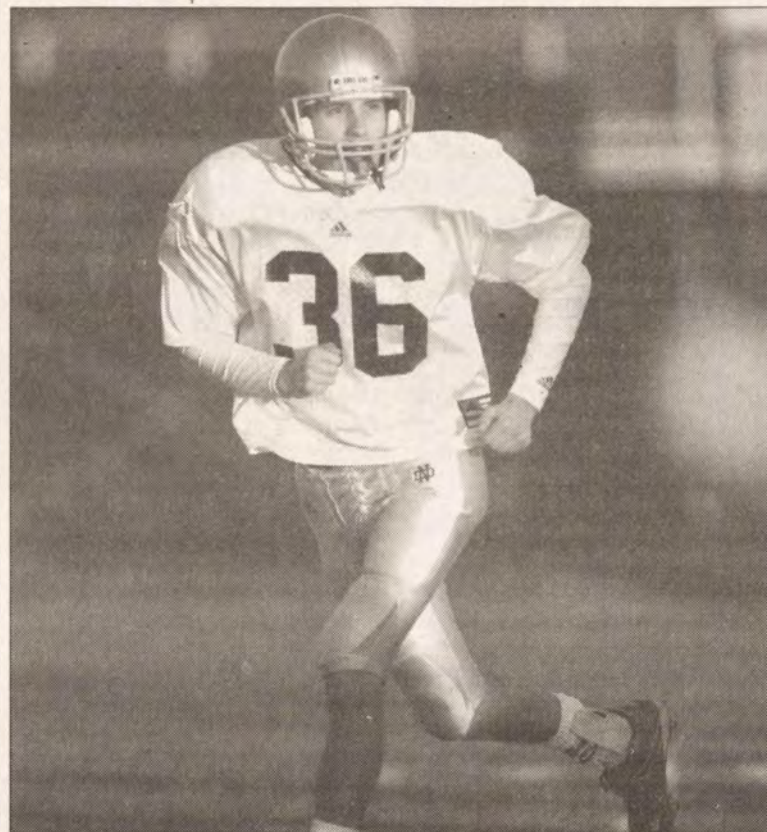
"Mike's one of those guys who has a strong faith, and I think that's helped him a lot ... because they switched him positions when he got here," added senior Timmy O'Neill, also a walk-on. "I know that was hard for him, but he stayed positive and he's got a good attitude about it. He's adjusted well. He's a good athlete. Switching positions is tough, but he's been able to do it well."

And without raising a big stink. "It's been a little different," Klockner admitted, "but it's a great challenge to try to keep up with those guys, those receivers."

With that attitude in tow, Klockner in college has strayed little from the strict work ethic and Christian values that earned him recognition in prep football even when his words did not.

On a given day, he attends team weightlifting sessions at 6:30 a.m. He goes to three morning classes from 8:30 to 11:30. He works in the Office of the President for two hours in the afternoon then hustles to team meetings and practice until 6 p.m. Dinner and studying end the night.

Sometimes the theology major makes time to visit the Grotto. It's fittingly his favorite place on campus.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Senior Mike Klockner eyes the first team offense during a drill. Klockner has always let his actions speak louder than his words.

"I always felt a special presence there. It's a very special setting for me," Klockner said.

One day he expects that he'll teach high school and return to the gridiron as a coach. His experience on the Notre Dame field will serve him well.

"It's been a great experience. It really has. I just feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity," he

said. "Being a member of this team required hard work, so I can take that with me. It's taught me to work even harder. It's taught me to be unselfish."

And it's taught him the value of stepping up in instances where he wasn't likely to speak up.

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DWAYNE FRANCIS

# Humble player modest about earning scholarship

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Dwayne Francis has many reasons to be proud.

He is the only senior walk-on that has earned a scholarship while at Notre Dame. He is graduating a semester early. He runs the 40 in 4.43 seconds, making him one of the fastest players on the team.

But Francis is also one of the most humble people you could ever meet, an intelligent player and leader on the scout and special teams.

"Dwayne's a great leader out there," said John DeFilippo, the graduate assistant in charge of Francis' section of the scout team. "He's a smart player, who never has to look at the cards [that show what coverage to play]."

Francis believes his leadership on the scout team comes from his experience both as a senior and as a player who has experience with the first-team defensive unit.

"From a scout team perspective, I have experience and I know the ins and outs," said Francis. "I think it all stems from the fact that I've taken snaps with the defense, and knowing the coverage for our team



Francis

makes it easier to emulate the other team's coverage."

And Francis understands the role the scout team plays in preparing the offense for the weekend's game, and making sure the rest of the scout team players understand the importance of that role.

"I think I've been able to help the freshmen on the scout team," said Francis. "We're helping the offense prepare for the game, and [its important] to challenge ourselves."

Francis' journey as a Notre Dame football player began while he was still at Elkins High School in Houston, Texas. He attended Notre Dame's football camp the summer after his junior year, and impressed then-Irish defensive backs coach Tom McMahon so much that he was invited to walk-on when he got to South Bend. While several other Division I schools offered Francis scholarships, he passed them up to attend Notre Dame.

"I always wanted to go to school here," said Francis. "I chose academics."

But after Francis arrived, McMahon left to coach at Colorado, and Francis did not get the opportunity to showcase his skills on the field until sophomore year, playing in the Pittsburgh, Boston College, and Stanford games as "gunner control" on punt returns, which meant he covered the opposing teams' players that were split wide in a punt formation.

After two seasons as a walk-on, Francis earned a scholarship, the coaching staff recognizing his com-

bination of ability and dedication.

"I'm guessing they evaluated me, and I was chosen," said a humble Francis. "When I came here I didn't have intentions of watching — I wanted to come here and play."

Francis would play more his junior year, but he would be challenged by his arch-nemesis throughout the 2000 campaign: injuries.

Francis started the season on the kickoff and punt return teams, but pulled his hamstring in the Purdue game after making his first career tackle against Nebraska a week earlier, one of multiple hamstring injuries Francis has sustained in his college career.

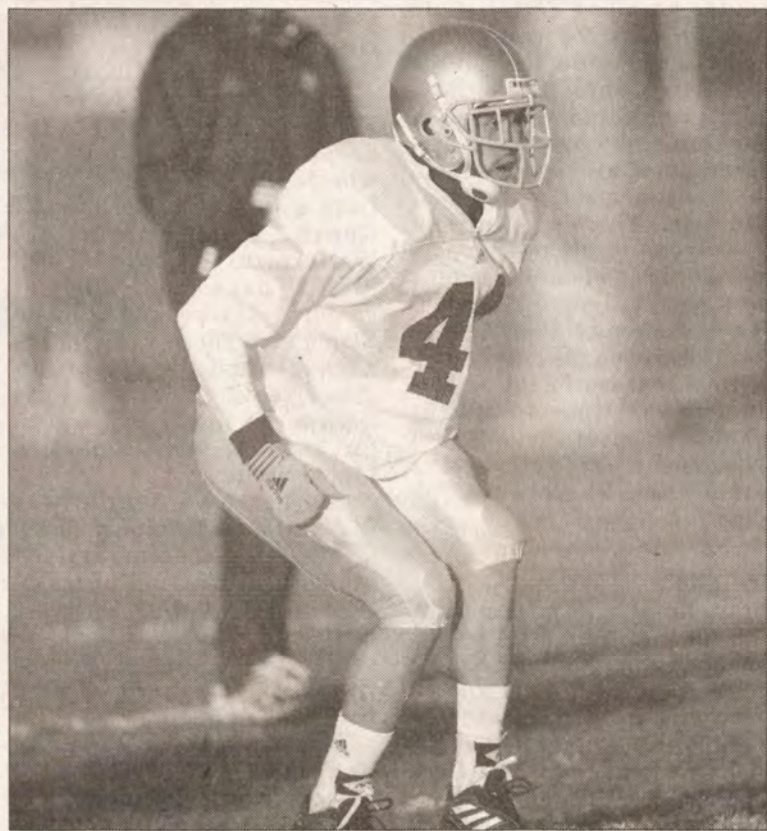
Francis returned to the field against Navy a month later. He played on the special teams and even saw time in the defensive backfield at cornerback. But the week after Francis finally saw the field as part of the Irish defense, he tore his medial collateral ligament in his knee on a kickoff, an injury mostly due to West Virginia's AstroTurf field.

"The guy turned me, and my leg got stuck in the turf," said Francis.

That would be the last play Francis would participate in his junior year. But Francis has never let his injuries justify sulking or having a negative attitude.

"Dwayne's an effort guy, and he does a great job," said DeFilippo. "He never complains."

This season, Francis has seen time on special teams, but not with the Irish defense. As he approaches



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Senior Dwayne Francis drops back into coverage earlier this week. Francis is the only senior walk-on to earn a scholarship.

his December graduation, Francis already knows what he wants to do with his future.

"I want to get my MBA, hopefully starting next fall," said the Texas native and Management Information Systems major. "And then after that, I'm interested in working for an oil company in their [information technology] depart-

ment ... and then maybe in the fashion or entertainment industry — or as an entrepreneur."

After his hard work and success as a walk-on at Notre Dame, it's hard to picture Francis knowing anything but success.

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CHAD DEBOLT

# Greatness personified

*Special teams  
player also excels on  
lacrosse field*

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Chuck Lennon told Chad DeBolt not to come to Notre Dame.

Only under one condition could DeBolt enroll at the University, the director of the Alumni Association told him.



DeBolt

"He said 'Chad, if you want to come to Notre Dame to be good, don't come here. But if you want to be great, come to Notre Dame,'" DeBolt remembered.

DeBolt took Lennon's advice to heart. He became captain of the lacrosse team. He walked onto the football team. He excelled in the classroom in an five-year engineering program that will earn him an MBA and a civil engineering degree.

In a sense, he has become great.

"You can never be great unless you keep improving every day," DeBolt said. "I am pretty happy with what has happened so far but hopefully I can keep building on it and get better."

For all that he has accomplished and the positive attitude he brings to every task, he is revered by friends and coaches alike.

"I've been around very few people in my life who are as wholesome, refreshing and forthright as Chad DeBolt," lacrosse coach Kevin Corrigan said. "He is one of the great people I have ever been around. You just feel good when you are around him."

When Corrigan recruited DeBolt as a high school senior in Waterloo, N.Y., he knew DeBolt was a perfect fit for the Notre Dame lacrosse team.

"As soon as I walked out of his house, I called my assistant coach and said we need to get this kid," Corrigan said.

But it wasn't any of DeBolt's high school lacrosse accomplishments that impressed Corrigan most. Corrigan was more impressed with Chad DeBolt the person than Chad DeBolt the All-American high school midfielder.

"He is a Notre Dame kid," Corrigan said. "He is a wholesome kid. He has got a wonderful family and he is extremely committed to them. He was respectful with his parents and respectful with his younger sisters who idolize him. You just can't help being impressed with him and the way he handles himself."

Corrigan was so impressed with DeBolt as a person, that the midfielder's desire to walk on to the football team didn't even phase him. Corrigan knew that DeBolt was passionate about lacrosse and passionate about football. He wasn't about to stand in the way of either

desire.

"I said 'If you are sure you want to do it, then do it,'" Corrigan remembered. "This is his time, not mine."

After spending his entire freshman year with the lacrosse team and earning a monogram, he talked to Bob Chmiel, then-coordinator of football operations, about walking onto the football team.

"I told him I would stay here all summer and be dedicated to football. I just wanted to work out with the team and prove myself," DeBolt said.

So in the summer of 1999, he spent in South Bend and worked out. By the end of the summer, his athletic ability earned him a roster spot. DeBolt spent his entire sophomore season on the scout defense.

While his lacrosse teammates participated in fall drills, DeBolt got beat up by the starting offense day after day.

And he loved every minute. He relished the hitting, thrived on the contact and thirsted for more.

"I love it," DeBolt said about playing scout defense. "I wish they would let us tackle."

But at the same time he was 100 percent focused on playing scout defense for the football team, he never lost touch with the lacrosse team. After his football practice was over, he would come over to the end of the lacrosse practice just to check up on his friends.

"Pretty much every chance he gets after football practice, he would come over in his pads to our practice or come into the locker room and just talk with the guys," senior midfielder John Flandina said. "He is down to earth. He never acts like he is better than us because he plays football and lacrosse."

In 2000, DeBolt began to develop a distinct role for himself on both teams. In the spring, he became one of the top face-off men in the country for the lacrosse team. In the fall, he earned a spot on the Irish special teams. In addition to his duties on the scout defense, he was also on the starting punt-block team and kick-off coverage team.

Although DeBolt got in for just a handful of plays during each game, he made them count.

He made four tackles, recovered a blocked punt and blocked another punt. DeBolt brings a lot of enthusiasm to the Irish special teams, according to special teams coach Bill Sheridan.

"That's his whole deal. That's his mission," Sheridan said about DeBolt's play on special teams. "He's more enthused than some of the other guys because this is his chance to get into the game and make a difference."

In 2001, DeBolt has accomplished even more. He continued his dominance of face-offs for the Irish in the spring as they advanced to the NCAA semifinals for the first time ever. In the fall, he continues to be a leading player on special



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Notre Dame senior Chad DeBolt races down the field during a kickoff against Nebraska last season. In addition to playing on the football team in the spring, DeBolt is also a star lacrosse player in the spring.

teams with three tackles.

As much as DeBolt loves sports, but when he was confronted with a conflict between athletics and his family, he naturally chose his family.

Just before the USC game on Oct. 20, DeBolt returned to New York to be with his mother. His mother, Jamie, had spent most of the fall in the hospital due to complications from what was supposed to be a minor surgery. She has undergone two more surgeries and still requires two more. She was finally returning home a few days before the game and DeBolt wanted to be there with his mother. It meant sacrificing a chance to play against Notre Dame's greatest rivalries at home, but for DeBolt, it was an easy decision.

"I admire her so much," he said. "[Her] recovery has been one of the things that kept me going this year."

His mother has finally recovered enough to possibly make the trip out to South Bend. DeBolt family trips to South Bend for games is quite a production. Two huge campers roll up behind Turtle Creek Apartments filled with most of his family. His uncle, aunt, cousin, grandmother and

grandfather have come out for every game. If his mother is feeling strong enough, she along with his father, brother Patrick, 15, and sisters Mariah, 11, and Taylor, 10, will also make the journey.

"They're the most kind hearted people you will ever meet in the world," Flandina said. "They are amazing people. They will welcome you into their home and treat you like gold."

If his parents could watch his last game this year, it would be very special for DeBolt.

"It would be great," he said. "My parents haven't had a chance to come and see me this year. That would be especially great for the last home game."

As great as DeBolt has been, he given so much of himself in so many different areas that he hasn't really achieved his true potential in one single area. If he had only played lacrosse, he might be an All-American rather than just a face-off expert and defensive specialist.

"We were hoping that Chad would develop like [former Irish All-Americans] Jimmy Keenan and Steve Bishko," Corrigan said. "We thought Chad had that potential but not if he spends his off-seasons pumping

iron for football. It's changed his role ... But this is his college experience and I want him to get everything he wanted out of it."

If he had only been a walk-on player, he might be a little bigger and fighting for some playing time on defense.

"I know the defense basically but if you asked me a specific assignment, I might not know it," DeBolt said. "So [lacrosse] has kept me from progressing to a new role."

But sacrificing a little in each sport so he could do both is not a problem for DeBolt.

"You have to give up some things for other things," DeBolt said. "I think my experience here is the greatest thing that could have happened to me. I've had a chance to meet football players and lacrosse players. I've played in Notre Dame Stadium. I've played in the NCAA Lacrosse Championships. You couldn't ask for much more."

And Notre Dame couldn't ask for much more from Chad DeBolt.

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CHRIS MAHONEY

# Career begins with 3 football roommates

By JOE LICANDRO  
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Sometimes life takes an unexpected series of twists and turns for the better.

When Chris Mahoney arrived on the Notre Dame campus as a sophomore transfer from the University of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., he never thought he would be rooming with three Irish football players, and never in his wildest dreams did he think that he would walk-on to the Irish football team a year later.



Mahoney

After all, Chris Mahoney had never played organized football at any level in his entire life so the idea of playing college football — let alone at the most legendary college football program in the country — seemed absolutely crazy.

"When I transferred to Notre Dame, the rector at Keough Hall, Father Tom Doyle, just randomly assigned me to be the fourth member of a quad with Shane [Walton], Joey [Getherall], and Tony [Fisher]," said Mahoney. "I'm a big guy so all year long they kept telling me to try out. When I told them I played basketball in high school and that I had never played football ever before in my life, Tony just told me that the coaches would teach me what to do."

"At first, I thought they were ridiculous or just trying to play a trick on me, but then I thought about it some more. I realized that I would regret it for the rest of my life if I didn't just give it a try."

As a kid growing up in Westford, Mass., Mahoney was a huge Irish football fan fascinated by the mystique and tradition of Notre Dame. He was extremely nervous before tryouts, but the encouragement of his roommates motivated Mahoney to give football a shot.

"They kept pushing me to try out, and I kept reminding myself that this was a once in a lifetime chance to play football for Notre Dame," said Mahoney. "The first day at tryouts were mainly agility drills, and I survived those. After that, I decided I was going to commit myself to walking on to the team."

No one was more surprised about Mahoney's decision to play football than his parents and his brother Pete, a 1998 Notre Dame graduate. The Mahoneys had always been big Irish fans, but they never dreamed that their son would one day wear the famous gold helmet.

"When I told my parents and my brother, they were shocked," said Mahoney. "They didn't believe me at first because I had never played football before and here I am trying to walk-on to the most famous college football team in the country. My parents are really proud that I chose to walk-on because it has made my Notre Dame experience so much better. We just sit back and laugh about it now because it is still very hard to believe."

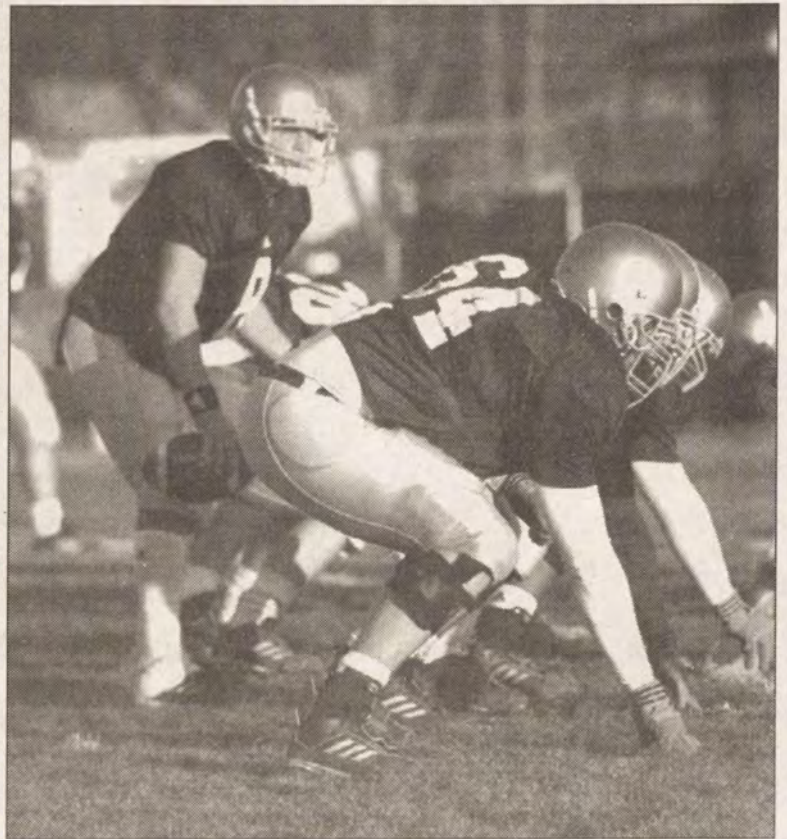
Walking on at Notre Dame has been a tremendous experience for Mahoney because he has formed special bonds with his teammates that he will carry with him the rest of his life. Mahoney feels that as a walk-on, he has earned the respect of both his teammates and the coaching staff because of the personal sacrifices he has made to be a member of the team.

"We're not out there for the personal glory or some of the same reasons the scholarship players are out there," said Mahoney. "It's not easy to balance the tough academic schedule at Notre Dame with playing football, but I love being a part of the team. My job is to make those guys better. When we play well on Saturdays, I get a great feeling of personal satisfaction that I did my job to help prepare the team."

While Mahoney has yet to appear in a game during his career at Notre Dame, head coach Bob Davie has taken notice of outstanding work ethic and how far has come as a football player over the last two years. In his press conference Tuesday, Davie singled out Chris's story.

"We have a kid from Massachusetts that we took to the Boston College game, a lineman [Mahoney] that never played a down of football here, never played in high school, played basketball, never played football," said Davie. "He's been an offensive lineman for us for two years, turned into a pretty good player."

Chris Mahoney will graduate this spring with a double major in English and Industrial Design, but



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Chris Mahoney, foreground, lines up during a snap in practice earlier this week. Mahoney never played football before Notre Dame.

his career at Notre Dame may not be finished. Mahoney is considering returning for an extra semester next fall to take some extra design classes and possibly walk-on for one more year at Notre Dame. Even if he never plays a down at Notre Dame, the story of Mahoney is a reminder that you can do anything if you put your mind to it.

"Sure it would be nice to play just

one down on Saturday, but I don't really expect to play," said Mahoney. "It's still a pleasure to put on that gold helmet and run out of that tunnel with my teammates. It is an indescribable feeling that I will never forget."

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BRIAN DIERCKMAN

# Biochemistry major balances school, football

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One has to wonder about the getting-to-know-you conversations Brian Dierckman has experienced and the utter astonishment his responses must have produced in the last four years. After all, he's both a football walk-on and a biochemistry major.



Dierckman

"It was definitely difficult," said Dierckman, who plays defensive end for the scout team. "They told me from day one I wouldn't be able to do it."

Dierckman, who is originally from Fort Wayne, Ind., walked on during the winter of his freshman year, doing winter workouts and drills, and running with the team until spring football began.

"It was one of the scariest moments when I saw guys like Mike Rosenthal and Tim Ritter," said Dierckman. "Seeing all those guys, I thought 'I'm never gonna make it.'"

He made it. But not without help from fellow walk-ons and a cheering section from Fort Wayne.

"My parents were probably my strongest supporters, and also the other walk-ons," said Dierckman. "We really look to each other for support. They were starters in high school. Then, coming to col-

lege we all had to adjust, to coaches not knowing your name, being a tackling dummy. I couldn't have done it without them."

Working with strength coach Mickey Marotti, Dierckman went from being 6-feet tall and 200 pounds his freshman year 6-foot-2 and 250 pounds.

"Brian brings a great work ethic to the team," said graduate assistant John DeFilippo, who runs the scout team defense. "He's a leader and gets the team going, and he's a really laid-back, likeable guy."

But as Dierckman devoted extra time to football during his freshman and sophomore years, his studies suffered.

"When I first came, I had crazy dreams. I thought if I worked hard, I'd have a chance to start. So I spent a lot of extra time working out, devoting too much time to football, neglecting studying. My GPA was not as high as it could have been," said Dierckman, who did get to go on one trip with the team this season.

Finding a balance between one of Notre Dame's most challenging majors and playing football for Dierckman, a former Alumni Hall resident, meant redefining his own expectations, and realizing his own limitations.

"I had so many labs and I was missing four practices a week," he said. "That really hurt my chances to play because the coaches didn't really know who I was. But I couldn't sacrifice sleep for studying, I wouldn't make it through the day. So I would squeeze in some studying during the day. I would

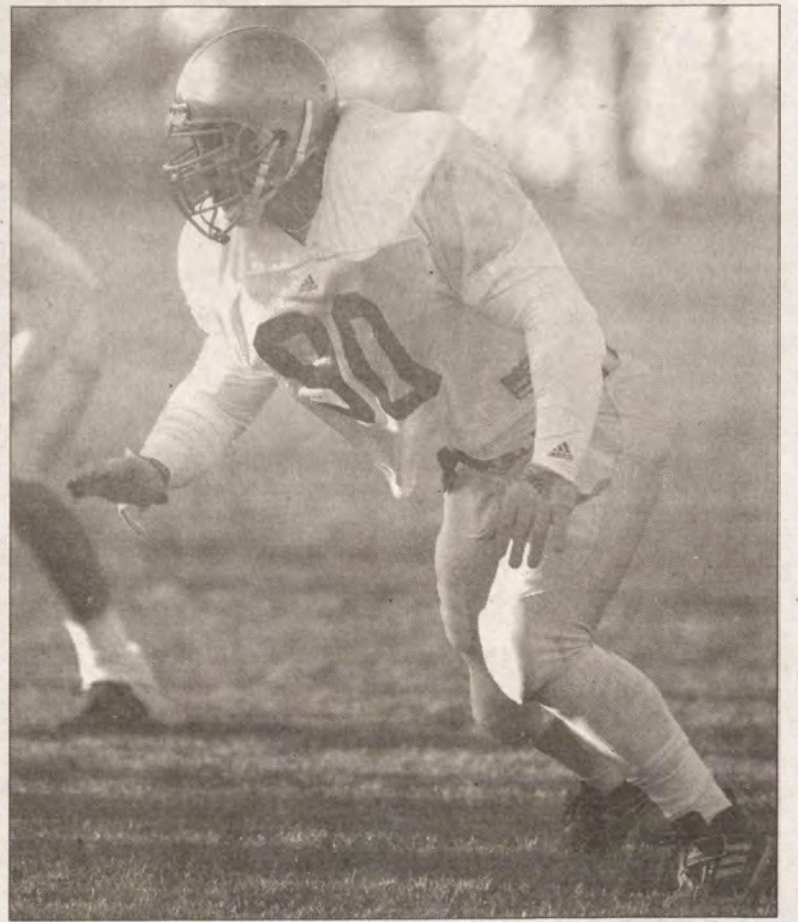
pay attention and take good notes. But I knew I wasn't gonna make a 4.0. I was used to getting A-pluses in high school, but I had to work for B's here."

Part of finding a balance in his life as a student-athlete meant giving up some common college-kid activities.

"I definitely had a different college experience, but I'm not saying I missed anything. [Being a walk-on] has made me who I am. It's really brought out the best in me," said Dierckman. "If I hadn't done this, I'd be hitting up Heartland every Thursday. I'm not saying that's a bad lifestyle, it's what lots of my friends do, but I wouldn't trade my experience for anything."

Dierckman had considered going to an Ivy League school, as well as Indiana University, Ball State and Purdue, though he hadn't planned on playing football in college until the end of his senior season of playing football at Homestead High School, where he also competed in baseball and ran track. As a kid, he had come with a friend to see Notre Dame football games, and his experiences watching the games stuck in his mind as he decided where he would go.

"It wasn't one single thing that made me decide on Notre Dame," he said. "But a lot of other guys, sometimes they dog Notre Dame. A lot of scholarship players don't realize how lucky they are to be at a place like Notre Dame right now. For a lot of them, their primary goal is to get to the NFL. They won't fully realize the benefit of



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Senior Brian Dierckman rushes the quarterback during practice Tuesday. Dierckman has done a fine job balancing school and football.

their education until later."

After he graduates in December, after nine semesters, Dierckman hopes to go to medical school. A daunting task, but it's nothing compared to Tuesday full pad practices.

"I don't think anything could be tougher than what I've been through," said Dierckman.

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